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Friends (Front row, left to right) Killian Olbrantz, Emily Carnell, Annaliese Olbrantz, Colleen Olbrantz; (Back row, left to right) Matthew Carnell, Callaghan Olbrantz and Catherine Carnell at their Lemonade Stand on Fairhaven Drive in Elm Grove.

Kids Helping Kids: Lemonade Stand Raises \$\$\$ for Children's Hospital

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain, elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

On a hot and humid mid-August day, what can be better than a cold cup of lemonade? Maybe knowing that your purchase of it from a group of 7 young entrepreneurs will not only quench your thirst and cool you down, but help support a very good cause: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

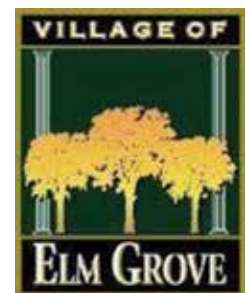
Children from the Carnell family of Elm Grove and the Olbrantz family of Brookfield, all students at St. Mary's Visitation, were busy operating a lively,

red-tented Lemonade Stand in front of the Carnell home, near the corner of Fairhaven Blvd. and Watertown Plank Road, to the obvious delight of their patrons, who also had the opportunity to purchase a variety of baked goods including cream puffs and brownies.

Last year the group raised \$265, so this year's goal was an even more impressive \$300. "We crushed our goal... and ended up taking in \$427.57!" said Katie Carnell, mother of Emily, Matthew, and Catherine.

Then, when one of their patrons noted "how great it was to have Legos when her son was going through chemo at Children's" — Katie said that the group decided to use the funds raised to shop for Legos and deliver those gifts to the hospital.

And what was the children's basic motivation for the project? Katie explained, "Stewardship is a central part of the curriculum at St. Mary's Visitation and our kids had so much fun helping other kids who need some sunshine."



Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
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I hope no one was frightened to see the flag of the People's Republic of China flying in the Elm Grove Village Park along with many other banners. On August 25 and 26, Elm Grove hosted the 8th Annual International Chinese Tennis Association Federation Tournament and it was huge success. More than 60 players from 8 countries competed. Our guests could not say enough about the beauty of Elm Grove and were quite surprised to learn that our Village government is led by volunteers. By the way, as "Mayor of Elm Grove" I was a very honored guest at the opening ceremony. I have never experienced so many people who wanted to have their picture taken with me.

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Local History Lesson

Stephen K. Hauser writes about the "1st home in Elm Grove to have electricity" in PAST TIMES — Page 4.

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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

8 Years & Counting...

As noted by the Page 1 headline, this is our **8th Anniversary issue (!)** and, as always, I am proud to include stories that serve to chronicle and credit the people, places and things that make Elm Grove, Elmbrook and Waukesha County unique.

My sincere **THANKS** to the many, many writers and photographers and columnists who have **provided news content**; to the individuals, families, community groups and businesses who have **valued and supported the newspaper via advertising**; and to a community-and-beyond of loyal readers who **give purpose to our efforts**.

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Waukesha County News

An Inside Look at Waukesha County Government

By Thomas A. Michalski, County Supervisor – District 8; tmichalski@waukeshacounty.gov

When I wrote my last article for the *Elm Grove News-Independent*, it was shortly after the spring elections. The Waukesha County Board was in a transition period between the last meeting for the old County Board's term of office and the first meeting for the new County Board's term of office. During this time the board is completely dissolved, a new board is constructed, and new committee appointments are made. At that time, I did not know to which committees I would be appointed. **I am happy to report that I have once again been placed on the Finance Committee and the Human Resources Committee. In addition, I have been appointed to the Park and Planning Commission.** I have a tremendous amount of respect for the individuals I serve with, and I am proud to represent you on the Waukesha County Board, its committees, and its commissions.

In this and future articles I would like to spend some time discussing some of the services and benefits provided by the Waukesha County Government.

About three years ago, Waukesha County and the City of Milwaukee jointly created a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The purpose of the facility is to collect, process and sell recyclables. Unlike previous recycling efforts where residents were required to separate their recyclables into paper, aluminum, glass, and plastic, this facility is a single-stream processor. In other words, MRF does the

sorting and separating for you. By making the process easier for the residents, it was hoped we would recycle more. The goal was to make enough money in the sale of recyclables to pay for the facility and its operation, and to set aside cash for plant and equipment repairs and upgrades. If any surplus cash was generated, it would be returned to the counties. Additionally, Waukesha communities would pay less to dispose of garbage, because they would be sending less to the landfill.

The cost to get the \$16 million facility up and going was split between Waukesha County (\$7 million) and the City of Milwaukee (\$9 Million). Within Waukesha County, 27 out of 37 communities participate in the recycling program. You may remember when this transition took place; it was when they took away the little blue recycle bins and replaced them with the larger recycling barrels.

Since then, the facility has proven its worth. Using the simplified single-stream process, tonnage of recycled product has increased 44% in Waukesha County. The increased recycled volume means more product to sell, allowing the facility to cover its costs and plan for normal maintenance, repairs and equipment replacement. Additionally, the facility turned a profit in each of the past three years, and that profit was returned to the participating communities in the form of a dividend.

The total 2018 Waukesha County

Recycling Dividend was over \$1,750,000 with each participating community receiving its dividend. **Elm Grove's dividend was \$52,343**, and Brookfield received \$228,682. Two factors determine the size of a community's dividend: the number of tons of recycled material sent to the facility, and the recycling rate (percentage of tons recycled to total tons of garbage).

