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- Elm Grove Village President Neil Palmer



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Veterans’ Day Reflections from American Legion – Post 449

By Alexander Kollander, Commander

Veterans’ Day (November 11th) is a great day to honor all veterans who have served our wonderful country during war and peace. Without these brave men and women we would not have all the freedom we enjoy every day. Men and women from all walks of life who have in many cases given their very own lives to protect our freedom and others from Tyranny in many forms of evilness.

Originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War 1, when the treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 --- It was considered to be “The end of all wars.”

American Legion Post 449 is here to serve all veterans and community members. A great way to support your local Legion is to visit our facility (3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield) often and meet the veterans and your local community members in a relaxed atmosphere.

Please pass on to all veterans you may know that membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans, no matter

what branch of service or when you served. Membership helps the Legion pass critical issues in Congress to support all veterans.

All are welcome to visit and participate at our Legion hall as it is open to the public. Check out our Facebook and website: www.americanlegionpost449.org for special events.

Please attend our wonderful fish fry on Friday evenings from 5:00 until 8:30 with music in the lounge.

Speaking of music, you can help us greatly, if you wish, by donating towards our Friday night music up to \$300, which would sponsor that evenings music. We would announce who the sponsor is and give recognition during the evening and you would receive a fish fry dinner for 4. Thank you.

By Roger Kiesner, 2nd Vice Commander

I for one reflect back on thoughts of my father, father-in-law and 5 uncles that served during WWII and all of the sacrifices they made during those times. My grandfather served in WWI, and I

served during the Vietnam conflict. I also think of all of those who never made it home. My father served in the South Pacific in the Army Air Corps, one uncle served in the Navy, two served in the Marine Corps, and two served in the Army. My father-in-law served in the Army and saw action in North Africa, Sicily, and Omaha Beach on D-Day He was awarded The Bronze Star. None of them are with us now, and none of them really talked about their experiences.

The current needs of Post 449 include making it a viable place so we can support The American Legion’s mission of the 4 Pillars. This takes great effort to bring in enough cash flow to support these things. We are grateful to the Elm Grove Men’s Club for their donations that have helped us through these trying times.

Ways that people can help are to patronize the Post. On Thursdays we have Karaoke from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday is fish fry night, 5 - 8:30 p.m. with live music on some Fridays. People can also volunteer to help in the kitchen for fish fry night to do the dishes in our commercial kitchen.

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Michelle Luedtke at work at Village Hall.

Michelle Luedtke Named New Village Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

Professional careers often began in one location, then, when the opportunity presents itself, we move to a different company in another town, then another, then another. But, Brookfield native Michelle Luedtke’s career has taken a decidedly circuitous route and she is admittedly happy to be back in Elm Grove.

As Michelle explains it: “I started municipal work in the Village of Elm Grove as an intern. Moved to Menomonee Falls as a management assistant in the clerk services department. Moved to the City of Delafield as the Clerk. Moved back to Elm Grove after Mary Stredni retired to be their Clerk-Deputy Treasurer.”

A graduate of Brookfield Central High School, Michelle went on to earn an associate’s degree in arts and science from UW-Waukesha, a bachelor’s in business administration with a concentration in

accounting and finance from the UW-Milwaukee, a master’s degree in business administration with an emphasis on strategy and leadership from Western Governors University, and became a certified municipal clerk for the state of Wisconsin through the UW-Green Bay Clerk and Treasurers Institute.

When asked her thoughts about working for the Village of Elm Grove, Michelle noted: “It seems fitting to come back to the place that started it all. Dave De Angelis and Mary Stredni have been extremely inspirational for me in my career choice. Mary was the one who got me into ‘clerking’. It is exciting to be back in Elm Grove and learning more from the best in the industry.”

Outside of work Michelle’s special interests include walking the dog, hiking, fishing, painting, and photography.

Waukesha County News

An Inside Look at Waukesha County Government

By **Thomas Michalski**, Waukesha County Supervisor – District 8
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I think everyone would agree, 2020 has turned out to be one crazy year. Through shutdowns and virtual meetings, County work continues, with Covid-19 taking center stage during much of it.

The impact of Covid-19 on the County was dramatic. During the initial shutdown, the Information Technology Dept. was hopping, setting up access for the employees to allow all the departments to conduct their work remotely. Even now, only half of a department’s personnel are in the office at any one time; the others work remotely. When the County reopened, the work of the County continued without a significant issue. There were changes, however. For example, there was an immediate need for contact tracers. At the beginning of Covid-19, the County only needed two people to do contact tracing for infectious health events. The number of contact tracers currently working for the County is about 250. Another surprise, because the parks remained open, the golf courses and ice arenas experienced a significant increase in utilization. Possibly not a surprise, applications for marriage licenses and passports were way down.

Of course, Covid-19 increased dramatically the number of people in

need, and Health and Human Services are diligently working on getting them the help they need. We are working through the impact on budgets now. But on the plus side, the Cares-Act paid for much of the Covid specific costs.

I am grateful to every employee, whether they work for Waukesha County, a business, a municipality, or a public/private organization. You are getting the job done by showing up at work every day. Because of you, our part of the world is still running. Thank You!!

In April, you re-elected me to the County Board. This term, I remain on the County’s Finance Committee, where I am the secretary. I’m also continuing on the Park and Planning Commission. New this term, I’ve been added to the Land Use, Park and Environment Committee.

In August, I was appointed to the Waukesha County Technical College’s Board. The Waukesha County Board Chairman (**Paul Decker**) chairs the selection committee. There are nine members of the Board, and the term of appointment is three years, so each year three members are up for re-appointment. Board members must be residents of the

County, and the guidelines for who may be on the board are as follows: Two employers who have power to employ or discharge. Two employees who do not have power to employ or discharge. Three additional members from the community. One public school administrator from a school system in the district. One elected official.

Because I am now on WCTC’s Board of Directors, this and future articles may include WCTC news. In that vein, WCTC is in the process of selecting a new president. The national search attracted over 75 candidates applying for WCTC’s President. On October 5th, the two final candidates were on Campus for an in-person interview. The candidates were interviewed separately by three bodies, the Board of Directors, a group of Instructors, and a group of students. The Board’s selection for WCTC’s next president was unanimous. The Instructors and Students also voted on their preference, and all three groups selected the same candidate. Human Resources is completing a detailed background check while negotiating a contract. I expect the candidate’s name will be released very soon.

Village Update

By **Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove** npalmer@elmgrovewi.org

The **Elmbrook Senior Taxi** provides important service to seniors and adults with disabilities in Elm Grove. The Village has supported this important service for years and we encourage individuals and businesses to financially support them with contributions. The organization is also seeking an Elm Grove resident who would like to serve on their Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful opportunity, please contact me at: npalmer@elmgrovewi.org.

