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Elm Grove News-Independent Publisher **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain** (at right) talks with WTMJ Radio Host **Libby Collins**.

The Importance of Hyper-Local News...

On September 21st, I met with Wisconsin Weekend Morning News and WTMJ Conversations host **Libby Collins** at the WTMJ Radio studios in Milwaukee to tape a broadcast segment. We discussed my journalistic beginnings and road to becoming a newspaper publisher and, most importantly, why "*Community News Matters*".

The interview on WTMJ Conversations will air on Saturday, November 12th at 5 a.m. and again on Sunday, November 13th at 11 a.m. It will also be posted on the WTMJ website at noon on November 13th.
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Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove / npalmer@elmgrovetwi.org

Katherine Gehl began work recently as Assistant Village Manager and Zoning and Planning Administrator. Katherine came to Elm Grove from a position with the Village of Richfield. Katherine has an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois. An Oak Creek native, she also previously worked at the City of Gurnee, Illinois and the City of West Allis.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has given final approval to the updated Village of Elm Grove Floodplain Zoning ordinance. The updated ordinance meets state and federal floodplain management standards. The updated ordinance maintains eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Elm Grove election ballot will contain a referendum question regarding the proposed rebuilding and paving of Gebhardt Road from Pilgrim Road to Highland Drive and installation of a new pathway. In April 2022, Elm Grove voters approved a referendum requiring a separate referendum for any public works project estimated to cost more than \$1 million to be subject to a separate referendum vote.

Village Manager David DeAngelis and Finance Director Monica Hughes submitted the proposed 2023 operating and capital budgets to the Finance Committee for consideration. The Finance Committee will face a difficult task in shaping a budget proposal for Village Board approval. State mandated spending limits for 2023 limit the Village levy limit increase to \$53,861 which is 0.72%. The draft budget prepared by staff includes Fire and EMS services “paid on call” increase totaling \$221,500; health insurance premium increases are estimated to be about \$65,000; Village staff wage increases for 2023 are 2.5% or \$88,000; workers compensation and property insurance increases are \$14,500; Wisconsin Retirement System charges are increasing by \$26,000; Village gas and electric utilities and gasoline expenses are estimated to increase by \$21,500 and computer storage and software costs are increasing by \$35,000. All in all, the proposed budget indicated gap between



“state allowed levy increases” and budget projected increase is wide.

The proposed budget supports operations at the current level but does include additional funding for EMS and Fire pay. Elm Grove emergency services, both of which rely on volunteer members are facing difficulty maintaining service. Any resident interested in joining the fire or emergency medical services is encouraged to apply. The Village supports educational classes necessary to obtain certification.

The Elm Grove Police Department is in the process of selecting a “School Resource Officer (SRO)” to serve at Pilgrim Park Middle School beginning in 2023. The School District of Elmbrook requested the SRO and they will pay the cost of the officer. Both of the Elmbrook high schools have SRO officers provided by the City of Brookfield. The City will also be filling a new SRO at Wisconsin Hills Middle School in 2023.

The Elm Grove Business Association will again host a Holiday Open House on November 11th and 12th. Watch for further information about merchant offers, library program and Elm Grove Woman’s Club holiday events. The horse drawn wagon rides, always a family favorite, will be back this year.

Business & Club Directory

* Community Organizations



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*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 1 State Certification course at WCTC or MATC followed by Probationary Training held on Tuesday evenings at the Elm Grove Firehouse.

Call Chief David Kastenholtz at (262) 782-6700, ext. 251 or e-mail dkastenholz@elmgrovetwi.org

*Sunset Playhouse

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*School District of Elmbrook

Please see <https://www.elmbrookschoools.org/departments/human-resources/how-to-volunteer-in-elmbrook> for all of the information including completing our district’s volunteer background check process. You will need to renew this process every two years. There is an approximate two-week processing time before you are able to volunteer in our school or chaperone a field trip.



Our History:

Remembrances of Things Past



Photo by Robert T. McCoy

In 1946, an aging insulated shed sat behind the Clara Svehlek home at 940 Elm Grove Road in Elm Grove.

WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

This month's Whatzzit? could also be a "where-was-it?". To answer the second question first, the location was 940 Elm Grove Road, behind the home of **Mrs. Clara Svehlek**. (Today's readers might better remember the address as that of **Shirley Grade's** Yarn House until its demise in 2011.) Mrs. Svehlek was employed as a housekeeper for the School Sisters of Notre Dame at their convent on Watertown Plank Road. Her grandson, the late Waukesha Circuit Court Judge **Richard Congdon**, remembered being in the home with her for a time in the 1950s.

But, what was this small boxlike structure covered in makeshift insulation which sat in her backyard? It was an icehouse. This was not an unusual sight in mid-twentieth century America, but not as common as it once would have been. Actually, icehouses had been utilized since ancient times by Greeks, Romans, Persians, and others. In America, icehouses date back to colonial times, and even **George Washington** built one to service his estate at Mount Vernon. When the new Liberty Bell Center was under construction in Philadelphia in 2000, contractors uncovered the remains of a colonial icehouse with a gravel floor drain near Market Street. It was on property once belonging to **Robert Morris**, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Ice would be cut from lakes, rivers, and streams in the winter and used to lengthen the useful life of meats and vegetables. Icehouses used rustic insulation materials such as straw, sawdust, and animal fur to

keep the cut blocks of ice viable for as long as possible.

