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Local residents of all ages watch and wave as the Canadian Pacific Kansas City's (CPKC) Steam Locomotive #2816 - The Empress travels through the Village of Elm Grove on May 6, 2024

'Final Spike Anniversary Steam Tour' Excites Train Enthusiasts

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Multiple cargo and passenger trains pass through Elm Grove on a daily basis, but something decidedly unique and special, known as steam Locomotive #2816 "The Empress", sped down the tracks of our community on the afternoon of May 6 on a celebratory trans-national trip which departed Calgary, Alberta, Canada on April 24, travelled through U.S. states including North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, and Texas, and is scheduled to arrive in Mexico City, Mexico, June 7, where it will be on public display.

This once-in-a-lifetime journey celebrates the one-year anniversary of the

history-making combination of 2 iconic railroads Canadian Pacific (founded in 1881) and Kansas City Southern (established in 1887) to create Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), the first and only transnational railway that connects Canada, the U.S., and Mexico.

"On April 14, 2023, we drove a ceremonial Final Spike completing that continental connection. We (are) proudly celebrating that historic railway moment with a tour starring the 2816, honouring our history and looking forward to an exciting future filled with opportunities for our railroaders, customers and communities," noted a CPKC press statement.

Vital Statistics about The Empress

- *Locomotive Number: 2816
- *Class: H1b
- *Builder: Montreal Locomotive Works
- *Date built: December, 1930
- *Last revenue run: May 26, 1960
- *Type: Hudson
- *Wheel arrangement: 4 - 6- 4
- *Tractive effort: 45,300 lb (20,548 kg)
- *Driving wheel diameter: 75 in (190.5 cm)
- *Total operating weight (including tender): 643,000 lb (291,665 kg)
- *Extreme length (including tender): 91 ft 2 in (27.8 metres)
- *Extreme height: 15 ft 3 in (4.6 metres)
- *Original cost: \$116,555
- *Converted from coal to oil: March, 1999

5 Charged with Money Laundering, Bank Fraud, Identity Theft

(ELM GROVE) The following statement was issued by the Elm Grove Police Department on May 23: "An astute bank teller at US Bank, 945 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove and quick responding officers thwarted an interstate fraud and identity scheme involving offenders from 3 states.

On Wednesday, May 22, **Jonathan Aponte**, 29, from New York, **Malik Robison**, 26, and **Jairre Edwards**, 25, both from Michigan, and **Dawson Armstrong**, 21, and **Yoni Bourgeois**, 27, from Milwaukee, were all charged in Waukesha County Circuit Court with Conspiracy to Money Laundering, Party to a Crime of Fraud Against a Financial Institution, and Identity Theft. The charges were the result of unauthorized bank transfers from a victim's account, production of fraudulent IDs, and 4 withdrawals totaling \$15,900.

Their crime spree came to a halt when a US Bank employee, who noticed odd behavior and unusual account history, suspected fraud and contacted police. The suspects fled the scene before officers arrived and Brookfield PD was notified that the suspect vehicle may be traveling in the direction of the Brookfield Square US Bank Branch. Brookfield PD officers located the suspect vehicle and suspects in the Brookfield US Bank lot where all five were taken into custody. Officers recovered the \$15,900 and multiple fake IDs.

Dawson had his initial appearance on May 23. Aponte is being held on \$100,000 cash bail and the remaining three are held on \$50,000 cash bail, awaiting their next court date on June 7th."

The investigation remains active and open and no further details were made available by press time.

See photos of the above suspects - Page 3 & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS - Page 10.

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Elm Grove Resident Appointed to Waukesha County Circuit Court

(MADISON) — Gov. Tony Evers has announced the appointment of **Bridget Schoenborn** to the Waukesha County Circuit Court – Branch 4. The appointment will fill the vacancy being created by **Judge Lloyd V. Carter's** resignation. Schoenborn will complete a term ending July 31, 2025.



Bridget Schoenborn

"Bridget Schoenborn is a respected attorney who brings a breadth and depth of experience to the bench," said Gov. Evers. "She will be an excellent judge for the people of Waukesha County."

Schoenborn began her legal career in 2005 as a judicial law clerk in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. After three years, she joined the United States Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney. During this time, Schoenborn prosecuted complex narcotics cases, crimes of violence, and financial offenses and received numerous awards, including Federal Prosecutor of the Year. In 2020, she became the asset forfeiture chief of the United States Attorney's Office, responsible for civil and criminal asset forfeiture at the state and federal levels. In her role as asset forfeiture chief, she has focused on seizing criminal proceeds involved in cryptocurrency money laundering, drug trafficking, and white-collar crime and restoring funds to victims of crime.

Schoenborn lives in Elm Grove with her family and is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University and the University of Wisconsin Law School. She has served as co-chair of the Criminal Committee

of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, on the State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity Clerkship Selection Committee, and is active in the Elm Grove Woman's Club. She currently serves as secretary of the Elm Grove Police and Fire Commission.

"It is such a great honor to follow Judge Lloyd Carter as the sitting judge in Waukesha County Circuit Court – Branch 4," said Schoenborn. "I am grateful to Gov. Evers for his confidence in me. It has been my privilege to serve the United States, and I am eager to continue my public service as a Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge, where I pledge to support the constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, administer justice fairly and equally, and treat everyone who appears in my courtroom with dignity and respect."

"Cruisin' the SPUR" - June 3rd & 17th

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These informal gatherings, located in the parking lot behind the Silver Spur BBQ, will start at 5 p.m. on alternate Mondays this summer. The June dates are Monday the 3rd and Monday the 17th.

As always, there will be hot food, cold drinks and cool music. And a special attraction at the June 3rd event will be the BUILD MOTO high school team competition finale featuring the Pit Crew Challenge. So, bring your family and friends and enjoy the show.

Birding Backpack Available Soon at E.G. Library

By Lisa Becker

Birding, commonly known as bird watching, is a great low-cost hobby that is accessible to everyone. All you need is curiosity and patience to get started. While a good pair of binoculars isn't a requirement, having binoculars certainly makes spotting birds easier. Also having a guide of local birds can help you identify what you are seeing.



Photo by Jennifer Morris

Beginning birders will soon be able to check out a birding backpack from the Elm Grove Public Library. The birding backpack will include a pair of Vortex Optics Crossfire HD 8x42 binoculars, 2 pairs of BlueCabi 8x21 kids binoculars, a laminated pocket guide of Wisconsin Birds, and a notebook for logging any bird species that are encountered. The backpack was donated to the library by Birders of the Grove using proceeds raised during prior years' participation in the Great Wisconsin Birdathon.

