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**THE CAR SHOWS ARE BACK!** Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K member **Ray Shannon** (at left) poses with **Duane Delaney** of Elm Grove during a “Cruisin’ the Spur” mini car show in the parking lot behind the Silver Spur restaurant, 13275 Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove. The May 16th event featured approximately 50 cars and cycles manufactured from the 1920s to the 2020s, including Delaney’s 1935 Auburn - 851 Phaeton which he purchased in 2021. Additional shows will be held from 5 p.m. until dusk on Mondays, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, and possibly October 17. Owners of antique, classic, collectible, muscle, sports, motorcycles, scooters, etc. are invited to display their vehicles. The events are free and open to the public.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNI

**Jon Clemins**

## New Village Recreation Director Appointed

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain  
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The Village of Elm Grove in April announced the selection of **Jon Clemins** as Recreation Director, following the resignation of **Jarod Mikkelsen** who held the position for several years.

Clemins noted that he “grew up in Elm Grove, spent many summers playing in the park, and my parents and sister still live in the village. I currently live in New Berlin with my wife **Stephanie**, daughter **Charlotte** and our dog **Clara**.”

Following his graduation from Carroll University in 2011 with a major in Recreation Management, he worked in recreation departments for the City of Brookfield and West Bend, and, for the past 7 years, served as Youth Sports Director for the Waukesha YMCA.

“I always have been a big sports fan especially local sports and youth sports. I look forward to coaching my daughter as she gets older,” Jon said.

His goals as Recreation Director are “to provide quality and affordable programs, activities and events for the residents of the Village of Elm Grove” adding, “I am very excited to work for the Village I grew up in and work in the park I spent so much time in as a child.”

## Goats Help Rid Elm Grove Park of Invasive Plants

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

Funded by a grant from the Elm Grove Junior Guild, approximately 40 goats, large, small, multi-colored, and definitely lively, arrived at Elm Grove Village Park on the afternoon of Monday, May 23, hopped out of their large transport trailer, and went immediately to work chewing the leaves of invasive Buckthorn to help manage its spread.

Aggressive Buckthorn destroys wildlife habitats and food sources. Reducing it encourages the growth of native plants.

The Village of Elm Grove and its Beautification Committee invited the Grazing Goats of Whitewater <https://www.grazinggoatswisconsin.com> to feed initially on a 1 acre area on the east side of the park and pond for several days. The animals were penned in a solar-powered electric fence that could be moved as portions of the land were cleared.

Facts about “goat grazing” provided by the Committee include: “Goats work quickly because are always hungry. Their job is to eat and they do it very efficiently. They work quietly because they are mostly chewing. The goats leave behind valuable pre-pelleted droppings that serve as composting fertilizer that benefits plants. The goat crew is a more environmentally safe alternative over more traditional methods of cutting and treating invasive species with chemicals.”



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Goats graze on Buckthorn leaves and other vegetation at Elm Grove Village Park.

So, **GO GOATS!**

There are many ways that local residents can contribute to Village beautification and other environmentally-important projects. Contact: [egbeautification@gmail.com](mailto:egbeautification@gmail.com), or Village Forrester **Ron Hill** at [forrester@elmgrovewi.org](mailto:forrester@elmgrovewi.org) or (262) 782-6700 to discover how you can help.

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# "I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain



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Rock with Trilobite + dime to show size; (at right) Miles McFadden with his discovery.

## Elm Grove Boy Finds 250 Million-Year-Old Fossil in Backyard

"My son Miles McFadden was helping his dad with yard work on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, when an interesting rock (weighing in at 4.2 lbs.) caught his attention," wrote his mother, Emily McFadden, in an e-mail to *The News-Independent*.

"Miles", she noted "is enthusiastic about science – particularly geology and paleontology – so he knew he found a fossil. Working together with me and the internet, we formed a hypothesis that it was a Trilobite. After sharing photos with multiple geologists, it has been confirmed that this small impression is that of a Trilobite."

Trilobites were a group of crab-like animals with hard exoskeletons and a three-lobe body. They are marine animals that have been extinct for over 250,000,000 years, according to The Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey.

Miles, a kindergartner at Tonawanda, is understandably excited about finding a fossil from Pangea in his own backyard. "This creature was around 100 million years before T-Rex. I wonder what else is in my backyard," he said.

"Miles's previous paleontological finds at our Elm Grove home on Marquette Avenue include a rabbit skeleton," Emily said, so additional finds may be just outside his door.

And what does Miles plan to do with his latest discovery? "If any museum wants to display it, that'd be great. If not, I'll probably put it in my room," Miles explained.

"I'm proud of him. I hope his curiosity for our natural world continues to grow," said Emily. "I'm certain there will be a lot more mud and rocks in our future."



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### June 20-26 is Pollinator Week

## How to Address Mosquitos, Protect Pollinators

(ELM GROVE) Looking for a simple and effective way to target mosquitoes in your yard? Chances are that what you have been doing may also be negatively impacting important pollinators.

Traditional mosquito control practices target the insects at the adult stage by periodically spraying with high concentrations of insecticides that kill all insects, not just mosquitos. That results in a loss of beneficial insects, such as bees and butterflies and their larva. Insects are at the base of the food web; and without them, birds and other creatures that rely on insects as food are challenged to find enough food for themselves and their young. When sprayed insects are eaten, the insecticide can build up in predators and affect their health.

The Elm Grove Beautification Committee suggests this simple, safe and effective alternative approach that targets mosquitos at the larval stage:

- \* Fill a five-gallon bucket halfway with water, and place it in a sunny place in your yard.
- \* Add about 3-4 handfuls of hay or straw to the bucket. After a few days, the resulting brew is irresistible to gravid (egg-filled) female mosquitos.

\* After the mosquitos have laid their eggs, add a commercially available Mosquito Dunk tablet that contains Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt), a natural larvicide, to your bucket. The eggs will hatch and the larvae will die. The Mosquito Dunk that is added has a biological bacterial control that ONLY affects mosquitos.

\* After a few days, you can strain out the old organic matter and Mosquito Dunk (if there is any obvious solid left) and toss the organic matter into your compost pile or trash.

With this approach, you control mosquitos – and only mosquitos – without the use of harmful insecticides.

### Purchasing a Mosquito Dunk

The Elm Grove Beautification Committee has two opportunities for you to purchase a Mosquito Dunk for \$3 each or 2 for \$5, and they'll provide you with free hay:

\***Saturday, June 4**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plant Sale at the Park & Shop parking lot on Watertown Plank Road.

\***Sunday, June 26**, 11 a.m. to Noon at the Village Park's Monarch Waystation located near the pond's boat launch.

For more information or questions, e-mail [beautification@elmgrovewi.org](mailto:beautification@elmgrovewi.org).



