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## Memorial Day - Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

### • Elm Grove's 73<sup>rd</sup> Parade

This year's event, themed "Heroes Among Us" and sponsored by American Legion Post #449 and the Elm Grove Junior Guild, will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Village Park and wind through the downtown area.

Potential participants are invited to complete an online form at: <https://elmgrovejuniorguild.org/memorial-day-parade/>.

### • American Legion

**Frank Sternisha**, 1st Vice Commander, Elmbrook Post 449, reports: "We will be present at St. Mary's cemetery at 09:00 to do the rifle firing. Post 449 will be represented in the parade and lead it off as we have done for many years with the presentation of the colors followed by members representing Elmbrook Post 449.

We will have a 12:00 Noon Memorial service at the post, 3245 N. 124<sup>th</sup> St., Brookfield. The Sons of the American Legion will have a food service starting at 12:00. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a meat raffle at 3:00 p.m.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SHARE THIS HOLIDAY WITH OUR MILITARY FAMILY."**

Call (262) 781-0488 for more information.

### • Memorial Day Commemoration

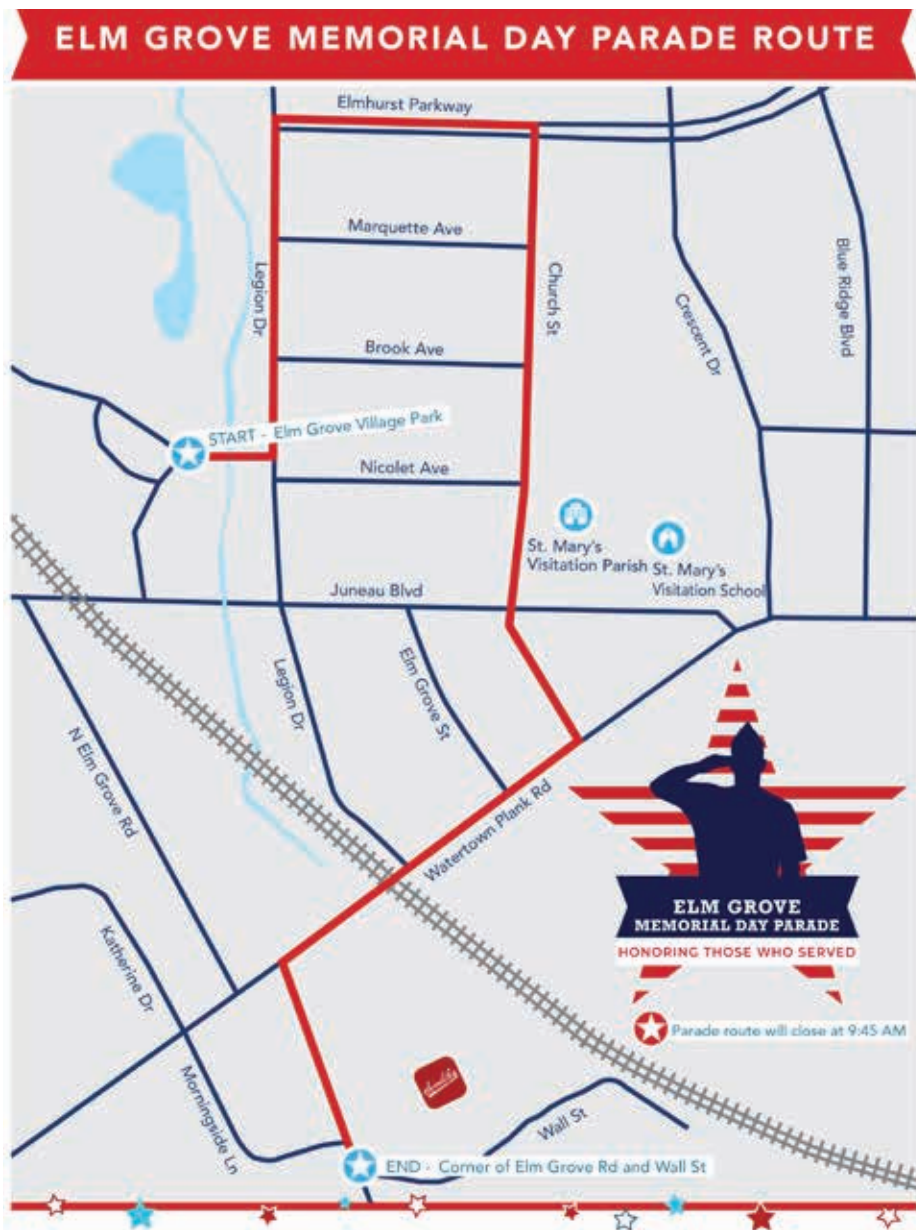
A ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Historic Oak Hill Cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Rd., Brookfield. The event is a joint effort of several community organizations including the **Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post 296**, the **Oak Hill Cemetery Association**, the **Elmbrook Historical Society**, **Brookfield Academy**, and **Boy Scout Troop 71**.

The 45-minute 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.

The event will feature a variety of local speakers and groups. A rifle salute will be offered by the American Legion Post.

Light refreshments will be available at no charge following the program. Seating will not be provided, please bring a lawn chair.

## Remember Our Veterans!



## Spring Election Results

Of Elm Grove's 4,757 registered voters, 2,614 voted on April 5 --- a turnout of 54%. (24% of the total votes were by absentee ballot.) Three newcomers were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees: **John Schindler** (1,729 votes); **Jennifer Stuckert** (1,545 votes); and **Jim Koleski** (1,292 votes). **Jim Gage** received 1,104 votes; **Patrick Kressin**: 1,038 votes.

A **Village of Elm Grove Public Works Capital Expenditure Referendum PASSED** by a margin of 92 votes (1,326 YES to 1,234 NO). This means that "prior to the letting of any (future) project for a Public Works Project financed (in whole or in part) which requires a capital expenditure of \$1 million or more, the Village Board shall submit to the electorate a binding referendum for approval of the project." (See ELECTION - Page 3)

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# "I Know Where You Live!"



**Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**

**Photo montage at right courtesy of Christine Kuenzle**

(Top left) Carl de La Chappelle & Christine Kuenzle

(Top right) David and his brother Nicolas Sarhsian, who is currently serving with the military in Ukraine.

(Bottom, clockwise from left) Around the dining table in Luxembourg: Luiza, David, Samvel, Tanya, Christine, Carl, Arthur, and Eva.



## Fund Established to Assist Family from Ukraine

*How readers can help.*

Village resident **Kate Kuenzle's** daughter, **Christine Kuenzle**, an Elm Grove native, now lives in Luxembourg with her husband **Carl de La Chapelle**, and their children, **Arthur**, 7, and **Eva**, 4. "They recently took in a Ukrainian refugee family and have offered to host them for up to a year. Christine set up a go fund me for the family. I know people see what's happening in Ukraine and want to help," Kate noted in an e-mail to *The News-Independent*. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-our-ukrainian-friends-to-start-over>

**Christine and Carl explain:** "We would like to ask your support for a very courageous family whose lives have been devastated by the war in Ukraine. The **Sarhsian family's** home was completely destroyed in the attack on Kharkiv, and they have lost everything. They were able to evacuate with their youngest children, and their eldest son remains in Ukraine to fight.

They are currently living with our family in Luxembourg in the city of Kehlen, trying to rebuild and find hope for the future.

**Here is their story:**

When the bombing began in Kharkiv, **Samvel, Tanya**, and their children **David**, 6, and **Luiza**, 11, sought shelter in a church basement near their home. Kharkiv is the second largest city in Ukraine and has faced some of the most brutal attacks since the beginning of the Russian invasion. They stayed underground in the church bunker for 14 days while the bombing and shelling intensified. Sam received updates from his 21-year-old son **Nicolas**, who had completed his military training the year before. When Sam received an all-clear to surface, he returned to his neighborhood. He found his family's home had been completely destroyed. The bodies of their neighbors and friends were lying dead in the streets.

