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On the Ballot: Election – April 5, 2022

Elm Grove TRUSTEE Candidates
(3 seats up for Election)



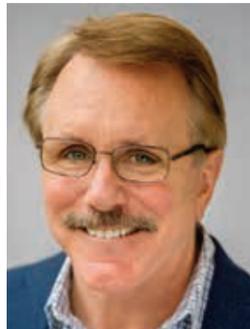
Jim GAGE



Jim KOLESKI



Patrick KRESSIN (I)



John SCHINDLER



Jennifer STUCKERT

Trustee Candidates Forum to be Held March 31st

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

All five candidates for Elm Grove Village Trustee have agreed to take part in an Elm Grove Junior Guild-sponsored Public Forum set for Thursday, March 31st in the Village Hall Courtroom.

The event, similar to the one held in the Spring of 2021, will begin at 7 p.m. with a brief introduction by moderator Sarah Wynia-Smith, followed by Candidate statements, not to exceed 2 minutes in length.

A discussion of pre-submitted citizen questions / discussion topics will run from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. "This won't be a debate, but rather a civil laying out of stances on village issues," notes Wynia-Smith.

Candidates' closing statements will run from 8:00 to 8:15 p.m., followed by a brief concluding statement by the moderator.

Because of space limitations, only a small audience can be accommodated to watch the courtroom presentation directly, but the event will also be live-streamed through the village at <https://elmgrovewi.org/656/Live-Stream>. After the Forum, the Elm Grove Junior Guild plans to distribute a video recording via www.elmgrovejuniorguild.org.

Questions / topics may be submitted to: <https://forms.gle/568op79r8jNvXSo8A> no later than Wednesday, March 30 for consideration.



The News-Independent recently posed several questions to the Trustee candidates. Read their "On the Ballot" responses + information about the 4 candidates for Elmbrook School Board on Page 4.

Referendum Question on Ballot Re: Public Works Projects in Village

Elm Grove residents will vote YES or NO on the following April 5, 2022 ballot question:

"Do you approve the adoption of an Elm Grove Ordinance requiring that prior to the letting of any project for a Public Works project financed (in whole or in part) which requires a Village capital expenditure of \$1 million or more, that the Village Board shall submit to the electorate a binding referendum for approval of the project? Disapproval of such binding referendum shall preclude the Village from proceeding with the project. The wording of any binding referendum shall include a concise summary providing the Electors with the information regarding the specific purpose of the Public Works project, the location of the Public Works project, the total cost of the project, and the method to be used by the Village for payment of the Public Works project expenditures. Nothing in the provision shall be construed to preclude the Village from exercising its role in the planning or design of such publicly financed projects."

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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

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Beautification Committee Awarded Grant to Establish Rain Garden at Village Park

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Beautification Committee and the Village of Elm Grove will use a \$2,500 Pollinator Habitat Program grant from American Transmission Co. (ATC) to establish a rain garden that will help address an issue at Village Park.



Village Forester **Ron Hill** explained, "Along the entrance to the paved path around the Village Pond, there is a stormwater discharge area that proves difficult to mow and care for by our Public Works staff."

"We are excited to partner with the Village to help address this issue in a unique way," said **Nicci Sternitzky**, Beautification Committee Chairperson. "We plan to create a 500-square-foot rain garden within the area, using native plants that attract pollinators. The rain garden will reduce the velocity of water entering the piped storm water system while removing pollutants. The addition of native plants to a retention area also will bring beauty within the park."

Sternitzky noted that the rain garden will feature all native rain garden plants that are not seen elsewhere in the park and hopes that it can serve as a resource

The Blue Flag Iris, one of many colorful plants to be included in the Rain Garden.

for residents interested in learning more about pollinators. The rain garden will be developed by members of the Beautification Committee and the Elm Grove Green Team, which welcomes interested volunteers to join them this Spring in planting, weeding, and maintenance.

For more information, e-mail: Nicci at EGbeautification@gmail.com Or, Deb at info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org.

An Earth Day / Arbor Day celebration
will be held on April 23rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Elm Grove Village Park

(Look for all the details in our APRIL 2022 edition.)

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On the Ballot: Spring Election, April 5, 2022

Candidates for Elm Grove Trustee (3 seats up for Election)

Jim GAGE, Jim KOLESKI, Patrick KRESSIN (I), John SCHINDLER, Jennifer STUCKERT

#1. Tell us about yourself.

***Jim GAGE -**

- * Twenty-four-year resident
- * 36 years as Elm Grove police officer
- * 17 years as Police Chief
- * 18 years volunteer paramedic
- * Residential realtor since 2013

***Jim KOLESKI -**

Married with 2 children, ten plus year resident and current commissioner on Building Board. I am a Certified Public Accountant and Consultant to Private Businesses.

***Patrick KRESSIN -**

- * Village Resident for 18 years
- * Three children at Tonawanda
- * Village Trustee since 2014
- * Landscape Architect/Planner
- * Vice-President at GRAEF
- * Volunteer – Evans Scholars, Westown, Zoological Society, AHA

***John SCHINDLER -**

I was raised in Elm Grove. I'm a retired Hydrogeologist and Flight Paramedic, and I've been an active volunteer in our community for many years.

***Jennifer STUCKERT -**

Elm Grove resident 30+ years. Past President of the EG Woman's Club who is committed to keeping Elm Grove a special place to live.

#2. What has motivated you to run for election / re-election at this time?

***Jim GAGE -**

- * Maintaining Elm Grove's autonomy as a Village
- * Keeping Elm Grove a cherished place to live and raise a family
- * Supporting our downtown businesses and residents

***Jim KOLESKI -**

Motivated by the lack of transparency and engagement with the community on the proposed Mandel Project. Development of this size and scope is not appropriate.

