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Numerous Candidates, Two Referendums on November 8th Ballot

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

In addition to a long list of candidates vying for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, U. S. Senate and Congress, State Senate and Assembly, County Sheriff, and Clerk of Circuit Court, there are two referendums --- one County, the other Municipal --- on the ballot for the November 8th Election.

Voters in Elm Grove will say "YES" or "NO" to the following question: *"Shall the Village of Elm Grove expend \$1,700,000 for the reconstruction of Gebhardt Road including the construction of an off road pathway with the Village's expected contribution to be \$340,000 if Federal grant monies are awarded, or \$1,300,000 expected contribution if federal grant monies are not awarded?"*

This question was placed on the November 2022 ballot by a unanimous vote of the Village Board of Trustees on August 29. It comes in the wake of the passage (April 2022 Election) of a 'Village of Elm Grove Public Works Capital Expenditure Referendum' (1,336 votes YES to 1,234 votes NO) by Village residents, which now necessitates the holding of a binding

referendum for any future Public Works Project financed (in whole or in part) which requires a capital expenditure of \$1 million or more.

The County Referendum poses two questions: *"Should the Wisconsin Legislature prepare and place on the statewide ballot a Constitutional Amendment requiring that election administration, access to ballots, and counting of ballots be nearly uniform as practicable?"* AND *"Should the Wisconsin Legislature prepare and place on the statewide ballot a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting non-governmental entities and any individual other than election officials designated by law from funding, managing, or performing any task in election administration?"*

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Candidates for Wisconsin Governor to Debate

(MADISON) The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association will sponsor a debate on Friday, October 14 between Democrat Governor **Tony Evers** and his Republican challenger **Tim Michels**. Held in Madison, the event will include Wisconsin journalists and will be carried by television and radio stations throughout the state. A joint statement issued by their campaign managers noted that "this will be the only debate between the two candidates before the November election."

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'Business Person of the Year' Nominations Sought by Elmbrook Rotary Club

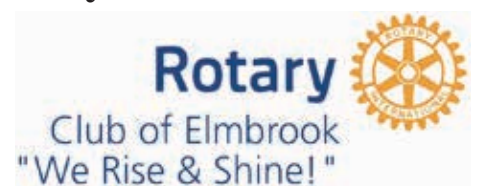
The Elmbrook Rotary Club has opened nominations for the 2022 Business Person of the Year Award to honor a strong local leader who has entrepreneurial skills and strategic vision. Applicants must be a majority owner and/or operating head of a successful, for-profit business or non-profit organization. Applicants must be living in and/or have a business located in the City/Town of Brookfield or Village of Elm Grove.

This award was established in 2017 by the Elmbrook Rotary Club to shine a spotlight on an individual in our Elmbrook community who has demonstrated:

- Service-mindedness
- Significant, measurable contributions to his/her industry, service organization or charity
- Significant community involvement
- Strong customer service skills
- Effective leadership qualities

A committee of Rotary members along with Brookfield and Elm Grove officials will review all nominations with a **nomination deadline of Friday, October 14th**. All nominations should be submitted through the Elmbrook Rotary Club website at: ElmbrookRotary.org. If your nominee is selected as Elmbrook Rotary's 2022 Business Person of the Year, we will donate \$200 to a charity specified by, and in, your name.

The Elmbrook Rotary Club will publicly announce and honor the award winner at their Friday, October 28th meeting, 7 to 8 a.m. at the Western Racquet Club in Elm Grove.



Past winners include:

- (2017) **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, Owner & Publisher of *The Elm Grove News-Independent*
- (2018) **Mark Mirsberger**, of Dana Investment Advisors
- (2019) **Jamie O'Donoghue**, Owner of O'Donoghue's Irish Pub
- (2020) **Bill Selzer** (retired) Elm Grove Fire Chief
- (2021) **Phil Landry**, Owner of C3E Geomatics, LLC.

Established in 1983, the Elmbrook Rotary Club has been active in our community for 39 years and are part of Rotary International, founded in 1905. The Club is an energetic group of more than 80 individuals with a wide range of backgrounds from business professionals to community leaders to those dedicated to public service.

Questions? Contact **Ralph Gould**, ERC member & Award Program Chair, at Gouldralph5@gmail.com.



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Village Update

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

Labor Day weekend fireworks were a big bang for the Village. Many called the fireworks a great end to summer and the beginning of fall and the return to school.

Heavy rain with significant flooding throughout southeastern Wisconsin in early September again demonstrated the value of the stormwater management efforts we have undertaken since the mid-1990s. The amount of rain recently experienced was close to the amount we suffered in 1998 that resulted in complete flooding of downtown, hundreds of homes with flooded basements and worst of all, the tragic loss of young lives. We spent nearly \$16 million to correct major Village-wide drainage deficiencies. All the work reimagining and re-engineering the Park, the underground bypass channel, the property acquisition, and the continuing efforts to keep ditches open and the creek free flowing serve as a powerful example of the value and purpose of local government. Stormwater management must be designed and implemented on a watershed basis, or little will be accomplished. Completion of our plan commitments will be accomplished when we complete the daylighting of Underwood Creek through the downtown. The Village Board and staff continue to move the daylighting project forward with efforts to acquire the abandoned dry cleaner property on Watertown Plank at the railroad tracks.

The Village Board continued to debate the value of hiring “outside legal counsel” to review the process followed to approve the project to redevelop the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus by Mandel Development. For the second monthly meeting in a row residents spoke out against the proposal to hire outside lawyers to review the work of our Village Attorney and Village Committees and Board in approving the project as a waste of money that will place the Village at risk of being sued for breach of contract. Supporters of the proposal to hire outside counsel claim they just want to be sure everything was done correctly without providing any evidence or proof that state law and Village ordinances were not followed.

The Village Board also voted to approve a new 5-year contract with John’s Disposal to provide “up the driveway” waste and recycling pickup at the most recent Board meeting.