(See Elmbrook Taxi listing in Business Directory, Page 3)

A **petition seeking to establish a mandatory referendum vote for any capital expenditure** greater than \$1 million was filed by residents on October 21st. State “Direct Legislation” law (WI Statutes 9.20) allows residents to petition a community vote, or referendum requesting a proposed ordinance. In this case the petition seeks to require the Village to hold a referendum vote to authorize any Public Works project costing \$1 million or more. Trustees mentioned receiving complaints that petition circulators did not explain that the petition was designed to stop a specific project which they oppose.

The petition proposed limit is an end around attempt to change how the Village has operated (and communities operate) since Elm Grove was established, under the guise of resident involvement. Elm Grove village government is based on the “republic” form, which means citizens elect Village Board members to represent them in guiding the Village. Residents who advocate fundamental changes in how the Village operates should volunteer for a committee or run for a position on the Village Board.

In practice the Village, encourages significant resident involvement on all issues. All Village Board committees

(except the Personnel Committee) have more citizen members than Trustee members. That means that any item which is reviewed by the Finance, Public Works, Public Safety, Recreation or Legislative committees, Planning Commission or the Building Board is reviewed and acted upon by citizen volunteers and trustees before going to the Village Board.

In conducting meetings, committees and the Village Board have always encouraged and allowed public input. In addition, state law already requires a referendum vote if the Village wants to spend more than the state established tax levy limit.

A required funding vote on capital budgets would interfere and delay planning and operations by creating uncertainty over what would or would not be approved. I also believe that such a process creates conflict and stress by pitting one neighborhood against another on items like expanding the pathway system, expanding a municipal water supply system, repairing or replacing sewers or rebuilding roads.

Trustees also stated that a proposal to redevelop the School Sisters property should stand on its own merits. While the developer has released preliminary design proposals for the purpose of encouraging public input and has modified the proposal to reflect that input, the developer has not filed an application. If an application is filed there will be numerous public meetings and public hearings, all of which include opportunities for public input, before any action is taken by the Village Board.

Village Trustees voted unanimously on Monday, October 26th to adopt an ordinance establishing a requirement for a referendum vote for any Public Works project with a cost of \$5 million or more. Village Board members supported the idea that only unusually large and infrequent projects should be subject to a mandatory



referendum. The approved ordinance also incorporates an inflation adjustment and an emergency capital project need.

The Elmbrook Humane Society recently approved the annual report for Elm Grove activities. The group is paid by the Village to provide residents with services such as dealing with sick or injured wild animals, and taking in stray or surrendered dogs and cats from residents. As a “No Kill” organization Elmbrook Humane Society has a great record of finding homes for healthy and manageable pets.

(See News’ Hounds – Page 7.)

With the arrival of fall and more walkers due to the pandemic restrictions, I have received a number of complaints about pedestrians and dog walkers who do not wear reflective clothing while walking Village roads. **Please, if you are a walker or runner, wear reflective clothing.**



Business Directory

* Community Organizations



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Past Times

A Traditional Thanksgiving

By Stephen K Hauser

Thanksgiving has long been my favorite holiday, and I retain many fond memories of family Thanksgivings past. Nowadays, however, when my thoughts turn to Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the college history lectures I have delivered on the topic over the past 34 years. This has given me an appreciation of the venerable annual feast that I might not otherwise have had, as well as providing a deeper understanding of its traditions and trappings.

The Pilgrims were a protestant religious sect in Great Britain at odds with the Anglican Church, the established state-sanctioned church. They held their own separate Sunday services in their own meeting houses and hence were derisively referred to as “Separatists”, with the implication that the church, headed by English monarch James I, was somehow not good enough for them.

Pilgrim leaders had for years debated leaving England to practice their religion without state interference, and some had moved to Holland in 1608, but found it not to their liking. In 1620, a royal charter was extended to the Plymouth Company of Plymouth, England allowing establishment of a colony of settlers in northeast Virginia. The Pilgrims were recruited as settlers because, in spite of their theological “peculiarities”, they were considered to be industrious people who could make a go of a New World settlement.

In September of 1620, the Mayflower, a British cargo ship, was hired to transport 102 passengers (mostly Pilgrims) to their new home in Virginia, not far from the earlier English settlement of Jamestown. They were at sea for 65 days, but were blown off course, arriving at Cape Cod peninsula in New England on November 11th, far to the north of their intended destination.

Readers are no doubt aware of the great difference in climate and temperature between Virginia and Massachusetts. The Pilgrims noticed it too, and were initially horrified over the oncoming winter and the situation in which they now found themselves.

William Bradford, the man they had chosen as governor of their embryonic colony, was not as frightened. He saw the plight of the Pilgrims as a sign of God’s divine providence. They had landed outside of the jurisdiction of the investors and their company which had bankrolled the expedition. They were far from other settlements, and here they could establish a community in near isolation, free to practice their religion according to the dictates of their collective conscience.

While still aboard the Mayflower, Gov. Bradford drew up a general governing document, later known as the Mayflower Compact. It pledged an orderly community, under law, with passage of ordinances and choosing of public officials to ensure a civilized and peaceful society. Its first six words intoned: “In the Name of God, Amen”. It was signed by 41 Pilgrims. This was the first governing document ever to be written on the shores of America.

The first winter in the new land was disastrous for the Pilgrims. About 50 of them had died by the following summer. Those who survived had reduced themselves to raiding corn pits dug by the neighboring Wampanoag Indian tribe, a fact that did not go unnoticed by the Native Americans and their chief, **Massasoit**.

In the spring of 1621, Massasoit and a few warriors approached the Pilgrim village of Plymouth (named after their port of departure). The settlers were shown how to plant corn in loose soil and fertilize it with fish heads and tails. It was a polite way of telling the new arrivals, ‘Next time, plant your own darn corn!’

That year the Pilgrims fared much better, and, in October, Gov. Bradford issued a proclamation announcing a three-day feast of thanksgiving in gratitude for an abundant harvest. The Pilgrims, of course, were not unique in offering thanks for their blessings. Feasts of gratitude had been held in the Roman Empire, and various Octoberfest celebrations still observed throughout the Milwaukee area are descended from Germanic harvest festivals dating back to the times of the Gothic tribes.

Although all Americans know of Bradford’s thanksgiving proclamation, the menu for the meal and the nature of the foods offered in 1621 long remained a mystery. People merely assumed what they thought Pilgrims may have eaten. That all changed in 1974. That year, **Dr. Eldon Turner**, a history professor at the University of Florida, located the original menu for the 72-hour feast, previously lost among Gov. Bradford’s personal papers. If families today were to recreate it, there would be many changes in their shopping lists this month.