The City of Brookfield sent the largest tonnage to the recycling facility (4,289 tons), where the much smaller **Village of Elm Grove sent 743 tons**. Both Elm Grove and Brookfield had about the same recycling rate of just under 30%. That recycling rate ranked Brookfield and Elm Grove at numbers five and six respectively. The Village of Lac La Belle had the highest recycling rate of 39.1%, and the Village of Eagle had the lowest recycling rate of 19.7%.

The recycling rate is the second factor in determining the size of a community's dividend. Using Vernon as an example, Vernon's tonnage recycled (809) was greater than Elm Grove's (743). However, Vernon's dividend was only \$40,852, almost \$12,000 less than Elm Grove's dividend. This lower dividend is because Vernon's recycling rate (24.7%) was lower than Elm Grove's (29.5%).

The recycling dividend is a nice benefit that helps keep property taxes down. Additionally, there is an even larger benefit that should not be overlooked. The

tons of trash not sent to the landfill (at \$45-50 per ton) is an expense of about \$35,000 that was avoided. The change from a cost of about \$35k to a dividend of about \$52k, represents a total dollar impact of about \$87,000 for Elm Grove alone.

To check-out the full table of Waukesha County Recycling dividends; tons recycled, tons not recycled and recycling rate you can look here. https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/globalassets/parks-landuse/recycling/prs/pr_recycling-dividends-2018.pdf

If you were ever curious about what happens to your recycling after you set it out for pick-up, the Materials Recovery Facility located at 1313 W. Mount Vernon Ave. will have an Open House with 30-minute tours on September 22 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. The tour is appropriate for those 5th grade and up, and a 35-person limit on each tour. Check the Milwaukee Materials Recovery web site for more details.

The Material Recycling Facility is working to all of our benefit and, at almost 30% recycling rate, we can give ourselves a collective pat on the back. However, as Lac La Belle's 39% recycling rate demonstrates, improvements can be made. We should challenge ourselves to do even better.

As always, please contact me with questions, comments or concerns.

Village Update (Continued from Page 1)

Potential home buyers viewing homes in Elm Grove are often surprised to learn that the beautiful home they are considering has its own water well, iron filter and water softener. And it is not unheard of for Village Hall staff to receive a telephone call from a new resident seeking help for water issues. Most of the structures in Elm Grove either have their own well or are part of a "community well" like the Marian Heights subdivision area around St. Mary's Church. For a metropolitan suburban community, especially a prestigious one like Elm Grove, this is pretty rare.

In 2010 the Village Board evaluated construction of a Village wide water system development, but that effort was dropped due to lack of resident support.

The Village did recently construct a limited municipal water system on Elm Grove Road south to Bluemound Road which receives water and services from the City of Brookfield. This small start to a possible Village wide system was prompted by the development of the Heritage Senior Living facility on Wall Street. Some of the homes and apartments along Elm Grove Road and on Bluemound took the opportunity to connect to the new system.

I frequently hear from homeowners and condominium members who want the Village to reconsider the concept of developing a plan to extend a water system through downtown and into the neighborhoods. What do you think? Send me an email at npalmer@elmgrovewi.org

In the meantime, homeowners and businesses should consider the advice to have their **well water tested for contaminants**.

Well water testing: <https://dnr.wi.gov/regulations/labcert/documents/testsforwell.pdf>

The Waukesha County Division of Environmental Health encourages private well owners to test wells annually or after modifying them in any way. Wells should also be tested when any change in taste, odor or appearance is noticed. You will need a water sample kit that includes a sterile bottle, detailed instructions for collecting the sample and a lab reporting slip. Our state-certified laboratory can analyze your water sample for bacteriological contamination and/or one or more chemical tests including nitrate, fluoride, hardness, chloride and iron. Private laboratories also provide these services. <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/watertest>

The **Elm Grove Downtown Master Plan** effort being facilitated by SEH consultants has been meeting with Village business and building owners after an area tour. Public charettes will be held in early October to discuss Master Plan concepts and ideas. I hope many residents and business owners will take part and discuss what you like about the Village and what you would like to see improved. The Master Plan will help guide Village development consideration in the future.

Schools have started the fall term and it is getting dark earlier. Please drive

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carefully and be especially on the lookout for children travelling back and forth to school.

The Elm Grove Community Foundation will sponsor the **Oktoberfest** celebration in the Village Park again this year on September 29. The past Oktoberfest celebrations have been very popular. A

new addition this year is the **0.5K walk** from O'Donoghue's to the Village Park. Funds raised from this strenuous endeavor will go toward the proposed children's splash pad addition to the Village pool. Start exercising to get in shape and join me for the fun. Participants will get a t-shirt and a mug of beer or root beer.

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Elm Grove's First Home to Have Electricity

By Stephen K. Hauser

This year, an historic village home is celebrating its centennial year. The former **John and Margaret Reinders** residence at 13550 Watertown Plank Road was built in 1918, one hundred years ago. Its story, a cornerstone in the Reinders family saga, is one well worth telling.

Most village residents know that the Reinders clan ranks among Elm Grove's founding families. **Gerhard Reinders** came to the United States in 1850, shortly after the failed European revolutions of 1848. He, along with thousands of other German emigres of the era, became known as "Actundvierzigers" (48ers). Most of them had simply been on the wrong side of the prevailing forces in their native states. They sailed to a new life in faraway America.

Settling originally in southern Milwaukee County at Oak Creek, Gerhard Reinders subsequently drove his cattle over fifteen miles to a homestead north of Blue Mound Road in the Town of Brookfield. He commenced farming near present day Longwood Avenue. Former village resident **Mark Birnschein** remembers playing as a boy amid the remnants of Gerhard Reinders' farm just south of Watertown Plank Road in the early 1950s. (Several years ago, a resident on Longwood Avenue accidentally uncovered Gerhard's original well.)

