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The Declaration of Independence

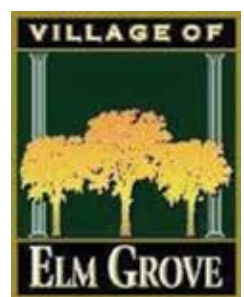
Action of Second Continental Congress – July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America
(The document's opening and closing paragraphs.)

When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness --- That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States...

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, and with a firm reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.



Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
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School is out, please drive carefully and watch out for children biking, skateboarding and walking. A second reason to be especially careful driving is the arrival of this year's white tail deer fawns. There seem to be quite a few and as usual they don't know how to act around automobiles or other vehicles.

Summer recreation and community events jump into high gear beginning with our annual July 4 celebration. The Fun Run/ Walk kicks off the day followed by the children's bike decorating contest. The kids in costumes with their decorated bikes are always fun to participate in and watch. There are separate categories for all ages. As usual the Elm Grove Junior Guild will host children's games in the park starting at noon. Food and other refreshments will be available. Of course, the day will end with the best fireworks show possible.

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

For Dimitrio & Clara & Nickolas & Maria...

Our "Nation of Immigrants" included three of my grandparents. My father's father **Dimitrio "Jim" Passalis** arrived at Ellis Island on July 6, 1907 from the village of Moria, on the Aegean island of Lesbos, Greece. He married **Clara Weinbach** of Evansville, Indiana, (the daughter of European immigrants) and settled in Sacramento, California. My mother's parents were **Nickolas Berlingen** from Cologne, Germany and **Maria Hottua** from Niederfevien, Luxembourg. They married in Chicago and lived in St. Louis.

As another Independence Day/July 4 approaches, I dedicate this issue of the *News-Independent* in remembrance and thanks to them, for coming to America... for the lives they left behind and the lives they created here, and to every other immigrant and all those who will follow.

I am grateful to live in a country which guarantees my First Amendment right to Freedom of the Press. Not every journalist is so lucky. And, who knows what talents and strengths future immigrants may bring? Let us, thus, resolve to be kind, listen to their stories and bid them welcome. Remember the words on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free... I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Let us keep that door ajar. It is the right thing to do. And the world is watching.



Photo courtesy of Lyn Hamilton

Royal Wedding English Tea attendees (standing, left to right) **Mary Matter, Lyn Hamilton, Karen Finerty, Judy Bultman, Jean Kauffman, and Lori Maurice;** (sitting, left to right) **Carol Burkert, Mary Ann Van Beck, Ellie Schroeder, and Nancy Smessaert.**

Royal Wedding Celebrated in Elm Grove

If you're a "true-blooded" Englishman like **Mike Hamilton**, never mind the fact that you didn't receive an official invitation to attend the Royal Wedding of **Prince Harry and Meghan Markle** — just invite a few friends to your home and have your own jolly good time!

That is how Mike and his wife, **Lyn Hamilton's** Watermark condo in Elm Grove became the American-side-of-the-pond site for a special English Tea social on Royal Wedding Day, May 19.

As Lyn describes it: "Be-hatted ladies had a taste of the traditional cucumber, egg salad, smoked salmon sandwiches; scones; macarons and Twinings tea served by true-blooded Englishman, Mike Hamilton (wearing a British flag apron). Hail Britannia!"



Photo courtesy of Lyn Hamilton

Mike Hamilton



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Blessings in a Backpack program coordinator **Regina Estrada** (at left) with volunteers **Agnes O'Connor** (at center) and **Linda Adamski** at "Shop for a Cause".

Event Benefits Hungry Children in Waukesha County

A national organization, Blessings in a Backpack, "mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry".

The Waukesha County Chapter held a special "Shop for a Cause" event on June 20 at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, featuring more than a dozen vendors

who contributed all or a portion of their sales to the organization which feeds approximately 1,200 children every weekend during the school year.

To offer your support visit www.blessingsinwaukesha.org or e-mail: Regina at rmestrada@me.com. Look for details about a fall Gala to support this cause in an upcoming *News-Independent*.



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Village Update (Continued from Page 1)

The **Elm Grove weekly Market Night** will start on Wednesday, July 11 at 5 p.m. on the property around **Ray's Auto on Watertown Plank Road**. Have you ever made a point of thanking Ron, the business owner, for hosting this great weekly event? Next time you stop for an oil change or vehicle repair it would be a nice thing to do.

Movies in the Park continue in July along with Tunes on Tuesday. You also might want to start planning to attend the **Great Elm Grove Campout** on August 4 in the Park. The Campout has become a very popular family event.

The Village hosted a public Open House in June to discuss the **extension of the off-road pathway** on Watertown Plank Road from Highland Drive west to Pilgrim Parkway. Most people attending expressed support. Plans are being prepared to include installation of the new pathway in the planned repaving work for the existing pathway between 124th Street to Highland Drive.

The **new Zisters Restaurant** has opened for business in the Park & Shop space previously occupied by Penelope's Restaurant. The Village Board approved building plans for an outdoor dining area and work should begin soon to get that area established.

SEH Engineering will be kicking off the **Village Downtown Master Planning** effort in July with evaluation of existing infrastructure, needs of businesses, development & redevelopment challenges. Public discussion opportunities will also be scheduled. This work to determine what Village residents want our Village center to be, what our merchants need to be successful and how we can overcome existing limitations is very important to our future. We all want to maintain the unique look and feel of our Village, and we must take steps to help our business center thrive and expand.