Bradford’s bill of fare listed geese and ducks, venison, clams, cranberries, creamed corn stew, squash, beans, cornmeal biscuits, wild berries, leeks and ‘oil cakes’ (i.e. doughnuts). Homemade beer and wine fermented from wild grapevines was poured out in abundance and eagerly consumed, but Bradford warned that toddlers under the age of five should be confined to two mugs of beer with their dinners.


The pairing of the Pilgrims with alcoholic beverages often surprises people. Two things should be noted here. The first is that the Pilgrims are often erroneously confused with the more dour and humorless Puritans, a different sect who founded Boston in 1630 and were far stricter in their theology that were the Plymouth “Separatists”. The second is the fact that alcohol is a cleansing agent that can kill harmful bacteria in water and food. It is the reason that consuming wine with meals long ago developed as the custom in Europe.

No less than **Benjamin Franklin** was later to remark, “Have a little wine for thy stomach’s sake.”

The greatest surprise of the first Thanksgiving menu, however, is the complete absence of turkey among the culinary offerings. The noble bird was nowhere to be found! The reasons are again two-fold. First, the modern farm-raised turkey consumed today on Thanksgiving is a domestic hybrid creation that did not even exist in 1621. Second, the scrawny wild turkeys that we often see foraging in fields or at roadsides were seldom to be found along the Massachusetts coast in the 1600s.

There was a need, however, for a plentiful main course. Bradford had sent a special invitation to Chief Massasoit in the Wampanong camp, since the Chief’s kindness had enabled the bountiful feast that was now to be enjoyed. Massasoit was aghast at the invite! Surely the Pilgrims could not have intended to host only him,

The Mayflower Compact



In the Name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. *In witness whereof* we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the*11 of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620.

John Carver	William White	Edward Fuller	Gilbert Winslow
William Bradford	Richard Warren	John Turner	Edmond Margeson
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Samuel Fuller	Thomas Rogers	John Goodman	John Allerton
Christopher Martin	Thomas Tinker	Degory Priest	Thomas English
William Mullins	John Rigdale	Thomas Williams	Edward Doty
			Edward Leister

*Old calendar

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for that would have been most rude. He assumed the summons included his tribe as well, and showed up at the celebration with 90 warriors in tow. (There was a limit to Massasoit’s democratic impulse. He also assumed that the Pilgrims certainly would not want the women of his tribe to be present, and so ordered them to remain behind with their children. Since only nine Pilgrim women and young girls had survived the hardships of the previous winter, they did nearly all of the work in serving the 140 diners.)

But the central question still remains. What was the main course at this first Thanksgiving celebration? EEL. Huge, steaming platters of boiled eel were served up to the revelers on all three days. Eel was abundant in the waters off Cape Cod, and easy to catch in nets. Therefore, eel occupied the honored spot at the center of each table, the place now reserved for the turkey. If Americans today wish to treat their families to a truly authentic, traditional Thanksgiving dinner this year, their meal should center on boiled eel,

heaps of it. Guests would no doubt long remember this unique holiday treat, and it would be a long time before the joyous shouts of “Pass the eel” had faded from their minds. A toast: Here’s to the eel!

A Touch of Pilgrim Humor...

I have often asked my American History classes over the years whether they would like to hear a Pilgrim joke. While the neighboring Puritans distained humor, the Pilgrims enjoyed a good laugh. The one that I’ve oft repeated to my students is told as so:

“What be the difference twixt a sailor and a whale?”
“One touts whilst the other spouts.”

I am always careful not to promise that anyone will find it funny, but it may have been a real knee-slapper back in 1621.

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

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Calendar of Events for November 2020

Sunday – NOVEMBER 1

- Daylight Savings Time Ends**
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- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meet at Village Park @ 10 a.m. to do monarch bed maintenance and eradicate invasive plants.
[E-mail: EGBeautification@gmail.com](mailto:EGBeautification@gmail.com) for further details.

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 3

- ELECTION DAY**
Elm Grove residents vote 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. @ Village Hall. (262) 782-6700.

Wednesday – NOVEMBER 4

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Thursday – NOVEMBER 5

- **Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Parkview Room.
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 8

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meet at Village Park @ 10 a.m. to do monarch bed maintenance and eradicate invasive plants.
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Wednesday – NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS’ DAY



Thursday – NOVEMBER 12

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Book Club reading Tao Orion’s *Beyond the War on Invasive Species*.
E-mail: EGBeautification@gmail.com.

Friday – NOVEMBER 13

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter Funeral Home, Brookfield. Speaker: Jay Talbot, Director of Procurement, Contract Manf., at Molsen-Coors on “Current Trends in the Adult Beverage Industry”.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 15

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meet at Village Park @ 10 a.m. to do monarch bed maintenance and eradicate invasive plants.
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Friday – NOVEMBER 20

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter Funeral Home, Brookfield. Speaker: Neil Palmer, President, Village of Elm Grove, “Update on Elm Grove Plan & Achievements”.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 22

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
Meet at Village Park @ 10 a.m. to do monarch bed maintenance and eradicate invasive plants.
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Monday – NOVEMBER 23

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

Thursday – NOVEMBER 26

- THANKSGIVING**
Village Hall Closed

Friday – NOVEMBER 27

- Village Hall Closed
- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter Funeral Home, Brookfield. Speaker: Brandon Blount, Sales Manager at Life Time Fitness Center, “Introduction to Newest Area Fitness Center”.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 29

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**
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Community Crossword #6

