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Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

St. Mary's Visitation School and Notre Dame Middle School students hold candles representing various continents as they gather around the Peace Pole at Notre Dame of Elm Grove during this year's Peace Day celebration.

International Day of Peace Celebrated in Elm Grove

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

The School Sisters of Notre Dame community welcomed students and teachers from St. Mary's Visitation and Notre Dame Middle School of Milwaukee, fellow SSND members, employees, friends, and local residents to their International Day of Peace celebration, September 20, at the Notre Dame of Elm Grove campus on Watertown Plank Road.

The 16th annual event included prayers for peace, the reading of "Peace Reflections" by student writers, and a procession of SMV and MDM students carrying various colored candles, each symbolizing a continent of the world.

A statement issued by SSND notes: "Each year, the International Day of Peace is held

to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples. In 1981, the United Nations established the day to be observed as a day of global ceasefire and nonviolence. It is one of the international social justice days designated for special commemoration by the international congregation of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
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The **Final Draft of the Downtown Master Plan** was issued, and an Open House was held at the Sunset Playhouse to continue discussion of the Downtown Master Plan concepts. The Plan illustrates possible redevelopment options for the downtown area. Some residents have been confused by the plan options which depict possible multifamily housing on the site of existing businesses. Most of the existing downtown properties are zoned Business-2. The B-2 zoning allows a variety of professional and retail businesses or multifamily housing. The Plan is illustrating what the landowners would be able to do under existing zoning.

The Plan is available for review on the Village website: www.elmgrove.org. Please review the Plan and submit comments. The Village Board will be discussing this Final Draft and all comments received before scheduling any action on the Plan. The Plan, if approved, does not change any existing zoning, nor does it approve any specific building development. The Plan is intended to identify issues, illustrate possible development concepts, and discuss resident preferences.

It is most likely that a Public Hearing on the Final Plan will take place in November or December.

(See **VILLAGE UPDATE** — Page 3)



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Elm Grove Village President **Neil Palmer** (at right) speaks to a standing-room-only audience of community members during a "Downtown Master Plan" Open House / Presentation at Sunset Playhouse on September 19. (See Village Update.)

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Issue # 110!

Every issue of the *News-Independent* contains an abundance of local news and information, but one feature that I especially relate to and value is our "Young Writers & Cub Reporters" section.

In this issue, I hope that you will enjoy reading (on pages 9 & 10) about "Peace" and "Pumpkins" and "Autumn" and a few personal reflections on the meaning of "Success" by a total of 23 students (14 from Tonawanda Elementary; 8 from St. Mary's Visitation; and 1 who is homeschooled.)

From where will our future journalists and creative writers emerge? Perhaps from here. But, whether or not any of the "Young Writers & Cub Reporters" published in these pages become professional writers in years to come, they are certainly getting some extra practice now as they strive to be increasingly more competent, thoughtful writers and, overall, better communicators. Those are skills that are greatly needed in all of our lives — young and old alike.

So, encourage your children to WRITE! Sit with them, read our "Young Writers" + all the other news, together. You'll learn more about our community in the process.



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

Volunteers from TeamUp! With Families / Katy's Kloset accept a check from **Bob Anger** (at left) of Woller-Anger & Company during the final 2019 Cruisin' the Grove Car & Motorcycle Night, September 9 in the parking lot behind Silver Spur.

Cruisin' the Grove Raises \$\$ for Local Charities

The 7th Annual on-street Classic Car and Motorcycle Show: "Cruisin' the Grove" was held in downtown Elm Grove on August 4, welcoming an impressive number of local and out-of-town vehicle enthusiasts to our community.

"We are pleased with the success of the Cruisin' the Grove season!" said **Brad Anger** of Woller-Anger & Company. "The new total, including a few last-minute contributions, is \$9,658 for 2019.

In seven years of hosting the on-street show, a net total of \$53,782 has been donated to charity. Milwaukee Heat Wheelchair Basketball was the recipient for the first three years, and TeamUp! With Families (along with Katy's Kloset) was the recipient for the past four years."

TeamUp! With Families is a non-profit organization that helps families of individuals with special needs through activities, services, and programs.

Katy's Kloset is a non-profit lending library that accepts donations of good, used-but-durable medical equipment for children and adults. The facility is located at 404 Wilmont Drive – Unit D, Waukesha, WI 53189.

Area residents in need of medical equipment such as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, and hundreds of other items can visit Katy's Kloset and borrow items free of charge.

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Raffles, Prizes / Food, Beer, Wine & Soda will be available
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Village Update

(Continued from Page 1)

Construction has begun with excavation of the Elm Grove Heights building on Bluemound Road, just east of Elm Grove Road. The new 75-unit building is an Independent Senior Living development which is restricted to tenants 62-years-old and above. It is scheduled to open in late summer 2020. (See AD – Page 2)

Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday October 5 from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Pavilion in the Village Park. The annual event is sponsored by the Elm Grove Foundation. Food, beer, music and games to celebrate fall.

Construction of the new Village swimming pool Splash Pad will begin in the second week of October. The schedule anticipates the Splash Pad being open for the swimming season next summer. Many thanks to the Elm Grove Foundation for leading fundraising of this important improvement at our pool.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi is hosting their annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 26 at St. Luke Church at 18000 W. Greenfield in Brookfield. Elmbrook Senior Taxi provides low cost transportation for area seniors. This service helps our neighbors stay in the community. (See story – Page 7)

Elm Grove’s annual Trick or Treating will be held Saturday, October 26 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Please welcome all the little goblins and superheroes and remember to be very cautious driving.

The prudent financial management of our Village resulted in the **credit rating for Village bonds** to be raised to Aa1 from Aa2. The increase in credit worthiness lowers the cost of money we borrow for capital projects. The Village Board gets some credit, but Village Finance Director **Monica Hughes** and Village Manager **Dave DeAngelis** deserve most of the credit.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the **Firstfruits Annual FUNraiser** at the 890 Building in Elm Grove. Firstfruits, now in its 8th year, provides a place where women of all faith traditions and from all over the area can nurture their faith through a variety of programs, events and studies. But that night the focus was on fun, with food, music and raffles enjoyed in the 890 Building courtyard on a pleasant September evening. A good time was had by all! www.firstfruits.info

Good Neighbors

Catherine Newbauer

By Judy Prudisch

Friend, companion, thoughtful, loving, considerate and funny, **Catherine Newbauer** is, all around, a very special neighbor.