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# Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove / [npalmer@elmgroveti.org](mailto:npalmer@elmgroveti.org)

On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, (5-31-22) residents are invited to gather in Village Park and celebrate Elm Grove Zip Code Day. The Beer Garden will be open, there will be food, music, activities for children and adults.

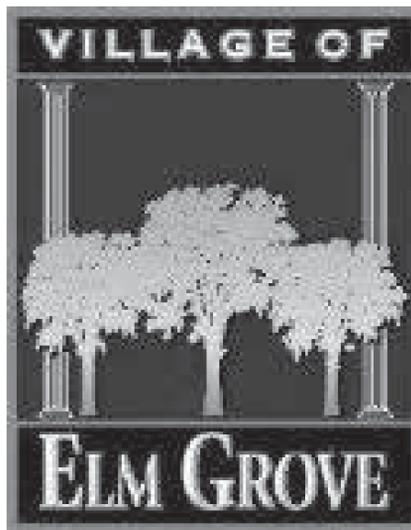
Village residents are in for a nice surprise when the Swimming Pool opens on Saturday, June 4th. The changing rooms and restrooms have new partitions, new lighting, new flooring, and benches. New showers, along with “No Touch” soap dispensers, hand dryers and flushers have been installed. Power washing, steam cleaning of all interior surfaces along with fresh paint brightens all areas of the building.

I am sure everyone has noticed that “road construction season” is in full swing in Wisconsin now, and in Elm Grove we will be paving Watertown Plank Road from Highland to Pilgrim and paving a new pathway along the east side of Elm Grove Road between Watertown Plank Road and Juneau Boulevard. Patching of roads will also be performed in numerous areas.

Many Village residents have joined the “No Mow May” effort to support pollinators. Allowing all or part of your yard to grow and remain herbicide, pesticide, and fertilizer free will provide food sources for early emerging bee species. Typical lawn floral species, including importantly dandelions, can help feed the more than 30 bee species present in our area and other arthropods. For those who aren’t fond of bugs please remember that these pollinators are themselves a critical food source for young songbirds. Lack of habitat providing food, impacts of insecticides and cats are the leading causes of the huge decline in bird species.

The Village Board held a productive Committee of the Whole meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status of proposed projects and issues.

- New Trustees were briefed on plans to “Daylight Underwood Creek” through the Park & Shop area to complete the Flood Control Project begun in 2005. The Village has received \$500,000 in grants and continues to apply for additional grants. Most recent estimates anticipate costs of about \$4.5 million. Current plans assume the start of construction in 2023 and completion in 2024. In addition to seeking additional grants, state and federal permits are needed.
- The Board members also discussed options to improve the state of Village roads. Current plans endorsed by the Public Works Committee outline \$10 million in road work over the next 10 years.
- President Palmer outlined a proposal to form an Ad Hoc Committee on EMS and Fire Service to evaluate options on how to continue providing these critical services. All Board members spoke of the importance of this effort.
- The Board also discussed how the requirement to hold referendum elections for any public works project expenditure of \$1million or more. All public works projects go through a process of review which includes early cost estimates and initial design. If the Village Board decides to continue to move a project forward more specific engineering and pricing are developed. The variance in



pricing makes it important to recognize that possible need for a referendum. A possible referendum itself has its own schedule needed to draft and approve referendum language and the required 75-day notice to the County for ballot preparation. In addition, the Board recognized the importance of providing resources and time to inform residents of the proposed referendum projects.

Mandel Development reports that work is proceeding to develop construction plans, contractor bid packages, and financing for redevelopment of the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus. Notre Dame Hall and Maria Hall will be restored and preserved, and demolition of the other “newer” buildings is projected to begin in early Fall of 2022 with construction of new buildings following.

The Village Board unanimously supported a proclamation to celebrate National Pollinator Week during June 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Proclamation recognizes the importance of all pollinators in maintaining healthy and biodiverse ecosystems. The Village seeks manage Village lands and habitats in a sustainable manner and to encourage property owners to do the same.

The Proclamation, dated and signed May 23, 2022, states:

“WHEREAS, pollinators such as thousands of species of bees, are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Elm Grove manages parks, public landscaping and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Elm Grove provides recommendations to developers and residents regarding landscaping to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neil Palmer, Village President of Elm Grove, do hereby proclaim the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022 as our Village’s observance of National Pollinator Week, and, as Elm Grove is an affiliate of Bee City USA, so urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

# Business & Club Directory

## \* Community Organizations



Kiwanis – Golden K of Elm Grove, Wisconsin

Come Join Us, Men & Women, to serve the children of our community. We meet each Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary’s Senior Center in Elm Grove. We have wonderful speakers each week, and we have lots of fun.

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# Our History:

*Remembrances of Things Past*



Photo by Stephen K. Hauser

A Soo Line caboose parked in Elm Grove more than a decade ago.

## WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

This “Whatzzit?” will be easy for many readers to quickly identify, but might be a bit more difficult for some younger folks who are not model railroad buffs. It’s a Soo Line caboose, parked on the railroad siding that once crossed the entrance to the Elm Grove Public Works yards and dump at the end of Wall Street.

At once time, a caboose would announce the end of nearly every freight train as it passed. It served as a rolling work station for railroad crews and also could transport company personnel to a work site. There were about 35,000 of them rolling down American rails in the 1920s and 1930s, and about 20,000 were still in use in 1970. By the early 1990s, however, people began to notice that fewer freight trains still included them. As older cabooses were retired, the cost of constructing new ones had risen to about \$80,000 apiece.

In a time of changing technology, railroads determined that maintaining a “rolling work station” was no longer

necessary for their employees. So, as a cost-saving measure, the old railroad caboose was to be phased out. Nowadays, outside of railroad museums, a caboose is seldom seen in action on the tracks.

As for the Soo Line railroad, the company, founded in 1961, was absorbed as a subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway in 1990. The remaining functional Soo Line rolling stock was systematically repainted, replacing the old Soo Line red-and-white colors with the CO logo and paint scheme. Older cars were sold off or sent to the scrap heap.

The photo shown above was taken during the summer of 2009 as a work crew was engaged in removing the siding and crossing. The caboose was employed as a work station for the project. By that fall, both the Caboose and the siding were gone.

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



(NOTE: This story, submitted by area historian Tom Ramstack, appeared in the *Prescott Journal-Miner* on November 25, 1914.)

## WORLD-FAMED DAIRY WOMAN IN PRESCOTT

Stops to Visit Sister en route to take Charge at San Francisco

Mrs. Adda F. Howie is in Prescott, Arizona. Who is Mrs. Howie did you ask? In answer to which question it may be said she is one of the most famous women in the United States—one about whom more has been written and printed in this and foreign countries than about any other woman now living and who is engaged in an industrial pursuit for the benefit of the country and humanity in general. And so, it is noted that she has been talked about on both sides of the Atlantic, and pictures of herself and some of her famous Jerseys have been published on both sides of the Atlantic and pictures have been published in most leading publications of this country and England. And this is not in vain, for she is now en route to the San Francisco Panama Exposition under the auspices of the International Congress of farm women.

