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***Mother's Day – May 14 *Memorial Day – May 29**



Photo by Kay Cucinello

GOOD WORKS! American Legion Waukesha County Council Auxiliary members from numerous area communities gathered at Post 449 in Brookfield to construct blankets for Veterans at several VA facilities, as a first-time project.

American Legion Auxiliary Members Create Blankets for Veterans

By Anita "Sam" Catura

On Saturday, March 25, Post 449 in Brookfield was the site of the Waukesha County Council Auxiliary Blanket Tie. Our goal was to make 50 blankets! Beginning at 8 a.m., 43 members of the American Legion Family came together and not only met that goal, but surpassed it to complete 59 beautiful blankets. The blankets were then distributed to 5 VA facilities: Zablocki VA, The Hoptel (on the VA grounds), and Three Pillars in Dousman, Union Grove VA and The Dayton House in Kenosha. We hope that these blankets will bring much comfort, warmth and caring thoughts to each of the

Veterans who receive them. May they feel the love that went into each knot and know we will never forget them.

There were members from the Dousman, Okauchee, Mukwonago, Waukesha, Pewaukee, Oconomowoc, and of course Brookfield Units, and members who traveled from as far away as Stevens Point to join in this very fun and worthwhile cause. We had members from other Units in Milwaukee County bring fabric and work side by side cutting and tying the most colorful and some rather unique patterns. A member of the Sons of the

American Legion, manned the sharpener and kept those scissors in working order. Of course, no event is complete without food...a huge thank you to a very special Legion member and his Auxiliary wife for making the arrangements for the donuts in the morning and sandwiches at noon.

This is what The American Legion Family is about. Working together to support all of our Veterans and let them know we appreciate the sacrifices they made, so we can now enjoy the freedom that allows us to gather as one.

Memorial Day Event to be Held in Brookfield

By Tom McDermott

A commemoration of Memorial Day will be held at 10 a.m. on May 29, 2017 at Historic Oak Hill Cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Rd, Brookfield, WI. The service will feature live patriotic music; prayer offered by **Reverend Eric Skovgaard**; addresses by Brookfield Mayor **Steve**

Ponto, historian **Stephen Hauser**, and students of Brookfield Academy; and an Honor Guard and rifle salute by Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post 296 and Boy Scout Troop 71 of St. John Vianney Church. A Revolutionary War re-enactment troop will pay honor

to Revolutionary War veteran **Nathan Hatch**, who is buried at Oak Hill. It's free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Village Update

*70th Annual Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 29

"Freedom Isn't Free" is the theme for this year's signature community event, sponsored by the Elm Grove Junior Guild and American Legion Post 449. The Parade will leave Village Park at 10:30 a.m. then travel north on Legion Drive, east on Elmhurst Parkway, south on Church St., west along Watertown Plank Rd., and turn south on Elm Grove Road, before ending on Wall St. Visit the Junior Guild's website: www.elmgrovejuniorguild.org for additional details. (Read related Memorial Day items on Pages 3, 4 and 5.)

*April 4 Election Results

Elm Grove voters re-elected Village Board of Trustee members **Katy Cornell** (797 votes), **Patty Kujawa** (845 votes) and **Tom Michalski** (699 votes). Challenger **Jim Koleski**, in his first time bid for public office, garnered 455 votes. Also re-elected was Village President **Neil Palmer** who ran unopposed.

School District of Elmbrook residents elected **Allison Malnar** to the Area I Seat (3,169 votes). Challenger **Jon J. Dzurak** received 1,527 votes. The Area III Seat was won by **Jian Sun** (3,103 votes), defeating **Leanne Wied** (2,605 votes). The At Large Seat was retained by Board member **Kathryn Wilson** who ran unopposed.

*Wisconsin Avenue Extension

Visit www.elmgrovetwi.org for current information about the possible extension of Brookfield's Wisconsin Avenue into Elm Grove. Contact Village Hall at (262) 782-6700 with questions / concerns.



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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

We're International!

As I fill this space for ISSUE # 81, I can again report how AMAZING it is to be in the position of owning and publishing a hyper-local newspaper that strives to serve our readers with information and stories that reflect the many accomplishments and GOOD WORKS of those living and working in Elm Grove and neighboring Waukesha County communities.

For a "small town" paper — we have gained a bit of an International following. During its 6½ years in publication, the *Elm Grove News-Independent* has been sent north and south and coast-to-coast in the United States. A British-born woman named **Joyce** sent it to England. **Sonia** (also British) said she mailed it to France. It's travelled to other places in Europe, Asia and South America, too. Local and various states' historical societies and other publications have received copies for their archives courtesy of readers who said "this newspaper has pertinent information that you should have."