Made with love and imagination, whether for a fund-raiser or just because: a wonderful theme cake or other goodies.

Prayers are a staple. Always for others. Catherine is there. Selfless giving.

How blessed is any person who has the opportunity to have had Catherine touch them. Much love and hugs.

Waukesha County News

Wanted: Habitat for Humanity – ReStore Volunteers

ReStore, which raises funds to benefit **Habitat for Humanity** through its retail operations, is in need of volunteers to help with store merchandising, customer service, store maintenance, donation intake, and cashiering. You don’t need to lift a hammer to help!

E-mail: volunteer@habitatwaukesha.org or call: Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County at (262) 309-6025 for information.

Waukesha County Parks Announces Special Archery Hunt in Nashotah Park for Deer Herd Control

(WAUKESHA, WI) – In a continued effort to reduce the deer population in Nashotah Park, Waukesha County will open a limited archery hunt for the third year within the park to hunters that are licensed and have deer harvest authorization (formerly known as deer tags) through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The special archery hunt will take place from November 27 through December 17, 2019 in Nashotah Park, located at W330 N5113 County Highway C.

Deer browse assessments, conducted by the Wisconsin DNR staff and Waukesha County staff, have demonstrated that an overabundant deer population is preventing native plants and seedlings from regenerating in the park. The hunt will also assist in controlling the deer herd to allow for an adequate food source to sustain their population, and increase habitat for other wildlife in the park.

The park will remain open for all non-hunting recreational use during the special hunt. Hunting will not be allowed near the picnic shelters, maintenance buildings, or dog exercise areas. Hunters must remain in the designated hunting areas and follow the Wisconsin DNR archery hunting rules and regulations. Signs will be posted at all entrances to the park to notify patrons and blaze orange vests made available to visitors.

To aid Waukesha County in tracking the success of deer management at Nashotah Park, hunters are encouraged to report their successful harvest information by email at parks@waukeshacounty.gov or online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/WaukeshaCountyPLUDeerHunt2019. Additional information about the archery hunt in Nashotah Park and other Waukesha County hunting lands can be found online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/hunting.

Free Deer Ecology and Management Seminar

Waukesha County invites all interested parties to attend a free deer ecology and management seminar with staff from the Wisconsin DNR and Waukesha County Parks on October 24, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Retzer Nature Center, located at S14W28167 Madison Street, Waukesha. Attendees are required to register online for this program by Tuesday, October 22.

About the Waukesha County Park System

The Waukesha County Park System is a natural resource-based park system that demonstrates stewardship while providing recreational and educational opportunities. For more information, visit our web site at www.waukeshacountyparks.com or follow @WaukeshaCoParks on Twitter or like us on Facebook.

Business News

Business Association Elects New Board

The Elm Grove Business Association (EGBA) recently held an election to select its 2019-2020 Board. New Board members are **Heather Weber**, of GHome, and **Andy Fishler**, of The Luther Group; Re-elected members are **Jenny Cagle**, of Elm Grove Travel, and **Laura Finses**, of Jensen Health & Energy Center. Also serving on the Board are **Robert Feest**, of Robert Feest &

Associates; **Holly Kuusinen**, of Kalevala Gardens; and immediate past-President **Mary Inden**, of Home Staging Consultants.

Newly-elected Board officers include: Heather Weber, President; Jenny Cagle, Vice-President; Laura Finses, Secretary; and **Tina Netzow Maas**, of BMO Harris Bank, Treasurer.

Business Directory

* Community Organizations

Kiwanis – Golden K of Elm Grove Wisconsin



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* Submissions (250 words max.) must include the writer’s name, address & phone number.

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*E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (subject line: Letters to the Editor)

Past Times, Ken Blaedow Story Appreciated

I very much appreciated **Stephen Hauser’s** (Past Times) article about **Ken Blaedow** in the September 2019 issue of the *Elm Grove News-Independent!* As a long-time Elm Grove resident, I recall Ken Blaedow as a kind and helpful man over many years. This is the type of person it is great to hear more about!

I saw him as a special soul in many ways and that’s how Stephen Hauser described him in wonderful detail. He was a blessing for Elm Grove throughout his life.

Doris Kaun
Elm Grove

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

The Centennial Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the United States

By Stephen K. Hauser

I had the privilege of attending a special commemoration on Saturday, August 17 in New Berlin. It was held at the girlhood home of Badger suffragist **Theodora Winton Youmans** at 19765 W. National Avenue (Highway ES). Born in Ashippun in 1863, her father moved his family to the tiny Prospect Hill settlement in New Berlin township in 1866. 'Dora', as her friends called her, attended a nearby school and went on to graduate from Carroll College in Waukesha. By then her father was running a general store and had become Prospect Hill's postmaster. Dora, however, would leave New Berlin in 1886 to take a job as a reporter for the *Waukesha Freeman* newspaper. She was soon writing her own regular column. In 1889, she married the paper's editor, **Henry M. Youmans**, and, in 1890, was promoted to the position of associate editor.

She often used the platform that the newspaper afforded her to promote the cause of women's suffrage. She was involved in the passage of a bill by the state legislature in Madison that granted Wisconsin women the right to cast ballots in local school board elections in 1901. As president of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, Theodora Youmans became well known across the state for her addresses to civic organizations, church groups and women's societies. It was during this time that she began to promote a statewide referendum vote on the issue of women's suffrage. The measure failed in 1912 and again in 1917.

The struggle to extend to women the right to vote had gone on for some time in the United States. The first political party to call for women's voting rights in their national campaign platform was the Prohibition Party in 1869. They were also the first political party to allow female delegates at their national conventions.

In 1872, an Equal Rights Party was organized in New York City which nominated radical newspaper editor **Victoria Claflin Woodhull** for the presidency. Her protest campaign attracted bemused attention from the press, but her rather militant views on many issues alienated a number of her fellow suffragists. In 1884, and again in 1888, a more moderate group of women's voting advocates, also calling themselves the Equal Rights Party, met in San Francisco and nominated **Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood** for the presidency. Mrs Lockwood was one of the first women in America to graduate from law school in the 1870s, and had to lobby for three years to get Congress to pass a bill to allow female attorneys to plead cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Once the bill had gained passage, Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood was the first woman so appointed.

