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On the Ballot

February 21 – Primary Election

Election information is available at www.MyVote.wi.gov where sample ballots can be viewed as of February 1.



Village of Elm Grove

The names of candidates for Village President, Trustee (3 seats) and Municipal Judge will appear on the April 4th General Election ballot, as a Primary is not needed for these positions.

Elmbrook School Board

David Irwin, Sean A. Firmiss, and Sam Hughes, are the candidates for the At-Large Seat and will appear on the Primary Ballot on February 21, after which, these three candidates will be narrowed to two for the General Election. Each Board member represents the entire school district therefore, residents should vote for one candidate for each seat.

Wisconsin State Supreme Court

The candidates running for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court include Waukesha County Judge Jennifer Dorow, former state Supreme Court Justice Dan Kelly, Dane County Judge Everett Mitchell, and Milwaukee County Judge Janet Protasiewicz. The two candidates who receive the most votes will advance to the April 4th election.



Photo courtesy: Capitol Staff Photographer

Elm Grove resident **Tom Michalski** displays an Election Certification document following his swearing in as Representative for the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Mr. Michalski Goes to Madison...

By Thomas A. Michalski / Rep.Michalski@legis.wisconsin.gov / (608) 237-9113

On January 3rd, I was sworn into Wisconsin's State Assembly, representing District 13; which is composed of Elm Grove and Brookfield with portions of Wauwatosa and the Town of Brookfield. In April 2022, the State's Redistricting maps were accepted. While I do not wish to discuss the perceived impact of redistricting on some of the 99 assembly districts, I want to point out that in the case of District 13, restructuring did an excellent job of following the traditional redistricting principles of compactness, contiguity, and preservation of community interests. District 13 is compact, continuous, and most importantly, it fairly represents a community, including those portions of

Wauwatosa and the Town of Brookfield, which are populated by individuals arguably similar to their Brookfield and Elm Grove neighbors.

As I begin my role in the State Assembly, I have been assigned to five committees: Colleges and Universities, Local Government, Government Accountability and Oversight, Veterans and Military Affairs, and I'm Vice-Chair on Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities. My experience as an elected official and my work history at Marquette University and Waukesha County Technical College will be used in these Committee assignments. In future articles, I will discuss each of these committees.

Prior to being elected to the State Assembly, I have been serving as a Trustee for the Village of Elm Grove and a Supervisor for Waukesha County. Both positions are two-year terms, with Trustee ending at the end of April 2023 and Supervisor ending at the end of April 2024.

I envision that the time and energy to perform the duties of the State Assembly are too essential to attempt to perform all three elected positions at the same time. For this reason, I have informed the Village that I will not run for a 7th term when the Village Trustee term ends in just a few months. Additionally, I have tendered my resignation to **Paul Decker**, Chairman of the County Board, effective January 31st, 2023. This gives the Chairman enough time to select an individual to serve the remaining year of that term.

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Why I Publish a Hyper-Local Newspaper & What You Can Do to Support It

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

There is immense power in the printed word. And during the past 12+ years, I have published thousands and thousands of them, one of my favorites of which is **COMMUNITY**. While countless newspapers, both large and small, have decreased their staff size or folded altogether in recent years, *The Elm Grove News-Independent* remains as a constant chronicler of this and neighboring communities.

During the many years that I've worked as a reporter, photographer, editor and columnist (in my home state of California and here in Wisconsin), my focus has been on hyper-local / community news.

To have the opportunity with this newspaper --that precious-in-a-Democracy "Freedom of the Press" --- to report stories about a multitude of issues that have significant value to readers, give credit to those who deserve it based on their good works, be in a position to collaborate with the leaders of clubs and organizations, schools and churches, village officials, and area businesses and together tell our unique story is a distinct privilege.

It's "all the little things"...

In the APRIL 2018 issue, I wrote a column titled "Little Things Matter!" about the late

Ernie Pyle, the great newsman and World War II correspondent who wrote a series of first-person dispatches from Europe and the Pacific. He was known for writing about "ordinary people" who, in the course of battle, often did extraordinary things. Throughout his career many of his stories were based on his belief that: "It's the little things that count." His reporting decades ago about the day-to-day experiences of people he encountered continues to inspire my own efforts as a reporter / editor / publisher.

5,000 copies of each issue are printed and distributed **FREE** of charge: 3,100 of these are mailed to Elm Grove residences, businesses, and P.O. Box holders; the remaining 1,900 copies can be found at numerous pick up locations within Elm Grove and Brookfield, (the Elm Grove and Brookfield libraries, Ace hardware, Sendik's, Imperial Hair Care, St. Mary's Thrift Shop, and other shops and businesses). Copies are also distributed to area schools, churches and community groups and at local events.

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News Briefs

What's in Your Garden?

Residents encouraged to help Elm Grove earn National Wildlife Federation Community Habitat certification

By Anne Spaltholz

Elm Grove is encouraging you to think about your garden in the middle of winter in an effort to help the community earn the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Habitat certification this year as the first community in the state to do so.

There are a couple of components to earning certification. One aspect requires Elm Grove to earn 150 points from homes, schools, businesses and churches to certify that their properties have certain elements that encourage habitats for wildlife. To date, Elm Grove is nearing its goal of 150 points, but more residents are needed to register their properties by completing a brief online form.

Chances are, your property already may have the necessary elements including food sources such as seeds from plants or supplemental feeders, water sources including bird baths, cover such as brush or dense shrubs, and mature trees, or nesting boxes for wildlife. Sustainable practices, such as growing native plants, using mulch and composting also are valued.

Consider going online to www.NWF.org/certify, reviewing the checklist and answering a few questions about your yard. If your property meets the criteria,



you're asked to make a \$20 donation to the NWF. Your efforts could help Elm Grove earn the necessary 150 points as part of the certification.

The certification would be another feather in Elm Grove's cap in addition to Tree City USA, Bird City Wisconsin High Flyer status, and Bee City USA. These designations help distinguish our community as a great place to live, and that residents and leadership together are invested in enhancing and maintaining our local environment.