The Village swimming pool season was a success despite ongoing challenges dealing with a shortage of lifeguards. The staff shortage forced us to shorten operating hours, but more than 3,700 visitors enjoyed the pool nonetheless. Work to correct end of season problems with the splash pad area will begin in early October. The Recreation Committee and Director are exploring ideas to encourage more area young people to become certified as lifeguards, including the idea of Village-paid Red Cross certification classes in return for agreement to work at the Elm Grove pool. What do you think?

In related Park news, complaints of dog waste and dogs running free or on excessively long leashes are on the rise. Dog owners who enjoy our park need to protect our park use for all. When the Village reopened the Park to dogs, we made it clear that failure to follow the rules could result in closing the Park to dogs as it was for many years.

Village road and pathway paving work for this year is nearly complete. Great efforts have been made to deploy our limited paving resources strategically and lay out a 10-year plan to address our needs. The rebuilding of Gebhardt Road with installation of a new pathway is scheduled for spring of 2023 if the project is approved by voters in a binding referendum.

Oktoberfest in the park was a giant success again this year raising money for the Elm Grove Community Foundation and hosting lots of fun over two days of great



weather. QUESTION: Shouldn’t we rename the celebration SeptemberFest??

The Elm Grove Fire & EMS Futures Study Committee began work in September. This important committee is charged with identifying an operating and financial model to maintain our vital emergency services. For decades our Village has been blessed with on call volunteers for staffing of fire and EMS who are paid a stipend for each call they respond to. The training and certification requirements for this important work, along with shift requirements to be available for call out are more than many people are willing to give. Professional non-resident staff will cost more in both salaries and facilities as 24x7x365 coverage means staff must be on-site or very nearby. All Wisconsin communities are facing funding and staffing challenges for fire and EMS services. Some, like the Northshore communities north of Milwaukee formed a joint Fire District to provide services. Thiensville and Mequon just did the same. Consolidation and other models will be analyzed by our committee. Like stormwater management, emergency services must be provided by local government to protect all residents.

Elm Grove is a community of beautiful homes, yards, and public space. Most property owners work hard to create a beautiful landscape around their properties. Many consider this activity a contribution to natural conservation. Unfortunately, the “perfect manicured landscape” is not very natural. Many Elm Grove residents joined the “No Mow” campaign last spring to provide habitat to insects responsible for pollinating plants a chance to develop. The effort was a great first step and most participants reported few problems caused by holding off on early mowing and insecticide applications. Well, now we are at the other end of the cycle when we need to protect pollinators and other invertebrates survive the winter. “Leave The Leaves” is a simple solution to help make your home a haven for insects and other animals. Small, simple steps provide nesting habitat without radically changing the “look” of your yard

Yes, the beautiful flowers in our yards provide food for pollinators, however, insects also require shelter for nesting and overwintering. Bees, butterflies, moths, fireflies, beetles, and wasps need places that offer protection from predators and the weather. If we don’t supply the nesting and shelter opportunities, there will be few pollinators to visit your flowers. The primary habitat choices for our invertebrate friends are stems, brush piles, wood piles, rock piles and leaf litter. Only small areas in your yard can be a big help. Leaves can be removed from your turf grass areas while preserving small areas with leaf covers of garden beds, around bushes, trees and brush piles or rock gardens. Avoid shredding leaves with your mower as keeping leaves whole provides the best cover and preserves the insects and eggs already living there. In wildflower gardens leave flower stalks and seed heads to provide food for our winter bird populations. Those asters, coneflowers, blazing stars and goldenrod stems can be cut back in early spring to provide nesting habitat before bees start flying. Try looking at your yard differently. Totally cleaned out and monoculture is not a healthy habitat. You might be surprised to see how much more life can show up in your yard by providing some habitat opportunities.

Business & Club Directory

* Community Organizations



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*Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

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*Hunger Task Force

201 S. Hawley Court, Milwaukee

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& volunteers are needed to help build

“stockboxes” for seniors and do other work. E-mail: info@hungertaskforce.org.

Our History: Remembrances of Things Past

When Watertown Plank Was a “Toll Road”

By Tom Ramstack

Most of us are aware that in earlier days, the “Watertown Plank Road” literally was a road surfaced with oak planks. The plank road which ran through Brookfield opened in September of 1849. To collect tolls, the gatekeeper dropped the gate across the road, while residing in a house built up close to the road to make it more convenient to collect tolls (cost: 25 cents in 1878). Brookfield’s gate and toll gate house were located just to the west of today’s “Penny Mustard Furnishings” on the north side of Bluemound Road.

In the February 26, 1903 edition of the *Waukesha Freeman*, one reporter wrote a fascinating account about one of our own “town” toll gate keepers.

OUR TOLL GATEKEEPER—“Mrs. Marie Solomon was born in the city of Mainz, Germany, which is situated on the left bank of the beautiful Rhine River, on March 15, 1802. She received a fine education through schools and travel. While a young girl she accompanied her

father, who possessed a number of large vineyards, on his travels through France, Switzerland, Italy, England, and while in Belgium in the summer of 1815, they visited the battlefield of Waterloo, where she found a pretty silver buckle which she prized highly, as a souvenir until a few years ago, when it was pinched by some relic hunter. Mrs. Solomon was a good linguist and conversed fluently in several languages. She came to America in 1850 and settled in Wauwatosa and lived there until 1867 when she came to Brookfield Township and took charge of the tollgate on the Watertown Plank Road here, which position she held until 1892 when she retired to live on her farm where she died. It was always interesting to talk to the good lady and listen to her descriptions of the city of her nativity, the fortifications, the long railroad bridge over the Rhine, and the beautiful buildings. Guttenberg’s house and other buildings associated with the invention of printing, etc.”



Photo from the collection of Tom Ramstack

The Toll Gate House (c. 1900)



Photo courtesy: Stephen K. Hauser

The old Dixon School at 15565 W. North Avenue as it looked as a private residence in the mid-1950s.

WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

The cream city brick structure in the above photograph is situated at 15565 W. North Avenue in Brookfield. It was built in 1870 as Dixon School, replacing an earlier wooden building which had been destroyed by a fire. The one-room school was named for **John Dixon**, an English settler who had come to the Town of Brookfield with his wife **Elizabeth** in 1844. Together, they operated a 160-acre farm at what is now Wirth Park. (Dixon also donated the land that became Pioneer Cemetery to the north of the school.)

Located at the south end of County Trunk YY (Pilgrim Road) on North Avenue, Dixon School was one of several one- and two-room schoolhouses to be found throughout Brookfield Township. It was subsequently replaced by the present Dixon School in 1950, and was converted into a private residence. An eastern addition was built by the homeowner and the brick exterior was painted red, giving the old school a decidedly different look at the time that this photograph was taken.

In the mid-1960s, the building became the Candle Shop, selling candles, gifts, and greeting cards. The Candle Shop eventually relocated to the Pilgrim Square colonial shopping center (now ParkSide 23) across the street. In the 1970s, the venerable building housed Olson Travel Services, and in the late 1980s and early 1990s it served as the location of Warner Cable Communications local offices. Other tenants also came and went.

In 1997, Ridgestone Bank chose the site for a drive-through banking location to partner with their main location on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Lilly Road, one mile to the east. Ridgestone put money and effort into restoring the school’s original grace and charm. The eastern wooden addition was demolished and the Cream City brick exterior was painstakingly restored. Although Ridgestone subsequently closed their drive-through location and was later absorbed by Byline Bank, their remodeling efforts with an eye to historical detail continue to be a valuable and much appreciated contribution to the Elmbrook community.

Presently, the restored structure is the location of Cream City Yarn, operated since 2019 by Nicole Anderson. She sells luxury natural yarns, knitting and crochet supplies and offers a variety of classes. Since the closing of Shirley Grade’s iconic Yarn House on Elm Grove Road in 2011, Cream City Yarn has been the “go to” spot for yarn and knitting enthusiasts and hobbyists. It is good to see an historic old building put to a good commercial use, and the old school house has never looked better.

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

“OUR HISTORY”

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NEW at the Community Foundation

Oktoberfest and Fun Run Raise Record Amount

This year’s Oktoberfest and 0.5K Fun Run raised a record amount of proceeds, all of which will be used to enhance our community. We could not have achieved this record without the generous support of our sponsors. We want to thank the following organizations for their support of Oktoberfest and the 0.5K Fun Run.

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Thank You Oktoberfest Volunteers

A big reason for the success of Oktoberfest is the community members who step up and volunteer. Without your help, the event wouldn’t be possible. Thank you!

Get Involved!

The EGCF is always looking for ways to further enhance life in the village. If you have an idea that will benefit Elm Grove and its residents, please let us know. Also, if you are interested in joining one of the committees to plan and execute Oktoberfest and the 0.5K Fund Run each year, please email us at elmgrovethefoundation@gmail.org.

BOOK IT! Oktoberfest - September 15 & 16, 2023

Calendar of Events – October 2022

Sunday – OCTOBER 2

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Species Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park. egbeautification@gmail.com.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 4

YOM KIPPUR begins at Sundown

Friday – OCTOBER 7

• **Elm Brook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: Jesse DePinto, CEO, Frontdesk; Topic: “Changing the Way America Travels”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Kathleen Gallagher; Topic: “The Changing Economic Landscape”
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Sunday – OCTOBER 9

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Species Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park. egbeautification@gmail.com.

Monday – OCTOBER 10

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Tuesday – OCTOBER 11

• **School District of Elm Brook – Board of Education** meeting: 6 p.m. at central Administration Office – Board Room #100, 3555 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield. Open to the Public. (262) 781-3030. Livestream: www.elmbrookschools.org.

Wednesday – OCTOBER 12

• **Dementia Friendly Elm Brook** 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 information or to register, call or text Nancy Shea at (262) 617-7152 or e-mail Dementiafriendlyelmbrook@gmail.com.

Friday – OCTOBER 14

• **Elm Brook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: George Meyer, CEO Emeritus, KahlerSlater; Topic: “Historic MSO Bradley Symphony Center Renovation”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Gordon Hintz; Topic: “A History and Current Status of Foxconn”
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Saturday – OCTOBER 15

• **Milwaukee Riverkeeper**
Semi-annual clean-up of the creek at Elm Grove Village Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. milwaukeeiverkeeper.org. To sign up or for more information, call John Schindler at (414) 630-3230.

Sunday – OCTOBER 16

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Species Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park. egbeautification@gmail.com.

Monday – OCTOBER 17

• **Birders of the Grove**
meeting, 9 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Hall. egbeautification@gmail.com

Thursday – OCTOBER 20

• **OWLS – Seniors’ Group Coach Trip** to Hartford & West Bend, sponsored by Community Church, Elm Grove. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org>.

Friday – OCTOBER 21

• **Elm Brook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speakers: Marj Kozlowski, President & Tom Slavinsky, CEO; Topic: “Elm Brook Senior Taxi”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
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Sunday – OCTOBER 23

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee – Invasive Species Task Force** meets from 11 a.m. – Noon at Village Park. egbeautification@gmail.com.

Monday – OCTOBER 24

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

Friday – OCTOBER 28

• **Elm Brook Rotary Club**
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: Ralph Gould, Topic: “Elm Brook Rotary 2022 Business Person of the Year”.
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Dan Duchniak; Topic: “Progress and Status of the Lake Michigan Water Project”.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.



Saturday – OCTOBER 29

• **TRICK OR TREAT** in Elm Grove, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

• **The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association** will sponsor the distribution of Glow Sticks for kids this Halloween. The FREE items will be available for pick up in the Lobby of the Elm Grove Police Department, 13600 Juneau Blvd. Police and EMS personnel will also distribute the Glow Sticks within the community.

Sunday – OCTOBER 30

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Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy National Merit Semifinalists: (left to right) **Alexander Li, Charles Hieb, Leah Johnson, Hena Allaqaband, Max Hong, Caden Holcomb, and David Roessler.**

Brookfield Academy Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

By Melissa Ericksen

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has named the following seven Brookfield Academy seniors as National Merit Semifinalists: **Hena Allaqaband, Brookfield; Charles Hieb, Pewaukee; Caden Holcomb, Brookfield; Maximilian Hong, Brookfield; Leah Johnson, Pewaukee; Alexander Li, Menomonee Falls; David Roessler, Brookfield.**

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955.

