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### Haiku

By Joanne Johnson-Clauser

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# "I Know Where You Live!"



Elisabeth Passalis-Bain

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# Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove / [npalmer@elmgrovewi.org](mailto:npalmer@elmgrovewi.org)

Jim Nortman, a 50-year Village Fire Department volunteer, former Village Trustee, Village President and Elm Grove Community Foundation Board member passed away recently. Jim worked tirelessly to improve the Village and showed many of us how to do the same. In lieu of flowers Jim asked that memorials be given to the Elm Grove Community Foundation, Inc. - Clock Fund, to be used for the purchase of an ornamental clock for Elm Grove’s downtown.

The Village Board received only one response of interest to the July “Request for Proposals” seeking outside legal counsel to review the process which approved the planned Mandel project to redevelop the now vacant School Sisters of Notre Dame Campus. The original RFP the Board approved on a 4 to 3 vote in July with the new Trustees elected in April constituting the majority. The sole respondent did not file the required response materials in time to meet the stated deadline. At the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting the Board voted 4 to 2 to issue a second Request for Proposals (RFP) to a new list of law firms. The argument to seek outside legal counsel to review the process and decisions of the Village Board before new members were elected, is that some people don’t believe the previous Board acted correctly. A number of residents spoke at the meeting to urge the Board to oppose the hiring of outside legal counsel.

The process to consider the redevelopment proposal took more than 2 years. Village Board, citizen committee and plan commission members worked hard to evaluate and improve the proposal. Village residents attended and spoke at many meetings to present suggestions, criticism and ask questions. The Village engaged legal counsel, financial, construction and engineering consultants to evaluate every aspect of the project. The Village President, Village Manager, Village Finance Director, and the Village Attorney spent countless hours negotiating the Development Agreement to protect the Village. Both the Village and Mandel have very powerful incentives to make certain that the project approval was done correctly and in compliance with state law and Village ordinances. The 57-page Development Agreement and 29 exhibits along with the 40-page TID Project Plan with its exhibits were publicly available before the Village Board approval in March. (<https://www.elmgrovewi.org/679/School-Sisters-of-Notre-Dame-Campus-Rede>).

Foley & Lardner, legal counsel for Mandel, spoke at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to caution the Board that interference with the already approved project approvals could be “breach of contract” and result in millions of dollars in damages owed to Mandel by the Village. The School Sisters could also claim the Village was interfering with their contracted land sale.

The second RFP for outside counsel to review past Board actions will request

replies by September 22nd. The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for Monday September 26th.

The Village has issued a “Request for Proposal” to provide refuse and recycling services. The existing service contract with John’s Disposal is near the end of its term and seeking fresh proposals is normal course of business to identify the best choice for the new contract term. The RFP requests proposals for both “up the drive” and “end of drive” collection cost options be submitted. The Board plans to complete the selection process by the end of September.

The Public Works Committee continued to make progress supporting the request from Emerald Woods Condominiums to connect to the existing Brookfield water service serving a small area of Elm Grove around Elm Grove Road south of Wall Street.

The committee also evaluated sewer inspection and improvement plans for the next 2 years.

Discussion of the 10-year Village road paving and pathway plan and funding was discussed by the Public Works Committee. Future street and pathway planning has become more complex due to the need to evaluate whether a public referendum will be necessary to move forward if the project cost estimates exceed \$1 million. At the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Village Board meeting the staff was directed to prepare draft referendum language and plans for the Gebhardt Road and pathway paving. State statutes require that the Village provide the County Clerk with Referendum language 90 days before the planned election. So, to have the \$1.7 million Gebhardt Road project on the November election ballot, the Board must approve language by the end of August. We have applied for federal/state grant which could provide as much as \$1.36 million of the total project cost, thus making the Village share approximately \$340,000. If we don’t receive the grant and then don’t have follow federal / state project contracting restrictions, the project cost is estimated to be \$1.3 million, but the entire cost will fall on the Village.

