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In Celebration of Our Nation's 245th Anniversary...

The Declaration of Independence

Action of Second Continental Congress – July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America. (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.



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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Celebrating July 4th

As the proud owner and publisher of **The Elm Grove News-Independent**, I am grateful, as always, to live in a country which offers First Amendment rights to Freedom of Speech, Assembly, and **FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**. Here, we can exert our **INDEPENDENT**, entrepreneurial spirits, take a chance and start a business (in my case from blank pages + a belief in what a hyper-local newspaper should look like and how it should, above all, serve a community).

This year, in celebration the 245th Anniversary of the signing of the **Declaration of Independence**, I have included its opening and closing paragraphs. I hope that you will take the time to read the entire document and pause to consider how far our country has progressed during the last 2+ centuries and how far we have yet to go in order to be a people who **insist** on the Rights of **LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS**, not just for some, but for ALL OF US.

Let us work together to improve this Land so that Social Justice, Racial Equality, and Economic Justice, is our common experience and not merely a too-long-incoming Dream or Hope.



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove CPAAA

Elm Grove Chief of Police **Jim Gage** (at left) with CPAAA Board President **Casey Moriarty**, Sgt. **Ryan Unger**, and Lt. **Jason Kubiak**



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove CPAAA

CPAAA Board Sgt-at-Arms **James Sayas** (at left) with Officer **Steve Weber**, Officer **Evan Schano**, Officer **Ben Dolnick**, and Detective **Craig Mayer**.

Elm Grove Organizations Show Appreciation to Police, Dispatch Personnel

By the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Board

In 1994, **President Clinton** made the second week in April, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (NPSTW) via Presidential Proclamation. Its purpose was to recognize and celebrate the telecommunication personnel who serve our communities 24 – 7. Elm Grove has 7 dispatch personnel who do just that. Honoring those who protect our community has been a tradition since 1962, when **President John F. Kennedy** signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week. Every year, thousands of police officers descend on Washington, D.C., to participate in a week of events honoring law enforcement, and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Elm Grove's police department is made up of 17 individuals.

"We are truly grateful not only to the community that showed their support but a special thank you to the Elm Grove Community Foundation and the women of the Elm Grove Junior Guild who joined in our efforts to make these two weeks extra special. It's a great opportunity to take some time and honor our dispatch and police that keep our families and community safe," said **Kristina Sayas**, EGCPAAA Director of Activities.

The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is a community relations program designed for the citizens to meet the men and women who serve them, and to be educated about the how's and why's of law enforcement. The course is 10 sessions starting in the spring.

The Elm Grove Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is made up of former course graduates who continue on the mission and raise funds to provide additional equipment for the department. If interested in taking the 2022 CPA course, please email citizenpoliceacademy@gmail.com.

This year the Elm Grove Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (EGCPAAA) board organized daily acts of gratitude during both weeks. With support from the 53122 Foundation and the Elm Grove Junior Guild, the EGCPAAA provided an assortment of flowers, snacks and meals to celebrate our dispatch and police during the weeks.



Nick Hansen



Ben Kujawa

Football Game to Benefit Children's Wisconsin

Elm Grove residents **Ben Kujawa** and **Nick Hansen**, who have both played football for Marquette University High School (MUHS), are now set to play in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association's All-Star Football Game, July 16 and 17, benefiting Children's Wisconsin.

Children's. It's the ultimate win-win," **Ben** explained.

Nick added, "With Covid having the impact it had on our season I only got 6 games to showcase who I was as a QB. When I got the chance to play one more football game and do it for a great organization, I had to say yes because this opportunity comes once in a lifetime. To raise money and play for Children's shows how much everyone cares about the hospital and the safety of children."

Football players from across the state are nominated by their high school coaches to play in these prestigious annual North vs. South All-Star Charity Football Games. Each year, more than 400 players are nominated and 220 were chosen to take part. In return for the honor of participating, each player raises at least \$750 in funds for Children's Wisconsin. The teams will compete at J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

Brookfield East H.S. student **Harrison Kielar**, of Brookfield, and **Jonah Dixon**, an MUHS student from Milwaukee, were also chosen to participate.

"I just feel like it is a great opportunity to help out a worthy cause in a fun way. I get to play football and raise money for

Ben and Nick are playing for the South Large Team. To donate, visit: <http://www.chwevents.org/site/TR?frid=1321&pg=entry>



Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove npalmer@elmgrove.wi.us

Video recordings of all Village Board and Planning Commission meetings are now available for viewing from the Village website: www.elmgrove.wi.us (visit the agenda center, find the meeting date you seek and click on the camera icon). Meeting recordings will be preserved for 15 months. Agendas and approved minutes are also available on the site and can be helpful in guiding your search for a specific part of a meeting.

Mandel Group submitted a request for TIF funding assistance to support redevelopment of the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus. TIF funding (Tax Increment Funding) dedicates the new “increment” of property tax payments to pay the loan for the funding assistance. TIF financing does not use the current tax dollars paid by other property owners. The new “Tax increment” only exists if a project is built. The SSND campus as a nonprofit does not currently pay any property taxes.

TIF is a common municipal practice used to support development where specific site issues make development difficult or unlikely without assistance. TIF financing is limited to specific types of costs and the decision to provide the financing by the Village, County and School District is voluntary.

The Village Board has forwarded the Mandel request to Ehlers Incorporated, the Village financial consultant for analysis. The Mandel letter and exhibits is available on Village website under the “Community Projects” tab. The project proposes to use Lake Michigan water from Wauwatosa. If the project is approved the Village intends to use the water extension to provide water service to other parts of the Village.

Ehlers will analyze the request, prepare options on how such financing can be provided, compile comparison data to inform the Village Board and residents how other communities handle such requests. A draft report will be presented to the Board, and the Finance committee will take the lead in the initial review of the draft. When a final report is submitted to the Board it will be referred to the Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.

The Village Board took another step toward creation of a “Transportation Utility” to pay for costs of construction and maintenance of streets and pathways. Current state regulations and policies limit how communities can raise money for these costs and how much can be spent. Village Board members know our streets need to be improved and the Board is committed to establishing a mechanism to

rebuild and maintain streets and pathways at a faster pace that current policies allow.

The Elm Grove Police Department is responding to an increase in speeding on Village streets with strict enforcement. Summer and area road construction brings some traffic and drivers seeking a route around construction. Please slow down and watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Village Recreation Committee will create a policy to encourage and allow food trucks in the park for Tunes on Tuesday and Friday Flicks.

The swimming pool and splash pad have been very popular during the hot June weather. The splash pad only is open from 9:00 to 11:00 on weekdays with no charge for adults escorting children.