***Patrick KRESSIN -**

I initially and continue to run for the Village Board out of a belief that everyone should be involved in community service to help others.

***John SCHINDLER -**

I want to serve our community by helping the Village prepare for the challenges we will confront and need to overcome in the coming decades.

***Jennifer STUCKERT -**

Concern over the density and the impact proposed developments will have on our community. I am committed to EG; it's community, residents, businesses and facilities.



#3. What can you offer our Village that is unique from the other candidates? What do you most hope to accomplish if elected?

Jim GAGE -

- * Offer knowledge of the budget process
- * Offer solid knowledge of past projects, providing perspective for new challenges.
- * Enhance the business district, by supporting developments that increase the Village's value to offset the residential tax burden.
- * Local accountability, keeping emergency services (Fire, EMS, Dispatch) in Elm Grove.

Jim KOLESKI -

As a Certified Public Accountant, I will leverage my expertise in long range planning, budgeting, cash management, expense analysis and ideas to streamline operations to improve services to residents. I will actively listen and engage with the community on the "why's" I support proposals and treat everyone with respect.

Patrick KRESSIN -

As a partner in an Engineering and Planning firm for the last 27 years I bring a professional skill set related to civic planning, landscape architecture, civil engineering, transportation design and environmental services. If re-elected I hope to keep moving the village forward while maintaining its unique and special qualities.

John SCHINDLER -

I've been studying the issues the Village is soon going to be facing for years. I serve on several Village committees. I'm on the board of the Elm Grove Community Foundation and have served as an EG Volunteer Paramedic for over 25 years. I would put together a long-term financial strategy.

Jennifer STUCKERT -

I promise to represent the residents of Elm Grove and not just the developers. Development decisions have long term implications on traffic, school boundaries and emergency services. Change is important to keep a community vibrant, but change MUST maintain the character of Elm Grove.

#4. What are the 3 most significant issues / challenges facing Elm Grove within the next 5 years? What solutions or improvements would you suggest?

Jim GAGE -

- * Development: Improvements enhancing downtown, like the hotly disputed downtown reconstruction of the '80s and flood mitigation / village park reconstruction of the '90s. No one questions the value of those projects today.
- * Infrastructure: Roads, bridges, and buildings need repair. The downtown needs water. The tax levy cap stays around 2%, annually. Without future developments contributing to the tax base, residential tax payers will assume the burden.
- * Emergency Services: Declining volunteer interest and an "aging out" of staff will potentially lead to contracting with neighboring communities at a much higher cost. We will need a vibrant downtown to support these cost increases.

Jim KOLESKI -

I would engage with the Village Manager to fully understand the immediate challenges and current plans. Longer-term, the measured development of open spaces including the Reinders and Sisters parcels. Also, a practical plan for downtown, exploring many options, recognizing the impact of on-line buying and home delivery trends. Also, creating housing options for residents no longer desiring single family homes, possibly side by side townhomes built to support aging in place. Developing a digital transformation strategy to fully leverage technology to streamline village processes and access by the community. Finally, technology investments required to enhance public safety and security cost-effectively.



Patrick KRESSIN -

- * Save our Downtown – Our downtown is in trouble. I will work to extend potable water to our downtown so that properties and businesses can expand and/or be redeveloped.
- * Increasing Costs – The Village's expenses continue to outpace the maximum levy limit increase imposed by the State hence we need to increase value through redevelopment to maintain our level of services.
- * Maintain Elm Grove's Character – Elm Grove's charm didn't just happen; it was done very purposefully. I will work with the community to complete the downtown plan to set the stage for how WE would like to downtown area to be redeveloped / preserved.

John SCHINDLER -

Many of our roads are in a dangerous state of disrepair due to a deficient asphalt mix that was used for years. We need a stable funding source for road reconstruction and pathways.

The size of the TIF for the SSND project. We need to negotiate a better deal.

The aging out of our Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service members. We stand a very high chance of these departments shutting down due to lack of highly trained senior personnel in the next 5-10 years. We need Trustees who fully understand the problem in order to find workable solutions.

Jennifer STUCKERT -

I support the development of the downtown area such that it meets the needs of our residents first, followed by the merchants who have invested in our community. Any new development must reflect the character of Elm Grove and strike a balance that is a win for all. Other challenges include bringing municipal water into downtown, expansion of village pathways, and addressing deteriorating roadways in a fiscally responsible manner. These are complicated issues that require active listening, asking detailed questions to increase understanding, responding based on community feedback and collaborating to find the best possible solutions for all.

#5. Regarding the Referendum question on the April 5th Ballot, will you vote YES or NO? Explain your decision.

***Jim GAGE -**

Vote NO. The Village Hall HVAC would've required referendum vote. Most path and roadway projects – referendum vote. It will delay needed repairs, slow the bid process, and increase costs. This referendum is a tactic to stop specific developments, but will have far reaching negative impact on other needed projects.

***John SCHINDLER -**

I'd like to see residents have a greater say in projects that affect the character of the Village, more so than what the current system allows. As the proposed ordinance can be adjusted every two years under State Statute 9.20, and an exemption for emergencies applies, with some reservations I am voting yes.

***Jim KOLESKI -**

I will vote YES. With proper budgeting and fiscal planning, all projects over \$1M should be known well in advance allowing timely approval by residents. Only 2 projects over \$1M have been undertaken by the Village in the last 10 years. This is an appropriate measure to control large expenditures.

***Jennifer STUCKERT -**

I will be voting "yes". Over 800 voters signed the petition from nearly every street in Elm Grove. \$1M individual projects are rare. Infrastructure Emergencies DO NOT require voter approval. This is smart governance and ensures that there is broad-based community support on significant spending decisions of taxpayer funds.

