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“REMEMBER OUR VETERANS” How You Can Help

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Elm Grove’s 2020 Memorial Day Parade has been officially cancelled due to COVID-19 — Safer-at-Home orders. Nevertheless, local residents, business owners, community groups and others can still Honor and Remember those who have died in service to our Country, the many Veterans living in our area who formerly served, and those currently on active military duty by participating in one or more of the following activities:

***** On Memorial Day, May 25 (+ the days before and after):**

- Place large **American flags** or a series of smaller flags on your property.
- Place a sign or signs in front yards saying, for example: “We Remember Our Veterans” or “Thank You, Veterans!” etc.
- Children: Make signs or drawings of a patriotic nature and place them in the front windows of your home.
- Children & Adults: Use colorful chalk to make chalk drawings on your driveway; along our Village pathways (i.e. all along Watertown Plank Road and Juneau Blvd.) and on parking lots at businesses, community groups, churches, etc. expressing messages of Support and Thanks to Veterans.



Let’s turn our Community **RED, WHITE & BLUE!**

- Write a “Letter to a Veteran” for distribution to local Veterans’ groups. (These could be notes, cards and or special drawings expressing Thanks & Support to those who have served in our military — general messages that can go to any Veteran.)



*****Mail these to:** Elm Grove News-Independent
“Remember Our Veterans”
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No Parade, No Block Party, But Memorial Day Fundraising for Veterans Goes On...

By Carl Carran, Elm Grove Men’s Club

For over 25 years, the Elm Grove Men’s Club (EGMC) has sponsored events on Memorial Day to raise funds for veterans. For the first several years, funds were raised for American Legion Post #449. But in recent years, the EGMC has also raised money for Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI).

This event has evolved into a Memorial Day Block Party Fundraiser for Veterans that has been held after the parade on Watertown Plank Road. Veterans from Post #449 cooked brats and burgers alongside EGMC members, who sold beer, soda, water, and provided free ice cream for children. All food and beverages were donated by local firms, such as Pabst, Usinger, Cedar Crest, Langer Roofing, etc. Live music was offered and after-parade crowds enjoyed music and great

food while raising much needed funds for worthy Veterans Organizations.

However, along with the cancellation of the Memorial Day Parade, coincidentally, the Veterans Organizations have found themselves in more dire financial circumstances than in previous years. EGMC members have decided to raise funds by pursuing donations from all those who have helped on past Memorial Days, and those who would like to donate at this time.

If you would like to help our American Heroes and contribute, please make a check payable to: American Legion Post #449 OR Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative, OR both, and mail checks to: Elm Grove Men’s Club, P.O. Box 5328, Elm Grove, WI 53122.



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Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove,
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It is heartening to see the cooperation, kindness and creativity that comes out during difficult times. In my many years in this Village we have had blizzards, train derailments, floods and now a pandemic. Thankfully, we have not suffered as much as many communities. Yes, we must do some things differently, and many of the things we want to do or places we want to go are not available, yet we can move forward. Let us try to do it with a pleasant attitude.

Our friends at the Wisconsin Chinese Chamber of Commerce donated masks to the Village for use by our emergency responders. Thanks to our friend Wenbin Yuan of Brookfield.

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a variety of changes in how the Village can conduct business while protecting our employees and Village residents. The Village Hall remains open during normal business hours. We ask residents to conduct as much business as possible by telephone and email. Village Board and all committee meetings are now held as virtual meetings online. Residents can watch all meetings through live streaming, on the Village cable TV channel or join the Zoom meeting if necessary. Input to the meetings is limited. We continue to investigate ways to conduct future public meetings and hearings.

(See VILLAGE UPDATE – Page 3)

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Children's Hospital Needs PPE Donations

Donations of new and unused personal protective equipment (PPE) can be dropped off at the Children's Corporate Center lobby (999 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa) from 9 a.m. to Noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The hospital will accept these items:

- *Any type of surgical masks
 - *Any type of N95 respirator masks
 - *Any type of medical gloves
 - *Any type of clear, plastic face shields
 - *Any type of disposable isolation gowns or disposable coveralls
 - *Any new scrubs or lab coats (including homemade)
 - *Any hand sanitizer at least 60% alcohol
 - *Any safety glasses or goggles
 - *Handmade masks
- (GUIDELINES at CHW.ORG.)

"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Cheers to The Helpers

In times of adversity, in the most harrowing of circumstances, there is no better thing to do, I believe, than find ways to contribute to the betterment of others.

In these days of COVID-19 uncertainty, we become witness to some of the Best of humanity: most significantly the healthcare workers, masked warriors against a relentless, microscopic-virus foe — risking their own safety to save lives. They are true Heroes. So are the farmers who grow our food and the farm workers who harvest it. So are grocery workers, delivery drivers, postal workers, teachers and the parents who conduct school at home. So are those who staff food pantries, homeless shelters, blood banks, and mental health crisis lines.

You can be heroic as well — if you have a Heart filled with Kindness and the willingness to use it to do some Good now and in all the days that follow. Become one of the Best of us, however you can. Donate food, money, blood. Check on the welfare of a neighbor. Find beauty in your garden. Read. Write. Rest. Wash your hands. Wear a mask in public. Stay safer at home.

Let's work Together as a Community.
We need each other. We always have.
Take Care. Stay Well!

Happy Mother's Day!

MOTHER

*To one who bears
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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



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Community United Methodist Church members with donated food.

Methodist Church Holds Food Drive, More to Come

A highly successful Food Drive to benefit the FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County was held at Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove on April 24. Area residents in more than 100 vehicles dropped off donations.

"When I heard of the need, I immediately knew that we had the resources to help," said Rev. Kris Androsky.