So, if you happen to send a copy to some far away location, let me know. Send a photo of someone holding it. **"Where in the World is the News-Independent?"** would make a great new feature!



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / EGN

VINTAGE WORLD WAR II "M-O-T-H-E-R" PILLOW COVER. Items such as this were often purchased by those serving in the U. S. Armed Forces and sent as gifts / souvenirs to loved ones (mothers, fathers, sisters, friends, and sweethearts) on the Homefront.

Happy Mother's Day - Sunday, May 14

Gardening in the Grove

PLANT SALE!

Saturday, May 20, 2017
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
13230 Watertown Plank Road
(In Parking Lot next to Ray's Auto.)

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Nominations Sought for Beautification Awards

By Sandy Pommerening

The Beautification Committee is asking residents to submit names of friends and neighbors who have gardens that you admire. We would like to review these gardens for the Beautification Award this year. These can be gardens that have an amazing spring showing of plants or gardens and landscape that are worth recognizing in the summer. The mission of the committee is to recognize those gardens that show a strong effort of beautifying their property through gardening.

The procedure we use is as follows:

- Garden nominations are requested from Elm Grove residents in the Recreation Guide and through news articles in May and June.
- Each Beautification Committee member is assigned a section of Elm Grove to review and submit gardens for nomination each year.
- All nominations are then sent to all committee members to review the gardens that are nominated.
- Gardens and landscape are judged from the street only. We do not take back yards into consideration.
- Some of the criteria are drive-by or curb appeal, use of color in plantings, use of trees and shrubs as well as plants to compliment the home, balance, texture created, neatness of yard, etc.
- The committee meets toward the end of June to vote on the selections of the entire committee.
- Knowing that home owners and landscapes change, we try to reconsider homes that have been given the award in the past.
- However, we will not offer the award if the home has been honored within 3-5 years.

Please take your time to honor gardens in your neighborhood or others that are deserving of the award. Simply send the form below to nominate:

Name of Property Owner _____

Address of Garden _____

Your Name _____

Please send to: Sandy at spommerening@wi.rr.com or bring form to Village Hall.

Doctor Who What Where When Why & How

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

“Journalism 101” traditionally teaches the major elements that reporters should include within a news story: **WHO** was involved? **WHAT** happened? **WHERE** did the incident/event take place? **WHEN** did it occur? **HOW** was the action done? And, if possible to discover, **WHY**?

What do **YOU** want to know about community issues, people, places, local organizations, area history, etc?

Questions can be e-mailed to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com or mailed to Elm Grove News-Independent – Dr. Who, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372.

“The Doctor” is in!

Question of the Month:

What exactly is a “Bookie Cookie”? How / Where / When can I help make and/or buy one (or many)? Who is involved and Why?

Well, how simply “sweet” of you (several readers) to ask, as the season of that delicious dessert is, one again, at hand.

The answer is courtesy of Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) publicist **Janet Wintersberger** who notes:

It’s our 29th Annual Bookie Cookie Sale (at the Memorial Day Parade – May 29). FOEGL members, Great Harvest Bread Co., the PTO from Tonawanda School and others are excitedly joining forces this year. We are grateful for Great Harvest’s continuing support. This year, the Tonawanda School PTO has generously offered to partner on several of the Bookie Cookie duties

while providing hands-on volunteer experience for their students. Look for the Tonawanda parent/child teams selling at the Parade, and be sure to buy a Bookie Cookie from one of our young friends!

YOU CAN HELP! Mix a batch or two of dough, and refrigerate the dough. Great Harvest will accept the refrigerated (not frozen) dough on certain dates. Each batch of dough makes 18 – 4 ½ inch cookies. Just to meet last year’s sale of 1,200 cookies, we need 67 batches.

Our Bookie Cookie co-chairs are waiting to hear from you. Please contact **Jill Varick** at (262) 424-5913 or **Cathy Fink** at (262) 827-0722 for details.

The annual Bookie Cookie fundraiser benefits the Elm Grove Public Library.

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Waukesha County News

An Inside Look at Waukesha County Government

By **Thomas A. Michalski**, County Supervisor – District 8, tmichalski@waukeshacounty.gov

I sat down to write this article immediately after sending off our own state and federal income taxes. For every dollar we pay in state taxes, 30 cents is returned to Waukesha County. That’s the lowest rate of return in the state. So, it’s no surprise I am thinking about how our tax dollars are spent and how the money passes to Waukesha County from the state.

In February, **Governor Walker** unveiled his 2017-19 state biennial budget to the legislature. The state’s Joint Finance Committee (JFC), a 16-member committee comprised of assembly and senate members, is tasked with reviewing the budget. JFC is in the early stages of its budget review — holding agency briefings last month and hosting six public hearings this month. Waukesha County has a strong interest in the state’s budget. Since one of the functions of a county is to be the State’s administrative arm, funding set in the state budget has a direct impact on the county budget.