Gerhard's son, **John Reinders**, married **Margaret Reitter** in 1886 and joined her family in running a general store on the east banks of the Underwood Creek. He assumed ownership of the business the following year, renaming it Reinders' General Merchandise. In 1887, **President Grover Cleveland** appointed him as Elm Grove's Postmaster. He served in that capacity until 1915. During those years, the Elm Grove post office was located inside Reinder's general store. John Reinders developed a reputation for honesty and frugal business management. He and wife Margaret were stalwart members of St. Mary's Visitation parish.

In 1941, John Reinders purchased land from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad along their defunct right-of-way. There, in 1918, he built a bungalow-style home for his family at 13550 Watertown Plank Road, just west of the village business district. This style of home, with its open front porch and spacious front yard, was very popular in the early twentieth century. More interestingly, however, was the fact that it was the first home in Elm Grove to have electricity. It contained examples of the best building techniques of the time, including built-in cabinetry, tasteful stained glass, quality woodwork and leaded glass windows. It also boasted indoor plumbing, something not yet standard in rural communities. In all, the house reflected John Reinders' success in business and his standing in the community.

Retiring from active management of his business in 1926, he turned operations over to his three sons: **George, Roland** and **Clarence**. His wife Margaret passed on in 1936, and John followed in 1944 at age 89. His funeral Mass was attended by friends, family, neighbors and longtime customers.

The Reinders family sold the cozy bungalow home in 1951 to **William** and **Clara Darling**. The property comprised 50,660 square feet, including the residence, a garage and a large tool and garden shed. Those readers who remember the Darlings

may recall that Mr. Darling was an avid gardener, especially proud of the large pumpkin patch in his back yard. The soil in the yard seemed overly amenable to pumpkins, and each fall the Darlings harvested quite a large crop of that colorful autumn favorite. I well remember the drive on the west side of the Darling property filled with various sizes and shapes of pumpkins, all for sale just in time for Hallowe'en. Each year, my Dad would drive us over to Mr. Darling's home, parking along Katharine Drive. Together, we would pick out a couple of suitable candidates to carve into jack-o'-lanterns. Our old family tradition endured the decades.

In the early 1980s, my wife **Janice** and I in the early years of our marriage still purchased pumpkins from Mr. Darling to dress up our front porch in the fall. The *Elm Leaves* newspaper even published a nice photograph of the Darling pumpkin harvest at that time, calling his annual sale an Elm Grove "tradition". But, sadly, one year Janice and I noticed that Mr. Darling had grown no pumpkins for us to buy.

William Darling died in 1987. Clara Darling sold the property to Elm Grove attorney **Ed Rudolph**, who had a law office on Legion Drive. He bought the property as an investment, and subsequently divided it into two separate lots of 25,330 square feet apiece, with the garage abutting the back of the newly-established lot line.

In 1989, he sold the home and the southern lot to tax attorney **Don DiDio**, whom he knew professionally. A graduate of Dartmouth University with a law degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, DiDio held advanced degrees from Georgetown University and had worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington D.C. After buying the old Reinders home from Ed Rudolph, he opened a law office in the front of the home, as well as residing there. Don DiDio passed away unexpectedly in April, 2018, and his estate subsequently placed the home on the market. Realty Executives indicates that at this writing a sale of the property is pending. It will be interesting for us to see what the next chapter in the century-long saga of this historic village home will be.

(This column benefitted from past conversations with Doris Reinders Haley, Laurie Reinders, Hunz Reusch, Mark Birnschein, Raul Galvan & Don DiDio.)

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



Photo by Stephen K. Hauser

A recent photo of the residence at 13550 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, which was originally owned by **John Reinders**. Built 100 years ago, it was the first home in the village to have electricity. The breezeway in front was added later, and the front porch was originally fully open.