### Remarkable History

Mrs. Adda F. Howie, of Elm Grove, Wisconsin, owner of the world-famous “Sunny Peak Farm,” where she has some of the finest bred and most costly Jersey cattle in all the round world. She has traveled all over the world. She has won her medal as a result of practical experience and is known throughout the world as the breeder and importer from the Jersey islands of blue-



Photo courtesy: Tom Ramstack

Adda F. Howie, “America’s Outstanding Woman Farmer”

ribbon Jersey stock. On her dairy farm, she has a herd of eighty-four head bred on her farm. She owns additional dairy stock, purchased with prize money earned at state fairs and by writing on agricultural topics, which have no equal in the entire United States.

# News Briefs

## PPMS Student Wins Top Honors in NCSC’s 2022 Civics Education Essay Contest

(WILLIAMSBURG, VA) -- Kelsey Raddemann, a seventh grader at Pilgrim Park Middle School, took top honors in the National Center for State Courts’ (NCSC) 2022 Civics Education Essay Contest.

In explaining which amendment in the U.S. Constitution has had the most impact in people’s lives, an overwhelming number of students cited the First Amendment – with the 13th Amendment as a popular choice among younger contestants.

“NCSC’s Civics Education Essay Contest is designed to encourage students to really think about the importance of our system of government and the framework on which it was founded,” said NCSC President Mary C. McQueen.

Students from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 19 countries participated in this year’s contest. Essays were judged on creativity, accuracy, length and grammar. The nine winners will receive cash prizes totaling \$3,000.

Essays were judged by a team of NCSC staff and a finalist panel including NCSC Board Chair and Rhode Island Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell and Mason Farr of the Ohio Supreme Court’s Civic Education Section and recipient of the 2021 Sandra Day O’Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Education.

(See Young Writers – Page 9)

## Elm Grove Girl Wins Music Awards

(ELM GROVE) Tess Hansen, a Pilgrim Park Middle School (PPMS) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student and Elm Grove resident received a First (1) rating on a Class A Music Theatre Solo and a First (1) rating on a Class A Classical Soprano Solo at the Wisconsin School Music Association’s State Solo and Ensemble Festival, held April 30, 2022 at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Miss Hansen earned entry to the State Competition after receiving the required starred first place score at the regional festival held in March at PPMS.

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Elm Grove Community Foundation

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## NEW at the Community Foundation

### Foundation Board Elects New Members

The Elm Grove Community Foundation (EGCF) is proud to introduce the recently elected members of the board.

Jeremy Doering

John Pentler

Bill Perrone

### Tunes on Tuesday

The EGCF underwrites activities throughout the village that enhance the quality of life for residents. One such activity is Tunes on Tuesdays. Join other residents throughout the summer on select Tuesday nights in the park to hear great local bands. The first band, Andrea and the Mods, is scheduled to play June 14 beginning at 6:30 pm. Admission is free.

### Hanging Baskets

Each summer, the EGCF provides funds for the hanging flower baskets that adorn the streetlights in the village center. We are always looking for ways to make Elm Grove a great place to live and work. If you have an idea that will benefit Elm Grove and its residents, please let us know at [elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org](mailto:elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org).

**Oktoberfest - Village Park - September 16 & 17, 2022**

# Calendar of Events – June 2022

## Friday – JUNE 3

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: New Members, “Classification Talks”  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club - Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Melissa Baxter, “Waukesha County Community Foundation”.  
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## Saturday – JUNE 4

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**  
Plant Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Park & Shop lot, downtown Elm Grove.

## Wednesday – JUNE 8

• **Dementia Friendly Elmbrook** offers Purple Lily Friendship Café from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church. Area individuals with dementia and their care partners are invited to attend this no-cost activity featuring story-telling, songs, crafts, and many other engaging activities. For more information or to register, call or text Nancy Shea at (262) 617-7152 or e-mail: [Dementiafriendlyelmbrook@gmail.com](mailto:Dementiafriendlyelmbrook@gmail.com).

## Friday – JUNE 10

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Larry D’Attilio, “TBA”. <http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club - Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Detective David J. Voigt, “ID Theft and Scams”.  
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• **Friday Flicks: “Encanto”** – 8:30 to 10 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion. FREE.

## Monday – JUNE 13

• **Birders of the Grove**  
Meeting – 9 a.m. at Village Hall. (See story – Page 7.)

## Tuesday – JUNE 14 FLAG DAY



• **Blood Drive at Tonawanda Elementary, Elm Grove,** 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. (See story – Page 7.)

• **School District of Elmbrook – Board of Education meeting:** 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Office – Board Room 100; 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Open to the Public. Livestream: [www.elmbrookschoools.org](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org). (262) 781-3030.

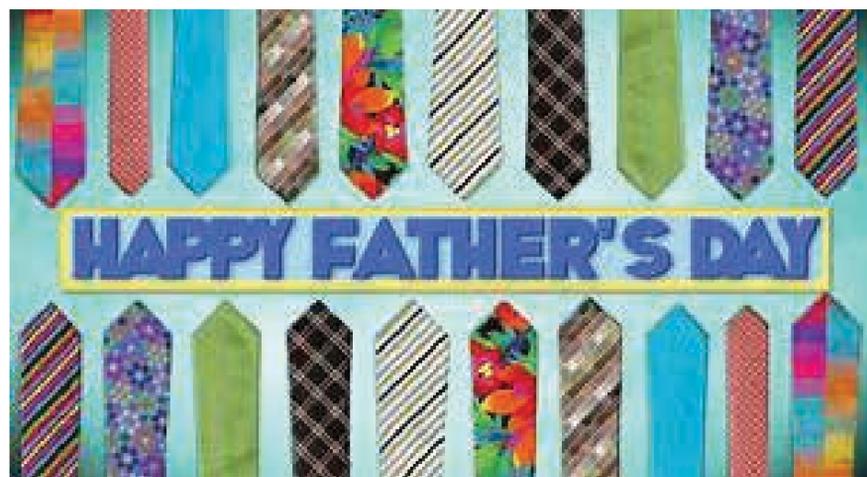
• **“Tunes on Tuesday”:** “Andrea & the Mods” at Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion – 6:30 to 9 p.m. FREE.

## Friday – JUNE 17

\* **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Dr. Richard Barnhouse, “WCTC”.  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

\* **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club - Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Col. Gary Otto and Bob Vajgrt, “Commemorative Air Force, Wisconsin Wing”.  
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# Poetry



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China cup and saucer in Rose pattern.