Approximately 24% of the Waukesha County’s revenues come from the state or federal government. This revenue is used to help offset the costs of state-mandated services and programs, which the county performs on behalf of the state. Even with the assistance of state aid, the county still spends approximately 44% of its tax levy on state-mandated services.

The state’s Joint Finance Committee will start voting on their recommended changes to the budget in May. Once they complete their review, the full Assembly and Senate

will vote on the budget. Upon passage, the budget is sent back to the Governor for signing it into law. (Note: the Governor has the power of line-item vetoes.) To meet the state’s budget-cycle, this process should be complete by July 1, 2017. With the State’s budget signed into law and its full impact on Waukesha County understood, the Waukesha County Executive **Paul Farrow** begins to finalize his budget.

We are at the early stages of budget development, and this is an ideal time to make your opinions known to the state legislators that represent Waukesha County District 8: State Senator **Leah Vukmir** and State Representatives **Rob Hutton** and **Dale Kooyenga**.

Within Governor Walker’s proposed budget there are several items of local interest. There is a statute that would allow counties the ability to enter into contracts with other neighboring counties, to establish joint agencies or commissions to carry out certain functions. This change would allow counties, searching for ways to improve service and reduce cost, to create partnerships that will provide services on a regional basis. (Note: recently the JFC has removed this item from Walker’s budget because they deemed it to be policy, not budgetary. Waukesha County will continue to pursue this change whether it is through the budget or legislative process.)

The Governor has proposed modest increases in several transportation programs that benefit counties.

***General Transportation Aids** are given to counties to offset the cost of constructing and repairing roads for the 19,000-mile county highway trunk system. Routine maintenance agreements are provided to counties for maintaining state roads such as snow removal and roadside mowing. (Blue Mound Road is an example of a state road.)

***An increase to Local Bridge Aids** help offset the cost of repairing deficient bridges. Local Bridge Aid helped finance the new Watertown Plank Road bridge (in downtown Elm Grove). In April, \$100,000 of state money passed through Waukesha County to Elm Grove.

***The Governor also increased a grant program that provides transportation assistance to seniors and those with disabilities.** In 2016, Waukesha County provided more than 68,000 one-way trips using these funds. The **Elmbrook Senior Taxi** should be eligible for some of these funds.

Health and Human services programs account for the largest share of mandates from the state. Counties are responsible for the well-being, treatment and care of the mentally ill, elderly, developmentally disabled, at risk children, juvenile delinquents, and alcohol and drug dependency.

***The Governor’s budget increases funding** counties receive to prevent, investigate and treat child abuse and neglect.

***The Governor’s budget also eliminates the** waitlist for the **Children’s Long Term Support program**, which is a federal waiver program that assists children with developmental, emotional or physical disabilities. Waukesha County currently supports 300 children and has an additional 300 children on the waitlist. State-wide there are 2,200 kids on the waitlist.

Many of the state funding sources that the counties utilize have remained flat in this budget. Counties receive **Community Aids** funding to help fund their human services responsibilities.

***Circuit Court services** are under the control of the state; however, counties fund all the operating costs. The county receives a grant from the state to assist with these costs that covers less than 20% of the operating costs.

***Youth Aids** are provided to counties to assist in the costs of both in-home and out-of-home placements for juveniles. This program also remains flat, but the budget proposes increasing the daily rate charged at the juvenile correction facility from \$294/day to \$344/day.

As I stated earlier, this is the early stages of the state budget and review process, and there is time to contact your state legislators with your concerns. As always, please contact me with questions, comments or concerns. I hope you all find the time to enjoy this spring.

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

A Man Three Times Brave

By Stephen K. Hauser

On Memorial Day, May 29, Elmbrook residents will have an opportunity to share an experience more commonly commemorated throughout New England and the Atlantic coastal states, namely to pay their respects at the graveside of a veteran of the American Revolutionary War, the struggle which gave our nation its independence.

Nathan Hatch, soldier of the Revolution, is buried at Brookfield's Oak Hill cemetery on Brookfield Road. He has been honored at annual remembrances, held variously on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July, since 1918. How he came to settle in his later years in the fledgling Town of Brookfield in the Wisconsin territory is a story worth telling.

Nathan Hatch certainly was a brave man, as exemplified by three brave actions he undertook that marked important chapters in his remarkable life. Born in Attleboro, Massachusetts in 1757, he was one of five children in the family of farmer **Nathan Hatch, Sr.** and his wife, **Amy Stanley Hatch**. The senior Hatch had served in the French & Indian Wars.