Birders of the Grove is a local group of volunteers that works closely with the Village of Elm Grove to establish and maintain our community status as a Wisconsin Bird City with High Flyer Status and to renew its

Binoculars from the Birding Backpack.

certification annually. Certification is based on the community's effort to improve bird habitats, address threats to birds, engage the community, and promote sustainability. If you would like to support Birders of the Grove's team in this year's Great Wisconsin Birdathon taking place now through June 15th, donations are greatly appreciated, <https://charity.pledgeit.org/t/UuPHdPYEkg>



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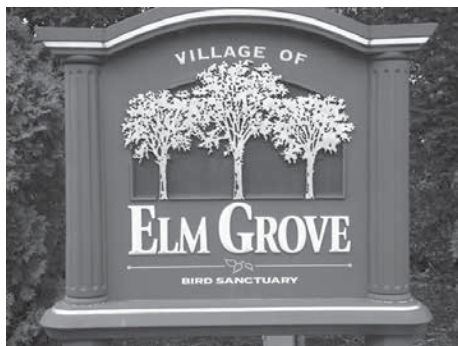
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Village Update

By Jim Koleski, Village President / jkoleski@elmgrovewi.org

Summer has arrived. The longer days are a great time to enjoy a walk or bike ride throughout the village. It is also the time when school is out for summer. Please use extra care and watch for children out on the pathways and around the village whether biking, walking or skateboarding. As we approach an intersection, be aware of pedestrians entering the crosswalks.



Thank You. Many thanks to the Elm Grove Junior Guild for the fantastic Memorial Day Parade. The commitment from all the volunteers was truly amazing. A special thank you to **Don Addams**, the 2024 Grand Marshal, for his service.

Recognition of Volunteers. The Village Board would like to thank and recognize the community members dedicating their time and talents volunteering on the committees required to effectively manage the affairs of the Village. In April, many volunteers extended their commitment for another one to three years, and we are grateful for their input, council and service to the Village. Standing committees, commissions or Boards whose members are a mix of Trustees and residents of the Village include Administration and Personnel, Beautification, Board of Appeals, Building Board, Finance and Licensing, Fire and EMS Futures, Joint Review Board, Legislative, Library, Planning Commission, Fire and Police Commission, Public Safety, Public Works/Utilities and Sustainability.

The Board continues to collect and update residents willing to step forward and volunteer throughout the year, and as openings become available, we reach out to confirm interest. Please see the application form on the Village website.

Monica Hughes Retirement. The Board would like to recognize Monica's twenty-plus years of service to the Village as its Finance Director. Monica has made many significant contributions to the Village which will have a lasting impact. Monica was an excellent resource to lean on and I appreciate her answering my many novice questions about governmental finance. Happy Retirement Monica!

Committee of the Whole May Meeting. The Board met on May 20th as a Committee of the Whole. These meetings are to discuss and give direction to the staff on ongoing activities within the Village in an open meeting format. Agenda items this month included:

***Underwood Creek Daylighting Engineering Update.** **Stantec**, our engineering consultant, updated the Board on progress. An update on the railroad land acquisition and parking lot easements was provided. In addition, discussions were held on further work required including geotechnical and environmental investigations, retaining wall modifications and the impact of the railroad zone of train loading. Several key takeaways and actions were provided to staff and Stantec to advance this project.

***Capital projects to be funded by ARPA Grants.** Staff made recommendations to fund a new phone system to replace a 20-year legacy system, Crosswalk completion, security access to Village Hall and lighting at Village Hall.

***Public Works Project Limit.** Trustees shared their views on the current one-million-dollar limit in place. Factors influencing the discussion were inflation in the last 2 years, possible upcoming water main projects, recent road and pathway quotes, the need for some level of checks and balance and the expectation of the community that Trustees will act in good faith and effectively perform their fiduciary duty. In addition, the Board discussed the desire to have resident input via referendum when significant cash incentives are provided to developers and future Tax Incentive Districts. Staff is researching other communities approaches to this topic and will update the Board.

Major Construction in the Village.
***Caroline Heights Project.** The completion of the water and sewer mains and resident laterals continues. Having walked the area, I know the disruptions and closed streets are challenging. Village staff is actively working to minimize the impact and disruption.

***Culvert Replacement on Highland.** Construction is expected to commence the week of June 10th. It is expected road closures will be required for about 2 weeks, weather cooperating.

***Highland Pathway.** The Pathway construction is in full swing. The base layer of stone has been installed. Pavement to follow after the stone has time to settle. Favorable quotes were received for the 2024 paving needed to address the deteriorating road situation.

Thank you to everyone in advance for their support and patience as this very busy schedule is completed.

Let's welcome summer, fire up the grills and enjoy the warmer weather!



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5 Charged with Financial Crimes (Continued from Page 1)



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Police Department

The mug shots of **Jonathan Aponte, Malik Robinson, Jaire Edwards, Dawson Armstrong, and Yoni Bourgeois**, who were charged in Waukesha County Circuit Court with Conspiracy to Money Laundering, Party to a Crime of Fraud Against a Financial Institution, and Identity Theft.

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MR. HUGH'S HISTORY by Drew Sternitzky asternitzky@wi.rr.com

 <p>THE POET BASHO, JULY 1, 1689, HONSHU AWAITS HIM.</p>	 <p>CAST OFF BELONGINGS, A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, THE WINDS OF FATE PULL.</p>	 <p>SEEKING THE MARROW, A WHITTLEN G DOWN UNTIL, COMPRESSION MAKES PURE.</p>	 <p>ENDORMOUS ESSENCE, REVELING IN EVERYDAY, SEEING SMALL JUGLIME.</p>	 <p>A CHANGE ALWAYS COMES, WITH IT A MELANCHOLY, TURNING WHEN EXPRESSED.</p>	 <p>THERE WE DID BEGIN, CLOISTERED IN THAT WATERFALL, OUR SUMMER DISCIPLINE. ~松尾芭蕉</p>
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Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*

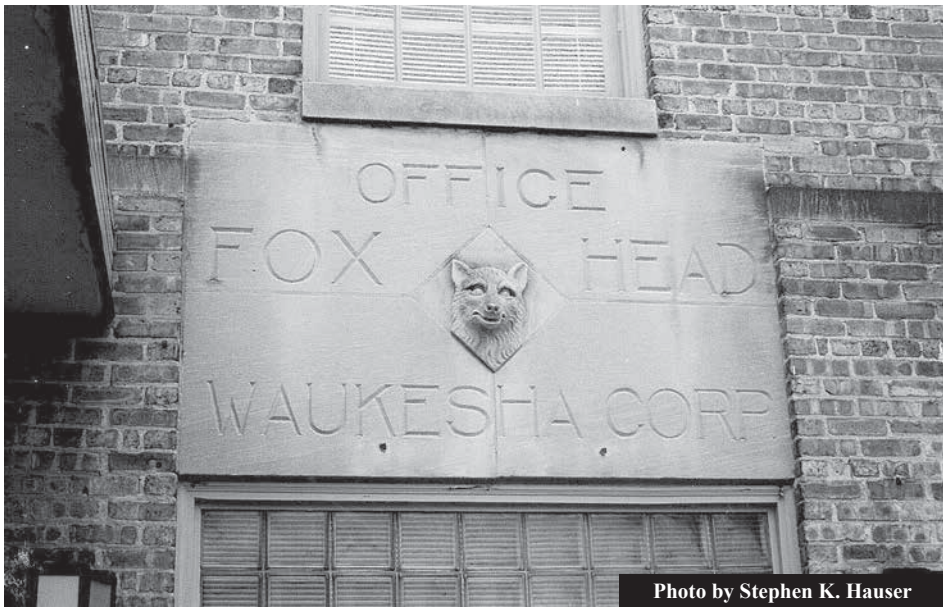


Photo by Stephen K. Hauser

Headley the Fox, mascot of Fox Head Beer, gazes from his perch on the front of the old company offices in Waukesha.