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

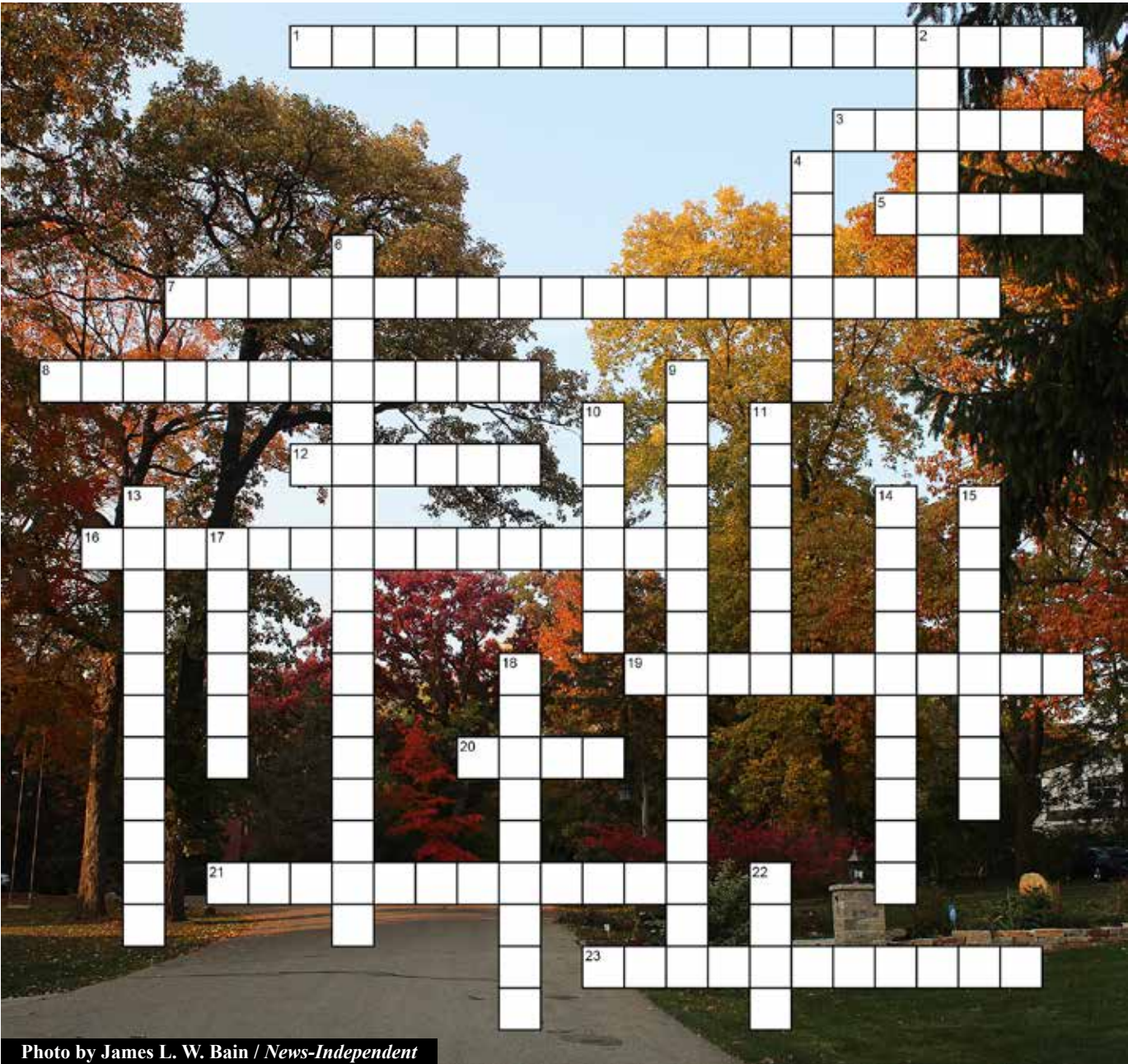


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ACROSS

1. Turn clocks back one hour when this ends on November 1st (3 words)
3. Rake these in the fall
5. Number of trees on Village of Elm Grove logo
7. *News-Independent's* slogan on Page 1 (3 words)
8. Holiday on November 26th
12. Elm Grove family-owned florist since 1901
16. Elm Grove street named after our state (2 words)
19. Holiday on November 11th (2 words)
20. A small body of water
21. St. Mary’s Visitation Parrish is fittingly located on this roadway (2 words)
23. This year, it’s November 3rd (2 words)

DOWN

2. School instructor
4. Another word for physician
6. Advertising section at upper right, Page 3 (2 words)
9. Recently appointed Elm Grove Village Clerk / Deputy Treasurer (2 words)
10. List of items to be discussed at a meeting
11. Song lyrics: “*Do you know the way to _____?*” & a Village street: _____ Drive (2 words)
13. Residents vote in-person at this Elm Grove-Building (2 words)
14. Flowers and plants that re-bloom year after year
15. Plural of child
17. Opposite of open
18. An Elm Grove street / Wauwatosa hospital
22. Cast a ballot

(SOLUTION – Page 8)

Clubs & Organizations



Kiwanis member **Jerry McCormick** (at left), **Michelle Wayman**, her daughter **Autumn**, Autumn’s grandmother, **Lenny Johnson** (President of the Elm Grove Kiwanis Club), and Kiwanis member **Jim Buskel** attend an iPad presentation.

Kiwanis Club Donates Its 54th iPad to Combat Autism, Ignite Compassion

An iPad with special apps was presented to **Autumn Wayman**, a 9-year- old on the Autism Spectrum by the Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis. Autumn will use the iPad at home and school for learning language and math, iTunes for calming behavior and for communicating wants and needs as she is non-verbal. The apps were selected especially for Autumn by her teachers and counselors.

This is the 54th iPad presented to students on the Autism Spectrum in Elm Grove, Menomonee Falls, West Allis, Wauwatosa and Waukesha with students, parents and educators sharing the experience. The Autism iPad project was started in 2013 as Kiwanis Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Governor’s project. The District consists of 141 clubs including the Elm

Grove Club. Since then, 1,225 iPads with special apps have been presented.

Autumn was presented the iPad at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting by project co-sponsors **Jerry McCormick**, **Jim Buskel** and Club President, **Lenny Johnson**. Her mother and grandmother accompanied her at the presentation. Her mother, Michelle, said, “Autumn is happy and making good progress with the help of family, teachers and counselors to lead a productive life. This iPad will greatly contribute to our goal.”

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club includes 54 senior members committed to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The iPad Autism Project exactly fulfills this mission.

Give Help...Get Help

The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County (CCC) promotes and coordinates giving to families in need during the Christmas season, providing a clearinghouse that matches these families with area groups, families, businesses, and individuals who wish to help people less fortunate on a person-to-person basis. In 2019, the CCC coordinated giving to more than 1,900 families and nearly 4,300 children in Waukesha County.

Eligible families are invited to request gifts for their children for the holidays. The application is available at: <http://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/get-help.html> The deadline to apply is Monday, November 16, 2020. Also visit the CCC website if you are interested in providing help to those in need.

Blessings in a Backpack Names Nancy Major Managing Director

(WAUKESHA) Blessings in a Backpack, a nonprofit that provides food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry, has named the Waukesha affiliate its fifth national chapter after eight years of strong growth with the local organization. Local success with the Waukesha County program has also driven the need for a Managing Director, which will be led by **Nancy Major**, a proven leader in nonprofit executive management roles.



Nancy Major

“I’m honored to lead the local Blessings in a Backpack chapter in Waukesha County,” said Major. “Since 2012, Blessing’s local program has successfully grown to help feed more than 2,000 children throughout the county each year, but there’s still so much more work to be done and many more children to feed with the community’s help. Now that we have been named a national chapter, we’re hopeful this will help us raise even more awareness surrounding food insecurity and how it is impacting children throughout Wisconsin.”

