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Megan Gray

Tonawanda Welcomes Its 1st Associate Principal

The School District of Elmbrook's Board of Education announced the hiring of **Megan Gray** as Associate Principal of Elm Grove's Tonawanda Elementary School during its regular board meeting on May 9.

"We are so excited to have Megan transition to this new role of Associate Principal," said Principal, **Kristin Olson**. "Megan has served our students and staff as a Teaching and Learning Specialist for the past two years, and expanding her leadership influence in our school will allow her to make an even greater impact."

"I am very honored to be the first Associate Principal at Tonawanda Elementary," said Gray. "Tonawanda is a special school community where staff and families work together to educate and inspire our learners, and it has been a privilege to serve as an instructional coach these past two years."

Prior to Tonawanda, Gray served as a classroom teacher at Dixon Elementary for four years, and before that taught for five years in neighboring districts.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGNi

Shawn Hillmann

Board of Trustees Appoints New Member

Shawn Hillmann, an attorney and Village resident since 2004, was chosen from a field of 7 candidates (by a final ballot vote of 4-2) to fill the seat formerly occupied by Village President **Jim Koleski** during a Special Board of Trustees meeting on May 22. The appointment will expire in April 2024, the end of the regular term of office.

Reacting to the announcement of his selection, Hillmann noted that he was "Honored, really appreciative. Grateful. I really want to do a great job (as Trustee)." He can be contacted at shillmann@elmgrovewi.org.

Board of Trustees meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall court room. See www.elmgrovewi.org for agendas.



Photo courtesy: Jon Kloth

Jon W. Kloth

Q&A with Our New Elm Grove Postmaster

• When were you appointed to the position of Elm Grove Postmaster?

KLOTH: "I officially was given the title of Postmaster of the Elm Grove Post Office on April 22nd, 2023."

• What is your community of residence?

KLOTH: "Born and raised on the south side of Milwaukee. I have been living in Franklin for the last 3 years."

• Education / training

KLOTH: "Graduated from Milwaukee Hamilton High School in 1996. Graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 2007. I majored in philosophy while at UWM."

• Why did you decide to pursue a career with the USPS?

KLOTH: "I taught English to kindergarten/elementary students in Seoul, South Korea from June 2010 to of March 2017. I was hoping my education experience in South Korea would help me land a career in higher education,

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Tailgate Trivia returns to EGWC this summer. Grab your friends and mark your calendars for **June 15, July 13 & August 24** in the Parking Lot of **The Elm Grove Woman's Club**. Parking lot opens at 6 pm and trivia starts at 7. Team sign up and event information can be found at www.egwc.org

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Governor Evers congratulates U.S. Presidential Scholar Ananya Bhatt.

Governor Tony Evers Speaks to Government Students at Brookfield Central

(BROOKFIELD)- Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers visited Brookfield Central High School on May 15, to speak with 100 students and teachers from various Government classes about his career pathway to becoming Governor and his primary roles and responsibilities. Governor Evers highlighted his deep connection to K-12 education, first as a student, then science teacher, elementary and high school Principal, and then State Superintendent, which was his first publicly elected office that he held for eleven years.

The Governor described his current position both in terms of daily tasks and briefings, and strategic work with the state legislative bodies and the many departments and agencies across Wisconsin. However, Governor Evers noted that he gains the most energy and insight by listening to people across the state, fulfilling his promise to visit all 72 Wisconsin counties, every year.

Following his brief presentation, Governor Evers responded to several questions students had prepared, ranging from the policies he

was most proud of to how he spends his free time. The Governor's responses gave further insight into his work and the key responsibilities of his position.

Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics teacher Nina Gevelinger, who helped arrange the visit and introduced the Governor to the students, said "While we spend a lot of time in our class learning about the Federal Government, we cannot forget the power and impact of state and local governments on our everyday lives. Governor Evers reinforced the importance of listening to all voices in Wisconsin, choosing to focus on our shared values and what we have in common. It was a great honor to have the Governor address his role in government and answer student questions!"

Governor Evers closed the presentation by offering his personal congratulations to Brookfield Central Senior Ananya Bhatt, who has been named one of three U.S. Presidential Scholars in the State of Wisconsin.

Woman's Club to Hold Tailgate Trivia Events

By Lisa Becker

Now in its fourth year, Tailgate Trivia returns to the Elm Grove Woman's Club this summer. Participants can pack a picnic or grab dinner from the food truck while enjoying a fun night out with friends and family. Each summer since the Covid shutdown, teams have gathered in the EGWC parking lot to test their wits while competing for prizes donated by local businesses. This year's prizes will include some fabulous packages from Third Space Brewing. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams, as well as for "best team name".

There are questions for all levels of players and categories that run the gamut from TV theme songs to archaic jobs. Some examples of past questions include: "What is an aurifaber?" (Answer: a goldsmith), "Which music artist had the most number-one singles on the Billboard Hot 100 - Elvis Presley, Mariah Carey, or Michael Jackson?" (Answer: Mariah Carey), and "What movie featured the famous line, 'Nobody puts Baby in a corner.'" (Answer: Dirty Dancing).

Beverages can be purchased at the on-site bar (no carry-ins please), while food can be brought in or purchased from the food vendor. Past food vendors have included Kettle Range Meats, Catrina Tacos, and Papa Romero's.

This summer's dates are June 15th, July 13th, and August 24th. The parking lot opens up at 6 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, trivia will move inside the EGWC clubhouse. Event details and registration can be found at EGWC.org.



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Village Update

By Jim Koleski, President – Village of Elm Grove / jkoleski@elmgrove.com

Spring has brought changes in your Village Board as three long serving members did not run for re-election. The Village Trustees, residents and Village staff would like to recognize Neil Palmer, Tom Michalski and Katy Cornell for their tireless service. From work on Flood Control to the Splash Pad, their contributions will have an impact for years to come. WELL DONE!

Welcome. Along with re-elected Trustee Kristina Sayas, we welcomed three new Trustees joining the Board. Tom Shepherd and Tom Castile were elected in April and Shawn Hillmann was appointed on May 22nd from a group of seven highly qualified applicants. In addition, the Village received nearly 20 applications from residents to serve on committees. Thanks to all residents for their interest in our community. While the Board was not able to accommodate all requests, committee assignments tried to reflect as many of these interest sheets as possible. As openings occur throughout the year, please continue to express your interest via the website application process.