Approximately 1.5 million high school students enter the program each year. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

These students, who have been named Semifinalists, will advance in the process and have the possibility to be named Finalists and then have the opportunity to be considered for National Merit Scholarships.

Rotary Global Grant Scholarship Available

By Larry Myers

Rotary International District 6270 is pleased to announce the availability of a Global Grant Scholarship for matriculation in the fall of 2023 or spring of 2024.

The amount of the scholarship is USD \$30,000 and must be used for graduate school studies outside the United States. NOTE: Applicant cannot be a Rotarian or be related to a Rotarian but can be a member of Rotaract. To be eligible, applicant must be a resident in the geographical area of District 6270, be a student at a college/university in the geographical area of District 6270, or have strong ties to Southeast Wisconsin. Experience (professional or volunteer) in the field of study is required. All fellowship/scholarship/stipend funding opportunities must relate to one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.

Deadlines are as follow:

- January 13, 2023 – Complete Application Deadline (submit online only)



- February 4, 2023 - In-Person or Zoom Interviews scheduled. An in-person interview is preferred.
- February 13, 2023 – Successful Scholar Notified (for matriculation in 2022-2023 academic year.)

Address any inquiries to Larry Myers, Chair of the D-6270 Scholarships Subcommittee. Email: scholarshipchair@rotary6270.org or lwmyers2@att.net.



Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Mrs. Perinovic's class at Dixon Elementary School welcome Zero the Hero.

Young Writers

Upside Down

By Sanjana Singh, 7th Grade – Brookfield Academy

Hero was having a hard time solving the puzzle. His owner, Axelle, put his favorite treats in little slots. Hero pawed at the puzzle, he licked the puzzle, and he smelled the puzzle. He still couldn't get them out. Soon, Hero got frustrated. He slumped on the cold floor and laid there. He watched as Axelle pulled up a chair and watched him. Hero whined to Axelle, but she didn't do anything to help him. Soon Hero got frustrated and barked at Axelle, but she just laughed and kept watching him. Consequently, Hero got very frustrated

and got up to try again. He again pawed the puzzle, he licked the puzzle, and he smelled the puzzle, but nothing happened. Hero got angrier and sadder as he tried to get the treats. Finally, he looked at it from a different approach and flipped the puzzle over. This time the treats came spilling out. Hero was extremely happy and so was Axelle. Hero quickly ate the treats while thinking about how easy it might have been if he looked at it from a different perspective.

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Harrison Filber with his Bee Hotel project at Elm Grove Village Park

Harrison Filber Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

(ELM GROVE) **There's a new hotel in town and it's buzzing with activity.** Take a walk throughout Elm Grove Village Park and you will eventually come across a new structure, located behind the hill near the soccer field. It's a hotel, of sorts---for bees. And visitors can thank **Harrison Filber** who created and helped install it recently as part of his Eagle Scout project.

"I chose the Bee Hotel project because I thought the idea of building a residence for bees was a cool idea. I also liked the idea of how it protected bees from birds and larger insects while teaching walkers and other pedestrians who could just take out their phones and scan the QR codes. I also thought the benefits for the plants in the area would benefit more greatly from bees living in the Bee Hotel. I have been planning this project since February. **Mr. Ehlinger** and **Mr. Kuenzle** have been helping since day one on this project. **Matt Epple** and **Mr. Brown** helped me with the construction of the Bee Hotel. **Mrs. Sternitzky** was the one who actually suggested the idea of the Bee Hotel to me. I hope that people can learn more about Wisconsin's local bees and how they help our plants grow while also learning how we can help them," Harrison said.

Nicci Sternitzky, chairperson of the Elm Grove Beautification Committee, explained: "The idea for Elm Grove's newest hotel was born out of a photo from the Xerces Society's *Parks for Pollinators* publication. Bringing the

idea to fruition was **Harrison Filber's** Eagle Scout mission, done to help showcase our village's 2020 attainment of Bee City USA, making us just the 105th affiliate in the **country**. Wisconsin has about 400 species of native bees, just 20 of them bumblebees. Of those, 11 are in steep decline. One of those, *Bombus affinis*, or the rusty-patched bumblebee, is listed on the federally endangered list. Waukesha County happens to be one of the few counties in the U.S. that has reported sightings. Even though native bees, including the rusty-patched, are vital to the environment and food supply, their plight has been largely ignored or unknown to many, even gardeners and bee professionals. The goal of the Bee Hotel is to help increase awareness of our native Wisconsin bees and what we as a community can do to help protect them."

Troop 156 Scoutmaster **John Kuenzle** added: "Harrison's project was unique from other Eagle Projects because he took it from 'concept to reality'. There was no pre-approved design from the village, just lots of ideas and on-line details how others built their hotels. Harrison digested all the information from many sources, ideas from many participants, detailed drawings from an architect volunteer, arranged adult woodworking experts, and planned multiple meetings for approvals, construction, and installation. It took a while but he methodically succeeded building something we can all be proud of. Hopefully, the bees will like it, too."



Elm Grove Junior Guild Accepting Nonprofit Grant Applications through November 30

By Sarah Wynia-Smith

The Elm Grove Junior Guild is happy to announce our local 501(c)3 nonprofit grant application is open through November 30th, 2022! Every year we grant several \$500-\$10,000 awards to projects serving women, children, and families in Milwaukee or Waukesha counties. The application can be found at www.elmgrovejuniorguild.org. Inquiries about the application process can be directed to our granting committee chair Clarissa Ortiz at grants@elmgrovejuniorguild.org.



The Elm Grove Junior Guild is a community of women dedicated 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.

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Library News and Programs

October 2022

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Lincoln on Leadership / Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln will discuss his leadership values and style by sharing the 16 ways in which he strove to lead our nation and our people in his day and, in particular, during his Presidency. These include knowing your principles and sticking to them, as well as acknowledging mistakes and learning from them. Free to attend. No registration required. Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter.