## Roses For You

By Joanne Clauser

Delicate vines  
connect striking pink roses.  
A fine line of silver  
graces each cup, saucer, and plate boarder.  
My beautiful set of bone china for twelve,  
doesn't fit today's world.  
A set of six cups, saucers, and dessert plates  
are plenty,  
as I only entertain groups of four or six  
any longer.  
Time to let my roses grace  
another's table.



## Tuesday – JUNE 21

### FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

## Friday – JUNE 24

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Jennifer Demar, “NGO Guatemala Service Project”.  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club - Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Bonnie Byrd, “Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum”.  
[kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

• **Friday Flicks “Sing 2”** at Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion – 8:30 to 10 p.m. FREE.

## Monday – JUNE 27

• **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**  
Meeting: 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall Courtroom; Agenda and Live Stream: [www.elmgrovetri.org](http://www.elmgrovetri.org). (262) 782-6700.

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# News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Woman's Club

**SENIOR ART SCHOLARSHIP:** Acrylic paintings by **Hannah Ding**: "Without Air" (at left) and "Look Alive".



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Woman's Club

**ART GRANT:** Artwork by **Justyn Anderson**: a "self-portrait" pen and ink drawing (at left) and an acrylic painting on canvas, entitled "In the Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue."

## EGWC Art Scholarships Announced

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

Local art enthusiasts gathered at the Elm Grove Woman's Club (EGWC) on Saturday, May 21 to attend "Springtime in the Grove" and view the artwork of 50 students representing Brookfield East High School, Brookfield Central High School, and Brookfield Academy during the Club's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Scholarship Competition.

Selected as the recipient of the \$2,000 EGWC's Senior Art Scholarship was **Hannah Ding**, a senior at Brookfield Academy. **Justyn Anderson**, a student at Brookfield Academy, received the "Grades 9-11 Art Grant" prize of \$500.

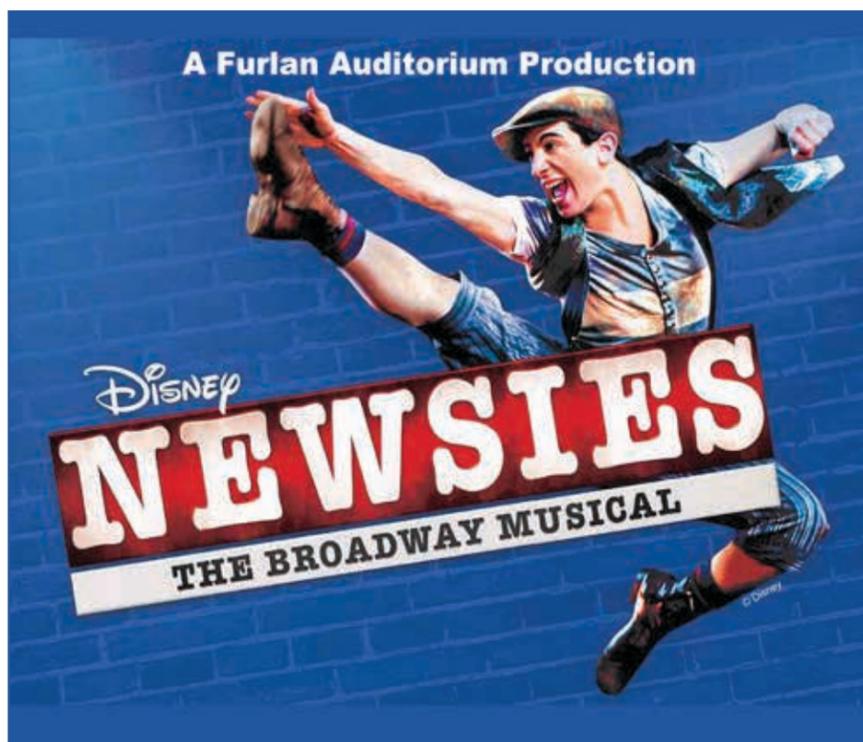
Those attending the event were encouraged to vote for their favorite art piece and following a tabulation of ballots a special "People's Choice" award of \$300, sponsored by Club member **Melissa Musante**, was presented to Brookfield Academy 10<sup>th</sup> grade student **Riya Vijayapal** of Brookfield. When asked, "Why create paper mache-painted donuts?" Riya replied, "I like donuts!"

**Janet Day** and **Sue Mayhew** served as co-chairs for this popular and always well-attended community event.



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

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:** **Riya Vijayapal** displays her entry "Donuts" (newspaper, paper mache, acrylic paint).



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

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# News Briefs

## Elm Grove Birdathon --Birders of the Grove Recap

By Karen Lloyd

The “Birders of the Grove” met on Saturday morning, May 14, 2022, for the second annual Birdathon celebration at Elm Grove Village Park. Participants checked in at our station set up by the group of bird feeders outside the library entrance. Bird species check lists were provided to the walkers, as well as additional information about our “High Flyer” Bird City efforts in Elm Grove. We had a raffle for participants with a cottage style bird feeder as the prize – our excited winner was a nine-year-old village resident!

We were very lucky to have ideal spring weather for our bird watching walk. Included in our park sightings were numerous red-winged blackbirds, several yellow warblers, Canada geese, and a red-tailed hawk with a nest high in the trees. Our team participants continued their counts in their own backyards and other venues. Overall, the total number of birds seen by our team was 250, with a species count of 51! Our most notable sightings were a red-eyed vireo, a tiny new sandhill crane with its parents, a scarlet tanager, a ruby-crowned kinglet, 11 Baltimore orioles, 8 ruby throated hummingbirds, an eastern bluebird, and a cedar waxwing.



Our team is delighted to have exceeded our fundraising goal for this event; this will enable us to continue educating village residents about bird protection efforts and provide funding for Bird City projects in our community. Donations can be made through June 15th—50% of all money raised will be returned to support our efforts within the village. Donate here: <https://charity.pledgeit.org/WIBirdathon2022> or by searching 2022 Great Wisconsin Birdathon and choosing our team.

If you are interested in joining our group, the next meeting is scheduled for June 13th at 9 a.m. in the Village Hall Park View room. We hope to see you there!

## Updated Village Directory to be Distributed

(ELM GROVE) Spring brings flowers, gentle breezes, and the newest edition of the Elm Grove Village Directory. Produced and brought to you by the women of the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, the publication is a cooperative effort of members of the Woman’s Club, villagers’ survey responses, and valued local and surrounding area businesses.

Because there have been no changes in the printed version of the village map since 2013, it is suggested that residents continue to refer to the map included in the 2019-2021 edition. New residents may pick up a map at the Village Hall.

This 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the directory is a biennial offering to connect neighbors and promote community.

The Directory cover (at right) features the artwork of Elm Grove resident and EGWC member Kay Noel.