Recognition. After more than 40 years of service, David Kastenholtz, will be retiring as our fire chief at the end of the month. Please join me and recognize David for his tireless service protecting our Village.

Special Events. The Board approved 5 special events at its April Meeting, the first of which is the Memorial Day Parade and Elm Grove Women’s Club Pancake Breakfast on May 29th. Thanks to committee members for all the hard work organizing this event.

Thanks to the over 40 participants engaged the Riverkeeper spring clean-up who collected over 2,000 pounds of trash along the Underwood creek in celebration of Earth Day. This activity was followed by a review of the environmental impact the creek has on our community. In recognition of Arbor Day on April 29th, festivities honoring the Village’s long-term commitment to the environment occurred. Thank you to the beautification committee for coordinating these activities.

Opportunity to receive e-mail updates. Included in the Spring Recreational Bulletin was an e-mail response form. The Village is collecting e-mails so updates on Village activities and major projects can be forwarded to interested residents. With the many major projects ongoing in the Village, the Board and Staff want to be able to provide short updates sharing progress throughout the year. Please take the time to share your e-mail with the Village to receive these valuable updates by emailing kgehl@elmgrovewi.org.

Speaking of Projects, let’s review several updates including:

***Gebhardt Road reconstruction.** The project and the approach to financing the reconstruction approach was approved after thoughtful discussion. The approach will provide some additional funds to continue to update our roads. After the final contract is negotiated, a timeline will be published. The Project includes a pathway on the south side of Gebhardt from Pilgrim Road to Highland.

***Caroline Heights (Mandel) Construction.** Final site engineering design work, acquisition of third-party financing and completion of the water design are major ongoing activities. Once these are completed, Mandel will acquire the land and begin construction, forecast for the 3rd quarter of 2023. Additionally, Mandel approached the Building Board to approve changes to the approved plan set. After thoughtful discussions with Mandel, including changes to



the original revisions submitted, the amended plans were approved unanimously by the Building Board. The changes ranged from landscape updates, balcony modifications and window material improvements suitable for apartment environments.

***Daylighting of the Underwood Creek.** Design work continues on the rerouting of the Creek as required by the DNR. Appraisals are underway on railroad land and easements required to implement this design. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to extend the TID #2 expiration date by 3 years as permitted by state law and expanded the Project cost to include budget estimates for the daylighting. Amenities like bike paths and other landscaping outside the required creek area have not been finalized. Once successfully approved by residents via a referendum in April, 2024, the project is expected to begin.

Regular Board Meeting. One final update is a change in the Village’s monthly Board meeting. At the staff’s request to provide more time to answer any questions from Trustees, the meeting will be moved to the fourth Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

Business & Club Directory

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ABOUT ‘MR. HUGH’S HISTORY’ --- I hope everyone has been enjoying the recent additions of Mr. Hugh’s History to your monthly reading of the paper! I am Mr. Hugh’s collaborator, **Drew Sternitzky**. I am a seventeen-year resident of the village, and during my time here I had the opportunity to homeschool our two children. They have left to pursue higher education, but the years spent following them down roads of interest also led me to new ones of my own. The varied subjects and interests depicted in the strips were born of those amazing years. If you find yourself enamored with my little cephalopod friend’s sojourns through history and would like to see more, a limited-edition book is available for purchase. It collects his first 176 strips created over the past four years. Contact me at asternitzky@wi.rr.com for details, and check out my work @mrhughshistory on Instagram.

‘Mr. Hugh’s History’ by Drew Sternitzky



Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*



Photo from the collection of Stephen K. Hauser

Elm Grove's A & P Super Market at 13425 Watertown Plank Road on a weekday afternoon in the early 1960s.

WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

While few Village residents are likely to remember the **A & P Super Market** at 13425 Watertown Plank Road, it is certain that many of them have gone shopping at that grocery store. I will explain the seeming contradiction inherent in the above sentence later on in this article, but first a bit of history will serve to place the tale in context.

In 1954, the Elm Grove Park & Shop complex on Watertown Plank Road opened to the public. Its original tenants included **Phillips' Elm Grove Pharmacy, River Park Dry Cleaners, Hettiger's Record and Card Shop, Silverstone's Men's Wear, Richard J. Egerer Interior Designs, Frederick's Beauty Salon, and Dr. Jerry E. Klicka, D.S.S.** At the south end of the Park & Shop property sat an open space that presented a fine retail business opportunity in a rapidly developing commercial district.

The **Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company**, founded in 1859, was in the midst of a post-war state of expansion. Their A & P grocery stores had become the largest and best-known purveyors of food and household items in the United States. In 1950, they operated over 4,500 supermarkets and neighborhood grocery shops. With an eye toward the future, A & P was now busily locating more and more of their stores in the burgeoning suburbs that were growing around most major cities. The Elm Grove Park & Shop was a perfect location for their marketing strategy of reaching young middle-class families of the 1950s. **Douglas Mahr** was hired as the new store manager.

A & P stores specialized in competitive prices and "store label" products such as 8 O'Clock Coffee, one of the tea company's original offerings. (The 8 O'Clock brand still survives today, now available at most major grocers.) When the new Elm Grove

location hosted its grand opening weekend, free coffee and low sale prices welcomed curious Elmbrook customers who were anxious to see the new "Super Market" for themselves. Interestingly, A & P's early advertising boasted that the new store offered "free parking"! This was not a novelty in Elm Grove or Brookfield to be sure, but to many recently relocated ex-urbanites, free parking was still often a pleasant surprise. All shoppers were given a "map" to the new store's layout.

Though well received at first, the new Elm Grove A & P faced very stiff competition from **Food Fair** at 13510 Watertown Plank Road, owned by village resident **Wally Piechura** and his partner **Orville O'Neil**, a former Marquette University track star. Along with their grocery manager **Johnny Reinders**, they spent nearly every work day at their store, reminding village residents that they were "the local boys". (Wally and Orville sold the Food Fair store to Kohl's in 1969.)