In July of 1776, at age 19, young Nathan enlisted in the Continental Army, serving as a private in **Captain Isaac Hodges'** company on their march to Boston, shortly after America's Founding Fathers had signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. He subsequently reenlisted three additional times, serving four terms of service, and was honorably discharged

on January 8, 1781. (It was a common custom at the time for volunteers to fulfill a term of service, return to their farms for harvest or planting and then sign on for another hitch.)

The American Revolutionary War was not as popular among the colonists as we might assume today. No less a patriot than future president **John Adams** would later note that while 1/3 of Americans supported the war, another 1/3 remained true to **King George III**, and yet another 1/3 were apolitical and uncommitted. Serving in the Continental Army was not, therefore, universally lauded by one's family, friends and neighbors. This, I think, clearly establishes teenaged Nathan's decision to serve so soon after the signing of the Declaration as his first brave action.

After the War's conclusion, Nathan Hatch married **Jerusha Fisher** in 1785 and subsequently moved to Halifax, Vermont in 1799 where they farmed and raised a large family of several sons and daughters. Reportedly, Nathan and Jerusha were successful, and their life together was happy.

When the War of 1812 was declared on June 18, 1812, Nathan Hatch was nearly 55 years old. Nonetheless, he volunteered to fight the British once again. Often overlooked in U.S. history classes today, the War of 1812 was both a necessary and important conflict, often referred to at the time as the Second War for Independence. England had never truly accepted or



Photo by Janice C. Hauser

Clark Hatch of Honolulu, Hawaii at the grave of his great-great-great-grandfather **Nathan Hatch** at Oak Hill cemetery, Memorial Day, 2014.

respected American sovereignty, in spite of signing the Treaty of Paris at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783. British warships fired upon American merchant vessels seeking to trade with France, our civilian sailors were often forcibly removed from their trading ships and pressed into service in the Royal Navy, and U.S. boundaries were still disputed or ignored by the British.

Because of his age, Nathan Hatch was refused the opportunity to serve in a forward unit, but this rejection did not deter his intentions. He joined the "Silver-Grays", a unit composed of fellow Revolutionary War veterans. The Silver-Grays became a training regiment, instructing young recruits in the ways of war and imparting to them the skills and wisdom that they had learned in battle decades earlier. This may, in fact, be the best work that Nathan ever did. There is no way of knowing how many green volunteers survived the war to return to their families thanks to the advice, teaching and training imparted to them by Hatch and his fellow veterans. This, I believe, was Nathan Hatch's second brave act. Rather than simply returning home in anger or disappointment after being refused service on the front lines due to his age, he became a valuable leader in a training unit, mentoring and guiding the recruits who would soon be facing enemy

fire, no doubt saving many. Among the trainees were two of Nathan's own sons.

In 1827, Nathan's wife Jerusha died, and by 1832 he had moved to Carroll, New York to live with his son, **Samuel**. It was in that year, at age 75, that he first applied for a veteran's pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. The pension was granted shortly thereafter.

In 1843, Nathan's sons **Edmund** and **Nathan III** and his grandson **Hiram** told him of their intention to move to the wilderness of the Wisconsin territory and homestead there. Not one to be left behind, Nathan Hatch insisted upon going along. At age 86, this bold decision was certainly his third brave act. It may even have been the bravest thing he had ever done. He arrived with his sons in the newly organized Town of Brookfield, which had been established the same year. It was only sparsely settled, and, as rustic as life had been in the rural communities of the east, southeastern Wisconsin was still a true wilderness. It was the frontier. Nathan received a land grant for a farm located near the present site of Stonewood Village on the north side of Capitol Drive, west of Calhoun Road. (Of course, the roads and landmarks that are familiar to us today were not there at the time.)

Nathan Hatch died on his Brookfield farm on November 10, 1847, just six days shy of his 90th birthday and six months prior to Wisconsin's admission to the Union as the 30th state in May of 1848. He was buried on his farm by his family, but his body was subsequently removed to Oak Hill cemetery sometime after 1851.

This Memorial Day, area residents and visitors will gather again at Oak Hill cemetery to pay tribute to all veterans buried there who have served their country and stood firm for our freedom. While there, they will also pause to honor a Soldier of the Revolution, a man "three times brave": Nathan Hatch.

Stephen K. Hauser is a long-time Elm Grove resident, a college history professor and the author of books and articles about local history.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See Page 1 for information about this year's Memorial Day ceremony at Oak Hill cemetery.

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Various live bands, 6:30 to 10 p.m. (no cover charge)
- * **Saturdays:**.... Food & Raffles, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Various live bands, 7:30 to 11 p.m. \$5 cover charge / \$4 members
- * **Sundays:** Open 11:30 a.m. to closing, multi-sport TV coverage w/ Legion family

Special Events:

- * May 6Auxiliary Kentucky Derby Lunch & Raffle – 11:30 a.m.
- * June 3Sons of the American Legion Car Show – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Memorial Day – May 29 – Post members will honor veterans at St. Mary's cemetery with a flag placement at 9:30 a.m., then participate in Elm Grove's Memorial Day Parade. Join us at our Post Open House, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Live Music.