Nancy has served on the Blessings Waukesha County Advisory Board, where she has been a weekly volunteer since March 2020 and has held prior executive leadership roles with Special Olympics, United Cerebral Palsy, Safe Babies Healthy Families of Waukesha County, and Variety - the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin, located in Elm Grove, where she served as Executive Director/CEO until August 2019.

Blessings in a Backpack began a program in Waukesha in 2012 with 12 volunteers, feeding 25 students at one school. The program has grown to more than 50 regular volunteers, distributing over 75,000 bags of food to 2,000 students in Waukesha, Oconomowoc, Sussex, Wales and Hartland during the 2018-2019 school year. During the past eight years, the program has raised more than \$1.45 million in donations from over 1,000 donors, but the need locally continues to grow. As little as \$4 will help provide one bag of food for a hungry child, and with the current pandemic, Blessings is making sure kids are fed daily.

ABOUT BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Hunger has both short- and long-term negative effects on children's health and ability to succeed in school. Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. Blessings in a Backpack will provide 3 million hunger-free weekends this school year for more than 87,000 kids in 45 states and Washington, D.C.

For details about how you can help, visit: <https://waukesha.blessingsinabackpack.org>



Honoring Our Veterans

Liberty, Freedom, and Personal Responsibility

Without a strong sense of individual character and personal responsibility, it is impossible for liberty to endure. We pause today to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans of every branch of the United States military.

We honor them daily by continuing to teach our students about freedom, liberty, and the courage and conviction required to protect these sacred privileges for generations to come.

As our students learn to respect and treasure the freedoms and ideals upon which this country was founded, they develop strong convictions regarding personal responsibility.

God Bless our veterans and all those who serve on active duty around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

God Bless America.

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Gardening in the Grove

Business News



Photo courtesy of Mary Weller

The first Ad Hoc Elm Grove Beautification Committee at Village Hall in September 2000. (Seated, left to right) are **Susan Baumann**, **Darlene Rose**, **Mary Weller** (Chairperson), **Irene Skipper**, and **Andrea Steen-Crawford** (Village Manager); (Standing, left to right) **Helen Shiely**, **Eileen Cauley**, **Jim Nortman** (Village President), **Colleen Gotowitz**, and **Sylvia Bartman**. (Not shown: **Irwin Johnson**)

Committee Helps Beautify Our Village

(ELM GROVE) "Only God can make a tree, but in Elm Grove the Great Creator has been helped in the tree making business by the Beautification Committee for the past 20 years," notes a former committee member.

One hundred and thirty new trees will be planted in the community in the spring of 2021 as the result of a recent beautification Committee tree sale. When **Eileen Cauley**, second chairperson of the Committee, introduced selling disease-resistant Elm trees, it was not imagined tree sales would take "root" and so many village trees would "sprout" from this unique idea.

The Beautification Committee was started at the end of 1999 when Village resident **Mary Weller** approached then village manager, the late **Andrea Steen-Crawford** with the idea of spotlighting local gardens that made a visual impact on the village. Several months later, **Jim Nortman**, then village president, asked Weller to form an ad hoc Beautification Committee to usher in the new millennium and asked her to serve as its first chair. To

kick off the program, residents nominated and voted for a Village flower. The Black-Eyed Susan was chosen and can still be seen growing on many properties in the community. In the years since then gardens that brighten their neighborhoods have been marked by a special Beautification Award plaque emblazoned with the Village of Elm Grove's 3-tree logo.

During the past two decades, new chairpersons and new members have continued to make a difference in the beauty of the village. Currently, together with Brookfield East SEED Club, the Beautification Committee has created garden beds at the Village Park for monarch butterflies and an increase in monarchs has already been noted.

"Congratulations to all the home and business owners who have been recognized for their special landscaping with a Beautification Award, to the village for taking an ad hoc committee to permanent status, and to the Beautification Committee for the wonderful and innovative work they have done for the past twenty years and that they continue to do," Weller said.

News' Hounds
& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society
By Heather Gehrke

Meet **Lucid**, Elmbrook Humane Society's most lovable little princess. Lucid is a purr machine – especially when you are petting her. She loves being told how beautiful she is! She is laid back, loves to sunbathe while snoozing in a comfy bed, and monitor all the happenings of our day. She has been in a foster home with another cat and two dogs and has done well co-existing with them. She really is just a wonderful girl.

If you would like to meet Lucid, please complete our adoption application at: <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/adopt-2>.

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road. Call (262) 782-9261 for more information.



Lucid



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

ELM GROVE HEIGHTS GRAND OPENING: (From left) **Dan Fitzgerald**, CEO & President of Horizon Construction Group, Inc. & Horizon Development Group, Inc.; **Will Rutherford**, Development Associate; **Phil Schultz**, Developer; **Melissa Baker**, Marketing & Leasing Manager; **Elizabeth Sili**, Regional Manager; and **Becky Hildebrandt**, President of Horizon Management Services gather on September 29, 2020 in the community room kitchen at the newly-opened senior apartments complex at 13040 W. Bluemound Road, Elm Grove.

Retirement Announced

Margaret Zaharis retired from BMO Harris Bank on October 31. She started her 49-year-career in banking as a co-op student while in high school in 1971 as a vault teller with the old M & I Bank. Over the years she worked at many of the Metro Milwaukee area M&I Bank branches as a teller and teller supervisor and worked mainly at the Elm Grove BMO office as a customer service representative during the past decade. A New Berlin resident, Margie is looking forward to having more time to spend with family and friends, camping, traveling, and working on her many crafts and other projects in retirement.



Margaret Zaharis

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News Briefs

WDVA Secretary Kolar Encourages Wisconsinites to Help Keep Veterans Safe

(MADISON) Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Mary Kolar on October 15 delivered the Democratic Radio Address encouraging Wisconsinites to help keep Wisconsin's 350,000 veterans safe by staying home and wearing a mask.

"Unfortunately, too many of us in Wisconsin, including family, friends and neighbors, are not well. More people, every single day, get sick from the coronavirus. COVID-19 is sneaky, some will not experience symptoms and others get very ill. Some die.

As the advocate for our state's 350,000 veterans, I implore you to do all you can to keep yourself healthy and protect those in our communities who took an oath to serve our country, stand up for it, and fight if necessary. They stood up for us, now let's stand up for them.

Many of our state's veterans are older, and with conditions that put them in a high-risk category for complications from COVID-19. Many live in rural areas, where COVID-19 is now rapidly spreading, and are also far from a hospital. And there are veterans who live at our Wisconsin's Veterans Homes, nursing homes where we fight every day to keep them safe from the virus.



Please, for those who have served our country and those who support them, I ask you to join me in the fight: stay home when possible, mask up and stay six feet away from others when you go out, and wash hands frequently. These are known ways we can do our part to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. This isn't political; this is literally the possibility of long-term negative health consequences or death.