After struggling with poor performance in the early 1960s, A & P decided to close their Elm Grove location in 1964. Following a year of extensive remodeling, the store reopened in the spring of 1965 as a **Sentry Store**, operated by the **Godfrey Company**. Its look was significantly upgraded, and now featured the streamlined look and bright, clean colors of the mid-1960s. For decades, it remained a popular place for area residents to shop, and their Saturday afternoon brat fry gatherings in the summer gradually evolved into a weekly village get-together. Once a dominant grocery chain in southeastern Wisconsin, the number of Sentry stores began to decline in the 2000s, and the Elm Grove location announced its closing, and the retirement of manager **Darrell Doll**, in 2006. Nowadays, there are only a very few Sentry stores remaining in the Milwaukee area.

Of course, by now, readers have guessed

that the old A & P store under discussion in this article is better known today as the local **Sendik's Market**. After the closing of the Sentry store, Sendik's began yet another extensive remodeling of the property, bringing it into the 21st century as it reopened in 2007. For the past 16 years, it has continued the nearly 80-year-long tradition of good service and fine food at the same location at the Elm Grove Park & Shop. Its signature red bags have become a familiar sight throughout the village, and the Saturday brat fry tradition continues. Meanwhile, A & P closed its last remaining stores in 2015, ending a legacy of over a century-and-a-half of serving their customers.

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

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Specifically, as an academic advisor at a college or university near or far. I was not able to land a job in higher education so I had to pivot. My mother suggested USPS so I applied in the summer of 2017."

• How long have you worked for the USPS? Which job titles?

KLOTH: "I officially started with the USPS in Oak Creek as a rural carrier in July of 2017. I became a city carrier about a year later, still in Oak Creek. In 2018, I was also given the opportunity to be an acting supervisor. My Postmaster gave me lots of opportunities. I had a chance to be an acting supervisor in South Milwaukee, Germantown, Mukwonago, and Oak Creek. All this experience was extremely valuable. When I finally became a career employee in 2021, I was finally able to apply for official supervisor positions. I quickly

secured a position as the Supervisor of the Cedarburg Post Office. I then became supervisor of the Oak Creek Post Office in 2022. Finally, I was given the opportunity to act as Postmaster of the Elm Grove Post Office in February of this year."

*Special interests

KLOTH: "I love to travel and I'm also super passionate about art."

*What message would you like to give to readers / community members?

KLOTH: "Thank you all for welcoming me to the community. I've met so many wonderful people thus far in my short time here. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues with your mail service or inquiries about parcels. I have amazing, high tech resources here that can help me solve most issues and inquiries."

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Oktoberfest - September 15 & 16, 2023

Calendar of Events – June 2023

Thursday – JUNE 1

- **Elmbrook Garden Club**
Meeting: 6 p.m. at Brookfield Public Library

Friday – JUNE 2

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. at St. Camillus East Tower Conference Room; Speaker: Emin Pamucak, “Bridge to Turkiye Fund”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>
- **Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove–Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Kathryn Leverenz, President - Mathematics Institute of Wisconsin, “Specialized Math Ed for Young People”.
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Saturday – JUNE 3

- **Elm Grove Pool Opens**
Information: (262) 782-6700
- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Plant Sale:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Park & Shop lot, 13435 Watertown Plank Road (See story – Page 6)

Friday – JUNE 9

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. at St. Camillus East Tower Conference Room; Presentation: “Recap of 36th Spikes Engagement”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>
- **Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove–Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Tammy Peterson, Sales Director – New Perspective Senior Living – Waukesha; “Senior Living Options for Assisted and Memory Care Individuals”.
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- **Friday Flicks**
Film: “Minions: The Rise of Gru”; 8:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. FREE. Open to the Public.

Monday – JUNE 12

- **Cruisin’ the Spur – vintage and classic car, truck, and cycle show – 5 p.m.** at the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. FREE & Open to the Public.

Tuesday – JUNE 13

- **Elmbrook School Board**
Meeting: 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 3555 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield. Open to the Public. Agenda, Live Stream, and recordings of meetings:
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- **Tunes on Tuesday**
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Wednesday – JUNE 14 FLAG DAY



Thursday – JUNE 15

- **OWLS – Seniors’ Group**
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Friday – JUNE 16

- **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7 a.m. at St. Camillus East Tower Conference Room; Speaker: Anna Zeck, Executive Director – Wisconsin State Fair Foundation.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>
- **Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove–Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Ben Pliske, Cubmaster Pack 156; “Pack 156, Update of Cub Scout Activities”.
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Sunday – JUNE 18 FATHER’S DAY

Monday – JUNE 19 JUNETEENTH

Wednesday – JUNE 21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

Friday – JUNE 23

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Film: “Lyle, Lyle Crocodile”; 8:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. FREE. Open to the Public.

Monday – JUNE 26

- **Cruisin’ the Spur – vintage and classic car, truck, and cycle show – 5 p.m.** at the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. FREE & Open to the Public.

Tuesday – JUNE 27

- **Tunes on Tuesday**
6:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park, featuring “Baby Blue”. FREE & Open to the Public.
- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Public meeting: 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Agenda and Live Stream:
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Friday – JUNE 30

- **Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove–Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Katy Groh, Executive Director West Suburban YMCA, “An Update on Activities Offered at the West Suburban YMCA”
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Mira Santo Tomas of Brookfield Academy received the EGWC's \$2,000 Senior Art Scholarship.



Matthew Casas of Brookfield Academy received a \$500 Grade 9-11 Art Grant



Brookfield Central student Jennifer Yu was named winner of a \$300 People's Choice Award, sponsored by Melissa Musante of Coldwell Banker Home Sale Realty.

EGWC Holds Annual Art Scholarship Competition

(ELM GROVE) - The Elm Grove Woman's Club (EGWC) celebrated 53 years of the Art Scholarship competition with a wonderful three-day event on April 27-29, 2023. Fifty-four high school students from Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, Brookfield Academy selected two representative pieces of their artwork to be judged. After each student dropped off and displayed their works on Thursday, April 27, the panel of professional judges reviewed the artwork on Friday, April 28 in a private judging forum. The EGWC hosted an Open House on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., so that the public could

view the artwork and vote for the People's Choice Award — one piece of art that they deemed the best in show. This event was started in 1969 to promote and award the talents of local student artists, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in the art world.