## News’ Hounds & other beloved creatures

### Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Anita Alfaro

Goldie is a very special senior needing HELP! She is looking for a soft, warm place to spend her senior years. Goldie is a 12+ year old beautiful golden color girl that has found herself in a shelter sadly after her owner passed away. She is a quiet girl who was in the home since she was 5 weeks old. Goldie is crate trained, loves her crate and because she was in a home with multiple dogs often was crated often in the past. Don’t let her age fool you, she loves to run and go for walks. She’s also a quiet girl and we haven’t heard a peep out of her yet! She is lonely and sad in the shelter and has had some loose stools as she tries to adjust to all these changes. A full medical work up shows she is healthy. She would do best as an only dog per her previous guardian. Can you help? If interested in Goldie, Call (262) 782-9261 or visit <https://ebhs.org>.



Photo Courtesy Elmbrook Humane Society

Goldie

## Donate Blood at Tonawanda - June 14<sup>th</sup>

By Sarah Wynia-Smith, Communications Chair – Elm Grove Junior Guild

The Elm Grove Junior Guild, in partnership with Tonawanda Elementary and Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin, is hosting a blood drive on June 14<sup>th</sup> in Tonawanda’s new gymnasium at 13605 UNDERWOOD RIVER PKWY, ELM GROVE, WI 53122, with appointments available between 2-7 p.m. Why should you donate blood at our drive? Why, I’ll give you ten great reasons!

1. Currently, due to the pandemic and other disruptions, the United States is under a state of EMERGENCY with blood supplies often having less than a single day’s inventory.
2. Blood and blood products cannot be created or imitated in a lab. Human donors are the ONLY way these lifesaving infusions can happen.
3. A single transplant operation can use more than 50 individual units of blood. This is the equivalent of an entire large-scale blood drive.
4. Cancer patients often get platelet infusions during treatment. Platelets are one of the components derived from a whole blood donation.
5. Trauma patients, birthing mothers, and surgery patients may receive red blood cell transfusions to save their lives in emergency situations. This is one of the three components of a whole blood donation.
6. Burn patients and people with blood clotting disorders can need plasma infusions. This is one of the three components of a whole blood donation.
7. At the start of the donation process, each potential donor receives a health screening



and mini-physical, which can inform you of other health issues you should be aware of.

8. Blood donated with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin is the sole supplier which provides the local blood supply in southeast Wisconsin. Donating with them gives back locally!

9. Knowing one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood products, there is a high likelihood you or a loved one will need a blood product some day. Donating pays this blessing forward to others!

10. All blood donors will get free snacks and warm fuzzies after donation, knowing they have saved up to three lives with their donation!

Appointments are very strongly encouraged. Make an appointment online by visiting <https://bit.ly/ElmGroveJuniorGuild061422> or by scanning the QR code.



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A teacher in Guatemala works at a computer provided by Elmbrook Rotary Club and Rotary International funding.

## Elmbrook Rotary Project Aids School in Guatemala

By Erik Moeser

Elmbrook Rotary Club has sent teams to Guatemala in February of every year since 2012 to work with Common Hope. Common Hope is a St. Paul-based NGO, offering housing, medical, social, and educational services. In 2021 and 2022 the trips were cancelled due to the global pandemic. Because the clients whom Common Hope serves are largely unvaccinated, one way to continue helping has been remotely via Zoom and email.

In 2021 Elmbrook Rotary (assisted by a grant from Rotary International District 6270) provided books, supplemental materials, desks, and supplies for students in the remote village of San Miguel Milpas Altas. The school was experiencing high failure rates. This year the aid was focused on the New Hope community near Guatemala City, founded 21 years ago by Common Hope after a disastrous mudslide.

The school was built five years later. It was a from-the-ground-up effort to create a model to be emulated in other places over the ensuing years. Teachers were provided with six Dell PCs and peripheral equipment, replacing obsolete technology and enabling them to provide enhanced online learning experiences. This will continue until the Ministry of Education in Guatemala authorizes a return to in-person school attendance.

Elmbrook Rotary Club members will again travel to Guatemala in February of 2023 to catch up with onsite work related to the two remotely-provided projects, return to the usual home building, and participate in other program elements to aid families. For information, navigate to the [www.elmbrookrotary.org](http://www.elmbrookrotary.org) website or contact any Elmbrook Rotarian.

## Latin Exam Results

(ELM GROVE) Pilgrim Park Middle School 7th & 8th grade Latinists who performed well on this year's National Latin Exam include:

- \*Maxima cum Laude (Silver Medalist)
  - Lucas Callies (8<sup>th</sup>), Treasure Linton (7<sup>th</sup>)
- \*Magna cum Laude
  - Olivia Buchole (7<sup>th</sup>), Lily Sun (7<sup>th</sup>)
- \*cum Laude
  - Carter Gosnell (7<sup>th</sup>), Ethan Zhang (8<sup>th</sup>)

## Students Win Math Awards

(ELM GROVE) Two Pilgrim Park Middle School students have been recognized for their achievements in math. Amber Li received a 2021-2022 Young Women in Mathematics AMC 10 Certificate, and Lily Sun received a 2021-2022 Young Women in Mathematics AMC 8 Certificate for being top scorers in this year's competition. They will be receiving a Certificate of Excellence for their efforts.

## Waukesha County Announces Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

(WAUKESHA) – Waukesha County will host four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) One-Time Collection events this year in addition to operating three ongoing collection sites. All events and sites are free to Waukesha County residents with proof of residency.

“Keeping dangerous materials and chemicals out of our landfills is important,” said Analiese Smith, Recycling & Solid Waste Supervisor for Waukesha County. “Providing ongoing collection sites and one-time collection events makes it easier for residents to properly dispose of those unwanted household waste items.”

Waukesha County residents can participate in the following one-time collection events with proof of residency from 8 a.m. – Noon:

\*June 4: Brookfield - City Public Works Yard, 19700 Riverview Dr.

\*June 18: Delafield - City Dept. of Public Works, 111 Main St.

\*September 10: Oconomowoc - City Public Works Garage, 630 S. Worthington St.

Residents can also utilize one of the County's ongoing collection sites during their scheduled operating hours with proof of residency. Sites may be closed on and around holidays. Review the holiday schedules at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste).



\*Menomonee Falls: Veolia Environmental Services, W124N9451 Boundary Rd.

\*Waukesha: City Incinerator Building, 900 Sentry Dr.

\*Muskego: North of Emerald Park Landfill, W124 S10391 S. 124 St.

\*\*ACCEPTED ITEMS: Old, unusable chemicals, pesticides, wood preservatives, solvents, oil-based paints, and mercury-containing products.

\*\*NOT ACCEPTED: Latex paint, non-hazardous cleaning materials, motor oil and oil filters.

For more information, visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste).