The Plan Commission held a special meeting in August to continue consideration of the application from “Tiny Green Trees” Nature Based Childcare and Forest School in the school building associated with the old St. Edmunds Episcopal Church on Watertown Plank Road. The meeting provided an opportunity for the school owners, Kelly and Jeremy Belot to address questions and concerns raised by neighbors at the previous Plan Commission meeting. The school plans to serve children from 6 weeks to 8 years old and to be open Monday through Friday twelve months of the year. Surveys indicate that most area facilities have waiting lists for new customers. If approved, they intend to improve the building which has suffered from lack of maintenance. Neighbors are concerned

about increased traffic on the Wisconsin Avenue side of the building, noise from the playground, building lighting, snow management, insurance, landscaping, and security. The Belots explained that client traffic on the Wisconsin Avenue side would be limited to drop-off of infants under the age of 2.5 years between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Families will be assigned a specific time slot for drop-off and pick up, limiting traffic to 8 vehicles per hour. Afternoon pickup will be structured in the same manner between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The class size restrictions limit use of Wisconsin Avenue access to 16 families. Families of all other students, and staff will use the Watertown Plank site access. This matter will be on the next Plan Commission meeting for consideration and possible action.

The Beautification Committee is again holding a Tree Sale offering container grown trees for delivery this fall. The Committee also has scheduled the Winter Lecture series to begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation by Paul Schwabe of Johnson Nursery. The free lectures are offered monthly (except December) until April. Village Trustee (and hydrogeologist) John Schindler will discuss the planned Underwood Creek daylighting project for the downtown on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Check out the Beautification Committee information on the Village website: [www.elmgrovewi.org](http://www.elmgrovewi.org).

Home composting of home kitchen organic waste is becoming more and more popular in Elm Grove. Jill and I have been customers of a local composting service for some time now. We simply keep a small steel container with a charcoal filter cover on the kitchen counter where we place all our non-meat or dairy food scraps. The kitchen container is emptied into a 5-gallon container (with a cover) which we keep in the garage, which is provided by the company and picked up weekly. We pay a very small cost for this service. As an added benefit, several times in the summer and fall we can receive a pillowcase full of beautiful organic mulch for our gardens. We have been amazed at how much less “garbage” we have for weekly pickup. Food waste makes up approximately 30% of typical home waste streams and is a significant source of methane gas production in waste landfills. There are providers of this type of service which you can find online.

The Wauwatosa City Council unanimously approved the staff recommendation to provide water service to Caroline Heights Apartments and the single-family homes proposed for the School Sisters of Notre Dame redevelopment site. This Village has proposed connecting to the new water service extension to deliver water to our downtown and ultimately throughout Village neighborhoods. This water extension project will not move forward at this time if the SSND redevelopment does not move forward.

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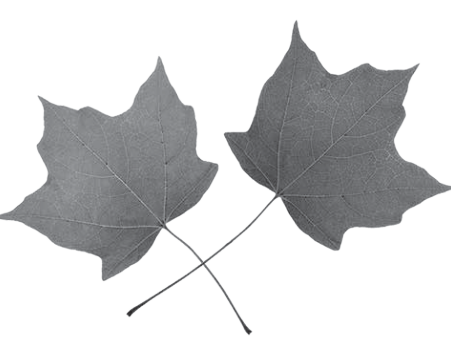
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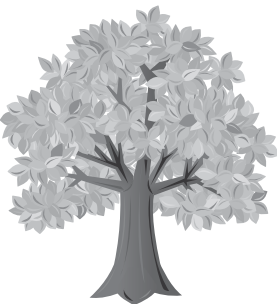
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# Our History:

Remembrances of Things Past



Photo by Karl A. Hauser

Elm Grove Road, between Juneau Boulevard and Watertown Plank Road, in 1969.

## WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

The answer to this “Whatzzit” is seemingly simple. This is a photograph of Elm Grove Road, looking toward Juneau Boulevard from the Watertown Plank Road intersection. It was taken by my father, **Karl Hauser**, in July of 1969. The road looks the same as today, but somehow different. It explains why some older village residents still refer to that stretch of roadway as “Cave Road”, due to the ‘cathedral ceiling’ effect of the old-growth American Elms that met like praying hands at the top. In the 1960s, the road was always dark and shady in summer, even at high noon.