The **Elm Grove Fire Department** has placed a new **"Rapid Response Unit"** in service. The new vehicle, built on a Ford 550 crewcab chassis, is staffed by two firefighters and is equipped with new technology using ultra-high pressure water system to introduce micro droplets of water to quickly cool fires and limit structure damage. The ultra-high pressure water droplets are introduced into the structure through a 3 millimeter hole created by high pressure water. This small hole allows the quick cooling of the fire from the exterior without opening a large source of oxygen to the fire. Another example of the excellent public safety provided by our volunteer firefighters. If you have ever thought you might want to serve your community in a public safety role you should check out the fire department.



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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

“A Heritage of Freedom”

By Stephen K. Hauser

KEINE KONIG DA (“No King here!”) When my familial forebears arrived in Milwaukee from Hesse, Germany in 1850 following the failed democratic revolutions of 1848, they sought freedom, opportunity and escape from the oppression of kings and princes. The monarchs and aristocrats of Europe had long treated their subjects as little more than pieces on a chessboard to be expended in whatever military misadventures their Sovereign might seek to engage them in. Rulers declared wars over lust for territory and treasure, or simply to avenge some perceived slight or insult given by another king. Soldiers could easily be replaced, and members of a nation’s general population were considered quite expendable. Royal subjects enjoyed few “rights”.

America’s greatest gift to the world was the establishment of a government freed from royal authority and Imperial privileges. July 4th is the day set aside annually to celebrate our independence not only from Great Britain, but from monarchy. This year we commemorate the 242nd anniversary of the American colonies’ collective overthrow of British rule. While the Declaration of Independence which proclaims that act is a monumental step forward in the establishment of individual rights and is clearly **Thomas Jefferson’s** greatest work, it only announces our separation and independence from Britain and the machinations of its despotic king. It is not a governing document and was not intended to be. Nowhere does it state or imply what kind of government the new united colonies will create to rule over them. Jefferson left that for others to ponder.

Even the question of whether or not America would enthrone a monarch of her own was left unsettled. It remained for the Articles of Confederation in 1777 and the U.S. Constitution in 1787 to decide once and for all that no royalty would reign on America’s shores. When **President George Washington** was subsequently asked if he wished to be addressed as “Your Excellency”, he replied that he should be referred to only as “Mr. President”, implying a civilian office and a citizen leader without special considerations. “If we have exchanged George III for George I, that is no progress,” he once supposedly told **Benjamin Franklin**. Washington wanted no metaphorical ‘crown’.

The uniqueness of this approach to government in the late 1700s is often lost on us today. The Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries were the time of Royal Absolutism and the Divine Right of Kings. Monarchs were seen as fit to rule because God had given them the authority to do so. **King Louis XIV** of France pronounced, with a straight face, “L’etat, c’est moi” (I am the State). Admiring his bravado, other rulers of the time voiced similar sentiments. In our modern world, it is hard to imagine that back then every country was governed by some form of monarchy. Whether known as a king, queen, prince, emperor or empress, “great elector” or tribal chief, the powers and trappings of royal authority were comparable. Even Holland, often noted as being “without a king” had its merchant princes who held special economic and political rights and powers. There remained an aristocratical hierarchy.

The infant United States, however, chose to chart a far different course, creating a temporary chief executive subject to replacement every four years and limited

in the exercise of his powers by a system of checks and balances, states’ rights and the jealousies of two other completing branches of the federal government. The limitations placed upon individual authority were quite deliberate. The idea was clearly to never be ensnared again by the excesses of European authoritarianism. A war had been fought to expel its influence.

Indeed, those who subsequently sought liberty, freedom of thought and the right of self-determination began to flock to America’s shores from throughout Europe, and eventually from all over the world. It was that promise, that blessed hope, that brought my own ancestors and their fellow “Achtundvierziger” (Forty-eighters) to Wisconsin from Germany in the mid-19th century. Similarly, it brought many others from different lands and diverse circumstances as well. I am grateful to all of them. Having been born under **President Harry S. Truman** and living freely under his twelve White House successors since then, I have never known the burden of Royal Absolutism. Many around the world could not make the same claim. The concept of kingly authority is not yet dead.

It is true, of course, that the British monarchy has moved from despotic power to nothing more than an impotent tourist attraction. (In fact, if any English ruler were ever to attempt to again assert real authority, they would find Parliament ready to strip them of their few remaining privileges.) However, there are still spots on the globe in 2018 where royal authority now reigns supreme and subjects must be careful to show deference to aristocratic prerogatives, and sometimes even cower under the thumbs of despots. Thanks to America’s farsighted founders, we have long been liberated from such fears and restrictions. That is something worth celebrating and giving thanks for this 4th of July holiday, and every day of the year. May it ever be so.

“But where says some is the King of America? I’ll tell you Friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind...”