## Elmbrook Music Students Honored by the Wisconsin School Music Association

(ELM GROVE) On March 12, 2022, nearly seven hundred and fifty Elmbrook music students participated in more than five hundred events at the Wisconsin School Music Association's Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at Pilgrim Park Middle School. From the district festival, one hundred and thirty-one music events qualified to participate in State Solo and Ensemble on April 30th.

The Exemplary Performance Recognition Project expands recognition of outstanding performers at the WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival. State festival adjudicators select the most exceptional performances at each of the festival campuses through a two-step process. Throughout the festival day, adjudicators nominate events for the

award. At the end of the festival day, the adjudicator selects up to two (2) award recipients from the nominated events in their festival site.

Elmbrook Music had 15 exemplary nominations and 8 award recipients. The Exemplary Performance Recipients are:

- \*Aashay Mardiker, Brookfield Central High School - Violin Solo
- \*Arisa Okamoto, Brookfield East High School – Violin Solo
- \*Reina Zhou, et. al., BEHS – String Quartet
- \*Abhinay Reddy, BEHS – Flute Solo
- \*John Tsagalis, BEHS – Eb Alto Saxophone Solo
- \*Benjamin Kim, BCBS – Trumpet Solo
- \*Gabe Coutinho, et. al., BEHS – Brass Quartet
- \*Shreya Girish, BEHS – Flute Solo

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# Young Writers & Reporters

## Every Little Thing

By Mady Kaiser, 4th Grade- Tonawanda

Hey Dad, I appreciate everything you do, even when we are fighting about every little thing. But soon enough we talk, apologize, then laugh. You're my world, and everything I do... I dedicate to you. Deep down when we're having a conflict, I know I love you and we'll apologize about every little thing. No matter the time, no matter the place, I know every little thing will be alright. (DISCLAIMER: ME AND MY DAD DON'T FIGHT, AND THIS IS ONLY A POEM: NOTHING IS TO BE MEANT PERSONALLY.)

## Autumn

By Mila, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Autumn is my best friend  
I love spending time with her  
Autumn is my best friend  
There will never be an end  
Autumn is my best friend  
I care about her  
I like to refer her to kindness  
NEVER UNKINDNESS  
But at the end of the day  
I can't explain how happy I am to have her as my best friend.

## Mila

By Autumn  
4th Grade- Tonawanda

Mila cares when I'm sad,  
She doesn't say anything bad,  
Mila makes a bad day a good day  
She knows how to make me glad,  
Mila makes me laugh, even if I'm sad,  
She's such a great friend,  
She's so rad,  
Mila has a kind heart,  
She's so cool and smart  
She's loyal and kind,  
She's such a awesome friend,  
She's one of my best friends

## Potato

By Dhrupud Dimble  
4th Grade, Tonawanda Elementary

Since summer is coming, I wrote a poem about the life of a potato, since our family is harvesting potatoes this year. Here's how it goes:

I'm a potato, look at me!  
I'm growing right next to the beans.  
Some people think I'm mean,  
But that's not all that I have seen...

One day I was picked, I missed my friends,  
The people took me around the bend.  
I see a ship, what's it gonna send?  
Is my life coming to an END?

I'm loaded on the big, big, ship,  
That building has a giant rip.  
I'm in the factory, a guy just slipped.  
I'm getting sliced into a CHIP!

I'm a chip, I'm in an ad,  
The TV's really starting to lag.  
I'm on a piece of cloth, it looks like a rag.  
I'm getting put inside a BAG!

I'm in a bag, inside a bin.  
I say, "I feel like I'm a fin!"  
The bag opens, light peeks in.  
I'm getting eaten by a HUMAN!

## June

By Asher  
Grade 4 - Tonawanda

June is nice not like mice or lice  
June is great not like bate or being late  
June is kind not like a mean mind.

## Dad

By Tucker Scharer, Tonawanda - 4th Grade

Dad for ever Awesome  
Dad is the best dad ever

## The Past

By Sanjana Singh  
6th Grade – Brookfield Academy

Arya walked up the creaky attic stairs. She looked down and saw her kitchen through the broken trapdoor. Arya wondered how she had missed the door before. Her head poked into the attic while her hand fumbled around for the light switch. She felt something cling to her hand and screamed. Her hand finally found a string and pulled. A single bulb flickered on, revealing cobwebs on her hand. She brushed them off and looked around. She saw old photos, trunks full of clothes, and letters. She looked down and saw one by her feet. She picked it up and read it. It was a page from her mother's childhood diary. Arya sat down on a trunk and spent the rest of her day reading the entries. From that day on, Arya made it her goal to read all the entries. Soon enough, Arya did. Then she started writing her own for the generation yet to come.

## Book: *New From Here* by Kelly Yang

Review by Janavi Wagle, 7th Grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

I like to read diverse books because I enjoy learning about different cultures. I also believe that reading these books is the best way to promote diversity and inclusion from a younger age.

As May was Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month (AAPI), I want to honor all the AAPI authors that wrote books for young readers. Here I share a new book *New From Here*, by Kelly Yang, the author of *Front Desk*, *Three Keys*, and *Room to Dream*.

Ten-year-old Knox Wei-Evans is a Chinese-American boy who is always up to no good. He's a middle child and is constantly annoying his older brother, Bowen, and playing with his younger sister, Lea. In January 2020, when the Covid cases in Hong Kong started to surge, their mother decided that it would be good if they moved to the United States until the virus was gone. However, their American father, a lawyer, is held back at work and can't join them for a while. Bowen, Knox, and Lea are upset that they are leaving a place where they have so

## June

By Brynna Dobbe  
4th Grade - Tonawanda

In June, it is my birthday. I'm really excited because my mom said she might get me a gecko, so I am super excited. I can't wait to have a party with all my best friends. And I am sad to announce that my dog was put down last month, in May. So, I am very sad about her. My mom is working through it and we will help her. I hope she is cheered up by my birthday party. It is also when school is out, so I don't have to worry about school getting in the way and I can have my birthday party on a weekday. I love summer, too. It is time to lounge in the pool. Play outside with friends. Read. And even more than that. I can't wait for my birthday, too because my grandparents come down for my birthday and they live four hours away. I am also really hoping I will be able to see my uncle on my birthday. Ever since the divorce, I barely see him and miss him a lot. I hope everyone else has a great summer, too.