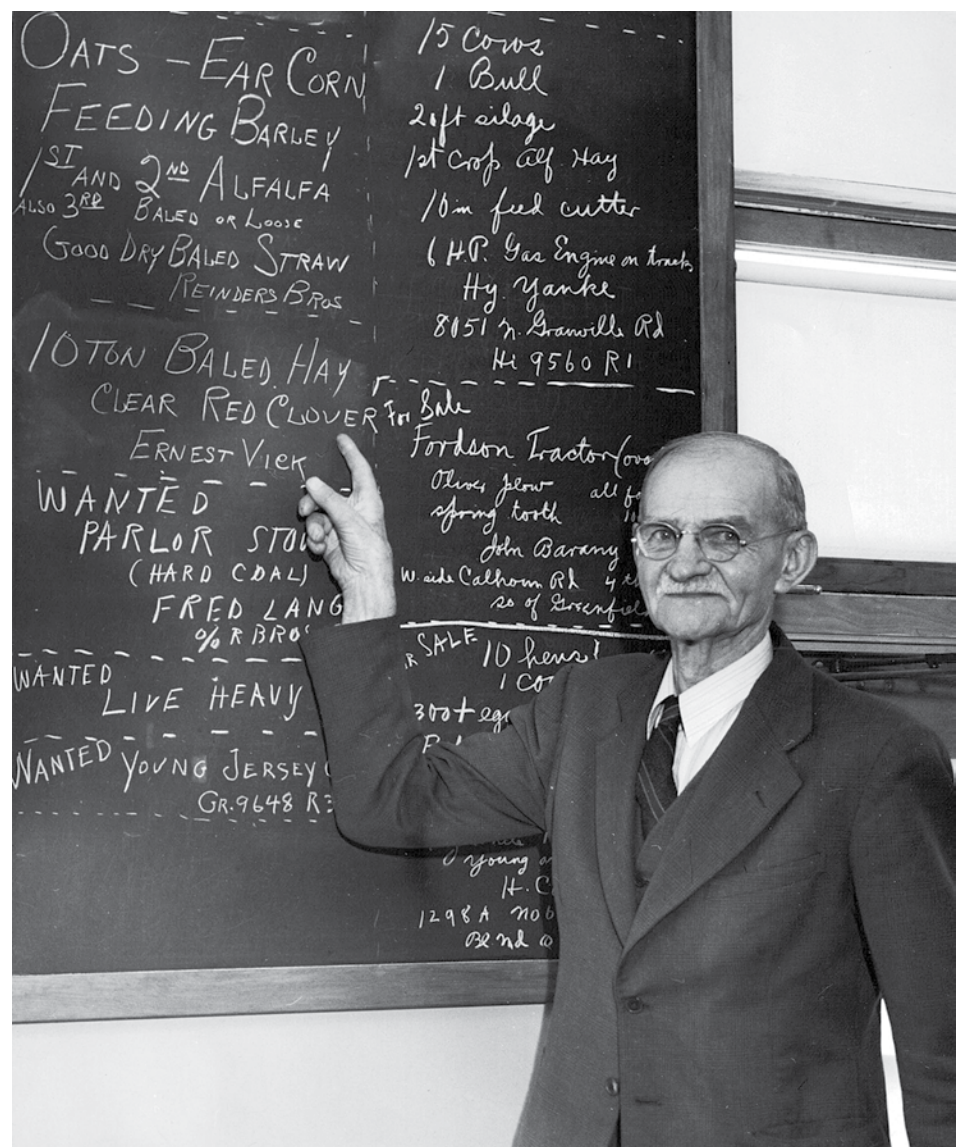


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John Reinders talks business with local farmers in the 1930s.

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Calendar of Events for September 2018

Monday – SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY – Village Hall Closed

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 4

- *School District of Elmbrook – First Day of School
- *Village of Elm Grove – Building Board meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgroveti.org.
- *Sharon Lynne Wilson Center – Ploch Art Gallery, 19805 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, featuring the work of Joseph Mougel through October 20. FREE & Open to the Public. (262) 373-5022.
- *Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 5

*Village of Elm Grove Beautification Committee meeting: 8:30 a.m. @ Village Hall.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 7

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 9

Grandparents Day

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 11

PATRIOT DAY



*School District of Elmbrook Board of Education meeting: 6 p.m. @ Central Administration offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public. (262) 781-3030.

*Elm Grove Beautification Awards ceremony @ Elm Grove Village Hall Court Room – 7 p.m. FREE & open to the public.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 14

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 18

- *Village of Elm Grove – Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgroveti.org.
- *Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Thursday – SEPTEMBER 20

*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Program: Explore Downtown Milwaukee / Tour War Memorial Center & FCPC Biodigester; Lunch: Women’s Club of Wisconsin. (262) 782-4060. www.cumceg.org.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 21

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

Saturday – SEPTEMBER 22

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN

Monday – SEPTEMBER 24

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

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 25

*School District of Elmbrook Board of Education meeting: 6 p.m. @ Central Administration offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public. (262) 781-3030.

Friday – SEPTEMBER 28

*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. (See AD – Page 12)

Saturday – SEPTEMBER 29

*Oktoberfest at Elm Grove Village Park (See AD – Page 2 & story below)

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Oktoberfest 2018 — Saturday, September 29

By Ted Wentzel

It’s that time of the year again! Time to dust the cobwebs off your Lederhosen and Dirndls. The Elm Grove Community Foundation’s 2nd Annual Oktoberfest celebration will take place on Saturday, September 29, at Village Park from 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.

0.5K Fun Run presented by O’Donoghue’s to kick off festivities!

NEW this year, we are starting the Oktoberfest celebration with a 0.5K “Race”. The 0.5K fun run is presented by O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub. Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m. from the O’D’s parking lot where “racers” will enjoy the first of three beers. The “Race” will start promptly at 3:30 p.m. Registered runners will receive a race t-shirt, 0.5K window decal and three beers (or root beers for our under 21 participants) along the race route. Space is limited so don’t delay — sign up today! For complete details visit www.elmgrovefoundation.org

Entertainment

Building on the success of last year’s event, Oktoberfest 2018 will feature live music by The Jeff Winard Band from 4 to 8 p.m. followed by our own resident DJ, Jesse Robinson, spinning tunes on the Honest Teeth Oktoberfest stage.

Food and Beverage

You can’t have Oktoberfest without a big beer tent! For the second year in a row, Uptown Motors is sponsoring the beer tent that will feature craft beers from Raised Grain Brewing Co. and Third Space Brewing, a nice selection of German and American beer, wines from Wollersheim Winery and Sprecher Root Beer. In addition to great libations, our very own local Sendik’s Food Market will be grilling up delicious German fare for everyone to enjoy....so come hungry!

Activities

In addition to the music entertainment, you’ll be able to participate in traditional

German games such as Raise Your Pint, Hammerschlagen and a lederhosen/dirndl contest. New this year will be the Dental Associates photo booth to capture your Oktoberfest memories. You can then share your favorite pics with your friends and family via Snapchat using a special Oktoberfest Geofilter. Halt deine Lederhosen fest!

Admission

Admission to Oktoberfest is FREE! As an added convenience to our guests, we are excited this year to accept debit and credit cards in addition to cash for both beverage and food purchases.

This year, Uptown Motors will also be providing shuttle service from nearby overflow parking lots. Please visit <http://www.elmgrovefoundation.org> in mid September for details and specific locations. We are also recruiting volunteers for the night. If you are interested in earning volunteer hours for high school or just want to help out please email elmgrovefoundation@gmail.com.