Small iceboxes used for keeping food cold in homes were developed in the early nineteenth century, and by the 1890s numerous American homes boasted their own iceboxes. They were serviced by horse-drawn insulated ice delivery wagons. Columnist **Callene Rapp** noted in a story in *Grit* magazine in 2017 that 1,500 ice delivery wagons prowled the streets of New York City in 1900 making deliveries to homes and businesses.

The icehouse behind Mrs. Svehlek's home was shared with the Schumacher Hardware and International Harvester dealership immediately to the south (now Woller-Anger & Company), accounting for its larger size. By the time photographer **Robert T. McCoy** took this picture in 1946, most homes had replaced iceboxes with modern refrigerators, yet a few holdouts remained. Viewers of classic television programs will recall that **Ralph and Alice Kramden** of "The Honeymooners" still owned an aging and problematic icebox.

By the 1950s, Mrs. Svehlek's icehouse was no longer needed for the storage of blocks of ice. It was torn down and replaced with a garage/shed which stood until it and the home were demolished in 2013 to provide additional parking for the Chocolate Factory eatery next door.

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

Elm Grove in the 1950s / 1960s

By Terry M. Warner, former Elm Grove resident

I could have been the keynote speaker (at that "Daylighting Underwood Creek" meeting in October). My 1950s early 1960s memory (before the creek was covered over) --- I vividly remember when it was an open natural creek (all-the way through town)! My buddies and I gathered our fishing tackle and were little "Tom Sawyers" romping & cane-pole fishing all along the length of the creek (watching the fast "Hiawatha" roaring-by) trackside. A pan-fish now & then, but my buddy swore he saw an elusive "Bass," swimming in it! Then around 1963, came Sentry Foods (replacing the smaller A&P grocery). The whole length of the creek (from the new grocery to Watertown Plank Rd.) was

all covered-over (w/a concrete tunnel and asphalt parking lot above). No more fishing, or exploring (south of Reinders). Never saw another fish. I always thought this was such a mistake. I'm thrilled at its future "daylighting" finally. Maybe it'll bring back some 21st. Century. "Tom Sawyers" (w/high-tech, poles)? After all, that big Bass, might be still-swimming in there, once again?



Young Writers

Who We Would Invite as Guests to Our Thanksgiving Dinners

By 3rd Graders at St. Mary's Visitation

I would invite **Aaron Rodgers**. I'll serve him dinner because I like seeing him play football on Channel 4-1 TV. I'll serve Aaron Rodgers deer. I will talk about the football team, the Packers. --- **Dominic**

If I could have any guest at Thanksgiving, I would invite **my cousins**. They are fun to play with. We would talk about our favorite things to do. I would serve them turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and cooked carrots. --- **Lucy**

I would invite **Giannis** because he is my favorite basketball player. I would talk about basketball and sports stuff. I would serve him turkey, mashed potatoes, and apple cider. --- **Ben C.**

If I could have any guest at Thanksgiving, it would be **Lebron James**. I would have him over because he's really funny and because he's one of my favorite NBA players. I would talk about a lot of sports. I would serve him chicken and mashed potatoes. --- **Paddy**

If I could invite someone to my Thanksgiving meal, I would have **my uncle** over on my Dad's side. I will invite him because I don't get to see him that much. We will talk about why he likes the Cardinals. We will have turkey, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce. I will have a great Thanksgiving! --- **Grace**

If I could have any guest at Thanksgiving, I would invite **Jesus**. I would talk to him and ask him questions about the miracles he performed. For dinner, I would serve him corn, mashed potatoes, turkey, and rolls. Before Jesus left, I would ask him how I could be more holy. --- **Rose**

I would have **Santa Claus** come to my house for Thanksgiving. I would like to see what he looks like. I would ask him how he gets to every house in one night. And I would serve him turkey for dinner. --- **Allison**

I would invite **my Aunt Casey** over for Thanksgiving dinner. I love her so much and she is so fun. I would talk about how her job is going. I would serve her pumpkin pie, stuffing, potatoes, and gravy. --- **Julian**

For Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite **St. Clare of Assisi**. I am doing a report on her. We will talk about faith and love. We will eat chicken and buns. For dessert, we will have ice cream sundaes. --- **Emily**

For Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite **Elon Musk**. I would love to see his Tesla and I would ask him about his company. I would serve him turkey and mashed potatoes. --- **Joey**

I would invite **my Grandma and Grandpa** over for Thanksgiving because they are super funny and fun to play with. I would talk to them about how their Thanksgiving is going. I would serve them stuffing and a salad. I couldn't serve them turkey because the turkey walked away. --- **Lorelei**

I would like to invite **my uncle** over for Thanksgiving dinner. He is so nice to my siblings. He always sleeps over at our house and I am so happy about that. I would serve him turkey, ground beef, green and red jello, and mashed potatoes. --- **Maddie**

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NEW at the Community Foundation

Community Foundation Sponsors Fish Restocking

The Elm Grove Community Foundation sponsored the restocking of fish for the Village Park pond in early October. The pond was restocked with minnows and several types of game fish.

We hope that by funding projects like this we can propel the enjoyment of the Village park into the future!