In 1892, the irrepressible Mrs. Woodhull led another quixotic bid to gain the White House. Of course, none of these campaigns were intended to capture the presidency, but served to gain publicity for their cause and demonstrate to Americans that women were just as capable of participating in the political process as their male counterparts.

When former President **Theodore Roosevelt** made a campaign swing through Milwaukee in 1912 in an effort to gain another term in the White House, he was accosted by a group of "suffragettes" (as they were often called) seeking to gain his signature on a pledge card supporting the passage of a constitutional amendment securing a woman's right to

vote. Roosevelt took the card, flashed his trademark grin, and wrote across it, "I am with you girls, TR".

Of course, there was still opposition to the idea of women casting ballots in elections. One argument was that it was unfair to single men. Married men, it was said, had wives who would vote as their husbands instructed them, while bachelors had no such helpmate at home to double their own votes. Thus, this was a clear violation of the democratic principle of "one man, one vote". Even more twisted logic was utilized in a handbill (reprinted on this page) which claimed that "Woman's Suffrage Would Double the Irresponsible Vote". The gist of the author's position would seem to be that males already voting were incompetent and new female voters would prove to be equally incompetent. (I've read this leaflet a number of times and that is the only interpretation that I can derive from it.)

Of course, most male voters and their male representatives in Congress and in the various state legislatures eventually came to the conclusion that there was no good reason why female citizens over 21 years of age should not vote, and, like Teddy Roosevelt, began to support the idea.

Wisconsin Governor (1901-1906) and U.S. Senator (1906-1925) **Robert M. La Follette, Sr.** was a strong advocate for the women's suffrage cause. So was his activist wife, **Belle Case La Follette**, who had often communicated with and worked alongside Theodora Winton Youmans, and often read her columns in the *Waukesha Freeman*.

Meanwhile, to the west in Montana, voters elected America's first female member of Congress, **Jeannette Rankin**, in 1916, apparently believing that any women tough enough to homestead in Montana were quite capable of voting. (Rep. Rankin cut short her political career by voting against U.S. entry into World War I in 1917, losing reelection as a result.)

Finally, on June 4, 1919, Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "Women's Suffrage" amendment. It read simply:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Before this amendment could become a part of the Constitution, however, it had to be ratified by the necessary $\frac{3}{4}$ of the individual states. Several states rushed to be the first to ratify, but Wisconsin's ratification was the first to be recorded in Washington, D.C. on June 10, only six days after its passage by Congress. Hence, the ceremony of commemoration on the 100th anniversary at the childhood home of Theodora Winton Youmans in New Berlin this past August.

The event was carried through in fine style, with a keynote address by former Lt. Governor **Rebecca Kleefisch**, who presently serves as executive director of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. New Berlin Mayor **Dave Ament** read a city proclamation recognizing Theodora Youmans's contributions toward the eventual passage of the 19th amendment and acknowledging

its significance on its centennial. The Winton homestead, fully furnished with period furniture, was opened for viewing and New Berlin Historical Society members were present to lead tours and answer visitors' questions. It was the perfect setting for such a remembrance.

Wisconsin has made numerous contributions to national causes over the years. My previous column on **Judge Eugene Wilder Chafin** of Waukesha (*Past Times* - September, 2013) pointed out his significance in the eventual passage of the 18th Amendment (the Prohibition amendment) in 1919. Like Theodora Youmans, Judge Chafin was a reformer and a person of integrity. His advocacy of prohibition of

alcohol, however, ultimately proved to be impractical. Theodora Winton Youmans's belief in the right of women to vote, on the other hand, has endured the test of time.

While it would be hard to find many who would seriously postulate a return to Prohibition, it would be hard to find anyone today who would dispute the right of women to run for office or cast ballots for the candidates of their choice. This widespread acceptance of the obvious justice entailed in the 19th Amendment is the best possible tribute to Theodora Youmans a century after her efforts bore fruit.

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

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Image courtesy of Stephen K. Hauser

Reprint of an early twentieth-century handbill opposed to allowing women's suffrage.

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October 19 - Saturday, Auxiliary Fashion Show, starts 11:00am, Lunch at 12:00pm.
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November 6 - Wednesday, Blood Drive 1:30pm - 6:00pm, Call Carol at 262-691-5873
November 17 - Sheepshead Tournament, Registration starts 10:30am, Call Dave 262-853-1860
December 7 - Children's Christmas Party at Post, 10:00-1:00pm, in Hall
December 31 - New Year's Eve Party

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Calendar of Events for October 2019

Tuesday – OCTOBER 1

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Elm Grove Woman’s Club Meeting: 11 a.m. (social); 11:30 a.m. (business), followed by program. www.egwc.org.

*Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 6 p.m. @ Village Hall Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Wednesday – OCTOBER 2

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday – OCTOBER 3

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Elmbrook Garden Club Kathleen Walrath, Master Gardener, UW-Ext. Milwaukee, will make an in-depth presentation on “Composting” to the Elmbrook Garden Club (EBGC) at 6:30 p. m. at the Brookfield Public Library in the Community Room. FREE and open to the public. For more information, contact Rose at rhald4526@att.net.

Friday – OCTOBER 4

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Giacomo Fallucca on “Palermo’s Pizza: the Company Story”. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org. (See AD – Page 3)

Saturday – OCTOBER 5

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Oktoberfest @ Village Park, sponsored by the Elm Grove Community Foundation.

Sunday – OCTOBER 6

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: Noon to 4 p.m.

Monday – OCTOBER 7

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 8

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday – OCTOBER 9

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday – OCTOBER 10

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Dementia Friendly Elmbrook Event (See story – Page 6)

Friday – OCTOBER 11

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Dr. Robert Hall on “LAUNCH Elmbrook: Empowering Students’ Futures”. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org. (AD-Page 3)

Saturday – OCTOBER 12

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Elm Grove Woman’s Club Rummage & Bake Sale (AD below)

*Elmbrook Historical Society Haunted Halloween event (AD below)

Sunday – OCTOBER 13

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: Noon to 4 p.m.