Maximize Your Medicare Benefits / Wednesday, October 5, 1:00 p.m.

Learn about your Medicare options! This presentation will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they fit together. The program will also include information about Medicare's upcoming open enrollment period (Oct. 15 – Dec. 7) and an explanation of how to use and understand the plan comparison tool on Medicare's website.

Presented in conjunction with the ADRC of Waukesha County and GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.). *Advance registration is appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.*

An Evening with Andrea Bartz / Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

In conjunction with Boswell Books, the Elm Grove Library welcomes *New York Times* bestselling author Andrea Bartz, to celebrate her latest suspenseful smash *We Were Never Here*. In conversation with Noah Weckwerth of the Elm Grove Library.

We Were Never Here was the August 2021 pick for Reese Witherspoon's book club, was featured on numerous "Best Book" lists, and is now in film development at Netflix. The book centers around two best friends and a backpacking trip with deadly consequences, as the story traverses Cambodia, Chile, and Wisconsin.

Andrea Bartz is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lost Night*, *The Herd*, and *We Were Never Here*. Her work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Marie Claire*, *Vogue*, and many other outlets. An Elm Grove-area native, she lives in New York.

This event is free to attend. *Advance registration is appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.* Books will be available for sale (credit or debit cards only; no cash).



Elm Grove's Underwood Creek (EGBC Winter Lecture Series) Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m.

A genuinely underappreciated resource, Underwood Creek in Elm Grove has a significant impact on the wildlife and biodiversity in the Village. Draining almost 18 square miles, this stream is not only essential for stormwater flow, but is a critical component of the ecology and health of the Milwaukee River basin. We'll learn how a stream interacts with groundwater and surface water, how all the biological elements then interact, and what we can expect in the future with the work being done to restore the creek to a more natural state. Presented by John Schindler of Milwaukee Riverkeeper.

Free to attend. No registration required.

This is the second program in the 2022-23 Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series, with partner support from the Elm Grove Library. Mark your calendars for all remaining presentations (10/19, 11/17, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12). All programs begin at 6:30 p.m.

Wake Up the Writer Within / Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.



Explore or rediscover your love of writing! Whether you're dreaming about getting out those old journals again, considering submitting your work for publication, or just curious about the writing process, join author Joanne Nelson for an evening of conversation and prompts designed to wake up the writer within.

This class, appropriate for the beginner as well as the experienced writer, will offer optional writing prompts during the presentation. Please bring writing materials along if you'd like to join in. Participants will not have to share their work with anyone! Free to attend. No registration required.

Bio: Joanne Nelson's memoir, *This Is How We Leave*, was published in 2020, and her vignette collection, *My Neglected Gods*, is forthcoming in 2023. Her writing appears in publications such as *Brevity*, *The Citron Review*, *Museum of Americana*, and *Redivider*. She is a past winner of the Hal Prize in nonfiction, and has contributed to Lake Effect on Milwaukee's NPR station. Nelson lives in Hartland, Wisconsin, where she develops and leads community programs. Find her at wakeupthewriterwithin.com.

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Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Rotary

Bill and Fe Petterson (at left & center) gather donated produce from a vendor at Brookfield Farmers Market.

Elmbrook Rotary Serves Community

By Jackson Bubolz

Elmbrook Rotary members split our giving between time and treasure. Since July 2nd, various Rotarians from our club have been volunteering each Saturday, late morning, to collect excess produce from Brookfield Farmers Market vendors and donate it to the Salvation Army. On September 10th, **Bill and Fe Petterson** collected 251 pounds of produce bringing our 2022 summer (to-date) total to 2,137 pounds! This is a tremendous outcome that came about from a handful of people being creative around gathering food, and executing the delivery to the Salvation Army.

Thank you to everyone who spent a Saturday morning at the Farmer's Market this Summer. The Elmbrook Rotary Club will be back at Civic Drive in December for the Brookfield German Holiday Market. If helping out at community events sounds fun to you, please join us for a breakfast meeting, 7:00 a.m. each Friday. (See Business & Club Directory, Page 3 & Calendar, Page 5 for details.)



Photo courtesy: Janavi Wagle

Fun Fair event organizers and volunteers gather at Wirth Park in Brookfield.

Fundraiser Held to Support the Education of Children in India

By Janavi Wagle, 8th Grade – Pilgrim Park Middle School

On September 10th, Sewa USA and Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh had collaborated to organize a fun fair at Wirth Park in Brookfield to raise funds to sponsor a child program. The funds are used to sponsor children in India who aren't very fortunate to have an education like us. Sewa International is a nonprofit organization that serves people irrespective of race, faith, or gender. Along with a team of youth volunteers, I was able to be a part of this great effort to support a great cause. For the past two months, the youth volunteers had been working tirelessly in planning the fun fair to achieve the target of supporting the cause. There were more than 15 games planned by the youths. The activities included games like capture the flag, booths with trivia questions, drawing contests, just to name a few. There was also a raffle where people were able to win prizes. To my surprise, my mom won a raffle prize. There was also a food truck from the Taste of India restaurant that people enjoyed. Attendees were also able to sponsor a child program at a booth. My friends and I worked together to support each other as a team throughout the day to make the program a success. My booth was named the "Lollapalooza" where kids would pull a lollipop and if they had a red or purple dot at the end, they were able to pick their prizes.

After a long day of Fun Filled activities, we were exhausted but we're proud of using our time for a good purpose. We all shared laughs, smiles and a sense of achievement. I met youth volunteers from different parts of Milwaukee and had



Photo courtesy: Janavi Wagle

Janavi Wagle with her "Lollapalooza" display.

an opportunity to network and collaborate. This was a great opportunity for me to develop leadership skills.

There were more than 300 attendees and we were able to raise above our target and had around 8 children sponsorships. I would like to participate in Sewa volunteer opportunities in the future and encourage youths to do community service. I cannot forget to thank Our Sunday Project families and children for attending and supporting the fun fair.