~ **Thomas Paine**, January, 1776

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

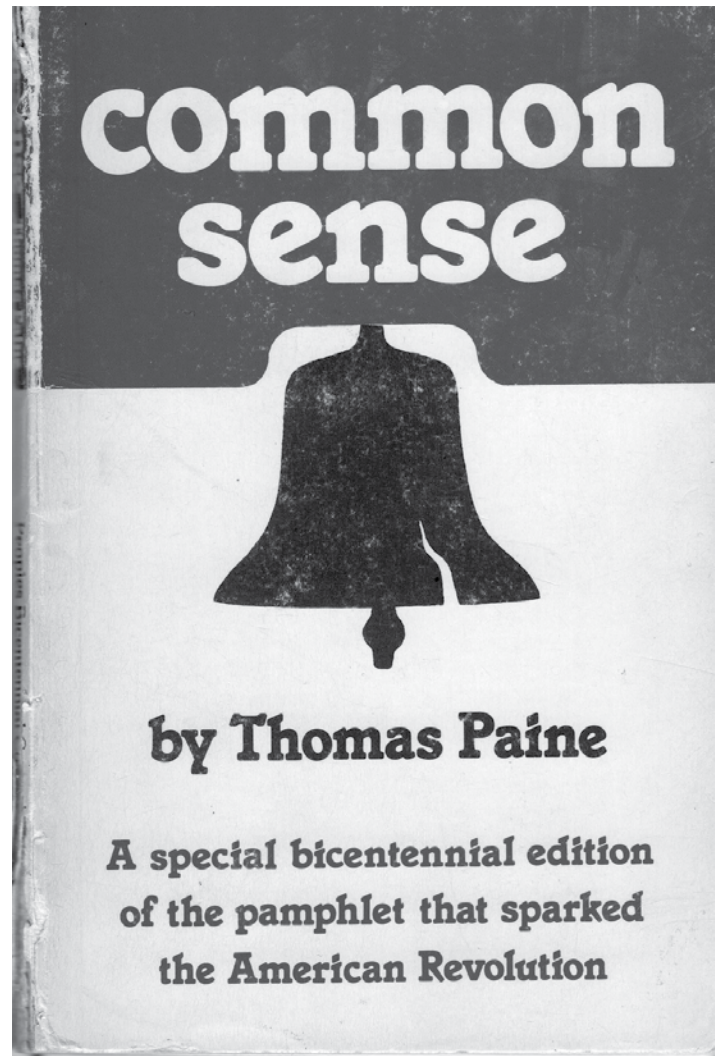


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A Bicentennial edition of Thomas Paine’s *Common Sense*, purchased by Stephen K. Hauser 42 years ago during the summer of America’s Bicentennial celebration. Hauser notes that “It makes great patriotic reading, on July 4, or any time.”

JULY FLAVOR OF THE DAY

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| 1 Cappuccino Cookie Crumble | 17 Brownie Batter Overload |
| 2 Andes Mint Avalanche | 18 Caramel Cashew |
| 3 Oreo Overload | 19 Mint Oreo |
| 4 Turtle | 20 Chocolate Pretzel Crunch |
| 5 Butter Brickle | 21 Crazy for Cookie Dough |
| 6 Chocolate Caramel Twist | 22 Double Marshmallow Oreo |
| 7 Bonfire S’mores | 23 Chocolate Éclair |
| 8 Kit Kat Swirl | 24 Snickers Swirl |
| 9 Rocky Road | 25 Turtle Dove |
| 10 Chocolate Pretzel Crunch | 26 Raspberry Cheesecake |
| 11 Oreo Cheesecake | 27 Cookies & Cream |
| 12 Blackberry Cobbler | 28 Twix Mix |
| 13 Peanut Butter Cup | 29 Chocolate Pretzel Crunch |
| 14 Chocolate Oreo Volcano | 30 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough |
| 15 Salted Double Caramel Pecan | 31 Double Caramel Chocolate Peanut |
| 16 Red Raspberry | |



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Calendar of Events for July 2018

Tuesday – JULY 3

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

***School District of Elmbrook**
Board of Education Meeting: 6 p.m. @
Central Administration offices, 13780
Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the
Public. (262) 781-3030.

***Brookfield Toastmasters Club**
Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha
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Wednesday – JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY



Village Hall Closed

Elm Grove 4th of July Events

- @ Village Park
- ***8:30 a.m.** – Fun Run sign in & warm up
- ***9:00 a.m.** – Fun Run/Walk starts
outside of Library
- ***11:30 a.m.** – Bike Decorating Contest
@ Fire Department
- ***Noon** – Flag Raising ceremony

Junior Guild Games

Volunteers Needed, contact via website:

www.elmgrovejuniorguild.com

- ***12:30 to 2:30 p.m.** – Fire Truck,
Ambulance & Police Car Tours;
Carnival Games; Crafts, Face
Painting, Tattoos, etc.
- ***12:30 to 4:30 p.m.** – Bounce House
- ***1:00 to 1:30 p.m.** – Penny Scramble
- ***1:30 to 2:00 p.m.** – Splash Contest
- ***1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** – Basketball Shootout
- ***2:00 to 2:30 p.m.** – Swim Races
- ***2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** – Pony Rides
- ***2:30 to 3:15 p.m.** – Foot Races,
Gunny Sack & 3-Legged Races
- ***3:30 to 4:00 p.m.** – Water Balloon Toss

- ***Noon to 9:30 p.m.** – Elmbrook Rotary
Club Food Booth
- ***5:30 to 6 p.m.** – “No Cry Babies”
Baking Contest; Drop off entries
@ big Tent; Judging begins, 6 p.m.,
followed by auction.
- ***6:00 to 9:30 p.m.** – DJ in the Park
- ***9:30 p.m.** – National Anthem,
followed by Fireworks

**NOTE: All personal tents
must be taken down by 9 p.m.**

***Rain date for Fireworks:**
July 5 @ 9:30 p.m.

***No personal Sparklers/Fireworks
may be used.**

Thursday – JULY 5

***Elmbrook Garden Club**
Meeting @ Brookfield Library
Call (414) 614-6489 for details.

Monday – JULY 9

***“Cruisin’ the Grove” Car &
Motorcycle Night:** 5 p.m. – Dark
@ Parking lot behind Silver Spur
restaurant. FREE. All welcome!

Tuesday – JULY 10

***“Tunes on Tuesday” at Elm Grove
Village Park:** featuring Ryan McIntyre
– 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. FREE & open to
the public.