Monday – OCTOBER 14

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 15

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday – OCTOBER 16

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday – OCTOBER 17

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday – OCTOBER 18

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting: 7 a.m. @ Western Racquet Club. www.elmbrookrotary.org.

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Dr. Daniel Zomcheck on “The Inside Story of the VA Health Care System”. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org. (AD-Page 3)

Saturday – OCTOBER 19

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Elm Grove Junior Guild presents: “The Great Pumpkin Lighting”: Pumpkin carving, music, treats, spooks & family fun. “Bring your own pumpkins.” FREE All welcome! (See graphic below.)

Sunday – OCTOBER 20

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: Noon to 4 p.m.

Monday – OCTOBER 21

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 22

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Wednesday – OCTOBER 23

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*Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Hon. James A. Gramling, Jr. on “Highlights of a Municipal Judge Career”. www.kiwaniselmgrove.org. (See AD – Page 3)

Saturday – OCTOBER 26

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Trick or Treat” in Elm Grove 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – OCTOBER 27

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility – Open: Noon to 4 p.m.

Monday – OCTOBER 28

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Tuesday – OCTOBER 29

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday – OCTOBER 30

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday – OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN

*Elm Grove Recycling & Yard Waste Facility, 900 Wall St. – Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Trunk or Treat at Crimson Way Church 14625 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove: 6 p.m. - Join us for a safe, family fun alternative to trick-or-treating! Costumes are encouraged! We will have bounce houses, food, music and fun for the whole family while your children go trunk to trunk collecting goodies. FREE and open to the public. Park at the Community United Methodist Church across the street. www.crimsonway.org.

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Clubs & Organizations

2019 Kiwanis District Convention Held in Brookfield

By Jerry McCormick

The 101st Annual Kiwanis Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Convention was held this year at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The District includes 147 clubs with about 4,000 members. Brookfield Mayor **Steven Ponto** welcomed guests after the convention opening presentation of the flags by Potawatomi Area Council Boy Scouts directed by **Jim Kieso**, Scout Leader. Also welcoming members and guests was **Jim Buskel**, Kiwanis District Governor. Opening day activities were capped by 150 guests attending the Milwaukee Brewers game with Arizona.

Kiwanis International began in 1915 and now serves members in 88 countries. Dedicated to serving the children of the world, Kiwanis has 215,000 adult and 335,000 youth members. Their communities are served through 150,000 service projects. Members raise \$100 million and dedicate more than 18.5 million hours to strengthening communities and helping children.

Strengthening service to others, especially children, tightly packed the Convention agenda. Youth leadership activities included education, coaching, service projects, power of partnerships, membership building, and fund-raising for service projects. Circle K Clubs for college students, District Governor **Cole Nelson** and Key Clubs for high school students, District Governor **Justic Moore** were key participants

Going to the dogs! Attendees joined in making no-sew fleece blankets to benefit homeless dogs and cats at the Humane Society. In addition to community support and fun, the project



demonstrated leadership, education, power of partnerships, coaching and fund-raising. Forty blankets were completed and delivered to animal shelters.

The Keynote speaker at the honors luncheon was **Case Van Kleef** of Naples, Florida. Van Kleef is past Kiwanis International President and past Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Governor. Outstanding awards for service projects, club excellence and club members' achievements were presented. Four \$1000 Van Kleef Fellowship Awards were presented.

Roger Krogstad of Marshfield, WI was elected Governor for 2019-2020. The Governor Elect for 2020-2021 is **Jean Long Manteufel** of Appleton, WI. These elections and seven proclamations were sanctioned by the House of Delegates representing clubs throughout the District.

Jim Buskel, outgoing District Governor and host of the Governors Banquet, presented the gavel and medallion to Governor-Designate Roger Krogstad. **Jim Fagan**, President Elm Grove Golden K Club, presented the home club Banner to **Donna Martin**, President Marshfield Club. **Ron Smith**, Fountain Hills, Arizona Kiwanis International Trustee installed newly elected officers and recognized outstanding achievements of outgoing officers.

A Sunday Memorial Service honored those District Kiwanians who passed away during the past year.

Convention Chairman, **Dick Boulay**, Elm Grove Golden K Club, and the many volunteers greatly contributed to a banner convention. Go Kiwanis!

'Dementia Friendly Elmbrook' to Hold Event

By Nancy Shea

The numbers are alarming. Over 70% of people with Alzheimer's disease live at home and over 20% live at home alone. Over 8,500 people in Waukesha County have Alzheimer's disease.

With the ever-aging population, including the Brookfield/Elm Grove area, there is a new coalition forming. Dementia Friendly Elmbrook is a community-based initiative with support from the Waukesha County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The goals of the coalition are three-fold. Initially, to provide support and access to resources for caregivers, family members and anyone who has someone with dementia in their lives. Secondly, we are offering free "Dementia Friendly Training" to interested businesses. The trainings are typically 20-minute educational sessions presented at your business. These trainings will provide dementia related resources and ideas on ways your business environment could be more dementia friendly. Lastly, we hope to begin to offer engagement

opportunities and activities for those with dementia and their caregivers.

The coalition will be holding a free educational Summit on Thursday, October 10th from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Elmbrook Church, 777 S. Barker Road, Brookfield. The keynote speaker is former Alzheimer's Association, Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director, **Tom Hlavacek**, who will be presenting "Changing the World for People with Dementia: From Stigma to Acceptance". The event will also feature vendors, health screenings and other educational opportunities. All are welcome to this free event.

If there are any questions regarding the Summit or the coalition, or interest in joining the coalition's efforts please contact Nancy Shea at dementiafriendlyelmbrook@gmail.com.

For more information, you can also visit our Facebook page at Dementia Friendly Elmbrook.

Junior Guild Offers Grants to Area Non-Profits

By Mackensie Johnson

The Elm Grove Junior Guild's annual grant application process is now open through November 1, 2019! We are a community of women committed to the education, wellness and protection of women and children within and beyond our community. Our commitment takes the form of service, awareness and financial support. Our granting efforts focus on 501(c)(3) non-profits that serve in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, particularly those supporting the protection, education and wellness of women and children.