BOOK IT! Oktoberfest - September 15 & 16, 2023

Calendar of Events – November 2022

Friday – NOVEMBER 4

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: Linda Wickstrom, Waukesha County Public Information Officer.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Gene McDaniel; Topic: “What is Flight for Life?”
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – NOVEMBER 6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – Set clocks back 1 hour

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park.
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• **American Legion Post #449**
Honor Flight Fundraising event at 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield; (262) 212-9955

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 8 GENERAL ELECTION

- Vote 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Wednesday – NOVEMBER 9

• **Dementia Friendly Elmbrook** offers Purple Lily Friendship Café, 10:00 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, etc. For more details or to register, call or text Nancy Shea, (262) 617-7152 or e-mail Dementiafriendlyelmbrook@gmail.com.

Friday – NOVEMBER 11



• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Topic: “Waukesha County Parks & Land Use”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Adam Plowman; Topic: “Life of a 2pc Aluminum Can and Industry Insights”
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Sunday – NOVEMBER 13

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park.
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Thursday – NOVEMBER 17

• **OWLS – Seniors’ Group**
Lunch and program: “Speaking of Unmentionables”; Community United Methodist Church, Elm Grove. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org>.



Friday – NOVEMBER 18

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Paul Walter; Topic: “The Ups and Downs and Lows of Being a Pilot”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – NOVEMBER 20

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. to Noon at Village Park.
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Thursday – NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING Elm Grove Village Hall Closed

Friday – NOVEMBER 25

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• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Dr. Paul Knudson; Topic: “Diabetes”.
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Sunday – NOVEMBER 27

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park.
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Monday – NOVEMBER 28

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News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Woman's Club

A horse-drawn wagon carries visitors to the Elm Grove Woman's Club during a past Christmas in the Grove event.

Christmas in the Grove – November 11 & 12

(ELM GROVE) A cherished village tradition, Christmas in the Grove returns in full merriment on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12.

For decades, the Elm Grove Woman's Club has hosted this beloved event that boasts exclusive vendors displaying unique jewelry, leather, fused glass, knit goods, and other handcrafted items and home decor that make wonderful Christmas gifts, or a treat for yourself. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through our historic clubhouse at 13885 Watertown Plank Road and sip our delicious jingle juice as you shop for the holidays stress free. Stop by the Elf Grove Cafe for a delicious lunch, snacks, and beverages. Take a chance on a raffle basket



and take some baked goods home to share with friends and family.

Hours are Friday, November 11, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 (Children 12 and under free!)



Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Rotary

Elmbrook Rotary members Paul Sawicki, Jack Hill, Paul Langer, and Tom Curl at a Habitat for Humanity worksite.

Rotarians Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

By Jackson Bubolz

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) made a decision in 2021 to actively search out opportunities to perform more "hands on" service work. One partnership that really took off was with Milwaukee's Habitat for Humanity, creating opportunities for 4 build projects this year.

Habitat for Humanity aims to bring affordable homeownership to anyone who desires it. A way they do that in Milwaukee is by purchasing vacant lots to build on. They fundraise to acquire building materials and wages for their employees, and Habitat relies heavily on volunteer groups for labor. Some labor volunteers come from large corporations, and some comes from churches and service groups like the ERC.

On September 22, 2022, Rotarians **Paul Sawicki, Jack Hill, Paul Langer, and Tom Curl** worked with Habitat employees and "Habituals" (volunteer 3+ days a week) to frame the second story of a home on 5th St in Milwaukee. They hoisted walls from the ground to the second level, they tacked in walls, and prepared the home to be enclosed. The home they worked on could be ready for a family to take over the mortgage as soon as Spring.

If you've been curious about getting involved in a Habitat build, reading to kids, doing a highway clean up, traveling on an international project, or simply want a group of friends to have breakfast with each Friday, please reach out to the Elmbrook Rotary Club for more information. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

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News Briefs

Holiday Book Sale to be Held at Elm Grove Library

By Janet Wintersberger

The Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) are hosting its Mini Holiday Book Sale on November 12, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale is part of the "Holiday in the Grove Celebration". Many residents know the library is an integral part of the village, so please make time to stop and shop.



New this year are literary ornaments which you and others will enjoy.

We promise a less crowded, less hectic, and more friendly environment. The sale will be in the library's foyer and into the hallway of the village. Start your shopping early on November 12 at the Friends sale and help support the library. All

As in previous years, the Friends have curated a wonderful selection of books for adults and children, DVDs, CDs, gently used puzzles and pristine journals for gift-giving.

proceeds go to the library to enhance the services for you. We'll be delighted to see you on November 12.



Community Wildlife Habitat

By Elm Grove NWF Habitat Team

The Beautification Committee along with the Birders of the Grove group is working hard to help make Elm Grove the **FIRST** community in the STATE of Wisconsin to achieve the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) **Community Habitat certification**. This program has been in existence since 1997—yes, 25 years and no community in our state has yet accomplished certification. Why? Because it isn't a simple endeavor!



This achievement requires attaining the required number of points in 5 different categories: registration, education, administration, community outreach, and certified habitats. Based on population, we require 150 points in certified habitats which we achieve by certifying homes, common areas, churches, and schools. Getting certified requires each space to assure it has what is needed to support birds, amphibians, and pollinators—food, water, cover, a place to raise young, and adherence to sustainability practices. So far, our community is 13.3% of the way to achieving certification.