***Patrick KRESSIN -**

I believe that elected officials are elected to make decisions based on what is in the best interest of ALL of the citizens. I feel that an annual project related referendum will further divide our Village by pitting groups against each other based on project location/type. I will vote No.



Candidates for Elmbrook School Board

- Area II Seat: **Kathy LIM** and **Daniel MEDEIROS**
- At-Large Seat: **Linda BOUCHER** (Incumbent) and **Katie RASOUL**

NOTE: Each Board member represents the entire school district; thus, residents should select one candidate for each seat.

A **Candidates' Forum**, hosted by the Elmbrook Parent Network and Leadership Council, was held at the School District office on February 7. The event is available for viewing at www.elmbrookschools.org.

Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove / npalmer@elmgrovetwi.org

Resident concerns about Coyotes have increased recently. We don't know if this is a trend and indicates a larger coyote population in the Village or not. Coyotes, like deer and turkeys, have adapted to suburban life very well and can quickly become a public nuisance and concern. While coyotes are primarily nocturnal, they do move around and hunt in daylight. They principally eat small mammals like rabbits and mice but will also eat pet food and garbage. Small dogs or cats can be attractive prey for coyotes if unprotected. Coyotes are normally wary of humans, but if they become too comfortable around people, they need to be taught to fear proximity to people. In Wisconsin, no permit is needed to kill coyotes on your own property but remember it is illegal to discharge a firearm in Elm Grove. Typically, population control is accomplished by removing food sources and habitat and by trapping. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has information on methods for "hazing" coyotes and to make your property less attractive at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/damage>

Elm Grove is one of the very few communities in our area which does not have full-time professional EMS and Fire departments. EMS and fire service by their nature require a rapid response, thus members must reside within a short distance to be available for response. Over time fewer and fewer residents have volunteered to join either service, both of which require training and certification. In addition, Elm Grove does not currently have sleeping quarters to enable any staff to be available at the fire station at night or on weekends. Recently the Village Board approved establishing two sleeping rooms in the existing fire/EMS/police facility, which will enable us to hire part-time EMS staff to be available at night and weekends. Currently, a small number of volunteers are handling most EMS calls during evenings and on weekends. Most of these volunteers have been providing this service for decades and this burden is becoming more difficult. The core veterans of EMS also represent the leadership of the service.

Our Village fire department is also facing an uncertain future due a lack of local members. The fire department is staffed during weekdays by Village staff from the Department of Public Works, but at night and on weekends we are experiencing great difficulty responding to fire calls with adequate staff to operate

safely. Our fire call efficiency is also significantly impacted by the lack of a municipal water supply throughout the Village.

Creating our own fulltime professional fire department and EMS will be a very expensive undertaking and even contracting with a neighboring community will be very expensive if it is available at all. Changes in EMS and fire service can also impact our ability to continue our own emergency 911 center and dispatching.

The emergency services leadership and Village staff leadership are examining "hybrid options" to maintain adequate services while we investigate future permanent options. Fire and EMS staffing is a statewide problem not easily or cheaply solved. Each successive generation of Village residents has fewer members willing to commit the time necessary to provide these services. Elm Grove has been blessed to be served by dedicated and skilled volunteers for decades and we all should thank them every chance we get. How we resolve these issues may even determine whether we can continue to be an independent Village government.

The spring election ballot will contain a referendum question that will have major impact on the future of the Village. The referendum is required following a court decision related to a petition circulated by a group of residents. The petition requires any public works project over one million dollars to be placed on a ballot. This effort was initiated by opponents of the proposal to redevelop the former School Sisters of Notre Dame Campus. Those plans for redevelopment and necessary zoning have already been approved by the Village Board.

This proposal may seem reasonable at first glance, but if enacted I and many others believe that requiring a referendum for any project over \$1,000,000 will cause significant problems for Village operations. In most cases such a requirement will delay, complicate, and probably add cost to every plan for public works improvements. Projects of \$1 million are becoming more common so this requirement will mean more referendums. One half mile of street rebuilding can cost \$1 million and even more if a pathway is included. The referendum vote forced the Village Board to halt plans to rebuild Gebhardt Road with a new pathway this spring because costs are expected to exceed \$1 million. Public works projects can be complicated.



When we identify sewer, road, bridge, or stormwater problems the Public Works Committee seeks analysis and options from our consulting engineers (which cost money) the engineers provide options for resolving the problem with estimated costs for each option for the Committee to select the best, affordable solution. The "proposed fix" must then be engineered, and environmental impact controls identified, this costs money. Once the "proposed fix" is engineered the Village requests bids from qualified bidders. Sometimes bids come back higher than earlier estimates.

It is important to remember that most public works projects are best conducted during the short Wisconsin building season, which is also when every other community is trying to get road, sewer, bridge, swimming pool and stormwater projects built. The timing of requests for bids is crucial to receiving competitive bids. The short window to request bids does not easily coordinate with normal annual election dates, so it is very likely that special project referendum votes will need to be scheduled. Special public works referendum votes can be expected to have very low voter participation.

Since detailed design and engineering are part of every project contract and accurate pricing is not known until bids are received how is the board to decide what should go to referendum? (The recently completed Splash Pad project was estimated to cost \$750,000 to \$800,000 but bids came in over \$1,000,000.)

How does a Village Board pay to get enough accurate engineering information to adequately inform the voters on a major project when we think it might be approaching the referendum requirement?

What happens if a project contract proposal is not put to referendum, but after approval and constructions has begun unforeseen circumstances push the expected cost over \$1,000,000? Do we have to stop the process and wait for an election to hold a referendum?

Some public works contracts which benefit the Village as a whole, could suffer referendum defeat due to many voters not seeing benefit for their neighborhood of a road or pathway project in a different neighborhood.