If you are interested in supporting the EGWC Art Scholarship Program in the future, please contact **Janet Day** at 414-975-0286 / janetday4@me.com or **Sue Mayhew** at 262-501-2944 / mayhew.sue@gmail.com.



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Plant Sale to Feature 70 Native Varieties

By Anne Stefaniak Spaltholz

If you're looking forward to enhancing or establishing your garden this year, be sure to check out the Elm Grove Beautification Committee Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Village Park & Shop parking lot.

You can choose from 70 varieties of native plants, grasses and herbs. There will be plants for sun, shade, wet and dry conditions. All plants are grown free of neonicotinoids, which are a group of insecticides that are toxic to bees and other insects. Four-inch potted plants will sell for \$6 each.

To help populate our Village's Monarch Map, you will get a free Milkweed plant with a \$10 purchase, while supplies last. Milkweed is a key food source for Monarch butterflies, which have been declining in population so much that it's currently on the candidate waiting list for Endangered Species Act protection. Monarchs are threatened, in part, due to pesticides — including toxic neonicotinoids and herbicides, which are killing off the Milkweed plants they need to survive.

Mosquito dunk tablets also will be for sale for \$3; instructions included. This simple, safe and effective alternative approach targets mosquitos at the larval stage. With this approach, you control mosquitos — and only mosquitos — without the use of harmful insecticides.



Elm Grove Couple Mark 65th Anniversary

Doris and Dennis Kaun are celebrating 65 years of marriage on June 13, 2023. They note: "So much has happened over these years, as well as many changes. The basic change of growing with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren has dominated the growth. For more than 50 years residing in Elm Grove is a highlight in our lives. Having a Blessed Marriage and loving family together with a stable life --- we are grateful for the experience. (We) hope this sharing of being blessed... is meaningful and helpful to others, too!"



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Elm Grove Beautification Committee Chairperson Nicci Sternitzky poses with Wisconsin's Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez during Elm Grove's annual Earth Day / Arbor Day celebration at Village Park on April 29. Rodriguez presented the Village of Elm Grove with a commendation from Governor Tony Evers recognizing Elm Grove as the first municipality in the state to earn the Community Wildlife Habitat certification from the National Wildlife Federation. Criteria for earning the certification is significant and required widespread community support.

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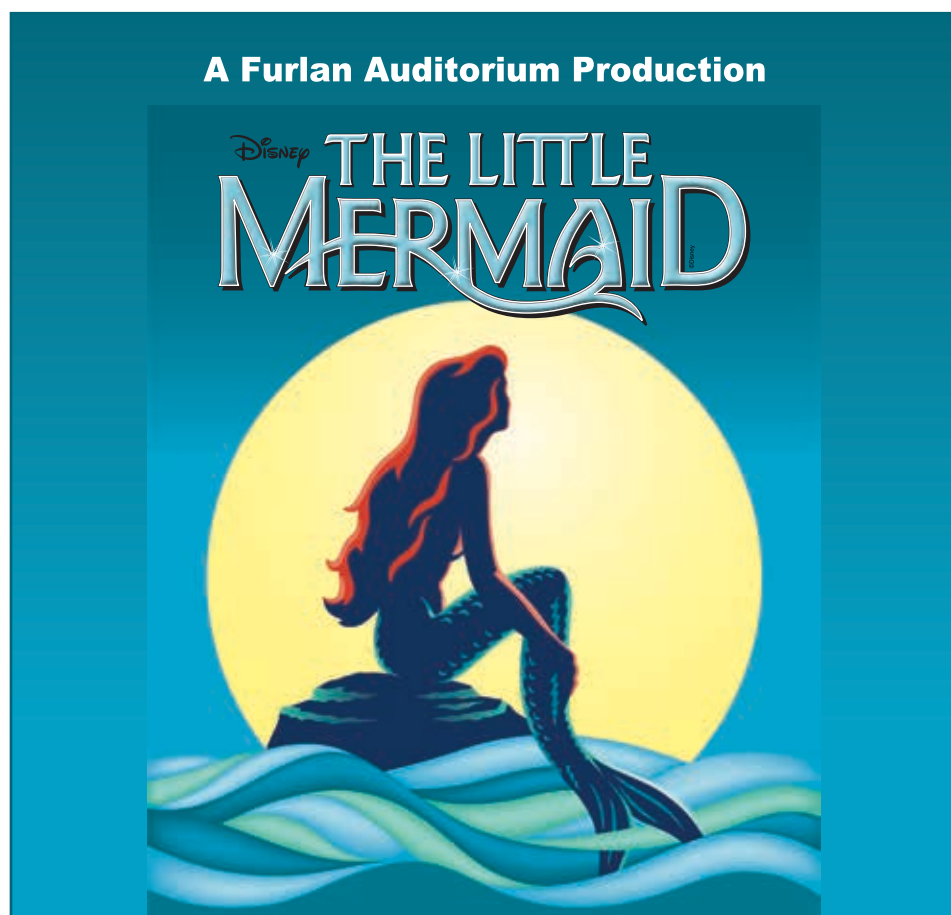
Nepalese community members celebrate the anniversary of Buddha's birth.

Buddha: the Enlightenment

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

Gautama Buddha was born as **Prince Siddhartha** in the year 564 BC in the Himalayan country of Nepal. Prince Siddhartha left the luxury of his palace in search of peace, wisdom and enlightenment. The teachings of Buddhism are more relevant today as it focuses on compassion, inner peace and wisdom. On May 5th, the Nepalese community in Milwaukee celebrated Buddha's birth anniversary (Buddha Jayanti or Buddha Purnima) at Buddha Haksa Temple in Waukesha. This program was successfully completed in collaboration with Milwaukee Nepali Pariwar, Nepali Cultural Program and the Non-Resident Nepali American (NRNA) Wisconsin chapter. This event included information on Buddha's teachings, meditation, donations and lighting candles for fostering world peace. We enjoyed a blissful evening in the beautiful temple.