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Anita Alfaro

Well hello! My name is **Graffiti**. This may not come as a shock to you, but in one of my nine lives, I was a model. In another one, I was a queen. Therefore, I am what some would call, a "diva". See, I am kind of a big deal here and there is not a person here that cannot stop and stare at my beauty. I have a gorgeous face with striking eyes - people get pretty enchanted by my good looks, so they have no choice but to come and visit

me. Not all commoners get to be part of my entourage. It takes a lot of pets and snackies to achieve such a milestone.

Atop my castle in my kingdom, I have seen many cats come and go, but for some reason, people don't seem too interested in meeting me. I have Feline Leukemia (FeLV). FeLV is not a type of cancer. It's a virus that causes a weaker immune system and often a shorter

life-span. For the most part, 'FeLVies' like me are just like any other cat. In a home, I can only live with other FeLV+ cats, but dogs and other animals are just fine! My commoners here at EBHS can also answer more questions about me and FeLV. If I sound like the queen for you, go to <https://ebhs.org> and fill out an application today. I shall be waiting! Call (262) 782-9261 for more information.



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My Favorite Day in Alaska

By Josh

Grade 4, St. Mary's Visitation School

I went on a cruise to Juneau, Alaska over the summer. My favorite day began when my family and I went down to the breakfast buffet. I got a waffle with chocolate flakes and sprinkles. We got ready to go outside, and got our cousins from their room. We went hiking on a trail, and saw a giant waterfall. Later, we learned about dog sledding and got to do the summer version of it. My favorite part was when I got to hold husky puppies. That night, I had a cheeseburger for dinner and we had a PJ party with my brothers and cousins. It was a great day in Alaska!

Colorful Fall

By Olivia Stollenwerk

4th Grade, St. Mary's Visitation

The sky is darkening
The colorful leaves are turning
I can feel a breeze

Halloween

By Taylor Guse, 3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Happy
All the candy
Love the costumes
Like it all
Oooooohhhhhh!
We trick
Even the tricks
Eek!
Nothing super scary

Fall

By Adrian Monfils & Mason Kressin

3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Leaves falling
Pumpkins growing
Trees knowing
Pumpkins picking
Pumpkin pie
Hot Coco is near by

Interview with Mrs. Leffler

By Kenley F. and Roselyn R.

4th Grade - Tonawanda

*Why did you want to be a teacher?

She likes working with kids and watching them grow.

*What's your favorite part of being a teacher?

Seeing kids challenge themselves and accomplish new things

*What's your favorite part of Halloween?

Seeing the kids in their costumes

*What's your favorite candy:

Reese's peanut butter cups

*Favorite sport:

Volleyball

*Favorite stores:

TJ Maxx and Marshalls

*Favorite food:

Burgers

Caroline

By Madelyn I.

4th Grade- Tonawanda

Caroline Dorrington is a 9-year-old, her birthday is July 13, 2013, her favorite food is Cantaloupe. She loves Penguins. Caroline is funny, talented, and also great at art. Her favorite sport is FOOTBALL!! She has 1 sister & 1 brother. Caroline's favorite color is purple. In her free time, she loves to paint and draw. She goes to Tonawanda Elementary and she is in 4th grade. Caroline's favorite subject is reading. She has lost 6 teeth. Caroline's favorite book is the 3rd *Harry Potter*. Her favorite song is Higher Love. Her favorite band is Zack Brown band. She plays viola. Caroline's bike is purple. Soooo now you know all about Caroline Dorrington

Interviews with Tonawanda's Principal & Teachers

By Ella Z. and Lilah M.

4th Grade - Tonawanda

What makes you happy to see during the school year?

*Mrs. Leffler: "I love seeing students helping others and learning from each other."

*Mrs. Dahms: "I love seeing students learn and grow from the beginning."

*Mrs. Olson: "I love seeing students learning and making friends."

When you became a teacher at Tonawanda, what did you expect the students would act like?

*Mrs. Leffler: "I thought they would be respectful, hard working, and kind."

*Mrs. Dahms: "I thought that they would be respectful, but might need some reminders."

*Mrs. Olson: "Our Tonawanda students are fantastic! They meet my high expectations every day."

Thank you for reading this interview about two Tonawanda teachers and our amazing principal telling us about what they think about our school! This is Tonawanda where we all belong!!!

Ally and the Slime Disaster

By Taylor F., 4th Grade -Tonawanda

One delightful morning, Ally was playing with her slime on the couch. 10 minutes later, her brother came running through the living room, and Ally dropped her slime on the white carpet. So, she went to the kitchen to get some vinegar. Ally poured it on the slime, but it did not come out. After 20 minutes of trying and failing as much as she did not want to, she told her little brother. He tried to wipe the slime up but that did not work. The last thing to do was tell their mom even though they knew she was going to yell at them. And to their surprise, their mom did not yell at them, she picked up the slime. Ally and her brother learned two things that day to always tell, and know how to get slime out of a carpet.

Madelyn

By Caroline D., 4th Grade - Tonawanda

9-year-old Madelyn Iwanski was born on September 20th 2012. She enjoys grapes, cheer, and bunnies and she has 2 brothers. Her favorite activity is playing outside with Brook and Hannah. Her favorite thing to do with her free time is Rainbow Loom! Her favorite color is purple, and she goes to Tonawanda Elementary. She is in 4th grade and her favorite subject is Reading. Madelyn has lost 11 teeth. She enjoys reading *Wolf Wilder*, and her favorite song is *Ghost* by Justin Bieber. So now you know all about Madelyn Iwanski.

My Birthday Party

By Blue Gress, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Hello, my name is Blue Gress, and me and my step sister Ella, are turning 10, and are 3 weeks apart. So, we are going to have the same birthday party. We are very excited! My cake is going to be an ocean themed vanilla cheesecake mousse filling and Ella's is going to be a rose cake with chocolate mousse filling. We are going to invite the whole 4th Grade! It is going to be awesome! We are going to have at least 20 pizza's from Red Mill. We are going to play lots of fun games and activities. Some people already did an RSVP. Instead of gifts, we are asking everyone to donate money to Little Warrior Foundation. That is a foundation to help kids who have cancer. Anyway, like I said, we are very excited, and will have a fun and wonderful time!