Wednesday – JULY 11

***Elm Grove Village Market:**
5 to 8 p.m. @ parking lot of Ray’s Auto
Service, corner of Watertown Plank
Rd. & Elm Grove St., across from
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Monday – JULY 16

***Movie: “Coco” @ Elm Grove Village
Park:** Begins at Dusk. FREE.

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Thursday – JULY 19

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United
Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown
Plank Rd., Elm Grove. 11:30 a.m.
Church program: Broadway Civic
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Saturday – JULY 21

***Elm Grove & Mayfair
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***The Elm Grove Junior Guild will be**
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Station at the Elm Grove Sendik’s
(Park & Shop) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m..
Proceeds raised will benefit the Village
of Elm Grove and the 2019 Tree of
Giving Gala.

Monday – JULY 23

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Two teachers (seated) are thanked and presented with gifts during Guru Vandana.

Teachers Honored at Local Event

By Shiram Kelkar

On May 17, 2018, Balagokulam members celebrated “Guru Vandana” (teachers appreciation day) at the Elm Grove Village Hall Community Room, where roughly 40 parents and children, 11 teachers and their family members attended.

Balagokulam, local Hindu community, celebrates various cultural events every year to express their gratitude and responsibility towards society. Guru Vandana is one of the cultural events celebrated every year showing highest respect towards Guru (teachers) per Hindu tradition.

In Hindu, Indian culture, teachers are highly respected. “Guru” is a Sanskrit word which means teacher. Guru is composed of two letters — Gu and Ru. “Gu” stands for ignorance and “Ru” means dispeller. Guru is the one who removes the darkness of ignorance by providing the light of knowledge.

As part of this event, students took an opportunity to thank their teachers for

their hard work and get their blessings for their bright future.

Teachers were welcomed by the children and offered flowers. The program started with deep prajwalan (lamp lighting), Saraswati vandana (prayer to Goddess of Wisdom) — as an auspicious part of Hindu cultural program.

Children also performed various programs like Kathak and Bharatnatyam (traditional Indian dance) and yoga. Children recited various “shloka”, wisdom from olden (around 4,000 B.C.) literature from the Sanskrit language to emphasize the importance of a Guru in Hindu culture.

Students presented gifts to teachers and touched their feet to get blessing. In Hindu culture, it is common to touch a teacher’s feet to pay the highest tribute and get blessings.

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Junior Guild Names 2018 Scholarship Winner

By Katy Conners

The Elm Grove Junior Guild has announced the winner of its annual essay writing contest. **Nora Berens** was selected as the scholarship (\$1,500) recipient from among 25 entries received from graduating high school seniors residing in the Elmbrook area.

Nora is an alumna of St. Mary’s Visitation and graduated from Brookfield East High School in June. She plans on continuing her education at Marquette University and major in biomedical sciences.



Nora Berens

Submissions were rated anonymously by a panel of volunteer judges. Students were asked to discuss a significant personal experience or event that inspired them to make a difference in their community, detail what they learned from the experience, and share how they

plan to use their findings to help their community or others in the future.

NOTE: Read Nora’s essay – Page 9.

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Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Every year, more than a million people take to the Ice Age Trail. Only an intrepid few hike its entirety. In 36 action-packed days, Melanie Radzicki McManus hiked 1,100 miles around Wisconsin, landing her in the elite group of Ice Age Trail thru-hikers known as the Thousand-Milers. Join us as Melanie presents lively and informative stories of the trail, its history, and tales from her book, *Thousand-Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail*.

Free to attend. No registration required.

Mysterious Creatures of Wisconsin - From Bigfoot to Vampires

Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Paranormal researcher and author Chad Lewis showcases on-site investigations of the Bigfoot of the north woods and the lake monster of Lake Pepin, as well as phantom chickens and Hellhounds roaming rural WI. This presentation is filled with witness drawings, eye-witness testimony, weird photos, and bizarre sound clips, bringing the investigations right to the audience. **Free to attend. Registration begins July 16.**

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(At left) "My Inspiration and Knowledge of Asian Brush Painting" by **Pandre' Stauff**; (At right) "Red Tulips" by **Mary Haas**.

Exhibition of East Asian Brush Paintings at Brookfield Library

By **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Pandre' Stauff, **Mary Haas**, and **Joan Graham**, all of Elm Grove, are among the 19 artists currently showing examples of their Asian Brush Painting at the City of Brookfield Public Library, 1900 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield, (9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday), through July 13.

Those represented in the "Exploring East Asian Brush Painting Collection" — making use of traditional East Asian black sumi ink and Asian watercolor on various types of rice paper — are adult students of classically trained artist **Hermeine D. Ehlers** at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC). The Brookfield resident's painting, "Waiting" is included in the show.

Also exhibiting their work are artists **Sam Berta** of Wauwatosa, **Elaine Burns** of Milwaukee, **Patricia E. Darin** of

Pewaukee, **Mark Delaney** of Waukesha, **Susan Garcia** of Waukesha, **Michael Van Lue** of Milwaukee, **Judy Bernat** of Waukesha, **Peggy Buchholz** of New Berlin, **Thomas Byrnes** of New Berlin, **Marilyn Eldien** of West Allis, **Michele Russ** of Wauwatosa, **Sharon Fuller** of Waukesha, **Christine Schwendel** of New Berlin, **Elizabeth Clayton** of Brookfield, and **Cathy Brocksmith**.

NOTE: On Tuesdays (7 to 8:50 p.m.) from September 11 through November 13, Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC), 800 Main St., Pewaukee, will offer an East Asian Brush Painting class (course # 815-655) taught by Hermeine D. Ehlers. A course description is available at www.wctc.edu and in the Enrichment & Continuing Education - Fall 2018 Course Schedule, available at area libraries. For registration information, call WCTC at (262) 691-5578.



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A beautiful butterfly spreads its wings atop pink Coneflowers in an Elm Grove garden.



Photo courtesy of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary

Gathered at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee are (from left) **Patrick Magnor**, **Fr. Will Arnold**, **Fr. Peter Berger**, pastor of St. Mary's Visitation, and **Fr. John LoCoco**.