For questions, reach out to beautification@elmgrovewi.org



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Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove / npalmer@elmgrovetown.org

Regretfully, the annual Winterfest celebration in the park has been cancelled due to staffing problems.

The Village continues to search for a new Recreation Director and for a new Information Technology specialist. Both positions have been open for a number of months and qualified and interested candidates have been scarce.

The Finance Committee has endorsed a plan to replace both heaters for the swimming pool rather than replacing only the one heater which failed last swim season. Maintaining a comfortable water temperature was difficult operating only a single heater. The existing heaters were installed in 2003. The Committee supported moving forward for an estimated \$70,000. Staff will seek new bids to complete the work before the pool opens for 2023.

The Elm Grove EMS Annual Report for 2022 describes another record-breaking year of service by our EMS staff. For the third consecutive year Elm Grove EMS broke its record for annual call volume. Since 2019, call volume has increased 28%. This increase was primarily due to increase calls from within Elm Grove. The number of mutual aid calls from surrounding communities was essentially unchanged. The Elm Grove EMS evaluated a record 381 patients, representing a 44% increase since 2019. A record 307 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Many thanks are due our staff for the collective 1,495 individual responses to the 429 calls for service.

Guided by the founding principal of volunteerism, the Elm Grove EMS provides exceptional emergency medical care. Providing this service under the “volunteer paid on call” model gets harder every year. Elm Grove has an aging population driving call numbers up, and increasing difficulty attracting trained and qualified staff. Our staff is also aging and some, who are the most frequent responders, will be retiring soon. All area communities, including those with full-time paid departments, are competing for the same qualified staff and struggling to pay for this important service. The Village Board formed a special “Future of Fire and EMS Committee” to analyze options for short-term solutions to maintain service and to evaluate options for long-term operations.

Preliminary work to design the extension of Lake Michigan water from the City of Wauwatosa to Elm Grove continues with land surveyors identifying property boundaries and buried utility facilities. The small flags on properties on the east side of the Village around Watertown Plank Road represent that work. The flags do not show the route of the future water pipe, they principally depict land parcel boundaries.

The water pipeline proposed by Mandel Development to serve the redevelopment of the School Sisters of Notre Dame property will also serve as the backbone of water extension to other areas of the Village. The first extension planned will extend the pipeline from the SSND property along



Watertown Plank Road to the railroad tracks. The Public Works Committee is also working with the Village engineers to develop a plan to extend water service to Village neighborhoods.

The Village Board agreed at the January Board meeting to move forward on a plan to repair/replace failed sewer laterals on 21 private properties in the area around Terrace Drive. This area and others were previously investigated by water testing and closed-circuit television inspections. Many sewer laterals were found to be either broken and/or plugged by tree roots. During rain events these leaky pipes allow rainwater (called clear water) to enter the sanitary sewer system. Over burdening the sanitary system with clear water can cause local sewer overflows and flooding while also increasing sewerage treatment costs for transporting and treating water that doesn’t need treatment. This Private Property Infiltration and Inflow Reduction program is a joint effort between Elm Grove and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). Current estimates price the proposed work at \$430,000. The Village hopes to complete project bidding, contractor selection and neighborhood public outreach this spring and a June 2023 construction start.

Planning for rehabilitation and paving of Gebhardt Road and installation of a pathway west of Highland Drive is progressing. Plans call for bidding in March and construction to follow selection of contractors.

Also, at the January Board meeting the Village Board approved renewal of our service contract with Elmbrook Humane Society for a cost of \$8,925. It is worth noting that the cost of these services has not been increased for a number of years. Thank you, Elmbrook Humane Society!

The Spring Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th for a number of local government and school board positions. Residents who plan to vote by mail can request a ballot online from: MyVote.wi.gov.

In person early voting begins on Tuesday March 21 and lasts until Friday March 31 at Village Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Thank You for the opportunity to continue to serve our community.

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Our History:

Remembrances of Things Past

WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

The photograph at right is not just a picture of a burial marker in a local graveyard. It can be found at Prairie Home Cemetery on S. Prairie Avenue in Waukesha, and it marks the final resting place of **Judge Eugene Wilder Chafin**, the only presidential candidate buried in Waukesha County.

Some of America's most notable political figures participated as presidential hopefuls in the national elections of 1908 and 1912. The 1908 party nominees for the nation's highest office included Republican **William Howard Taft**, Democrat **William Jennings Bryan**, and labor leader **Eugene V. Debs** on the Socialist Party ticket. In 1912, Taft and Debs again competed, along with former President **Theodore Roosevelt**, but all three were bested by Democratic nominee **Woodrow Wilson**. (U.S. Senator **Robert M. La Follette** of Wisconsin had also competed in the G.O.P. primaries that spring.) All of the above White House aspirants are subjects of major biographies and can also be studied in the pages of the *World Book* and *Britannica* encyclopedias and other standard reference sources. One candidate's name, however, is usually omitted: **Judge Eugene Wilder Chafin**, nominee of the Prohibition Party in both 1908 and 1912.

Born on a farm near Mukwonago on November 1, 1852, young Chafin arrived in Waukesha in 1875, having graduated from the Wisconsin State University Law School at Madison as a newly-minted attorney. He quickly established a reputation as an honorable and trustworthy local citizen. He joined the Waukesha service clubs and civic organizations, and was known around town as "Our Gene". In 1877, he was elected Justice of the Peace (or Police Magistrate), subsequently gaining reelection in 1879. (For a review of Judge Chafin's political career, see my *Past Times* column of September, 2013 in the *Elm Grove News-Independent's* online archives at www.elmgrove.news.)

As a professed Temperance man, Chafin took a dim view of imbibing alcohol to excess. As Judge, he began to jail drunks and vagrants for disorderly conduct, something not usually done before. This forced many inveterate boozers out of Waukesha to nearby communities. Soon he was in demand on the lecture circuit, speaking in cities around the country on how he had cleaned up the streets of



Photo by Stephen K. Hauser

This memorial at Prairie Home Cemetery marks the resting place of the only presidential candidate buried in Waukesha County.