And lastly, the ordinance language of the proposed referendum makes no accommodation for emergency situations. It is not difficult to envision an emergency which could cost more than a \$1million to correct. A fire at Village Hall/ Police/Fire Departments or a bridge failure are easy examples. It would be illegal for the Village to act if the Board knew the costs to fix the problem may cost more than \$1million.

The Village of Elm Grove has been well managed since its inception and has a reputation for being very frugal. Anyone who has watched the workings of our Public Works and Utilities Committee and the Finance Committee knows that our neighbors, who volunteer for these positions, are knowledgeable and diligent. These committee members and elected Village Board members who ultimately vote on any expenditure work hard to be good stewards of taxpayer money. All committee and Board members are also taxpayers. The basis of a democratic republic form of government is that citizens elect willing neighbors to do the detailed work necessary to prudently manage the Village. And, if the voters do not like the actions of the Board, they can elect new Board members at annual elections. Requiring the year-to-year operations of the Village to be controlled by recurring referendums will cause delays and add costs.

I am old enough to remember when \$1 million was a really big project. That is no longer the case. I also never thought I would hear trillion-dollar expenditures talked about casually by government, but that is a different topic.

We already have a requirement to hold a referendum for any public works project expected to cost \$5 million or more. I hope most people Vote NO.

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Early Ethnic History of Waukesha County, Wisconsin Village of Elm Grove, 1920s and 1930s

By Tom Ramstack

Visit: bayernimmigrantant.wixsite.com/early-ethnic-history

Much of the content is taken from an interview I made with my father, **Joseph Ramstack Jr.**, in 1985, and typed onto our family's 35 pound "Underwood" typewriter. Dad always had a way of making his "stories" fascinating. Many of his shared recollections recall stories to him by his father, **Joseph Ramstack Sr.**

I'm not insinuating that all accounts are 100% factual as they were orally recalled. On the other hand, I suspect you might find it all somewhat fascinating as a meaningful account of what life was like in our village during an earlier day. My greatest hope is that you might enjoy!



Calendar of Events – March 2022

Tuesday – Thursday - MARCH 3

• **Elmbrook Garden Club**
Meeting – 6:00 p.m. at Brookfield Public Library. Open to the Public.
(262) 606-0125 or (414) 712-9259

Friday - MARCH 4

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove; Program: Detective Jack Kelly, «Robbery Division, MPD Detectives Bureau»
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Phil Aiello, the Mandel Group “Plans for Redevelopment of the Notre Dame Property”.
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• **Friends of Elm Grove Library 35th Used Book Sale**
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., 13600 Juneau Blvd.
(262) 782-6717

Saturday – MARCH 5

• **Elm Grove Recycling Center / Yard Waste Facility**, 900 Wall St.,
Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Friends of Elm Grove Library 35th Used Book Sale**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 13600 Juneau Blvd.
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Sunday – MARCH 6

• **Friends of Elm Grove Library 35th Used Book Sale**
Noon to 4 p.m., 13600 Juneau Blvd.
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Wednesday – MARCH 9

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

Friday – MARCH 11

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove;
Program: Brian Bliesner, Bill Mohr, Josh LeVeque, & Jeff Baue, “Wisconsin DOT I-94 East West Team”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Jack Kelly, Detective Milwaukee Police Department
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Saturday - MARCH 12

• **Elm Grove Recycling Center / Yard Waste Facility**, 900 Wall St.,
Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday - MARCH 13

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Tuesday - MARCH 15

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee** Winter Lecture Series – 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall – O’Neill Room; Speaker: Vicki Piaskowski, retired International Coordinator for Birds Without Borders (Aves Sin Fronteras) on “Making Your Yard Bird-Friendly.” FREE. Open to the Public.

Thursday - MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK’S DAY



Friday - MARCH 18

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove;
Program: Select ERC Members, “Classification Talks”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Dr. Marshall Jennison, “The Cure for COVID”.
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Saturday - MARCH 19

• **Elm Grove Recycling Center / Yard Waste Facility**, 900 Wall St.,
Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday - MARCH 20

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Friday – MARCH 25

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts; Program: “Celebrating a 20-Year Relationship”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Kay Watkins, “Waukesha County 911 system”.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – MARCH 26

• **Elm Grove Recycling Center / Yard Waste Facility**, 900 Wall St.,
Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday - MARCH 28

• **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall court room. Open to the Public.
Agenda: www.elmgrovetribe.org.
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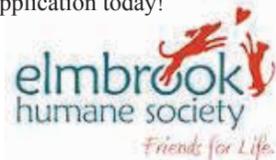
By Anita Alfaro

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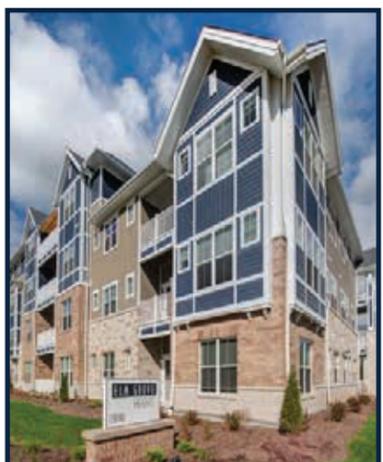
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Judy Newman at the February 2022 Elmbrook Garden Club meeting.

Elmbrook Garden Club News

By Rose Heald

Judy Newman, Master and Flower Show School Instructor, Horticulture, presented the “World of Succulents” to members of the Elmbrook Garden Club (EBGC) at their February meeting. Judy is a nationally accredited flower show judge for the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and enjoys sharing her talents and expertise by giving programs for garden clubs around the nation. She is also president of

the Southern Wisconsin Judges Council, which serves the greater Milwaukee area.