Local Men Ordained Catholic Priests

By **Lisa Brielmaier**

Two men from St. Mary's Visitation Parish in Elm Grove were ordained to the priesthood on May 19. **Fr. William Arnold** and **Fr. John LoCoco** were ordained by **Archbishop Jerome ListECKI** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

Another son of the parish, **Patrick Magnor**, the son of **Tom and Mary Magnor** of Brookfield, is in formation for the priesthood.

Fr. William Arnold, 27, the son of **Dave and Jan Arnold** of Brookfield, received a Criminal Justice degree from UW – Milwaukee and a Masters of Divinity degree. He will serve at Christ King and St. Bernard Parishes in Wauwatosa.

Fr. John LoCoco, 26, the son of **Frank and Lydia LoCoco** of Elm Grove, was awarded a Philosophy degree from St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) Following ordination he returned to the Pontifical North American College in Rome to complete Licentiate in Sacred Theology.

Notes Rector, Fr. John Hensing: "Will Arnold gave up his plans to work in law enforcement... and John LoCoco walked away from college football and finance studies to enroll in college seminary as a junior. These are truly holy men who are ready to make a lifelong commitment to the Lord and his Church."

EGPD Names Recent Citizen Police Academy Graduates, Welcomes Sign-ups for 2019 Class

By **Sgt. Joseph Ipavec**, Elm Grove Police Department

The Elm Grove Police Department along with the Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, would like to congratulate the 2018 Citizen Police Academy graduating class. This year's class began on April 4 and concluded with a graduation ceremony at the Western Racquet Club on June 6. Some of this year's course topics included Patrol Procedures, Alcohol Awareness, Use of Force, Firearms Safety, Investigations, Emergency Medical Services and Drug Investigations. In addition, each member had an opportunity to participate in a squad ride-along with a member of the department.

The members of the 2018 class include: **Lucille Abernethy**, **Krista Allenstein**, **Joseph Cekosh**, **Olivia Clark**, **Linda Grunau**, **Beth Holmgren**, **Steven Horner**, **Marcus Kuhnert**, **Thomas Parks**, **John Stollenwerk**, **John Varebrook**, **Michael Wabiszerski**, **Michael Webber**, and **Andrew Williamson**.



The Elm Grove Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 21st annual Citizen Police Academy session which is scheduled to begin in early April of 2019. If you are interested in obtaining an application or would like additional information, please contact **Sergeant Joe Ipavec** at jipavec@elmgrovewi.org or visit the Police Department section of the Villages website (www.elmgrovewi.org) which has additional information and applications available.



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Photo courtesy of Elm Grove Police Department

D.A.R.E. Graduation at Elm Grove Lutheran School: (from left) **Police Chief James Gage, Officer Sandy Brown**, D.A.R.E. essay winners and runners-up, and Guest Speaker **Waukesha County District Attorney Sue Oppen**.



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Police Department

D.A.R.E. Essay winners and runners-up at Tonawanda Elementary with **D.A.R.E. Officer Sandy Brown** (at far right).

Local Schools Hold D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremonies

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Each year, fifth grade students at Tonawanda Elementary, St. Mary's Visitation and Elm Grove Lutheran participate in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes, taught by **Elm Grove Police Officer Sandy Brown**, who, in addition to other duties, currently serves as the Wisconsin D.A.R.E. Officer Association Board Secretary.

Following several weeks of instruction, D.A.R.E. students are asked to write essays about what they learned and how the information might impact their future in positive ways.

(A photo of the St. Mary's D.A.R.E. essay winners, along with one of the winning essays, was published in our June 2018 edition – Page 9. Visit: www.elmgrove.news, ARCHIVE.)

Congratulations to this year's Elm Grove Lutheran D.A.R.E. essay winners **Peytan Laedtke** (whose essay appears in this issue – Page 9) and **Ella Donath**; and runners up: **Tristen Ely, Hannah Seymour** and **Brinnly Ward**.

The essay winners from Tonawanda include: **Harrison Kinney, Alex Crnkovich** (whose essay appears in this issue – Page 9), **Eve LeSaily, Kyra Auchampach, Serene Forney, Susie Coakley**, and **Christian McHleran**. Second Place awards went

to: **Grant Atkinson, Marin Gutierrez, Elena Rothe, Hannah Christianson, Elle Hillmann, Harper Osborne, Eloise Schedler, Adam Sexton, Maddie Marks**, and **Aidan Walsh**.

Officer Brown sends "a special shout out to Glass Nickel Pizza, who generously donated pizzas for a pizza party for our graduates, along with Jimmy Johns subs and pickles, McDonald's cups and orange drink, and **Jim Clemens** who donated a D.A.R.E. cake! All graduates received free ice cream coupons from R.J.'s, coupons for a free sundae at Culver's, and a free slushy at Jilly's." She also thanks "Snapdragon Flowers and Silver Spur for all the behind the scenes deliveries and utensils, linens, etc., UPS, the Elm Grove Junior Guild, and the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau."

Officer Brown said that she hopes the students "make safe and responsible choices and keep using D.A.R.E.!"

Please contact Officer Brown at sbrown@elmgrovewi.org for more information about how you can help support the D.A.R.E. program in our community.

Mrs. Theresa (Terri) Elvers wrote and surprised other parents and Officer Brown with this special song at the Lutheran school's D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony on May 29. (See a video of the performance

online at the Elm Grove Lutheran Church and School Facebook page.)

Dare To Do It Right

We're just a group of fifth grade kids growing up today.

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DEFINE the situation... What's the problem that you see?

ASSESS... Do you have choices? What will the outcome be?

RESPOND... Say NO! Just walk away. Preach it if they'll listen!