Outside of the annual grants, the Junior Guild supports initiatives and events within



our own community, the Village of Elm Grove. We are accepting grant applications until November 1, 2019. Finalists will be selected in January and organizations being considered for support will be asked to make a presentation at our general meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Please read the instructions found on our website (www.elmgrovejuniorguild.org) before you begin the application process. Doing so will help you present a strong proposal and avoid any unnecessary delays in the completion and consideration of your application. For specific questions about this application, please email grants@elmgrovejuniorguild.org



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Help Your Community: Join '100 Women Who Care'

By Kathy Olsen

At the next meeting of 100 Women Who Care—Milwaukee Metro West — on Tuesday, October 8, at 6 p.m. at O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove — we make a significant impact by meeting for one hour, selecting a charity, and then immediately writing our checks to that charity. It truly is the power of one hundred women making a difference.

At this meeting you will learn more about 100WVC-MMW and meet women in our community who are dedicated to making a difference by supporting local charities through 100WVC-MMW.

If possible, come early before the hour-long meeting to learn more about our group. You can pre-register at <https://www.100wvcmetrowest.org/contact-us>.

At our hour-long meeting, we will draw three charities of all the ones submitted for consideration by our members. Each submitter of a charity will present a 5-minute presentation about the charity and how it helps our local communities. After the three presentations, we will select the charity that will receive our donations by vote of all the

members present at the meeting. Members write checks directly to the chosen charity either as individuals at \$100 or as part of a team of from 2 to 4 members. All funds go directly to the charity.

At our last meeting in June, we selected ARCh (Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps) as the recipient of our donations of \$7,500. We are excited to report that the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation has once again selected 100WVC-MMW and our charity, ARCh, to provide matching funds of \$3,750 through their foundation. Thus, ARCh has received a total of \$11,250 in donations because of the support that we, as members of 100 Women Who Care—Milwaukee Metro West, have provided.

At our meeting October 8, **Jennifer Horth**, ARCh Executive Director, will share with us where ARCh will be using these funds.

Visit: www.100wvcmetrowest.org for more information on all the charities where we have made a difference helping seniors, children with disabilities, homeless, and those with illnesses.

News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

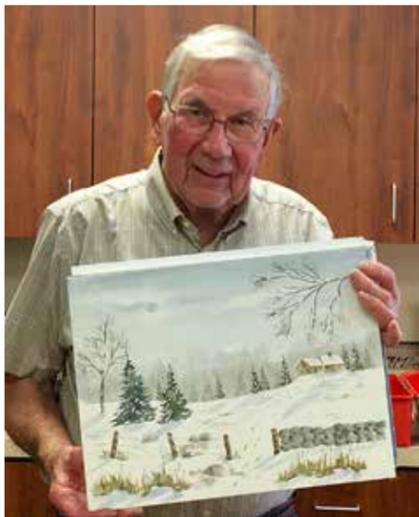
Brookfield Academy students **Sabrina Arassi** (at left) and **Sylvie Arnold**.

Brookfield Academy Students Win Playwriting Competition

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy junior **Sabrina Arassi** and graduate **Sylvie Arnold** ('19) wrote one-act plays that won distinguished awards in the 2019 Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's (MCT) Young Playwrights Festival Playwriting Competition. The works of both students were selected from a pool of local and regional high school submissions.

Sabrina's work "A Different Life" and Sylvie's work "Bloom." will enter into a competition with the Top Ten of 2020 for a chance at a world premiere production or public reading by MCT and Milwaukee's emerging and established theatre artists.



Photos by Carolyn Korona

Thomas Mulhaney, (at left) of Brookfield, and **Dr. Peter H. Jacobsohn**, of Mequon, recently presented personal enrichment classes at the Elm Grove School for Lifelong Learning (EGS4LL). Mr. Mulhaney's class was a *Watercolor Painting Demonstration* of a landscape, and Dr. Jacobsohn versed the audience on *Gold Star Mothers and Widows Pilgrimages of the 1930s*. Classes, held at Community United Methodist Church of Elm Grove, continue through November 13, 2019. For more information, visit: <http://www.egs4ll.org>.

Calling All Bingo Players!

Have FUN while supporting Elmbrook Senior Taxi

By Tom Slavinsky



Shifting into high gear this fall to raise money, the nonprofit Elmbrook Senior Taxi is hosting a bingo fundraiser.

All ages are welcome Saturday, October 26. Doors open at 5 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 18000 W. Greenfield Ave., Brookfield, with bingo from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A \$30 entrance fee (or \$100 for a family) covers three cards for each of the first five games, snacks and the chance to win cash! There will also be a raffle for gift certificates and other prizes, including a grand prize (Last year, it was a TV).

Food and beverages, including sandwiches, beer, wine and soda, will be available for purchase.

Our emcee, **Mr. Bingo**, is guaranteeing a fun night! Mr. Bingo will keep things moving, with the standard straight games of bingo as well as some special variations, all set up for a fast-paced evening. Official bingo daubers will be provided; just bring yourself, friends and family out for this

fundraiser for a good cause. All proceeds go to Elmbrook Senior Taxi.

As a non-profit organization, Elmbrook Senior Taxi receives some annual funding from Waukesha County, the village of Elm Grove, city and town of Brookfield, and the village of Butler, as well as grants from philanthropic foundations and personal donations. Your support at our bingo fundraiser will help keep our fares low for our seniors and adults with disabilities.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi picks up Village of Elm Grove senior citizens (55+) and adults with disabilities (18+) who need transportation to medical/personal appointments, shopping, hair salons, work/training programs, and many other destinations.

We operate 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, door-to-door, and our drivers will carry groceries and accommodate walkers and other ambulatory aids. We also provide rides on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call Elmbrook Senior Taxi three to four days ahead at (262)785-1200 to assure a reservation.

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News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke



Benson

Gryphon

Benson and **Gryphon** found themselves at our organization when their former family had to move and was unable to take them with them; they are among the 10-15% of the total cats coming into our organization annually who are surrendered due to no fault of their own. This wonderful duo is reserved — shy in new environments or with new people — but given a little time, patience, and positive support, come around quickly. They love to play with sparkly balls, wand toys, and catnip socks. Both boys are sure to show their

love and appreciation for all that you do for them as they have a beautiful purr that they are more than willing to share with you. And, once trust is built, you will find these boys wanting to spend time on your lap while receiving pets and affection.