Event Proceeds

The Elm Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that works behind the scenes to enhance life in Elm Grove, will be raising money for projects not otherwise covered by Village tax dollars through the sale of beer, wine, food, commemorative t-shirts, and steins. Proceeds from this year’s event will support the construction of the Elm Grove Community Pool Splash Pad and other local projects.

Elm Grove’s Oktoberfest 2018 really will have something for everyone and will take place rain or shine. Please mark your calendars for September 29, tell your friends and neighbors, and come out to join the Community Foundation in celebrating all that is great about life in Elm Grove!



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Clubs & Organizations

Elm Grove Woman's Club to Publish New Directory

By Mary Lopez

Planning for the 2019 – 2020 *Elm Grove Village Directory* is underway. Published every two years by the Elm Grove Woman's Club, the comprehensive directory is distributed free-of-charge to the more than 2800 residents and 400 businesses in Elm Grove. Both groups are listed both alphabetically and by street address.

To insure an accurate publication, Elm Grove residents and businesses can anticipate a September mailing requesting verification of their current residence and contact status. Information for return and deadline will be found on the form.

Residents may also contact <http://www.egwc.org/contact-us> to indicate a change in listing, decline representation in the directory, or request additional information about the directory or club membership.

The *Elm Grove Village Directory* is also a valuable resource for locating and patronizing area businesses whose advertising helps to support this endeavor.

The Elm Grove Woman's Club has been an active part of the village for nearly eighty years providing social events, outreach programs and charitable contributions for Elm Grove and surrounding communities.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Community United Methodist Church volunteers at their 2018 Rummage & Bake Sale.

Elmbrook Senior Taxi to Mark 25th Anniversary

By Sandy Wolff

Elmbrook Senior Taxi, Inc. is providing more than 10,000 rides annually for seniors and adults with disabilities in the City and Town of Brookfield as well as the Villages of Elm Grove and Butler. Our mission is to promote an independent lifestyle for those we serve by providing safe, reliable and affordable transportation. We are very proud of the services we have provided since 1993 so that these special residents maintain their quality of life.

We take seniors to the grocery store, doctor appointments, hair appointments, social occasions, to work, to the Senior Center, etc. We drive adults with special needs to work and activities. For example, for over 20 years, we drove an adult with special needs to Sendiks (previously Grasc'h's) on North Avenue and Lilly Road to work and home 3 to 4 times per week.

We doubled the number of rides we provide in the last few years, from 500

rides per month to 1,000 rides in April of this year. This required investments in both our operational structure and our cars. We currently own a fleet of 4 cars and are finding that we need a 5th car to keep up with demand. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization subsidized by Waukesha County and the communities we serve. As budgets become tight, subsidies have not kept up with demand and we are more dependent on community members for support.

Our 25th Anniversary is this year and we are celebrating by hosting a Wine Tasting/Fundraiser on October 25 at the Elm Grove Woman's Club. We are expecting 200 people to attend and local leaders will be among the speakers. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 towards the purchase of a 5th car (gently used) and the cost of insurance for one year. This will address our growing need for service. For more information, call (262) 785-1200.

Methodist Church Holds Fund-raising Event to Support Local Organizations, Missionary in Africa

By Shelley Botchek

Community United Methodist Church of Elm Grove held a rummage sale for three days in mid-August. The Church has a very strong mission focus and that's what our rummage is all about. Not only do we try to touch the lives of those who come through our doors, through conversations and a welcoming smile, but we raise money for local, national and international organizations at this event.

This year's focus was raising money for City on a Hill, Teen Challenge, and our own missionary in Africa, **Paul Webster**. When it comes to the left over stuff, we tag items that are then given to other charities such as the Teen Challenge thrift shop, StreetLife Communities, and Penfield Children's Center.

This year we raised \$3,000 for our 3 designated charities, so each will receive a check for \$1,000. Our youth program hosted a bake sale and they managed to raise \$400 for their program.

Not only is our rummage about raising money, but it's about building relationships both within our church and within our community. It is awesome to see how much our congregation can pull together for an event as large as this. Anything from donating items for the sale, baking for the youth, and the more than 50 volunteers that volunteered to make this event a success. Thank you to all that helped make this event a success!!



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Elmbrook Rotary Accepting Nominations for '2018 Business Person of the Year' Award

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) recently announced its 2nd Business Person of the Year Award that will recognize the accomplishments of a successful Brookfield or Elm Grove individual.

"The Business Person of the Year Award is a way for the Club to recognize and celebrate individuals in our community who are service-minded and doing outstanding work," said program Chair **Ralph Gould**. The program will recognize those with a customer focus and an entrepreneurial approach, along with those who've demonstrated strong leadership in the community.

Last year's winner was **Lisabeth Passalis-Bain**, the Founder / Owner / Publisher / Editor of the *Elm Grove News-Independent*.

Nominations for the ERC Business Person of the Year are being accepted

and must be completed using the online form that can be found on the Club's website: www.elmbrookrotary.org/Page/business-person-of-the-year. A selection committee of ERC members, City of Brookfield and Village of Elm Grove officials will review all nomination forms and select the award recipient. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Saturday, October 6. The winner will be honored at the ERC meeting on Friday, October 26.

ERC began in 1983 and is part of Rotary International which was founded in 1905. The Club is an active group of more than 80 individuals with a wide range of backgrounds from business professionals and community leaders to those who work in public service. The Rotary's official motto is "Service Above Self" and the Club's slogan is "We Rise & Shine" referring to the fact that they were the first breakfast club in Rotary District 6270.

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News Briefs



Photo by Michelle Akel

Elm Grove Safety Village participants and volunteers gather at Elm Grove Village Park.