Haunted Halloween Back to School

By Brady Dugan, 3rd Grade, Tonawanda

It was the night before school and all through the house you might feel quite nervous. You do not know what will happen. There could be vampires! There could be werewolves! There could be some things that you do not know about... like that it is HALLOWEEN back to school!



My trip to Iowa

By Killian

4th grade, St. Mary's Visitation

Last summer my family took a trip to the Field of Dreams for my brother's baseball tournament. It was an honor to be the bat boy for the team. One night after a game the team and the families went to the hotel we stayed at. Then we all changed into swimsuits and went to the pool. Then we all went back to the rooms and changed then went to bed. The next day was the championship. My brother's team took second place.

Halloween

By Kiera Maio and Mila Webb

3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Happy
All of the candy
Lots of candy
Love candy
OOOOOOO Spooky!
We love candy
Everyone loves candy
Everyday candy!
No tricks, just TREATS!

A Haiku About Fall

By Harris, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Turkeys gobbling,
Children jumping into leaves
Welcome into fall!

My Favorite Trip to Finland

By Dominik K., 4th Grade - Tonawanda

On my way to Finland we went to Turkey, because there was a problem with the pilots. At the Turkish airport, they were selling VR goggles and PS5's. Then we noticed there was a jumbotron right above us. After that, we went to a cool looking hotel. The next morning, we had to wake up at 5:00 a.m. so we wouldn't miss our flight. So, eventually we went on our flight, it was a two-hour flight. When we got to Stockholm, we took a boat to the island my grandparents live on. When we got there, my grandpa was waiting for me and my grandma was making dinner. Two days later, we went karting. A week later, we went on a ropes course. The flight back was eleven hours and when I got home, I went straight to bed.

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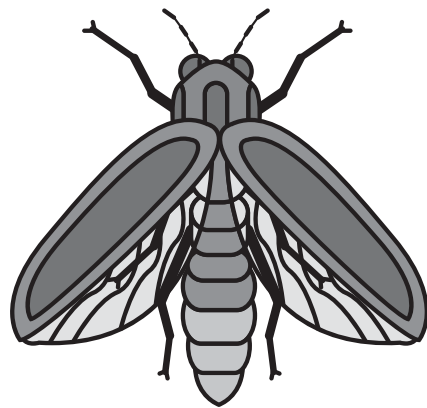
A Message from Fireflies: "Leave the Leaves This Fall"

By Anne Stefaniak Spalholz

If you are looking for a reason to not rake your entire yard this fall, the Elm Grove Beautification Committee says fireflies are one reason.

Fireflies, who are beetles, live up to 95 percent of their lives as larva, and they thrive in leaf litter, under rotting logs and in moist areas. So, if you completely rake and bag all your leaves, you've probably removed all the juvenile fireflies from your yard, too. So, next year, there may be fewer fireflies to watch.

So, this fall, consider leaving some leaves. You can rake leaves into discrete sections of your garden to decompose. You'll have a habitat for fireflies and other beneficial insects. The firefly larvae devour many soft-bodied insects, typically the gardener's foes: slugs and snails. For this reason alone, they are worth protecting and encouraging in our gardens. The beauty and wonder they bring as adults are a wonderful bonus on warm summer nights.



However, if you're accustomed to maintaining a 'tidier' look to your lawn, and don't want dried leaves getting in the way, they can be raked into garden beds, flower beds, or as a mulch around trees, either as-is or by using a bagger on your mower to collect them. Covering garden beds with a thick mulch in the fall can be an effective and simple way to build soil fertility, as well as helping to keep the yard look tidier.

Legal Issues

Owning Rental Property

By Elisa M. Ruer, Attorney at Law - Praktess LLC

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Owning rental property is a nice way to have either a main income source (own several rental properties), or, a nice way to have extra income by owning one or two rental properties. One must always be prepared, however, in either instance, for the costs associated with owning rental property or properties: i.e. (i) tenants that don't pay (ii) legal fees to prepare leases and other required documents (iii) eviction costs to remove a tenant (iv) repairs due to normal wear and tear or, serious damage caused by tenants.

Another very important aspect of owning a rental property is making sure the property is not owned in your individual name. It is almost always advisable to have rental properties owned by a Limited Liability Company (LLC) or some other type of legal entity. The advantage of a property being owned by a LLC is that if

you were to be sued on a matter involving your rental property, your personal assets may not be touched. If the property is owned by a LLC, then only the assets of the LLC may be touched, which in most cases is simply the rental property itself. You never want to open your personal assets up for the "taking", and one of the best ways to protect your personal assets is by owning your rental property in an LLC. If you currently own rental property in your name, you are usually able to transfer the property from yourself to an LLC. The transfer is in an inexpensive way to protect your personal assets. You never know what may happen with a tenant and a rental property, and although you have insurance for the "what if", why not add a second layer of protection by having rental properties in a LLC.

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Announcements

Congratulations
to the **Elmbrook Rotary Club's**
2022 Business Person of the Year!!!

Who is it?

Read the official announcement
in the November 2022 edition of
The Elm Grove News-Independent.

Young Writers

The Greedy Boy

By Aaron Dimond and Johnny Kim
4th Grade - Tonawanda

In another world far, far away, there lived a boy with two fairy godmothers. And whatever the boy said they would grant it. One day the boy wished for a golden Lamborghini. So, the Fairy Godmothers granted his wish. The next day, he wished for a mansion made out of diamonds. So, the Fairy Godmothers granted it again. A couple days later the boy wished to be the king of a kingdom. So, the Fairy Godmothers gave him a kingdom and a crown. A couple weeks later, the boy wished to be the king of the universe. But the Fairy Godmothers refused. The boy became furious. He sent hundreds of guards to capture them. But before the guards managed to get them the Fairy Godmothers made all the things the boy wished for disappear. The boy became a normal boy. The fairy godmothers vanished from him into another world. The boy became very lonely even after he died peacefully.