Waukesha. The state Prohibition Party ran him for Attorney General in 1886 and 1900 and for Governor of Wisconsin in 1898. Having come to the attention of the national Prohibition Party, they tapped him as their presidential nominee at their convention in Columbus, Ohio in 1908 and again at their gathering at Atlantic City in 1912. The Judge accepted the honor and vigorously campaigned. (He delivered 538 stump speeches in 1912 alone.) He polled nearly a quarter of a million votes in each of his two contests, but trailed far behind the other party nominees.

Still, Chafin's efforts in his national campaigns had been primarily educational, and in that he had succeeded. The Prohibition campaigns continued to move America toward the adoption of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution (the "Prohibition Amendment") in 1919 which would outlaw the manufacture, transport, import or sale of beverage alcohol in the United States.

Judge Chafin moved from Waukesha to Illinois to Arizona to California, dying after a house fire in Long Beach on November 30, 1920, only ten months after the ill-fated amendment had gone into effect. He left instructions that his body be returned to his adopted hometown of Waukesha for burial in the city's municipal cemetery, now final resting place of Waukesha's only presidential candidate.

Stephen K. Hauser is a retired college history professor and a longtime village resident.

In Memoriam

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Calendar of Events – February 2023

Thursday – FEBRUARY 2 GROUNDHOG DAY

Friday – FEBRUARY 3

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. - Member Classification talks at Machine Shed, Pewaukee.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K

Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Andy Catanzaro, Ham Radio Operator.
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Monday – FEBRUARY 6

***Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting: 6 p.m. at Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

Tuesday – FEBRUARY 7

***Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org

Wednesday – FEBRUARY 8

***Generally Speaking Toastmasters Club**
Meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N. Calhoun Rd. – Harnischfeger Room. Improve public speaking skills; develop leadership qualities; grow self-confidence; meet creative people. Open to the Public.

Friday – FEBRUARY 10

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. - Major Fundraiser Kick-off at Machine Shed, Pewaukee.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K

Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Joe Eichers – “Tour of Portugal & Spain”.
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Saturday – FEBRUARY 11

***Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts FREE Family Art Workshop (for the first 40 registered participants), 10 a.m. to Noon.** Projects usually take about 30 minutes to complete so families can arrive anytime between 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. There will be several small Valentine’s Day themed art projects (perfect for giving as a valentine!) to choose from. Funded by a grant from The Elmbrook Rotary Foundation. Register at: www.wilson-center.com (262) 781-9470

Tuesday – FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE’S DAY



Thursday – FEBRUARY 16

***OWLS Senior’s Group**
Lunch & Program: Our First “Mystery Program”; 11:30 a.m. at Community United Methodist, Elm Grove. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org>

Friday – FEBRUARY 17

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. – Speaker: Mike Beinlich, Westpoint Financial at Machine Shed, Pewaukee.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K

Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Kostia Efimov, “Immigration Story of Russian Composer”.
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Monday – FEBRUARY 20 PRESIDENTS DAY

Tuesday – FEBRUARY 21 PRIMARY ELECTION



***Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org

Wednesday – FEBRUARY 22

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Friday – FEBRUARY 24

***Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. – Topic: TBA at Machine Shed, Pewaukee.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K

Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speakers: Larry De Longe & Ray Shannon – Introduction of 2023 “Cruisin’ the Grove” Car Show.
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Monday – FEBRUARY 27

***Elm Grove Board of Trustees meeting,** 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Open to the public. Agenda & Live Stream: www.elmgrovetwi.org. (262) 782-6700.



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News Briefs



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Kathleen Jensen promoting The Little Heart Project.

Why I Created 'The Little Heart Project'

By Kathleen Jensen of Onalaska, Wisconsin

The Little Heart Project was started with the intent of spreading hope & love while also trying to bring awareness to suicide & suicide prevention – one heart at a time!

The Project was launched in April 2022. After a series of traumatic events in 2014, I was diagnosed with depression, anxiety, PTSD and suicidality. I have been in intensive therapies for nine years and for eight of those years, I wanted to kill myself all day, every day. I underwent IV Ketamine Infusion Therapy in September 2021 and my therapist noticed changes immediately. Slowly, I noticed I wasn't thinking about suicide all the time and I started creating what is now known as The Little Heart Project.



Photo by Sherry McCartney

Small knit or crocheted hearts, with a note of encouragement attached are left wherever you go for people to find as random acts of kindness. Ultimately the hearts are trying to reduce the stigma that surrounds mental health issues as well as hopefully prevent suicides.

A Little Heart with note of encouragement.

I think this is a pretty big deal and it made me cry to hear how our little hearts facilitated this late-night rescue mission.

How you can help...

I'm always looking for people to make hearts. The more hearts I have on hand, the more opportunities I can say yes to. There's a simple pattern on my website www.thelittleheartproject.org.

You can donate to this cause through my Venmo account @Kathleen-Jensen-68.

Please follow me on Instagram

@the_little_heart_project and on Facebook.

Along with running this project, I have a full-time job and I'm currently working toward obtaining a grant to allow me to cut back hours and not be stretched so thin.

"I can't 'fix' everything that's wrong in this world. I can't stop every suicide. But I CAN talk about it, share my story, make hearts and do all the behind the scenes administrative things that it takes to keep our project running. The most important thing for people to know is that talking about suicide does NOT cause suicide. Hopelessness causes suicide."

If you are struggling and need to talk to someone, please call 988 --- National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline."



I hear stories often of how these little crocheted hearts are touching and even saving lives. Weeks ago, I was told an amazing story about how these hearts saved a life. This is a story about my co-worker, we'll call her Samantha, and her cousin, whom we'll call Andrea. Samantha was immediately drawn to the project, has crocheted some hearts and loves to place them wherever she goes. She often talks about the project when she's at family gatherings, and her young son has a heart attached to his coat to help him be able to zip it up more easily. Over time, Andrea has heard Samantha talk about mental health and suicide and how it's okay to talk about it. Andrea called Samantha one night and told her that she was feeling suicidal. Samantha immediately invited Andrea over to her home and they drank coffee, played cards and talked. Talking about suicidal thoughts takes away some of its power. All of this was made possible by Samantha placing hearts and Andrea witnessing this and knowing Samantha was a safe person to talk to.