The church plans two more Food Drives this month: Saturday, May 9, (9 – 11 a.m.) and Thursday, May 21, (1 – 3 p.m.) See *Wish Lists* — Page 3 for donations most needed.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

A MESSAGE TO STUDENTS: Teachers at St. Mary's Visitation school in Elm Grove collaborated on a special, very creative photo message to their students in early April: "Dear SMV Gladiators, we miss all of you so very much and want you to know how much you are valued and loved! Prayers."



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Things we can use: they can be mailed to Sunset Playhouse PO Box 2, Elm Grove, WI 53122. (Our box office is currently closed for walk-up service)

*Gift Certificates for Ace Hardware in Elm Grove or Home Depot to be used for set construction.

*Gift Certificates to Sam's Club for general supplies, cleaning products, etc.

*Gift Certificates to Office Depot for office supplies.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi

Our greatest need is revenue to pay our monthly expenses: Rent, Utilities, Taxes, Phone and Internet, Car maintenance, Disinfectant cleaning supplies.

Any contributions can be sent directly to:

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675 N. Brookfield Road
Brookfield, WI. 53045

or

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Variety — the Children's Charity of Wisconsin

Variety — the Children's Charity of Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization located in Elm Grove. Its **mission is to enrich the lives of children with physical or developmental special needs and their families.** It delivers life-changing services, providing funding for mobility and other enabling equipment to help children gain mobility, confidence, independence and access to their community.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges. Variety's fundraising events, which raise significant dollars for Variety, have been negatively impacted and postponed for everyone's safety. Unfortunately, this leaves Variety with a significant shortage in the dollars we need to fulfill our mission of serving children with physical or developmental special needs.

***Our wish list:** Monetary gifts to help fund mobility or enabling equipment for children with physical limitations. Items that can be used in an auction: gift cards to restaurants or stores, themed gift baskets.

Make a secure online donation at www.varietywi.org. Donations and checks (made payable to Variety) may be mailed to:

Variety – the Children's Charity of Wisconsin
12425 Knoll Road, Suite 120.
Elm Grove, WI 53122

For information, call (262) 777-2090, or e-mail: contact@varietywi.org

All support will help put smiles on faces and joy in hearts!

The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County

Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, 1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha, 53186. Donations by check are also welcome. (262) 542-5300.

Hosting a food drive with your congregation, school, community group, neighborhood, or workplace is easy to do and makes a big impact for The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. Your generosity contributes to a vibrant and healthy community, and makes a difference in the life of a neighbor, classmate, co-worker, or even a friend. To get started simply call our Food Resource Manager at (262) 522-2374.

***Donation Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Additional evening hours: Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

***Service Hours:** Monday – Friday, 1 – 3 p.m.; Additional evening hours: Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

***Most Commonly Needed Food Items:** Shelf stable fruits canned in Water or its own Juice, especially pineapple & mandarin Oranges; whole grain Cereals; Boxed meal kits; Ready to eat soups with Meat; Canned pasta with meat; Shelf stable milk alternatives, such as Soy or Almond Milk; shelf stable proteins: tuna, chicken, Ham, tofu; 100% Fruit Juice; Infant & Toddler Needs: Formula (regular and soy-based), especially Good Start® formula, Stages 1, 2, & 3 baby food; Diapers particularly size 3 or larger; Baby powder & diaper rash cream; Baby wipes.

Please, no dented cans or packages. No expired food.

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* Community Organizations



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Elmbrook Update

Student Meal Program



Elmbrook Schools is offering **all children ages 2-18** the option of a **free bagged lunch** meal for the duration of Virtual Learning, regardless of school attendance area, grade level, or income eligibility. This option is offered as part of the Federal Summer Meals Program, which has been extended to the school year to support all families in need. Please visit the “Meals for Students” webpage at www.elmbrookschools.org for additional information. (262) 781-3030.

Village Update

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With many at home and occasional nice weather, there was strong interest in gaining early access to the Village recycling yard. We have been able to secure part time help and the yard is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Village staff are all essential workers and have managed to maintain all critical operations while helping to keep us healthy and stay healthy themselves. Thank you all.

Unfortunately, the annual Memorial Day Parade organized by the Elm Grove Junior Guild and the fundraising after-parties have been cancelled for this year due social distancing requirements. I encourage homeowners to fly your flags and decorate your homes to honor all veterans.

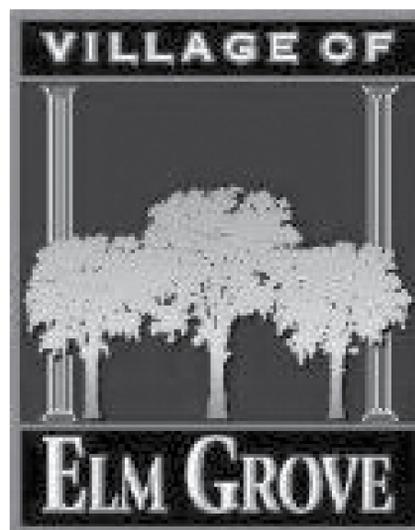
Work has begun to complete the new Splash Pad at the Village pool and we hope we will be able to open it at the end of May.

The Village Board unanimously approved a resolution designating Elm Grove as a Bee City USA Affiliate at our March meeting. This designation will support efforts to encourage landowners to select native plants to nurture pollinators. The Village-established Beautification Committee is commencing activities to educate and encourage residents to more mindfully develop beautiful landscapes that also support pollinators and songbirds. (See GARDENING – Page 7)

Thank you to all Village residents who voted by **mail with an absentee ballot**. The small personal voter turnout reduced problems as well as the work Village staff and volunteers needed to perform to provide a safe voting experience.

