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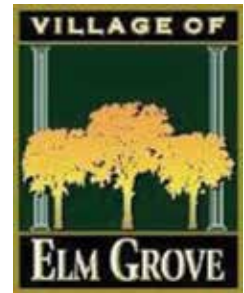
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THE ELM GROVE JUNIOR GUILD AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 449 PRESENT

ELM GROVE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

10:30 A.M. ~ May 28, 2018

CELEBRATE. HONOR. REMEMBER.



Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
npalmer@elmgrove.wi.org

No, I won't talk about the weather.

Penelope's Restaurant closed last month after decades of great service to Elm Grove. I could never count the number of Village related meetings I held at my official Village President office table. Sincere wishes for **Louie and Penelope** to get some much deserved rest.

The Village Public Safety Committee discussed resident **concerns over speeding** on the north side of the Village and recommended more traffic control and speed limit enforcement on Fairhaven, Wrayburn, Dunwoody and Gremoor. The Committee also suggested the Public Works Committee evaluate the impact of the planned North Avenue widening project on Village traffic safety.

Another safety issue discussed by the Public Safety Committee was concerns over speed and inattentive driving on **Marquette Avenue west of the St. Mary's Church** following mass. The Marquette Avenue neighborhood is experiencing a home ownership turnover and more small children are now present.

(See VILLAGE UPDATE – Page 3)

Memorial Day in Elm Grove: Past & Present

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Our Village's first Memorial Day Flag Ceremony was held in 1947 when members of American Legion Post 449 marched from their clubhouse (then located at the southwest corner of Juneau Blvd. and Legion Dr.) to the flag at St. Mary's Visitation church, followed by area children riding bikes. In 1948, the Legion held a ceremony at the cemetery on Highland Drive, and again children arrived there on bikes. Memorial Day 1949 was marked with a ceremony at St. Mary's and, in 1950, Post 449 organized not only a parade but additional events for families. Post 449 is now located in Brookfield, but the tradition it began here 71 years ago remains a signature community event, held to remember and honor the sacrifices of all of those lost in battle.

Drive, east on Elmhurst Parkway, south on Church Street, west along Watertown Plank Road, then south on Elm Grove Road, ending on Wall Street.

Kids who want to ride bikes in the parade can meet at 10 a.m. at the Park entrance (no motorized bikes, please). Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bikes, judging at 10:15 a.m.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Elm Grove Business Association will hold its annual party at the Park & Shop parking lot, with food, refreshments and music.

The Elm Grove Men's Club will welcome all to its 2nd annual Block Party following the parade to benefit local veterans.

(See story – Page 8)

This year's parade will leave Village Park at 10:30 a.m., travel north on Legion

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
Monday May 28, 2018
7:30 - 10:00 AM

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Election Results...

On April 3, voters in Elm Grove re-elected Village Trustees: **George Haas** (1,146 votes); **Patrick Kressin** (1,071 votes); **John Domaszek** (1,060 votes). There were 45 write ins.

Waukesha County Supervisor-District 8, **Tom Michalski**, unopposed, retained his seat with 2,817 votes. (25 write-ins).

Elmbrook School District Board members **Jean Lambert** and **Scott Wheeler**, unopposed, were re-elected.

Waukesha County voters elected attorney **Laura Lau** Circuit Court Judge, Branch 12. Wisconsin voters chose **Rebecca Dallet** as Justice of Supreme Court. It was a **NO** to the referendum question "Elimination of state treasurer?"

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

"104, 35, 14"

***Mother's Day** (this May 13) became a National Holiday in 1914. (104 years ago)

***Terry Dory's** last day of work at the Elm Grove Post Office was April 30, after 35 years with the USPS (Milwaukee, Butler & E.G.) His help in mailing the *News-Independent* was much appreciated!

***Karan Scherbel** (pictured below) will make her 14th annual (& delightful) appearance as the Elm Grove Public Library's "Bookie Cookie" mascot in the 2018 Memorial Day parade.



Karan Scherbel, "Bookie Cookie"



Photo by Jennifer Morris

Elm Grove Woman's Club members **Alice Hirt**, Community Capers planner chair, (at left) and **Linda Gildea**, EGWC President, with Elm Grove Police Chief **Jim Gage** and Village resident **Pat Westen**.

Police Department Receives Funding for Village Park Security Cameras

Thanks to a unique and well-run fundraising project organized by Elm Grove Woman's Club members + a generous donation from two community residents, our Village Park will soon become a safer place to gather and explore.

During the April 9 board meeting of the Elm Grove Woman's Club, **Police Chief Jim Gage** was presented with an \$8,000 donation for the purchase and installation of surveillance cameras at the park.

Of the total donated, \$3,000 was raised with sales of the EGWC's delightful "Community Capers" monthly planner which features photos of club members, village residents and business people in

various costumes and situations, including "Lucy & Ethel" and "the Wizard of Oz".

Elm Grove residents **Pat Westen** and her husband **Mark Westen** supported this important project with a \$5,000 donation.

Chief Gage expressed his gratitude and explained how cameras will improve police awareness in all areas of the park with resultant greater safety for all park users.

The Elm Grove Woman's Club would like to sincerely thank the Westens, planner advertisers, committee members, and everyone who purchased the planner for your support of this project.