News Briefs



Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Teacher **Patrick Coffey** (5th from left) with some of his former students.

BEHS Alumni Raise Funds for Beloved History Teacher's Dream Trip

(BROOKFIELD) On January 9, a group of Brookfield East High School alumni surprised their former history teacher, **Patrick Coffey**, with a generous check of \$16,500 to thank him for the profound impact he had on them. The funds were raised by hundreds of former students and will be used to send Mr. Coffey on a dream trip to New Orleans where he's always

wanted to go to experience the history-rich culture firsthand. The graduates also provided Coffey with a gratitude book of some of their favorite memories in his class. The alumni in attendance thanked Mr. Coffey for his impact, which often steered the course for careers related to history.

Elmbrook Rotary Club Engaged in Community

By **Jackson Bubolz**

We see the Rotary symbol in parks, in schools, and at community events. What does it mean?

Rotary means being engaged in our community, and in our world. Our members have cleaned up roads, tutored children, and some members have traveled as far as Guatemala to build homes. In 2022, our Elmbrook club raised more than \$150,000 for 30+ local charities in hopes of enhancing the lives of our neighbors.

The favorite activity for some members is our weekly meetings. Others love our monthly socials, or our clay shooting club, or our cycle rides. Rotary has something for anyone wanting to build more friendships, be better connected to non-profits, and/or be a positive impact on their community.

Our club continues to grow and the Elmbrook Rotary would like to invite you



to try out a meeting or an event. Anyone curious to learn more, please contact John at jallen@jallengroup.com

Please save the date for our largest fundraising event of the year, Spikes for Tikes at Mitchell Park on June 3rd, 2023. Everyone is welcome.

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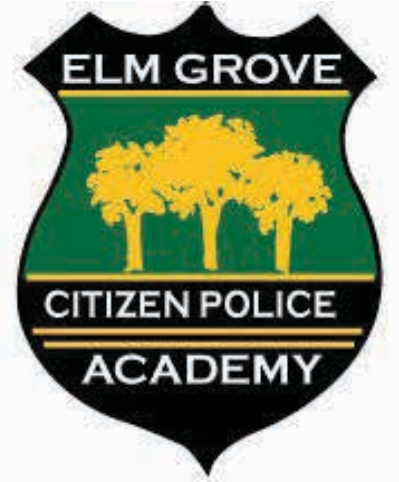
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Classes will be held every Wednesday, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a period of ten weeks, beginning on April 12 and concluding with a graduation banquet on June 14.

The program, which began in 1998, serves to educate citizens about a wide variety of law enforcement practices and to foster enhanced communication with local residents and the business community.

Applications can be obtained at the Police Department lobby, 13600 Juneau Blvd., or online at <https://elmgrovewi.org/206/Citizen-Police-Academy>.



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Library News and Programs

February 2023

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Monet: A Fleeting Moment of Color and Light –The Captured Impressionist Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

In every season, Monet ranged the heights and beaches to paint light and color found in natural landscapes – capturing still “impressions” in order to record their momentary effects. In this presentation, discover the life and works of the master French impressionist, Claude Monet, famous for revolutionizing a daring new style of painting. Presented by Professor Karri Fritz-Klaus of Cornerstone History Symposium.



Join us for the third lecture in a five part series. Mark your calendars for the remaining presentations (2/7 Monet, 3/7 Van Gogh, 4/4 Gauguin). All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. Free to attend. No registration required.

Prepare to Care / Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

No matter where you are in the journey of family caregiving – just beginning to anticipate a need, helping coordinate a big move, or taking care of a family member full-time – having a good framework to help guide both you and your loved one will make the process easier. You will have the opportunity to connect with other family caregivers, exchange tips and advice, and learn about resources available to you and your loved ones.



This free workshop is presented by AARP Wisconsin. It is the first in a series of five bimonthly AARP Wisconsin programs hosted by the library in 2023. No registration required.

Library Game Night / Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Come enjoy Game Night at the library! Whether you're solving word puzzles, building towers, or unraveling mysteries, the library has something for you. From simple to complex, from lighthearted to more moody affairs, we have games for every level of interest and complexity available to play. Attendees can also feel free to bring their own games from home Great for teens and adults, drop in anytime!

Limiting Threats to Birds (EG Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series) / Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

In 2019, researchers documented the staggering loss of nearly three billion North American breeding birds since 1970. That's more than one in four of the continent's birds gone in less than a single lifetime. Habitat loss and degradation are the biggest overall causes of the declines, scientists say, but other human-caused threats also play a role, including predation by cats, poisoning, and collisions. Fortunately, many of these threats can be reduced by actions that we all can take. In this presentation, Chuck Hagner, field guide author and director of Bird City Wisconsin, will explain how this fact presents us with a great opportunity: By taking simple, doable actions, we can dramatically improve the state of our birds.




This is the fourth program in the 2022-23 Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series, with partner support from the Elm Grove Library. Mark your calendars for the three remaining presentations (2/15, 3/15, 4/12).

Route 66: America's Main Street / Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

Take a ride on America's most famous highway, Route 66. Folk singer and humorist, Craig Siemsen, will explore the 2,448 miles of songs, stories, legends, and humor of Route 66. Often called Blue Highways, our two lane roads were once the backbone of an emerging country. This program offers a little history and a lot of fun! Free to attend. No registration required.



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Young Writers



Photo courtesy: Janavi Wagle

Spending Christmas break in London with family and friends.

150 Days...

By Janavi Wagle, 8th Grade – Pilgrim Park Middle School

About 150 days ago, I started 8th grade, which is my final year of middle school, “Where has the time gone?” I constantly ask myself every day. As I look back into my middle school journey, I realize how much I have achieved.

of my parents’ friends from medical school. They made us feel welcomed and special. They showered me with many questions about America. We exchanged presents, and got a lot of gifts.

In September of 2022, I reached the milestone of turning 14 years old (Halfway through 28!). Looking back, I have so many memories of events that have happened in the last 150 days. Including doing multiple volunteer/charity projects, qualifying for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and making wonderful friends. But, the most important highlight would be my Holiday trip to London.