The **FINAL DRAFT of the Downtown Master Plan** has been posted on the Village website: www.elmgrovetriple.com. Residents and business owners are encouraged to review and comment on this final draft which was amended to include numerous comments from the public and Village Board meetings. Additional comments can be submitted by email to the Village. The Plan is a guide as to what is desired and conceptually possible to redevelop and improve the Village center. The Plan will help guide property owners in making decisions about future uses without approving any specific developments.

A recent study by the UW Civil and Environmental Engineering Department identified generally increasing radium levels in water wells in the eastern part of the state, including Elm Grove. The study did not directly identify reasons for the increases over the past 20 years, but some experts believe it is caused by the continuing decline in the aquifer. Residents concerned about radium levels in their own well should contact area private radium control companies for assistance.



And finally, I am saddened and honored to announce that **William Selzer, Chief of the Elm Grove Fire Department is retiring effective June 1, 2020**. Bill has served on the department since 1973 and been Chief since 1989. Running a fire department made up of part time members in a fully developed residential community like Elm Grove is exceedingly difficult. Yet, Bill has always done it with skill, grace and humor. Thank you, Bill. On behalf of all the Village residents, business owners and Village staff, I wish you and your wife a happy and healthy retirement.

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Those Who Served

By Stephen K. Hauser

Beginning in 2005, I have been privileged to deliver an annual address at Brookfield's Oakhill Cemetery on Memorial Day. As an historian and as a lifelong area resident, I consider it a solemn duty. Often, my remarks center around Nathan Hatch who served in the American Revolutionary War. In 2005, however, I also used the occasion to call needed attention to other area veterans, including those who had returned to serve again in their own hometown. My remarks follow...

It is fitting that we gather here today in remembrance, on Memorial Day, 2005, in the shadow of the gravestone of Nathan Hatch. In 1776 at age 19, Nathan Hatch left his home in Attleboro, Massachusetts to serve four tours of duty in the Revolutionary War, the struggle that was to give America its independence from Great Britain. As was customary at the time, Nathan would serve a hitch, return home for planting or harvest time, and then reenlist for another opportunity to serve his country. He served honorably under **Col. Ebenezer Francis** of the Continental Army.

In 1843, at age 86, Hatch came to the Wisconsin territory with his sons, and settled in Brookfield, just north of this spot. He died in 1847 at the age of 90, and here he is buried — the only veteran of the war for American Independence buried in Waukesha county, and one of the few such veterans who rests in all of Wisconsin. Certainly, his life is one to be remembered and honored.

But today, I would also like to recall veterans who fought for America in other conflicts. In the Elmbrook area are buried veterans of every war in which America has fought. All those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle must be remembered...with both prayer and gratitude.

Our thanks must also be expressed to those thousands of veterans who returned home, or moved here, after serving their country in uniform, and began to raise families, start businesses, build careers and contribute to their community. Where would we be without these veterans? These are the folks who raised their kids, paid their taxes, financed the building of our schools and churches, joined fraternal organizations that raised money for worthy causes, and, in short, literally built the community that we live in today.

Where does one begin to talk about generations of local American patriots? I know that we cannot name them all, but I wish that we could.

I am reminded of my old friend **Harvey Celley**, who lived just south of here on North Avenue... Harvey was born in Brookfield,

the third generation of his family to live here. He served willingly in World War I, telling me on one occasion that the Great War had been "the greatest experience" of his life. By "great", he didn't mean "wonderful". Harvey had no more love for war than do any of us here today. He meant only that he had been proud to serve his country, and that the experience had shaped him. After the war, he became a charter member of Brookfield's Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post #296. In 1974, he was honored by the Post for 55 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. It truly defined his life.

But Harvey was active also in attending school board and city council meetings, and in cleaning up area cemeteries. He paid special attention to the graves of veterans. And then there was that flag pole that he erected in front of his own home. I see that it is still standing there today... It is quite fitting that the flag pole survives him. Harvey died in 1983 at age 89, but his patriotism has transcended the grave.

My own fondest memory of Harvey Celley is his attendance at the funeral of my father, **Karl A. Hauser**, who was also a World War I veteran, in 1975. Harvey didn't know my dad, but he believed in saying goodbye to all of his old comrades from the Great War. To him, it was a veteran's duty.

Another charter member of the Behling-Kutchera Legion Post that I remember was **John Sanders**, also a World War I veteran and a life member of the Brookfield Post. I did not know John Sanders well, but, growing up near his home in Elm Grove in the 1950s, I couldn't help but notice the quiet and unassuming village blacksmith who went to work in his drafty old shop, summer or winter, rain or shine.

John Sanders epitomized the veteran returned from military service. He continued to serve his country and his community throughout his long and productive life. He never even noticed that he was building a future for all of us in the process. As a hard-working and honorable citizen, he served daily. For him, it was all in a day's work, until his passing in 1987 at age 91.

Among the local World War II veterans I have been privileged to know, I recall my good friend **George R. Hunt**. A deep thinker, George was always skeptical about U.S. involvement in "foreign wars". Ever hear anyone express those doubts today? Yet when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, George enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served four years of wartime duty. Philosophical arguments were put aside, and it was time for him to be counted as an American.

After the war, the service of this veteran



Photo by Janice C. Hauser

Professor **Stephen Hauser** with Colonial era re-enactors at the Oakhill Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony in 2012.

continued. He joined the American Legion. He moved to Brookfield, and taught history and social studies at Brookfield Central and Brookfield East high schools from 1957 to 1981. He found time to coach debate and forensics, and he helped to organize the Little League in Brookfield. He also served for 26 years as a Brookfield town supervisor. For this veteran as well, service was a lifelong responsibility, and he left his community a better place. George Hunt died in 1978 at the age of 68.

I cite these men only as examples. Every returning veteran has a unique story and makes a unique contribution. But what of the veterans who have not returned? Those who have bravely fallen in battle? Imagine the contributions they could have made had their lives continued. In fact, we don't need to! They already made the supreme contribution. They sacrificed their lives for the precious freedom we all now enjoy.