Summer vacation and good weather brings more visitors to the Village Park and mostly all goes well. Please remember to place all waste items in trash receptacles or take them home. Tree climbing and hammocks are discouraged as we have experienced several broken tree limbs. Dog waste must be picked up and placed in trash receptacles. Dogs are not allowed to run free.

Village shops and restaurants need our support. Shop locally.

News Briefs

Wisconsin Nonpartisan Redistricting Committee Launches Portal to Gather Public Input from Wisconsin Residents

(MADISON) - The Wisconsin People’s Maps Commission (PMC) announced on June 17th a new public input portal at portal.wisconsin-mapping.org.

Wisconsinites are encouraged to submit maps of their communities, redistricting plans of their own, and written comments to guide the work and recommendations of the PMC.

“We’ve said all along that these maps should be drawn with input from Wisconsinites across the state,” said PMC Chair **Chris Ford**. “After months of testimony from folks in nearly every corner of the state, we need the same kind of turnout for the map-drawing process. Having direct feedback from communities will help us draw fair, impartial maps.”

Submissions to the portal will be used to draw maps that fit the PMC’s map-drawing criteria. All submissions will also be published on the portal, providing transparency in the map-drawing process. Public input is crucial to create fair maps for Wisconsin.

The People’s Maps Commission was formed in January 2020 following the issuance of Executive Order #66 by **Governor Tony Evers**. The PMC members are residents of Wisconsin and were selected to ensure representation from across all of Wisconsin’s eight congressional districts.

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, district maps dictating the lines for congressional seats, state senate seats, and state assembly seats are redrawn

based on the population distribution or apportionment, of the Census. The apportionment of people throughout the state also determines how to prioritize resources for roads and bridges, schools, and healthcare systems.

At least 55 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties encompassing approximately 80 percent of Wisconsin’s population have passed resolutions or referenda supporting nonpartisan redistricting. According to a Marquette University Law School Poll, more than 70 percent of Wisconsinites prefer to have redistricting conducted by a nonpartisan commission.

For more information about the PMC, visit wisconsin.gov/peoplesmaps.

Business Directory

* Community Organizations



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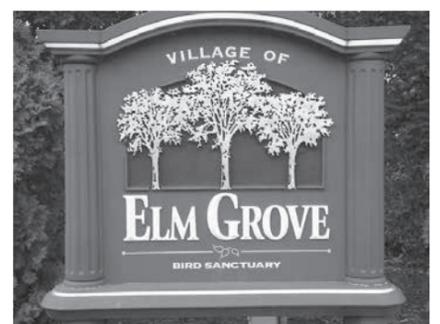
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&

Saturday:
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Questions:
Call the Village at **(262) 782-6700**

52nd Annual St. Joseph’s Church Rummage Sale!

122nd & Center, Wauwatosa (Park in East parking lot)

*** Thursday, **July 15th**, Noon to 7 p.m. *** Friday, **July 16th**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
*** Saturday, **July 17th**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The 2020 sale was cancelled due to COVID-19. This year, due to Archdiocesan regulations, major adjustments include moving it from St. Joseph’s school to the Parish Hall, Gym & East parking lot. The Rummage Sale has been coordinated by Elm Grove resident **Fran Tollefson** for 27 years.

For more information, visit: stjoetosa.com/events



Our History: Remembrances of Things Past

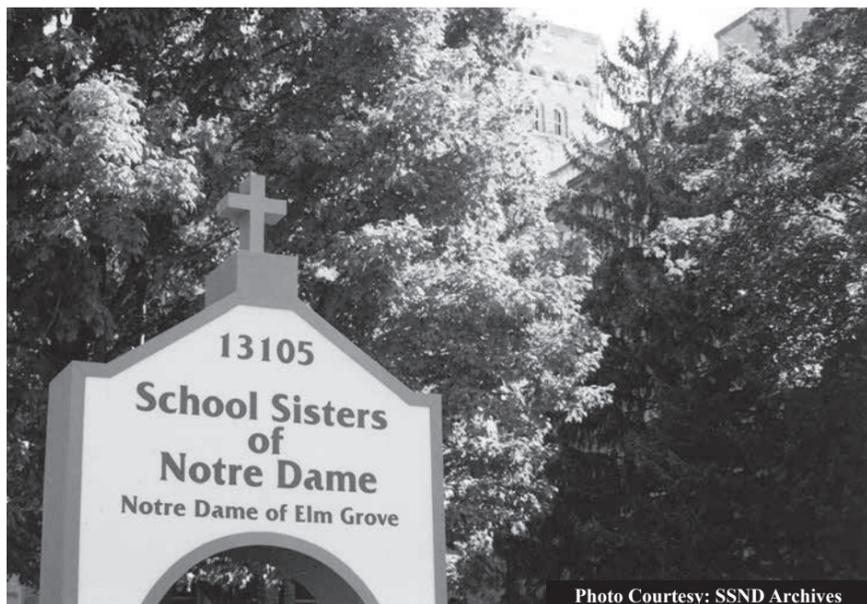


Photo Courtesy: SSND Archives

A sign welcomes the community to the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus.

Legacy

By Michele Levandoski / mlevandoski@ssnd.org

Archivist, School Sisters of Notre Dame North American Archives

In 1856, Mother Caroline Friess, superior of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) in North America purchased 40 acres of land in what is now the Village of Elm Grove. There is no way she could have predicted the importance those 40 acres would have to both the congregation and to the Village of Elm Grove. For 165 years, the Sisters and the Village have been interconnected and have, in a sense, grown up together. The previous columns focused on how the property at Elm Grove has served the SSND. This month is dedicated to the various ways the Sisters have served the Village of Elm Grove.

In 1859, the first Sisters arrived in Elm Grove to open the convent and orphanage. Shortly after their arrival, a small, free-standing school was built on convent property; the first school to serve children in the area. The Sisters provided a quality education to that first generation of students and continued to educate the children at what is now known as St. Mary's Visitation School until 2003.

That same year, the local Catholic community lost its church to fire and the Sisters opened their chapel to the congregation. The Catholic community formed a parish, which was given the same name as the convent: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1868, the Sisters built a free-standing church for their own use and gave permission for the "temporary use" of the chapel by Visitation parish. Clearly, "temporary" was a relative term, because the parish continued to use the Sister's chapel until a parish church was built in 1922.

Mother Caroline continued to purchase property in Elm Grove and the initial 40 acres grew to a property consisting of approximately 200 acres. The changing landscape of the SSND property benefited the Village in various ways. In 1955, the Sisters sold eight acres to Visitation parish for a new church, school and convent. The Sisters later donated 29 acres for Village Park and the Village Hall. In 1957, they platted Marian Heights Subdivision and two years later they created Caroline Heights. The various buildings on the property became familiar parts of the landscape. For example, the iconic red barn, torn down in 1970, has been memorialized with "Red Barn Lane."