And yet, the process is simple. Just log onto the NWF website at www.nwf.org/certify and follow the steps. Registering your yard does require a one-time tax-deductible application fee of \$20 which helps support NWF programs.



A team of volunteers has been assembled to assist the village in meeting the required criteria. If you have questions regarding how to get your yard certified, want assistance in getting a common area, school, or church certified, or would like to join the Habitat Team, please reach out via Beautification@elmgrovewi.org.

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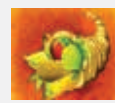
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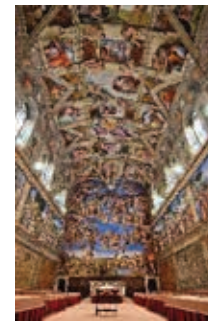
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The Handprint of Michelangelo on the Sistine Chapel Monday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Each year, over five million people visit the Sistine Chapel. It was built in 1473 by Pope Sixtus IV. Upon completion, a team of Renaissance artists created a series of paintings on the walls depicting the lives of Christ and Moses. In 1505, determined to update the space, Pope Julius II ordered Michelangelo to fresco the ceiling. Along with a handful of assistants, Michelangelo covered the 3000-square-foot ceiling with over 150 pictorial units and 300 figures.



Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Lorrie Wenzel will identify the biblical stories that saturate the Sistine Chapel. A former scripture professor, church historian, and noted expert in the biblical imagery in sacred spaces, Dr. Wenzel has spent many hours inside the Sistine Chapel.

Plastics Reduction and You (EG Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series) / Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

On Planet Earth, we use one million plastic bags and one million plastic bottles every minute—of every day and every night. And less than 9% of all plastics ever used have been recycled. This consumption is unsustainable. Learn why recycling isn't accomplishing what it needs to, and what we can do to create cultural eco shifts in your life that will also increase connection and camaraderie within your community. Presented by Marissa Jablonski, Executive Director of Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. Free to attend. No registration required.

This is the third program in the 2022-23 Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series, with partner support from the Elm Grove Library.

A Cup of Health: The Importance of Laughter and Health Tuesday, November 22, 1:30 p.m.

It has been said that laughter is the best medicine. In most cases medicine is actually the best medicine, but laughter can be good for your health. Come learn how laughter reduces stress, boosts our immune system, aids in protecting our heart, and even burns calories. Also learn fun, simple ways to add more laughter into your life.

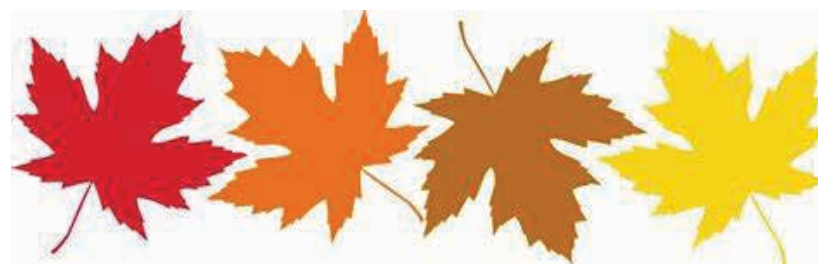


This is the last in a series of five "Cup of Health" presentations in 2022. The presentations are co-sponsored by the Waukesha County Public Health Dept., the ADRC of Waukesha County, and the Elm Grove Library. Handout on the topic and a small gift will be available for participants at the end of each session. Advance registration is appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.



New Service: Print from anywhere!

The library recently added mobile print functionality to its offerings. With mobile print, you can create and send a print job from any device, anywhere, and pay & pick up at the library. Print prices are 0.15 for B&W and 0.50 for color copies. There are three ways to print wirelessly. Learn more at elmgrovelibrary.org.



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Photos courtesy: Nepali Cultural Program

A series of images taken at the Dashain celebration in Brookfield.

Nepalese Community Unites to Celebrate Dashain

By Abby Subedi, 6th Grade, Pilgrim Park

Nepalese descendants from Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, Germantown, Elm Grove, Franklin, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay came together to celebrate Dashain at the Mitchell Park Pavilion on Sunday, October 9th, 2022. They prepared, for the first time in the history of Wisconsin, ethnic food from Kathmandu known as “Newari Bhoje” to celebrate Dashain.

from Nepal celebrates it, regardless of their religious background. A group of kids performed a play about Vijaya Dashami, celebrating the goddess Durga defeating the evil Mahishasur. The next Dashain program will be held on October 28, 2023. They will also celebrate the Nepali New Year on April 8th, 2023.

Although Dashain is considered the most significant Hindu festival, everyone

Thank you, Nepali Cultural Program, for organizing this fantastic cultural event.

FALL

By Harper and Addie
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Fun in the leaves
All the children playing
Leaves falling
Love for all

Fall Poem

By Roselyn R. and Rosalie T.
4th Grade -Tonawanda

Leaves falling, piles of fun!
Apple cider for everyone!
Pumpkin pie is nearby!
Brrr! It's getting cold, oh my!
Turkey on the table, yum!
Fall really has been fun,
but at some point it will have to be done.