My old friend **Edmond Hou-Seye** of Sheboygan, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, summed up the thoughts of many a returning veteran. Ed had driven the third armored assault vehicle ashore at the battle for Okinawa in April of 1945. Later that day, his best friend died in his arms. "I knew right then", he told me, "whatever I did with the rest of my life, I had to live it for me... and for him." That statement goes a long way, I think, toward explaining the returning veterans' spirit of service to their communities.

Every Memorial Day gathering should entail at least one old war story. It is not, of course, my own war story, but that of a brave World War II volunteer named **Tom Sloan**.

I knew Tom when he was a college English professor from New Jersey back in 1976. Prior to that, however, Tom had served in World War II as a bombardier navigator over the skies of Italy. He flew his first mission over the Apennines mountain range toward the city of Perugia on one of 36 U.S. aircraft in 1944. The American B-25s were going up against the dreaded German 88s, manned by some of the best enemy marksmen of the war. Nothing could have prepared Tom for what he was about to experience that day.

Tom Sloan remembered that 1944 baptism by fire quite well 32 years later as he recalled to us the American planes flying into the German flack. "And out to the east, I looked, and the flack came boiling up. My God, it was frightening --- horrible ---terrible. And I said to myself, 'They can't be going in there. They wouldn't go in there.' And yet, I saw those B-25s relentlessly, inexorably disappear into that flack. The twin tails of the B-25s disappeared into it. And tears came down my face, and I said, 'My God. There go the Americans. There go the Americans.'"

Tom told me that since 1944, he had been looking for those Americans. I lost track of Tom Sloan over the years, but I wish that he was standing here with us today. I'd gesture toward the flag-decorated headstones we see around us, and I'd also point toward the honorable local Legionnaires assembled with us this morning, and I would say to Tom, "Here are those Americans. Here are those Americans."

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

News Briefs

Governor Discusses 'Badger Bounce Back' Plan

(MADISON) On April 23, Governor Tony Evers delivered the following radio address regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on Wisconsin residents: "A few weeks ago, Wisconsin had a pretty grim outlook for what COVID-19 could mean for our state. The good news is that data show that Safer at Home is working. It's projected we have saved at least 300 lives, and perhaps as

many as 1,400 lives. We have helped flatten the curve, which has resulted in fewer cases and hospitalizations, but folks, we aren't out of the woods just yet.

As you know... I extended Wisconsin's Safer at Home order until 8 a.m. on May 26, 2020 because as I have said all along, we are going to rely on science and public health experts to help guide us through these challenges. That extension is going to provide our state critical time to continue building the tools we need to safely reopen our economy and ensure

that it stays open.

The Badger Bounce Back plan is informed by the White House's Guidelines and it outlines important criteria Wisconsin must meet in order for us to safely move forward. That includes increased testing and expanded lab capacity, and therefore has to have more thorough contact tracing as a result. It's about boxing in the virus rather than boxing in people. It includes growing our supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) and bolstering our healthcare workforce and capacity.

What we are going to be looking for is a downward trajectory of positive COVID-19 test results as a percentage of total tests within a 14-day period. When the state has seen these efforts be successful, Wisconsin can begin to turn the dial to reopen our state and get our business and workers back on their feet. That is what the Badger Bounce Back plan is all about: our resilience as a people and as a state. I hope you will join me in these efforts to stay safer at home and bounce back together."

Calendar of Events for May 2020

Saturday, MAY 9

*Community United Methodist Church FOOD DRIVE to benefit the FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. @ 14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. (262) 782-4060.

(See Community Wish Lists – Page 3 for information about the Food Pantry and a list of its most needed items.)

Thursday – MAY 21

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Tuesday – MAY 26

*Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Agenda: www.elmgrovetwi.org
Access the Live Stream Feed @ <https://elmgrovetwi.org/656/live-stream>.

Calendar sponsored by:

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Village of Elm Grove Recycling Center Hours

The Department of Public Works Recycling / Yard Waste facility, 900 Wall St., will be open (with reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center will now accept metal items for recycling. Metal items cannot have any flammable liquids, freon or pressurized tanks.

For more information, visit the Village website: www.elmgrovetwi.org or call (262) 782-6700.

Sunday – MAY 10

MOTHER'S DAY



Monday – MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY
"Remember Our Veterans"



Our Village



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Chalk hearts, such as this, were drawn on Tosca Court and other locations in the Tonawanda Elementary School neighborhood.



Photo by James L. W. Bain / News-Independent

A colorful rainbow in the window of a home on Gremoor Drive.



Photos by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

(At left) Girls from the **Krueger** family on Bobbie Lane baked and gave packs of cookies to their neighbors, including **Bill** and **Judy Laste** of Tosca Court. (At right) **Alice Hirt** borrowed books from Judy Laste and later returned them along with a Thank You gift: this roll of toilet paper decorated with a bow.



Photos by James L. W. Bain / News-Independent

Two signs at a home near Legion Drive and Juneau Blvd.



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A chalk drawing of a rainbow and verse along the Watertown Plank Road pathway.

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Milwaukee Widows & Widowers Club (WOW) Invites New Members to Join

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Those who have experienced the death of a spouse may often experience significant loneliness, a condition exacerbated at this time because of social distancing restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members of one local social organization understand that feeling, they've been there themselves and want to reach out to others who are "walking in the same shoes," says club member **Harlan Mueller** of Brookfield.

Milwaukee Widows and Widowers (WOW), founded in 1972, has a mission of offering friendship after losing a spouse. They have publicized the organization in the past in various ways and, notes Mueller, "The response was immediate and those that called knew that they needed to come back into the world and socialize. We believe there is a need for individuals to reconnect with society and especially after what we are currently enduring at the moment."