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Calendar of Events for May 2017

Monday – MAY 1

***Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall

Tuesday – MAY 2

***Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Wednesday – MAY 3

***Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meeting – 8:30 a.m. @ Village Hall

Friday – MAY 5

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Tuesday – MAY 9

***Elm Grove Woman's Club**
Annual Membership Meeting
Social – 11 a.m.; Meeting – 11:30 a.m.;
Lunch – Noon. (262) 782-5930.

***School District of Elmbrook**
Board of Education- Meeting – 6 p.m.
@ Central Administration Bldg., 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public.
(262) 781- 3030.
www.elmbrookschools.org.

Wednesday – MAY 10

***American Association of University Women** – West Suburban Milwaukee Chapter – Meeting @ Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Rd., Elm Grove, will begin with a "Finger Food Feast" – 6:15 p.m., followed by business meeting. At 7:30 p.m. Sharon Adams will speak on "Belonging as a Force of transformative Change". Open to the Public. Call (414) 476-6919 for more information.

Thursday – MAY 11

***Friends of Elm Grove Library** (FOEGL) Annual Meeting – 10:15 a.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Learn about the past year's accomplishments & vote on the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers. www.friendsofelmgrovelibrary.org.

***Elm Grove Public Safety Committee**
Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Village Hall

Friday – MAY 12

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – MAY 13

***Elm Grove Business Association**
Sponsors "Shred Day" – 9 a.m. to Noon @ the Park & Shop parking lot. Bring Paper items to shred / recycle.

Sunday – MAY 14 MOTHER'S DAY

Mother

*"To one who bears
the sweetest name
And adds a lustre
to the same*

*Who shares my joys,
who cheers when sad
The greatest friend
I ever had*

*Long life to her
for there's no other
Could take the place
of my dear mother."*

Verse used on a vintage World War II Pillow Cover

Monday – MAY 15

***Elm Grove Library Board**
Meeting – 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall

***Elmbrook Historical Society**
Presents: Carol Dressler, Master Gardener, who will talk about Victorian Gardens & the gardens at the Kneeland Walker house in Wauwatosa, where she has worked for many years. This FREE lecture, open to the Public, will begin at 7 p.m. @ the Brookfield Public Library. www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org.

Tuesday – MAY 16

***Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall

Thursday – MAY 18

***OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors)**
Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Program: "Engineering for People, Because It's Never About the Pipe" presented by Marissa Jablonski, PhD, UW-M. Call Carolyn (262) 628-7761.

Friday – MAY 19

***Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd.
Guests welcome.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Monday – MAY 22

***Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting @ Village Hall Court Room – 7:30 p.m.
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Tuesday – MAY 23

***School District of Elmbrook**
Board of Education- Meeting – 6 p.m. @ Central Administration Bldg., 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public. www.elmbrookschools.org.

Friday – MAY 26

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Monday – MAY 29 MEMORIAL DAY

***Elm Grove Woman's Club – Pancake Breakfast** @ Clubhouse, 13885 Watertown Plank Road. www.egwc.org

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Clubs & Organizations

Art Scholarship Event Held at Woman's Club

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Local art enthusiasts gathered at the Elm Grove Woman's Club on the evening of March 30 to view the work of 29 high school students representing four area schools: Brookfield East, Brookfield Central, Brookfield Academy and Catholic Memorial, during the club's 48th annual Art Scholarship Competition. Amy Carman Designs of Elm Grove co-sponsored the event.

Selected as recipients of the two \$1,500 scholarships for high school seniors were Elm Grove resident **Adam Storch**, a student at Brookfield East, and **Michelle Liang**, who attends Brookfield Central.

Brookfield Academy junior **Gabby Hrdlick** was selected as the winner of a \$250 underclassman Art Grant.

Elm Grove Woman's Club members **Deb Flanigan** and **Jennifer Morris** co-chaired the well-attended event, which included a performance by Brookfield East choir members **Emma Jester**, **Alyssa Meurer**, **Michael Staff**, and **Matthew Staff**.

The scholarship and grant winners discussed their individual art pieces during the April luncheon meeting of the EGWC, where their work was again displayed.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain/EGNI

Brookfield East senior **Adam Storch** with his digital photographs.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain/EGNI

Michelle Liang, a Brookfield Central senior, with her painting, drawing and multi-media work

New Village Directory to be Distributed

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Elm Grove Woman's Club members will deliver their 2017-2018 edition of the Elm Grove Village Directory, free of charge, to all 2,800 Village households and 400 area businesses starting in mid-May, according to **Bonnie Klamik**, who, along with **Linda de la Mora**, is coordinating the distribution.