Sam raced to gather his family, and they began their attempt to evacuate by car, with just 2 suitcases and what they hoped was enough food and water to get them through the next days. With bridges and highways as targets, or already damaged by shelling, they drove carefully through back ways, and spent 7 days on the road to reach the refugee camp in Luxembourg.

Sam's focus was especially needed for this journey, because his wife **Tanya** has a 10-cm wide brain tumor, and suffers from health issues that would have made it impossible for her to evacuate safely alone with their children. Their 21-year-old son **Nicolas** remains in Ukraine, fighting to defend their country.

They reached Luxembourg safely and were granted temporary protection, but after the refugee camp reached an overflow limit, Sam and Tanya were moved with their children into a plastic tent with 20 other people. Thankfully, we could expedite their move to our home in Kehlen shortly after.

Sam, Tanya, Luiza, and David will be living with us for the next months. They are trying to recover from the trauma of losing their home and seeing the destruction of their city, all while trying to obtain medical care for Tanya's brain tumor, and rebuild some semblance of normal life.

Living with the Sarhsian family, we are in awe of their strength, kindness, and

determination. I see their pain and stress as they wait for news from their son **Nicolas**, who remains in Ukraine to fight, and as they witness the continued destruction and terror in their country.

Sam has worked as an architect and home builder, and is focused on finding work in Luxembourg as soon as possible. He is working tirelessly as well to help friends and family find safe ways to evacuate. Tanya has been an angel, playing piano, making her children feel safe and secure, cooking amazing Ukranian food. She deals with the challenges of her health condition daily, and keeps pushing forward. But they have lost everything.

We plan to use any money donated to help specifically in these ways:

- Obtain immediate care and treatment for Tanya before her tumor grows further, and manage the existing challenges she faces daily.
- Allow Sam to purchase tools and rebuild his own workshop. Once he has the resources, he can build anything, fix anything, and he is determined to support his family. He has 25 years of experience designing and building homes and just needs his tools to get going again.
- Provide them with funds for food, clothing, and basic necessities.
- Help them to prepare for a rental deposit and several months' rent until Sam's work situation is stabilized. Until then, our home is their home, and we will support each other.

I don't know if Luxembourg will be their final home or if they can return to Ukraine and rebuild one day. But they need any kind of support possible right now to give them a way forward to get their lives and independence back after living through this horrific war.

Please consider donating, and please spread the word. Thank you so much."

**Readers may support the Sarhsian family by donating through the gofundme link, or by mailing a check (made payable to Christine Kuenzle) to: 815 Brinsmere Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122.**



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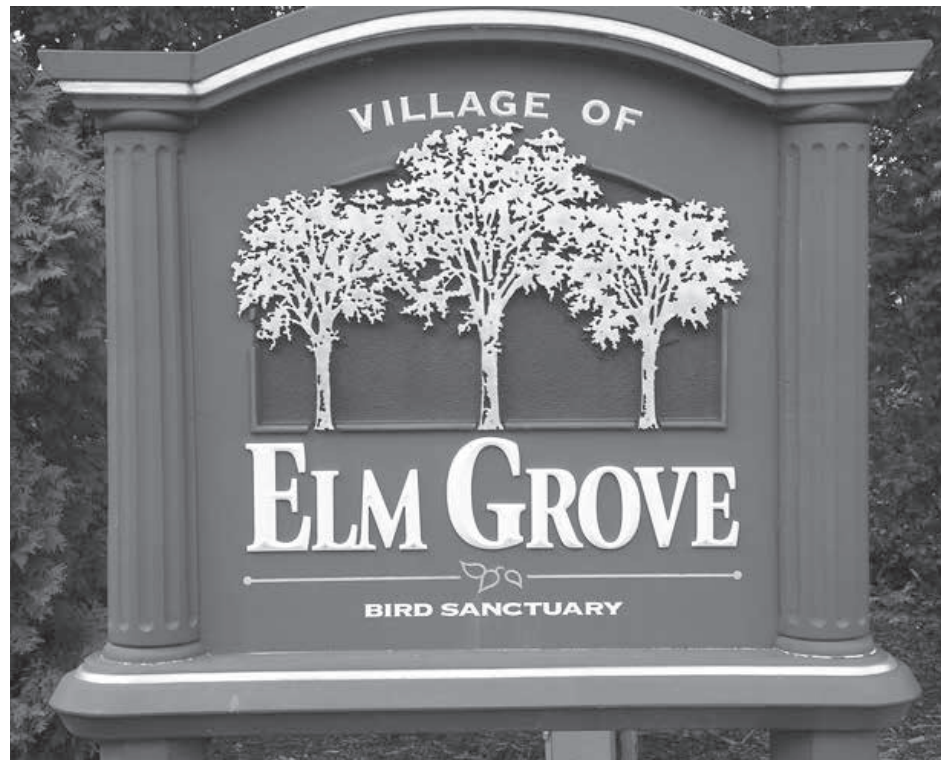
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# Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove / [npalmer@elmgrovetwi.org](mailto:npalmer@elmgrovetwi.org)



Spring is off to a chilly start yet plans for summer park and recreation programs, the Memorial Day celebration and the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration are in full swing.

Our new Recreation Director, **Jon Clemins** has been very busy getting up to speed with ongoing pool house remodeling and coordinating holiday events and recreation programs in the park.

**WeEnergies** has provided the Village with a briefing on their continuing efforts at “storm hardening” of the electric distribution system in Elm Grove. Current efforts include adding or replacing hardware, tree trimming, and some areas will see distribution lines buried.

If you have a specific issue you would like to be considered, send an email to **David DeAngelis** at Village Hall, [ddeangelis@elmgrovetwi.org](mailto:ddeangelis@elmgrovetwi.org)

The **Facility Assessment study at the Elm Grove Library** is ongoing. If you were one of the lucky parties to receive a survey, please complete it and send it back.

We have one of the finest libraries in our region and the Library Board, library staff and Friends of the Elm Grove Library all work together.

The Elm Grove Woman’s Club is hosting a **Trivia Night** on May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you consider yourself a trivia wizard stop in for some fun and help raise money for a good organization.

**May 15 through 21 is Police Appreciation Week.** Take a minute to think about how much you appreciate our Elm Grove officers and all they do for us.

The Elm Grove Beer Garden will be back on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.. Throughout the summer and early fall the Beer Garden will operate on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and on Tuesdays on Tuesday nights and on Friday Flicks nights.

Remember that summer recreation programs can fill up fast, so check the recreation guide and plan out the summer recreation plans for your children.

## ELECTION (Continued from Page 1)

The **referendum document** further states: “The wording of any binding referendum shall include a concise summary providing the Electors with the information regarding the specific purpose of the Public Works project, the location of the Public Works project, the total cost of the project, and the method to be used by the Village for payment of the Public Works project expenditures. Nothing in the provision shall be construed to preclude the Village from exercising its role in the planning or design of such publicly financed projects.”

**Elmbrook School Board – At Large Member Linda A. Boucher** (incumbent) retained her seat with 7,984 votes (57.9%).

Challenger **Katie Rasoul** received 5,789 votes (42%).

The Area II Seat was won by **Kathy Lim** with 7,803 votes (55.3%). Her opponent **Daniel Medeiros** captured 6,288 votes (44.6%).

**Maria S. Lazar** was elected as Court of Appeals Judge District 2 over her opponent **Lori Kornblum**.

Elm Grove resident and Board of Trustees member **Thomas Michalski**, who ran un-opposed for his Waukesha County Supervisor District 8 seat, received 98.5% of the votes cast. (There were 1.5% Write In votes.)