Hats Project Benefits People Who are Homeless

By Cooper Schwartz, 11th Grade – Brookfield East High School

Hi! I am Cooper Schwartz, a 16-year-old who has just moved to Elm Grove from Connecticut and am currently a junior at Brookfield East High School. Since I was 10 years old, I have enjoyed volunteering my time at local soup kitchens and running clothing drives to help support families in need. A little over 3 years ago, as I learned more about those who struggle with housing, I decided to start a business to make an even bigger impact and help people that are homeless. That business is called **Hedgehog Beanies**, a company that sells great winter hats and baseball hats. For every hat sold, we donate a warm winter hat, gloves, and a pair of socks to someone that is homeless and to shelters and organizations that are working to support this community. All leftover proceeds are additionally donated to organizations to help transition people into stable housing.



This mission received a lot of media attention at the beginning of the pandemic, which translated into many orders. To date we have been able to donate over 10,000 hats, socks and gloves to people who really need it. We were able to donate to every homeless shelter throughout New England

and the greater NYC area. Now settled here in Wisconsin, I am hoping to be able to do more of the same and directly help the more than 50,000 people in the upper Midwest that experience homelessness, starting here in Milwaukee and Chicago. Please support a good cause by going to www.hedgehogbeanies.com. It's getting cold out there! Our hats make great holiday gifts and your purchase will be helping someone who can use a little extra warmth this winter.

Interview with My Teacher, Mrs. Shinners

By Lucy McWey, 2nd Grade - Tonawanda

***How did you know you wanted to be a teacher?** “I always loved school and my teachers. I would play school when I got home from real school. My teachers would give me their old books and supplies to use. I had a chalkboard in my room. Also, my sister is 8 years older and is a teacher. When she started teaching, I would help her set up her classroom.”

***What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?** “I have so much fun with my students! I love to make learning fun and my favorite thing is to find ways to make learning fun for students and myself.”

***Where did you go to elementary school?** “Walt Wittman school on the southwest side of Milwaukee. It was a K5-6th grade school.”

***How do you feel when a student accomplishes something new?** “I feel so excited for the students and I want to celebrate with them. When a lightbulb goes off, I feel success for them and feel like I did a good job, too.”

***What is your favorite holiday?** “Thanksgiving. I love being together with my family and being thankful. Last year, we had Thanksgiving with my immediate and extended family. The tables were all connected from one room to another! I even cooked the turkey upside down, but we still had fun!”

Photo (at left) by Katie McWey

Lucy McWey (holding interview questions) poses with her 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Shinners at Tonawanda Elementary.

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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Kate's Favorite Song

By Taylor, 4th Grade -Tonawanda

It was Veterans Day and Kate was so excited because she got to see her Uncle Mark for the Veterans Day show. Kate also got in the choir, so she can sing a song dedicated to her uncle. When Kate got home, she graded her chromebook and opened google classroom to choir. When she got to the song "Love for Our Veterans", Kate sang the song loud and clear. Her brother, Jackson, yelled to her, "Quiet down, I'm doing homework!" "OK!" she yelled back.

The next morning, Kate was so excited to go to school because she had choir, and that means the song will be practiced. After choir, she got ready for the show. Kate wore a romper and some sandals. When Kate went to her school stage, everybody was lined up and ready, so Kate lined up, too. The whole choir sang for 10 minutes when they finally got to her dedicated song. The teacher said in the microphone, "This song is dedicated to Soldier Jonsen" I sang "Love for Veterans" and I saw Uncle Mark start to tear up. I was so happy to see him.



An Interview with a Second Grader

By Midori, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

*What is your name? "Conor"

*Who is your teacher? "Miss Kesler"

*How does it feel to start second grade "Really exiting"

*What is your favorite subject in school? Math"

*Is second grade fun or not fun? Why? "Fun, because I got my chromebook for the first time."

Thank you, Conor, for the interview.

The Betrayal to the Dark Side

By Johnny Kim and Aaron Dimond
4th Grade - Tonawanda

10-years-old, Zack hated working for the CIA. If it wasn't his ancestors that were the best agents of the CIA, he would've been working as a scientist. One day, Zack was on a mission to figure out who hacked into a bank account. As he searched the bank for clues, he found a mysterious note. It said on the outside not to open until he was at a private spot. So, he took the note back to the CIA. When he was in a really private spot, he opened the note. It said: *Do you hate working for the CIA? Then come and join our spy agency. From Dark Watcher.* Zack unscrambled the bloated letters and gasped. The unscrambled word was **Dark Shadow**. Dark Shadow was an evil spy organization which the CIA had defeated. "They must have organized their agency again," Zack thought. Zack thought about the offer. Then he made his choice. He was going to join the Dark Shadow agency.

To be continued...

Interview: Cole Rivecca

By Adam P. and Franklin W.
4th Grade -Tonawanda

Cole is 4'4". He is on a U11 select soccer team and the 4th grade Junior Spartans Basketball. His favorite soccer team is Manchester United. His top 3 favorite subjects are gym, recess and music. His favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate cookie dough. His favorite food is orange roll. His favorite color is orange. His top 3 favorite sports are soccer, basketball and baseball. His favorite book is *Percy Jackson 1*. His favorite treat is Hershey's. Cole's favorite video game is *Halo Infinite* that he plays on Xbox.