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.

Visit www.ebhs.org; call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.

In Memoriam

Honor the Life of a beloved family member or friend.

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- Refreshments

If you are at least 18yrs. and interested in learning life-saving skills that you can share with your family while serving your community, email Chief Selzer at wselzer@elmgrovewi.org for information on becoming a member of the EGVFD.

October 8th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the Fire Station - 13600 Juneau Blvd.

Read All About It!



Upcoming Programs at the Library

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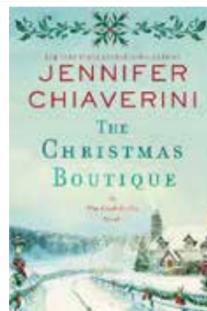


Turning 65? Welcome to Medicare Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 p.m.

Are you or a loved one turning 65 this year? Confused about your options and what plan is right for you? Learn the A, B, C, and D's of Medicare with this free presentation. 2020 open enrollment is approaching; get unbiased, objective information without a sales pitch. Presented by Tracy Lipinski, SHIP outreach specialist for Waukesha County and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources.

Author Event: Jennifer Chiaverini and *The Christmas Boutique* / Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Twenty years after *The Quilter's Apprentice* launched the beloved Elm Creek Quilts series, *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini returns with another delightful story of quilting and friendship sure to become a holiday favorite.



Join us along with Boswell Books and Patched Works, as we welcome Jennifer Chiaverini to celebrate the release of *The Christmas Boutique*. She'll discuss the new book and have Q&A, with a signing to follow. This event is free to attend. Books will be available for sale. **Space is limited and registration is appreciated. Call the library to reserve your seat, 262-782-6717.**



The Camera in Your Smartphone Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the apps, tips, tricks and limitations of iPhone and Android smartphones and tablets for pictures and video. This class will cover your smartphone or tablet's camera, home and Cloud storage options, and adding pictures to email and messaging. Presented by professional photographer C.T. Kruger. Free to attend. Don't forget to bring your smartphone!

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"Green" is Good!

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

Pick up outdoor litter even if it's not your own!

Blowing and washed away trash can end up in and contaminate streams, rivers and lakes, which is not only bad for fish, but can add chemical pollutants to our water. Make a point to not litter this week and go the extra mile by picking up someone else's litter! Take a bag with you when you go for a walk.

households safely so they don't get into our water supplies. Do not flush them down the toilet or hide them in your trash! Go to www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org for links to learn how to dispose of hazardous waste safely and then do it!

Wanted: Elm Grove Green Team members

Interested in starting a Green Team community group in Elm Grove? So are we! Our mission is to build community through projects that bring us together to keep Elm Grove healthy and beautiful. E-mail: Deb B. at info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org.

Create a plan to dispose of toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals!

We all have these toxic items lurking in our cabinets and garages. It's time to locate them and remove them from our

Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Why I Like Fall

By Gwentyth Sayas
Grade 2 – Homeschool

I like Fall because I like to watch fall flowers bloom. I like to watch the birds and the butterflies. I like to cut flowers for my mom. I like to find pumpkins in the garden! We have six so far this year! Four of them are already orange! Fall is my favorite season.

Autumn Day

By Jianna Gropp
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

One Autumn day there were kids playing in the leaves
While squirrels were climbing in the colorful trees
And wind was blowing peacefully
People were picking out warmer clothes carefully
Everyone's having fun doing Autumn Things

The Missing Apple

By Leah Czervionke & Isabella Radomski
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

"We're here!" Mom said excitedly. It had been a long 45-minute drive. We gathered our stuff as Mom parked the minivan. "I'll be pumpkin picking. We need them for the pumpkin brownies," she said, already walking. Alex went inside the check-in building and came out with some baskets. "Let's get started" I said eagerly. We walked over to the plump trees and climbed up the ladders. The scent of apples wafted through the trees. Our hands got rough from clinging to the wooden ladders. When our baskets were filled, we climbed down and picked them up. Then, we walked over to the pumpkin plants to get Mom. But she wasn't there! In fact, we didn't see her anywhere! We were heading to the check-in building when we spotted her talking to the clerk! "Oh my gosh! Mom! We've been looking all over for you!" Alex practically shouted. "You said you would be over by the pumpkins!" I said. "Well, I was done, so I came here. Sorry," Mom said as we checked out and got into the car. "Thank you, God, for helping us find Mom!" I thought as we started driving.

Fall

By Connor Christianson & Sophia Krueger
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Picking apples
Unreal pumpkin pie
Maple syrup
Playing in the leaves
Kit Kat bars yum yum yum
I love fall!
Nice cool breeze

Halloween

By Ava Lammers
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Cool costumes
Eating candy
Ringing doorbells
Filling baskets
Roaming streets
Getting treats
Full moon shines bright
On Halloween night

Fall Breeze

By Pietja Dusek, Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Crisp cool air
Swirls.
Warm bright color
Whirls.
Picture,
Fall:
Houses flooding with food
Family
Friends
Memories,
Picture kindness being shown,
To strangers, unknown,
What happened, was kindness,
People joining together after fights,
hatred, fire,
Lives lost,
But,
Here we are, at peace, loving.
Crisp cool air
Swirls.
Fall breeze.

Fall

By Alice Knachel
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Crunch, Crunch, I trot through the fallen leaves. Hoping that it will stay around. I look up only to see the most beautiful tree in the world. Red, yellow, orange, brown all on one tree. Peep! I look down to see a roly polly rolling around. I guess he loves fall too. All the colors, happiness, and fun, fills me with joy. It is wonderful, magnificent, and gorgeous. I love fall. I think fall loves me too.

Success

By Lilly Martin, St. Mary's – 8th Grade

Success is defined as, "the favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors; the accomplishment of one's goals." I believe success is in the eye of the beholder and what he or she wants for themselves. For example, I worked hard for four-and-a-half years to earn my black belt and earning it gave me a feeling, a self-pride and happiness which I would define as success. I also believe that success can be found not only in one's goals but in one's failure. Failure has always been looked on as not being good enough at something or not reaching your goal, but I see failure as an opportunity to learn from your mistakes and get better than you were before.