## Summer

By Payton Hall  
4th Grade - Tonawanda

S is for swimming in the sea  
U is for the unforgettable times outside in the sun  
M is for all of memories  
M is also for the music playing on the streets  
E is for the exploring  
R is for the roses

## Celebrating Dad

By Jackson Reuter, 4th Grade -Tonawanda

On June, 19, 2022, we will celebrate my dad. I'll show you why dads are there when you need them. Me and my dad were driving to the championship game against the "Hot Rods," and the "Muck Dogs" (That's the team name). When the game started, I was on third base with sunglasses, and on the first hit of the game, I got hit with a baseball under my nose! It started to bleed, my dad came from the dugout. My dad thought I broke my nose or broke my teeth. But I did not. I just bruised my gum! It hurt so bad I cried so much! And I said to my dad, "Thank you for helping me." He cared for me so much! After the game, we lost. I also said after the game, "Thank you for coaching my team." But, I sat out for six innings, and I pushed through for three innings. Also, after the game we got the second place trophy, and then, I got a milkshake. Now I don't like third base, and sunglasses. This shows dads are the best!

many friends and such fond memories. But their mother is excited to go back to the U.S., where she grew up, went to school, and made memories. She thinks there will be a brighter future in California for her family. Things turn when Knox and his siblings encounter their mother's job loss, racial stereotypes, and Knox's presumed diagnosis of ADHD. The three decide to make a plan called Operation Dad to try and help their father get to the Bay Area. What will happen to the Wei-Evans family? Will they be together? Read this book to find out.

I liked how the author, Kelly Yang, doesn't only talk about how Covid made everything worse but also the racism Asians and Black people were facing. As an Asian-American, I could identify with the characters and the plot of the book.

I would like to say don't judge a book by its cover. Stereotypes, hatred, xenophobia, and racism can ONLY be ENDED through AWARENESS. Let's celebrate our diversity by reading diverse books.

## Fathers

By Teaghan Coffey  
4th Grade -Tonawanda

Fathers are helpful	They're not doubtful.
Fathers are nice	They don't like mice.
Fathers are cool	Mine works at school.
Fathers can cook	But only with a book.

## Summer

By Dylan Blong  
2nd Grade - Tonawanda

I like going to Western Racquet Club. I like going to the pool, playing tennis, eating dinner and seeing friends there. Sometimes I invite friends to come with me and we get ice cream there. My favorite flavor there is bubblegum. I am excited because my cousins are moving here this summer. They will go to a new school next year. I hope they come to Tonawanda. I am so happy summer is here

## Read the work of more Young Writers

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\*EDITOR'S NOTE: This essay received top honors in the National Center for State Courts' 2022 Civics Education Essay Contest. See details – Page 4.

## The Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that had the most impact in people's lives...

By Kelsey Raddemann

7th Grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." I believe that the first Amendment to the U. S. Constitution made the biggest difference in people's lives because change requires conversations, conversation requires open communication, open communication requires free speech. Therefore, I think free speech drives change. For example, over the years it has allowed women to vote and play the same sports as boys. My parents always say there is never a bad idea or question because it creates conversation and conversation creates change and change leads to progress.



## The Book We Wrote

By Jackson Smith & Dhrupud Dimble  
Editors: Teague Malloy & Xavier Richter  
4th Grade - Tonawanda

If you want action and adventure, you should take a look at this preview of "The Adventures of Derek and Jerry: Walkin' Along the Trail." Here's a sneak peek of the book.

Even after the stampede was over, Jerry still thought something was a little off.

When Jerry was picking berries with the rest of the group, he saw a shadow rush past him. He went over to see what it was. Snap! Jerry was bitten by a snake. "Help!" Jerry yelled. After a minute or so, Derek came.

"I was bitten by a snake!" Jerry said, "The venom is pumping through my veins faster than a speeding cheetah!"

"Help!" Derek called, "Jerry's dying!" Ten people came rushing over.

One man said, "If you want to survive, we might need to cut off your thigh."

"Jerry, do you think you're ready for this?" Derek asked.

"I don't know...I think..."

If you want to see more of these previews, you're in luck! This is going to be a series! (This is the second book preview.)

## Portable Pool

By Carson Gaulke, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

I own a portable pool.  
It's just too cool.  
It's such a handy tool.  
But mom said there's 1 rule.  
I can't bring it to school.

## Summer

By Jacob Katula  
4th Grade- Tonawanda

Summer is a time for a splash in the pool  
Summer is a time for ice cream that's cool  
Summer is a time for lots of heat  
Summer is a time for watermelon to eat  
Summer is a time for eggs to hatch  
Summer is a time for a baseball match  
Summer is a time for a hotdog on a bun  
Summer is a time for lots of fun

# Legal Issues

## Estate Planning and Remarriage

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Marriage is a time for celebration. However, in the event of a remarriage, it is imperative that you and your future spouse also focus on the less romantic process of redrafting your estate plans. Wisconsin is a Marital Property state, which means your marriage will affect the ownership of all of your assets, regardless of how the asset is titled. This change in ownership will affect not only the division of your assets in the event of a divorce, but also the distribution of your assets upon your death. In many instances it will result in a distribution that is substantially different from what you intended.

You and your future spouse's respective financial situations and family situations are most likely more complex than when you first married. You probably have more assets and one or both of you may have children from previous relationships. It may, therefore, be in both parties' interest to execute a prenuptial agreement. In deciding whether or not a prenuptial agreement is appropriate, you and your future spouse should address the following issues:

1. How do the two of you plan to share, or not share, your income and expenses? Do either of you have any significant liabilities

for which the other should not be held liable? Health care costs and the cost of long-term care should be a significant part of this discussion.

2. In the event of a divorce, how do you want your assets divided? Do either of you have strong feelings about keeping any assets as your "individual" property in the event of a divorce?

3. In the event of your death, how do you want your property to be divided between your surviving spouse and your children? Do you want the majority, if not all, of the assets going to your surviving spouse? Or do you want your children or other family members receiving a significant share? These are the most significant issues that must be addressed and are also the factors which will determine whether or not a prenuptial agreement is needed. Once these issues have been addressed and, if necessary, a prenuptial agreement has been signed, the rest of your estate planning documents, (Wills, Revocable Trusts, Powers of Attorney, etc.) should be updated to reflect both your decisions and your new marriage.

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# Young Writers (Continued from Page 9)

## Summer

By Elliot Dworak  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Tonawanda Elementary School

I go to a pool that keeps me cool. I play at the park and hear dogs bark. Summer

## June

By Satvik R., 4th Grade - Tonawanda

June is the start of summer. June is very hot. June is the time to be outside. June is the time to go to the waterpark. June is time for vacation. June is the first month of summer. June is very sunny. June is the time to spend time with family. June feels like you melt. June is the time to have a water gun flight. June is rainy. June has no school. June is the time to have a break from the cold weather. June has all the farmer markets opened. June is the perfect weather for sports. June is the time for camping.

## The Story of Gatorade

A True Story  
By Freya Hossain, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Everyone probably has heard of Gatorade, right? You may even drink it. I'm about to tell you a story on the real way Gatorade was created.

October 2, 1965, A team of scientists gathered around and spoke. "How will we help the Gators win this game?" asked one scientist. "We will make a drink to help the Florida Gators. It will be called Gatorade." another scientist said. They all got to work. They used a mixture of water, sodium, sugar, potassium, phosphate, and lemon juice.