JAM Club

By Jane Heerey, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

My name is Jane. I am here to write about the JAM Club!!!!!!! I love JAM Club so let me explain to you what it is. I am a part of the JAM Club. I am the J in the club. Arie (in third grade) is the A. Mila (in fifth grade) is the M and the oldest. Caroline (in second grade) is the Capital C and the youngest. Now, I'll tell you what we are trying to do. We can do jobs around our neighborhood such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, babysitting, weeding, pet sitting, dog walking, car washing, and many more jobs. Half of our proceeds go to the Children's Hospital to help Kids.

November, November

By Cecilia Koval and Penelope Marsh
4th Grade -Tonawanda

Never enough fun

Oh wow, this is amazing

Very fun

Everlasting fun

Magical

Beautiful

Exciting

Ready for Thanksgiving

Interview: Franklin Wittrock

By Cole Rivecca, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Franklin's favorite sports are football and basketball. His favorite colors are red and gold. His least favorite color is dark green. His favorite book is *Percy Jackson*. He loves Taco Bell. He likes penguins and snakes. He turned 10 on October 30th. His favorite time of school is gym, recess, and art. His favorite ice cream flavor is Grasshopper Fudge. Ice cream cookies are his favorite treats.

The Little Warrior Foundation

By Blue Gress, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

The Little Warrior Foundation helps kids that are really sick, including Cancer. If you donate money to The Little Warrior Foundation, kids make a wish and their wish comes true. Some people wish to go to Disney World. My Mom's friend, Maggie Spada, her daughter, Lucy, had cancer and was treated by The Little Warrior Foundation. She made a wish, and because of the donated money, her wish came true. Lucy has become big and strong again, and is able to share her story. People are getting diagnosed with cancer every minute, second, and hour. Some of those people are getting treated right now in hospitals and are able to make a wish through The Little Warrior Foundation. So please, donate money to The Little Warrior Foundation because their battle is our battle, too.

Interview: Jack V.

By Harris, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

I'm going to be interviewing a new Elm Grove resident, Jack V! So, Jack, what did it feel like to move from Brooklyn, NYC, to Elm Grove, WI? Jack said, "Well, I was kind of sad at first, then I got kind of angry, but now I have a lot of new friends, and I feel a lot better."

So, now that you are here, what do you do for fun? Jack responded: "I play with Legos, and when I'm bored of that, I just play with a bouncy ball."

So, how do you like Tonawanda Elementary School? His response: "Overall, I think it is a great school."

Is there anything that you think Tonawanda should change in the future?

His response: "I think that gym time for 4th graders should be extended."

Jack: Thank you for spending some time to help me do this interview.

When I Hit My First Home Run

By Teaghan C.

5th Grade, Tonawanda Elementary

Dad and I walked down to the field to my coach. "Hi, Coach Ann."

"Hi Teaghan," Coach replied. "Go play catch. You'll hit after J.J."

"Okay."

I jogged into the dugout, hung up my bag, took out my glove, and ran to the outfield.

"Wanna play catch?" I asked Avery.

"Sure," he replied.

"Everybody bring it in!" Coach Ann yelled across the field. "Okay guys. We are playing the only "A" team in the tournament, the Braves."

I could imagine the end of the game, high fiving but sad because we'd get run ruled.

"Teaghan, you're playing catcher," Coach Ann called to me.

By the fifth inning we had two people on base and two outs. The score was nine to eighteen and we were losing.

I stepped up to bat. The pitcher threw the ball. I swung.

"Strike one!"

The pitcher threw again.

"Strike two!"

I had one more chance.

The pitcher threw.

I bunted it and ran, pretty sure I was going to get out.

The pitcher overthrew the ball. So did first base and second! I ran faster, sliding into home plate. I hit a homerun!

My Birthday

By Jacob K.

5th Grade, Tonawanda Elementary

My Birthday is coming soon and I am very excited.

I really want Kirby and the Forgotten Land. I am not quite sure what else I want.

I want it to be Splatoon related, with Inklings and Octolings.

To be honest I don't know a lot about what's going to happen on my birthday.

This year has gone by so fast, it feels like my last birthday was just yesterday.

But each day is going by so slowly. It is becoming very late.

I don't really have anything else to say, so wish me a happy birthday.

Fall

By Charlotte Driscoll

St. Mary's Visitation School, Grade 4

The wind is blowing.

The leaves are falling.

The houses are decorated.

Fall is here!

Book: The First Rule of the Climate Club

Review by Janavi Wagle, 8th Grade - Pilgrim Park Middle School

Climate change is a matter of great concern today. Our planet hasn't been the same as it once was. Humanity is at a difficult intersection because of the impact of climate change. Sadly, people are scared to breathe the air because they don't know what's in the air, or to take a sip of water, or eat non-organic foods. It is snowing in summer in places it shouldn't be and at the same time, many countries are struggling with extreme heat, drought, and wildfires. To increase awareness about the impact of climate change and promote advocacy, I'm sharing a middle grade book "First Rule of the Climate Club" by Carrie Firestone.

The main character is Mary Kate Murphy, an eighth-grader who is prepared for her final year of middle school. She gets accepted into a Climate Club at school along with her best friend Lucy. However, Lucy is very sick from a mysterious illness and has been staying home until she gets better. Mary Kate joins

Blue!