Meetings of the EBGC are held at the Brookfield Public Library the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The public are welcome and encouraged to attend. For membership information, contact **Lisa Gelhaar** at (414) 712-9259 or **Rose Heald** at (262) 606-0125.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy’s 2022 Scholastic Writing Award Winners.

B.A. Students Receive Scholastic Writing Awards

By Melissa Ericksen

Twelve students from Brookfield Academy were recognized with Scholastic Writing Awards. According to the organization’s website, these very prestigious awards have been “Supporting the future of creativity since 1929.” Previous winners include many well-recognized writers including: Truman Capote, Andy Warhol, John Lithgow, Ken Burns, Joyce Carol Oates, Alan Arkin, Stephen King, and many more. Among the winners were two students, **Sophia Thomas** and **Vishnu Guda**, who were American Voices Nominees. Their pieces earn an automatic cash prize and the potential for a regional medal.

***Vishnu Guda:** one Gold Key & American Voices Nominee (Short Story), five Gold Keys (Short Story-2, Poetry-3), four Silver Keys (Short Story, Poetry-3)

***Max Hong:** six Gold Keys (Poetry-5, Journalism), one Silver Key (Poetry), two Honorable Mentions (Poetry)

***Leah Johnson:** five Gold Keys (Poetry-5, Personal Essay & Memoir), two Silver Keys (Poetry, Critical Essay), one Honorable Mention (Poetry)

***Ty Mahnke:** two Honorable Mentions (Science Fiction & Fantasy)

***Maranda Montgomery:** three Gold Keys (Short Story-2, Flash Fiction), four Silver Keys (Short Story-2, Flash Fiction, Humor)

***Sydney O’Bryant,** one Honorable Mention (Short Story)

***Ava Samuel,** one Silver Key (Critical Essay)

***Sophia Thomas:** Gold Key & American Voices Nominee (Flash Fiction), Gold Key (Poetry), Honorable Mention (Poetry)

***Adrian Yin:** two Gold Keys (Critical Essay), two Silver Keys (Poetry)

Scholastic Writing Awards-Wisconsin has recognized these 12 Upper School students who earned 54 awards in all:

***Tyler Beckley:** Silver Key (Science Fiction & Fantasy), three Honorable Mentions (Short Story, Poetry -2)

***Marissa Christensen:** two Silver Keys (Flash Fiction, Short Story), two Honorable Mentions (Short Story, Poetry)

***Olivia Greipp:** one Silver Key (Critical Essay)



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Members of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra

Elmbrook Rotary Supports MYSO

By Linda Edelstein

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) is happy to be in harmony with the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. The club is a strong supporter of MYSO's mission to nurture, challenge, and inspire students -- profoundly changing their lives and our community. Elmbrook Rotary is pleased to support MYSO in 2021-22 with a \$3,000 Mini-Grant.

MYSO promotes critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through more than 40 ensemble and supplemental training options -- from symphony, string orchestras, jazz, and steel pan bands to music theory, composition, and international tours.

"MYSO instilled a confidence and bravery to overcome the barriers I imagined were in front of me," one student said. Another said, "My time here has taught me to keep going because I never know what I am going to find out about myself."

During the pandemic, which has magnified so many needs -- including students' needs for teamwork, self-expression, and focus --

the club believes that support of MYSO is especially important.

With the ERC Mini-Grant this year, MYSO will provide music training for 800 youths ages 8 to 18 -- including some of the Milwaukee area's most vulnerable, who would not have access to music education otherwise. MYSO will reach as many as 6,000 other students, and 20,000 audience members overall, through safe, in-person concerts and performances live-streamed and available on video. And MYSO will help students build cognitive, character, and social skills -- skills they will need in any walk of life -- as well as musical skills.

"As I've grown (at MYSO)," a student said, "I have become a leader... then other times, I am a supporting member of the team. There is a place for all that."

You can join our club in bringing the gift of music to students and our community. Please visit [Donate to MYSO | Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra](#).

JOHN SCHINDLER

FOR ELM GROVE TRUSTEE



Key Priorities

Elm Grove has a long history of volunteerism. John embraces that philosophy and his number one priority is keeping Elm Grove the safe, friendly and quaint community it has always been.

He believes that redevelopment is very much needed, but that it must fit the character and unique aesthetic of our community.

John believes more pedestrian pathways are needed along major arterials so that children can safely travel to and from school, and residents from all parts of the village can safely walk to downtown or the village park.

John Schindler grew up in Elm Grove. He went to St. Mary's grade school and Brookfield Central High School. After attending UW-Madison he became a Research Hydrogeologist with the USGS. Later in life he transitioned into emergency medicine and recently retired as a Flight Paramedic with Flight for Life.

John and his wife Jean reside on Grandview Drive. He is a board member of the Elm Grove Community Foundation, is the President of the

Elm Grove Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, and serves on the Village Public Safety and the Ad Hoc Pathway committees.

John has also been serving our community as a volunteer Paramedic for over 25 years. He is currently a Realtor with Moving Forward Realty.



Vote for John on April 5th!

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Paid for by John Schindler for Elm Grove Trustee

Monday Night Car Shows to be Held in Elm Grove – Summer 2022

By Ray Shannon

The Corona virus prevented the big annual CRUISIN' THE GROVE car show from taking place in downtown Elm Grove in August of 2020. It also stopped the much smaller CRUISIN' THE SPUR mini car shows on Monday nights behind the Silver Spur Restaurant.



But in the spring of 2021, the Spur decided to schedule six CRUISIN' THE SPUR mini car shows on alternate Monday nights during June, July, August and September. These informal gatherings in the Spur's

parking lot did not always luck-out with good weather. But they did showcase some nice cars and always featured the Spur's excellent pit BBQ sandwiches, cold beverages and good music.