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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

Elections were held on April 3, and I was up for re-election to represent you in Waukesha County Board's 8th District. I'd like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in allowing me to represent them on the county board.

I see many of you when I am out shopping or at local events, and the comments of support I receive, while gratifying, also generates a humbling reflection on how fortunate we are for living in such a wonderful area. It bolsters my commitment to keep our community safe, beautiful, and economically thriving. I welcome the opportunity for these interactions. The conversations often require me to do a little extra research to verify my understanding is current and complete. Speaking as someone with a background in education, I find the constant learning opportunities satisfying.

Unlike some other representative structures, The county board is built new every other year. For example, a U.S. Senator has a six-year term with one third of our senators up for re-election every other year. Wisconsin State Senators have a four-year term, half of our state senators are up for re-election every two years. Elm Grove Trustees and Brookfield Aldermen have two-year terms, with half of their board elected every year. The Waukesha County

Board has a two-year term and every other year, all the county supervisors are elected.

April 10 was the last session of the Waukesha County Board's 2016-2018 term. One week later, on April 17, the 2018-2020 session began by swearing in all the elected supervisors. Newspaper publication deadlines force me to write this article in that one-week gap, which makes writing this article a little interesting. Last term I was on the Finance and Human Resources Committees, but at this moment I am not on any committees. I won't know which committees I will serve on until sometime after the 17th when the session is underway.

After the members of the board of supervisors are sworn in on April 17, the first meeting of the session becomes an organizational session. Supervisors will nominate and elect a county board chairman, and four supervisors will be elected to the executive committee. With the completion of these five elections, the first session of the new term is complete.

After the meeting, the board chairman will appoint an additional two supervisors to be members of the executive committee. These six supervisors will be appointed to chair the six standing committees: Finance, Health & Human Services, Human Resources, Land Use, Parks

& Environment, Judiciary & Law Enforcement, and Public Works. With the executive committee and committee chairs selected, the board chairman will then appoint each of the remaining supervisors to serve on two standing committees. This is when I will learn on which of the standing committees I will serve.

Two years-ago, when I was first elected, about one third of the twenty-five supervisors were new to the board. This year there will be two new members joining the board. Since the composition of the board will be nearly the same, I anticipate the supervisors elected to be board chairman and to the executive committee to also be nearly identical. I've requested to remain on the finance committee, but in this area the chairman will be the determinant.

In the two years as your supervisor, I think I've made a difference. I've worked to ensure Elm Grove received state funding to help pay for the new Watertown Plank bridge. I've also worked to give the sheriff's department more flexibility in their hiring process. That change has allowed the sheriff to expedite the hiring of qualified experienced officers, which reduces training time, and by extension, lowers overtime costs. I've also worked to keep your property tax bill down. Your Waukesha County tax went down in both

of the past two years. In fact, Waukesha County has the lowest tax bill (of counties that do not also collect a sales tax) in the state. Our conservative fiscal governance is recognized by Moody's by awarding Waukesha County a AAA bond rating.

This past diligence will work in our favor going forward. Plans for the long overdue renovation of the county courthouse in 2019 are moving forward, with a total cost of about \$97 million. The county will need to take on debt in the form of bonds to manage this expense. The courthouse project is necessary for many reasons. The current courthouse, built in 1959, needs modifications to accommodate 21st century communication and energy technology. Modern security requires the total separation of three groups: the public, the judicial personnel, and the prisoners. That means, three separate entrances, hallways, and staging areas. Additionally, Waukesha County has grown since 1959, and as a result, it needs more court rooms.

At the same time, I will remain focused on the needs of Elm Grove and Brookfield, and work to maintain the quality of life in our corner of Waukesha County. As always, please contact me with questions, comments or concerns. I hope you find the time to enjoy this spring, whenever it decides to show up.

Village Update (Continued from Page 1)

Elm Grove is a safe community where children play in yards and walk or bike to school, the Park or to get an ice cream. We all need to help keep the Village safe by slowing down and paying close attention for children, walkers and bicycle riders.

The Village Board is intending to select a planning firm to prepare a **Downtown Business District Development Plan**. One of the most frequent comments expressed whenever a development or renovation project is proposed is that the Village needs a plan. The selected firm will involve all Village stakeholders in preparation of the plan. There are a number of Village businesses and landowners considering development proposals and it is important that we develop and implement a plan to guide those efforts. Elm Grove is prized as a residential community with a "rural Village" feel. To keep our home values strong we must also support a local business service sector.

By the end of May, we also intend to have selected a contractor to design, plan and construct **restoration of the small wetland adjacent to Tonawanda School**, where numerous ash trees have been removed due to Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Without proper restoration the area will create stormwater pollution control problems and will be quickly overrun with buckthorn, reed canary grass and other invasive species. The project budget is \$126,082 with \$70,000 provided through a grant from the Fund for Lake Michigan and \$56,082 from Village of Elm Grove stormwater funds.

I continue to hear more calls for the Village to evaluate **expansion of our public water system**. At present public water is only available along Wall Street, on Elm Grove Road south of Wall Street and on a small stretch of Bluemound Road. Concerns over water quality, safety and cost are a frequent

homeowner complaint. For homeowners who have to replace a well, as we have recently at our home, well water is a long way from being "free" as some like to think. The lack of municipal water supply also makes it much more expensive for business owners to redevelop or remodel as state law requires that commercial structures have fire suppression sprinkler systems. To comply with the law a special fire pump and water storage system must be added to a building. Condominiums and rental properties also have unique problems and costs operating a well and water treatment system.