Waukesha's Fox Head Brewing Company

By Stephen K. Hauser

Back in the days when many Wisconsin cities boasted their own breweries, the city of Waukesha could claim two: Fox Head and Weber. The photograph above showcases the wily visage of "Headley the Fox", erstwhile mascot of Waukesha's Fox Head Brewing Company. He still looks out at traffic from the front of the old brewery's offices and bottling plant at 223 Maple Avenue, but he might not do so for much longer.

The brewery was founded in 1893 as the Waukesha Spring Brewing Company, producing beer brewed with famous Waukesha spring water harvested from two nearby springs. Soon, it became the Fox Head Brewery, named after its popular flagship brew. The main building, which fronted onto Grand Avenue, was quite an impressive example of late 19th century brewery architecture, but was torn down in 1968, six years after brewing at the plant ceased.

During the prohibition era of the 1920s, Fox Head had converted its own bottling lines to produce a variety of sodas and soft drinks and, if rumors are to be credited, also continued to brew a line of beer which was surreptitiously distributed to local clubs and speakeasies in violation of the hated 18th Amendment. In German dominated Wisconsin, local authorities often ignored such violations, leaving surveillance and arrest operations to federal agents of the National Prohibition Bureau.

After the end of Prohibition in 1934, Fox Head returned as a full-time brewery, producing varieties of beer under at least a dozen different labels. Fox Head beers were shipped throughout the Midwest, and as far as the east coast. Since the brewery was located alongside the tracks of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, the 400 route was used to ship the beer to other states by boxcar, so "Fox Head 400" beer was born. The company even had its own fleet of boxcars emblazoned with the Fox Head logo and Headley's smiling face. A popular local brew, many taverns featured Fox head signs,

coasters and promotional items, and Fox Head memorabilia is much sought after by beer collectors today.

Fox Head merged its brewing operations with the Weber Brewery in 1958, and both brands were subsequently sold to the G. Heileman Brewing Company of La Crosse in 1962. At that time local brewing in Waukesha ceased. Heileman continued to brew Fox Head until selling the brand to the Pickett & Sons brewery in Dubuque, Iowa in 1974. Pickett discontinued the line sometime in the mid-1970s. By way of full disclosure, I should note that Fox Head was my beer of choice throughout my years in college and graduate school. The famed 28 bottle cases that were offered (33% more beer!) were a strong selling point, but Fox Head was certainly not a "budget beer". Heileman and Pickett both continued to use the old Fox Head recipe, and it tasted quite good.

The Fox Head office and bottling plant were utilized again from 1994 to 2001 by the Remington-Watson Brewing Company, a micro-brew operation that produced Watson's Ale in large growler-size bottles. My wife **Janice** and I had the privilege of touring the brewery in February of 2000 with co-owner **Dale Johnson**. We sampled some of their beers, and while they didn't remind me of Fox Head, I thought they produced a quality product.

Carroll University has now acquired the old Fox Head property on Maple Avenue. It stands as one of the few remaining vestiges of Waukesha's brewing history. Although full plans for the parcel are not yet set, the Waukesha city council has approved a new parking lot for Carroll's parking needs at the site. The old brewery office, built in 1934, may soon find its days numbered. The 90-year vigil of Headley the Fox as he gazes on passing traffic along Maple Avenue may be coming to an end. I wonder if he knows.

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



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A Fox Head Brewery sign and a Headley the Fox button (at lower left) from the collection of Stephen K. Hauser.



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- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Plant Sale at Park & Shop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday – JUNE 2

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets – 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Monday – JUNE 3

- "Cruisin' the Spur" Vintage and Classic Car, Truck, and Cycle Show will be held in the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road. Show vehicles and visitors can arrive any time after 5 p.m. FREE to exhibit and attend. (See story – Page 2.)

Friday – JUNE 7

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Senior Center; Speaker: **Larry Weimer**, executive director, Wisconsin Health and Educational Finance Authority. Topic: "How nonprofit organizations access the capital markets." kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – JUNE 9

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets – 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Tuesday – JUNE 11

- Elm Grove Sustainability Committee Meeting at Village Hall – 6 p.m.

Friday – JUNE 14

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Senior Center; Speaker: **Kathleen Hoffman**, MSN, RN – BC Clinical nurse specialist, Manager care transitions Advocate Aurora Healthcare; Topic: "CARE transitions, (from hospital to home) & Fall prevention". kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – JUNE 16

FATHER'S DAY

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets – 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Monday – JUNE 17

- "Cruisin' the Spur" Vintage and Classic Car, Truck, and Cycle Show will be held in the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road. Show vehicles and visitors can arrive any time after 5 p.m. FREE to exhibit and attend. (See story – Page 2.)

Tuesday – JUNE 18

- School District of Elmbrook Board of Education meeting – 6 p.m. at the District Office, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. www.elmbrookschools.org/board

Thursday – JUNE 20

- OWLS – Seniors' Group The Annual Coach MYSTERY TRIP Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org/owl>

Friday – JUNE 21

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Senior Center; Speaker: **Bennet Merens**, Outreach Specialist, Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection; Topic: "Common Scams & Frauds Targeting Seniors". kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – JUNE 23

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets – 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Friday – JUNE 28

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Senior Center; Speaker: **Jennifer Harders** Topic: "Brain Health and Old Age" kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com
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Brookfield Wildlife Habitat Team Accepts Certification Challenge

By Nancy Gloe

Kudos to Elm Grove for being Wisconsin's first certified community wildlife habitat, through the National Wildlife Federation! The Elm Grove Beautification Committee has issued a "tag-you're it" challenge to surrounding communities to do likewise. And Brookfield has answered!

The citizen-lead, Brookfield Wildlife Habitat Team and the Brookfield Park, Rec. and Forestry Department are working to certify Brookfield, Elm Grove's neighbor to the west. A big part of this initiative is to educate the public about the importance of creating wildlife habitat.

We have, for example, lost more than a quarter of North American birdlife since 1970. These findings were reported in the scientific journal, *Science*, by researchers at seven institutions. **Habitat loss is the biggest overall driver of bird declines.** Habitat loss occurs when land is converted for agriculture, development, resource extraction, and other uses. **Habitat degradation** is a second cause of losses. In this case, habitat doesn't disappear outright but becomes less able to support birds, such as when habitat is degraded by invasive plants.