My dad snapped this photo after learning that many of the majestic elm trees were to be removed by 1970. They had fallen victim to Dutch Elm Disease and could not be saved. From the end of the 1960s through the early 1970s, Elm Grove lost most of its old-growth elms to the lethal fungal disease spread from tree to tree by Elm Bark Beetles, which bred their larva in the trees. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources estimated that America lost as many as 40 million elms to the disease, which had spread all the way to California by 1973. A truly accurate estimate of the elms lost would be impossible to calculate, so this number may actually be low. Many communities lost all of their venerable elms.

Some of the trees along the sides of Elm Grove Road shown here had predated the road itself by several decades. The roadbed marked the path of the uprooted tracks of the La Crosse division of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The old company telegrapher’s office still stood to the east of the road at Watertown Plank Road until 1967. (Some area residents may better remember it as the village barber shop run by “**Judge**” **Al Miner** and, later, by **Wayne Arndt**, or as the offices of Johnston Realty.) It should be noted that residents living west of “Cave Road” occasionally found old railroad spikes on their property when turning ground for spring vegetable gardens and plantings.

A year after this picture was taken, Elm Grove Road looked as if it had gotten a bad haircut. What the *Milwaukee Sentinel* had previously dubbed “Elm Grove’s real showplace” and an “archway of elms” would look a bit sparse for decades. Only in more recent years has the passage of time allowed the leafy road to regain at least some of its former glory.

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

## “OUR HISTORY” STORIES & PHOTOS WANTED!

Share your memories of Elm Grove / Brookfield / Waukesha County during the 1940s, ‘50s, ‘60s, ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, etc.

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# News Briefs

## Men’s Club Donates Funds to Veterans’ Groups

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Men’s Club (EGMC) was unable to hold its annual Block Party for Veterans on Memorial Day because of logistics in downtown Elm Grove. “Despite our not serving food with Veterans Post 449, and beverages/ice cream with the men’s club, we were able to raise \$20,777 through donations. Most of these donations were from EGMC members. And most of the donated money went to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI), the balance was provided to Post 449 to help cover their day-to-day expenses and keep the post open,” noted club member **Carl Carran**.

## Rotary Club Announces Scholarship Winners

By Jackson Bubolz

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) is active in many different areas of our community. Sometimes there are projects at the Women’s Center we can help with. Other times Rotarians will commit to weekly volunteering and helping students with their literacy skills. This report is on seeds (scholarships), that we hope will bloom into impactful careers. The ERC awarded 3 scholarships to these worthy recipients:

- A \$1000 scholarship paid each year for four years went to **Sarah Astley** from Brookfield Central High School who will attend UW- Stevens Point.
- A \$1000 scholarship paid each year for four years went to **Adriga Bhattacharyya** from Brookfield East who will attend UW- Milwaukee.
- A \$1000 scholarship paid each year for two years went to **Charles Benjamin Fleming**

who will attend Waukesha County Technical College. This scholarship is specific to a student entering a two-year program in a field that relates to a First Responder status. The scholarship is funded by Elmbrook Rotary Club to honor the 40+ years of service that retired Fire Chief **William (Bill) Selzer** gave to the Elmbrook Community.

**Dr. Thomas Arndt**, President of the Elmbrook Rotary Club presented all three scholarships at the respective school’s Senior Honors Night at the end of the school year.

If getting involved with any area of our community is of interest, please visit our website: <https://elmbrookrotary.org/>.

Membership information is under the join tab.



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If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you! Here are the types of positions we’re looking to fill:

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- Restroom Supplies Checker
- Games Supervisors
- Event Clean-up

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If you could give us a hand for a couple of hours during Oktoberfest weekend, we would greatly appreciate you.

To see opportunities, visit the Oktoberfest page at [www.elmgrovefoundation.org](http://www.elmgrovefoundation.org) and click the Volunteer button, or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera.



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- Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: Eddee Daniel, Project Director – Preserve Our Parks, “A Wealth of Nature: Parks and Natural Areas in Southeast Wisconsin”. <http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 4  
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- Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
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Sunday – SEPTEMBER 11  
**PATRIOT DAY**  
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- School District of Elmbrook – Board of Education** meeting: 6 p.m. at Central Administration Office – Board Room #100, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Open to the Public. (262) 781-3030. Livestream: [www.elmbrookschoools.org](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org).

- Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 14**  
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- Elm Grove Woman’s Club**  
Community Open House, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 13885 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove. Learn about all the activities, small groups, events, and fundraisers planned for the 2022-2023 year. Get involved! Join the Club! All communities are welcome!
- Elm Grove Beautification Committee**  
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Friday – SEPTEMBER 16

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Dr. Phil Bangel, Retired, “Volunteering Dentistry Needs for Community.” [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)
- Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: Avi Mylrea – Common Hope, “Common Hope / ERC Guatemala Project Update and “Walk For Hope”. <http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

- Saturday – SEPTEMBER 17**  
•**Shred Day**, presented by the Elm Grove Business Association at the Park & Shop parking lot, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Items acceptable: paper  
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- Monday – SEPTEMBER 19**  
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Thursday – SEPTEMBER 22  
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- Friday – SEPTEMBER 23**  
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- Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speakers: Elmbrook Rotary Select Club Members, “Rotary Member Classification Talks” <http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 25  
**ROSH HASHANA begins**  
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- Monday – SEPTEMBER 26**  
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- Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 27**  
•**Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County** presents “Coping With Stress Through Journaling”, a discussion of chronic stress and its impact on physical and mental health – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd. Handouts on the topic and a small gift will be available for participants at the end of the session. Register online at [www.elmgrovelibrary.org](http://www.elmgrovelibrary.org). (262) 782-6717.

- Friday – SEPTEMBER 30**  
•**Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: William Roedell, “Home & Personal Security & Crime Prevention.” [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)
- Elmbrook Rotary Club**  
Meeting: 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Speaker: Courtney Zeller, C.T.R.S., “Veterans in Focus”. <http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>.



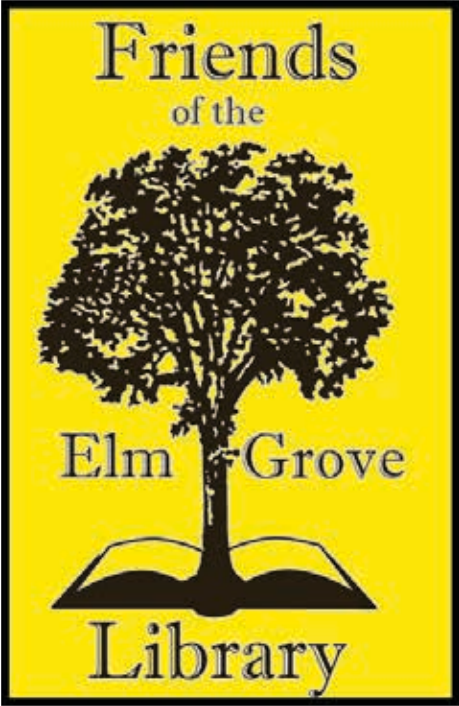
The International Day of Peace: September 21, 2022

(NEW YORK) The 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace is “**End racism. Build peace.**” We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations as we work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination. A world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred. A world that we can truly be proud of.

Each year the International Day of Peace, established in 1981, is observed around the world on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. But achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race.


As **Secretary-General António Guterres** has said: “Racism continues to poison institutions, social structures, and everyday life in every society. It continues to be a driver of persistent inequality. And it continues to deny people their fundamental human rights. It destabilizes societies, undermines democracies, erodes the legitimacy of governments, and... the linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable.” As conflicts continue to erupt across the globe, causing people to flee, we have seen race-based discrimination at borders. As COVID-19 keeps attacking our communities, we have seen how certain racial groups have been hit much harder than others. As economies suffer, we have seen hate speech and violence directed at racial minorities. We all have a role to play in fostering peace. And tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute. We can work to dismantle the structures that entrench racism in our midst. We can support movements for equality and human rights everywhere. We can speak out against hate speech – both offline and online. We can promote anti-racism through education and reparatory justice.”

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# News Briefs

## American Legion Scholarships Announced

By Jim Young

Six area students each received a \$700 college scholarship from American Legion Post 449. All of the recipients have very strong academic high school records, scored well to exceptionally well on their ACT examinations, were active in sports and other school activities, some worked and all were active community members. They all highly deserve their scholarships, should be excellent college students, and will be productive citizens of the U.S.A. They include: **Madeline Barton** of Brookfield; **Tristan Farber** of Waukesha; **Kayla Knudtson** of Union Grove; **Rachel Leville** of Wauwatosa; **Jada Mercer** of Wauwatosa, and **Jacob Noonan** of Waukesha.