There is a lot of **fun activity this month**: Fazio's Sweet Moments in the Park & Shop will hold a **Grand Opening for Piazza Fazio** on Saturday May 5. In addition to the incredible chocolate we can sit and enjoy a coffee or espresso.

The Elm Grove Beautification Committee will hold their **Annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 12** at Ray's Auto on Watertown Plank Road. You can also get free advice to your gardening questions from some of the most talented gardeners around from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Elm Grove Junior Guild & American Legion Post 449 will host the **Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28**. Following the parade the Elm Grove Men's Club & the American Legion Post will be providing music, food and refreshments on Watertown Plank Rd. between Church and Elm Grove streets while the E.G. Business Association will host food, refreshments and music at the Park & Shop parking lot.

The **new Village website** debuts this month. Visit www.elmgrovetown.org and check it out. We hope it is easier to find information and keep track of Village events. Shop local and support Village merchants.

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

The Annual Commemoration of Our Veterans

By Stephen K. Hauser

Memorial Day is a day on which all Americans pause to remember. We recall the sacrifices that many have made over the decades to win our independence and to sustain it. This year, as always, there will be solemn ceremonies of remembrance all across the country. One such commemoration will take place, as it has for many years, at Oak Hill cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Road in Brookfield. There, Elmbrook area residents will share a special experience in saluting the memory of **Nathan Hatch**, soldier of the American Revolutionary War of 1776. Such opportunities are indeed rare in the Midwest, although obviously quite common on the east coast. In fact, Brookfield's Nathan Hatch is the only Revolutionary War veteran buried in Waukesha County and one of only a handful buried in Wisconsin. Therefore, while it seems fitting that we should gather to honor those who have fought over the years to keep our freedom, we should all pay special homage to one who fought to first obtain that freedom. That is why I chose to tell Nathan Hatch's own remarkable story in my May, 2017 *Past Times* column, "A Man Three Times Brave". (Visit www.elmgrove.news and click on ARCHIVE, then scroll to May 2017 issue to read it on Page 4.)

I believe, however, that a patriot such as Nathan Hatch would want honors bestowed upon his comrades from all of the wars in which they were called to serve throughout America's history. He would not wish to see any of them overlooked on his account, and would certainly want their service and sacrifice to be remembered along with his own.

Oak Hill Cemetery is truly a pioneer cemetery. It was established in 1851 on a portion of farmer **Joseph Eubank's** homestead. This was only eight years after the Town of Brookfield was established in 1843. As a nonsectarian burial place for early settlers, a few prior burials on area farmsteads were removed to Oak Hill over the next several years. Among them were the remains of Nathan Hatch. As a result, Oak Hill is the place of final repose of heroic pioneer residents. They were those who moved here while Wisconsin was still a territory, far from the safety and convenience of more settled areas. (Statehood for Wisconsin didn't come until May 29, 1848, entering as the 30th state of the Union.) These early residents had to be self-reliant and independent.

Along with early settlers, Oak Hill also is the burial place for veterans of every major war that the United States has fought. A few years ago, the Oak Hill Cemetery Association and Commander **Tom McDermott** of Brookfield's Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post #296 compiled a revised list of the veterans believed buried there. They documented 16 Union Army Civil War veterans, along with veterans of the War of 1812, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Of course, peacetime veterans also repose there along with many others.

My old friend **Harvey Celley**, a World War I vet and a past commander of the Behling-Kutchera post, led some of the annual commemorations at Oak Hill, beginning in 1940. He also was active in organizing local Boy Scouts and others

to perform maintenance and clean-up chores at Oak Hill each spring, prior to his death in 1983. (I wrote an account of Harvey's long life and his devotion to his fellow veterans in my *Past Times* column of May, 2014. (See www.elmgrove.news.)

Harvey was certain that there were veterans of the 1898 Spanish-American War buried at Oak Hill as well. The late **Emory Moore**, longtime officer of the Oak Hill Cemetery Association whose property abutted the cemetery, agreed, and told me he had long heard stories that this was so.

There is also a likelihood that a few veterans of the 1832 Black Hawk wars along the Mississippi may be resting at Oak Hill, but this proves difficult to trace because the conflict was fought primarily by volunteer militia units made up of settlers from Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois and formal records are incomplete. Among the better-known militiamen in that conflict were young **Abraham Lincoln** and future Wisconsin territorial governor **Henry Dodge**.

For the past thirteen years it has been my privilege to deliver an historical address each Memorial Day to those gathered at Oak Hill. One abiding memory that I will always carry with me from those annual gatherings is that of watching a father and his two young children, down on one knee in front of the grave of a Civil War veteran.

His arms around his youngsters as they stood by his side, he was telling them of that 150-year-old conflict as they stared at the headstone with wide-eyed wonder. That image stays with me as I write this, because it is also a part of what Memorial Day is meant to be about: the passing on of the tales of courage, valor and honor and the relating of a long-ago response to a call to duty to protect and defend the America that these veterans loved. This patient dad was explaining that same love to his modern family. I trust that this year we will all share once more in passing on that sacred tradition of remembrance.