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## In Memoriam

### Clarice M. Jones

December 2, 1925 – April 13, 2022

Clarice M. Jones (nee Peterson) of Elm Grove passed away on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at age 96. Born in McPherson, Kansas, Clare was a civilian employee of the U.S. Army in postwar Japan where she would meet her husband of 45 years, Harry A. Jones.

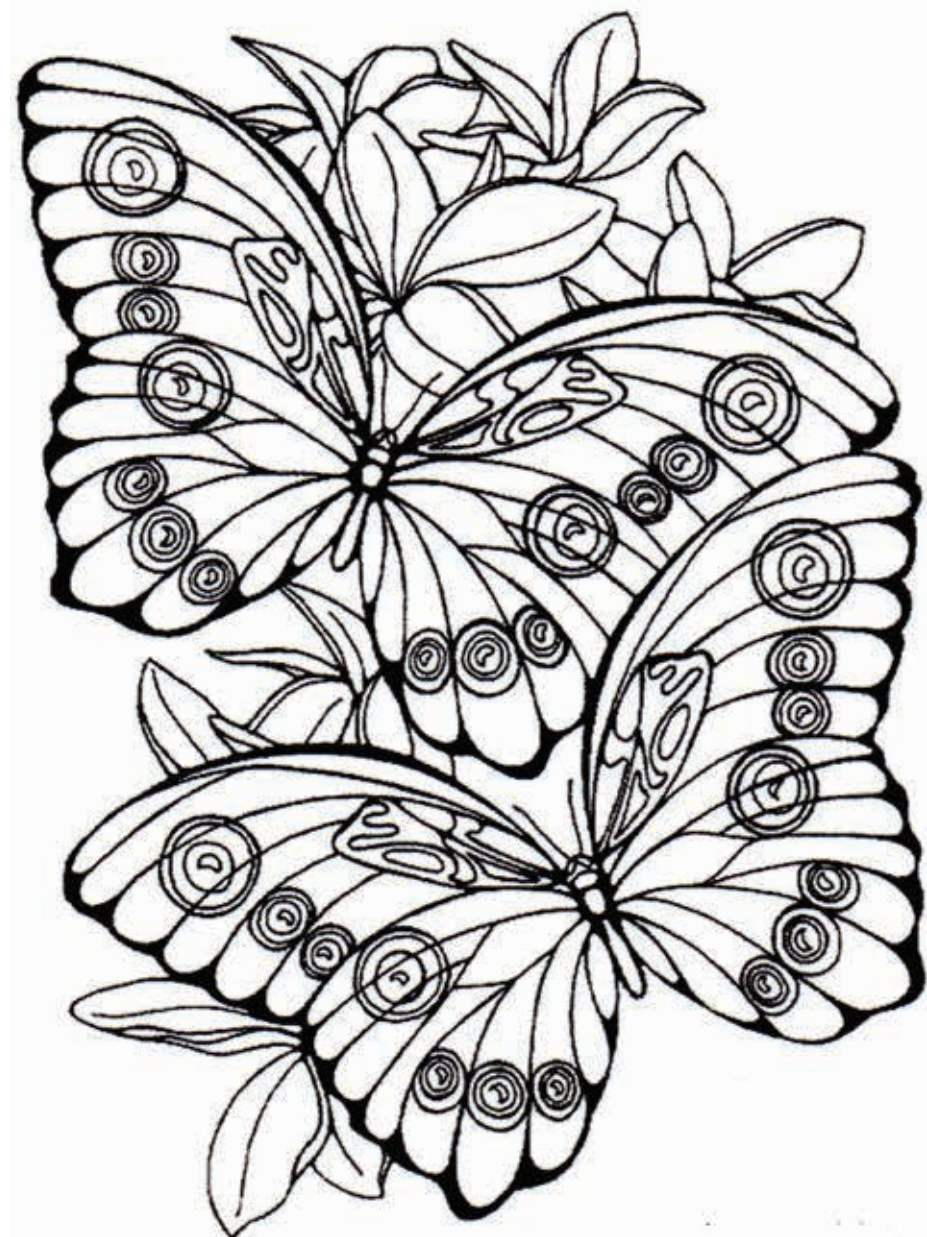
After their return to the United States, Harry and Clare settled in Naperville, Illinois. Clare graduated from North Central College in Naperville. She was the assistant manager of the accounting department at the Kroehler Manufacturing Company, and later taught English at Washington Junior High School in Naperville for many years.

After Harry’s passing, Clare relocated to Elm Grove where she would live for the next 24 years. She was a member of the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, the United Methodist O.W.L.S. and the St. Mary’s Seniors. She also enjoyed serving as an usher at the Sunset Playhouse.

Clare was preceded in death by her husband Harry and her brother Roy Peterson. She is survived by her daughter Janice (Stephen) Hauser of Elm Grove, her son Robert Jones of Plano, Illinois, granddaughter Stephanie and great-grandson Reid. Also survived by her sister Frances Versch, brother Leo Peterson and other relatives and friends. Special thanks to the caregivers at Franciscan Place in Brookfield and the staff of Compassus Hospice.

Church and Chapel Funeral Home of Brookfield is serving the family. There will be a family graveside service for Clare at Naperville Cemetery in Illinois in May. Memorial gifts may be made to the Elmbrook Humane Society.

# Coloring for Kids (and Adults)!



## News Briefs

### “CRUISIN’ the SPUR” Car Shows Begin in May

By Ray Shannon

In 2022, the Silver Spur parking lot will once again be the venue for a series of informal CRUISIN’ the SPUR mini car shows throughout the warm weather months. They will begin at 5 p.m. and end at dusk on the third Mondays of May through September (and maybe even October). Specifically, those dates are May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, and possibly October 17.



Owners of antique, classic, collectible, muscle, sports, special interest and just plain old cars as well as hot rods, rat rods, pick-ups, motorcycles and scooters are welcome to display their vehicles behind the Silver Spur. And the public is welcome

to walk down the hill and enjoy all of the sights and sounds. Of course, cold drinks and the Spur’s distinctive pit BBQ food will be available throughout the evening. So, come on over and check it out.

## Police & Fire Reports

On Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at approximately 10:38 a.m., Elm Grove Police and Fire responded to an active vehicle fire in the 500blk of N/B Pilgrim Pkwy., Elm Grove. An officer, who had been patrolling in the area, spotted the fire and immediately contacted Elm Grove dispatch. The officer was able to confirm the vehicle was unoccupied. The first fire command unit arrived at approximately 10:46 a.m. The fire was concentrated to the engine compartment of the vehicle. The operator was located in an adjacent business.

The City of Brookfield Police Department also assisted. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The vehicle appears to be total loss and the estimated value of the vehicle is between \$2,700-\$4,300.

The Elm Grove Police Department would like to congratulate **Sergeant Preston Nobile** for successfully completing Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC). Sergeant Nobile was one of 34 members of SPSC Class #518 recognized for completing this 10-week intensive leadership and management program designed to help prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in command positions.

# Our History:

*Remembrances of Things Past*



Photo by Stephen K. Hauser

Discover the name of this mystery object in the story below.

### WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

Customers parking their cars on the east side of Sendik’s lot at the Elm Grove Park & Shop may have wondered over the years about the rusted iron tripod that sits alongside the railroad tracks amidst an overgrown grove of scrub trees and bushes.

It is actually a BUD freight car bumping post once used to keep box cars from rolling down the track while trains were being assembled in freight yards. My **Uncle Paul** had worked for the Waterloo Railroad in Iowa, and he simply called them “stoppers”.

This particular “stopper” was manufactured in Chicago under a U.S. government patent issued in 1908. I first saw it on April 19, 1958. The derailment

of a Milwaukee Road freight train had destroyed the Elm Grove depot and scattered rolling stock alongside the tracks early that morning. The BUD bumping post was placed south of the Watertown Plank Road crossing as wayward box cars were being reassembled on the tracks. Its task was to keep them from moving toward the street and the vehicles crossing the tracks.