This was followed by Nepali Cultural Program's special Buddha Jayanti event on May 7th. It included performances based on Buddha's life at Mitchell Park in Brookfield. I played a role in one of the plays as Buddha's wife, **Yashodara** where I learned so much in the process. As a Nepalese American, I take pride in having roots in a country where Gautama Buddha, the messenger of peace was born. As I look at today's world of violence and unrest, I feel there is a need for Buddha's teachings on peace. My favorite 8 values of Buddha are the right thoughts, right understanding, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration, right speech, right action, and right livelihood. I hope that one day, Buddha's teachings will uplift and foster the values of peace, compassion, and wisdom.



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June 2023

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All Together Now: Youth Summer Library Program / Begins June 12

Get ready to explore this summer with reading and fun at the Elm Grove Library! Join us for kids' events nearly every week, with music, stories, snakes, 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 events at elmgrovelibrary.org or pick up a schedule at the library.

Author Event: *Olivia in Five, Seven, Five: Autism In Haiku* / Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.

When author Kathie Giorgio's fourth child was born 21 years ago, she thought it would be an easy journey. After all, she was already the mother of three. She thought she had experienced it all. But she hadn't experienced autism. After trying more traditional methods of dealing with autism, Kathie and her husband set it all aside to focus on their daughter, her needs, her requests, and her way of reaching out. Now an adult, Olivia Giorgio is a Dean's List student completing her senior year of college. She embraces her autism as a unique part of herself.



One April, Kathie challenged herself to write a haiku a day about Olivia and about autism to observe both National Poetry Month and Autism Awareness Month. This book is the result of that challenge. The final poem is by Olivia herself.

Join author and poet Kathie Giorgio and her daughter Olivia for an open discussion about autism, its impact on their relationship, and what it was like working together on this book. The event includes a lesson in how to write a haiku.



Decluttering and Downsizing: You Can't Take It with You / Wednesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Having too much stuff can impede people from relocating or from getting health care into their homes. This engaging presentation explores why "stuff" is so important for some people and teaches practical, easy-to-follow tips on downsizing and decluttering. Learn how to get started! This free workshop is presented by AARP Wisconsin.



Following the Yellow Brick Road: The Life of Judy Garland / Thursday, June 22, 2:30 p.m.

Judy Garland's journey consisted of many steps. Just as her character Dorothy, in real life Garland followed the ups and downs of the yellow brick road on her rise to fame. While Dorothy battled monkeys and a wicked witch to finally reach her heart's desire of returning home, Garland would battle the struggles of stardom in her desire to balance the approval of Hollywood fame with her own everyday life, hopes, and dreams.

Join us as historical presenter Michelle Gibbons discusses the beautiful yet tragic life of Judy Garland, from her rise to worldwide fame as Dorothy Gale, to personal trials and ultimate redemption.

Adult Summer Reading Program / Begins June 12

Postcards are back by popular demand! To participate, visit the library and pick up a postcard (with all new designs for 2023). For every book you read, place a stamp on your postcard (stamps are available at the library). Three stamps equals one entry. There's no entry limit, so read as much as you can!

Post your stamped cards in the prize box of your choice at the library. Entry Deadline is August 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Elm Grove Library. Bon voyage!



News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Snowflakes are beautiful, eye-catching, and unique in their own way. I would say I am just that!

My name is **Snowflake**, and just like my name would indicate I am a uniquely beautiful girl! I am super sweet and loving, and am patiently waiting for my forever home to come and take me with them!

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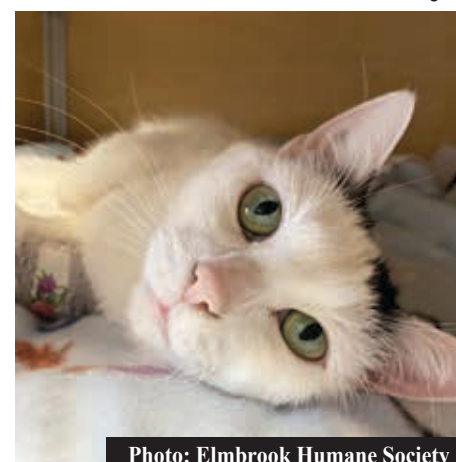


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Snowflake

Young Writers & Reporters

EDITOR'S NOTE: Students in Jenny Walsh's English/Language Arts class at Pilgrim Park Middle School chose a page from a fiction novel, crossed out articles, proper names of humans, all pronouns, overused verbs, adjectives, etc. Then, they reordered or kept in the same spot the remaining words, to create the following **FOUND POEMS**.

The Comfort of the Woods

By Avery Mantei

7th grade - Pilgrim Park Middle School

Morning Lightness
Sun ahead
Muggy wet air
bugs hum, birds sing
drops of dew
crowded vegetation
pushing sinewy branches
branches snapping back
feeling sharp slaps of needles
veer suddenly
more forest ahead
concealed and alone

Gone

By Madelyn Smith, 7th grade - PPMS

hardness ahead fall down
zipping past
life
moments flying past
one moment gone

Over

By James Freres, 7th grade - PPMS

Throw door
van with government plates
shuddered
cavalry come riding
motioned to follow
brother of 17
over

Exploring Space

By Rory Correa, 7th grade - PPMS

Close my eyes
Suddenly fall
hesitates, eyes open,
world wonderfully foreign
Gravity reversed
weightless, suddenly upside-down
immediately unstable, over tilt
fall backward across outer space
Blood rushes, light headed
world remains inverted
Push off a lonely satellite
fall back into a vertical position
migrate forward to asteroid field
stars feel closer,
wanting more

AWESOME!

The Goblin and Cactus

By Trenton Jackson, 3rd Grade-Tonawanda

Once upon a time there was a goblin and his Mom. I am the goblin and if you think I stole the dragon's gold - you are wrong! This is MY SIDE OF THE STORY!

It was just me and my Mom, we lived on a farm right by the lake. We didn't have much, the three things we had were: a house, a cow that gave us milk named Millie and each other. One day Millie stopped giving us milk. My mom told me to sell that cow. Then a few minutes later I met an old man and he said,

"If you give me your cow, I will give you 5 magic beans. You shall plant these beans, if the beans do not grow into a magic cactus, I will give you your cow back."