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

NOTE: For details about this year's Memorial Day event at Oak Hill Cemetery, see Page 9.



Photo by Emory Moore

Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post Commander **Tom McDermott** (at left) looks on while historian **Stephen K. Hauser** speaks at the Oak Hill Cemetery Memorial Day commemoration in 2005.

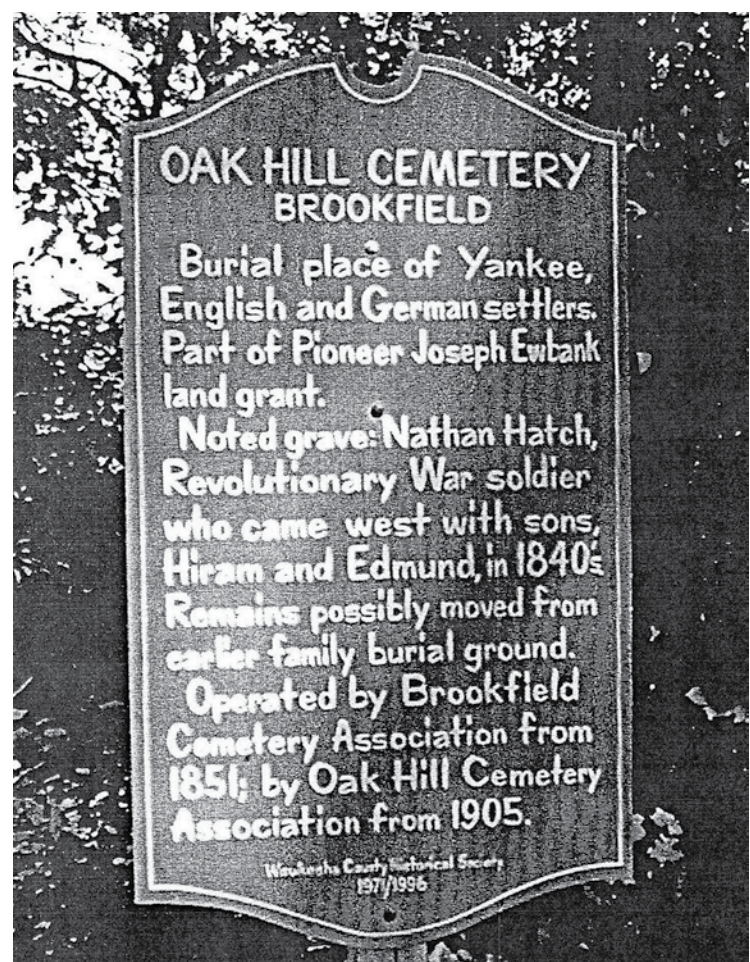
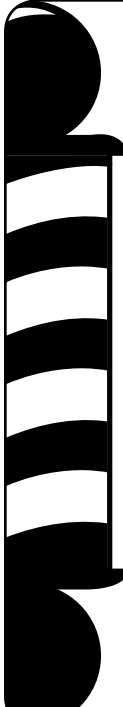


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Wooden sign at the entrance to Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield, erected by the Waukesha County Historical Society in 1971. The sign has since been replaced.



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Calendar of Events for May 2018

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*Publication of submissions will be on a space-available basis & must meet established EGNI guidelines. Questions: Call (262) 782-6193.

Tuesday – MAY 1

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

*Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Wednesday – MAY 2

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

Friday – MAY 4

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org

Monday – MAY 7

*Elm Grove Woman’s Club Joint Board meeting & Luncheon.

*Village of Elm Grove Plan Commission Meeting – 7 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgroviewi.org.

Tuesday – MAY 8

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

Wednesday – MAY 9

*American Association of University Women – West Suburban Milwaukee Branch Meeting – 6:15 p.m. Program: Equity for Women: Progressive, Powerful, and Inclusive”. Speaker: Lisa Attonito, Executive Director of the Women’s Fund of Greater Milwaukee. (414) 476-6919.

Friday – MAY 11

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org

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

Sunday – MAY 13

MOTHER’S DAY



Tuesday – MAY 15

*Elm Grove Woman’s Club Meeting: 11 a.m.: Social
11:30 a.m.: Annual Business Meeting
Noon: Members’ Luncheon
(262) 782-5930.

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

*Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Thursday – MAY 17

*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. “Explore West of Milwaukee” Tour: Octagon House & Charles Z. Horwitz Planetarium, @ Retzer Nature Center; Lunch: Oconomowoc Lake Club. (262) 782-4060 www.cumceg.org.

Friday – MAY 18

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org

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

Monday – MAY 21

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

*Village of Elm Grove Finance & Licensing Committee Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Village Hall – Park View Room

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

Tuesday – MAY 22

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

Friday – MAY 25

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org

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

Monday – MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY

*Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 10 a.m. @ Elm Grove Woman’s Club, 13855 Watertown Plank Rd. (Details below.)

*Memorial Day Ceremony @ Oak Hill Cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Rd., Brookfield – 10 a.m.

*Elm Grove Parade starts: 10:30 a.m.

*Elm Grove Men’s Club’s 2nd Annual Memorial Day Block Party @ Ray’s Auto parking lot, 13230 Watertown Plank Rd., following the Parade.