In ensuing years, the BUD tripod never left the village. It was eventually placed on a siding (still partially visible) west of the tracks and there it remains, now a nearly forgotten curiosity.

Stephen K. Hauser is a retired college history professor and a longtime village resident.

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### NEW at the Community Foundation

#### Many Thanks to our Departing Board Members

The Elm Grove Community Foundation would like to thank the following retiring board members for their many years of service to the board and the community. We appreciate your service.

- John Meser
- Mark Nielsen
- Mary Pentler
- Eva Winter

#### Memorial Day Parade

We look forward to seeing everyone along the Memorial Day parade route. The Elm Grove Community Foundation will be marching in the parade again this year and handing out root beer candies. Look for several board members dressed in lederhosen and dirndls to promote the annual Oktoberfest celebration.

#### Get Involved

The EGCF is always looking for ways to enhance life in the village further. Please let us know if you have an idea that will benefit Elm Grove and its residents. Also, if you are interested in joining one of the many committees we form to plan and execute Oktoberfest and the 0.5K Fund Run each year, please send us an email at [elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org](mailto:elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org).

**Oktoberfest - Village Park - September 16 & 17, 2022**

# Calendar of Events – May 2022

**Monday – MAY 2**

• **Elm Grove Plan Commission**  
Meeting: 6 p.m. at Village Hall.  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org)

**Friday – MAY 6**

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. - Zoom only  
Program: Dr. Catherine Wolf, “Friends for Health in Haiti”.  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Adam Procell, “Partner in Hope, A Window to a Second Chance”  
[kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

**Sunday – MAY 8**

**MOTHER’S DAY**



**Tuesday – MAY 10**

• **School District of Elmbrook – Board of Education meeting:** 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Office - Board Room 100, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Open to the Public.  
Livestream: [www.elmbrookschoools.org](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org). (262) 781-3030.

• **Brookfield East High School Forensics Showcase:** 7 p.m. at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 3270 Mitchell Park Dr., Brookfield. Celebrate the Team’s season and see performances that best illustrate High School Forensics categories. Support the BEHS Team with cash donations in the lobby or electronic donations via <https://tinyurl.com/donate-to-forensics>.



**Wednesday – MAY 11**

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

**Friday – MAY 13**

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: “Member Classification Talks”.  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Justin Hahn, “Kiwanis Today”. [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

**Saturday – MAY 14**

• **Birdathon at Elm Grove Village Park**  
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**Tuesday – MAY 17**

• **Elm Grove Building Board**  
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org)

**Friday – MAY 20**

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club, Elm Grove.  
Program: To Be Announced  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
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**Saturday – MAY 21**  
**ARMED FORCES DAY**

• **Elm Grove Woman’s Club’s Art Scholarship Competition – Student Art Exhibition and Open House:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 13885 Watertown Plank Rd. Awards presentation – 2 p.m. FREE. Open to the public.

**Monday – MAY 23**

• **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**  
Meeting: 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall Courtroom; Agenda and Live Stream: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org). (262) 782-6700

**Friday – MAY 27**

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00-8:00 a.m. – Zoom Only  
Program: To Be Announced  
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Mark Ehlinger, “What is Boy Scouts of America?”  
[kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

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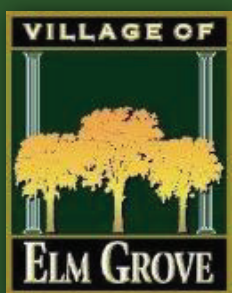


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# News Briefs

## EGWC to Hold Art Scholarship Competition

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Woman's Club invites all high school students who reside in Elm Grove or attend school in the Elmbrook School District to submit two pieces of original artwork to be judged for a chance to win the following:



**\* Senior Art Scholarship:** A \$2,000 award will be given to the winning 12th grade student to be issued directly to an accredited university, college, art, or technical school. Winner does not need to major or minor in art to receive the award. Unclaimed scholarships remain with the EGWC.

**\* Student Art Grant:** Students in grades 9-11 are eligible to win one \$500 grant to be issued directly to the winning student.

**\*\*\* Entry instructions:**

1. Select two (2) representative pieces of your original artwork in any medium.
2. When you sign up for the competition, an entry form will be emailed to you or you may download it from our website: [www.egwc.org](http://www.egwc.org). Print and complete the entry form with all required information. Entry forms will also be available at drop off.
3. Bring your artwork and your completed

entry form to the Elm Grove Woman's Club Clubhouse, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI, between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, to confirm your spot in the competition.

On Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the public is invited to the clubhouse for a **Student Art Exhibition and Open House** to vote for their favorite piece of art. The art piece with the most votes will receive the **People's Choice Award** and a monetary gift. The EGWC will adhere to the CDC recommendations for number of people in the building and face mask requirements at that time.

An Awards Presentation--- open to the public --- will be at 2:00 p.m. outdoors on the East porch of the clubhouse.

## Sunset Playhouse Announces Upcoming Auditions

(ELM GROVE) Auditions for "Disney NEWSIES – the Broadway Musical" will be held at Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall St., on Monday, May 9 (6:30 – 10 p.m.); Wednesday, May 11 (6:30 – 10 p.m.); and Thursday, May 12 (6:30 – 10 p.m.). Performances will run from July 14 – August 7. Visit [sunsetplayhouse.com](http://sunsetplayhouse.com) or call (262) 782-4430 for details.



## Birders of the Grove Set Lofty Goals

By Karen Lloyd

Birders of the Grove is a new sub-group of the Elm Grove Beautification Committee with a specific focus on Bird City activities. Our aim is to achieve and maintain High Flyer status, a more elite designation as a Wisconsin Bird City. In order to earn this title, loftier goals in numerous categories such as habitat creation and protection for birds, removing threats to birds, and public education are required to be achieved on a challenging point-based system. Our group is meeting monthly at village hall, and we encourage new members to join us! Contact Karen Lloyd, at [knlloyd78@gmail.com](mailto:knlloyd78@gmail.com) for details on upcoming events.



Spring is an exciting time for bird watchers in Wisconsin, as approximately 300 species of birds participate in the great yearly flight north on the Mississippi Flyway. Some migratory birds you may see on stopover sites are the indigo bunting, rose-breasted grosbeak, Baltimore oriole, yellow-rumped warbler, Eastern bluebird, green heron, sandhill crane, and red-winged blackbird. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated annually each May at the peak migration time. In honor of this event, Elm Grove will participate in the second annual Birdathon at village park from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, which is World Migratory Bird Day this year.

park path as we did last year and spot birds along the way to include in our team count by species. Put on your walking shoes, bring your binoculars, and join us!

You are also encouraged to click "Donate" on the website to pledge funds to the Birdathon. As a Bird City, Elm Grove will receive half of the amount collected for our village bird protection efforts. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated. Make sure to designate your donation is to be credited to our team, Birders of the Grove! The remaining funds support the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin in its statewide bird protection program. If you prefer to send a check versus doing an online donation, a form is included below that you may fill in, cut out, and attach to your check for mailing your donation to the Birdathon. **Please note "Birders of the Grove" on the check memo line.**

The Great Wisconsin Birdathon is a fun event sponsored by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin which asks organized teams to log their bird sightings of various species and submit their counts collected in a 24-hour period.