On the day of Christmas, we started off having an English breakfast, taking a 3-mile walk, and the best part, which was Christmas dinner. The dinner started by pulling Christmas crackers, which we don’t do here. Inside the crackers, they had a paper crown and funny jokes we all shared. In America, we eat turkey on Thanksgiving. Whereas, turkey is served at Christmas dinner in the UK. My favorite part of dinner was the Christmas pudding, and the minced pie which turned out to be amazing and delicious. When I was all over the UK, I found a lot of diversity including hearing several different accents from the north, the south and different parts of Europe.

I have always been invested in learning about other cultures and traditions. So, for Christmas break, my dad decided to take me to London. We have a lot of family and family friends there. So, it guaranteed a lot of fun and comfort. After weeks of excitement for my trip, finally the day came. On December 20th, I was picked up early from school for my trip to the United Kingdom (UK) and I was surprised with business class tickets as my Christmas present. We arrived in London the next day, and I was intrigued to notice the differences between the US and the UK.

The only regret for me would be having to miss our Harry Potter world trip. However, this will be my motivation to go back again. Although this was my first Christmas away from home, without my mom and sister coming along, I received a lot of love and warmth from my family friends whom I had never met.

We started off the few days by going out to different spots like Big Ben, several Cathedrals, Buckingham palace, and shopping areas downtown. Another fun part was meeting a lot

This trip has given me some beautiful memories and experiences that I will cherish for the rest of my teenage years.

Valentine's Day

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Young Writers & Reporters

Lunch Ladies

By Ty Holland, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Everyone should appreciate the lunch ladies. For example, you may be wondering what they make. They make pizza, and they also make corn dogs. Lastly, they make mac and cheese.

Another reason everyone should appreciate the lunch ladies is because they are kind. If you are wondering if they are mean, they are not! For example, they always have a smile on their face. Another reason is because they would wave if they saw you. Also, they would not give you the sides, they would let you choose sides. That is why everyone should appreciate the lunch ladies!

Winter

By Adrian Monfils, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

White snow wonderland
Ice everywhere
Never hot
Too cold
Everywhere ice and snow
Really nice to play outside in the snow

Snow is Falling

By Natalie Conroy and Joy Kim

3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Snow is falling
Down
Down
Down
Snow is falling
to the ground
snowmen
snowballs
everywhere

Sledding, skiing
snowboarding
so much fun when
snow is falling

Valentine's Day

By Dani Metz, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Valentine's Day is a holiday. It's the time when you show kindness and you make cards for other people. For example, you make gifts and other people may like hearts and teddy bears. I love Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day

By Maddie and Cora

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Valentine's Day is so special
All in the spirit
Love's in the air
Exciting 150 issue anniversary
Nothing but kindness
Tiny pieces of love filling the air
I have so much candy from the party
Nice in the sweet air
Everybody is happy
Singing and Dancing

Valentine's Day

By Ruby Glassman and Cesario Justin

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Valentine's
A happy holiday
Love
Everyone is together
No one is unhappy. Family and friends are
Together
It is a time of happiness and love
No one is sad
A holiday in February
Santa isn't coming this time!

Day to be happy
A happy time of year
You are joyful and happy

Groundhog Day

By Brayden Blong, Corbin Schoen and Jonathan Rajan

Groundhog Day is a holiday celebrated to determine that if the groundhog sees its shadow there are six more weeks of winter. But if the groundhog doesn't see its shadow, spring is near. It's mostly celebrated in the U.S.

Germans who settled in Pennsylvania brought the tradition to America. The groundhog, which is plentiful in the Eastern and Midwestern United States, became linked with the custom. Today, Groundhog Day is treated as a joke. People have long looked to the awakening of hibernating animals as one of the first signs of spring.

Super Bowl

By Henry Paradis

4th Grade - Tonawanda

The Super Bowl is a football game that decides the all-time best team of the football season. Crowds come from all over to see it in person. Two lucky teams have a chance to win it all and claim the trophy. The fans cheering for one of the two teams will either be terribly disappointed or shouting with cheer. It is a suspenseful time.



LOVE

By 3rd Graders at St. Mary's Visitation

I love my cat for many reasons. First, she cuddles me. Another reason is she always sleeps with me. My last reason is she is always there for me. She is the best cat EVER!
-- Brecken

I love my dad for many reasons. First, we play chess together. Another reason is that we play sports together and it is so fun. Last, we play video games together. I love my dad so much. He is the best dad!
-- Theo

I love my mom for many reasons. The first thing I like about her is that she is a health coach. She helps a lot of people get healthy including me. Another reason is that she is always willing to watch me do cartwheels or dance. My last reason is she always makes me feel proud of myself even when my team loses. I love my mom so much!
-- Ellie

I love my dad for many reasons. First, he makes the funniest Christmas cookies ever because he is so good at decorating them. Another reason is that whenever he reads, he reads in funny voices. Last, I love him because he is so good at sports so I can play sports with him. My dad has the funniest ideas and that's why I love him.
-- Nicholas

I love my uncle for many reasons. First, I love all the fun things he has like Legos and his bounce house. Another reason is I like the funny drawings he makes like Mr. Money Moustache Dinosaur. My last reason is he likes to play my favorite games and video games with me like Tecmo Bowl. These are just some of the reasons I love my uncle.
-- Sam

I love my mom for three reasons. First, she works a lot and is the only thing holding our family together. Another reason is that she always wants to spend time with me. Last, she sleeps with me when I am sick. That is why I love my mom.
-- Henry

Loving Hearts Fill-in Poem

By Midori, Roselyn, and Violet, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

_____ and _____ make the perfect pair.
_____ loves _____ though he's losing his hair.
_____ and _____ make the perfect pair.
_____ loves _____ like she's his teddy bear.
_____ and _____ make the perfect pair.
When they're not together they're filled with despair.
_____ and _____ make the perfect pair.
And now they're together in a life they will share.

February

By Jacob K., Tonawanda - Grade 5

February 14th is Valentine's Day.
February is almost here, so yay!
February snow will melt away.
February is great, so let me here say...
It's the only month with 28 days.
But not when this thing called leap year is here.
Valentine's Day is different from other holidays.
While Christmas has snow and Halloween has fear.
So, February is almost here,
The most loving time of the year.