Safety Village: Lifesaving Education Gets a Fun & Positive Twist

By Emily McFadden

Safety Village is a five-day safety education program that emphasizes traffic, fire, and personal safety procedures in accordance with National Safety Town Guidelines. The program, which ran from July 30 through August 3, is sponsored by the Elm Grove Junior Guild in cooperation with the Village of Elm Grove Recreation Department, the Elm Grove Police Department, and the Fire Department. This year, 40 kindergarteners participated in the class taught by **Sara Gagnon** with the assistance of 22 high-school volunteers. The program was co-chaired by **Michelle Akel** and **Julia Fishler**.

“Keeping children safe is a core value of the Elm Grove Junior Guild,” says Michelle Akel. “We do a lot of work and fundraising for organizations throughout southeastern Wisconsin, but Safety Village is a program where we’re making a difference here in our own village.”

Safety Village is an educational program that teaches young children how to prevent accidents from occurring and how to respond to dangerous situations. It emphasizes traffic, fire, and personal safety. Lessons are taught in the classroom and on the miniature, outdoor Safety Village that features buildings, roads, and street signs.

The program culminated in a graduation ceremony where the students received diplomas and demonstrated some of their newfound safety skills. This year marked our 1,000th Safety Village graduate since the Junior Guild started hosting the program.

Children participating in this year’s Safety Village include **Karim Akel, Bradyen Blong, Dylan Blong, Liam Bonfilio, Madelyn Bosbous, Mia Braden, Emily Carnell, Ana Chretien, Norah Daniels, Otto Dusek, Benjamin**

Edwards, Taylor Fadeski, Ben Fishler, Eva Jane Flanagan, Kenley Fulfer, Ruby Glassman, Hannah Harley, Nathan Harmelink, Tyler Holland, Paul Hundt, Levi Iwanski, Madelyn Iwanski, James Kaiser, Audrey Klein, Ryan Knechtges, Kiera Maio, Saya Masters, Soren Masters, Cici McWey, Mabel Moe, Harris Nickerson, Aj Niederbaumer, Maya Pillai, Ella Riebesehl, Cole Rivecca, Emma Grace Stromwall, Ava Volm, Cora Walker, Brian Williams, and Charlie Ziel.

The teen volunteers were **Ben Crnkovich, Taylor Crnkovich, Luc Demmon, Jack Domaszek, Sean Domaszek, Maille Rose Fox, Sophia Huck, Simon Johnstone, Ana Krueger, Lucy Leffler, Molly Leffler, Kaylee Metz, Abby Miller, Liam Parey, Ailie Reid, Jack Stephens, Gage Toth, Drew Toth, Brianna Warner, Camryn Warner, Josie Wilber and Jenna Wilson.**



Nancy Major

VARIETY Names New Executive Director/CEO

By Judi Murphy

The Board of Directors of Variety the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin announces the appointment of **Nancy Major** as Executive Director/CEO.

Variety (located at 12425 Knoll Road, Elm Grove) is a non-profit with the mission of “Providing life-enriching assistance to Wisconsin children challenged by disabilities, regardless of ability to pay”. Variety serves children age 21 and younger who have a diagnosed or demonstrated disability, including but not limited to, children with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, Rett syndrome, muscular dystrophy, Down syndrome, Angelman syndrome, epilepsy and amputees.

“We’re exceptionally pleased that Nancy has taken on this leadership role,” said **Piermario Bertolotto**, Chairman of the Board.

Major said, “As a passionate advocate for disadvantaged and underserved children and families, I was instantly drawn to Variety’s mission of inclusivity and acceptance for children with special needs...”

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News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Harper is a cute, energetic young lad who is sure to be a loyal, fun companion! He loves to get out and about for walks and spend time with his people. He loves to work for treats and play with toys — food puzzles or balls are surely something he may enjoy in his new home. He was crate and house trained in his former home and likely should do well transitioning back to this. Our dog walkers gush about how lovely he is!

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.






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Harper


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Triplet Trouble

By Lucy Irwin, Age 12

The problem with being identical twins is that nobody knows who is who. Do you know what's even worse than being a twin? Being a triplet. I'm Hailey Harrison, and I, unfortunately, fall under the category of being an identical triplet.

I have two sisters, as you probably guessed. Bailey loves art. She draws, paints, makes statues, stuff like that. Kailey likes to sing. She's in a lot of musicals at school. But singing isn't really for me. I'm the sporty one. I play soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball, anything that involves a ball. As you can see, we have nothing in common! That's why switching places for a day turned out horribly wrong. It all started yesterday when we were watching the movie Parent Trap.

"That looks like so much fun!" Bailey remarked.

"What does?" I asked. "Switching places?"

"Yeah! You know, we could do that! I mean, we're identical after all..." Kailey said.

"Yeah! Let's switch tomorrow!" Bailey added. Kailey agreed. Of course. Why was I the only one with common sense?

"I don't know, this isn't gonna work out well. I can just tell. Us two can't sing to save our lives, us two can't even draw a straight line, and you guys don't even know how to kick a ball."

"So? It's worth a shot!" So, after twenty minutes of painful arguing, I succumbed to their 'less than smart' idea. We gave each other our schedules. Thankfully, we didn't have any tests that day. I was switching with Kailey (great, now I get to make a fool of myself in front of the scary musical director). At least Bailey is becoming me. She's a tad more athletic than Kailey. My plan was to pretend I had a minor cold, which was why I was singing like a hippopotamus.

Tomorrow was already here, and I had a flock of eagles flying around my stomach. Everything went pretty smoothly sitting next to Kailey's friends on the bus, and the first three classes went okay, until math. A pop test. Uh oh. I didn't take the advanced math class. Would I fail my sister? I gulped as the teacher handed me 3 sheets of blue paper and equations I couldn't even understand. I had no idea what any of it meant. For all I knew, it was written in Spanish. So I just guessed on all of them. After that, it was smooth sailing until English. I sat next to Kailey's best friend Amanda, and little did I know that she would start such a commotion!