There are some excellent mobile apps, found through websites such as [ebird.org](http://ebird.org) and [merlin.allaboutbirds.org](http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org), that are useful for identification of species and logging in your individual sightings. The Merlin app has fun hi-tech features such as photo ID and sound ID to help with identification. The iNaturalist app is a comprehensive site for identifying plants and animals and is also worth checking out. The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology has an expansive website at [wsobirds.org](http://wsobirds.org). Our own Elm Grove Village website, [www.elmgrovewi.org](http://www.elmgrovewi.org), has good information about our Wisconsin Bird City efforts and specific actions residents can take to protect birds in our community. We welcome you to join Birders of the Grove in our mission to help our feathered friends!

## Blood Drives Scheduled

A simple act can lead to lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call



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Please write "Birdathon team: Birders of the Grove" on the memo line of your check.

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As a Bird City of Wisconsin, the village of Elm Grove will receive half of the donations collected for our community's bird protection efforts!

# News Briefs



## Save Our Pollinators by Mowing Less!



### Village Board Approves “No Mow May” Ordinance

(ELM GROVE) After this long, cold and dark winter, you may be looking forward to tending to your yard, but the Elm Grove Beautification Committee, along with the Elm Grove Village Board, is encouraging you to avoid mowing or chemically treating your lawn during the month of May to help create habitat and provide resources for bees and other early-season pollinators.

The effort, called “No Mow May” is a growing national conservation initiative. Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, ants, beetles, flies and birds, are key to flowering plants. More than 80 percent of the world’s flowering plants require a pollinator to reproduce. The formative period for establishment of pollinators and other insect species occurs in late spring and early summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat. Early mowing and yard cleanup dramatically reduces these sources of food and shelter.

**The Village Board’s recent approval of a “No Mow May” ordinance temporarily suspends the existing requirement to mow turf and weeds that reach a height of 7”.**

The Beautification Committee encourages residents to give it a try on at least a portion of their yards. You’ll actually be supporting these pollinators by doing less this Spring. Instead of dedicating an hour or more out of your week to cutting your grass, not mowing will allow you to instead enjoy your green spaces as they diversify and grow around you. You also won’t have to purchase gas

to power the lawnmower or fertilizer, if you typically fertilize your lawn after you mow.

#### How to participate in “No Mow May”

\*Display a “No Mow May” yard sign to help support the effort and increase awareness. Email: [EGBeautification@gmail.com](mailto:EGBeautification@gmail.com) to request a sign.

\*For the month of May, do not mow or chemically treat some or all of your lawn, and leave leaf and yard debris in place. At the end of the month, return the sign to the Village Hall for re-use next year.

#### Tips for mowing long grass in June

\*Adjust your mower to the highest setting and make the first pass to reduce the grass height. After you have reduced the grass height to a more manageable length, change the mower setting by reducing the height of the blade, before making a second pass.

\*Do not cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time in a single mowing. For example, if your grass is 6 inches tall, do not remove more than 2 inches of length. This helps prevent root stress and promotes turf vigor.

**Add perennials to your garden to attract pollinators.** If your yard needs more color this summer, you can choose from 68 varieties of native perennials, most of which attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. The Beautification Committee hosts its annual **perennial plant and herb sale** on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sendik’s parking lot.

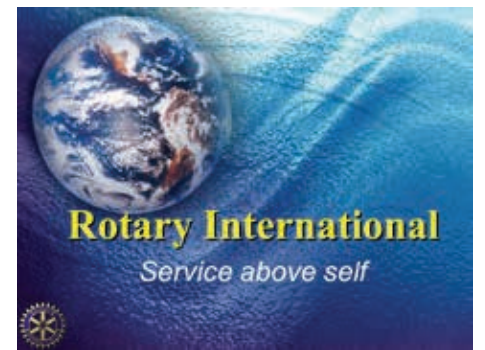
### Elmbrook Rotary Supports International Projects

By Larry W. Myers

The Elmbrook Rotary Club and its Foundation have donated more than USD \$40,000 to international projects in its current 2021-2022 year, which ends on June 30.

The monies have been distributed in support of the following international projects:

- \*\$34,000+—**Ukraine humanitarian relief.** The monies were sent to the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.
- \*\$1,200—**Andean Health Development**—supporting the physician residency training program at Hesburgh Hospital in Santo Domingo, Ecuador.
- \*\$1,280—**Common Hope**—sponsoring a Common Hope high school student (to be assigned, including funds for gifts as allowed by Common Hope policy and periodic food bags for the student’s family) in Guatemala.
- \*\$1,200—**Friends for Health in Haiti**—supporting a new Agriculture Program which will purchase seeds for crops to provide a sustainable food source.
- \*\$1,200—**Giraffe Children’s Charity**—helping some of the poorest children in Nairobi, Kenya, receive an education, thereby continuing ERC sponsorship of two primary school age children per year through eighth grade.
- \*\$1,200—**Casario El Tesoro Water Project**—helping purchase materials to capture and provide fresh water for El Tesoro, Guatemala, a community of about 324 people located one hour north of the municipality of San Martín Jilotepeque, department of Chimaltenango, Guatemala. This is in connection with TRF Global Grant Application #2232182, in which the Marquette University Chapter, Engineers without Borders USA, is serving as a



cooperating organization.  
 \*\$1,100—**Rotary Water Initiative**—helping to deliver a minimum of 50 TivaWater filters to families in Chichicastenango, Guatemala. This is an international project of the Rotary Club of Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

For years, Rotary’s commitment to Service Above Self has been channeled through the Avenues of Service, which form the foundation of club activity. The Rotary five avenues of service are:

- \***Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- \***Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- \***Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- \***International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- \***New Generations** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities.

### PPMS Places 2nd in Battle of the Books Competition

(ELM GROVE) Pilgrim Park Middle School took second place at the 2021-22 WEMTA State Battle of the Books competition. The final battle team was composed of students **Louis Tsagalis, Jimmy Chen, Madelyn Smith, and Adi Sangowdar. Janavi Wagle and Alexandra Wang** served as alternates. The students took the silver in the middle school division which includes students from across Wisconsin in grades 6-8 with 45 middle schools competing this year.

“I am incredibly proud of the work by all the students. They came, they read, & they won 2nd for the 2nd year in a row. I

am excited to see what we can accomplish next year,” said Coach & PPMS Library Lead **Kim Liepert**.

The statewide WEMTA Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading and encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. There are twenty books on the Battle of the Books list and students work as a team to earn points in the competition by answering questions correctly. Students participate in multiple practice sessions before the PPMS battles begin.

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Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Members with Variety's **Kelsey Kadrich** (holding check at left) and **Dua Vang-Ramierz** (at right).

## Kiwanis Club Funds Variety – The Children’s Charity of Wisconsin

By Lenny Johnson

The primary Goal for all Kiwanis Clubs throughout the world is to: Change the Lives of Children. Variety’s sole goal is dedicated to enriching the lives of children with physical or developmental special needs and their families. Variety achieves this goal by providing custom made bikes, custom made wheelchairs, and a variety of care programs such as Miracle League Baseball Program, Exceptional Equestrian, Wisconsin Adaptive Sports, Dairyland Sports, Logan’s Hearts and Smiles, and Madison Ice. Variety provided 61 grants for mobility equipment and life enriching services in 2021. Variety receives their funding through donations from service organizations, corporate sponsors, and from individuals. They also have Golf Outings at Western Lakes on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and at Lake Geneva on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Grand Geneva.

A \$2,000 check was presented by the members of the Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club to Variety’s **Dua Vang-Ramierz**, Associate Executive Director and **Kelsey Kadrich** Marketing & Fund Raising Co-ordinator. It is our way of saying thank you for everything Variety does for children.

A significant portion Elm Grove Kiwanis Club’s fund raising comes from “The Cruisin the Grove Car Show”, with over 250 amazing cars participating in 2021. The 2022 Car Show will be held again in downtown Elm Grove. The date for this year’s show is August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club funds a number of other children’s projects. The club is also the proud sponsors of the Brookfield Central and Brookfield East Key Clubs.