By Madelyn Iwanski

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Blue is a 10-year-old girl, and she has 1 step-sister named Ella Z. Her favorite food is her family's famous meatballs. Her favorite sport is Dance and she loves the color, Pink. Blue plays the Violin. She also likes the song, "On My Way" by Jennifer Lopez. Blue's favorite animal is a sea lion. Blue's favorite snack is cinnabons. Blue has 0 pets. So now you know all about Blue!

My Trip to Croatia

By Dominik Kovacic

4th Grade - Tonawanda

The last time I went to Croatia was a couple of years ago, and I'm willing to tell you all about it. I was 7-years-old when we flew there. The reason we were going there was because my dad is from Croatia, which meant I have grandparents there. I was so excited because last year when I went there it was super fun. This time it was even better. When we got there, I gave my grandma and grandpa a gigantic hug and then me, and the dog started to play around. The dog's name was Croatian so it might be hard to pronounce, his name is Ari. I probably spelled it wrong. But anyways, the next day we set up the pool because it was super hot outside. Swimming in the pool felt so good. Then my cousin, Nico, came and I was confused because he looked super different, but eventually I got used to it. Then my grandpa drove up a mountain with his truck. He had a little shack there, we even brought the dog. That was the end of my trip. (Even though I could write more it wouldn't fit in the newspaper.)



Thanksgiving

By Joy Kim and Natalie Conroy

3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Turkey is delicious

Happy Thanksgiving

All together

Nobody left out

Kindness everywhere

So much food

Giving out food

I like Thanksgiving

Very yummy food

I like the kindness

Never boring

Good times

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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Gebhardt Road Reconstruction Referendum Supports Critical Infrastructure

Elm Grove voters will be asked in a referendum question on the Tuesday November 8 ballot to decide whether the Village should rebuild Gebhardt Road and install a pedestrian pathway between Highland and Pilgrim. I recommend that residents vote YES to support the renewal of this core infrastructure in our Village and allow the Village to achieve the most competitive pricing possible.

The reconstruction of Gebhardt Road is necessary because its condition has deteriorated substantially and is crumbling at its edges, which is unacceptable for a key arterial road in our Village. Roads in the Village are assessed biannually and Gebhardt is in dire need of replacement. The road will be rebuilt with the current base removed and shaped and the culverts replaced so it will last for the next 50 years. A badly needed pedestrian pathway will be installed along the southern edge of Gebhardt to improve safe walking conditions, an important enhancement since we have a growing number of families with young children in the Village. This will also provide easier and safer access to Pilgrim Park Middle School. Highland Road will also be shaved down one foot to meet the minimum State standards for sightlines for drivers turning from Gebhardt and Hillside onto Highland Drive. Village engineers evaluated whether to relocate the

intersection of Gebhardt and Highland but ultimately deemed it an unnecessary expense.

The estimated total project cost is \$1.7 million (including a 20% cost contingency), an amount that requires approval by the voters per the public works referendum approved by voters earlier this year. The Village intends to fund this project including \$550k from the 2023 tax levy, \$220k from the capital budget (funds set aside for this project over the past 5 years), and either a grant from the state of Wisconsin or public bond. The Village has applied for grant that would provide 80% of the cost with the decision due from the State of Wisconsin later this fall, which would substantially reduce the net cost to Village taxpayers.

My recommendation is that Village residents vote YES on Tuesday, November 8, because Gebhardt Road is part of the Village's critical infrastructure; its reconstruction will benefit residents for many decades.

The proposed funding provides the most fiscally responsible approach, combining the Village's prudent long-term conservative approach to budgeting with an opportunity to access federal infrastructure funds to cover a majority of the cost.

John Schindler
Trustee - Village of Elm Grove

Vote YES on Gebhardt Reconstruction Referendum

The last item on the November 8th ballot is the "Village of Elm Grove Gebhardt Road Reconstruction Referendum".

Vote YES on this referendum to approve roadway and intersection improvements and very importantly, construct a pedestrian pathway along Gebhardt Road between Pilgrim Road and Highland Drive. All aspects of this project will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians alike. Importantly, the project will reconstruct an intersection that currently has terrible sight lines and will provide an area of the village that lacks walkability and bikeability with a safe off-road pathway for recreation. As one of the major roadways within the village,

Gebhardt is currently crumbling and needs to be rebuilt. It lacks any appreciable shoulder or safe area for pedestrians to walk on. Like other major roadways with beloved paths in the village (Juneau, Legion, Watertown Plank, and the brand-new Elm Grove Road pathway to name a few), this road deserves a pathway. I live on the opposite side of Elm Grove and yet I still see the extreme obvious need for us as an electorate to vote in favor of municipal improvements such as this that will improve Elm Grove. Vote YES for safety November 8th.

Sarah Wynia-Smith
Elm Grove



News Briefs



Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

ARTWORK BY STUDENTS AT FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL is displayed on a wall in the Board Room at the Elmbrook School District Office in Brookfield. School personnel received compliments from the District Office staff thanking them for sharing the students' art. Among the comments: "It's so colorful and brightens up the plain board room".