The Sister's cemetery is also a familiar sight for anyone travelling down Watertown Plank Road. The cemetery was blessed in 1860 and since then it has become the final resting place for over 3,000 Sisters who lived and worked in the area, including Mother Caroline herself.

The Sisters living in Elm Grove have connected with the local community in so many ways that it is impossible to document all the ways the two have affected each other. The Sisters have been a constant in the Village for 165 years and their departure at the end of this year will be difficult. However, their legacy has been woven into the fabric of the Village. While the Sisters will physically leave Elm Grove late this fall, their presence and memory will continue.

A Reflection: Saying 'Yes'

By Jacqueline Buckley, SSND

My God is a God of surprises! When I committed to this reflection, I was living on the east side of Milwaukee. May 25, 2021, I became a resident of Notre Dame of Elm Grove. I was graciously and lovingly welcomed, but it was a rapid change in 48 hours.

It was after several years of dismissing God's call that I finally responded; I have never regretted the decision to become a School Sister of Notre Dame. It is a great gift to know this is where God wants me to be.

After that one "yes" to God, many more followed. I have had marvelous experiences of living the Paschal Mystery - in the classroom, wearing several "hats" at Mount Mary University, province and general congregational administration, working with our associates, starting a province sponsorship office, and, finally, volunteer ministry in downtown Milwaukee and feeding those who came to our door. God is so good and continues to surprise me.



Photo Courtesy: SSND Archives

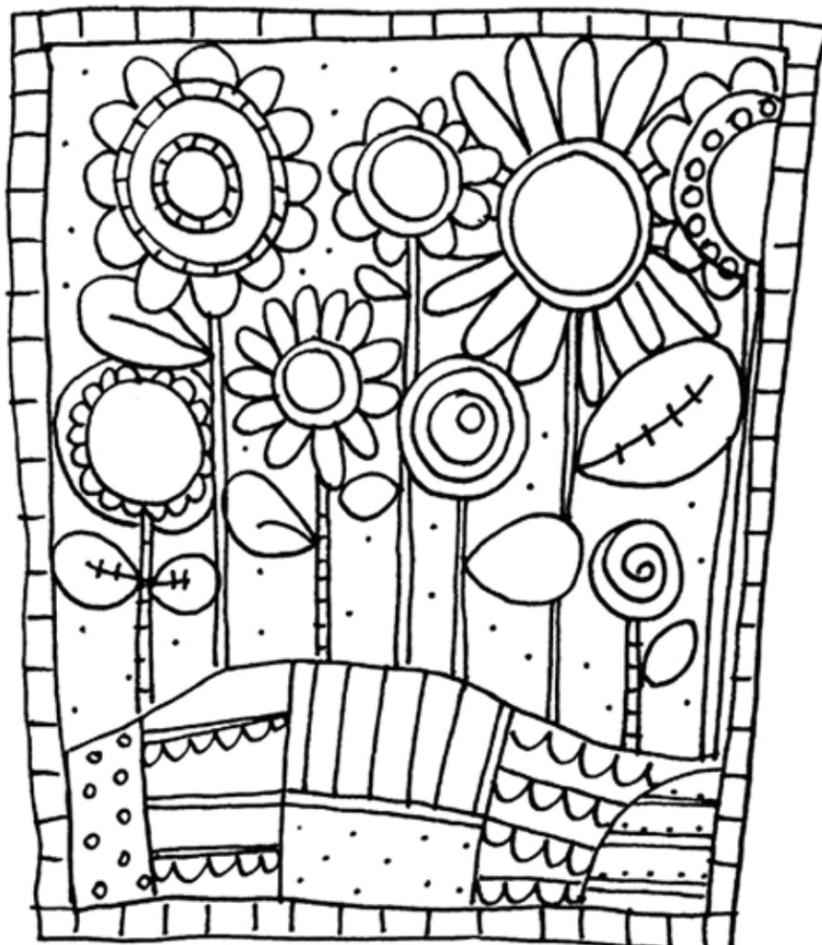
School Sisters of Notre Dame congregate on a porch in this vintage photo.



Photo Courtesy: SSND Archives

Sisters greet visitors to the 2008 Family Fest at Notre Dame of Elm Grove.

Coloring for Kids (and Adults)!



Calendar of Events – July 2021

Friday – JULY 2

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Ryan O’Toole; Topic: “Construction During Inflation”. elmgrovekiwanis@gmail.com

Sunday – JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY



• Elm Grove Family Fun Fest at Village Park

- 8:30 a.m.: Fun Run/Walk sign in & warm up
- 9 a.m.: Fun Run/Walk starts near Library
- 11:30 a.m.: Bike Decorating Contest at Fire Department
- Noon: Flag Raising Ceremony
- 1– 4 p.m. Junior Guild Games at Park (Inflatable fun, splash contest, swim race, foot races, field games, water balloon toss)
- 9:30 p.m.: National Anthem, followed by Fireworks
- **For schedule updates status, check www.elmgrovewi.org.**

Monday – JULY 5

Village Hall Closed

Wednesday – JULY 7

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Thursday – JULY 8

- **Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Friday – JULY 9

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
In-Person at the Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove; Program: Annemarie Sawkins, “A Creative Place: The History of Wisconsin Art”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Larry DeLonge; Topic: “Cruisin’ the Grove Classic Car Show Update”.
elmgrovekiwanis@gmail.com

- **Friday Flicks!** at Elm Grove Village Park, 8:30 p.m., featuring “The Croods: A New Age”. FREE.

Monday – JULY 12

- **Cruisin’ the Grove – Classic car & motorcycle night**
5 p.m. – Dark in parking lot behind Silver Spur restaurant, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd.. FREE.



Friday – JULY 16

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
In-Person at the Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove; Program: Joe Addis, “Tree and Plant Disease”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Mike Zindars
Topic: “The Moving Wall”.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Tuesday – JULY 20

- **Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Thursday – JULY 22

- **Elm Grove Building Board – Special**
Meeting: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall, Parkview Room.
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Friday – JULY 23

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
In-Person at the Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove; Program: To Be Determined
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis - Golden K Club**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Adam Plowman; Topic: “The Aluminum Can”.
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- **Friday Flicks!** at Elm Grove Village Park, 8:30 p.m., featuring “Finding Nemo” – 3rd Annual Dive-in Movie. FREE.

Monday – JULY 26

- **Cruisin’ the Grove – Classic car & motorcycle night**
5 p.m. – Dark in parking lot behind Silver Spur restaurant, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd.. FREE.

- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting: 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org. Open to the Public.
Live-streamed via Village website.
Recorded. Visit website: “Minutes /agendas/media”. **Click on “Media”.**

Tuesday – JULY 27

- **Tunes on Tuesday**
6:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park, featuring “Saturday June Band”. FREE.



Wednesday – JULY 28

- **Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Friday – JULY 30

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
In-Person at the Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove; Program: Sara Eskrich, “Democracy Found: Final-Five Voting”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis - Golden K Club**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: David Zierdon; Topic: “The Pandemic and My Business”.
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- **Friday Flicks!**
8:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park, featuring “Onward”. FREE.



News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Meet **Pablo!** Pablo has really blossomed while in foster care going from a shy girl in a shelter office, to running to greet her foster family at the door. While she will take some time to become comfortable in her new home, she has proven that with a bit of patience, time to trust, plenty of ear scratches, and a comfy window to watch the happenings of the great outdoors, she will be a loving feline companion. Is your home on the quieter side? Are you looking for a companion who will always show you love? Pablo is your girl!

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Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Garden Club

Elmbrook Garden Club officers: (Standing, left to right): **Flo Paulson** and **Shelley Swanson**; (Sitting, left to right): **Judi Wisla** and **Rose Heald**.

Garden Club Installs New Officers, Library Display

(BROOKFIELD) The Elmbrook Garden Club (EBGC) installed new officers for the 2021-2022 club year on June 3 at Boerner Botanical Garden in Hales Corners. The new officers are: President **Shelley Swanson** of Brookfield; Vice-President **Flo Paulson** of Waukesha; Treasurer **Judi Wisla** of Brookfield; and Recording Secretary **Rose Heald**, of Brookfield. Prior to the installation, club members enjoyed a guided tour of the gardens, which included a brief history of the garden's origins.

For the past year, EBGC has focused on educational activities related to bumblebees, including member reports at each meeting on different bumblebee

species, environmental threats, and garden plants that help bumblebees thrive.

An educational display, to be installed by club members on July 12 at the Elm Grove Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd., will focus on the themes "Plant America - Play Outdoors" and "Make a Beeline to the Elmbrook Garden Club". The display will remain at the library through July 31.

EBGC will resume its regularly scheduled meetings in September. Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., at the Brookfield Public Library. Contact Rose Heald, at (262) 606-0125 for further information.



Photo courtesy: Literacy Services of Wisconsin

A student at Literacy Services of Wisconsin practices his reading skills with the assistance of a volunteer tutor.

Elmbrook Rotary Supports Literacy Programs

By Jan Constable

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) has been supporting Literacy Services of Wisconsin (LSW), an adult literacy center, for over 15 years by providing yearly grants. ERC members have also served as LSW Board Members, tutors, and volunteers.

The ERC chose to support LSW because of their student first direction, and their dedicated, inspiring, and qualified program managers, administrative staff, and Board.

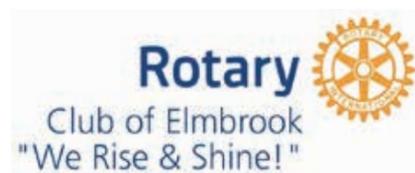
Literacy Services of Wisconsin's mission is to partner with motivated adults to provide access to quality basic education and skills training so they can improve their lives, enrich their families, and strengthen our community.

LSW believes there are no limits to what adult students can accomplish once obstacles are overcome and barriers are knocked down. According to LSW's Guiding Principles, students come first. The four Guiding Principles are, Students First, Purposeful Connection, Honor Diversity & Foster Inclusion, and Courageous Thinking. Please see LSW's website, www.literacyservices.org to learn more about their Guiding Principles.

LSW is the oldest and largest adult basic education center providing one-on-one volunteer tutoring in Southeastern Wisconsin. LSW has been around for over 55 years. Minus holidays, programs run year round, five days a week, and students are encouraged to attend at least two 90 minute classes per week.

In 2017, LSW merged with Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services and then merged again in 2020 with The Greater Waukesha Literacy Council. These mergers positioned LSW to attract increased philanthropic and corporate support, allowed LSW to become more cost effective with combined resources, and strengthened the LSW business model by providing more Southeastern Wisconsin locations for adult learners.

As new students enroll in LSW, they are tested to determine their reading, math, or English language skills. Using the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), program managers are able to provide a foundation



for effectively assessing the skills and knowledge of adult learners. The test results are used to place the students in the correct program, and students are retested every six months. During the enrollment process, students set personal educational goals and are encouraged to update them throughout their time with LSW. Each person's home/work situation determines the time they can put into their educational goals.

Volunteer tutors are trained in the courses they select to tutor in. In addition, course program managers provide information and updated training sessions to the tutors throughout the year. After each tutoring session, a program manager reviews the work completed and prepares a new lesson plan for the student's next session.

LSW has three basic courses: Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education (including the GED and the P.I. 5.09 High School Equivalency Diploma), and English Language Learning. LSW also offers courses in collaboration with program partners Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and WRTP/BIG STEP.

LSW's programs run on a July – June fiscal year. The numbers of GED and HSED graduates earning a high school credential each year range from 90 graduates in 2019-2020 to 155 graduates in 2020-2021.

If you want to learn more about Literacy Services of Wisconsin, invest a few minutes and read through their website, www.literacyservices.org. If you would like information on becoming a tutor, sign up to attend an orientation session. If you would like to assist LSW in other ways than being a tutor, there are many more volunteer activities and, of course, financial support is always welcome. When asked why I support LSW, I have answered that I always leave LSW feeling like I'm helping to make a difference in another person's life.



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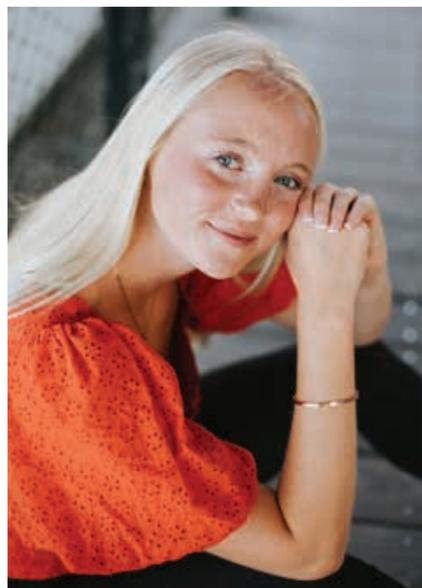
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Sydney Munnagle



Zach Yiannias

Elm Grove Junior Guild Announces Scholarship Essay Contest Winners

By Sarah Wynia-Smith

The Elm Grove Junior Guild is proud to announce **Sydney Munnagle and Zach Yiannias** as the winners of \$2000 college scholarships. Each year, the active membership of the Junior Guild votes on submissions from a competitive essay writing contest, which is open to all graduating seniors residing in or attending school in Elm Grove or Brookfield. In total, twenty-six local students wrote powerful essays answering the following prompt: *In what ways do you see your community changing? What have you done to contribute to positive change in your community and what impact has this had?*

From this pool, a scholarship decision subcommittee evaluated the submissions and voted on the winners. Sydney and Zach's essays both center on themes of care and stewardship for the earth. Residents can see the tangible impact of their dedication to the community in visiting the Elm Grove Village Park, where both have been involved with efforts to increase pollinator-friendly plants and root out non-native invasive species.