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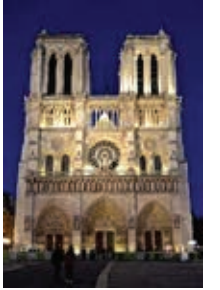
## If These Walls Could Talk: The Stories of the Notre Dame Cathedral

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.

The Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is much more than a place to gather and pray. Its original purpose was to instruct the illiterate public on the Bible stories through statues, stained glass, and paintings.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Lorrie Wenzel will share the art and imagery, the stories over the years, as well as the future facing the Cathedral after the fire in 2019. What was lost and what can be salvaged? Having spent over 60 hours in the Cathedral, she has a unique perspective on the artistry of Notre Dame.

Dr. Lorrie Wenzel is a former scripture professor, church historian, and noted expert in the biblical imagery in sacred spaces. She and her husband recently returned from a two-month trip to Europe, studying over 40 cathedrals and churches in six countries. She visited Notre Dame in March 2022.



## A Cup of Health: Better Brain Health

Tuesday, May 24, 1:30 p.m.

How can you keep your brain in tip-top shape? Join us for a one-hour educational session, presented by a registered nurse, to find out what you can do to lower your dementia risk and keep your brain healthy.

This is the second in a series of five "Cup of Health" presentations in 2022. The presentations are co-sponsored by the Waukesha County Public Health Dept., the ADRC of Waukesha County, and the Elm Grove Library.

**NOTE: Please register in advance at [elmgrovelibrary.org](http://elmgrovelibrary.org).**

## Elm Grove Reads 12: An Evening with Emma Straub,

author of *This Time Tomorrow*

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.


Elm Grove Woman’s Club,  
 13885 Watertown Plank Road

The Friends of the Elm Grove Library and Boswell Book Company welcome *New York Times* bestselling author Emma Straub for a presentation of her new novel, *This Time Tomorrow*, a book that combines her trademark charm and wit with a moving father-daughter story and a playful twist on the idea of time travel.

**NOTE: This is a ticketed event. Tickets are \$28 + tax and fees, and can be purchased at [emmastraubegpl.eventbrite.com](http://emmastraubegpl.eventbrite.com).** Ticket includes a signed copy of the book. Books will be distributed at the event.


Emma Straub is author of *All Adults Here*, *The Vacationers*, *Modern Lovers*, and the short story collection *Other People We Married*. She and her husband own Books Are Magic, an independent bookstore in Brooklyn.





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# Young Writers & Reporters

## Spring

By Eloise Ark

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

Spring is exciting! I love spring because Easter is in the spring. I love looking for Easter eggs and the Easter rabbit / bunny. Easter is so fun. I love spring!

By Taylor Guse

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

The best part is EASTER! I like Spring Break, too. I love playing in the sprinkler because I get all wet. It's so fun! I like painting Easter eggs, too. I am happy it is spring right now.

By Gabe Meuleners

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

Spring is the best. I love the smell of rain! I also play soccer in the spring. I also celebrate Easter. I go on egg hunts! Jumping in puddles is so fun. Spring is the best!

By Eli Ratajczyk

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

Spring is the best because you can wear shorts. You can play outside and shoot hoops and dunk. And also, I like to break back boards. I love spring.

By Lyla Budet

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

I love spring because it is sometimes hot. I can wear shorts sometimes. There are rainbows, too. I do not have to wear a coat on some days which makes me feel happy. Do you like spring?

By Zac Boldt

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

I like spring because I like to wear shorts and short sleeves. I like shooting hoops too. I really like spring break. I like the rain and the THUNDER! I like going swimming. Do you like spring?

By Oliver Warfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Tonawanda

Spring is nice. Spring is cool. I love spring. I love the flowers that bloom. I love spring. I love birds that sing. I love spring.

By Evelyn Socha

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Tonawanda

Spring is my favorite season. I love splashing through puddles. I love watching frog eggs hatch and catching frogs. I love going to the Memorial Day Parade and getting lots of candy.

## May

By Jacob Katula, 4th Grade -Tonawanda

May is a time for fun

May is a time for playing in the sun

May is a time for flowers to grow

May is a time for your grass to be mowed

May is a time for seeds to sprout

May is a time for rain, not drought.

May is a time for colors all around

May is a time for friends to be found.

## Memorial Day

By Teaghan Coffey

4th Grade -Tonawanda

My dad is on the firetruck

Excellent as always

My 3rd favorite holiday

Oh, there is also candy

Red, white, and blue

I love the band

Awesome parade

Lots of people line the streets

Day of remembrance

America home of the brave

Yay, it's Memorial Day!

## Mom

By Tucker S., 4th Grade - Tonawanda

My hero.

Ok sometimes. Awesome always.

My Mom is special in so many ways.

## Spring

By Brynna, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

I love Spring because you get this fresh energetic feeling like everything is new. It feels awesome because you can see beautiful plants and animals that don't come out in winter. Also, my friend Olive's birthday is in spring. I like Easter because you get candy and you can go Easter egg hunting with friends and family. I like it also because it starts to get warmer and you get closer to summer, which is my birthday! And the birds come out and I can just sit in my backyard listening to the water in the creek and breathing fresh air. Well, April showers bring May flowers. Everything starts blooming!

## Spring

By Autumn, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

I love Spring because the flowers start blooming and it's just a beautiful time, nature-wise. Also, it's time to get out of the cold weather because winter is over! Like they always say, April showers bring May flowers. I also love spring because Easter is so fun and exciting. I also love Spring because it's a wonderful time to go down to a pond and put your feet in because winter is over, and Spring is finally here, at last, goodbye winter.

## Busy, Busy May

By Dhrupud Dimble

4th Grade – Tonawanda

It's May! May is a very busy, special, and fun month for my family this year.

Here's why. On **May 7**, I have to go to my friend Nathaniel's birthday party. On **May 8**, it's Mother's Day! Then on **May 10**, we have a Fine Arts Fair. On **May 14**, it's World Migratory Bird Day and my brother has to go to his friend's birthday party. On **May 15**, I have my piano recital. On **May 17**, it's my parents' anniversary! On **May 27**, it's my birthday! On **May 30**, it's Memorial Day! Did you know that I was born on Memorial Day?

So, that's why May is so special for me this year, and not only because of my birthday.

## The Fish

By Freya Hossain

4th Grade- Tonawanda

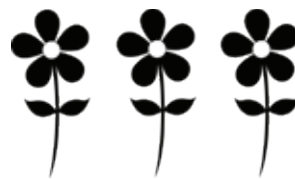
Linston was a very lonely fisherman. He was grumpy every second of each day. He had no kids nor a wife. He lived in a small black house that blended in with the house's surroundings. One day, Linston went out to the Atlantic Ocean. The fisherman started up his fishing pole. He then caught an unusual fish. One so big, Linston couldn't carry it. It seemed to be able to breathe out of the water. Linston went back to the pier he had taken off from, and went to the shop called Big Stuff. Linston went inside and found a big fish tank on wheels. He took it to his boat and put the fish in the tank. Linston was then done fishing for the day and took the fish home. He named the fish, Wonder. Wonder was an energetic fish. She cheered Linston up every day. Now, Linston always had a big grin on his face. And Wonder grew and grew with happiness each day, and both of them will always be happy no matter what life throws at them.

## Up

By Sanjana Singh

Brookfield Academy - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

There was once a girl who just learned how to swing, she swung and swung at school and at home. One day she was bored and decided to walk to the playground around the corner of her block. She started to swing there, she kept pumping and pumping her legs. She went higher and higher until she could touch the wet fluffiness of the clouds. She went higher and higher until she could see Asia. She went high enough to touch the sun. Then she let go. She floated high into space and saw the Galaxy. She saw the planet where the Little Prince lived. She saw Mars and the Martians that lived there. He looked down and saw Earth, a tiny little speck in the universe. She decided it was time to go home and started drifting back to earth like a feather. She went down and down until she was on her swing again. She went down to the firm soft grass. She looked up and saw a world of adventure, then she got off the swing and walked home, thinking about how she loved swinging.