The good news is that there is much that we can do to reverse this trend based on the decisions we make to manage our properties, including our homes, schools, businesses, places of worship and shared open spaces. Creating habitat involves things like planting native species, providing a water source, creating cover from adverse weather and providing places to raise young. It also involves sustainability practices such as reduced chemical use.

And numerous studies have found that exposure to nature has positive effects on human health, including:

- Reducing anger, fear and stress
- Lowering blood pressure, heart rate and muscle tension
- Improving attention, mood and sleep quality.

So, Brookfield residents, please join us. More information can be found at www.nwf.org/garden or you can contact the Brookfield Wildlife Habitat Team at: BrookfieldNWFTeam@gmail.com.

Scholarships Available

New scholarships tailored for students facing mental health challenges are being offered by The Bold Foundation. The organization's CEO **Dror Liebenthal** notes, "All students should have the opportunity to pursue higher education and the career of their dreams. It's our mission to make education accessible for all students by eliminating student debt."

For more details on these scholarships, visit:

<https://bold.org/scholarships/by-demographics/mental-health-scholarships/>

or call (415) 475-BOLD.

EGWC Celebrates 54 Years of Supporting Local Young Artists

By Sharie Sinson

The Elm Grove Woman's Club (EGWC) celebrated the 54th anniversary of its Art Scholarship competition with a three-day event, May 2-4, 2024. A total of 52 high school students from Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, and Brookfield Academy participated, each submitting two pieces of artwork for consideration. On May 3rd, a panel of professional judges convened privately to assess the artwork and select the winners of two senior \$2,000 scholarships and a \$500 grant for a student in grades 9-11.

On May 4th, the EGWC hosted an Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with more than 300 in attendance. During this event, those present had the opportunity to view the artwork and vote for the People's Choice Award, recognizing the

piece they deemed the best in show. The Open House also featured a chance for the public to meet the artists, fostering interaction between the students and attendees. Additionally, all participants were offered private portfolio reviews courtesy of volunteer judges from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD).

Sharie Sinson, Karen Replogle, and Sara Megal served as 2024 Art Scholarship co-chairs.

Since its establishment in 1969, this scholarship competition has been dedicated to promoting and supporting the talents of local student artists, many of whom have gone on to achieve success in the art world.



Photo by Sharie Sinson

Chloe Manke, Brookfield Academy Senior, \$2,000 Scholarship Winner



Photo by Sharie Sinson

Tanvi Bharadwaj, Brookfield Central Senior, \$2,000 Scholarship Winner



Photo by Sharie Sinson

Jennifer Yu, Brookfield Central Senior \$300 People's Choice Award sponsored by Melissa Musante, Realtor at Coldwell Banker Home Sale Realty:



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Rachel Simmons, Brookfield Academy Junior, 9-11 \$500 Grant Winner

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Dixon's 'Empty Bowls' Project Benefits Meals Program

(BROOKFIELD) This spring, **Dixon Elementary School** raised \$7,000 for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission's Meals Program. **Tim** from the Rescue Mission visited the art room, and **Mrs. Yoss's** class presented him with donations from Empty Bowls. The funds will provide approximately 28,000 meals for people in need—almost 30 days of food. Additionally, thanks to a generous donor from the Milwaukee community, the donation was matched and turned into \$14,000.

"This shows the incredible support and unity within our community. I am so proud of the Dixon artists who glazed beautiful bowls to help raise money for people in need," said Dixon Principal **Luke Sadowski**.

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Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Junior Guild

Check Presentation - (Top row from left) **Cassy Van Kleunen**, EGJG Grants Committee; **Joanna Keene**, One Hope 27; **Melissa Huempfer**, Community Smiles Dental; **Miya King**, Community Smiles Dental; **Carolyn Piotrowski**, Street Angels; **Amanda Stahmann**, Life Navigators; **Chris Chance**, Bethel Bethany United Church Food is Free; **Susan Reed**, Blessings in a Backpack Waukesha County; (Bottom row from left) **Hannah Harris**, The Women's Center; **Sarah Wynia-Smith**, EGJG Grants Committee Co-Chair; **Faith Holley**

Junior Guild Grants \$45,000+ to 10 Non-Profits

ELM GROVE, WI – The Elm Grove Junior Guild is proud to announce 10 deserving non-profit groups as the recipients of our 2023-24 community grant program. The missions of the organizations were quite diverse, but all shared the Guild's mission to improve the lives of women and children in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties.

"One of the most impactful ways that the Elm Grove Junior Guild gives back to our local community is by our nonprofit granting process," says **Sarah Wynia-Smith**, co-chair of the Grant committee. "Our all-volunteer organization tirelessly fundraises to be able to grant to many deserving organizations each year."

2023-2024 Grant Recipients:

***Girls on the Run of SE WI** programming cultivates the positive benefits of physical activity and running while consciously mitigating the risk of unhealthy attitudes around body image and poor self-esteem for elementary and middle school-aged girls. Grant: \$5,000

*Funds granted to **Street Angels** will assist with expenses for a new shower program launching in 2024, Showers of Hope. This program will provide an ADA-accessible mobile shower trailer with 3-private shower stalls to benefit anyone in the community who does not have access to a showering facility. Grant: \$2,000

***The Women's Center** provides safety, shelter and support to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking in Waukesha County and the greater Milwaukee area. Through their comprehensive programs and services, they help clients address the obstacles and barriers and move to a future free from violence. Grant: \$7,500

*The mission of **One Hope 27** is to bring hope to kids and families involved in foster care in Milwaukee County through organizing and providing placement bags, offering events and creating community for foster families, and providing support and low-cost housing to young birth mothers. Grant: \$5,000

***Kinship MKE** aims to relieve the pain and financial stress of food insecurity and dietary illness for thousands of low-income households in the Riverwest-Harambee neighborhood by increasing daily produce consumption, frequency of cooking healthy meals at home, knowledge of dietary recommendations, sources of nutrients, and a nuanced understanding of diet-disease relationships. Grant: \$5,000

***Blessings in a Backpack Waukesha County** bridges the nutrition gap that

school-age children face between Friday at 3PM and Monday at 8AM by providing weekend food packets composed of entrees, breakfast, and snack items to supplement any nutrition. Sometimes this is the only food they may have access to, thus ensuring that Waukesha County children do not go hungry on weekends. Grant: \$2,000

***The C.A.R.E. Center (TCC) of the Family Service Agency of Waukesha County** addresses child abuse by maximizing the accuracy of abuse investigations, minimizing trauma, engaging families and increasing prosecution rates for perpetrators. TCC coordinates a team approach pursuing the truth in child abuse investigations through recorded forensic interviews, medical evaluations and family advocacy at no cost to families. Grant: \$5,000

*The goal of the **Community Smiles Dental** is to improve the oral health and overall health of low-income children who live in Waukesha County through oral health care services, preventive education, and advocating for systemic health care change. They are the only safety net dental clinic in the region dedicated to providing affordable dental care and a dental home to low-income children and pregnant women. Grant: \$5,000

***Life Navigators** supports children with disabilities to be active and connected in our community. Through their education and transition services, social and community outings, and family support and financial planning tools, children practice their social and leadership skills out in our community while expanding their network of support. Grant: \$5,000

***Bethel Bethany United Church Food is Free** hosts a volunteer-run, mutual aid walk-up food pantry in Sherman Park in Milwaukee. Grants funds will be used for purchase of fresh, healthy food such as milk, butter, eggs, and meat and often expensive non-food items not covered by SNAP benefits (such as cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items). Grant: \$5,000

This is in addition to more than \$16,000 granted by the Guild to the Village of Elm Grove earlier this year for the police and fire departments, park fish restocking and trees, movies in the park and more. All together, these community and village grants represent the largest amount ever granted annually by the Guild, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, community partners and members.