"What are you doing, Kailey?" Amanda asked.

"I dunno, what?" I cluelessly replied.

"Kailey, you've been acting funny all day. Now, why are you sitting here?"

"Don't I always?" I said.

"Kailey, don't do this. Go sit in your assigned seat." Why did there have to be assigned seats? Why? I got up with my sister's books and wandered the room hoping for her tablemate to say something to me. Just then, the teacher, Mrs. Kronowski, said, "Kailey Harrison, what are you doing? Sit down!"

"I umm, forgot where I, uh, am supposed to umm, sit, Mrs., uh, Kronowski... sorry..."

"Don't try to be funny, Kailey. We've had these seats all year. Of course you know. You can stand during this class period." Well, that was embarrassing. Sorry, Kailey!

After school was play practice. Just what I needed. I hope Bailey wasn't embarrassing me as much as I was embarrassing Kailey! The first thing I did was tell the teacher I had a sore throat. Just a white lie, right? I did it for Kailey.

"I'm so sorry, Kailey. Rest your voice today, and practice your lines over there. I hope you feel better!" the teacher told me.

"Thanks! Except, I don't have a script. I'm so sorry."

"This isn't like you, Kailey, but I guess you can borrow one from over there."

"Oh, thank you so much!" I got the script out and grabbed a Harry Potter book out as well. Concealing it inside the script, it looked like I was studying lines in the corner when in reality, that's not what I really was doing for two hours.

When my mom picked me up, I was so exhausted, I almost forgot to be like Kailey. As soon as I got home, I went straight up to my room and got in bed, without brushing my teeth or eating dinner. Kailey wanted to know all about my day.

"Apart from bombing a math pop test, having to stand during English, and not having a script at play practice, it was terrific!" I said, and then fell asleep. What an exhausting day!

Winner — Ages 8-11

Dead End Ahead

By Charlie Cornell, Age 9

As children, Victor, Margret and Sam had heard many stories of the Haunted Fortress at the end of the road. It was famous all over the town of Knackville, but no living being had ever been there. But now that they were teenagers, in California, following a giant map that they got from a lost civilization, the stories seemed doubtful. But Margret was eager to find the fortress. At least Sam agreed with her.

They'd been on that dusty trail for days now, only to find themselves at a... Wait, that looks like a... Dead end? Apparently, Sam and Margret saw it too. "Well, looks like we got to go back now," said Margret. They looked at the map. "Wait a minute..." Sam trailed off. "What's this swirl at the end of the road?" "I don't know," said Victor.

They decided to see what it was in real life, so they followed the road. When they reached the end, they saw a tiny trapdoor. "Should we go in?" asked Margret. "I vote yes," said Sam. "Me too," said Victor. The trio jumped in, only to be attacked by a

mob of angry ghosts. "Where are we?" Sam asked as the ghosts got closer. "I don't know, but we're going to find a way out. I'm sure about that," Margret whispered.

They suddenly got yanked into the wall, only to find themselves in a dimly lit room with many spider webs, many skeleton heads lining the walls, a low ceiling and a big pile of bones. HUMAN BONES.

"Wow, creepy..." said Sam. "How can we get out?" asked Margret. "I don't know," said Victor. There was a long pause. Suddenly moaning came. From the darkness, zombies came. A hole appeared in the ceiling. They had to get out.

Victor suddenly sprang up and somehow got to the hole. "Grab my hand!" he shouted. They did, and they escaped. "Do you know where we just were?" Margret asked excitedly. "No," the other two responded. "The ghosts, the zombies? Don't you get it? We were just in The Haunted Fortress!" she exclaimed.

THE END.

Winner — Ages 5-7

Summer Adventures

By Will Richlen, age 7

One summer day in Elm Grove, Wisconsin in a secret garden there were 3 little kids. 7-year-old Cole and his twin brother Will, and his sister Maddie set off on an adventure. They found a club house made out of sticks with three sleeping bags. Next to the sleeping bags they found a little statue. On the statue it said they needed to crawl into a sleeping bag and say they wanted to go there, they would be transported to that place.

Will, Cole and Maddie went to different places. Maddie went to a Brewers Game and Miller Park. Cole went to Brazil. Will went to a baseball diamond in Taiwan and played kickball.

Cole went to Macarana, the soccer field in Brazil. He got a big pretzel and then ate it while watching the game. Brazil scored 1 goal against Croatia. Croatia scored 3 more goals. One of Croatia's guys got kicked in the shin and got a free kick and scored for Croatia. Croatia was winning. The crowd from Brazil were shouting, "Boo." Then Brazil scored 2 more goals. The score was 3 to 4 Croatia.

While that was happening, Will scored a grand slam home run to win the game in Taiwan. The crowd was shouting, "Whoooo." Will was feeling pretty good.

The Brewers were winning against the Cardinals and Maddie was enjoying the game while she was eating Dip and Dot. It was the 9th inning and the crowd was doing the wave and shouting, "Go, Brewers!"

When the games were over, everyone got in their sleeping bags and said, "I want to go back to Elm Grove." And they did. The three got back together and talked about their adventures.