Alice Hirt and **Julie Di Fonzo** co-chaired this year's project.

The Elm Grove Woman's Club, located at 13885 Watertown Plank Road, was founded in 1939 and continues to be an active part of the Village, hosting numerous social events, outreach programs and charitable endeavors which benefit Elm Grove and surrounding communities.

Call (262) 782-5930 or visit www.egwc.org for information about membership, upcoming events and more.



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Brookfield Academy junior **Gabby Hrdlick** used 100 VHS tapes to create the long, black dress (at left). The other dress is titled "Self Portrait" which, she says, reflects her personal style.



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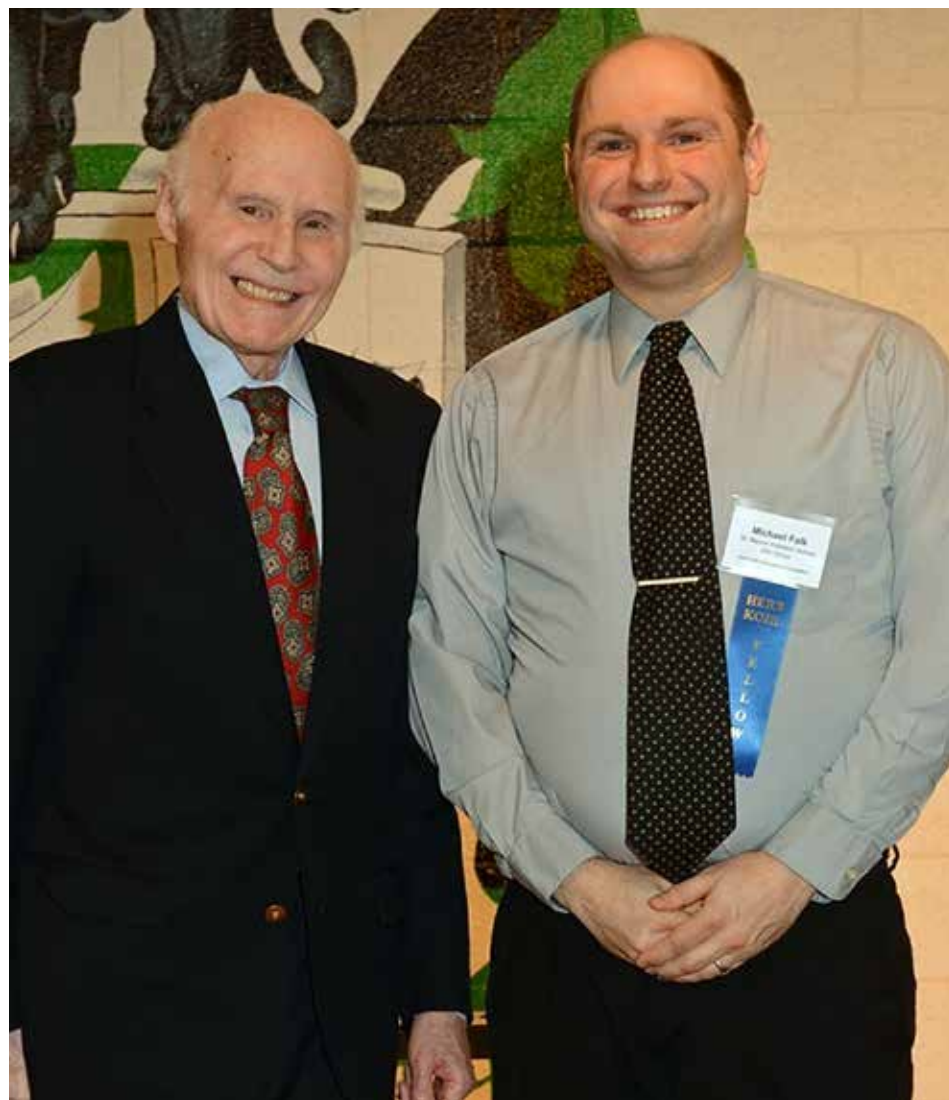


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LOCAL TEACHER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD - Former U. S. Senator **Herb Kohl** (D-WI) (at left) with St. Mary's Visitation Jr. High math teacher **Michael Falk**. On April 8 Falk was honored by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation as a 2017 Herb Kohl Fellowship winner, named because of his leadership, agent for positive change and love of learning. In addition to the recognition, Falk and St. Mary's Visitation each received a grant of \$6,000.