I love my puppy Lou Lou for many reasons. First, she loves to play with me outside. Another reason is that she always cuddles in bed with me. Last, she always whines when I leave. Lou Lou is the best dog ever!
-- Ada

I love my dad for many reasons. First, he plays games with me. Another reason is he plays video games with me like Heroes of Might and Magic 3. Last, he does woodworking with me. He has taught me how to use many tools such as a lathe and a router. I love my dad for all these reasons.
-- Gabriel

I love my dog for many reasons. My dog is the best when I throw a stick he always brings it back. He can do a lot of tricks. He can sit when I tell him to sit. He shakes my hand when I say paw. He also lays down when I say lay down. I love my dog so much!
-- Ben E.

I love my cousin Julian for many reasons. First, he is very good at making up games like spies and teenagers. Another reason is he is very, very silly. He talks in funny voices and tells funny stories. Last, he helps think of stuff I can't, like which books to read. My cousin Julian is the best cousin in the world.
-- Alice

I love my cousin Alice for many reasons. First, she makes me laugh. Another reason is that she and I like to draw. Last, she and I make things for people. I love my cousin. She is the best cousin I could ever have!
-- Julian

Nature Center

By Taylor F., 4th Grade - Tonawanda

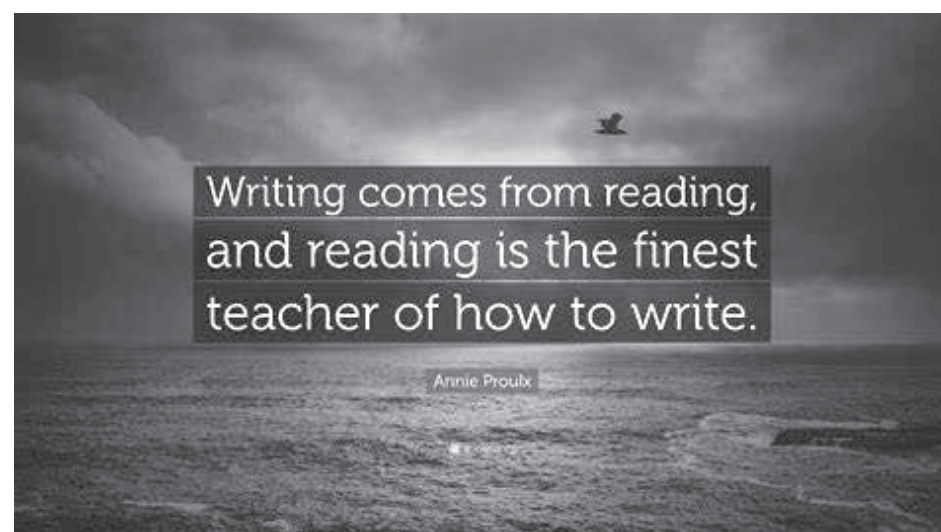
The Nature Center is a great spot to go on a field trip. I know that because I have gone there many times for school field trips. Mr. Wolfe is the owner of the Nature Center by Brookfield East High School. He has snakes, axolotls, and some land that you can go on a little adventure with him. You can even sign up for summer camps there. Mr. Wolfe is funny, nice, and adventurous. My classmates and I think we should go there more often. Why you might ask? Well, because we all have fun there and we get to learn about nature. Mr. Wolfe is the BEST teacher ever.

Valentine's Day

By Blue Gress and Violet Welsh

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Valentine's Day originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. St. Valentine's Day is an annual festival to celebrate **romantic love, friendship and admiration**. Every year on the 14 of February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. The name Valentine comes from a Latin word meaning "strength." There are many legends about it, but it's ultimately unclear how Valentine's Day became associated with the tradition of exchanging the affectionate gifts and love notes that we call valentines.



Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Common Mistakes

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Most estate planning mistakes fall into one of several categories regardless of the size of the estate or the type of estate plan. These are some of the most common:

- **Outdated beneficiary designations.**

Assets such as retirement accounts, annuities and life insurance have separate beneficiary designations which determine who will receive those funds. These beneficiary designations take precedence over your Last Will and Testament or Revocable Trust. It is, therefore, imperative that you know exactly who those beneficiaries are and that those designations are coordinated with your overall estate plan. Your beneficiary designations should be reviewed every few years, or after any major life event, and you should keep a copy of each one with your financial records.

- **Not updating asset titles.**

Do you know exactly how each and every one of your assets is titled? Are some assets titled in only one spouse's name, while others are jointly titled? Who actually owns your business? Incorrectly titled assets will absolutely reduce the effectiveness of your estate plan. As with beneficiary designations, asset titles need to be coordinated with your estate plan and periodically reviewed.

- **Not updating the estate plan.**

Your life is a work in progress, and you should think of your estate plan the same way. It is unusual for your documents to require updates because of changes in the law. Rather, changes to your life or the lives of your family members will be what necessitates changes to the estate plan. You should review your plan after major life events, or in the absence of any of those, roughly every five years, while also reviewing the beneficiary designations and asset titles at the same time.

- **Not fully understanding the plan.**

The language used in your estate planning documents will be difficult to understand. While you do not need to understand all of the "legalese," you should have a fundamental understanding of what your estate plan is and how it works to implement your wishes. Without this basic understanding, you will not be able to properly maintain your plan. Take the opportunity to refresh your understanding of your overall plan whenever you review the beneficiary designations, asset titles and your estate planning documents.

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Young Writers

Literary Essay about *Because of Winn Dixie*

By Alice Magnor, 3rd Grade – Tonawanda Elementary

Have you ever been persistent before? In the book *Because of Winn Dixie*, Opal is very persistent!

Opal is persistent throughout the story. For example, she was persistent when she talked to her Dad. She asked him to tell her 10 things about her Mom.

Another example of Opal being persistent happened at the beginning of the story. She begged her Dad to keep Winn Dixie.

A third example of Opal being persistent happens through many chapters! She tells the Dewberry boys that Gloria Dump is not a witch! Opal tells them that over and over again!