The Elm Grove Junior Guild will release details about our next scholarship essay contest in early 2022.

Read the winning essays - Page 9



Sharon Koenings



Doug Ricci

Koenings Retires from Brookfield Academy, New Head of School Announced

(BROOKFIELD) **Sharon Koenings**, Brookfield Academy's Head of School, will retire this summer after 43 years of service. Koenings held several roles during her tenure, during which her first consideration always remained "what is best for Brookfield Academy and the students." Her list of accomplishments is long.

The school is also pleased to announce that **Doug Ricci** will assume the Head of School position beginning in July. Ricci's contributions at Brookfield Academy have spanned 31 years, starting as a teacher, then Athletic Director, Head of Middle School, and most recently, Assistant Head of School.

Elmbrook Connect Initiative Receives Funding

(BROOKFIELD) On June 8, 2021, the Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF), in partnership with **James Savage**, President and Founder of Concurrency, Inc. and an Elmbrook alumnus, BCHS Key Club, BEHS Student Council, and BEHS Spartan Union presented a check to the Elmbrook School District for \$28,809 for the Elmbrook Connect Initiative.

The Elmbrook Connect Initiative is a program to provide internet access to those students without the means to purchase it. Savage modeled what it means to pay it forward, by stepping up to provide a \$10,000 fundraising matching grant.

"I'm honored to support EEF's Elmbrook Connect Initiative and proud to present these funds to the district," Savage said. "Reliable home internet access is a key component of student success and these funds will directly support efforts to improve access for those in need."

EEF was organized in 1958 to award scholarships to select Brookfield High School graduates. In 1999, the Foundation's mission expanded to include teacher grants for innovative projects that benefit all students and raise money to support and strengthen outstanding learning ideas that improve the overall educational quality of our public schools. EEF has awarded more than \$1,400,000 in scholarships and more than \$500,000 in grants which enhance and extend the established curriculum



Photo: Elmbrook Education Foundation

Dr. Robert Hall (at left), representing LAUNCH, with **James Savage**, President and Founder of Concurrency, and **Beth Dobrzynski**, Executive Director of the Elmbrook Education Foundation during a check presentation ceremony.

and support projects that are beyond the District's budget.

For more information, contact **Beth Dobrzynski**, EEF Executive Director, at (262) 844-3742 or

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Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Rube Goldberg Competition winners: **Dayne Galster, Hendrik Kerwel and Thomas Waple**.

PPMS Rube Goldberg Competition Results Announced

(ELM GROVE) Pilgrim Park Middle School held their 20th Annual Rube Goldberg Machine Building Competition on Friday, June 4. The event was coordinated by teacher **Sarah Reedy** and the top 3 spots in the competition were awarded to:

- 1st Place Team: *Think Negative* - **Dayne Galster, Hendrik Kerwel, and Thomas Waple**
- 2nd Place Team: *6ft. Machine* - **Collin Montoure, Shane Kimmel, and Ben Swanson**
- 3rd Place Team: *Covid Landia* - **Sophia Balistreri, Parker Della, Grant Meidam, and Kiley Schmitt**

• Judges Choice Award Team: 2-way tie between the following two teams: *Put on Yo Mask* - **Gavin Longley, Luke Frohwirth, and Dan Hafran**; and *To Grandmother's House We Go* - **Olivia Kinart, Hannah Rivecca, Allie Falci, and Isabelle Klick**.

PPMS "congratulates all of the 7th graders for their amazing Rube Goldberg Machines! Special congratulations to our finalists who participated in the school-wide competition. The judges were impressed with the creativity, innovation, and how well behaved the students were."



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Photo courtesy: Birdathon 2021

Birdathon prize donation winner **Karen Schlidt** (at left) with event organizer **Karen Lloyd**.

Birdathon Event Supports ‘Feathered Friends’

(ELM GROVE) The Village’s inaugural participation in the Great Wisconsin Birdathon has been deemed a success! In direct contrast to the Great Backyard Bird Count on February 12-15, when participants braved windchills of minus 50, on Sunday, June 6th, the group battled 90-degree heat.

Bird enthusiasts within the village joined together to see how many birds could be identified within a 24-hour period in order to help raise money for the National Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and bird conservation. A total of 160 birds of 38 species were officially counted, including a scarlet tanager. Some of the more enthusiastic participants were 4-year-old **Abby Van Lieshout** and 10-year-old **Sam Dusek**.

In total, \$880 was raised, of which half will be returned to the village in order to support our feathered friends. The donors

included: **Karen and James Lloyd, Neil Palmer, Debra Baesemann, Nicci Sternitzky, Karen Schlidt, Marlee Jansen, Sharon Kuhn, Alan Pretzel, Emma Lloyd, James and Betty Hunter, Nancy Ferguson, Esme Ehr, Bette Frangesch, and Barbara Wiederhold.**

A hummingbird feeder and kit was graciously donated by the Brookfield Wild Birds Unlimited and a drawing took place for everyone that donated—our winner was Karen Schlidt. She commented, “I’m so excited my family decided to take part in the event and I cannot wait for next year’s event!”

Organizers suggest that you “Keep your ‘birding’ eyes out for upcoming community programming” that they have planned. If you would like to get involved with future events, please contact **Karen Lloyd** at knlloyd78@gmail.com or **Nicci Sternitzky** at EGBeautification@gmail.com.



Library News and Programs
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- Saturday: 10 AM – 1:00 PM

The Inventions of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Wednesday, July 28, 1:00 p.m. O’Neill Room

You are cordially invited to travel in time to October 1776, with a visit from Dr. Benjamin Franklin, as he discusses his life and his inventions (and there are many!). From inventing swim fins at age 11, to the Franklin stove and bifocals, learn more about the life of an American patriot and scientist, as portrayed by Terry R. Kutz.



This indoor adult program is free to attend. No registration is required. If you are attending but not vaccinated...for your own safety, please wear a face covering.