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Flippin’ Pancakes at the Elm Grove Woman’s Club

By Susan Freedy

The 2018 Memorial Day “All You Can Eat” Annual Pancake Breakfast is a great way to kick off the Memorial Day Festivities. Come and join us at the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, on Monday, May 28 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Tickets at the door are Adults: \$10; Children (3 through 12-years-old) \$5; Children younger than 3-years-old: Free.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Fazio’s, 13425 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove or by contacting the Elm Grove Woman’s Club at (262) 782-5930 and requesting information about Pancake Breakfast Tickets. Raffle items include: Yeti Cooler; Echo Assistant Alexa, and a necklace by Chicago designer, Bobbi Kahn. Raffle tickets (3 for \$10 or 6 for \$20) are available at Fazio’s and the event.

PIAZZA FAZIO

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Brookfield Academy senior **Jeffery Zhou** with his award-winning photography: (Top) "Crisscross"; (Bottom – left) "Get Out" and (Bottom – right) "Serene Night".



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Art Scholarship recipient **Jack Magnus**, a Brookfield Central senior, with his artwork: (Top) "The King's Grapes" acrylic, oil pastel, pen, chalk pastel on paper; (Left) "Oh Well, I Didn't Expect That" oil paint on masonite; and (Right) "Gorfonium" watercolor, colored pencil, oil pastel, acrylic on paper.

Elm Grove Woman's Club Bestows Art Scholarships

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Local art enthusiasts gathered at the Elm Grove Woman's Club on the evening of April 12 to enjoy a special, live performance by Brookfield East High School's 12-member a cappella group, **Unaccompanied Minors**, and view the work of 34 local high school students during the club's 49th annual Art Scholarship Competition. **Amy Carman Designs** co-sponsored the event.

Selected as recipients of the two \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors were Brookfield Central student **Jack Magnus** and **Jeffery Zhou**, who attends Brookfield Academy.

Brookfield East student **Megan Daniels** was selected as the winner of a \$500 underclassman (Grades 9-11) Art Grant.

The schools attended by the scholarship and grant winners: Brookfield Central, Brookfield East and Brookfield Academy, each received a \$250 gift certificate for their art departments.

Elm Grove Woman's Club members Janet Day and Sue Mayhew chaired the

event with assistance from committee members Lisa Armitage, Deb Flanigan and Jennifer Morris.

Certificates of participation were presented to the winners and these competitors: Brookfield East seniors **Caitlin Seibel, Noemi Duliskovich, Brenna Verheyen, Josiah Xiong, and Emma Schaetz**; Brookfield Central seniors **Abigail Hill, Nicole Ranney, Anna Sorenson, Kat Lazar, Laurel Chen, Emma Schaetz, Samaaya Jayamaha**; Brookfield Academy seniors **Marianna Tellez, Gabriella Hoggatt, Patrick Send, Najuf Malik, Gabby Hrdlick, Erin Rice, and Jack Otto**.

Undergraduate grant competitors / certificate recipients showing their work also included Brookfield East students **Alyssa Bohl, Kimberly Dzwierzynski, Mia Florez, Dustin Laufenberg, Abigail Werry, Samantha Schmocker, and Cassandra Haessly**; Brookfield Central students **Laura Lena Bogyay and Mackenzie Reid**; Brookfield Academy students **Yiege Gu and Fatima Warraich**; and **Amelia Coleman**, who is homeschooled.



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Megan Daniels, a Brookfield East student, won an Art Grant for mixed media works: (Left to right): "Spoken Lies", "Pieces", and "Reflection" which portray issues of mental health within found frames.



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Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

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Ruby

News Briefs



Photo by Steve Stocker

Elmbrook Rotary Club members at a past Spikes for Tykes event.

Elmbrook Rotary's Spikes for Tykes Fundraiser to Benefit Community

By Ted Wentzel

The Elmbrook Rotary's 31st annual Spikes for Tykes fundraising tournament is scheduled for June 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mitchell Park in Brookfield. Families, school groups or companies can form teams to enter the tournament that seeks to raise money for local charities.

In the past, proceeds have been directed to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund, the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, and other worthy causes. Since its inception in 1988, SPIKES has raised over \$700,000. The beneficiaries of this year's event include The Women's Center in Waukesha, the Elmbrook Rotary Scholarship program, Capitol West Academy, and the Rotary's Polio Plus program, which seeks to eradicate polio worldwide.

The Spikes for Tykes tournament is a day of volleyball, during which each registered team plays for one hour against another team, either requested or assigned based on skill level. Each team can play 6 people on the court with unlimited substitution. The Rotary will

also be selling hamburgers, brats and beverages in the picnic shelter so teams and spectators can enjoy lunch after their games.

Elmbrook Rotary President, **Linda Edelstein** said: "We are grateful for the community's support of our annual fundraising event, allowing our Club to give back more than \$50,000 this year in support of literacy, high school leadership programs, social service agencies, the arts, and much more. By sponsoring a team for just \$150 or becoming an event sponsor, individuals, businesses, and foundations can all play a part in making our community a better and safer place to live, work, and play."

If you, your school, or your company is interested in participating or being a sponsor, please visit www.elmbrookrotary.org for more information.

Each playing team receives six long-sleeve commemorative T-shirts and is guaranteed a morning filled with entertainment.

Brookfield Academy Students Win National Art, Writing Awards

By Marie O'Brien

Two Upper School students at Brookfield Academy have won National Medals in the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition.