By protecting ourselves from the virus, we protect them, our veterans – our nation's heroes. Let's have each other's backs and do our part to keep each other safe. Thank you."If you are interested in helping our community should a disaster occur, visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](https://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday) or contact VolunteerWisconsin@redcross.org.

Governor Evers Announces Additional Tax Relief for Wisconsin Taxpayers

(MADISON) Governor Tony Evers has announced an estimated \$256.4 million in tax relief for Wisconsin taxpayers as a result of the additional revenue collected by the Department of Revenue (DOR) from out-of-state retailers and marketplace providers for the twelve-month period ending Sept. 30, 2020. The amount is more than three times the \$77.4 million in tax relief in 2019. Last year, Governor Evers signed bipartisan legislation, 2019 Wisconsin Act 10, which ensured the tax relief would be targeted toward lower and middle-income Wisconsinites.

"I was proud to sign legislation that received bipartisan support to ensure that the rate cuts would reduce taxes for all income groups but especially for our lower and middle-income taxpayers," Gov. Evers said. "It is important we are able to provide this much-needed tax relief for Wisconsinites, especially during these unprecedented times."

"We are pleased the department could collect these funds from more than 9,000 remote sellers, which is up from 5,000 remote sellers previously," said DOR Secretary Peter Barca. "I am pleased to see that the changes we made in the Marketplace legislation are delivering the most relief to those who most need it."

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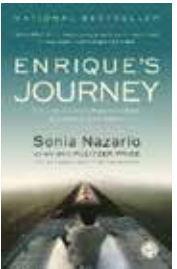
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Intergenerational Book Club

Thursday, November 12, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom (Advance registration required)

Build memories through reading with your family. Take part in the Intergenerational Book Club, presented by Elmbrook Schools, Bridges Library System, and the Elm Grove and Brookfield Public Libraries. Come together as a family to discuss books and current events.



Free Books - The featured book for this Intergenerational Book Club is *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. It's the story of a young Honduran boy's dangerous odyssey to reunite with his mother. Free books are available while supplies last at the Elm Grove or Brookfield Public Libraries, or any public school in the Elmbrook School District. Books are also available to check out at your public and school library or in eBook.

- ADULTS: *Enrique's Journey* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Sonia Nazario
- YOUNG ADULTS: *Enrique's Journey* (The Young Adult Adaptation) by Sonia Nazario
- CHILDREN: *Where Are You From?* (picture book) by Yamil Saied Mendez

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- Small group discussions
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Children's Book Bundles



If you don't have time to browse to find new books for your child, or you just need fresh suggestions, book bundles are the answer! When you request a book bundle, a librarian will select 4-5 books for your child based on your preferences. The books will then be put on hold for you to pick up at the library or receive curbside. Visit elmgrovelibrary.org to request your first bundle!

Village Park Scavenger Hunt – All Ages

Activities are limited these days, so there's no better time to enjoy your Elm Grove Village Park. As such, we've created a family friendly scavenger hunt that will take you through the park in search of specific items. See the rules and pick up your Scavenger Hunt Card at the entrance to the Elm Grove Public Library. We'll even be giving away a prize pack including a book and a bird house kit when the hunt ends on Friday, November 13. Have fun and good luck!



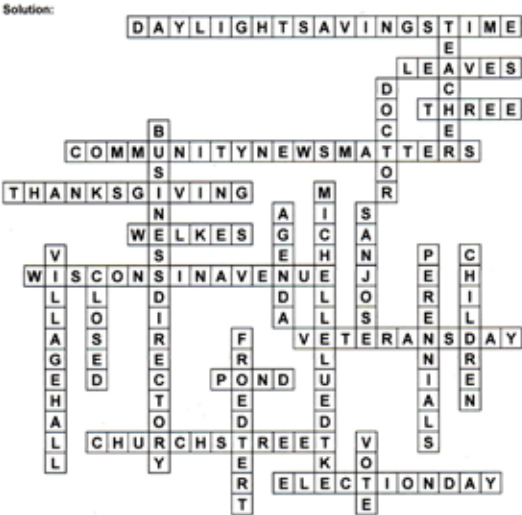
Spring 2021 Library Booksale Cancelled

By Janet Wintersberger

Due to the pandemic and out of respect for our book loving community, the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) March, 2021 Used Book Sale has been cancelled.

Book donations at the library have been suspended until further notice. We anticipate resuming our book collection next spring.

In the meantime, keep reading, stay healthy and we'll see you at the library!





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Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Thanksgiving

By Walker
3rd Grade, Elm Grove Lutheran School

I am thankful for Jesus because He is my Savior and He died on the cross for us.
I am thankful for my puppy River because she is so fluffy!!
I am thankful for documentaries because they tell about cool history and about treasures.
My favorite part of Thanksgiving is yummy food.

By Emma
3rd Grade, Elm Grove Lutheran School

I am thankful for my pets because I like to play with them.
I am thankful for my friends because I like to talk to them and play with them.
I am thankful for Jesus because He died for us and He rose for us too.
My favorite part of Thanksgiving is that I love to give thanks.

By Mia
3rd Grade, Elm Grove Lutheran School

I am thankful for Mom and Dad because they care for me and love me.
I am thankful for my sisters and brother because they give me someone to play with.
I am thankful for God because He is watching over me, He made me, and He loves me.
My favorite part of Thanksgiving is that we go to Oma and Opa’s house.

By Kyla
3rd Grade, Elm Grove Lutheran School

I am thankful for Mom and Dad because they are very kind to me and bought me a hamster.
I am thankful for Jesus because He died on the cross for me.
I am thankful for school because it helps me stay busy.
My favorite part of Thanksgiving is the stuffing and the turkey.

By Lea
3rd Grade, Elm Grove Lutheran School

I am thankful for Jesus and God because God made me and Jesus saved me from sin.
I am thankful for Mom and Dad because they let me watch TV.
I am thankful for my teacher because she teaches me many important things.
My favorite part of Thanksgiving is the food.

Jiu Jitsu

By Beau Cerniglia
4th Grade, Tonawanda

I do something called Jiu Jitsu. It is a really fun martial art and you can do a ton of moves to defend yourself. There are things called tournaments and you can compete against people you don’t know (unless they are on your team). If you want to join, I would recommend going to 360 Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Good luck on starting your Jiu Jitsu career!



Things to be Thankful For
By Emma Socha
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Everyone here should be thankful for what they have. We all have beds, houses, food, water, and some of us have pets. You shouldn’t forget how lucky you are to have these things. Not everyone has them.

Thanksgiving
By Stephi Wandler
4th Grade, Tonawanda

A special meal your mother made
with lots of care!
The smell of turkey and pumpkin pie
fill the air.
Your whole family gathers
around a feast..
To say “thanks”
But whatever you say
it means you're grateful!!