EVALUATE your actions... Did you complete your mission?

Just say NO to drugs, it's the smartest thing to do.

Only take prescriptions that the doctor gives to you.

Never be a bully because that makes others sad.

And if you're being bullied you should tell your mom and dad!

Cigarettes are dangerous, don't even try one puff.

Yeah... you could become addicted and it could make breathing tough.

DEFINE, ASSESS, RESPOND, and EVALUATE your part.

It'll keep your body healthy; your brains, your lungs, your heart!

We only get one chance to live this lovely life. So let's make some awesome choices and DARE to do it right!



Photo courtesy of Bell Tower Memorial

Brookfield Academy student **Katherine Hearden**, of Elm Grove, interviews U.S. Army veteran **Jo Helgeson**, who served in the Korean War. Veterans and participating students were honored at a luncheon and ceremony for their work on the 2018 Veterans Oral History Project.

Brookfield Academy Students Interview Veterans for Oral History Project

By Marie O'Brien

Three Brookfield Academy students, along with other local high school students, experienced living history this year by meeting with and interviewing veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

Brookfield Academy students **Katherine Hearden, Andrew DeMaster**, and **Carolyn Miller** were recognized for their work in the 2018 Veterans Oral History Project (VOHP) sponsored by the non-profit organization Bell Tower Memorial. Each student worked over several months to complete their research and interviews with the veterans.

Brookfield Academy Teacher **Karen Ray** assisted with Brookfield Academy's participation in the project, drawing upon her own efforts to preserve information

and stories from veterans and working their narratives into her classroom studies. "I just respect veterans so much, I love their stories. Anytime you hear a veteran's story it just becomes a part of you," she said.

Katherine, Andrew and Carolyn met with **Jo Helgeson**, Army (Korea), **Jack Eleyet**, Air Force (Korea), and **John Jadel**, Army (Korea), at a meet and greet session held at Brookfield Academy in February. Each student researched bio information on their selected veteran, prepared and practiced a mock interview and then conducted a live interview in April. All three Brookfield Academy students heard firsthand the experiences of each veteran. Their live interviews were professionally videotaped and submitted to the Library of Congress as part of a National Oral History Project.

Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Elm Grove Junior Guild's 2018 Scholarship Award Essay

By Nora Berens

People with disabilities — whether physical, mental or cognitive — have many special needs. Some require physical assistance while going about their daily activities. Others require patience from the people around them as they navigate social settings. However, my experience in working with disabled teens and young adults taught me that their most special of needs is to be respected and loved in order to enjoy life, like the rest of us.

This fact was revealed to me through a journey that began on Valentine's Day, 2012. I piled into one of three minivans with my seventh-grade class and headed for Fairview South, an Elmbrook school for students with physical and mental disabilities. We were off to volunteer for their Valentine's Day Dance. Our science teacher's son attended Fairview South, and she made it clear to our twelve-year-old selves that the people we were about to meet, no matter how they looked or acted, were people who merited our respect. The next three hours were some of the most transformative hours of my life, shaping my passion to help the disabled.

The day started out slowly. Our class clung together — a herd of sheep in a foreign pasture. Fairview's gym was empty and quiet, but was dressed for the occasion with paper hearts hanging from an old-fashioned jukebox, little

Cupids dropping from the ceiling, and craft and face-painting tables stationed strategically by the entrances. As we awkwardly waited for the students to arrive, our teacher reminded us one last time to behave. "And", she added, "have fun!" as the guests trickled in. Some of the students looked "normal", while some had obvious deformities or special equipment. My class broke into pairs and dispersed among the guests. I spotted a student and walked over to talk to him. Matty was anything but shy. He introduced me to all of his friends, and after a little music, some face-painting and treats, I realized this event wasn't as scary as I thought it would be. In fact, it was the opposite — eye-opening and fun. Time flew by, and when we left Fairview, I held in my hand a Shrinky-Dink necklace made by Matty — and I was hooked!

Two years later, I volunteered at a Thanksgiving dance for the disabled at my parish. The dance was new, attendance was low, and I was all in. That first year I face-painted and danced with the guests, and tried to think up ways to make the event bigger and better. I was asked to be an assistant organizer the next year, and chaired the event in 2016 and 2017.

The St. Mary's Visitation Thanksgiving Dance for people with disabilities has grown from 18 guests at its first event

to more than 75 guests from the greater Milwaukee area this past year. We reach out to Special Olympics, Best Buddies, some special needs service groups, and the local high schools to raise attendance and awareness of this event. Our volunteer base has grown as well. We seek out teens from both public and private high schools, Key Clubs and service groups, homeschoolers and, most recently, middle schoolers and families who want to serve. At our past dance, there was almost a one-to-one ratio between guests and volunteers, ensuring that no one felt left out, and that everyone had a friend to dance with. Like me, those volunteers are learning to embrace the differences in our guests, and the similarities as well — we dance, snack, craft, and laugh together. Our special needs guests have become special friends.

By taking on the responsibility of running a dance, I've matured. I've learned the practical skills of leading an event — communication and publicity; fundraising; purchasing prizes and food; hiring the DJ; soliciting, coordinating and communicating with volunteers; soliciting decorations from area businesses; ensuring guest safety and running a fun and energetic dance. It is months of preparation for one night, but truly a labor of love to give a fun night to an often-forgotten demographic.

I've also grown passionate about the need to embrace the disabled members of our society. Although they may look or function differently, they are every bit as human and deserve to be treated with respect. My experience has led me to the field of health care. I earned my certified nurse assistant (CNA) certification from WCTC at the end of my sophomore year and began working as a CNA with elderly nuns at Notre Dame Health Care. I plan to attend Marquette University to major in biomedical sciences and hope to work in the medical field after graduation — either in nursing or dentistry.