And here in 2022, the Spur parking lot will again be the venue for a series of informal CRUISIN' THE SPUR mini shows throughout the summer. The current plan is to hold them on the third Monday in the months of May, June, July, August, September, and possibly October.

Hopefully better weather will again allow classic and collectible cars, trucks and cycles of all ages to be put on display for a nice gathering of appreciative

on-lookers from Elm Grove and the surrounding area. Stay tuned for further details.



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Local Sports



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The Brookfield Academy Ski Team. The group wrapped up a successful season, especially the boys team members **William Morgan, Jacob Zaiser, Quinn Kaiser, and Kameron Kaiser** who qualified for State @ Mt. La Crosse.

Brookfield East High School Ski Team Results

(BROOKFIELD) The Brookfield East High School Ski Team in late January competed in their fourth ski meet at Little Switzerland in Slinger for a Slalom race against Waukesha, Menomonee Falls, Kettle Moraine, and Nicolet High Schools, racing in some of the coldest temperatures of the winter.

time of 24.89 seconds in the first race and an overall of 53.30 seconds.

Varsity Boys was led by Junior **Henry Tasker** who smoked the first run at 19.45 seconds and placing 4th overall at 42.07.

Lucy Irwin led JV Girls with the team's fastest overall time of 65.30 seconds.

Varsity Girls was led by **Alexandra Ritchie** with the team's fastest individual

Gabe Stuleanu led JV Boys with 65.45 seconds which placed him 10th overall.

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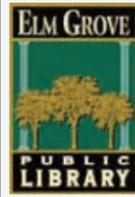
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Library News and Programs March 2022



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Better Sleep: What's Getting in the Way? Tuesday, March 22, 1:30 p.m.

1 in 3 American adults fail to get enough sleep. Are you one of them? Join us for an educational session presented by a registered nurse to discuss what's getting in the way of better sleep and what you can do about it.



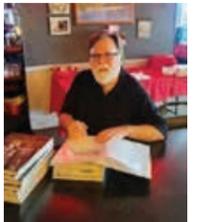
This is the first in a series of five "Cup of Health" presentations in 2022. The presentations are co-sponsored by the Waukesha County Public Health Dept. and the ADRC of Waukesha County. **NOTE: Please register in advance at elmgrovelibrary.org.**

The Wisconsin Supper Clubs Story Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.



Pull up a chair as Wisconsin supper club historian Ron Faiola offers a hearty buffet of the history of Wisconsin's most iconic supper clubs and the folks who keep the cocktails poured, the relish trays fresh, and ensure there's always an open seat at the table. Free to attend. No registration required.

About the speaker: Ron Faiola has been called "Wisconsin's legacy filmmaker" and a "supper club guru." His bestselling book series, *Wisconsin Supper Clubs: An Old Fashioned Experience* and *Wisconsin Supper Clubs: Another Round*, helped ignite supper club fever in the Badger State. His years of research led to a third book in the series, *The Wisconsin Supper Clubs Story: An Illustrated History With Relish*, which was released in November 2021. Visit Ron at WisconsinSupperClubs.com.



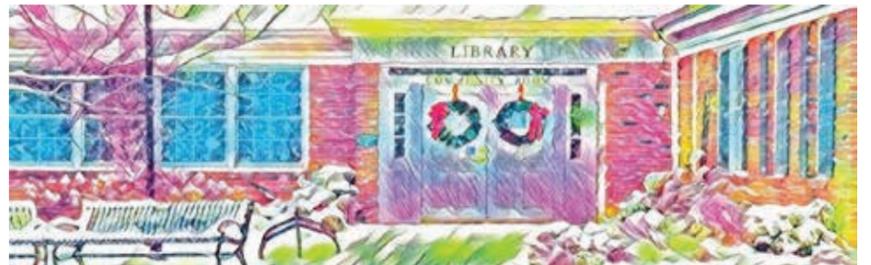
Maximize Your Medicare Benefits Wednesday, March 30, 1:00 p.m.

Learn more about your Medicare options! This presentation will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they fit together. The program will also include information about Medicare's annual open enrollment period and an explanation of how to use and understand the plan comparison tool on Medicare's website. Presented in conjunction



with the ADRC of Waukesha County and GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.). **NOTE: Please register in advance for this program at elmgrovelibrary.org.**

WINTER READING CHALLENGE – FINAL MONTH



Pick up your reading card at the Elm Grove Library to begin. Every 10 hours of reading equals one prize entry. Return completed card to the library and place in the prize box of your choice. Prizes include restaurant gift cards, quilting supplies, and a weighted blanket. Winners will be drawn 3/21/21. No entry limit. Open to ages 16+. Sponsored by the Friends of the Elm Grove Library.



Young Writers & Reporters

Leprechauns

By Evelyn Socha & Eloise Ark
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Leprechauns are sneaky.
Leprechauns are bad and good.
Leprechauns are hard to catch.
Leprechauns leave a mess
and a trick!

Gold

By Vera Pedriana & Evelyn Hermesen
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Glimmering
Over the rainbow
Lovely
Dazzling

Clovers

By Norah Daniels
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Clovers are everywhere
Loving clovers
Overflowing clovers
Very many clovers
Everywhere are clovers
Really big clovers

Winter

By Adrian Monfils & Everett Scharer
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

I see snow
I see snowmen reading
I hear talking
I taste fish
I feel happy!

Leprechauns

By Zac Boldt & Dylan Blong
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Leprechauns
like rainbows and
gold and coins
and watch out
for his
sneaky
TRICKS!

Green

By Joy Kim and Kennedy Small
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Grass is green!
Raining green leaves
Everyone wearing GREEN
Everything is GREEN
Nothing is PINK!