Winner — Ages 5-7

Summer Vacation

By Meera Malinowski, age 7

To the lake it's so much fun
Then the wind blows
And howls like a wolf
Up and down the path
Looking at the sky
wondering...
About how I feel in summer
And asking questions that
Will never be answered
Watching the birds in the sky
Fishing in the stream
Tending my garden
Watching clouds pass by without
a word
Silent as can be I pack then
I leave...
over the hills and beyond

Honorable Mention — Ages 12+

The Little Things

By Laurette A. Blanchard, age 12

Sitting,
Waiting,
Watching,
Reclining in a tree
watching the world go by.
No one takes time anymore,
to enjoy the little things in life.
The little things.
What are the little things?
A small kind action,
to make someone's day.
Or a smile,
could mean the world to someone,
if they are having a bad day.
Relax.
Find a place where you can appreciate
all of the small things done for you.
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Estate Planning: Vacation Properties

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Whether it is a lake home, a cottage in the woods or hunting land, vacation properties can be the source of your family's best memories. However, if you are lucky enough to own such a property, you need to decide what will happen to it after you die, otherwise it could drive a wedge between your family members.

Begin by determining what your goal is for the property. Do you want it to remain in the family or are you okay with it being sold? If it is to remain in the family, are you willing to transfer full or part ownership of the property during your lifetime, or only after your death? Consult an attorney as to not only what legal steps need to be taken for either option, but also what the tax consequences would be to both you and your children. Lastly, discuss what form of ownership, such as a trust or LLC, would be the best manner for multiple family members to own the property together.

Once you have made some decisions and have the necessary information, have a meaningful discussion with your children. Find out who actually wants the property. What they have to say might surprise you. One or more of your children might enjoy visiting the property now, but may not have interest in it after you are gone. Another may simply live too far away, or may not be in a financial position to take on the taxes, insurance and maintenance of the property.

Lastly, once you decide who will receive the property, you must also decide whether your other children will receive something else from your estate instead. When everything has been addressed and decided, follow through with any necessary legal work. Working through these matters with your family will require effort. However, a successful transition of your vacation property to the next generation will be well worth it.

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| 6 Caramel Turtle | 21 Oreo Overload |
| 7 Cookies & Cream | 22 Brownie Batter Overload |
| 8 Caramel Fudge Cookie Dough | 23 Chocolate Caramel Twist |
| 9 Chocolate Éclair | 24 Chocolate Oreo Volcano |
| 10 Dark Chocolate Decadence | 25 Raspberry Cheesecake |
| 11 Butter Pecan | 26 Heath Chocolate Almond |
| 12 Georgia Peach | 27 Peanut Butter Cookie Dough |
| 13 Kit Kat Swirl | 28 Dark Chocolate Decadence |
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NOTE: Anyone is welcome to attend this free event. If you would like to have an antique appraised, you must register your appraisal in advance. One appraisal per person. Only 20 appraisals total will be conducted. Registration for appraisals begins September 10.



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Good Sports



Photo by Nancy Zabel

THE ELMBROOK LITTLE LEAGUE U10 AMERICAN ALL STAR TEAM: (Back row, left to right) **Coach Aaron Hootkin, Brady Mohns, Jackson King, Bennett Fryjoff, Nicholas Rykwald, Luke Mutchelkaus, Vincent Bitter, Manager Dave Meyers, Cooper Reinhardt, Coach Brad Mohns;** (Front row, left to right) **Ben Swanson, Clark Meyers, Zach Steichen, Zachary Hootkin, Connor Mitchell, and Hayden Hakes.** The boys won the District 1 (all of Milwaukee) Championship and as a result reached the Wisconsin State Little League Championship Tournament in Wausau, where they represented the Elm Brook Little League very proudly.



Photo courtesy of Neil Palmer

Elm Grove Village President **Neil Palmer** welcomes a participant at the International Chinese Tennis Association's 8th International Tournament, at Village Park on August 25. The event was part of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce meeting hosted this year by the Wisconsin chapter. Dozens of tennis players from numerous countries took part in the competition.

News Briefs



Photo by Marie O'Brien

Tyler Beckley stands at the site of a Brookfield Academy nature trail that he helped refurbish as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Brookfield Academy Student Improves Nature Trail

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy Primary School students have the benefit of exploring a nature trail alongside their playground but with wear and tear the area needed restoration. Freshman student **Tyler Beckley**, an Elm Grove resident, learned the trail needed work and volunteered to improve the area this summer as part of his Eagle Scout project. "I liked the idea of doing this project and helping my school at the same time," he said.

More than 100 hours later, Tyler completed the job with the help of members of Potawatomi Area Council Boy Scout Troop 183. "We mulched,

replaced rotted wood, dug up weeds and stumps, and put up signs," Tyler said. The signs designated where students should walk, but Tyler took the project a step further by adding educational information for young students. "I created signs that specified the names of trees, along with a picture of the tree and its leaves, and fun facts," he said.

Eventually another sign will be posted, crediting the work as Tyler's Eagle Scout Project. Tyler is another step closer to completing the steps to earn Eagle Scout rank (the highest advancement rank in Scouting) and hopes to finish next year.



Photo by Lyn Hamilton

Karen Finerty (at left) and **Jean Kauffman** were co-hosts for a "Women of Watermark" July 21 social. The women served a "make-your-own" salad and wine lunch at the Finerty's before guests moved to the Kauffman condo for coffee and dessert, an afternoon of neighborly conversations, and a personal tour of the Finerty and Kauffman condos.

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September 14 - The Outlook for the 2018 Elections in Wisconsin and the Nation

Dr. Charles Franklin speaks of the November elections that will set the course for the new congress and in state offices in Wisconsin. How are voters viewing their choices? What issues concern them? How might the balance of political power shift after the election? Join us as we look at these issues in both state and national perspective.

September 21 - Members Only Luncheon

September 28 - Froedtert & the Medical College Growth and Expansion of Healthcare

Speaker Dr. Mark Lodes will discuss healthcare today and healthcare trends for the future. He will tell us how the dynamics of change are being incorporated into the forward plans of Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin. Join us for this informative view forward of how our own local regional medical center is preparing for the future.

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