So, I took the beans. When I got home, I showed my Mom the beans. "YOU SOLD OUR COW FOR BEANS?" she yelled! Then she threw those beans out our window. We went to sleep without any supper. We were officially BROKE!

When I woke up, I saw a cactus blocking my window. I got my backpack and climbed out my window and up that cactus. I climbed and climbed and climbed. When I reached

Whatever I Want

By Clare Kelly

2nd Grade - Tonawanda Elementary

I blew a dandelion that I could have whatever I want. On the first day of school, my brother said "I will give you whatever you want."

I've always been greedy, so of course I asked for... A parade, a fair, a party, donuts, corn, candy, caramel, my own room, a million, gazillion, billion, thousand dollars, a car, popcorn, a sleepover, a playdate, a basketball court, my own mansion, and everything in the whole big wide, huge, ginormous world. So, I got it all. I loved it, for a few days. Then I was bored.

I asked my brother, "what's happening, I'm bored?" He said "I've finally taught you a lesson. Sleep tonight and everything will be back to normal." And it was.

Can too much of a good thing be a bad thing?

Summer!

By Lilly T. Rydze, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Super summer
Unwanted bugs
Make ice cream
Make snow cones
Eat popsicles
Relax!

The Elm Grove Pool

By Elliot Dworak, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

like to go to the pool
it keeps me cool
I go to the park
and hear the dogs bark

Peru

By Miriam Smith, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

There once was a girl named True,
Who dreamt of Peru
One night
She woke up in fright,
Her dream had come true!

Summertime

By Ella Rhode and Kennedy Small

3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Super fun
Unhappy polar bears
Many pools around the world
Many kids having fun
Every kid plays outside
Running around
Time to play
Ice cream
Make snow cones
Everyone has fun

the top, I saw a massive castle on top of the clouds. When I knocked on the door, a dragon came out. "Hello Sir," I said. "I AM A LADY!" shouted the dragon! "Come inside," said the dragon. I went inside and I carried my backpack with me. I set it down next to the gold. Then, a male dragon came out saying, "Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum!" I grabbed a bag of gold, not knowing it was not my backpack. When I climbed down the cactus, I looked inside the bag! "UH, OH!" I said. I showed the gold to my Mom. For a while we had plenty of money. But in the summer, we ran out of money. I said, "I will try my luck again Mom."

When I arrived at the castle, I found my backpack. I grabbed it along with a chicken that lays golden eggs. The chicken kept clucking! The dragon threw a golden harp at me! It landed in my backpack, perfectly! YIKES! I climbed down the cactus, and I learned how to play the harp. People paid to hear me play. My Mom and I grew rich and lived happily ever after. The End!

Moral of the story: Big things come out of small things

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Young Writers & Reporters

Students in grades K-12 are invited to submit items for possible publication in an upcoming edition:

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What I'm Doing this Summer

By Joshua Schultz

4th Grade - St Mary's Visitation School

What are you doing this summer? This summer I am going to do cool things like going to Europe and I will tell you all about it. The first thing I am probably going to do is go to the Elm Grove pool because I like swimming. I have a swim team, so I will also be in the pool from 5-6 p.m. Also, my birthday is in the summer, so I will have a popsicle stand and celebrate it with all of my friends.

In the summer I am going to Europe, and I am going to be on a cruise for nine days. Then, I will be in Naples for a week to be with my Mom's friend who used to live in Wisconsin and moved to Naples. Another thing I'm doing in the summer is tennis lessons and play tennis with my brothers Matt and Jake. My Mom and my Dad are going to play tennis with me, too. That's what I'm going to do this summer; I hope you have a great summer, too.

Piano

By Charlotte Driscoll

4th Grade - St Mary's Visitation School

Do you play piano?
It is very fun.
Do you want to try it?
I recommend you do!

Summer Poem

By Maddie and Cora

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Summer is on its way
Umbrellas put away
Making lots of memories
Melting on hot summer days
Exciting pool days
RJs all day

A Birthday's Here

By Henry Paradis

4th Grade - Tonawanda

In June it all starts, school goes out, summer begins and vacations start. But, have you ever stopped and thought, is there anything else that happens? Well, on June 24 it's a special day, for it's my birthday! We celebrate wherever we are, on vacation or at my house. It's a very special day, you know, celebrating today and every day for birthdays everywhere. **Summer!**

Summer Poem

By Emma and Rosalie

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Swimming
Unforgettable
Memories
Mosquitoes
Enjoy
Road trips

Why You Should Love Ice Cream

By Abigail Balter

4th Grade - Tonawanda

When summer's coming you may want a treat to cool you down. I think if you don't like ice cream you should because it's cold and amazing. In summer ice cream is yummy. You can eat it on a hot day and cool down. There are over **1,000** flavors of ice cream, but here are some of my favorites: chocolate, rocky road, and moose tracks. Ice cream can also be good for you, for example some companies make no sugar or no dairy ice cream. I took a poll, and 12 out of 12 kids like ice cream, so you should too!

Summer Fun

By Caroline and Mia

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Summer is a fun time for all! It is a time when the weather's warm, you get to play outside, and you get to spend time with friends and family! You can wear shorts and dresses and also tank tops. You get to swim and go camping, or go up north to a cabin or a lake house! Also, you can roast marshmallows on a campfire to make smores (which are really good). They are chocolate, graham crackers, and a marshmallow put together in a sandwich. You could have a party and stay up late because no nights are school nights, or you could have a sleepover at someone's house and stay up late telling scary stories! We love summer. We hope you do too, so please try our ideas! We hope you have a good summer full of fun and happiness!

Some of My Favorite Things

By Jacob, 5th Grade - Tonawanda

*Favorite food: I think it'd be pizza. Specifically, cheese pizza.

*What I like to do in my free time: Recently I have been doing some Minecraft Set Seed Speedrunning. When you create a Minecraft world, a seed determines the world generation and structure spawning. I search for a seed, practice it multiple times, and try to beat Minecraft at it as fast as I can.