Senior **Margot Armbruster** received three National Gold Medals and two National Silver Medals for poetry. One of the Silver Medals was for her portfolio of work.

Sophomore **Amanda Roessler** received a National Silver Medal for her "Softball Inspired Dress" design.

Nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted for the 2018 Scholastic Awards. National Medalists represent less than 1% of submissions. Top award winners will be recognized at a national ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June.



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Amanda Roessler



Photo courtesy School District of Elmbrook

Natalie Schmidt

Elmbrook Student Named Kohl Scholarship Winner

Natalie Schmidt, a Brookfield East High School senior, has been chosen to receive the 2018 Herb Kohl Excellence Scholarship. Students considered for this \$10,000 award, were evaluated and selected on the basis of their leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement, and academic achievement. Recipients of the award were honored at a luncheon on April 8.



Photo courtesy School District of Elmbrook

Julian Rhee

Local Student Receives Prestigious Music Award

Brookfield East High School senior **Julian Rhee** was awarded First Prize at the 2018 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players, held March 15-17 in Washington, DC.

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Clubs & Organizations

Elm Grove Men's Club's Memorial Day Block Party to Benefit Veterans

By Carl Carran

Twenty-five years ago, before the Elm Grove floods of '97 and '98, American Legion Post 449 was located along Underwood Creek on the corner of Juneau Blvd. and Legion Drive. After the Elm Grove Memorial Day parade every year, Post 449 would have a party. We would take our children to the post, where they ate hot dogs and gobbled up the free ice cream, joining many other families from Elm Grove and the surrounding area.

A group of men, now in their 50s and 60s, who would jokingly call themselves The Elm Grove Men's Club (EGMC), offered to sponsor a local rock'n roll band and provide beer to compliment the Vets' party. After the Legion Post was destroyed by flood, the EGMC continued to provide beer and music for a post-parade Memorial Day party that was held in the Park & Shop parking lot. All funds earned from the sale of beer, donated by Pabst, was contributed to the Legion Post, which was now relocated to 124th Street in Brookfield. Over the years, we developed a relationship with Post 449 members and eventually became members ourselves. The EGMC members who were not vets, joined as Sons of Veterans.

Last year, after many discussions about how to make our event more productive (and fun), we petitioned the Village Trustees for a permit to keep Watertown Plank Road closed after the Memorial Day parade for a Memorial Day Block Party to honor and to raise funds for veterans. It was a tough sell to the Elm Grove Trustees, who, of course had to be skeptical about closing Elm Grove's main street for 3-4 more hours. We assured them that it would be a fun family event and would be good for the village. They agreed. We also invited the Legion Post members to join the party, and they were happy to cook brats and burgers next to our beer/soda/water tent. Generous donations from Pabst, Usingers, Cedar Crest, Langer Roofing, and other local businesses allowed us to substantially increase our donation to the vets. The EGMC spouses, who have supported the event in various capacities over the years, worked alongside the vets, satisfying the appetites of hungry partiers.

This year the block party will again be located on Watertown Plank across the



Photo courtesy of Carl Carran

Veterans, family members and friends at the 2017 Memorial Day Block Party.

street from O'Donoghue's Irish Pub and the Silver Spur restaurant. Ray's Auto offers their parking lot for the event. The great band Boomer Nation will be in the parade and then set up on Watertown Plank Road for the block party. The fun will continue at O'Donoghue's, after Watertown Plank is reopened, where Jamie OD sponsors another band in his parking lot and EGMC will continue to accept contributions.

Our donation to Legion Post 449 was substantially higher last year because of the block party. This year, EGMC will also be donating earnings to **The Fisher House** (a facility that provides room and board to family members visiting relatives at the VA Hospital) as well as **Milwaukee Homeless Veteran's Initiative (MHVI)**, an organization that directly impacts veterans who need help. See you at the block party on Monday, May 28.



Junior Guild Holds Major Fund-raising Event

By Katy Connors

The Elm Grove Junior Guild held their 2018 Gala on April 14 at the Black Swan in Milwaukee. The event raises funds to support the Guild's mission, and twenty-five percent of funds raised at the Gala

are granted to the Village of Elm Grove, funding various public initiatives designed to make our community a stronger, safer, and more beautiful place to work and live.



Photo courtesy of Elm Grove Junior Guild

Among the masked attendees at the Junior Guild Gala were (from left) Joyce Andrews, Katie Schroeder, Amanda Martin and Annie Gramann.



Photo courtesy of Elm Grove Junior Guild

Formal attire and unique masks are worn by (from left) James Sayas, Kristina Sayas, Laura Martin, Ann Marie Quinn and Rob Olkowski at the Junior Guild Gala.

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All About Social Security

The Elm Grove Library will be hosting an informational session about Social Security on **Wednesday, May 9, at 1 p.m.** in the O'Neill Room, located in the lower level of the library building. You'll learn how Social Security works, and about the benefits that might be available to you. Come with questions, leave with answers. Presented by Jeff Barta, public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration in Waukesha. Free to attend, no registration required.