## My Mom

By Maya Bain

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Bannockburn Elementary

Best mom ever.

In my dreams.

Really nice.

Thinks of other people.

Has the best hugs.

Does great in her job.

Always there for me.

You're great.

I love you.

Moms rule.

## Autism Awareness

By Janavi Wagle

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Pilgrim Park Middle School

What does it mean to have Autism?

Imagine that you're in an unknown place on a dark stormy night where people speak a language you don't understand, and you are feeling scared and trapped. You try to say something, but nobody can understand you. The light and sounds are like loud drums banging in your ear and you can't help it. Maybe you will close your eyes and start screaming. This is how a child with autism may feel during sensory overload.

Autism or autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder, whose severity varies by social interaction, communication, and behavior. Different people are affected differently and therefore autism is known as spectrum disease. According to the Center for Disease Control, there are 1 in 44 children diagnosed with ASD and is more common in boys. The exact cause is unknown, but researchers claim that genetic or environmental factors play a role.

Based on the severity, ASD can be known as high functioning and low functioning. Asperger's Syndrome is a high-functioning form of autism. Early ASD signs may be lacking eye contact, delayed milestones, unusual reactions to sound and repetitive movements. There is no permanent cure but there are interventions to support. Most important thing is to recognize the signs and seek help from Pediatrician. Early screening and interventions make a huge difference.

Schools play a crucial role in the lives of children with ASD. Luckily, I go to Elmbrook School system with a great special education program and clubs like Best Buddies where kids of all abilities can make friends and have fun.

Let's increase autism awareness, acceptance in our community and celebrate neurodiversity!

*"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" - Dr. Seuss*

# Volunteers Needed!

\*\*\* Community organizations in need of volunteer help are invited to submit a statement (150 words maximum) to: [elmgrovenews@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgrovenews@yahoo.com) Questions: Call (262) 782-6193.

## \*Village of Elm Grove Fire Department & E.M.S

Seven out of ten firefighters and emergency responders are volunteers, and Elm Grove needs more volunteers like you. If you've got the heart to serve your community, we've got volunteer opportunities for you. Our volunteers need to live within the department's established response area, be at least 18 years of age, and have a valid Wisconsin driver's license. Upon acceptance, new members attend one semester of Firefighter I State Certification course at WCTC or MATC followed by Probationary Training held on Tuesday evenings at the Elm Grove Firehouse. If you are interested in joining a dynamic group of individuals who together make up a GREAT team, please contact me, **Chief David Kastenholtz** at (262) 782-6700, ext. 251 or e-mail [dkastenholtz@elmgrovefire.org](mailto:dkastenholtz@elmgrovefire.org)

## \*Sunset Playhouse

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## \*Waukesha County Meals on Wheels

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## Legal Issues

### What Documents Will Your Family Need?

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

After you pass away, your surviving family members will need to gather many of your personal and financial records in order to settle your affairs. Keeping these documents organized and accessible is important for both you and your loved ones. Your filing system doesn't need to be elaborate, just organized. Your family will need the following documents when the time comes:

- List of Funeral Instructions and prepaid funeral contracts
- Last Will and Testament
- Revocable/Living Trust agreements
- Prenuptial/postnuptial agreements
- VA File Number, Military discharge papers
- Birth certificate and Death Certificate
- Marriage license or Divorce Decree
- Medicare Card/Health Insurance Card
- Bank statements, checkbooks, check registers, certificates of deposits
- Safe deposit rental agreement and keys

- Deeds, mortgages, leases, homeowner's insurance information
- Stock and bond certificates and account statement
- Pension, IRA, retirement statements/current employee benefit information
- Life insurance policies or statements
- Last several years' income tax returns
- Documentation regarding any debts, such as auto loans or credit cards

It is not necessary to give copies of these documents to anyone during your lifetime, but they should be easily accessible in the event of your death. The information should also be kept reasonably current.

Lastly, if you maintain important information on your computer, or have social media accounts, leave instructions regarding username and password information. Not having this information can cost both time and money. Maintaining organized personal and financial records is one of the best gifts you can give your family.

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### Announcements

**Happy Birthday, Nicholas!**



# News Briefs

## Co-Existing with Coyotes

By the Elm Grove Public Safety Committee

The Village of Elm Grove understands there is an increase in coyote sightings and encounters in the area which has caused concern by some residents. Although coyotes are less common than some of their furry counterparts--- raccoons, skunks, opossum etc., they remain the top predator in the local wildlife food chain. This fact alone sometimes inspires fear and uneasiness in people. However, research into the nature of this creature indicates we can rest somewhat easy. It is well-documented that most coyotes co-exist quite peacefully with residents, but problems do sometimes arise. On rare occasions, coyotes have been known to attack small pet dogs and cats. Documented coyote attacks on humans in Wisconsin are extremely rare.

The Village's policy is to respond to wildlife complaints when there is a specific animal that, through its actions, is endangering the life or safety of someone or if the wildlife is injured. Dangers from coyotes are often misinterpreted by individuals. There are easy and practical steps people can take to be and feel safe and coexist with coyotes and all wildlife present in the Village.

Every resident can help both people and coyotes by taking action to re-instill in the coyotes with a healthy and natural fear of people.

**If you encounter a coyote, follow the rules below:**

- Do whatever you can to startle a coyote into fleeing. Don't run but rather yell, stand up straight, stomp your feet and wave your arms. The goal is to make yourself appear larger.
- When you walk your dog, carry noisemakers such as a can with coins in it, a whistle, or clap your hands to scare coyotes away. Pets should be walked on a short leash. If possible, pick up your pet when coyotes are visible.
- Throw objects toward the coyote. If you're at home, use a garden hose to spray it with water while you yell.



• If you run across a pack of coyotes, try to identify the leader of the pack and direct your attention toward it. The pack will follow its leader.

• Watch to see that the coyote leaves the area, do not let them settle in your yard, and stay alert even after it has left.

**Here is a checklist of steps residents can take to be safer:**

- Residents should limit the availability of unintentional food sources such as pet food, bird food, fruit from backyard trees, and trash. Never intentionally attempt to feed or leave water outside for a coyote or other animals. Make sure garbage containers have tight-fitting lids.
- Never leave your pet unattended
- Practice situational awareness whenever you are outside—be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Do not provide shelter for coyotes or other wildlife. Remove any brush or woodpiles from your property. Check underneath backyard sheds for any evidence of burrowing.

**Nuisance activity by a coyote is considered as a reported and verifiable pet attack(s) and/or a pattern of threatening interactions towards humans. If a coyote is participating in this type of nuisance activity, please contact the Elm Grove Police Department at 262.786.4141.**

For additional information, visit: [www.elmgrovi.org/106/Wildlife-Management](http://www.elmgrovi.org/106/Wildlife-Management)

## Elm Grove Junior Guild "Brackets for Charity"

### Donates \$655 to PANDAS/PANS Awareness

By Sarah Wynia-Smith

The annual NCAA college basketball March Madness is always an exciting season, with many bracket filling competitions to be found. This year, the Elm Grove Junior Guild community service team leaders **Jamie Niederbaumer** and **Chris Schulta** organized "Brackets for Charity." In this unique twist on a bracket pool, Junior Guild members and their families gave a small buy-in donation corresponding to each bracket they entered. The "winner" was promised bragging rights and the honor of choosing a charity to donate all the money towards. A pool of \$655 was on the line, with a total of 53 unique brackets in the competition.