2021 Adult Summer Reading Challenge / June 14 - August 14

Pick up a Bingo game card in the library and complete five reading challenges in a row for a prize entry. The prizes are \$50 gift cards for local businesses. Limit two entries per person for the summer. Last day for entries is 8/14, and four prize winners will be drawn 8/16. Ages 18 & up.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Elm Grove Library.



Community Crossword #14

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com



ACROSS

3. July 4th (2 words)
5. Elm Grove Building _____
10. A paid newspaper promotion or notice
14. Punctuation found at the beginning and end of a Written statement / comment (2 words)
16. Kids can play in this water feature near the Village Park pool (2 words)
17. Elm Grove _____ Foundation
20. Pharmacy located in Elm Grove
21. Abbreviated as WCTC (4 words)

DOWN

1. This is 25 MPH throughout Elm Grove (2 words)
2. Document which begins: “When in the course of Human events...” (3 words)
4. To give of your time without financial compensation
5. Types of this food include wheat, rye, cinnamon, pumpernickel, etc.
6. There are 12 of these in a year
7. *News-Independent* feature which invites public comment (4 words)
8. Recently demolished restaurant building at 15300 W. Bluemound Road (2 words)
9. Yard area where flowers and plants bloom
11. Local school district
12. Wear these to help correct / improve vision
13. The 7th month of the year
15. English, Spanish, Greek, Arabic, Urdu, and Swahili are types of this
18. Current season
19. Part of residence where vehicles are stored

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Young Writers & Reporters

Societal Efforts to Protect the Planet on the Rise

By Zach Yiannias, Brookfield East High School

I have witnessed a societal revolution spread across the country and my home village of Elm Grove. Before high school, I had never contemplated climate change or other related environmental catastrophes. Adults had assured me and the rest of my generation that the Earth was immune from all mankind's destructive activities. Yet, today, less than a decade later, the environment and humanity's impact on Earth's habitability have dominated news cycles, presidential debates, and my generation's priorities. Throughout my high school years, I have led and contributed to this environmental revolution in my communities, Brookfield East High School and Elm Grove. As a result, I have witnessed both high schoolers and adults become increasingly involved in protecting our planet.

My interest in the environment began after I read *The Sixth Extinction* as a high school freshman. It introduced the concept of anthropogenic extinction, human-caused extinction, and its global ramifications: the bleaching of coral reefs, the extinction of hundreds of amphibians in South America, and the mass migration

of invasive species across continents. It seemed incomprehensible that these issues were not being discussed or addressed in my community. How could our planet be experiencing a mass extinction - an event that has only occurred five times over billions of years - without anything being done about it? Soon thereafter, I joined the newly formed Brookfield East Students Encouraging Environment Dedication (S.E.E.D.) Club. As a junior, I became President of S.E.E.D. Club, spurring my environmental involvement in both the Brookfield East High School and Elm Grove communities.

At Brookfield East, I worked to mobilize students who were passionate about the environment. With twenty members, we initiated sustainable projects throughout the school. Previously, Brookfield East had lacked even basic recycling programs in our cafeteria and Spartan Union, our school's café. By working with the principal and custodial staff, S.E.E.D. Club implemented school-wide recycling, enabling students to recycle throughout school premises. I then spearheaded our successful missions to substitute metal silverware for plastic

Winner: Elm Grove Junior Guild - 2021 Scholarship Essay Contest

utensils, and begin a marker recycling program that in mere months recycled close to one thousand markers. While Covid-19 abruptly halted our fruitful efforts at Brookfield East, S.E.E.D. Club instilled a new mentality in both students and staff, geared toward improving sustainability and reducing waste.

During my virtual school experience, I reached out to the Elm Grove Beautification Committee to collaborate on environmental campaigns. We soon began work on our first project: growing two Monarch habitat flower beds in Elm Grove Park with aid from Elm Grove residents and Brookfield East students. Monarch butterflies, arguably the most well-known and beloved insect, are on the verge of extinction because we cut down milkweed, the only plant they lay eggs on. The gardens we grew serve as safe havens for Monarchs and sites for females to lay their eggs. As certified Monarch waystation habitats, our gardens have educational signs to explain their importance. Furthermore, last summer, I established Elm Grove's Invasive Species Task Force focusing on the elimination of invasive species

throughout Elm Grove. Every Sunday, a motley crew of Elm Grove residents and Brookfield East students gathers to chop down buckthorn and pick garlic mustard or Queen Anne's lace. These invasive species crowd out native plants, obliterating the biodiversity of Elm Grove. Our efforts maintain Elm Grove Park's prosperous and balanced ecosystem.

Remedies begin at the grassroots level. We need local leaders in cities, counties, and towns to promote environmental awareness and initiate the development of eco-friendly and sustainable communities. Everyone has the opportunity to improve our planet's ecosystems for today, and more importantly, for future generations. Through these environmental efforts, I have gained a deepening appreciation for the outdoors and learned extensively about wildlife and local climate policy. I now possess a clearer, keener - more directed sense of purpose. I am energized and excited to continue this environmental journey in my future education pathway and career.

Small Individual Acts Positively Affect Community

By Sydney Munnagle, Brookfield East High School

Progress and change are not often viewed through a single significant act or investment; instead, it is more often experienced through its people's spirit and drives. Growing up in Elm Grove, I have witnessed and engaged in the positive power of change in our community.

When I was in elementary school, the Elmbrook school district was, unfortunately, experiencing significant budgetary challenges. The district was proposing many cuts and changes, one of which outlined the closing of Tonawanda as the student population was predicted to decline. Tonawanda was one of the smallest and oldest schools. I proudly recall my parents and my classmates' parents wearing bright orange "Save Tonawanda" t-shirts and posting "Save Tonawanda" yard signs supporting our community. Luckily, the drive and commitment of our families convinced the school board to keep our school open. The new gymnasium at Tonawanda is a testament to its value in the community.

Today, I am Brookfield East's high school student representative to the Elmbrook school board and get a front-row seat to some of the most significant changes in my school and our community. Teachers and educators are making it their number one priority to teach us about the necessary skills needed beyond high school. In the past few years, the Elmbrook District was working on implementing the LAUNCH Program, an educational resource that "seeks to connect rigorous learning with real-world, hands-on projects provided by area business and industry." As a student of the Biomedical Solutions strand of the LAUNCH program, I have been able to work with my community professionals in the field of work that I plan to study. New programs like these are exciting for the students and connect the community to our education, ensuring investment and commitment to its success.

I have personally been able to support positive growth in Elm Grove and the larger Elmbrook community through my actions of implementing pollinator gardens in Elm Grove Park.