*Music I like: A certain composer I listen to is YourMCAdmin. He has his own YouTube channel.

*Favorite subject in school: Probably math.

*What I liked about fifth grade this year: It feels like we were doing a lot more field trips and cool opportunities than other years.

Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Vacation Properties

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Whether it is a lake home, a cottage in the woods or hunting land, vacation properties can be the source of your family's best memories. However, if you are lucky enough to own such a property, you need to decide what will happen to it after you die, otherwise it could drive a wedge between your family members.

Begin by determining what your goal is for the property. Do you want it to remain in the family or are you okay with it being sold? If it is to remain in the family, are you willing to transfer full or part ownership of the property during your lifetime, or only after your death? Consult an attorney as to not only what legal steps need to be taken for either option, but also what the tax consequences would be to both you and your children. Lastly, discuss what form of ownership, such as a trust or LLC, would be the best manner for multiple family members to own the property together.

Once you have made some decisions and have the necessary information, have a meaningful discussion with your children. Find out who actually wants the property. What they have to say might surprise you. One or more of your children might enjoy visiting the property now, but may not have interest in it after you are gone. Another may simply live too far away, or may not be in a financial position to take on the taxes, insurance and maintenance of the property.

Lastly, once you decide who will receive the property, you must also decide whether your other children will receive something else from your estate instead. When everything has been addressed and decided, follow through with any necessary legal work. Working through these matters with your family will require effort. However, a successful transition of your vacation property to the next generation will be well worth it.

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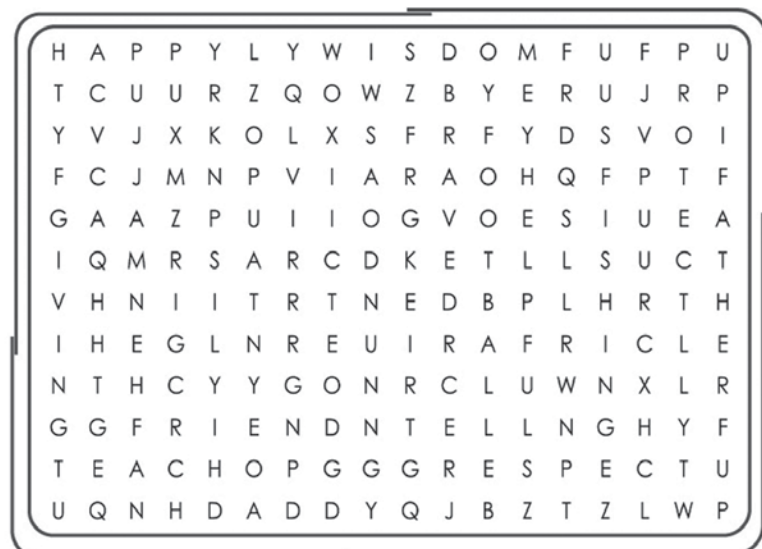
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This is the Cadillac of crypts. Transfer of deed done at Wisconsin Memorial Park. \$21,000 for both. **Contact Mike Huebner at (414) 305-1191.**

Father's Day Word Search



Caring				Strong
Family	Fishing		Provider	Respect
Father	Helpful		Wisdom	Teach
Happy	Picnic		Protect	Football
Parent	Brave		Daddy	Nurture
Friend				Giving

News Briefs

What's in Your Trash?

Elm Grove's First Official Audit Tells the Story

By Molly Salinas

Every week you roll your garbage and recycling outside and magically the bins are emptied, right? Not quite. Garbage collection in Elm Grove is performed by **Johns Disposal**, with a special "up the drive" contract. Each full truck is driven to a larger "compactor" rear-load truck that sits at the Public Works site in Elm Grove. At the end of the day, the larger trash truck takes the trash to the Orchard Ridge landfill in Menomonee Falls. The recycling goes to the Materials Recovery Facility "the MRF" in Milwaukee. Through March of this year, Elm Grove sent 168.47 tons of material to the MRF, and 388.99 tons of garbage to the landfill. These numbers equate to roughly 59 pounds of recycling and 131 pounds of trash per capita for the first three months of the year. Residents pay \$357 per year in annual taxes for garbage and recycling services, which is partly calculated based on the weight of waste brought to the landfill. A group of intrepid Elm Grove residents decided to find out just what makes up all that poundage. Read on for more information about what's in your trash, and to celebrate our friendly Elm Grove garbage collectors!

A trash audit is a formal process of quantifying the various material types placed in the trash being created by a local area. The first annual Elm Grove trash audit took place on April 10th, 2023. The Wisconsin DNR performed a state audit in 2009 and 2020, however Elm Grove is the first municipality to complete their own. By determining the makeup of the trash, the Elm Grove Sustainability Committee hopes to identify actionable ways to decrease trash produced by the village.

Dan Jongetjes, a third-generation owner of Johns Disposal, welcomed 11 volunteers to dig through 1,340 pounds of trash from the Elm Grove collection at the Johns facility located in the Town of Norway in Racine County. Joining the group was State Assemblyman **Tom Michalski**, Village Manager, **Dave DeAngelis**, and area TV crews. Led by Elm Grove resident **Nicci Sternitzky**, each trash bag was opened, and the contents sorted into the following categories: food, clothing, plastic bags, recyclables, yard waste, Styrofoam, batteries, packaging materials, and true trash.

Once all the bags were opened and sorted, each category was weighed. Your trash is 51.2% actual trash. The rest is:

- 20.1% recyclables (paper, plastics #2 and #5, cardboard containers, etc.)
- 18% food waste
- 3.9% plastic bags
- 3.4% clothing (even new with tags!)
- 2.4% yard waste (it has been illegal to throw away yard waste in Wisconsin since 1993)
- 0.9% packaging (think Amazon bubble wrap...)
- 0.3% Styrofoam (mostly from groceries such as a package of ground round)

What now? The newly formed Elm Grove Sustainability committee is looking into targeted ways to decrease the divertible trash. Here are some ways you can help:

- (1) Join the local composting efforts. We have services that will pick up your compost from your home weekly for a small fee.
- (2) Recycle! Recycling with Johns is included in our residential trash pick-up. All recyclables can be put together in a blue bin for pickup. Refer to the Elm Grove Recycling Guide for more information.
- (3) Donate unwanted clothing. Consider mending or upcycling clothing that is not accepted for donation.
- (4) Businesses in the area including Sendik's and Pick & Save recycle plastic bags. Drop them off when it's convenient.
- (5) Consider the packaging included in purchases. Can you buy the item you want with cardboard packaging instead of Styrofoam? Items such as paper egg crates can even be composted!
- (6) Stay alert for yard waste collection dates for all Elm Grove residents! Between pick-up dates, bring your yard waste to the Village Recycle Center at 900 Wall Street.