An article in *AARP The Magazine* ((December 2019 / January 2020 issue) included an extensive article: "Is There a Cure for Loneliness?" which discusses the fact that while older Americans face a greater risk for physical illness, depression and even dementia as the result of social isolation, there are, indeed, remedies, one of

which is establishing a solid social network.

A new book, published in April 2020, entitled "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World" by former U.S. Surgeon General **Vivek H. Murthy** also explores the "often-overlooked crisis of loneliness in America, and its unintended consequences and offers suggestions about how to create more connected lives."

The WOW Club generally holds meetings on a monthly basis with group activities including Fish Fries, Cards, Golf, Pizza Parties, Bowling, Walking Groups, Dances, Baseball Games and more.

While these friendly, very active gatherings have been cancelled for the time being, the Club enthusiastically welcomes those interested to call about membership.

"The benefits of being with (other widows and widowers) has made all the difference in the world to us," Mueller said.

Please call (414) 327-4586 with any questions and visit the WOW website: <https://milwowclub.info> for further developments.



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Junior Guild

Elm Grove children visit with the Easter Bunny.

'Bunny Project' Raises \$\$ for Food Pantry

(ELM GROVE) After the Elm Grove Junior Guild's annual Children's Easter event was cancelled, a few Guild members sprung into action to make sure that Easter cheer was still spread around the Village.

In April, Guild member, **Jamie Niederbaumer**, and her son, **Tyler** (a very dapper Easter Bunny), drove around Elm Grove in a stylish convertible, generously donated by Uptown Motors, waving at kids and stopping for some "social distancing" photos. In exchange for a

stop from the Easter Bunny, residents contributed towards a donation to The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. At the end of the day, the Bunny Project resulted in countless happy Elm Grove children and raised over \$1,200 towards a great local cause.

The Guild wishes to give "a special thanks to the Guild members who coordinated logistics, Uptown for the fun ride, Jamie and Tyler for the MANY hours of donated time and everyone who donated money to our local food pantry."



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Gardening in the Grove

Elm Grove Becomes the 105th Bee City USA

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Board of Trustees unanimously voted on March 23rd, to become a Bee City USA®, joining more than a hundred other cities and campuses across the country united in improving their landscapes for pollinators. This action is the culmination of months of effort by the Beautification Committee and the Elm Grove Green Team to accomplish this certification.

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon, with offices across the country. Bee City USA's mission is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free of insecticides. Pollinators like bumble bees, sweat bees, mason bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds and many others are responsible for the reproduction of almost ninety percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

"The program aspires to make people more PC—pollinator conscious, that is," said **Scott Hoffman Black**, Xerces' executive director. "If lots of individuals and communities begin planting native, pesticide-free flowering trees, shrubs and perennials, it will create large-scale change for many, many species of pollinators."

"How each city or county celebrates pollinators is up to them," said Bee City USA founder **Phyllis Stiles** (from the Milwaukee area). "But to maintain their certification, each affiliate is expected to celebrate being a Bee City USA community every year."

Each affiliate should hold public awareness activities; publicly acknowledge the commitment to the program through a standing committee, signage and web links; and prepare an annual report on habitat enhancement activities.

Bee City USA especially encourages school gardens and educational programs for children. "When a child falls in love with pollinators, they are friends for life," added Stiles.

The Village of Elm Grove has designated the Beautification Committee the facilitating committee for the village's efforts to engage the community in promoting pollinator conservation. The committee meets on the first Monday of the month in the Park View Room at the Elm Grove village hall and invites all residents of Elm Grove to offer their ideas for pollinator-friendly initiatives. The more people and organizations involved, the sooner pollinator declines will be reversed.

For more information about Elm Grove's Bee City USA program, or to volunteer, contact **Nicci Sternitzky** at asternitzky@wi.rr.com or **Deb Baesemann** at debbaes@hotmail.com.

For more information about Bee City USA, visit <https://www.beecityusa.org/>. For details about the Xerces Society, visit <https://xerces.org/>

For information about four simple ways to help pollinators, visit <https://xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/>



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A GARDENER'S DELIGHT: An abundance of purple and yellow perennials bloom in the front yard of an Elm Grove residence during spring 2019.

Enhance Your Garden & Lift Your Spirits This Spring

By Melinda Myers

Spring has arrived and that means lots of gardening and landscape projects. This year more than ever we can benefit from the physical and mental health benefits gardening provides. It elevates our mood, lowers blood pressure and reduces stress and anxiety. This means with each garden bed prepared, plant placed in the ground or landscape feature built, you'll be strengthening your muscles, increasing flexibility, burning calories and improving your mental health.

Keep yourself safe when making landscape improvements. Contact Diggers Hotline at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground. Just call 811 or better yet file online at DiggersHotline.com. Diggers Hotline will contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in the designated work area. This eliminates the danger and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities as you enhance your landscape.

In a survey conducted by Common Ground Alliance (CGA), they found that four out of ten homeowners are planning projects involving digging. Forty-five percent of those people will not contact their local utility notification center. Two thirds of those surveyed believe they won't be the ones to hit an underground utility; despite the fact that every three minutes someone damages an underground utility somewhere in the United States.

Once the area is marked, adjust your plans to avoid conflicts with the underground utilities. Always look up, check for and avoid overhead utilities as well. Next, look for ways to improve the aesthetics while

reducing maintenance with simple design strategies. Consider planting shrubs in clusters instead of individually throughout the yard. Surround these and individual trees with a garden or mulch bed.

Keeping grass away from young trees and shrubs eliminates the competition for water and nutrients, increasing their rate of growth. The mulch also helps suppress weeds, conserve moisture and improve the soil as it breaks down. You'll burn calories and strengthen muscles while improving the growing conditions for your trees and shrubs. Mulched beds eliminate the need for hand trimming, prevent weed whip damage to the plants and you'll spend less time mowing. It's easier and more efficient to mow around a few large beds rather than individual plants.