Clovers are Green

By Natalie Conroy
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Clovers are green
Loving clovers everywhere
Overjoyed when you get
FOUR LEAVES!
Very green
Everywhere
Really LUCKY!

Leprechaun

By Lyla Budet
Tonawanda – 2nd Grade

Lyla's birthday
an awesome day!
Patrick
even GREEN!
Red? NO!
Green? YES!
Can be silly
Patrick is his name
No, you will not catch me
he he

Spring

By Emanuella S.
Grade 5 - Tonawanda

Spring is here
There is nothing to fear
Animals come out
There is nothing to be sad about

The grass is growing
And the wind is flowing
It is getting warm
And we see more bee swarms

Frogs are hopping
We start shopping
It is almost St. Patrick's Day
We all play

Butterflies fly
We see the pretty sky
It's so amazing
We love spring!!!

March!

By Gus, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

In March, me and my family have a tradition where each year we go to Culvers and get a shamrock shake. It's just a small little thing we do every year, but it's also a special thing too. I have a massive family of 8 so there is always something to do like go to a soccer game or dance so it is really special when we all get to spend time together. Also, the leprechaun comes to our house and gives us each a little pot of chocolate coins. He even turns the toilet green! Spring break is amazing especially for a relaxing week off. It's like living a dream until it ends. But don't get me wrong, I still love March for all the wonderful things it has to offer.

Spring Break!

By Dhrupud Dimble
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Spring break's coming! I don't know what you're doing, but my family has some exciting plans. I'm not completely sure about what we're doing, so here's what my dad told me we're doing. First, we're going to fly to Washington D.C. to see the Cherry Blossom Festival, see some friends, and explore the area. The next day, we'll take all of our stuff from our hotel room in Washington D.C. and drive over to New York to see the Statue of Liberty, and I really just want to take a look at the tallest buildings. Then when everything's done, we'll fly back home. So, that's what my family's doing for spring break. We're probably going to add some things when we get there, like change something we'll do in New York, or do less things than planned because of lack of time. So really, we're still deciding. But there is one thing we for sure know we're going to do, and that's to have a good time.

The Tooth Fairy

By 1st Grade students at St. Mary's Visitation

***Thomas Andres:** I think the tooth fairy burns all the teeth she collects. She might make it into jewelry!

***Eloise Black:** I think the tooth fairy makes teeth into something or makes a wall of teeth. When we are sleeping, she takes a photo of us to know whose tooth is whose. I love the tooth fairy. I got ten dollars from the tooth I lost when I was on vacation. It had fairy dust on it.

***Alvie Tripoli:** I think the tooth fairy puts some teeth in a jar and makes a castle out of them. She would glue them together with toothpaste.

St. Patrick's Day

By Brynna Dobbe
4th Grade -Tonawanda

St. Patrick's Day is a day of fun,
When your traps for leprechauns
are sprung!
These small, orange haired men,
Will make the fun never end,
Try to put them in a jail,
But all these plans will fail,
They're here to cause trouble,
But to your parents, you're a double,
The leprechauns no different from you,
A world of trouble, that's true too!
So as the day of leprechauns ends,
Just keep in mind it'll come again,
March being the lucky month,
You can continue the leprechaun hunt!

When I saw the Leprechaun

By Teaghan Coffey
Tonawanda, 4th Grade

Once when I was little, I was visiting my cousins in Utah and I was sleeping downstairs with my sister and my mom. It was also the night before Saint Patrick's Day, so I was really excited to get some chocolate coins. When I woke up the morning of Saint Patrick's Day, I sat up, looked around and you will not believe what I saw. IT WAS A LEPRECHAUN!!!! And it was looking through the window and when I looked at the leprechaun it ran away from the window. Then after the leprechaun ran away, I started shaking my mom and said "MOM! MOM! I just saw a leprechaun looking through our window!" And then I ran up the stairs to tell my aunt and uncle.

March

By Tucker Scharer
4th Grade, Tonawanda

March is a little man scurrying
around your house.
March is spring break being off school.
March is spring coming and the sun is
looking down.
March is playing in the pool.
March is March madness.
March is sitting in a hammock
reading a book.
March is playing outside with friends.
March is awesome!

Clovers Clovers

By Jacob Katula
4th Grade -Tonawanda

Clovers, Clovers on the ground.
Clovers, Clovers all around.
Clovers, Clovers on the floor.
Clovers, Clovers at the door.
Clovers, Clovers with shades of green.
Clovers, Clovers of 3 and 4 leaves
can be seen.
Clovers, Clovers in the air.
Clovers, Clovers everywhere.



St. Patrick's Day Jokes

By Ben Ewig, 4th Grade – Tonawanda

What kind of spells do leprechauns use?
Lucky Charms!
What do you call a frog that jumped into a pot of gold? *A leap-rechaun.*
Why do leprechauns hate running?
They'd rather jig than jog.
Why do leprechauns love to garden?
They have green thumbs!
What do you call a leprechaun prank?
A saint pat-trick.
What happens if a leprechaun falls into the ocean? *He gets wet, of course.*
Why shouldn't you borrow money from a leprechaun? *Because they're always a little short.*
Do leprechauns make good secretaries?
Sure, they're great at shorthand!
When does a leprechaun cross the road?
When it turns green!
Why did the leprechaun climb over the rainbow? *To get to the other side!*
What do you call a leprechaun who broke the law? *A lepre-con!*
How did the leprechaun win the race?
He took a shortcut.
What did the leprechaun say when the video game ended? *Game clover!*
How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke? *He's Dublin over with laughter!*
What's Irish and stays out all night?
Paddy O'Furniture.