During the early months of quarantine last spring, my friend shared an article that explained how our super pollinators — butterflies and bees — were on the path of extinction in the United States due to environmental changes. Human-caused climate change and habitat loss is the big culprit. According to the National Geographic article "We are Losing Monarchs Fast- Here's Why," the monarch butterfly population in the United States has dropped more than 80% over the past 20 years, according to the National Geographic article "We are Losing Monarchs Fast- Here's Why." We learned that it was not too late to do something to address this issue through our research. For example, creating butterfly and bee-friendly habitats with plants native to the area can provide essential food sources and "rest stops" for the migrating insects. These habitats can help support the pollinators as we address the more significant challenges of climate change.

Inspired by stories of communities across the country who were taking charge and opting to reverse some of the damage by actively planting pollinator habitats, we mapped out a plan to do the same for Elm Grove. We researched the types of plants that were native to this area of Wisconsin which attracted and supported the butterflies and bees. We also scouted out locations to grow the garden.

To make the gardens a reality, we took a crash course in gardening as neither of us had much experience in that area. With help from our very own Elm Grove Parks and Recreation department, my friend and I designed two butterfly gardens and planted them in Elm Grove Park.

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Monarch Butterfly

The investment paid off for the butterflies and me personally. Whenever I was working in the garden at the park, dog walkers and families would thank us

for our hard work and effort, which was incredibly gratifying. Once the weather warms this spring, you can view our two gardens located south and east of the pond.

I believe the pollinator garden is only a starting point. Our group is working to further educate people in our village about how pesticides and herbicides negatively affect our environment, killing many necessary animals in our ecosystem.

Like many of the progressive changes driven by the spirit and drive of individuals in our community, small acts like our pollinator gardens or "Save Tonawanda" yard signs can lead to incredible changes that support our community's quality of life.

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My Good Neighbors: Jennifer Morris & Tom Michalski By Doris Kaun

My husband Dennis and I, now in our mid-80s, have lived in our blessed Elm Grove neighborhood for over 47 years in the midst of great neighbors. At first, we were the youngest in our neighborhood, but now, as two of the oldest, we have fond memories of dear neighbors as we cherish younger neighbors and feel blessed, especially with, just across the street, Jennifer Morris and Tom Michalski.

Jennifer, to us, is like a loving daughter in her focus. Every morning she brings the newspaper up to our long, sometimes snowy driveway to the back door. She and her husband also keep us informed and involved in the village. She watches over house and home while we're away & more.

They've acquainted us with their cute grandkids and... forever, with their loving dog, Flash.

P.S. I also enjoy our "neighbors" those great acrobats, the squirrels, birds & other wildlife.



Legal Issues

Discussing Estate Planning with Your Loved Ones

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Talking about estate planning is difficult. Most of us are uncomfortable discussing illness and death in general, let alone in relation to a loved one. Estate planning is, however, an issue too important to avoid. An honest discussion up front can prevent misunderstandings and hurt feelings later. It also provides your loved ones with the opportunity to clarify matters with you, rather than being left with unanswered questions after you are gone. Here are some tips for starting the discussion:

1. Know your family. Some families are open about money, medical issues and other personal matters, while others are more private. Every family has its own dynamic as well. Take this into account in deciding how, when and with whom to initiate the conversation.
2. Do your homework in advance. There are many components to a comprehensive estate plan. Consider meeting with an estate planning attorney before you talk to your loved ones. The attorney will explain your options and clarify the pros and cons of each. He or she may also identify issues

you had not considered. A meeting with an attorney will provide you with necessary information and bring focus to the issues, making the discussions with your family more productive.

3. Choose the time and place carefully. Unfortunately, estate planning is usually either discussed spontaneously or when a crisis arises forcing the issue. Neither of these situations is beneficial. These discussions should take place at a planned time and in a comfortable location. This will give everyone the opportunity to organize their thoughts and questions in advance. Allow plenty of time so no one feels rushed or pressured.
4. Plan for the conversation to be ongoing. No matter how well prepared you and your loved ones are, once you actually have a conversation, you will all need time to process the discussion. This usually leads to more questions and more discussion. Estate planning, done properly, is a process. While the process may be difficult, both you and your loved ones will reap the benefits.

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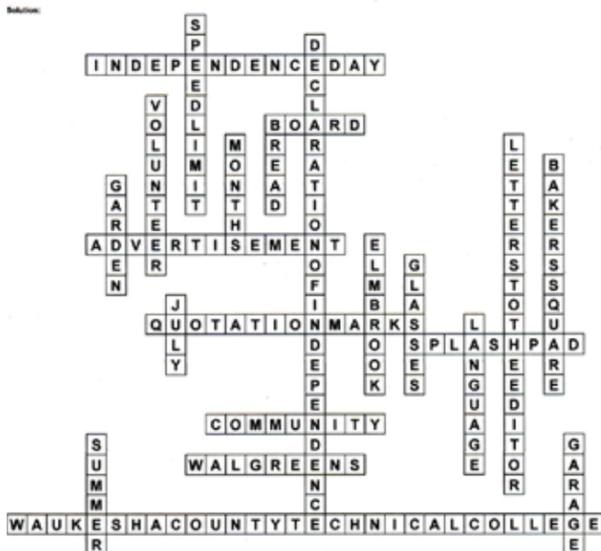
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Articles About SSND History Appreciated

I feel that I must comment on the excellent ongoing series in *The News-Independent* by **Michele Levandoski** chronicling the history of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Elm Grove. It is excellent! Ms. Levandoski is obviously a well-trained historian well-versed in the material that she has shared with us thus far (February 2021-July 2021 editions). Each installment is a fascinating story in itself, and the reminiscences ("Reflections") of the Sisters themselves are priceless. Altogether, these articles comprise an invaluable addition to Elm Grove village history. They will be referenced by local historians far into the future, I believe. The accounts will spur additional research as well.

When I retired from writing my monthly "I Remember" series for the *Past Times* column after ten years of stories, I suggested that the School Sisters should be urged to contribute something of their history as they prepare for their move to

the Mount Mary University campus this fall. I must say that the results have far surpassed my high expectations.

Much of the information included in Ms. Levandoski's submissions is new to me, and I have learned something each month. Of special interest was the story on Our Lady of the Elms facility which stood at the end of Caroline Court. I already knew about it, but the May 2021 edition of the paper contained the first photograph of it I had ever seen. (I should note that the grotto on the south end of the property remained for several years after Our Lady of the Elms was sold in 1954.)

Thank you for publishing and standing behind this historically important series that sheds light on our community's past. This is what a good local newspaper does.

Stephen K. Hauser
Elm Grove

Support for Elmbrook Schools' Equity Principles is Vital

I was disappointed the Elmbrook Board of Education voted to remove Equity Principles from the district strategy in June 2021. I am even more dismayed at the misinformation and lack of respectability from community members leading up to that vote.