Apply a 2- to 3-inch layer of woodchips or shredded bark mulch over the soil surface. Don't pile mulch over the tree trunk or stems of plants. Dress it up by planting a few perennial groundcovers in the bed. Many provide seasonal interest with flowers, fall color and evergreen foliage. Mulch these to help suppress the weeds, but once they fill-in, you'll have less weeding.

Stay safe, improve your health and boost your spirits this spring with gardening. Adding trees, shrubs and flowers to your landscape provides immediate and long-term benefits for you to enjoy now and for many seasons to come.

Melinda Myers is the author of numerous books and the host of The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Edward Cook

Brookfield Academy Student to Sing with State Honor Choir

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy sophomore Edward Cook has been accepted into the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) High School State Honor Choir. He was chosen from hundreds of auditions and is now an elite member of this prestigious ensemble of the best high school-aged singers in Wisconsin. Students selected for the WSMA High School State Honors Music Project participate in an intensive four-day summer camp and will perform in Madison, Wisconsin, in October.

Brookfield Central's Class of 1970 Reunion Planned

(BROOKFIELD) Graduates of Brookfield Central High School Class of 1970 will celebrate their 50-year reunion in October 2020.

Plans include a gala dinner at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove on the evening of Saturday, October 3. The reunion weekend agenda also features a tour of the high school, 16900 W. Gebhardt Road, on Friday afternoon, October 2, and

an informal gathering on Friday evening at a location yet to be determined.

Classmates seeking further information or persons with information about classmates whereabouts may contact the reunion committee at BCHS70@yahoo.com or on Facebook with a friend request to "Margie Blodgett", or by calling Bill Quirmbach at (414) 774-1879, or e-mailing Jeff Waalkes at jeffwaalkes@icloud.com.

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Meet Hoover! While the library has been closed, that did not stop us from finding a name for our new yellow Plecostomus fish. After many suggestions on the library's Facebook page, Hoover was chosen as the winner. Hoover is an algae eater that attaches himself to hard surfaces with specially adapted mouth parts. He's a scavenger and he'll eat almost anything! He helps to keep the aquarium clean for all the other fish. Next time you're at the library, visit the fish tank in the children's area and say hello to Hoover! (Just don't feed him.)

News' Hounds & other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Are you looking for a lovable lap cat with looks and personality to match? Meet **Buffy**, our sweet, snuggly senior. She has an affectionate nature and unique, chirpy voice. Despite being 15 years old, this beautiful girl has plenty of love left to give to her forever home. Since she loves a lot of attention, Buffy would do best in a home where she is the only furry family member. Buffy is currently in foster care.



Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society
Buffy

If you would like to meet Buffy, please call us at (262) 782-9261.

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road. Visit www.ebhs.org; call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.

"Green" is Good!

Ideas courtesy of The Waukesha County Green Team
www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org

Simple, Environmentally-Friendly Suggestions

Check your toilets for leaks!

Water leaks account for approximately 14% of all water use in the average American home, and the toilet is one of the most likely places to find them. Put several drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Don't flush, and wait 10-15 minutes. Check the toilet bowl for color. If the color has leaked in, repair your toilet right away!

Keep track of your produce this week and avoid throwing any away!

There is no need to toss produce just because it's reaching the end of its peak. Soft fruit can be used in smoothies; wilting vegetables can be used in soups, etc. And both wilting fruits and veggies can be turned into delicious juice!



Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Staying-at-Home Essays

By Kristina
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

COVID-19 is very bad. I hope no one gets it. We will be praying for you. In my family we play cards, watch TV together and play games. We have movie nights and I play Frisbee and Legos with my sister. I jump on the trampoline.

By Mikayla
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

During the COVID-19, we all have to stay inside. It's fun and not fun in different ways. We like going for bike rides, baking, and helping others. We like coloring with chalk on our driveway for people to see. We're all staying inside, but we're all staying together.

By Owen
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

During COVID-19, I play Frisbee with my friends across the street. I go on bike rides. I also go on walks. I play video games, too.

By Caleb
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

What are you doing for Covid-19? I usually go outside and play basketball. I also like to play a board game with my family or play on my Xbox. I like to go on Zoom but would rather go to the real school building.

By Jael
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

COVID-19 is not good. People are sick, but we can help. My family is helping by writing encouraging things with chalk. We can do this together.

By Kieran
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

With COVID-19 around, I practice on my basketball hoop. I built a fort and I sleep in it. I play with my dog and I watch YouTube or play video games. I also play board games with my mom or Nonnie. I can't go to school, so we have to go on Google Classroom and Zoom.

By Lilly
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

With COVID-19 around I play a lot on my phone. I do a lot of online school. It's hard not to be with your friends. I like to do a lot of Lego sets and I like to jump on my trampoline. I also help others by staying six feet away and by washing my hands a lot. I also stay inside. I hope you are safe.

By Danny
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

I have been playing with Legos, and playing on my tablet. I am also praying for the COVID-19 to stop. Then I can go to public places.

By Joey
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

For COVID-19 I play video games, I go on bike rides, and I play cards with my mom and dad. We play speed and war. For school we have online school. For class we use zoom and Google Classroom.

Mother's Day Essays!

By Addy
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

My Mom is a nurse at the Eye Institute. Normally she is working. I love my mom because she is a good baker. Recently she tried to make macaroons. They were really good. My mom is loving, caring, kind, and generous. I love to bake with my mom. Just because we can't go to church doesn't stop her. We watch church every Sunday and do chapel every Wednesday. She loves to help whenever she can. She loves to make me happy. She always encourages me to make the right decision and she helps me with my work. She is super fun. I love how she makes my birthday special. She always makes all my holidays special too. That's why I love my mom.