In Memoriam

Doris Emma Kaun

January 15th, 1936 to May 7th, 2024

Doris Emma Kaun, age 88, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family on May 7th, 2024 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Doris was born on January 15th, 1936 to Herman and Hildegard Gschwind in Milwaukee, WI.



Doris had a unique childhood, which influenced her unique humor and creativity. She went to Germany with her grandmother at age 1 ½ but was not able to return for over 10 years because of WW2. During that time, she was doted on by her German grandparents, and aunts and uncles from both sides of the family. Following the war, she was reunited with her parents and siblings.

As she only spoke German, she had to learn the English language for the first time at age 11. Eventually, she ended up earning a Bachelor of Arts with an English major, then a Master's of Social Work from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Driven by her dedication to helping others, she worked as a Social Worker at Alpha Psychiatric and Jewish Vocational Services after college. Her love for writing later changed her career path, and she became a reporter and feature writer for *Elm Leaves* for many years and occasionally wrote for other publications such as the *Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel*.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Doris and Dennis celebrated 65 years of marriage, living in Milwaukee, Wauwatosa and eventually settling in Elm Grove for over 50 years. Family and friends were a very important part of her life and she impacted all who knew her. She also enjoyed traveling, nature, music, dancing, babies and puppies. She was known for her innocent shenanigans, her "doodles", paintings and overall creativity. Over the years, she was active in Book Clubs, Friends of the Elm Grove Library, Writers' groups (Scribblers) and aerobics.

She was known for finding joy in the simple things in life and embracing her inner child. She had a contagious sense of humor, a beautiful smile, and the most kind, thoughtful and caring personality.

She is survived by husband Dennis and her children Robin (Scott), Lance (Ann), Heidi, Rachel (Greg), 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Doris was preceded in death by her parents and infant daughter Jennifer.

A service will be held in the Chapel at Shorehaven Tower, 1305 W. Wisconsin Ave., in Oconomowoc, WI on Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00 pm.

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Solar Power Group Buy Coming to Elm Grove!

By the Elm Grove Green Team

Have you heard the word? There's a solar power group buy opportunity coming to Elm Grove home and small businesses owners this summer. Grow Solar, a nonprofit organization and initiative of the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, is running a program that helps Waukesha and Jefferson County residents and small business owners pool their buying power to get discounts that make installing high-quality solar more affordable.

Find Out If Solar is Right for You

Attend a free information session at the Elm Grove Library on Thursday, June 20th, 6:30-7:30 pm, hosted by Grow Solar. In the Solar Power Hour, you'll learn the basics of solar, its financial implications for your property, and how the Grow Solar Jefferson + Waukesha program works. The next step from there is a free, no obligation site

assessment and cost estimate from Grow Solar's competitively-selected installer, Full Spectrum Solar. You can register for the Solar Power Hour and view all kinds of resources about making an investment in solar energy for your home or small business at <https://www.growsolar.org/jefferson-waukesha/>

Announcing June 2024 Waste Warriors

Put your hands together for your neighbors at 14655 Juneau Boulevard, 12535 Stephen Place, and 13905 Marcella Avenue! Our waste collection experts at JOHNS tell us these Waste Warriors excel at sorting the correct recyclables into their blue bins. Have a question about what should or should not be recycled with blue-bin driveway pick-ups? Visit www.elmgrovetwi.org/268/Recycling for a complete list and other recycling resources.

YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS

Caroline Bosbous and Rose Mathai spent time on a Saturday morning picking up trash in Elm Grove Village Park in honor of Earth Day.

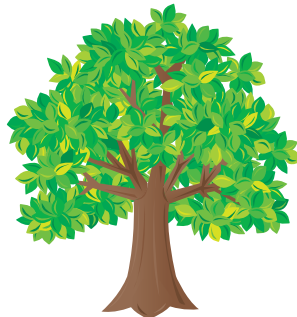


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Adventure Begins at Your Library / Summer Program starts June 10

Family Story Times - Bring a blanket to spread on the grass for outdoor story time at 10:30 am on Fridays! Content will be for children 3-4 years old, but all are welcome to participate in stories, songs and rhymes.

Dates: June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 26, August 2, 9



Evening Story Time with Kathy Luck - The whole family can come to this story time on Monday evenings at 6 pm. Join Kathy for a lively mixture of stories, puppets and music that will encourage children to engage with books throughout the summer. Program meets in the story room. Recommended especially for children ages 3-7 years. Dates: June 17, July 8, and August 5.

Toy Adventure Night: Wednesday, July 17th - Thursday, July 18th. Drop off your toy at the library between 3-5 pm on July 17th. During the night, your toy will have an adventure that you will learn about the next day! Recommended for ages 3-7 and registration is required since numbers may be limited. Register online at elmgrovelibrary.org beginning June 10.

Build It Club - Let your imagination be your guide in this unstructured creative time. We will be using Legos, Keva Planks, Ozobots and more, all provided by the library. Recommended for grades K-5. No registration required. Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult. Dates: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Time: 2:00-3:00 pm (clean-up at 3:00).

Special Performances - Enjoy a variety of fun and educational presentations for children of all ages.

- Thursday, June 13, 10:30 am - Wehr Nature Center presents One Butterfly...Three Countries - Learn about the life cycle and migration of the endangered monarch butterfly.
- Thursday, June 20, 10:30 am - James the Magician - An interactive comedy magic show.
- Thursday, June 27, 10:30 am - Steve Belliveau's Getting Excited About Science Bubble Program - Learn about the science behind making amazing bubbles.
- Thursday, July 11, 10:30 am - Wildlife in Need Center (WINC) - Meet these animal ambassadors face-to-face while you learn about how this wildlife rehabilitation center helps the animals that live in your own backyard.
- Thursday, July 25, 10:30 am - Fox and Branch - Family folk music performed by this popular local duo.