Now, as I think about Opal being persistent, I realize that she never gave up. If she was not persistent, she would still be lonely. It is important to be persistent because if I had not been persistent to score a goal, I would not have gotten my frogs.

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News Briefs

Waukesha County Board Seeks Applicants to Fill Vacancy in District 8

(WAUKESHA) The Waukesha County Board office is seeking applicants to fill the District 8 County Board seat. The district is currently represented by Supervisor **Thomas A. Michalski** who resigned from the County Board effective January 31 to focus on his new position in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

District 8 includes portions of the City of Brookfield and the Village of Elm Grove. To view a district map, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov.

Persons interested in applying for the appointment should send a letter

of interest, along with background information and experience to: **Sarah Spaeth**, Chief of Staff, Waukesha County Board Office, Room AC130, 515 W. Moreland Boulevard, Waukesha, WI 53188 or sspaeth@waukeshacounty.gov by February 3 at noon. Call (262) 548-7001 for more information.

It is anticipated candidates will be interviewed on February 20th by the County Board's Executive Committee. The selected candidate will serve on two committees, and fill the remainder of the term which expires in April of 2024.

BBB Wisconsin and We Energies Team up to Warn of Latest Phone Scam

(MILWAUKEE)– The Wisconsin Better Business Bureau and We Energies are teaming up to warn consumers about fraudsters purporting to be with the utility company.

"Make no mistake, these callers are criminals. They misrepresent who they are and where they are from, attempting to mislead unsuspecting homeowners with their bold deception", said **Jim Temmer**, BBB Wisconsin CEO/president. "Don't fall for it. Instead, hang up and report it."

Both BBB and We Energies have received reports from homeowners who have received phone calls from con artists purporting to be with We Energies, asking questions about home insulation, offering heating and air conditioning check-ups, and stating they are "in the neighborhood" doing home furnace and insulation inspections.

Unfortunately, scammers take advantage of the winter weather, offering a variety of services including winter insulation offers and furnace inspections this time of year – all things that We Energies **does NOT do**.

"We Energies does not perform these kinds of inspections. We always recommend our customers hire a qualified contractor to complete that kind of

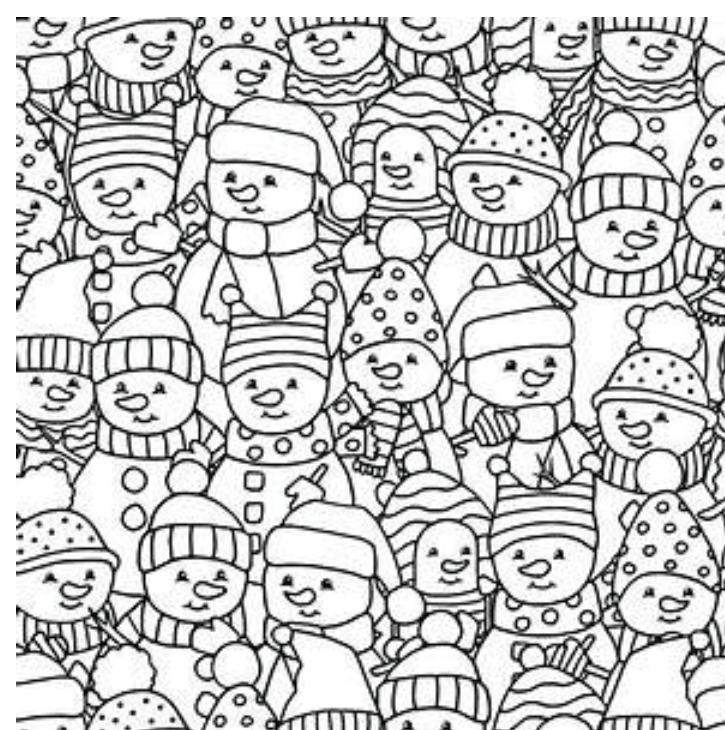
work," said **Alison Trouy**, We Energies spokeswoman. "If someone comes to your door claiming to be with We Energies, ask for identification. It's not rude – it's safe. When in doubt, call us directly so we can confirm our employee's or our contractor's identity."

BBB and We Energies offers the following additional tips:

- Be on high alert if someone unsolicited reaches out to you.
- Do not rely on Caller ID. Information can be very easily *spoofed*.
- Never let anyone inside your home without thoroughly checking their background.
- If you receive a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be with We Energies, contact the utility company directly to report it.
- Before hiring, check contractors' free reports at bbb.org

Report scams to BBB Scam Tracker: bbb.org/scamtracker. Contact the BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin,

414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002.



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News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Neil Palmer

Lasagna Love: Elm Grove’s Neil Palmer on January 26 reported that he had a “busy week serving as a lasagna chef--- made my first non-dairy lasagna, one vegan and 2 Classic.” Palmer is one of many volunteer chefs across the country who make and deliver lasagna to those in need. He started as a volunteer in October of 2022 and says that he “typically makes 2 to 3 per week (for distribution) in Milwaukee County and the eastern half of Waukesha County,” adding: “My lasagna recipients are extra lucky because my ingredients come from Balistreris’ Sendik’s Market in Elm Grove.” For more information about how to volunteer or donate money, visit: www.LasagnaLove.org.



Photo courtesy Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove Golden K

The Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove Golden K is collecting empty prescription bottles (examples above) to donate to the Milwaukee Center City Clinic. Bottles can be given to any club member (be sure to remove the label) or dropped off at a club meeting. Contact: kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com for more information.

News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Hi! My name is **Chloe** and my foster mom says I’m a sweet little guinea pig! I love to run around and hop in and out of my hideouts. You can definitely win me over with some hay but I’m still getting used to eating my veggies. My foster mom hopes that I can go to a home that has other guinea pigs to help me become more confident and keep me company.

If I sound like a good addition to your guinea pig family, apply on our website today to meet me!

Visit: <https://ebhs.org>.

Call (262) 782-9261 for more information.