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Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Choosing Your Representatives

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

Choosing someone to be your financial power of attorney, personal representative, or the successor trustee for your trust is one of the most difficult aspects of estate planning. Often you end up choosing the same person for each role.

Other times there might not be a good choice and a trust company is most appropriate. These are highly personal decisions and there is no right or wrong way to go about it. There are, however, some qualities that you should keep in mind:

Integrity: These should be people in whom you have complete trust and confidence as they will have access to your finances, and control over your assets after your death.

Experience: While they do not have to be experts themselves, some solid financial experience is necessary. Your agents will be making significant financial decisions for you or your beneficiaries. Also, they have to have the experience to know when

and how to hire the right professionals, such as accountants, attorneys or realtors.

Impartiality: If possible, choose someone who will be viewed by family or beneficiaries as impartial and fair. This will help if disagreements arise and the person you name has to step in to settle the matter. Depending on family dynamics, your best choice may be a trusted friend, or an outside person or entity, to act in this role to maintain impartiality.

Patience: The agents you name will have to act during some of the most stressful times in your family's life. Because they are in a position of authority, your agent may become the most obvious target when emotions run high. Consider naming someone who understands this and can remain calm.

After choosing someone for each role, you should also try to designate a successor to serve in the place of your first choice if your first choice is unavailable for one reason or another.

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*Sunset Playhouse

Sunset Playhouse loves our volunteers! We rely on them to help create the high-quality productions that Sunset is known for. From working in the Scene Shop to Front of House ushering to helping children make crafts at our bug in a rug Children's Theater shows, we have volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in giving time to the arts. Right now, we are especially looking for ushers, scenery painters, props designers, and back-stage crew. No experience needed - we will train you. If interested, call **Brooke** at (262) 782-4431 x233. Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall Street, Elm Grove, WI.

*Waukesha County Meals on Wheels

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*School District of Elmbrook

Please see <https://www.elmbrookschoools.org/departments/human-resources/how-to-volunteer-in-elmbrook> for information including completing our district's volunteer background check process. You will need to renew this process every two years. There is an approximate two-week processing time before you are able to volunteer in our school. As approved by our Board and outlined in the Return to Learn Plan, our visitors and volunteers will be required to wear masks when in our school buildings.

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.
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Vote **NO** on April 5th Elm Grove Referendum

A referendum on the April 5th ballot will adversely impact Elm Grove residents by requiring voter approval of public works projects costing a million dollars or more, such as street repaving, new pathways and facility repairs.

The referendum was not prompted by wild spending or boondoggles. In the 36 years that I have lived here, the Village has been very fiscally conservative with comparatively low debt and excellent credit ratings. This proposal is solely an attempt to block the School Sisters development, which requires municipal water.

However, the proposed ordinance will delay many projects 4-12 months and make them more expensive. Waiting to bid a project until after an April election, instead of in January, means many qualified contractors will be fully booked for the

construction season and firms that are still available will charge premium prices. Our engineers stated that postponing bids for this year's Gebhardt Road paving and pathway until after the election could cost an additional \$150,000.

Another complication occurs because whether a project exceeds a million dollars may not be known until after contractors submit bids, as happened with the Village pool splash pad. Also, a project that is underway will be halted for months when unforeseen underground conditions drive costs above the million-dollar threshold.

Please vote **NO** on the ordinance referendum.

George Haas, Village Trustee
Elm Grove

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2022 WJCL Latin Convention Results

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield East High School is celebrating the success of its Latin language students at this year's Wisconsin Junior Classical League convention. The Brookfield East delegation placed 2nd in the state in the qualitative sweepstakes. The students listed below placed in the top ten in the designated categories and earned points for our delegation. Students who placed in the top five will also receive a ribbon to acknowledge their achievement.

The Latin I, II, & III certamen (i.e. Latin quiz bowl) teams made the finals. The Latin II team took first place on the last toss-up question, denying Brookfield Academy a four-level sweep.

Jasmine Sun, Peter Kearney, and Rohith Kumar placed in the top ten for total points. These students earned more points than all but a handful of the 350 delegates at the convention. Jasmine, Peter and Rohith will receive a separate award for their efforts.

Brookfield Central's Science Olympiad Team Results

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield Central's Science Olympiad Team are being acknowledged for their Regional Tournament performance in late January. The team medaled in 14 out of the 20 events and qualified for the state meet in April.

Medal winners include: **Avaneesh Muralidharan, Saathvik Gowda, Anvith Aravati, Aarav Barde, Joshua Wang, Liem Rao, Daniel Zhu, Aashay Mardikar, Saloni Chaurasia, Sohuni Udani, Rohan Kurpad, Sophia Ayer, Samantha Ayer and Julia Cao.**

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Brookfield Academy's National Merit Finalists. (Back row, left to right) **Megan McCarty, Ronit Gupta, Hashir Ahmad, Natalie Cartwright, Alexander Star, Anna Marshall;** (Front row, left to right) **Emma Canga, Pranoy Sangowdar, Hannah Ding, Tegbir Chawla, Jacqueline Dieck.**

B.A. Students Named National Merit Finalists

By Melissa Ericksen

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has named 11 Brookfield Academy seniors as National Merit Finalists. They include: **Hashir Ahmad**, Brookfield; **Emma Canga**, Brookfield; **Natalie Cartwright**, Menomonee Falls; **Tegbir Chawla**, Menomonee Falls; **Jacqueline Dieck**, Menomonee Falls; **Hannah Ding**, Brookfield; **Ronit Gupta**, Brookfield; **Anna Marshall**, Hartland;

Megan McCarty, Hartland; **Pranoy Sangowdar**, Brookfield; and **Alexander Star**, Brookfield.

These students will be considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered later this spring. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.



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