Nerf Games: Wednesday, June 26, 2:00 pm - Gather for an afternoon of organized games with M.A.N.O. (Milwaukee Area Nerf Outings). Play classic games like Capture the Flag, Wingman & Zombies. The hosts provide the equipment and expertise to ensure the event is safe, fun and welcoming to all players! Bring your own Nerf blasters or borrow one from M.A.N.O (supplies are limited). This event is for ages 11-14. Registration required. Register online at elmgrovelibrary.org beginning June 10.



The Life of Johnny Cash: "The Man in Black" Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.

With his deep, baritone voice and songs of genuine folkloric poetry, Johnny Cash inspired a new style of music. His music intertwined country, rock and roll, rockabilly, blues, gospel, and folk, inspiring future musicians for years to come. Born John (J.R.) Cash to a poor cotton-farming family in Arkansas, he would strive for a deeper meaning in his music throughout his life—bringing to light the injustices, pain, and strife of the world.

Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will take you into the life, love, struggles and stardom of America's beloved musician and outlaw.

Helping My Friend with Grief / Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.

In this session we will discuss how you can help someone with their grief: what we can say and do for our friends, and some things not to do. We will take a brief look at what grief is and how it works on our friends and loved ones.

This program is presented by a bereavement coordinator with Compassus, which provides a continuum of home-based services including home health, palliative, and hospice care.



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Young Writers & Reporters

June

By Miles Glassman
3rd Grade - Tonawanda

July's up next
Under the shade
Now it is nice outside
End of school

June

By Ishani Malreddy
3rd Grade - Tonawanda

June is a time for fun
Everybody singing songs
Saying bye to May flowers
Saying HELLO to June's SUMMER!

Dumb

By Alyssa Ann Chamakkala
8th Grade - Pilgrim Park Middle School

In a world of knowledge, I often feel small,
Like I'm standing at the edge, about to fall.
I stumble over words, and I lose my way,
Feeling dumb, with nothing wise to say.

But deep inside, there's a fire burning bright,
Yearning to learn and grow,
with all my might.
I may not have all the answers, that's true,
But there's wisdom in knowing
what I can't do.

I'll embrace my mistakes
and the things I don't know,
For in them, there's room
for my mind to grow.
I'll seek understanding, with an open heart,
And find strength in every new start.

So, I'll rise above this feeling
of being dumb,
And with each lesson learned, I'll overcome.
For true intelligence lies in the will to try,
And with perseverance, I'll reach for the sky.

Tonawanda

By Daniel Salinas, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Tonawanda
Oh, did I forget to mention it's awesome?
Nice tools to learn
Amazing teachers
Wonderful school
Awesome Principal
Nice people
Doing stuff to help people learn
Amazing classrooms

Tonawanda

By Autumn Nilsen, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

The best school
Outrageous
Nice friends
Awesome
Wow
Amazing
Noise
Doing a great job
Amazing and awesome

Summer

By Lena Janz & Kennedy Small
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Swimming
Underwater
Making
Memories,
Eating
Random foods

Summer

By Sakshi
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Summer pools are so much fun
Everybody come along
Put air-conditioning on a ton
Honey Bees humming all around
Today has really just begun
So, jump around and have some fun

In their Literary Analysis Unit of Reading, Pilgrim Park Middle School – 7th Grade (Sapphire) students in Mrs. Walsh's classes took some time to study various techniques used by authors such as tone, mood, figurative language, and sensory details and then wrote poems about nature using these devices.

Pond Change

By Owen Javoroski

Pond steaming, mucky
Summer pond fish swimming,
Kids splashing,
Splash! Pebbles flying.
Whoosh wind blowing.

Pond, wind, chill
Fall pond birds flying away,
Whiff! Leaves fly by,
Smoke filling the air
turkeys running

Pond ice, shivering
Winter pond freezing
Scratch! Skaters wheezing on the ice,
Broom Broom! Skiers go by.
Steaming hot chocolate

Pond, Heat, Rain
Spring pond birds chirping,
Whoosh - wind so fierce
So much Rain
Plop! birds arriving

The Birth of a Monarch

By Nena Schmidt

Laying in silky cocoons
the beat of silence is a beautiful tune
Out emerges 2 wonderful sights
bursting through the morning light

Orange wings that scorch the sun
Wings of black that weigh a ton
Through the sky we soar and rise
laying eyes on the prize

Pollen that glows yellow and white
like shining bright stars in the night
Looking and longing for a lodge
to call home
searching high and low, hours to roam

When the night has come shelter is found,
sleeping quietly without a sound
Flutters of wings have all died down
the silence is peaceful all around

And when the night is done
and the day is gone,
we are content to still see the dawn.
A monarch's life isn't very long
So, they are thankful to sing another song.

Baseball

By Trenton Jackson and Mason Kressin
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Bat

All on a team

Strike

Eye on the ball

Ball 4

Action

Live baseball

Love baseball

School's Out

By Lilly R. and Vera P.

4th Grade - Tonawanda

School's out, scream and shout
There's no time to sit and pout.
Summer break here we come,
All I have to do is have some fun.
Here at the pool life is cool.
Now we're getting very hot,
Let's get ice cream like a lot,
Next, we're biking
And going hiking
Up a trail
with our dog wagging its tail.
School is out, let's scream and shout.

Summer Landscapes

By Hannah Lin

At spring, sauntering across
bare fencas
cultivating paltry pits
as the wind moans and groans
depositing heaps of kernel
left, right
left, right
Packing sediment
dampening the terra firma,
By summer,
Mother Nature possesses accomplishments
with considerate heedfulness
like a seamstress stitching each thread,
one by one
resulting in nature's exquisite
blossoming gems,
bold unfolding ode to life
emerald stems surging high,
identical to Jack in the beanstalk,
booming with vivid pigmentation,
micro workers scurrying around
like eagles circling prey
carrying two tons of pollen

Northern Lights

By Sophia Shorts

In the inky sky of the arctic
green, blue, and purple ribbons
dance across the sky.

A mesmerizing glimpse
at the dazzling lights

The colors paint the night sky
like paintbrushes on a canvas
with its radiant hues

The Northern Lights
are a silent symphony
in a vivid orchestra
in the starry sky

Sparkling, swaying,
like nature's kaleidoscope

Illuminating the night
with vibrant beams
gleaming in the dark
like glow sticks

The auroras seem almost alive
Whispering secrets to the universe
of a language of light and color.

Have Fun in the Summer!

By Mateo Castillo & Tanush Gowda
4th Grade - Tonawanda

If you are thinking about what to do in the summer, well think no more because we've got you covered. Summer is almost here so we are going to give you three examples about what to do in the summer.

1. Go to an outdoor concert, for example go to this event called Summer Fest! Summer Fest is a fun event and also can you believe that it lasts for 9 days? You can do a ton of things at Summer Fest but my personal favorite thing to do is go to their concerts. Before we move on, I definitely recommend getting the Johnsonville Sausage!