My experience with both the Valentine's Day and Thanksgiving dances has shaped my interest in the legal rights and well-being of the disabled. I hope to get involved in political advocacy for the mentally and physically disabled in the future. If there's one thing I have learned growing up in a family of 14, it's that the key to fun and worthwhile experiences is encouraging everyone to get involved in group activities as much as they can. People with special needs have a special need — to be included. I've come a long way since seventh grade, and still have a long way to go with helping my community reach the level of respect needed for some of America's most vulnerable — the disabled.

D.A.R.E. Essay (1st place award @ EGLS)

By Peyton Laedtke, Elm Grove Lutheran School – 5th Grade

This might not be your ordinary D.A.R.E. essay for a 12-year-old kid, but all of this has made me realize that all of this happened and I have learned about it in D.A.R.E. class. Now I will tell you my story of my life.

We all are raised today being told that smoking, doing drugs and too much drinking is bad. You hear stories of why they're bad and the terrible things that can happen to your health. I know about some of these stories very close up. I know people that have struggled with addiction. That's what it's called when you need more drugs or alcohol to be o.k. They are not bad people either. Just kind of sick. Sometimes kids like me think only really bad people do drugs or drink way too much. That they live on the streets and are dirty. I know that's not true and there's people from everywhere that can make these mistakes. Doctors, lawyers, nurses, waitresses, rich people and poor people. Really pretty people and not so pretty. Even moms and dads.

When I was younger, my dad had too many drugs once and he (overdosed). I screamed so loud the neighbors called the police and help came. My dad's o.k. now. My mom is sick and has to go to the

hospital a lot. Once she had to go but was gone a really long time. I didn't like it and didn't understand. My mom got addicted to drugs and did not want to be anymore. She had to go to a special hospital to help her get the drugs out of her body and to not do or want drugs anymore. It's really hard to do. She did it though and came home. I missed her so much. If my mom didn't go to rehab she probably would die. I missed her, but I need my mom alive. I'm glad she went and doesn't do drugs anymore. Now she goes to a program every single day to help her stay healthy and clean.

Drugs could have taken both my parents away from my brothers, sisters, and me. It's a scary thought. They don't do drugs anymore and I can tell. Some people don't get help or don't try and they die.

D.A.R.E. is about just saying NO to drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes. I know I will always say NO because I have lived through seeing how awful it all is. How sick you can get. And how you miss those you love more than anything. Even when they are right next to you. My family has been through a lot. We aren't perfect, but I know how much my mom and dad loves us. They fight everyday to say NO to drugs for us.

Learning from Others

By Meghan Jeide, Entering 5th Grade at Brookfield Academy

At Brookfield Academy, we have a theme for every school year. This year, part of our theme was "unleashing potential." At school, we have been talking about how we can unleash our potential and learning from others is one way to unleash your potential. Everyone has a story of one time that they learned from others, right? If you don't, maybe you should try to get one.

Here is a story of one of those times that I learned from someone.

My big sister, my family, cousins, aunts, uncles, Nana, Papa, and I were all down on the dock at the lake house. My sister was getting ready to try slalom skiing, that's water skiing on one ski. She hopped onto the back of the Mastercraft boat while the rest of my family was in the boat with Papa. When we got far enough away from the dock, my sister jumped in the water with the ski on her foot and the rope in her hands.

D.A.R.E. Essay: (1st Place Award @ Tonawanda)

By Alex Crnkovich, Tonawanda Elementary School – 5th Grade

Imagine if you were getting picked on and no one helped you and they just stood and stared. You don't want to snitch and get bullied even more. You don't have friends to back you up. I for one have always been sealed by my friends and never had to worry about coming to school and getting bullied. But if I see someone getting bullied I'm not just going to watch it happen like some people do. After what I've learned (in D.A.R.E. classes) about bullying, hopefully I can help people who might get bullied or even cyberbullied.

There are two types of bullying: normal bullying where it is physical and not over a computer. Or, there is cyberbullying and that is where someone is getting bullied over an electronic. Kids who bully people usually have something going on in their life and they take it out on other kids who don't deserve it. It might be about their parents, or friends, or even their social life. I guarantee you if someone is bullying you then they have something else going on that they are afraid to get help with. Some ways you can help yourself are ignoring them and don't listen to them. You can also stay away from that person or just run. Telling a teacher about you getting bullied will

stop them from bullying you for a period of time, then they will want to bully you even more... You can try to talk to the person and see if you can help them deal with what they are upset about.

The other type of bullying is called cyberbullying and that is over a device, and someone is trying to get on your nerves or get information from you... Ways to avoid this is to block or report the person, so they don't bother you anymore. Next, you can just ignore them or don't even talk back to the person, but the best thing to do is just block them on anything they follow you on. Hopefully you can help someone if they are getting cyberbullied.

Everyone in their life will get bullied whether it is big or small, so just accept yourself and don't worry about what they say. And if you can help someone who is getting bullied bad, and they have no one to back them up, then just try to be their friend and help them out. Because what if you were one of those people who were getting bullied and no one helped you? That would be frustrating for me. And remember, treat someone how you would like to be treated.

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Estate Planning for Single Individuals

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

One of the biggest misconceptions about estate planning is that it is only important for those who are married. In fact, estate planning is just as crucial for single individuals. With married couples, if one spouse becomes incapacitated and does not have power of attorney documents in place, there is still the natural assumption that the Court will appoint the other spouse as guardian. It is a more complicated situation when a single individual becomes incapacitated.

By law, the individual's parents are the next-of-kin, but they may not be in a position to take on that additional responsibility. Perhaps the incapacitated individual would have preferred someone closer in age, such as a sibling. However, neither the family, nor the Court would have any way of knowing this. For this reason it is perhaps even more important for singles to execute financial and health care powers of attorney than for married individuals.