By Bella
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

I love my Mom. My favorite thing to do with my Mom is watch Disney movies. I love it when my Mom and I get Starbucks. My Mom works most of the day so we will have money. When my Mom is done working my Mom, my Dad, my Dog, and I get to hang out.

By Elijah
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

My mom is the best because she is so smart, loving, and good to people. She loves me, all of my siblings, and my dad. She makes the best cakes. I love my mom!

By Kameron
Elm Grove Lutheran, 3rd Grade

I love my mom because she gets us food, she gets us clothes. and she loves the pictures I draw. My mom also makes the best chocolate chip cookies. I love my mom!

Mothers

By Midori Thakrar,
Tonawanda, 1st Grade

Mothers are nice.
Their love's more than twice.
They love you so much,
But we love them more.

Mothers

By Peter Tsagalis
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Marvelous

Outstanding

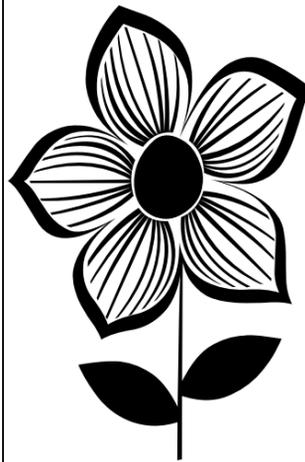
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Excellent

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My Tree

By Elliott Bain
Bannockburn School – 3rd Grade

My tree is good for climbing. The branches look cool in the winter. The bark on my tree feels my smooth warm hands in the cold breeze. I climb higher than grandpa and grandma's house. I'm a branch of the giant tree holding onto the trunk. The tree and I listen to cars going by in the distance.

Remember the Heroes

By Olivia Webb
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Remember the veterans
Who risked their lives
To protect
Our very freedom

Remember the loved ones
Whose lives were lost
Fighting for our country

Remember the families
Who lost an important piece
Of their lives
Leaving them in a pool
Of sadness forever

Remember the heroes
Whose debt we could
Never repay

But we can
Thank those veterans
Who kept us safe and free

Memorial Day

By Waylon Burford
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

I love Memorial Day for three reasons. In our family it's a big deal because we have many veterans in our family. Then we go to the graveyard normally, but this year we can't because of Covid-19. I wish we could go to the graveyard, but we cannot. I will get onto the three reasons I like Memorial Day. The first reason I love Memorial Day is because my dad is a veteran. The other reason I love Memorial Day is because we shoot. It's kinda like a tradition that we can do. Finally, we play skeet for fun at my grandma's farm, and we have a big party.

Cakes

By Jane Heery
Tonawanda - 1st Grade

On Saturday I made a funfetti cake and my sister Caroline made a chocolate cake. Then we took them out of the oven. One of the chocolate cakes that Caroline made was all crumbly. We were going to do funfetti then chocolate then funfetti then chocolate. But we had to do funfetti chocolate chocolate funfetti. Then my mom iced it. It was really good.

My Rusty Dog

By Bristol Hurst
Tonawanda - 1st Grade

Rusty is a playful dog,
Playful dog,
Playful dog.
Rusty is a playful dog.
He likes to run all day!

Great-Grandpa Joe

By Cecelia Hurst,
Tonawanda - 4th Grade

When it's Memorial Day, I think of my Great-Grandpa Joe and how he served in the military to protect our country. He was in World War II. He was a radio man. He carried the radio on his back. He got injured by a bomb. When he was in France he received a medal of honor. He also received the Purple Heart for being wounded. He also received the Bronze Star because he got two men to safety. My Great-Grandpa Joe was brave to be in the military. I loved him and I will always remember him!

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Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Vacation Properties

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

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

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

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

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

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Happy Mother's Day JODY

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Daughter-in-Law,
You.**

Love, Lisabeth & Jim

Young Writers

 (Continued from page 9)

Spring Break

By Maeve Green
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Well, I'm learning how to play the ukulele
It's surprisingly easy!
I looked at french bulldog puppies to adopt
We might actually get one!
But the best thing we did
Was during spring break
We went to the bluffs called Gibraltar
State Park
I read the sign
It said we were... 2,846 feet up in the air!
I wouldn't lie to you about that
It was breathtaking!
We actually saw a big black bird
It was only 6 feet away from us!
The bluffs were more like cliffs
It humongously surprised me
I expected it to be a boring hike
I was 2 feet away from the edge!
My brother Archer and I layed down
And scooted our heads to the edge!
I could see 2,846 feet down
My tummy churned
I wish I could go back right this moment
Gibraltar State Park is so cool

Happy Birthday!

By Libby Doud
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

It's the day
It's the day
My brother's b-day!
Check the calendar twice
It's May 29th!
Pick up the cake
Hope it's not too late!
Wrap the presents up
Put them in a pile
Then hide...
Surprise!!

The Quarantine Puppy

By Isabella Radomski
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

When I take walks,
I see all my friends.
But it makes me sad,
To know I cannot run to them.

I wish I could,
And I know I shouldn't.
But I so badly want
To break the rules.

I miss my friends.
I'm annoyed with my brothers.
I wanna go back to school.
I'm bored and there's nothing to do.

It's the weekend.
We go on a long drive.

We stop.
We see little furry balls.
And now, one pup is ours.

Special Times

By Niamh Mayne
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

May is my favorite time because it is my BIRTHDAY! I absolutely LOVE my birthday because it is when I was born, and I get presents on my birthday! It is also when my brother's birthday is. Mine is on the third and his is on the second. I love my birthday and May because it is a fun time!