2. You should definitely go to an outdoor swimming pool! It's an awesome simple way to cool off and get away from all that summer heat. I also love going to water parks because they have many fun and exhilarating activities other than swimming including water slides, splash pads and more.

3. Going to the beach is just like going swimming at a pool with a bunch of water but with even more activities like snorkeling, and going fishing. Also try to avoid water getting into your eyes.

Windows to the soul

By Kinjal Bhardwaj
8th Grade - Pilgrim Park Middle School

Bold.
Beautiful.
Bright.

Shine like stars in the night

they are the key to my soul
without this key
I will never know more
I will never know what's behind that door
where there are hidden many truths
waiting to be revealed
to be seen

sun rays dance around them
shining like diamonds
they paint pictures in front of me
so I can see
what's behind that door
where there are hidden many truths
waiting to be revealed
to be seen

without them
all my power is gone
no longer can i see behind that door
where there are hidden many truths
waiting to be revealed
to be seen

I am lucky to have them
to have a key to my soul
to be able to paint pictures in front of me
to have my power
I can see what is behind that door
where every truth is hidden
I can see them all
I can reveal them all



Ode to Mother Earth

By Eleanor Grogan

Pilgrim Park Middle School - 7th Grade

The gently sloping surface
Of greens and browns
Running around
Curling through humanity's towns

Caressed by silky waters
Holding wonders below
Deep within the enchanted surface
A spectrum of vibrancy

Surrounded by the sparkling black cloth
Endless depths
Quietly spinning
Through infinite space and time

With the stunning energy of beautiful life
Swiftly dancing in the endless arrays
Of plentiful, spectacular growth
Souls spinning in the aura of light

Gentle hands embracing
Smooth skin outlined against the sky
Reflecting the heart of
Mother Earth

My Favorite Ice Cream Shop

By Odette Walker

1st Grade - Brookfield Christian School

Do you like ice cream and shakes? Then I've got the place for you! There are so many reasons why RJ's is the best place. The first reason is that there are special seats. For example, chairs in the shape of a giant hand. The second reason is that if you don't like ice cream you can get candy or shakes. Another reason is that if you live in Elm Grove you can walk or bike there. The next time it's a hot summer day you should go to RJ's!

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Students in Grades K-12 are invited to submit Reporting, Short Stories & Poems (200 words maximum) for consideration and possible publication.

Email items to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (Subject line: Young Writers)

Local Sports

PPMS Track Teams Achieve Top Finishes at Whitnall Meet

(ELM GROVE) The 7th and 8th grade boys track teams traveled to Whitnall High School for the 9 team Whitnall Invitational in mid-May. The boys scored in all 14 of the track and field events on their way to a convincing 1st place finish with 161 total points. The Pilgrim Park girl's team placed 2nd overall. Many personal records were achieved by these student-athletes, and there was one 7th grade school record set.

For the Boys - The 800-meter relay team of **Nikita Kotsonis, Nick Olberding, Jack Marks and Blake Kass** took gold, beating the old record by three seconds. Their time was one-minute 53.29 seconds.

Other gold medal winners include:
 ***Colton Evenson** in the 1600-meter run
 ***Henry Mangelsen** in the 80- meter run and
 ***Nathan Margretz** in the Shot Put

For the Girls - These students scored first place finishes:

*In the 4x2 - **Dylan Szesterniak, Avery Mantei, Autumn Huston and Dominique Reiher**
 *In the 400-Meter Dash, **Avery Mantei**
 *In the 200-Meter Dash, **Autumn Huston**
 *In the 4x1, **Jenna Cannizzo, Sophia Shorts, Jewel Linton and Thea Huston**
 *In the Long Jump, **Londyn Anderson**

News Briefs

Elmbrook Robotics Teams Represented at FIRST World Championships

Two Elmbrook FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams and one FIRST Lego League (FLL) team competed in the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, TX in April. Only three FTC teams were selected to represent the State of Wisconsin, and two of them were from Elmbrook: Rising Rhinobots (Team #16310) and GEArheads (Team #16460)! In addition, BEAST Robotics (FRC #2202) co-team captain **Noah Ren**, a Brookfield East junior, was named one of ten Dean's List Award Winners at the World Championships for his exemplary leadership.

The Rising Rhinobots and GEArheads both qualified for the competition by winning the Inspire Award at the Wisconsin State Championships, with the Rhinobots taking first and the GEArheads taking second place. This was the Rising Rhinobots' first time to FIRST World Championships, and the GEArheads third time in 5 years, first as a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Team in 2019,

then as an FTC team in 2022 and again in 2024.

FIRST Lego League team Alpha Geek (FLL Team 55696), composed of nine 5th through 7th grade students from Burleigh Elementary and Pilgrim Park Middle School, competed at the FIRST World Championships after winning the state title.

At Worlds, the GEArheads and Rising Rhinobots had great match play performance with their alliance partners and won 8 of 10 qualifying matches, and each placed 6th out of the 56 teams competing in their respective divisions! The GEArheads won the 2nd place Inspire Award (best all-around team) and were the 4th seeded Alliance Captain for the robot playoffs in the Franklin Division. The Inspire Award is the highest award bestowed on a FIRST Tech Challenge Team.

The World Championships hosted a total of 600 teams from around the world.



Public Safety Reports

From the files of the Elm Grove Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Depts.

Man Arrested for Multiple Offenses

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 11:51am, a 32-year-old man from Lannon, WI was arrested for Operating while Under the Influence in the parking lot of St. Mary's School after he was observed by officers driving approximately 5-10 mph on westbound Watertown Plank Rd. A citizen witness flagged officers down and also reported that the man appeared to be "drunk" and the vehicle was altering speeds and was unable to maintain its lane of traffic. Once the vehicle was stopped, the operator performed Standardized Field Sobriety exercises, which he failed. He was arrested and transported to an area hospital for a blood draw. He was charged in Waukesha County Court for 4th Offense OWI, Operating While Revoked, and Failure to Install IID.

EGPD Collects Expired, Unneeded Prescription Drugs

During a 4-hour period on April 27, **Officer Martin** (shown at right) collected 12 boxes containing more than 200 lbs. of prescription drugs at Walgreen's in Elm Grove on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.



"It was a great success, contributing to a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. This is one of the largest collection days we have experienced. Thank you to all that participated," noted a department spokesperson.




Photo courtesy: Paul B. Callahan

Community members participate in a First On The Scene presentation.

Elm Grove EMTs, Paramedics Conduct Class

By Paul B. Callahan

Seventeen citizens from Elm Grove and the surrounding area attended the First On The Scene class held at Village Hall on Saturday afternoon, May 11th. Sponsored by the Elm Grove Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Elm Grove Emergency Medical Services, the 4-hour class covered topics like activating the 911 system, hands only CPR, administering Naloxone and Epi pens, controlling life threatening bleeding, and how to move or position an ill patient safely. These citizens heard lectures, watched how-to videos, and practiced their new skills under the guidance of experienced EMTs and Paramedics from Elm Grove EMS. All agreed the class was very worthwhile and gave them the skills and knowledge needed to assist an injured or ill person until EMS arrives to take over. An additional class is in the planning stages for the fall.




OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, June 6, 2024
 4:00-7:00 PM
 DEDICATION at 6:00 PM

**Come and see Hope Center's new home,
 101 West Broadway, Waukesha, WI 53186**

For the past 50 years, Hope Center has worked in Waukesha to help reduce the risks of poverty and provide hope by giving people basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing and basic household furnishings, through direct services, partnerships and community collaboration.


In a typical year, with the help of generous donors and over 2,000 volunteers working over 30,000 hours, Hope Center serves over 12,000 hot meals and gives away more than 90,000 articles of clothing. In order to better serve the community, we remodeled a former bank building, and moved in January, without missing a meal or a day of shelter.



Please come to the Dedication of our new facility on June 6 at 6:00 PM, and enjoy taking a look around during the Open House from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Special thanks to all who have helped us raise close to \$1 million toward our building renovations. Fundraising continues as we strive to raise the total renovation cost, which exceeds \$2.5 million.

Thank you for Building Hope!





EGPD Officer **Amy Heggie** completed DARE instructor training and looks forward to integrating the DARE programs into schools during the 2024-2025 academic school year.

Letters to the Editor

- * Letters regarding issues of concern to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community will be considered for publication on a space available basis.
- *Submissions (**about 200 words max**) must include the writer's name, community of residence & phone #.
- *Mail to: EGNI, 14420 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2423.
- * E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com
 (Subject line: Letters to the Editor)



Young Writers (Continued from Page 9)

International Yoga Day

By Janavi Wagle, 9th Grade – Brookfield East

According to the World Health Organization, Health is the state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease. Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated centuries ago in ancient India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit which means "to join" or "to unite" symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Today, it is practiced throughout the world in various forms. In December 2014, the United Nations named June 21 as International Yoga Day.

This day is celebrated with an aim to raise awareness worldwide about the importance of Yoga. The practice of Yoga brings joy, health, peace and a sense of connection between an individual's mind and the external world. This year, Sewa Milwaukee has collaborated with the Milwaukee Nepali Pariwar to organize International Yoga Day at the Brookfield Senior Center on Saturday, June 22 from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Please join us at this valuable event to discover the sense of oneness with ourselves, the world and nature.

International Yoga Day

Please Join Us To Celebrate
Saturday, June 22, 2024

Event from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
Meet up at 8:15 AM

Brookfield Senior Center
2000 N Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

Register Here
Free Entry:

<https://tinyurl.com/yogadaymke>

About the Instructor:
Dr. Chintamani Joshi a Ph.D. biomedical researcher teaches Ashtanga Yoga, blending science with traditional practices. A Biomedical background makes it easy for him to bring out the scientific aspects of Yoga in an easy language. Dr. Joshi likes to go camping, hiking and explore the nature.

Business Sponsors: *Yoga mats not provided, Health Snacks Provided

Contact milwaukee@sewausa.org or 203-775-7300

Sewa International is a Non-profit organization

My First Swim Meet

By Grace Gorniak, 4th Grade, Brookfield Academy

It was the first season I was swimming with my swim club, and I was as nervous as a first time Olympian. At the first meet, the warm-ups began, and I was practically flying with all the butterflies inside my stomach. And when it was time, and all the swim clubs had gotten out of the pool, the loudspeaker began, "Event one, heat one. Swimmers, take your mark, beep!" The events went by, and it was finally my turn. "Event twenty-eight,

heat one." This event was the fifty free. Up on the block, the butterflies were still swarming inside me. But my new swim friends helped me become more confident because they knew it was my first meet with the team. Then the loudspeaker again, "Swimmers, take your mark, beep!" Then I shot off the block like it was hot lava. I swam with all I had in me. First place! What a way to begin my first swim meet with ElmBrook Swim Club.

A CHORUS LINE

July 11 – August 4, 2024

SUNSET PLAYHOUSE

700 Wall Street, Elm Grove, WI
SunsetPlayhouse.com
262-782-4430

September 5 - 22, 2024

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

September 16 - 17, 2024

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News Briefs



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The Dice Dash Rube Goldberg Team

Pilgrim Park STEM Team Impressive at Competition

(ELM GROVE) PPMS's "Dice Dash" Rube Goldberg team achieved remarkable success at the STEM Forward Contract Wisconsin competition held at Waukesha Technical College on April 26.

them to secure an impressive 3rd Place in the State STEM Forward Contract Wisconsin competition. Their creativity, problem-solving approach, and teamwork played a key role in this accomplishment.

The team, consisting of **Harish Balaji, Arjun Kophkar, Ansul Bairi, and Vedant Sabesan**, demonstrated exceptional ingenuity and dedication. Their efforts led

The team was also honored with the special award "The Best Design" award for the year 2024.



Photos courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy Seniors Awarded Scholarships: **Krish Sharma** (at left) was awarded a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship; **Adrian Yin** (at center) was named a National Merit Brady Corporation Scholarship winner; and **Mateo Fernandez-Tyson** (at right) was named a National Merit Rockwell Scholarship winner.

Scholastic Writing Awards Announced

(BROOKFIELD) The following Brookfield East High School students were named as winners from the Scholastic Writing Competition:

GOLD KEYS:

- ***Eiman Mir**, Journalism – "Things to Consider as AANPI Month Comes to a Close"
- ***Heidi Yoo**, Short Story – "It Falls Like Feathers and Snow"

SILVER KEYS:

- ***Eiman Mir**, Journalism – "Remembering Nazia Hassan"
- ***Eiman Mir**, Critical Essay – "The Connective Power of Art Therapy"
- ***Braedyn Hafemann**, Dramatic Script – "Behind the Mask"; "Medical Recovery?"
- ***Claire Mallinger**, Critical Essay – "Migration Linked with Trafficking"
- ***Heidi Yoo**, Science Fiction and Fantasy – "The Field"
- ***Paeton Ulrich**, Personal Essay/Memoir – "The Walls of One and the Same"

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

- ***Heidi Yoo**, Science Fiction and Fantasy – "Babysitter"

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Hey there! I'm **Dot**, the purrfect mix of playful and cuddly! I'm a sweet little feline who lives for chasing toys and finding that sunny patch to nap in! But let's keep it just you and me, okay? Other cats? Not really my jam. I'm all about being the solo star of the show in my forever home. Ready to let me steal your heart? Let's play and snuggle our way into each other's lives!



Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Humane Society

Dot

The EBHS is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, (off Barker Road) Brookfield. (262) 782-9261.

GOT SOLAR QUESTIONS?

JOIN US FOR ANSWERS!

FREE Solar Power Hour
June 20th @ 6:30 PM

Elm Grove Village Hall, O'Neill Room
13600 Juneau Blvd, Elm Grove



PLUS, Learn About the Ongoing Solar Group Buy for Extra Cost Savings!




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