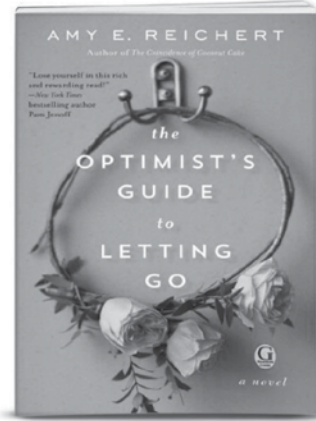
Tea, Treats, and a Book Release, with Amy Reichert, Author of *The Optimist's Guide to Letting Go*

Celebrate Mother's Day early with a book launch party at the Elm Grove Library! On **Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m.**, bestselling author Amy Reichert will be appearing to discuss the writing life and her brand new book, *The Optimist's Guide to Letting Go*. The author of previous reader favorites *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake*, *The Simplicity of Cider*, and *Love, Luck & Lemon Pie*, Amy's latest is a food-truck themed, mother daughter story set in Wauwatosa that's sure to warm the heart.

To make it extra special, Elm Grove's Crumby Art Bakehouse & Cakery will be dishing up special creations for the event inspired by Amy's previous books. Tea will be served as well.



The event is free to attend, as are the tea and treats. Books will be available for purchase afterwards, and Amy will be signing. Presented in conjunction with the Friends of the Elm Grove Library, The Little Read Book of Wauwatosa, and Crumby Art Bakehouse & Cakery. Please register in advance for this event by calling the library at 262-782-6717.



The Art of Chocolate

Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Cookbook Exchange, taking place **Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Elm Grove Library. Fazio's Chocolate is this year's community partner, and the evening promises to be equal parts decadence and artistry. Chocolatiers Cindy and Claire from Fazio's will be talking about the business of making chocolate right here in Elm Grove. There will also be a demonstration and plenty of tasting!

There will also be a cookbook exchange, so don't forget to bring a gently used cookbook that you can trade for some fresh inspiration. Registration for this free program will begin Monday, April 30. Limited to 50 attendees.

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Memorial Day Event to be Held in Brookfield

By Tom McDermott

A ceremony commemorating Memorial Day will be held on May 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Historic Oak Hill Cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Rd, Brookfield, WI.

The ceremony is a joint effort of a number of community organizations including the **Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post 296, the Oak Hill Cemetery Association, the Elmbrook Historical Society, Brookfield Academy, and Boy Scout Troop 71.**

The program honors all those who gave their lives in defense of liberty, with special recognition given to **Nathan Hatch**, a Revolutionary War veteran buried at Oak Hill.

Speakers include local historian / *News-Independent* "Past Times" columnist **Stephen K. Hauser**, Brookfield Mayor **Steven Ponto**, and students of Brookfield Academy.

Prayer and reflection will be led by **Reverend Eric Skovgaard**, pastor of Elm Grove Lutheran Church.

A rifle salute will be offered by the American Legion Post, and live patriotic music will accompany the ceremony.

Light refreshments will be available at no charge following the program. Come join us.



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Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Top 5 Reasons for Updating Your Plan

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

1. A Change in Marital Status

A change in your marital status will require significant changes to your estate plan. If you've recently married, Wisconsin's marital property will now apply to the division and distribution of your estate upon your death. The resultant distribution may be far from what you planned. If you've recently divorced, then your estate plan should be updated to ensure that your former spouse is removed as a beneficiary and fiduciary, as well as any of his or her relatives.

then your plan may need to be completely restructured. On the other hand, if you or a beneficiary have adopted or had a child, then you should review your plan to ensure that the new child is included.

2. A Change in Financial Status

A change in your financial status may also require a change to your estate plan. If you've recently won the lottery or received an inheritance, you should review your existing estate plan to ensure it meets the needs of your now larger estate. The same is true if your estate has declined in value. Does your estate plan still make sense in view of a lower net worth?

4. Moving to a New State

A move to a new state is one of the most overlooked reasons to update your estate plan. Every state has different law affecting the requirements for estate planning documents, and also the administration of those documents. This is particularly true of anyone moving to or from Wisconsin, as our Marital Property Law is unique.

3. The Birth or Death of a Beneficiary or Fiduciary

If a beneficiary or fiduciary named in your estate plan has died, then you should update your plan to remove the individual's name. However, if your spouse has died,

5. The Passage of Time

If your beneficiaries were younger when you set up your plan, then as they get older you should assess whether they still need the protections incorporated in your documents. They may now even be ready to take on the fiduciary roles in your estate plan, such as power of attorney for finances and health care, or the Personal Representative of your Will. Your lives, and those of your beneficiaries and fiduciaries, are works in progress. Your estate planning documents should reflect the changes brought by the passage of time.

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May 30th, Forest Home Cemetery, Commemoration Ceremony for Alonzo Cudworth. Starts 10:15a.m. at Cemetery.
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Shred Day

The Elm Grove Business Association will hold its annual Shred Day on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Park & Shop parking lot in downtown Elm Grove. FREE. Donations welcome.

Village of Elm Grove Recycle Center Hours

During May 2018, the Village Recycling Center / Yardwaste Facility (Department of Public Works, 900 Wall St.) will be open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1 to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BEHS Students to Attend Badger Boys / Girls State

The Badger Boys and Girls State program is a week-long opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and raise awareness of how local government is organized and run. Badger Boys and Girls graduates are prominent today as responsible leaders in public office, business and the professions, industry, and the armed services. Students attending are grouped into cities and counties forming a "51st State." The citizens of the "new state" carry out all the main functions of city, county and state government using basic laws and fundamental procedures of the State of Wisconsin as their guide. Badger Boys is held annually at Ripon College in mid-June, followed by Badger Girls at UW – Oshkosh at the end of June.