Legos

By Jonathan Rajan
Tonawanda, 1st Grade

Legos are fun
because you don't have to cut them
and glue them to make it stick
also, you don't have to stick it
with cement like a brick.
Legos come in different colors
Like blue, purple or red
And with Legos
You can make a beautiful red shed

Mothers Day

By Jianna Gropp
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Mothers are wonderful
They make children have
shimmering smiles
They make laughter and kindness
Cooking is joyful to them
They take care of their children from
when they are first born
All of those mothers are teachers and
make teaching FUN!
They care for family members that are in
need of help
Mothers are FANTASTIC!

May

By Olivia Litscher
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

May flowers start to blossom
all around me.
Every angle is a color in my eye.
As the temperature starts to warm,
That's a signal that summer
will soon come.
As I blow a dandelion and make a wish,
I'm at the top of my playground
in my backyard.
I know that these flowers
are the most colorful.
Trees start to bloom with leaves.
And flowers grow and blossom.



At Home

By Connor Christianson
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

I am at home because of COVID 19.
While at home, I do school work.
I like talking to friends on Zoom.
I also read, bake brownies, and go on bike
rides.
I take special care of my Grandma and
Grandpa.
I am happy.

Have Hope

By Elise Talatzko
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

This is a hard time for all of us. It is hard not to see family and friends and to find hope but everyone has hope. You just need to find it. Hope, joy and kindness is something that is good to spread. Just be careful, stay safe, and stay home!

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News Briefs



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HOME VISITS DURING SAFER-AT-HOME: Brookfield Academy students and Elm Grove residents (left to right) **Maya**, **Devan**, and their youngest sibling **Rishi Pillai**, made a sign to greet Head of Primary and Lower School **Heather Caponi** as she dropped off learning packets. Faculty and staff began safely delivering weekly lessons to students in April and will continue through the end of the school year.



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Scott Wheeler

ELECTION RESULTS: On April 7, 2020, **Jennifer Roskopf**, **Jian Sun (Inc)**, and **Scott Wheeler** were elected to three-year terms on the seven-member Elmbrook Board of Education. The next Board meeting will be held on May 19. For more information, visit: www.elmbrookschoools.org.

Brookfield Central & Brookfield East Musicals Recognized by Jerry Awards

(BROOKFIELD) This year's Brookfield Central and Brookfield East musicals took home multiple honors at the 2020 Jerry Awards, which celebrates all aspects of high school musical productions across Wisconsin. This year's productions of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Brookfield Central) and *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (Brookfield East) were met with great acclaim from the community and their Jerry Award nominations further this praise.

Students from both musicals were honored for their work, including a recipient of the Spirit Award, a peer-selected award given to the student who displays a hardworking spirit, is inspirational to their fellow cast/crew mates, and encourages others. The awards will be presented at a virtual event on June 7. Congratulations to the following individuals, the musical directors, and all those involved in the productions:

- *Outstanding Musical**
The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Brookfield Central)
- *Outstanding Lead Performance**
Joniah Morioka, as Dom Claude Frolio (Brookfield Central)
- *Outstanding Supporting Performance**
Niko Blando, as Augustus Gloop (Brookfield East)
Kathryn Walsh, as Mrs. Gloop (Brookfield East)
Trystan Wolf, as Candyman (Brookfield East)
- *Outstanding Costume Design**
Harmonie Baker for Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory (Brookfield East)
- *Spirit Award**
Caitlin Elenteny, as Madame & Gypsy The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Brookfield Central)
- *Stage Management**
Sam Cobb for The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Brookfield Central)



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The cast, crew and others associated with the production of Brookfield Central High School's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.



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A scene from Brookfield East's production of *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*.



Dixon Elementary Holds Community Parade

(BROOKFIELD) On Tuesday, April 14, Dixon Elementary staff held a parade throughout the Elmbrook community that brought smiles to students and staff alike. The parade route, orchestrated by **Julie Johnson** and **Brett Netzel**, spanned about 23 miles throughout the neighborhoods of Dixon families and included over 50 cars driven by Dixon staff members.

D.A.R.E. Officer Kevin David led the parade and members of the Brookfield Police Department helped to block intersections and turns to allow the parade to flow smoothly throughout its route.

"Thank you to our incredible staff and Police Department for making this event possible," reflected Dixon Principal **Luke Sadowski**. "The turnout was phenomenal and the spirit of the Dixon family really came together to have an amazing celebration. It was all about getting smiles on the faces of our kids and our staff."

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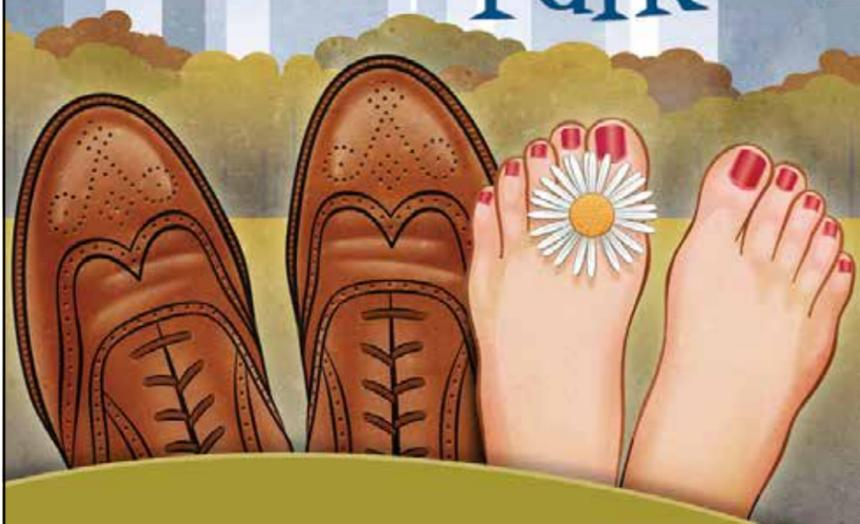

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