Star Wars

By Henry Paradis
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Star Wars was invented by Gorge Lucas in 1977 and produced by Lucasfilm Ltd. The most iconic piece of "Star Wars" technology is the lightsaber, but it's also probably the most far-fetched, experts say. The photos that make up light have long been considered massless particles that don't interact with each other, which makes the prospect of clashing beams of light in epic lightsaber duels unlikely. Another ever-present feature of the "Star Wars" universe are droids, which are robots that act as personal servants, pilots, technicians and even soldiers. Today, there are a growing number of analogies in the real world, ranging from automated military drones to Google's driverless cars and robotic surgical assistants. Binding the entire "Star Wars" universe together is the concept of the Force, which gives Jedi knights their magical powers and provides the backdrop for the battle between good and evil. Earlier this year, researchers at the large hadron collider announced they had discovered the first unequivocal evidence for the phenomenon, with a certain diminutive green spokesperson remarking, "Very impressive, this result is." Sadly, for those aspiring Jedi out there, it was an elaborate April Fools' Day prank. It is great.

NFL Football

By Lucas Matola and Kyle Czervionke
4th grade - Tonawanda

Last year in the NFL the LA Rams won the Super Bowl against the Cincinnati Bengals. But all the teams are back and ready for a new season of football! The new season started if you have been watching. There have been some pretty good matches so far. Some teams are the same. And some teams have completely gotten rebuilt. Who will win Super Bowl LVII? Maybe some good teams and maybe some bad teams. You might be surprised! Odell Beckham, Jr. might not come back from a torn ACL. DeAndre Hopkins will come back from the suspension. Aaron Donald almost retired but Sean Mcvay offered a contract for 2 years. Now you know what is going on in the NFL.

My Rocket Launch

By Cayden G., 4th Grade- Tonawanda

One early morning, my grandpa came to our house to launch a rocket, and he got everything done so I could go to launch a rocket. On the way there we listened to Harry Potter tapes. When we got there, we set some chairs to watch some rockets launching. Then we registered to fly, and got ready for launch. Finally, it was time to launch our rocket. I clicked a button hooked up to the rocket. **Boom!** The rocket went up in the air and then when it landed we went after it. We got it and went back to the car, and watched a few more rockets. Then we went back home and my dad made me take a shower.

Fall

By Natalie Conroy and Joy Kim
3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Foggy weather
All together
Laughter and fun
Leaves falling!

Thoughts About Candy

From 3rd Graders at St. Mary's Visitation

By Max

The best candy is Twix because it is chocolatey and chewy. The worst candy is Fun Dip because it is way too messy. Too much candy equals crazy and rotten teeth. Not enough candy equals a horrible Halloween.

By Jeremiah

The best candy is Reese's peanut butter cups. The worst candy is bubble gum. Too much candy can give you a sugar rush and you'll run straight into the wall. Not enough candy means the end of the world.

By Amanda

The best candy is Skittles. The worst candy are these little ball things. Too much candy will turn you into a giant cavity monster. Not enough candy will make you go crazy and eat everything!

By Joe

The best candy is Skittles. The worst candy is grape-flavor anything. Too much candy equals crazy. Not enough candy equals sad.

October News

By Cora Walker
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Right now, I am interviewing Hadley Weber. Her favorite sport is volleyball and this is what her parents do for a living. Her mom Heather Weber owns two stores the name Moxie Midwest and G Home. Her dad owns Weber physical therapy. She has a dog named Arthur and her birthday is October 3, 2012.

Hadley plays volleyball out in her backyard with her dad and she also likes to play volleyball at school when we can. She also likes to play volleyball at the beach. Her favorite memory is when she met Cora at Tonawanda. Her favorite instrument is the guitar and her favorite song is Sky Full of Stars, which is one of my favorite songs too! And that's my interview with Hadley Weber.



News Briefs



Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

National Merit Semifinalists at Brookfield East.

BEHS Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield East is proud to announce that six members of the senior class have earned the distinction of National Merit Semifinalist for the 2022-2023 school year. They include: **Akshat Channashetti, Anant Jhaveri, James Orejuela, Thevindu Perera, Nathanael Ren, and Karishma Santebennur.**

Recognition for this great achievement is based on a student's performance on the PSAT exam taken during their junior year. These students rank among the best in Wisconsin and the United States, with their PSAT exam scores in the top 16,000, representing less than 1% of United States high school seniors according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy students Caden Holcomb (at left) and Mateo Fernandez-Tyson.

Brookfield Academy Students Earn Top ACT Scores

By Melissa Ericksen

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that senior, **Caden Holcomb**, of Brookfield, and junior, **Mateo Fernandez-Tyson**, of Pewaukee, each recently earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on their ACT college admission and placement exams.

said **Nick Spaeth**, Director of College Counseling at Brookfield Academy. He continued, "The college-preparatory curriculum at Brookfield Academy provides the knowledge necessary for students to succeed at the college level. A perfect score of 36 on the ACT is a testament to the level of preparation, demonstrating to colleges and universities that these students are ready for the rigors of the next level of their education."

"It is exciting for any school to have students attain perfect scores on the ACT, but it is especially for a school of our size,"

Our Village



Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

National Merit Semifinalists at Brookfield Central for the 2022-2023 school year include **Ananya Bhatt, Nura Hassan, Reva Hegde, Erin Hu, Aaron Liu, Richard Lobo, Jerry Lu, Aniruddh Mayya, Om Rajpal, Muntaha Raza, and Shefali Sanwal.**



"Green" is Good!

Elm Grove Green Team

This is a group for Elm Grove residents who want to help our village become more sustainable. We meet regularly in the village and hope to gain more support and awareness. Check out our Elm Grove Green team on Facebook.

For more information, e-mail **Deb** at info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org.



Photo (at left) by James L. W. Bain / News-Independent

SKELETONS, SPIDERS, FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER, SOME ANGRY-LOOKING PUMPKINS and other Halloween decorations in the yard of an Elm Grove home.

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