The Recycling Center will now accept metal items for recycling. These items cannot have any flammable liquids, Freon or pressurized tanks.

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Give Blood — Save a Life!

This May, the American Red Cross is calling for donors to give blood and platelets regularly to be prepared to meet the needs of patients in emergency situations.

A Blood Drive will be held on Friday, May 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Brookfield East High School, 3305 N. Lilly Road, Brookfield.

Donors of all blood types are needed. Make an appointment to donate blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-REDCROSS ((1-800-733-2767).



News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

These Brookfield Academy Level 8 students were recognized for their successes earlier this year in the stock market simulation competition: (left to right) **Natalie Cartwright**, **Anna Marshall**, **Margaret Walsh** (of Elm Grove), **Carly Zeiler** and **Grace Miclot**. (Not pictured: **Margaret Henery**).



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy Level 7 students (left to right) **Laurette Blanchard** (of Elm Grove), **Emily Courtwright** and **Stuart Frohna** placed 3rd in the State in the stock market simulation competition held this spring.

Economics in the Classroom: Brookfield Academy Students Strategize with Stocks

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy student **Margaret Walsh** watched her stock picks carefully for weeks. One week, a \$100,000 investment looked promising and the next week the stock performance didn't look so good. She and her investment team, comprised of other Level 8 classmates, smiled as they recounted the ups and downs of watching their money perform. The reason for the smiles? The stock performance was real, but the investment money was not.

Margaret and her classmates were participating in a stock market simulation competition sponsored by Economics Wisconsin.

"We are competing against other teams from around the state. How we perform depends on how our stocks do — if they

go up, we go up in placement. If they drop, we drop in placement," she said. "We could go from 15th place to 300th place very quickly."

Level 7 students **Laurette Blanchard**, **Stuart Frohna** and **Emily Courtwright** experienced similar fluctuations. "We were 13th in the region and in 200th place in the state at one point, but we learned about buying and selling certain stocks," said Laurette. Their strategies worked. Laurette, Stuart and Emily placed 3rd in the state competition out of nearly 700 teams and two Level 8 teams placed in the top 10 regionally in a competition held earlier this year.

Students participating in the stock market simulation are taught by Middle

School teachers **Matt Wasmer** and **Eric Volmar**. "Any stock that is for sale on the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ our students can select. They start with \$100,000 of fake money but apply it in real time over a 10-week period," said Mr. Wasmer.

While participating students bring home new knowledge about how the stock market works, they agree the competition prepares them for the real world in other ways.

"I think it helps shape our future for careers, and if it's not a main career, it will help me manage my personal savings one day," said Level 8 team member **Natalie Cartwright**. Classmate **Carly Zeiler** enjoyed working with a team. "You don't

have to have a certain set of skills, we learn as we go and we make decisions together," Carly said, "It's definitely a fun competition to do with your friends."

The Stock Market simulation is one element of Brookfield Academy's Middle School curriculum which complements another economic lesson in the classroom called BAME (Brookfield Academy Mini-Economy). BAME is a nationally recognized program which exposes students to the world of a simulated economy and government. Both classroom activities reinforce the mission of the school: the development of responsible and constructive free people in a free market economy and a free, democratic society.

Good Sports

Elm Grove Girl Completes Half Ironman

Ava Barker, 17, a senior at Brookfield East High School, swam 1.2 miles, biked 56 miles, and ran 13.1 miles (a half marathon) during a Half Ironman 70.3 event in Ocala, Florida on March 31, 2018.

She was the youngest competitor and won her division.

She has played tennis and been in gymnastics at BEHS, and been an athlete recognized for outstanding academic achievement as well by the WIAA. During high school she was also on a Competitive Waterski Team and served as a Surfing Instructor and Camp Counselor for Maui Surfer Girls in Hawaii," said her mother, **Katherine O'Keeffe**.

Ava is currently in training for the full Ironman and plans to race Ironman Lake Placid, New York on July 22, 2018.



Photo courtesy of Katherine O'Keeffe

Ava Barker running the Half Ironman.



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Upcoming Speakers:

May 4 - Members Only 35th Anniversary Luncheon

May 11 - The Dawn of the 4th Industrial Revolution

Kathleen Gallagher, a Pulitzer Prize winner, will discuss what will drive innovation in artificial intelligence, shifting computational infrastructure to the cloud, as well as how advanced technologies are changing the social, political, and economic landscape. You definitely don't want to miss this!

May 18 - ACTS Housing Development

Board member Mike Woods will speak of this non-profit empowerment agency that supports low income families buy and rehab their own homes. Since inception 20 years ago, ACTS has helped countless families experience the joy and fulfillment of home ownership. Come and hear why this is a truly unique program and experience the difference ACTS is making across our Milwaukee communities!

May 25 - Common Hope

Wally Smanski, Brookfield Rotarian, will explain this amazing holistic approach focusing on education, health care, housing, and family development. Started by a Minneapolis couple after seeing the poverty in Guatemala, hear how Common Hope tackles poverty with aid and hand-ups, not handouts. A meeting that will surely tug at your heart strings!

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