Good Sports



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

COLLEGE BOUND: Several Brookfield Academy seniors recently committed to play college athletics. They are (from left) **Ian Francis** (Carleton College – football); **Katherine Obst** (University of Toronto – field hockey); **Serena Shah** (Stevens Institute of Technology – soccer) and Elm Grove's **Alex Setzer** (Carroll University – basketball).

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Read All About It!



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Brookfield East High School Jazz Quartet, "25 or Sax to 4" (think of the band "Chicago"), perform at a Pizza and Poetry event on the evening of April 21, sponsored by Friends of Elm Grove Library. The musicians are (from left) sophomores Hunter Clarkin and Nicole Jackson, senior Abby Van Lare, and junior Bennett Shebesta.



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Young poets **Ellie Grogan**, 5½, (at left) and **Sinovi Agarwan**, 7, both students at Dixon Elementary, took turns reading their compositions during the Pizza and Poetry event. (See examples of their writing on Page 9).



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

Young library visitor, 17-month-old **Sivita**, was one of more than 30 children who participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt at the Elm Grove Public Library.

Our Village



Photo by James L. W. Bain / EGNI

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard Duck enjoy their newly acquired waterfront property in the Mission Hills neighborhood of Elm Grove.

Upcoming Programs at the Library
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Paddling the State:
The I ♥ Wisconsin River Trip
Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. Community Room

In October 2015, Ruth Oppedahl set out on the trip of a lifetime, an 18 day paddle from the source of the Wisconsin River to its confluence with the Mississippi. As Executive Director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, Oppedahl took the trip as a positive response to the state's budget cuts to natural resources, deciding to explore our state from north to south via kayak. Along the way, she discovered a beautiful, wild river and wonderful people. Join us as she shares the adventures of her experience.
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13th Annual Cookbook Exchange,
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Thursday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. Community Room

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 We'll begin with a "Guess the Cookie" challenge, where you'll taste three unique cookie creations and attempt to pinpoint the secret ingredients. Then, explore your creativity with a cookie painting experience led by Crumby Art's Natalia Roman, who will guide culinary artistry as you paint your own edible masterpiece.
 The evening wraps with the always festive cookbook exchange, where you can swap a trusted favorite for fresh inspiration. Registration begins April 24. Space is limited. Crumby Art Bakehouse & Cakery is located at 890 Elm Grove Road in Elm Grove.

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Young Writers & Cub Reporters

RUSH

By John Tsagalis

Age 10½, Tonawanda – 5th Grade

People come
 People go
 They paint me
 They wash me
 They climb me
 They fall down on me
 They build me
 They wreck me
 They grow plants on me
 Then kill them on me
 I'm just your ordinary small WALL

My Bathtub

By Sinovi Agarwan

Age 7, Dixon Elementary

The water flowing out
 Sounds like my mom calling me
 a 1,000 times.
 Never stopping calling me
 a 1,000 times.
 jiya.
 jija?
 Did you pull out your clothes
 for tomorrow?
 and
 the week?
 Sinovi fell in the drain
 Sinovi?
 What are you doing?



un packing

By Sinovi Agarwan

Age 7, Dixon Elementary

v-e-r-y s-l-o-w-l-y
 have to write my
 poetry
 sorry
 sorry
 sorry
 just have to
 think out recesses
 today
 always talking
 never
 stopping
 talking

PIZZA

By Ellie Grogan

Age 5 ½, Dixon Elementary

Pizza pizza
 I love pizza
 The pizza
 is cool
 And I love pizza



Young Writers / Reporters Wanted!

Students in Kindergarten – Grade 12 are invited to submit the following types of items for this section:

- **ARTICLES** – Reporting about School, Club, Neighborhood, Church, Scouting and Athletic activities. (400 words maximum)
- **CREATIVE WRITING** – Short Stories (600 words maximum)
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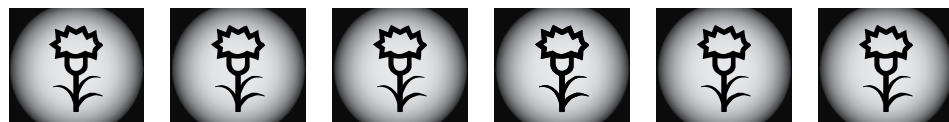
Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Prepare yourself for cuteness overload! This little honey of a girl is all about having fun! **Angelina** enjoys getting out and about — walks, a run, a hike ... she is up for just about anything. She loves to meet new people, learn new ways to communicate with you and certainly does not mind being rewarded with a treat. This cute little girl (those ears though!) has a

heart full of love to give — all she needs is someone to give it to and someone who will return it to her!

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Legal Issues

The Importance of Beneficiary Designations

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

The Last Will and Testament and the Revocable Trust are the most common documents used within an estate plan to direct how an individual's assets should be distributed in the event of death.