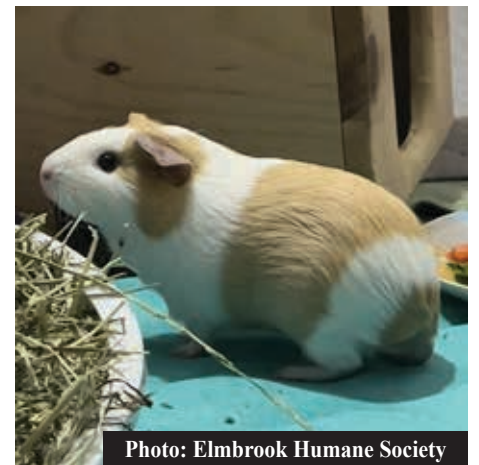


Photo: Elmbrook Humane Society

Chloe

Ways to Help

Blood Donations

*American Red Cross of Wisconsin

Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767

to schedule an appointment or locate a nearby blood drive.

*Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin

Donor Centers:

8733 Watertown Plank Rd., Wauwatosa
638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee

2111 Springdale Rd., Waukesha

Call 1-877-BE-A-HERO

1 (877) 232-4376

or visit: versiti.org/Wisconsin.

Food Banks / Pantries

* Food Pantry

of Waukesha County

1301 Sentry Dr., Waukesha 53186

www.waukeshafoodpantry.org/donate/

(262) 542-5300

Needs donations of food, volunteer time & money.

*New Berlin Food Pantry

14750 W. Cleveland Ave. 53151

(Serves residents of Elm Grove, Brookfield & New Berlin)

(262) 789-8040

*Feeding America

Eastern Wisconsin

1700 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Milwaukee

Call (414) 931-7400 for ways to help.

Drop food donations in local store barrels.

*Hunger Task Force

201 S. Hawley Court, Milwaukee

Call (414) 777-0483. Cash donations

& volunteers are needed to help build

“stockboxes” for seniors and do other

work. E-mail: info@hungertaskforce.org.



Volunteers Needed!

*** Community organizations in need of volunteer help are invited to submit a statement (150 words maximum) to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com OR write to: EGNI, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372.

*Village of Elm Grove Fire Department & E.M.S

Seven out of ten firefighters and emergency responders are volunteers, and Elm Grove needs more volunteers like you. If you’ve got the heart to serve your community, we’ve got volunteer opportunities for you.

Our volunteers need to live within the department’s established response area, be at least 18 years of age, and have a valid Wisconsin driver’s license.

Upon acceptance, new members attend one semester of Firefighter 1 State Certification course at WCTC or MATC followed by Probationary Training held on Tuesday evenings at the Elm Grove Firehouse.

Call Chief David Kastenzholz at (262) 782-6700, ext. 251 or e-mail dkastenzholz@elmgrovewi.org

*Sunset Playhouse

Sunset Playhouse loves our volunteers! We rely on them to help create the high-quality productions that Sunset is known for. From working in the Scene Shop to Front of House ushering to helping children make crafts at our bug in a rug Children’s Theater shows, we have volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in giving time to the arts. No experience needed - we will train you. If interested, call **Brooke** at (262) 782-4431 x233. Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall Street, Elm Grove, WI.

*School District of Elmbrook

Please see <https://www.elmbrookschools.org/departments/human-resources/how-to-volunteer-in-elmbrook> for all of the information including completing our district’s volunteer background check process. You will need to renew this process every two years. There is an approximate two-week processing time before you are able to volunteer in our school or chaperone a field trip.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”
– Anonymous

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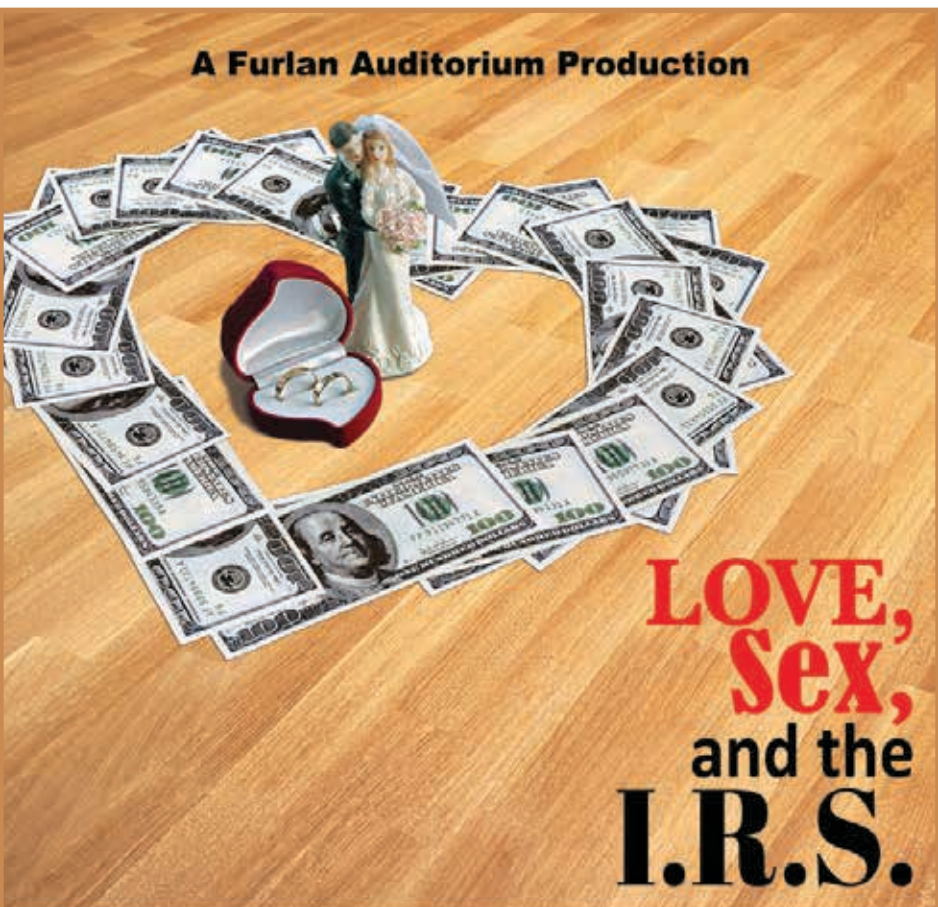
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