BEHS Elects Class Officers

(BROOKFIELD) Students at Brookfield East High School recently elected Class Officers for the 2022-2023 school year. They include:

SENIOR CLASS

President: **Ruba Ahmed**
 Vice President: **Ty Kelley**
 Treasurer: **Sara Jester**
 Secretary: **Anika Garg**

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President: **Rohith Kumar**
 Vice President: **Shilpa Kumar**
 Treasurer: **Bani Arora**
 Secretary: **Juliana Zosel**

JUNIOR CLASS

President: **Fletch Allenstein**
 Vice President: **Ella Kelsey**
 Treasurer: **Clara Newman**
 Secretary: **Lucy Irwin**

FRESHMAN CLASS

President: **Jake Zheng**
 Vice President: **Henry Caruso**
 Treasurer: **Kyra Jester**
 Secretary: **Reese Garrettson**

How to Spot and Eliminate Buckthorn

By Members of the Elm Grove Beautification Committee

Take a drive anywhere through the state or throughout Elm Grove in late fall, and buckthorn will be easy to spot. That's because buckthorn is one of the last plants to shed its leaves for the winter. Some people think buckthorn provides a nice privacy hedge, but it is a very invasive shrub, and late fall is a great time for getting rid of it.



if you have further questions about identifying buckthorn or ways to eliminate it from your yard.

Buckthorn is very fast-growing woody vegetation and can spread quickly from yard to yard. It is quite prolific tolerating both full sun and deep shade. As it matures, it shades out other native plants, wildlife habitat and food sources.

Key facts about Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)

Fall is a good time to get at the buckthorn. As noted, it's easily spotted, and because most of the native plants have gone dormant, the risk of them being damaged by control efforts is lower. It is best to eliminate this woody weed by pulling the plant root and all out of the ground, and if larger than 3 feet tall, cutting at the base and treating with a herbicide, since this very tough and resilient weed will grow back if not treated. In fact, 2-inch weeds can grow into a buckthorn tree in just a few years.

- Common buckthorn has a broad environmental tolerance. It leafs out very early and retains its leaves late into the growing season, giving them a longer growing season than native plants.

- The branches of mature common buckthorn will have a small thorn at the tip of the twig.

- The fruits are eagerly eaten by birds, and the seeds are thereby spread widely. When the trees reach maturity, they produce abundant fruit and within a few years there are commonly thousands of seedlings around the base of each mature tree. A cut stump will sprout vigorously.
- Buckthorn berries have a laxative effect (hence the species name cathartic), robbing birds of nutrition and ensuring the seeds are spread quickly across the landscape.

- Allelopathic; produces chemical compounds that inhibit the growth of other vegetation.

Following up is the key to controlling buckthorn. It's easier to remove new growth than established growth. Learning to recognize buckthorn seedlings and small buckthorn trees is key to keeping growth of this species under control. A program of repeated surveillance of your landscaping will give you the best bang for your buck(thorn).

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Local Sports



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Brookfield Academy seniors **Lexi Kass** (at left) and **Laurette Blanchard** of Elm Grove finished 5th in the WIAA Division 2 State Tennis Tournament in Madison at the Nielsen Stadium on October 14th-15th.



Photo courtesy of Daryl 'DJ' Richlen, Jr.

The Elmbrook United U12 Boys Classic White won a tournament championship September 24th & 25th at the Elmbrook Cup held at Voigt Park. The boys were a perfect 4-0 on the weekend, scoring seventeen goals while only allowing three. The team is coached by **Jose Segura** and has fourteen boys from all around the metro area.

PPMS Runners Win Cross Country Challenge Race

(ELM GROVE) In mid-October, a team of 10 Pilgrim Park Middle School runners participated in the 24th Annual Elite Sport & Spine XC Grade School Challenge cross country race. They were **Avery Mantei, Dylan Szeszterniack, Elise Miller, Zoe Rouskey, Gabby Moss, Allison French, Isa Kolbe,**

Sophia Shorts, Amelia Harmelink, and Brooklyn Haugen. More than 40 teams and 200 runners were at the meet. The Pilgrim Park team took first place overall and won the competition. Avery took 2nd place overall. Dylan took 4th. Elise and Zoe completed the official card.

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Hello, I'm **Michelangelo!** After finishing my masterpiece on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, I spent some time roaming the streets of Wisconsin with my sister, **Busch.** We then spent the last few months in a foster home learning about people and the joys of being loved. Now that I am more comfortable around humans, I am ready for my next adventure in my forever home. Busch and I don't have to be adopted together, but it would be nice if I could be with her or another feline friend in my new home. Even though I have come along way with trusting people, I still need someone who has a lot of patience and is willing to give me the time I need. If you are willing to offer lots of pets and head scratches, but can wait patiently to hold me or snuggle me, then fill out an application today! <https://ebhs.org> Call (262) 782-9261 for more information.

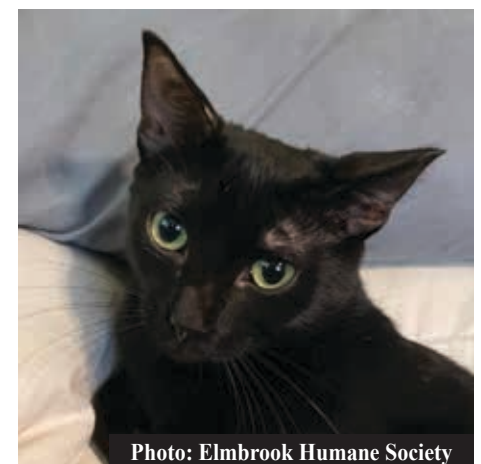


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