After days of working, the scientist had the right stuff to help the Gators. It was the day of the game. They put 90 bottles in the van and left for the game.

They then arrived at the stadium. Crowds cheered. They went towards a room where the players sat and waited.

"Hello, why are you here?" asked a player. "We're here to give you this," said the scientist. They brought the bottles in the room. "Enjoy!"

A player took a sip and had a big grin on his face, "Start selling these! They're amazing!" Ever since that day, Gatorade was a success!

# Coloring for Kids (and Adults)!



# News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

**Megan McCarty** (at left) and **Natalie Cartwright** were awarded National Merit Scholarships.

## National Merit Award Recipients Announced

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that seniors **Natalie Cartwright** and **Megan McCarty** have each been awarded National Merit Scholarships of \$2,500. Cartwright of Menomonee Falls has plans to attend Georgetown University and McCarty of Hartland plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

About 1.5 million students entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. From the approximately 16,000

Semifinalists, about 15,000 advanced to the Finalist level, and of those, approximately 7,500 winners earn one of three types of National Merit Scholarships. Awards are based on academic skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Both Cartwright and McCarty began their educational journeys in Brookfield Academy's Primary School. One hundred percent of Brookfield Academy students go on to college or university.

## Brookfield Academy Holds 2022 Graduation

(BROOKFIELD) On Sunday, May 15, 85 students received their diplomas from Brookfield Academy. The class received \$24 million in college scholarships. **Emma Canga**, of Brookfield, was the Valedictorian and **Natalie Cartwright**, of Menomonee Falls, was the Salutatorian. Entrepreneur and author, **Mr. Michael Malatesta** gave the commencement address.



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**Emma Canga** speaks during the graduation ceremony at Brookfield Academy.



# Our Village

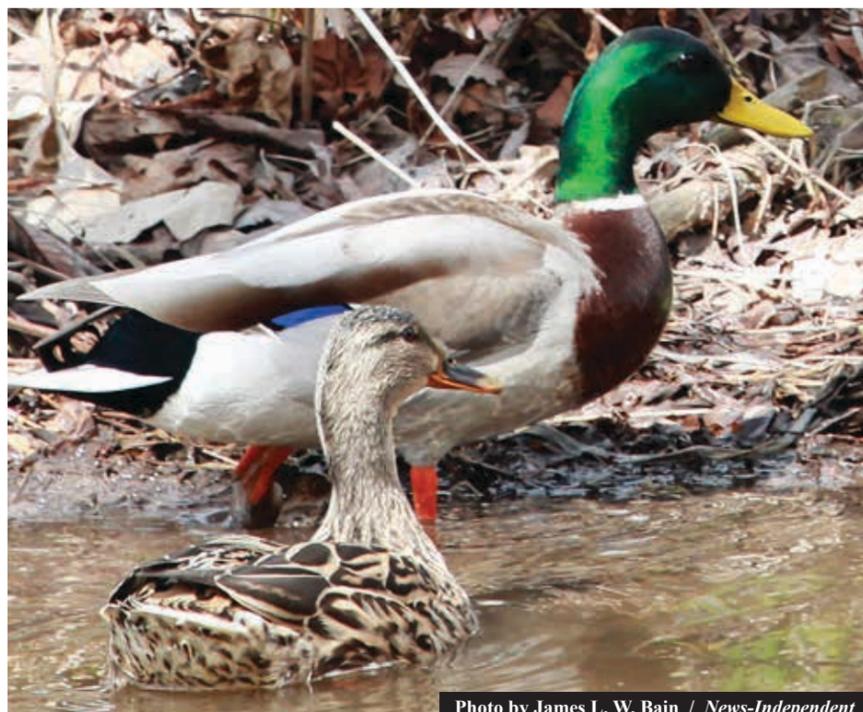


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Mr. and Mrs. Mallard build a nest in Elm Grove.

# Read All About It!

**ELM GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY** Library News and Programs  
**June 2022**  
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### Cold War Wisconsin / Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.

Discover why Joseph Stalin's daughter lived her final days in Wisconsin, why nuclear missiles were on alert in Milwaukee, how a tiny cargo ship from Kewaunee is still captive in North Korea, and other Badger State tales of the Cold War era during this presentation by Chris Sturdevant, author of *Cold War Wisconsin*. Free to attend. No registration needed.



### Georgia O'Keeffe: Matron Saint of the Brush Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.



Called the "Southwest's Matron Saint of the Brush," O'Keeffe devoted her life and her art to "distilling in form and color the essence of the world she saw." Her signature style was "abstracting from nature,"

monumentalizing "something small in the interest of surprising viewers into taking time to look at it." Alfred Steiglitz, her mentor, impresario, and eventual husband, recognized that she was doing something never been done in American art before. Upon seeing her charcoal "Specials" for the first time, he proclaimed, "Finally a woman on paper!"

This 90 minute program will survey the life and works of an American master, from early life in Wisconsin through her formative years in New Mexico, and her prevailing legacy as one of the most significant artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Presented by Professor Karri Fritz-Klaus. Free to attend. No registration required.

### Oceans of Possibilities: Youth Summer Library Program / June 13 – August 13



Get ready to explore this summer with reading and fun at the Elm Grove Library! Join us for kids' events nearly every week, featuring magic, animals, storytelling and more! There are also family story times on Friday mornings, and many other activities.

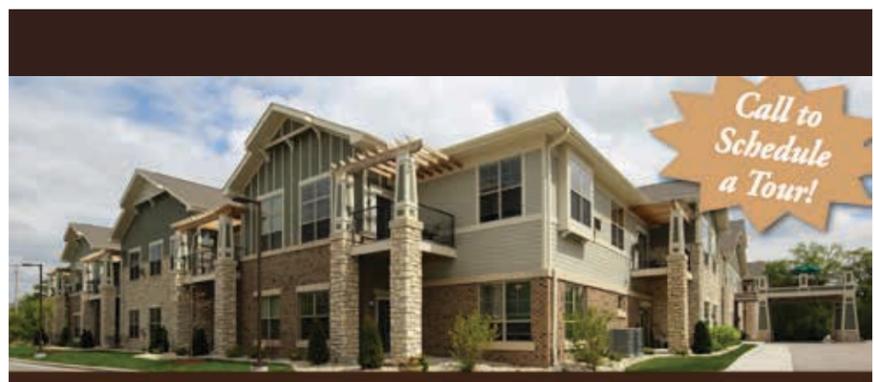
In addition to the excitement at the library, there will be an interactive, online summer reading program (with prizes). Get the full lineup of happenings at

[elmgrovelibrary.org](http://elmgrovelibrary.org) or pick up a schedule at the library.

*"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! –*

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