Many small actions can make a big difference! Commit to making one change a month to decrease your weekly trash. And while you're at it, thank your local garbage collector for the top-notch service they provide.

'Global Garbage Man Day' is June 17th, 2023

Meet the men who serve our community:

Aaron Schulz

- *Hometown: Jefferson
- *Length of service: 6 years
- *Playing in the truck: 102.9, Bob and Brian morning show
- *Favorite food: Any Japanese Steakhouse
- *Favorite trash find: New Robomaster toy
- *Request: Please break down your boxes, bag your garbage, recycle properly, and keep a clear path for us to get to your trash.

José Cortez

- *Hometown: Elkhorn with his wife and kids
- *Length of service: 7 years
- *Playing in the truck: Spanish radio "El bueno, La mala y El feo"
- *Favorite food: Jimmy John's
- *Favorite trash find: Money
- *Request: Please break down your cardboard and bag your garbage. Also, José loves to see your dogs!

Nathan David

- *Hometown: Jefferson, lives with his dogs, and he loves your dogs!
- *Length of service: 10 years
- *Playing in the truck: 102.9
- *Favorite food: Anything, but especially baked goods from the customers.
- *Favorite trash find: All sorts of treasures!
- *Request: Please bag your garbage, recycle properly, and breakdown your cardboard



Greg "Munch" Fairfield

- *Hometown: Jefferson with his wife and kids
- *Length of service: 29 years. Munch really enjoys and appreciates his customers!
- *Playing in the truck: 96.5 or occasionally talk radio
- *Favorite food: Good Friday fish fry, and homemade snack mixes from customers
- *Favorite trash find: The body of a single passenger aluminum hobby plane from a retired navy pilot
- *Request: Please break down your boxes, bag your garbage, and do your part to recycle! We want to give you the best service, so please do your part to help us accomplish that!

News Briefs

Rotary Awards Global Grant Scholarship

(MILWAUKEE)- Rotary International District 6270 is awarding a Global Grant Scholarship in the amount of \$30,000 to **Brigitte N. Potter** of Glendale, Wisconsin. The grant has been approved by The Rotary Foundation with an 80% match of District Designated Funds (DDF) provided by the district.



Brigitte Potter

Ms. Potter will use the grant to obtain a Master of Science degree in International Migration and Public Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom. She intends to focus on the issues surrounding refugees and forced migration. Her Rotary Area of Focus is "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution."

Ms. Potter is a graduate of UW-Milwaukee and has studied abroad at the University of Granada in Spain. She has also worked in refugee camps in Greece and for a maternal health organization in Uganda. In Milwaukee she continues to volunteer among the refugee population. She states, "I'm eager to learn what can be done from a social and political perspective to prevent forced migration at its root and as a result keep people safe within their communities."

Her graduate program is a 12-month program and will end in September 2024. She is married to **Dan Scholz**, also a Milwaukee native, whom she describes as "a wonderfully supportive husband."

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Our Village

New Elm Grove Resident Attends Citizen Police Academy, Serves on Community Foundation Board

By Bill Perrone

I am relatively new to Elm Grove. I wanted to get involved in my new community and was lucky enough to obtain a place in the 2023 Class of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA). I thought it might be interesting. Coming from a larger municipality (with a lot more "problems"), what did I expect? Mayberry RFD, maybe? What I encountered, however, is a very sophisticated police department and a friendly, dedicated, and professional staff.

The CPA is a community relations program designed for citizens to meet the people that serve them and to be educated about the how's and why's of law enforcement.

Through my participation in CPA, I have learned a lot about the community and the men and women who serve it. I rode along in a police squad car on 2 occasions. I sat in the dispatch center. I role-played a police officer in our class on "use of force". I participated in both real and staged traffic stops. I learned how the roads and neighborhoods are protected and policed. And, no, you are not going to be ticketed for going 3-over on Watertown Plank Road - but, please try not to anyway!

I learned that there is a bit more crime in Elm Grove than I would have thought, but there are not the generalized safety issues that exist in other communities. I learned about defense and arrest tactics and evidence gathering. I toured the evidence room and learned how suspected drugs are tested and how the "chain of evidence" is preserved for future court proceedings.

Crime prevention, including home safety tips and ways to avoid identity theft, is also taught and emphasized.



Classes in the CPA are small (16-18 participants), which provides an excellent opportunity to meet and interact with other involved residents of Elm Grove.

All-in-all, my time in the 10-week CPA class was not only interesting, but also most enlightening. I now understand why police officers do what they do when interacting with the public. I know the stress they encounter and how they seem to operate well in spite of it. And, importantly, I am now aware of the amount of paperwork (mountains of it) that they must complete, review and file with respect to each traffic stop, ticket given, arrest made, or other citizen contact.

So far, I enjoy living in Elm Grove. The CPA has provided me with a new and greater appreciation for my new home. It deserves your support - or, at least, your appreciation!

Bill Perrone is a recent Elm Grove transplant and a retired Michigan attorney. He also serves on the Elm Grove Community Foundation Board of Trustees.

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Start time: 11:00am

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Menomonee Falls, WI, 53051
(262) 251-3406

Start time: 12:15pm



Scam SINGO is a fun and nostalgic BINGO-style game which uses Golden Oldie songs to provide education and resources on common scams and fraud.

If you are already registered to attend the dining site, you do not need to RSVP to this event. If you are NOT registered for the dining site this date, but want to participate in this event, please call the dining center between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation. If the dining center is closed, call the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County (ADRC) at (262) 548-7848



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