However, for most individuals, a large portion of their assets does not actually pass according to that Will or Trust, but is instead controlled by "beneficiary designations." IRAs, 401ks, 403b's, annuities and life insurance are the most common examples of assets with beneficiary designations. "Transfer on Death" (T.O.D.) or "Payable on Death" (P.O.D.) designations, which may be found on bank accounts, investment accounts or even real estate, are also both a form of beneficiary designation.

Upon the owner's death, the beneficiary listed on these designations will receive those funds regardless of what the owner's Will or Trust may provide. It is, therefore, crucial to address all forms of beneficiary designation and coordinate them with the overall estate plan. Improper, incomplete or outdated beneficiary designations may cause unnecessary taxes to be paid or may cause the funds to be distributed in the wrong manner or even to the wrong recipients entirely.

For example, it is common for parents of minor children to direct in their estate

plan that the assets are to be distributed to a trust for the benefit of their children if both parents die. The purpose of this minors' trust is to ensure the funds are available to be used for the children, but to also keep them under the management of a trustee chosen by the parents until the children are older.

However, if the beneficiary designations on the parents' life insurance policies list simply "children" or list the children by individual name, those funds will not be distributed to the children's trust. Instead, the funds would be distributed to the children outright. If a child is still a minor the funds would be held by a guardian until the child reaches the age of majority, at which time they would be turned over to the child without any restrictions. In this instance, the beneficiary designations on the life insurance policies should have directed the proceeds to pay out to the trust for the children.

Beneficiary designations are an integral part of almost every estate plan, but if completed incorrectly, they may derail the entire plan. A thorough estate plan will ensure not only that a Will or a Trust is in place, but also that all beneficiary designations are coordinated with those documents as well as with the overall goals of the estate plan.

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Elm Grove Library Book Sale a Success

By Janet Wintersberger

The Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) thank our entire community for donating, volunteering and shopping our 31st Annual Used Book Sale held in early March. Committee co-chairs, **Kathy Baptie** and **Carla Stensberg**, of Elm Grove, are both convinced of the drawing power of books to a community of readers, as this year's sale raised more than \$20,000.

But the sale wouldn't be successful without our community's support. About 80 neighbors, friends and family members staff the three-and-a-half-day sale. Their time and effort is greatly appreciated.

This year, the Elm Grove Library is using the funds toward summer programs for youth and adults, a subscription to America's News (database of more than 2,700 online newspapers) accessible to library users, and "Ozobots," an



interactive program for youth wanting to develop their computer coding skills.

Look for our 32nd Annual Used Book Sale on March 1-4, 2018. In the meantime, drop off no-longer-needed books, CDs, DVDs and vinyl at the Elm Grove Library's circulation desk, 13600 Juneau Blvd. Donations are accepted any time the library is open. Tax-deductible receipts are available.

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Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

(Shown from left) Mishaal Omer, Ashley Zhu, Coach Dr. Ron Roessler, Kyle Jain, Daniel Perelman, Ali Warraich, Niels Armbruster and Noah Abuhajir.

Brookfield Academy Students Compete at Harvard-Sponsored Latin Tournament

By Marie O'Brien

Two Brookfield Academy Latin scholar teams competed against twenty-two other top Latin school teams at a Certamen competition hosted by Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Students tested their knowledge of Roman culture, history and mythology, along with the Latin language.

The other team, comprised of the Middle School's Hassan Allaqaband, Mishaal Omer, Daniel Perelman and Ashley Zhu, also made the finals and finished third. Perelman was named MVP of the entire tournament.

One team, comprised of the Middle School's Noah Abuhajir, Elm Grove's Niels Armbruster, and Ali Warraich, along with the Upper School's Kyle Jain, tied for first place in the final round, but lost on the third set of tie-breaker questions to finish second.

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John Pentler of Elm Grove speaks to St. Mary's Visitation third graders.

SMV Parents Tell Students About Their Jobs

By Julie Perez, SMV 3rd Grade Teacher

The third graders at St. Mary's Visitation School have been learning about various jobs in our community in social studies class. Parents were invited to come in and speak about their jobs. The third graders have enjoyed listening to several parents talk about starting their own businesses. We have also had parents come in and talk about being an underwriter for an insurance company, a physical therapist, a lawyer, a bond trader, running a car dealership, and a financial consultant.

They connected what they do with what

we have been learning about in social studies class: goods and services, supply and demand, how a business operates, how they use technology, and the value of earning and budgeting money. The parents all stressed the importance of working hard in school. They also talked about how they use reading writing, math, and science every day in their current jobs, as well as the importance of communication and teamwork. The students asked them some excellent questions and learned a lot from each guest speaker. Who knows how many future entrepreneurs they may have inspired?



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