The bracket winner was 15-year-old **Andrew Volm**, correctly picking Kansas as the overall tournament champion. He chose PANDAS/PANS awareness as the recipient of the funds. PANDAS/PANS stands for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS). These conditions occur after an infection, most commonly strep. In these children, brain inflammation can occur after the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy brain cells. This leads to autoimmune processes that can affect central nervous system function. For more information, visit <https://www.pandasppn.org>.

## Elmbrook Leadership Raises \$6000 for Scholarships

(BROOKFIELD) The Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF) announced the addition of four scholarships for this year's graduating seniors of the School District of Elmbrook. Scholarships are administered and awarded on behalf of our generous donors.

"I am incredibly grateful to our leadership team for making these scholarships possible for students," said **Mark Hansen**, Superintendent. "Our leadership team is committed to removing barriers to a high-quality education for all students, and our support of these scholarships was a natural extension of our mission-driven work."

In February, the Elmbrook administration team announced the Leadership Appeal to raise \$6000 to fund four scholarships. School and District Administrators along with School Board members donated to this appeal in support of Elmbrook students.

"These scholarships reflect our District's values and hopefully will inspire the next generation of leaders in our community," added Chris Thompson. "We are grateful to the EEF and its work in our community on behalf of our students."

The four (4) \$1,500 scholarships include:

- **Elmbrook Future Teacher Scholarship:** for an Elmbrook graduate who plans to pursue a teaching degree.
- **Elmbrook Schools Impact Scholarship:** for an Elmbrook graduate who has demonstrated outstanding service to one's peers and/or school community while in high school.
- **(2) Elmbrook Become What's Next Scholarships:** based on need and intended to inspire greatness in the pursuit of one's future endeavors



# News Briefs



Photo courtesy St. Mary's Visitation

Grade eight students at St. Mary's Visitation Catholic School presented the Living Stations of the Cross to their school and parish on Holy Thursday, April 14. Stations of the Cross retells and commemorates the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ. This annual solemn and holy prayer service closes the season of Lent for the school community.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

"Old City Watch", a digital art piece.

Brookfield Academy Sophomore **Eleanor Plamann** earned a National Gold Medal in the 2022 Scholastic Art Awards for a digital art piece titled, "Old City Watch." She'll be presented with her award at a ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

### The Brookfield Academy Math Team

Brookfield Academy's Upper School Math Club members all contributed to the team's first place win in the Wisconsin Math League, a six-contest math competition. Top scorers were **Adrian Yin, Mateo Fernandez-Tyson, Vishrut Agrawal, Aidan Canga, Abhinav Padala, David Roessler, Krish Sharma, and Cassie Zhang.**

BA also earned first place in the Wisconsin Mathematics Council State Math Contest. **Adrian Yin, Mateo Fernandez-Tyson, Vishrut Agrawal, Krish Sharma, Abhinav Padala, Cassie Zhang, and Aditya Gopal** earned First Team All-State, and **David Roessler** earned Second Team All-State.

# Local Sports



Photo by Mark Frohna

**Adrian Bellido** swims to victory.

Brookfield Academy junior **Adrian Bellido** won two Division 2 Swimming State Championships. He won the 50 Freestyle with a time of 20.85 seconds. In the 100 Butterfly title race, Adrian broke a Division 2 State record, finishing in a time of 49.22 seconds.



# News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

## Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Anita Alfaro

Hi guys! **Chuck** here. I'm one of the newer dogs here at EBHS and I would really love to find a home of my own. I am about a year-and-a-half old and only 48 lbs. I am the perfect medium sized dog. Staff here says I have the funniest personality too! I love to throw toys over my head and chase them and I love to beg for treats and attention by jumping on my back legs like a kangaroo! My perfect home would be an active family with a yard and maybe even a dog friend, too. I can be a little shy around men, so if you are interested, please apply and schedule a meet and greet today! Call (262) 782-9261 or visit <https://ebhs.org> and fill out an application.

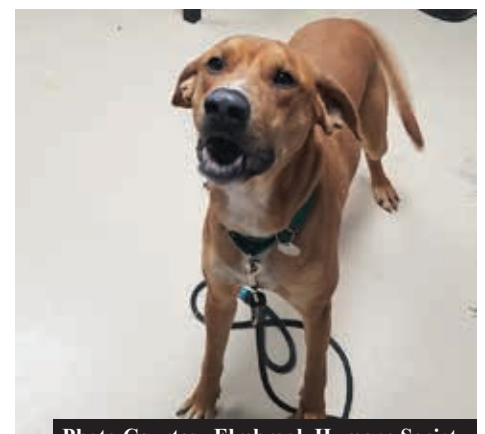


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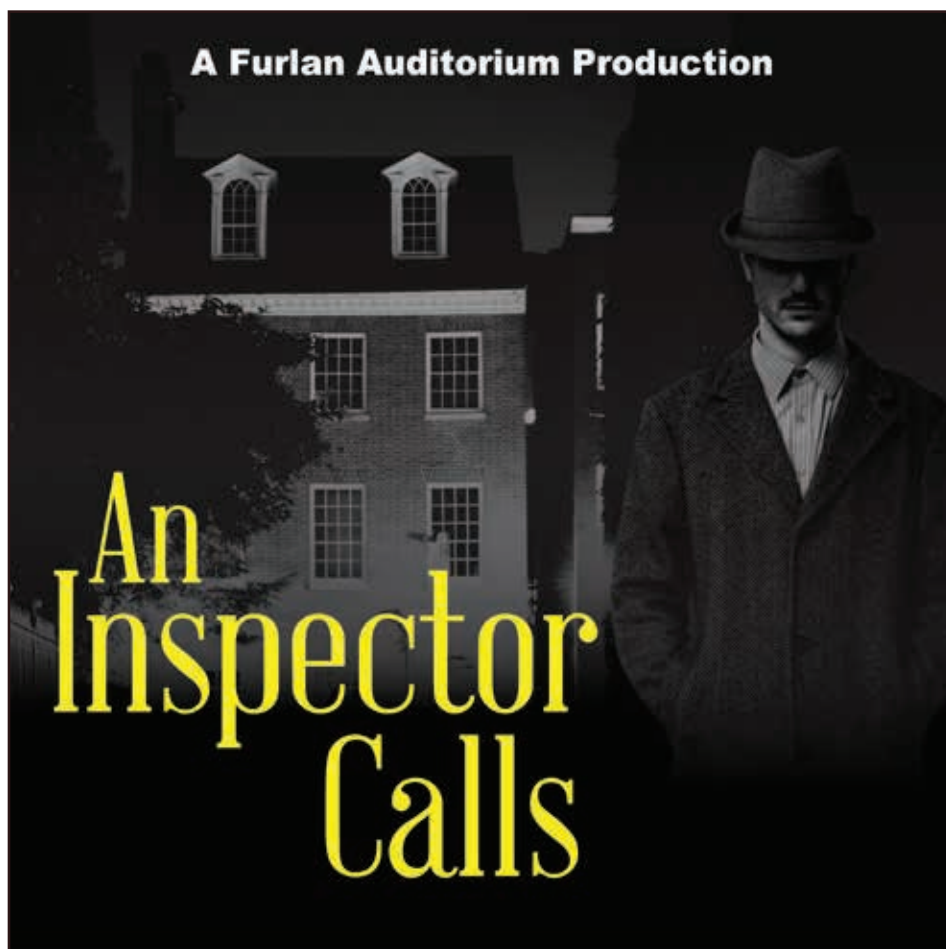
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A vintage (World War II era) U.S. Army Air Forces pillow cover from the collection of Lisabeth Passalis-Bain. Items like this satin and fringed souvenir textile with the well-known M-O-T-H-E-R song / poem were often purchased as gifts and sent home to a soldier's mother, wife, sweetheart or friend as a way of saying, "I may be far from home, but I'm thinking of you."