As someone who values academic excellence, a culture of inclusion is an essential foundation for all students to succeed in Elmbrook. Cultural literacy will be prerequisite when our scholars apply for and attend top universities.

As a business leader, it is abundantly clear that diversity, equity and inclusion are top priorities at the companies we hope will employ our future graduates.

Without culturally responsive skills, our students are being set up to fail in these environments.

Equity and a culture of belonging are critical to the success of our students, which can only exist when the community works with, not constantly against, the Board of Education and district administrators.

I implore the community to voice their support for the Elmbrook School District Equity Principles, and afford the Board of Education the courage to vote "Yes" as well.

Katie Rasoul
Brookfield

News Briefs

Village Resident Receives Degree + Certificate

(MADISON) – **Joseph Timm** of Elm Grove graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in May 2021, receiving a Bachelor's degree in political science, plus a certificate in Public Policy from the La Follette School of Public Affairs.



The certificate in Public Policy provides students with analytic, data, and communications skills for success in the workforce and as an engaged community member.

The La Follette School launched the Undergraduate Certificate program in 2019, with funding from the Kohl Initiative, a \$10 million gift from former U.S. Sen. **Herb Kohl**.

"More and more students at UW-Madison are seeking new opportunities to learn about the important role of public policy in everyday life," says La Follette School Director and Professor **Susan Webb Yackee**. "We are extremely proud of Joseph and the other recent graduates; they represent Senator Kohl's vision for evidence-based policymaking, respectful discourse, and service to others."



News Briefs



Volunteers Needed at Hope Center

(WAUKESHA) Hope Center, 502 N. East Ave., Waukesha, recently announced that its Day Center and Meal Program has reopened for in-person services.

The non-profit's mission is to: "Reduce the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships and community collaboration."

"One of the ways Hope Center is able to run so successfully is due to all of the help from our wonderful volunteers. As of right now, we need volunteer groups to help serve evening meals every Wednesday and Friday until the end of the year," according to a news release.

The requirements and guidelines for the groups are as follows:

- Bring 7 gallons of milk
- Bring dessert for 50-60 people
- Bring 4-7 volunteers – children above age 10 can help as long as there are at least 2 adults for every child

- Arrive by 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.
- Help serve the meal, beverages and your desserts
- Clean the dining room by washing tables, sweeping the floor and arranging chairs
- Help with the dishes by clearing, washing with commercial dishwasher and putting them away
- Assist with getting the garbage and recyclables to the dumpsters
- Plan on being finished by 7:00 p.m.

"We appreciate and respect everyone's commitment to serve our community while also maintaining safety for all involved. All guests are required to wear masks, unless they are eating, along with temperatures being taken upon entering the building. We will also be practicing social distancing by spreading out seats at the dining tables," said a spokesperson.

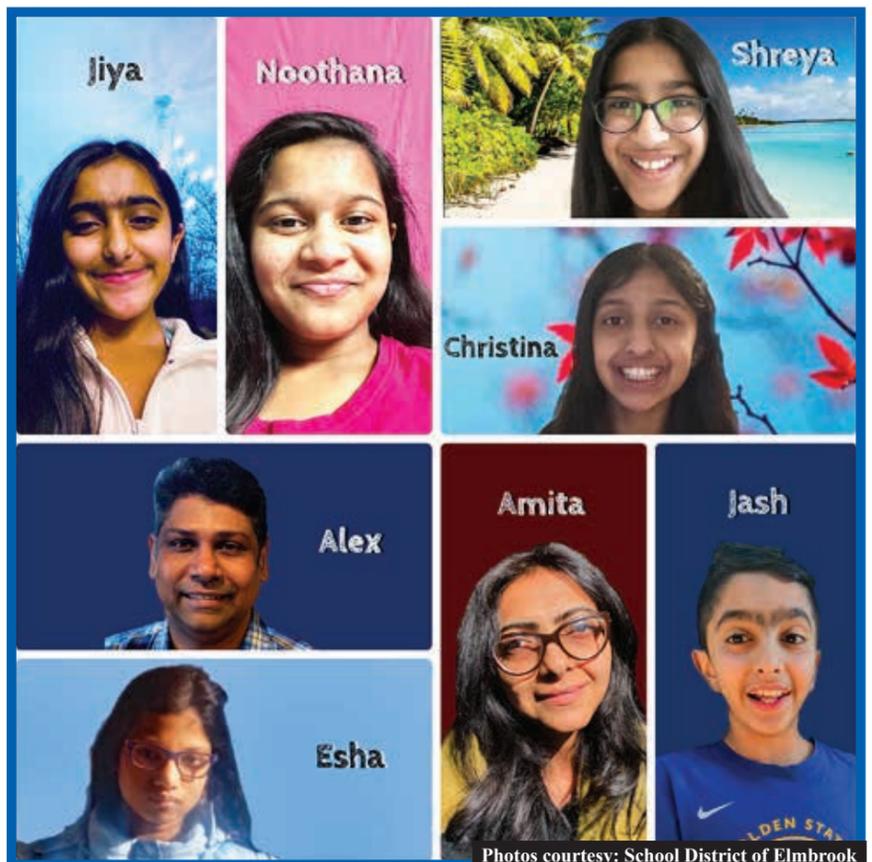
If you are interested in signing up a group to volunteer, please email: info@hopecenterwi.org or call (262) 549-8726. Visit: <https://hopecenterwi.org>.

Brookfield Academy Students Win Book Award

(BROOKFIELD) Nine students from Wisconsin have won the 2021 Princeton Alumni Club of Wisconsin Book Award, including four students from Brookfield Academy. Juniors **Emma Canga**, **Natalie Cartwright**, **Nicholas Dortzbach**, and **Hemza Tarawneh** were selected for demonstrating overall academic excellence and exemplary community service or civic engagement.

Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy Upper School students (Left to right) Hemza Tarawneh, Natalie Cartwright, Emma Canga, and Nick Dortzbach.



Photos courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Destination Imagination Team members.

Pilgrim Park Middle School's Destination Imagination Team Advances to Global Finals

(ELM GROVE) The School district of Elmbrook announced on June 17 that "our Middle School Team won second place in the Destination Imagination, WI Tournament!"

PPMS student **Christina Alex** was on the team that consisted of students throughout Elmbrook. The team worked on the technical challenge (The Next Level) to create an exciting video game showing how to fight COVID-19.

The team named their video game *Covid Convicts*. The Virtual Team learned how to utilize various digital apps and tools like AniMaker to create the video game for the challenge. As a team they learned how to collaborate, communicate verbally, and consider each other's thoughts.

The District wishes the team good luck as they proceed to the GLOBAL FINALS 2021.



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