Similar issues arise when a single individual passes away without an estate plan in place. Assets that name a specific beneficiary, such IRA's or life insurance

will be distributed to the person(s) named. However, assets that do not have beneficiary designations, such as real estate, bank or brokerage accounts, will go through the probate process and Wisconsin law will control who benefits.

If the deceased had children, the assets will go to the children, who will then receive their inheritance outright or when they reach age 18. If the deceased did not have children, his or her parents will be the beneficiaries. If the parents are also deceased, then siblings, or even nieces and nephews, will receive the estate, which may not be what was intended. Further, if any of these individuals receive government benefits, this unplanned inheritance will almost certainly interfere with those benefits.

The State of Wisconsin has a "default" plan for dealing with an individual's incapacity or death. However, with single individuals this "default" plan is less likely to resemble the desired outcome than with married individuals. The only way for a single individual to truly control that outcome is to put a proper estate plan in place.

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News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Jackson is looking for his dance partner for life... yes, you read that right, his dance partner! Jackson loves to go up on his hind legs, resting his front paws on your shoulder to dance. He is a very friendly guy who loves to meet new people, go for long walks, and of course, be showered with attention and love. Jackson is missing just one thing from his life --- a home and family to call his very own!



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Jackson

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

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News Briefs

Help Us Help Veterans, Support "Project Hope"

By Lylette Smith

The American Legion Auxiliary Juniors at Unit 449 have taken on a project called "Project Hope". (See AD below.) Hope is the name of the dog that the Juniors have adopted. Hope was purchased and is with a trainer who is training Hope to be a Service Dog for a Veteran with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). It will take about a year, and Hope should be

ready sometime at the beginning of 2019 to live with a Veteran. We will have various events with lunch, raffles, etc. throughout the year to help pay for things Hope may need once she is living with a Veteran.

For information about how you can help, e-mail: shdaigle@yahoo.com or lylettesmith03@yahoo.com.

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Gardening in the Grove

Annual Garden Walk to be Held

By Janet Wintersberger

Save Saturday, July 21 for *Tour le Jardin's* Annual Garden Walk. The Elm Grove and Mayfair Park Garden Clubs have five not-to-miss landscapes in Elm Grove and Western Wauwatosa. These inspiring gardens show how shade and sun gardens benefit from color, texture, placement and shape. You will also be treated to some whimsy and learn how an eco-friendly garden welcomes butterflies, bees and animals.

Get your day-of-tour tickets (\$10) at the Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, off Wall St. in Elm Grove. Pre-tour day tickets (\$8) are available at Snapdragon

Flowers, Welke's House of Roses and Sunset Playhouse, all in Elm Grove. Shop the Sunset's Marketplace for plants and other items to enhance your own garden.

No rain date. More information at tourlejardin@gmail.com or (414) 828-2583.



Photo courtesy of Laura Skoff

Wisconsin Garden Club Federation President **Peggy Grubbs** (at left) and 2nd Vice President **Laura Skoff** (at right) present the Garden Club of the Year award to Elmbrook Garden Club President **Judy Newman**.

Help Beautify the Grove, Plant Trees

Hey Elm Grove! We, your **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**, need your help. Our annual tree sale is commencing. This sale is one of our major fundraisers for your committee and its programs. We are the ones who celebrate the beauty of your gardens by awarding annual Elm Grove Beautification Awards!

Our vision statement also includes making Elm Grove the city of trees through the reforestation of Elm trees and other species throughout the Village. To that end, we are continuing our annual tree sale.

The Village has lost so many trees through disease and other disasters, we would love to have you help us to replenish our tree-lined streets. We have three types of trees for sale: Disease Resistant Elms, White Swamp Oaks, and Sienna Maples. The trees are \$85 each and can be ordered until September 15, 2018 through Village Hall or on the website: www.elmgrovetree.org.

The trees will be available for pick up in April of 2019. They arrive bare rooted and ready to plant. Please consider putting up a tree in honor of the Elms (or Oak or Maple) in our Elm Grove. Thanks for helping us keep it the green that is Elm Grove.

Elmbrook Garden Club Wins State, National Awards

By Laura Skoff

The Elmbrook Garden Club recently received the Garden Club of the Year Award for being cited as the outstanding garden club of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation. In addition, Elmbrook won the Conservation Award for overall excellence in conservation activities and programs — many available to the public to attend. The national award for Conservation in an Outdoor Classroom was presented

in Philadelphia in June for activities conducted at the Elmbrook Nature Center at Brookfield East High School.

The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Brookfield Library and programs are open to the public.

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Upcoming Speakers:

July 6 - A Conversation I am Dying to Have with You

Jody Olinger, certified grief counselor, leads a conversation about mortality, death, and hospice. With years of hospice experience, Jody provides an interesting perspective on the phases of life we will all encounter. Be a part of Jody's conversation on Friday morning.

July 13 - How to Improve Your Photography

A retired GE engineer, Brad Wilkins, has turned his photography passion into a second career. Learn about the facets of photography that Brad has learned and how to improve your own skills. You won't want to miss this!

July 20 - Joe Bartolotta, His History and Restaurants

With a large number of accolades, his name is synonymous with Milwaukee dining. Hear this Wauwatosa native share his history and understand how Joe's five tenets helped him become the successful restaurateur that he is.

July 27 - Heather Gehrke, EBHS Serving Elmbrook

With 20 years in the animal welfare field, Heather Gehrke will highlight EBHS, Elmbrook Humane Society, activities within the community. Learn how Heather's passions of helping animals and supporting the community integrate with EBHS.

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