Thanksgiving
By Lucille Trotta
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Thanksgiving
Sweet, Caring
Love, Thank, Bake
Pie, Pumpkin, Apple, Fire
Smell, Eat, Share
Crisp, Cool
Dinner

Thanksgiving
By Nora Schneider
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Thanksgiving is to have a feast,
And **not** have pizza with yeast,
Thanksgiving is to have a turkey,
And **not** get dirty,
Thanksgiving is to play outside,
And **not** go down a waterslide,
Thanksgiving is to spend time with family,
And **not** do something not happily,
Now have Thanksgiving!

Time to Give Thanks
By Penelope Saida
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Pumpkin pie,
Years go by,
Spending time with your family,
Because everyone is caring,
It is time to give thanks.

Dedicated to my family,
but mostly to my auntie
Colie, for taking my nanas
Place when she died.
Taking her place as hosting
the fun Games and being sweet
and Kind.

Why We Need to be Thankful

By Stella Williams
4th grade, Tonawanda Elementary

Thanksgiving is about being thankful, right? But some people don’t think about WHY. You might not realize it, but we have a lot to be thankful for. Some people don’t have good food, clothes, or even a house. So, think about it. Some people don’t have much. Have you heard about the Flint Water Crisis? The water in Flint is contaminated and people who live there have to use bottled water for EVERYTHING. So you should be thankful that we have clean water. And, some places, like Africa, don’t have enough natural resources to make strong homes. Be thankful for our natural resources. Some people don’t have the things you do. So don’t take things for granted, instead just be thankful!

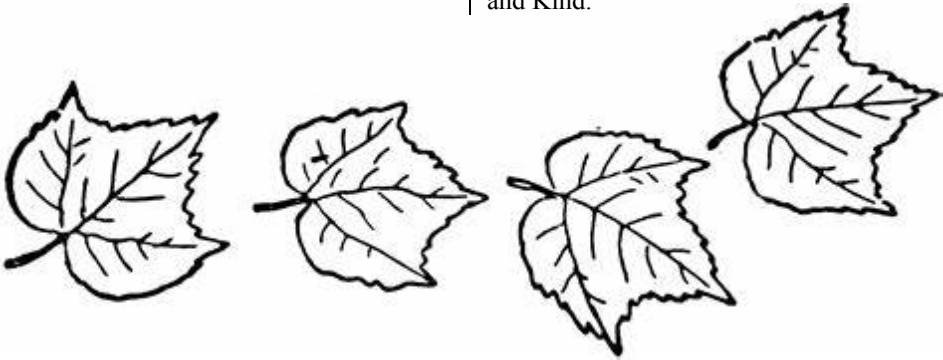
Giving Thanks
By Cailin Hagemeier and Chloe Kazaks
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Dear Elm Grove,

We all have to remember that parents and friends are very helpful in many ways to us. Our families celebrate our birthdays on Thanksgiving. That shows how they care. You should find a way to do something kind for family or friends. Like they do for us.

Do something for someone you're thankful for. Send a note and tell them what you're thankful for and send them a little gift. They will appreciate it!

Coloring for Kids (and Adults)!



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Wisconsin “Forward!” or Backward?

For almost 170 years, Wisconsin has had as its motto, “Forward!” reflecting the state’s continuous drive to be better. Wisconsites pride ourselves on our work ethic, our beautiful state, and our strong communities. Today, we must ask ourselves, are we living up to the full measure of that motto? That spirit of striving for the best? When you mark your ballot for the upcoming election, consider how well we’re doing on these indicators:

***Covid Response and Healthcare:** Which candidates advocate health measures to protect the public? Who’s listening to the doctors? Who’s wearing their masks? Which candidates support accessible and affordable health care? Who is concerned about improving mental health treatment in our community?

***Jobs and the economy:** Which candidates have a plan to support our small businesses? Add jobs to our communities? Who has been advocating for expanding the broadband network to ensure access for all? Which candidates have the support of the labor unions in our state? Who is advocating for

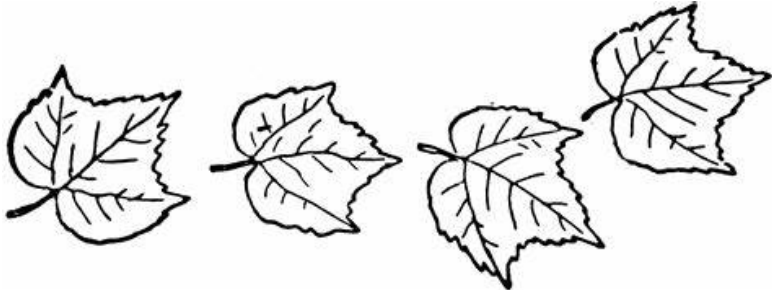
increasing the minimum wage?

***Climate and the environment:** Who is speaking up about the Corporate Animal Feed Operations that are polluting our groundwater? Who is advocating for clean drinking water for all, not just those in cities? Who has the support of leading environmental organizations?

***Education:** Who has demonstrated a commitment to improving public education? And supporting increasing accessibility and affordability to higher education? Who supports strengthening our technical schools?

This election offers us the opportunity to vote for the candidates who are working on our behalf — the candidates whose efforts will give real meaning to the word “Forward” and ensure Wisconsin’s role as a leader in caring for its citizens.

P. Fricke
New Richmond, Wisconsin



Legal Issues

What Documents Will Your Family Need?

By Attorney Isabell 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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Tom Palzewicz, entrepreneur, Navy veteran, and candidate for the 5th Congressional District is running for office to restore integrity to Washington.

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Today, divisiveness and partisan politics has prevented our elected officials in both the state and national government from addressing the important issues facing all of us. Collaborative solutions are nearly nonexistent. Blame and finger pointing is the norm. Tom knows first-hand how important listening and negotiating will be to heal the political divide.

Tom’s opponent, Sen. Fitzgerald, is a career politician who helped lead the clandestine effort that reshaped legislative districts so he and his colleagues would

not lose an election. When Gov. Walker lost, Fitzgerald championed the removal of traditional powers of the lawfully elected governor one month before he took office. Unless it fits his agenda, Fitzgerald does not allow debate on issues with popular support or convene sessions when important matters need attention. His main objective is to remain in control even if it means not letting his own colleagues do their jobs.

Integrity requires that a politician is honest about themselves and their intentions. Real leaders put the needs of others above their own, show respect, and always put country over party.

Tom Palzewicz has the integrity and leadership experience to pave the way for a better 5th district and better country for all of us. Elect Tom Palzewicz to be your next Congressional Representative on November 3rd.