Take for example, **Thomas Edison**, he failed nearly 1,000 times trying to build the light bulb, but when he was asked about his failings he said, "I have not failed 1,000 times. I have successfully discovered 1,000 ways not to build a light bulb." Thomas Edison believed that he didn't fail, but learned from his mistakes and was able to successfully build the light bulb. Lastly, I believe that everyone is capable of reaching success no matter what your goal is, whether it's being able to tie your shoe or going on to become the CEO of a company. Everyone is able to reach success, but it depends on how determined you are to get it.

Autumn

By Sienna Bonfilio
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Apples are ready to be picked
United States, come together and celebrate
Tall trees orange and yellow
Under piles of crisp fallen leaves
Many tasty pumpkin pies being cooked
Nauseating amount of sweetness flowing through hearts and homes

Peace

By Allison Armbruster, Rosie Shane & Mary Swietlik
St. Mary's Visitation – 8th Grade

"Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life."

From Laudato Si', Verse 207.

Here is our reflection on how we, as daughters and sons of God, can bring peace into the world by our words and actions: We are called to be the generation that spreads peace in the struggle for justice. Everyone knows what peace is, but not everyone knows how to spread it. In today's society it can be hard to spread peace because of all the peer pressure that is put on us to go against peace.

No matter where we are, we should bring peace. We can spread peace in the world by our families, friends, teachers, peers and parish members. By spreading peace, we create a new community of people and we could change the world with one small act of kindness.

By bringing peace into the world today, we practice the Catholic Social Teaching of Life and Dignity of the Human Person. We live this Social Teaching by respecting all life and seeing life as sacred. By bringing peace to others, we are making the world a better place for all people. Peace can be as simple as sharing with your siblings or talking with someone you don't usually talk to.

Peace Reflection

By Johnny Warren & Mason Medved
St. Mary's Visitation – 8th Grade

From the Gospel of John, Chapter 14 – "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Many different organizations around the world have goals to make the world a more peaceful place, but only a select few are global. One of these global peace organizations is the Mercy Corps. The Mercy Corps works all around the world giving relief services to people affected by natural disasters. They also give money to poor communities, no matter where these communities are. The Mercy Corps lives all of the catholic social justice teachings, but they especially live care for God's creation. They live this social justice teaching above the rest because they go out of their way to donate money and goods to the people in natural disasters. They also care for people by teaching them how to feed themselves and to prepare for war or other natural disasters.

The Bible verse (above) shows that in the worst of times people and God will be there for you. The Mercy Corps shows this by going into war zones without second thought to help refugees in terrible conditions. Not many people have the courage to go into conditions that can harm them to help those who are in need, but people around the globe should have the courage and perseverance that the Mercy Corps has when spreading God's good news and good deeds.



FLAVOR OF THE DAY October 2019

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Legal Issues

The Importance of Beneficiary Designations

By Attorney Isabell M. Mueller

The Last Will and Testament and the Revocable Trust are the most common documents used within an estate plan to direct how an individual's assets should be distributed in the event of death. However, for most individuals, a significant portion of their assets does not actually pass according to that Will or Trust, but is instead controlled by "beneficiary designations." IRAs, 401ks, 403b's, annuities and life insurance are the most common examples of assets with beneficiary designations.

Upon the owner's death, the beneficiary listed on those designations will receive those funds regardless of what any Will or Trust may state. It is, therefore, crucial to address all beneficiary designations and coordinate them with the overall estate plan. Improper, incomplete or outdated beneficiary designations may cause unnecessary taxes to be paid or may cause the funds to be distributed in the wrong manner or even to the wrong recipients entirely.

For example, it is common for parents of minor children to direct in their estate plan that the assets are to be distributed to a trust for the benefit of their children if both parents die. The purpose of this

minors' trust is to ensure the funds are available to be used for the children, but to also keep them under the management of a trustee chosen by the parents until the children are older.

However, if the beneficiary designations on the parents' life insurance policies list simply "children" or list the children by individual name, those funds will not be distributed to the children's trust. Instead, the funds would be distributed to the children outright. If a child is still a minor, the funds would be held by a guardian until the child reaches the age of majority, at which time they would be turned over to the child without any restrictions. In this instance, the beneficiary designations on the life insurance policies should have directed the proceeds to pay out to the trust for the children.

Beneficiary designations are an integral part of almost every estate plan, but if completed incorrectly, they may entirely derail that plan. A properly completed estate plan will ensure not only that a Will or a Trust is in place, but also that all beneficiary designations are coordinated with the documents and the overall goals of the estate plan as well.

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Young Writers

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Pumpkins

By Niamh Mayne
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

The pumpkins wait in the orchard. Sitting on the vine. On the deepest darkest night of the year. While mice scurry round their bases. One small pumpkin says, "I want a face!" as another gets swept up and put in a wagon. Then that pumpkin got taken away. And got carved into a cat! "Meow!" He got set outside. Along with a witch pumpkin and another face. Then he shouted "Happy Halloween!"

October

By Xander Matola
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

October is the month when Autumn leaves start dropping. Bonfires and pumpkin carving. Looking outside and seeing red and yellow leaves dropping from the sky.

Success

By Maureen Schlifske
SMV – 8th Grade

What does success mean? Success means more than the fact that you accomplish your goals. LeBron James once said, "People will hate you, rate you, shake you, and break you. But how strong you stand is what makes you." I think this quotation means that no matter how hard life gets you should never give up, and that you can always succeed in the end.

When I grow up, I want to be in the WNBA. A long time ago, I was inspired by Arike Ogunbowale when she played in the high school state championship and her team won. Then she inspired me even more when she played for Notre Dame and helped win the NCAA championship by scoring at the end of the game with a buzzer beater. I want to hit a buzzer beater, hear the chants from the crowd, see the crowd going wild, and I want to feel the excitement!

Being in the WNBA takes a lot of training and hard work. Hard work means that you help your team by practicing hard. You also need to be resilient by playing even when you don't feel like it. You still need to support your team even if you are hurt.