Carl Lock
Town of Brookfield

Hold a SSND Development Referendum

Best answer to SSND development? A referendum. Let the Elm Grove citizens decide, rather than the developer or politicians or Elm Grove employees. Maybe the Women’s Club can get a referendum going, without taking sides,

to let the voters decide. Or perhaps some other group will take on the task.

Joe Weigel
Elm Grove

President’s Budget Proposals Threaten Social Security, Health Care

I was recently alarmed to learn that the president’s budget proposes big cuts to social security payments to seniors. Then I heard him say he wanted to drop the payroll tax which provides the funding for the social security program. Many of us seniors depend on social security for basic needs like food, clothing, shelter, and medicine.

His proposals for healthcare are even more alarming to me. Even though the president has repeatedly said he will protect Medicare, his budget proposes big cuts to Medicare, and also Medicaid. This would be a blow to both relatively healthy seniors depending on Medicare to help cover their bills at the clinic or hospital and less fortunate ones relying on Medicaid to pay their bills at the nursing home.

The president has also brought a law suit to overturn the Affordable Care Act without having anything to replace it. This would be especially devastating to the millions who would lose their health insurance including coverage for pre-existing conditions. Lives would be ruined and lost. Many families would be financially destroyed.

These, on top of over 210,000 Americans killed by Covid-19 and millions who will have long term health problems from Covid-19, leads me to believe the president does not care about the health and safety of the American people, especially seniors who are dying at a very high rate.

Everett (Bud) Fuchs
Hudson, Wisconsin

Consider the Needs of Senior Citizens

I am scared. People I know and love have lost their jobs due to the economic collapse and thus lost their health insurance for themselves and their families during a raging pandemic. Millions still working have insurance through the Affordable Care Act but this administration is once again in court trying to overturn the act with nothing to replace it. As a senior citizen who depends on Medicare for basic health services and insurance, I also feel betrayed. I heard the President campaigning in Wisconsin in 2016 saying he would protect Medicare. Now, his current budget proposes big cuts to both Medicare and Medicaid. Many seniors cannot afford

higher Medicare deductibles and co-pays or higher premiums for supplementary insurance. The President’s budget also proposes cuts to Social Security, so seniors would have less money to pay increasing expenses. On top of this, dedicated doctors and nurses have died treating Covid-19 because they did not have proper protective clothing. The President said that was not his responsibility. Does our government no longer care about us? It seems like our once solid country is coming apart at the seams. I am scared.

Ellen Olson
Woodville, Wisconsin

News Briefs



Brookfield Academy students use sign language while performing the song “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” by Randy Newman.

Students Perform “Non-Choral” Concert

By Marie O’Brien

Brookfield Academy students were recently challenged to “sing” to music without using their voices. Due to safety protocols for COVID-19, choir performances had to be modified this year. Students in grades 3, 4, & 5 participated in a “non-choral” concert using creative dance, musical instruments, and sign language.

Interstate Music Seeking Musicians to Enter ‘Watch, Launch & Win’ Contest

(MILWAUKEE) Interstate Music is looking to reintroduce its iconic brand to the music world by partnering with solo artists, bands, singers, and musicians from all genres who enter the Watch, Launch & Win music competition. For a chance at winning the Grand Prize of \$5,000 in gift cards and free online exposure, musicians must be over the age of 18, agree to the contest rules, and submit a 12-minute set video on the contest webpage no later than November 7, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Finalists could also gain access to play Interstate Music’s live stream event, Rock the Launch! on November 15.

“This is our opportunity to not only introduce Interstate Music to the world but also help artists during a time when their audiences just can’t explore new or live music the way they had before,” said Jeff Peterson, CEO at Interstate Music. “We hope to identify and help expose performers from all across the U.S. looking to bring people together through their music while we continue to be apart.”

Grand Prize, Second Place, and Third Place winners will earn prizes and music swag totaling more than \$10,000 while gaining exposure and top recognition with industry leaders. Interstate Music and event sponsors will announce the top three winners based on the most online votes received during the contest period November 15 thru November 19. Winners will be announced via email on or around November 20.

Sponsors for the first-time contest include Fender, Shure, Zildjian, D’Angelico, Ludwig, Pearl, KOR, Vox, Focusrite, On-Stage, Nord, Pigtronix, Blackstar, Blue, Gibraltar, König & Meyer, and Line 6.

“With so many live gigs being canceled, artists have had to become creative in reaching people,” continued Peterson. “We can’t wait to watch these performances and listen to all the new and beautiful music being made.”

For more information about the contest and entry requirements, visit <https://interstatemusic.com/watch-launch-win>.

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

Elm Grove Green Team

This is a group for Elm Grove residents who want to help our village become more sustainable! We meet regularly in the village and hope to gain more support and awareness. Check out our Elm Grove Green Team on Facebook. For more information, e-mail Deb at info@waukeshaountygreenteam.org.



Turn a new leaf Fall into giving

Thursday November

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3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Helpful tip:
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Blood Drive

Elmbrook Staff Appreciation Weekend / Student Orchestra, Band Performances to be Held

(BROOKFIELD) The Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF) announces its Elmbrook Staff Appreciation Weekend at The Corners of Brookfield on November 13-15, 2020.

Beth Dobrzynski, Elmbrook Education Foundation Executive Director said, “We are excited to partner with The Corners of Brookfield to honor and thank the staff and teachers of the Elmbrook School District. Now, more than ever, we want them to know we appreciate their work and dedication to our students. We hope they enjoy this weekend that is all about them.”

“Passports” will be delivered to the schools in early November. Teachers will bring their passport and Elmbrook staff ID to the Corners of Brookfield and get a head-start on their holiday shopping while enjoying Elmbrook music performances, great food and drinks.

Student performances at The Corners of Brookfield will include:

- * **Friday, November 13th**
5-6 p.m., indoors at Von Maur ---
Brookfield East and Brookfield Central orchestra groups: **Wendy Cassel**, Director
- * **Saturday, November 14th**
Noon, Brookfield Central Pep Band: **Jason Gillette**, Director
1 p.m., Brookfield East Pep Band: **Kevin Loughney**, Director

EEF was organized in 1958 to award scholarships to select Elmbrook School District high school graduates. In 1999, the Foundation’s mission expanded to include teacher grants for innovative projects that benefit all students and raise money to support and strengthen outstanding learning ideas that improve the overall educational quality of our public schools.

ELMBROOK EDUCATION FOUNDATION

EEF has awarded over \$1,300,000 in scholarships and \$425,000 in grants which enhance and extend the established curriculum and support projects that are beyond the District’s budget.

For more information, call 262-844-3742 or e-mail bethdobrzynski@att.net. www.elmbrookschoools.org/elmbrook-education-foundation.



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