I will begin reaching my goal by attending a high school with a basketball team. Next, I will reach this goal by attending a college with an even better basketball team. Achieving my goal will require me to be a good role model, exhibiting great sportsmanship. Superior sportsmanship means that you don't let your team down even if you are losing badly. You encourage others by being respectful of their efforts even when they fail. At the heart of it, when you show true sportsmanship, you are a leader.

Your measure of success might be getting into the WNBA, or being the best version of yourself as you strive for that goal. If you make it, you would be famous, admired, and inspirational to others. If you don't get into the WNBA, you still would have accomplished your goals and be successful because you would be admired and inspirational to others for all of your hard work and dedication.

Trick or Treat

By McKenna Kinney
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Trick or Treat is a fun way to celebrate Halloween. Halloween is a holiday where people can dress up and go Trick or Treating. And if you don't know what Trick or Treat is, it's where you knock on your neighbors' front doors and say "TRICK OR TREAT!!!" and that person will either give you a trick or a treat. Oh, and I almost forgot when kids are done Trick or Treating, they sometimes trade candy with each other.

Halloween is...

By Sawyer Hardy
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

Happy
Amazing
Lovely
Likely to get scared
Outstanding
Wonderful
Erie
Entertaining
Nice

Autumn

By Olivia Webb
Tonawanda – 4th Grade

School is starting
Leaves are falling
Crisp Autumn air
Blowing in my face
Autumn.

My Successful Life

By Jack Fitterer, St. Mary's – 8th Grade

Success is a noun that can be interpreted in so many unique ways. Whether it is getting an amazing grade on the hardest project of the year or achieving one of your biggest goals like getting into medical school, in my opinion, success is something that cannot be defined or limited. There are so many successful people in our world today like **Bill Gates**, **Jeff Bezos**, and **Ellen DeGeneres**, and these people influence us and drive us to follow our dreams and to never give up. These people grew up just like us and strived throughout their lives to become successful people and then to maintain their success, but they also realized throughout their lives that failure helps people learn lessons.

For example, when I am older, I hope to become an immunologist, and although this may seem like just a dream, every day I still strive to achieve this goal. Along with hoping to become an immunologist, I also hope that when I am older, I can raise a happy and loving family that will be as successful as I hope to be. Although success may have a definition, I think that success is based upon your choices and the way you want to live your life. Bill Gates once said, "It's fine to celebrate success but it's more important to heed the lesson of failure."



News Briefs



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Brookfield Academy students **Maya Booth** and **Andy Liu**.

Brookfield Academy's National Merit Semifinalists Announced

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy seniors, **Maya Booth** and **Andy Liu**, have been named National Merit Semifinalists for their excellent performance on the PSAT examination. More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level in February. Scholarship winners will be announced in April-July of 2020. Merit designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

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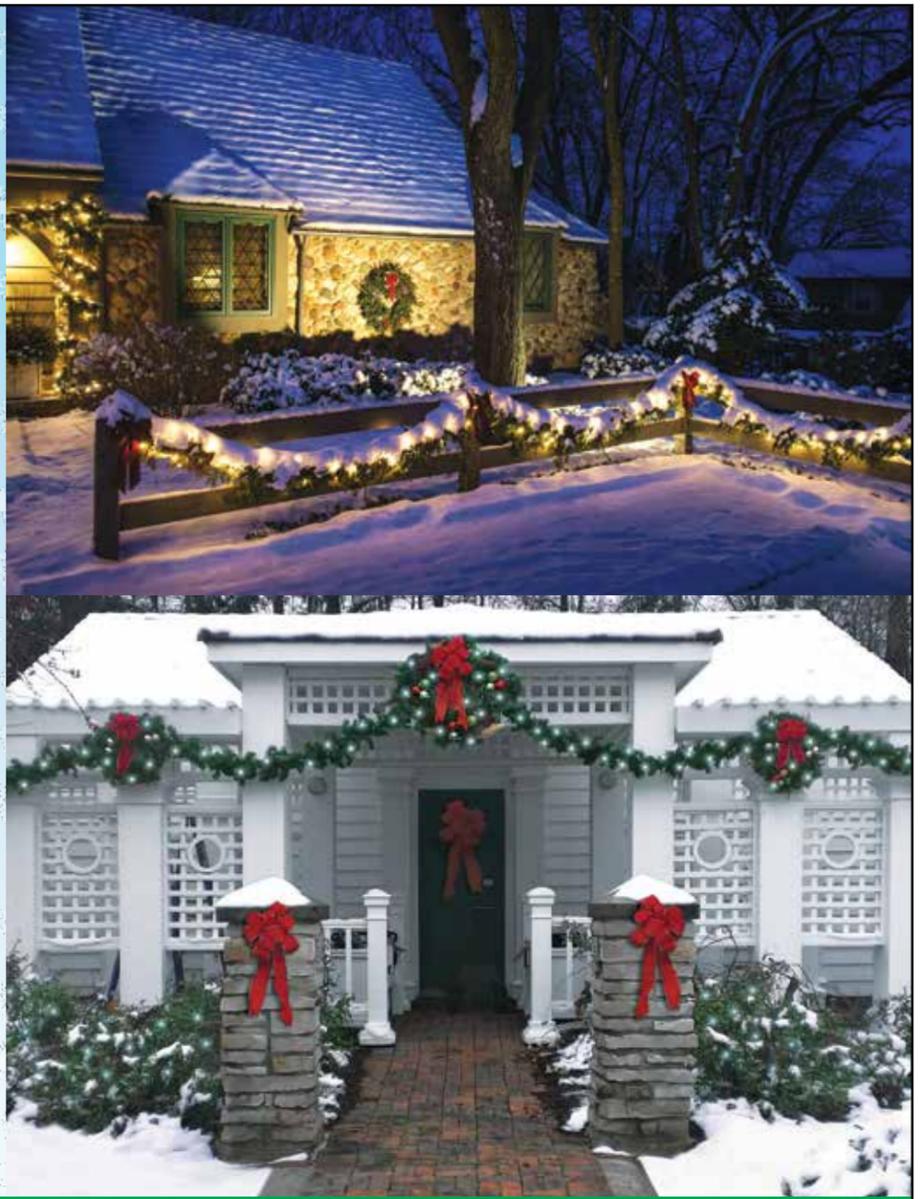
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