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This year's Safety Village graduates gather for a group photo near Elm Grove Village Hall.

## Junior Guild-sponsored Program Announces Graduates

(ELM GROVE) Each August, the Elm Grove Junior Guild coordinates a week-long, safety-themed program for students entering grades K4 or K5 during the following school year. The young participants learn about traffic safety, fire safety, safety with household items that might be poisonous, and safety with strangers, and learn a special song to reinforce each of these themes. Each song was performed for friends and family

members at the graduation ceremony, which concluded with the distribution of certificates and popsicles.

Among the 2022 Safety Village graduates are **Lucy Baseheart, Griffin Boshous, Parker Bulgrin, Claire Cornell, Sloane Donnelly, William Driscoll, Nell Dymit, Brooks Edwards, Samuel Fisher, Gabe Flint, Max Flint, Jack Fridirici, William Henson, Jacqueline Jaquith, Clare Kelly, Graham King, Owen**

**Klein, Natalie Kroner, Nora Kroner, Logan Levonowich, Grace LoCoco, Lousia LoCoco, Vivian LoCoco, Gloria McFadden, Valerie McWey, Seth Parkin, Kai Powell, Maggie Ramsey, Peter Schneider, Thomas Shepherd, Philip Skorczewski, Levi Smith, Caius Sperry, Ashtyn Tofson, Valentina Tripoli, Evelyn Weber, Lucy Williamson, and Annie Woodd.**

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## Golden K Kiwanis Help Scouts, Scouts Assist Kiwanis

By Mark Ehlinger, Troop 156 Committee Chair

The Elm Grove Golden K's mission includes helping kids. As part of this, the Golden Ks charter several Boy Scout of America units. The Golden Ks charter (sponsor) Cub Scout Pack 156 which meets at Tonawanda and is for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The Kiwanis Club provides a donation that is used to purchase neckerchiefs and Scout books for new Cub Scouts. The Golden Ks also help out the Pack by attending the Pack's Pinewood Derby, and club members select winners of the best design.

The Golden Ks also charter 2 Scouts BSA Troops, 156B and 156G. Troop 156B has been around since 1970. 156G, (the Troop for Girls) was started when the BSA allowed girls to join in 2019. The Troops meet on Tuesdays during school year at Pilgrim Park Middle School. When Troop 156G started, they shared equipment with Troop 156B. Troop 156B had 2 trailers, an 8' x 5' trailer that was used on camp outs and a larger trailer that was 10' x 6'.

The larger trailer, when filled, could only be pulled by large vehicles. It was difficult to find someone with that size of vehicle. So, the larger trailer was used for storage. If one of the troops was going camping, and their equipment was not in the small trailer, the equipment had to be swapped between the large and small trailer. Either that or the troop going camping had to find another way to get their equipment to the camp out. But as Troop 156G did more activities on their own, the committee decided that we should get another trailer that can be pulled by most of today's smaller SUVs and minivans.

The Golden Ks stepped in and offered to give the Troops a donation to buy the



Photo courtesy of Mark Ehlinger

The trailer purchased for Scout Troop 156 by the Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K.

trailer. After some searching, another 8' x 5' trailer was found and the Golden Ks paid for it. Now, with 2 trailers, each troop can have their own equipment, in their own trailers, ready to go without transferring between trailers. The Troop for Girls is using the trailer that was just purchased.

In order to help our Chartering Organization, the pack and troops provide service to the Golden Ks. The Pack rings bells for the Golden K's Salvation Army collection at stores and also does a flag ceremony to open at least one of the Golden K's meetings. The Troops helped out at the Golden K's Cruisin' the Grove Car Show in August.

The Golden Ks are always interested in what the Pack and Troops are doing. They learn about when we do activities, where we camp, and when a Scout makes Eagle rank. We look forward to a long and happy relationship between our Scouts and the Golden Ks.

For information about Scout units, visit [beascout.org](http://beascout.org).



# Oktoberfest

## Elm Grove Village Park

### September 16 & 17

A Community Event Organized by the  
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#### FRIDAY THE 16TH

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Visit to register for the 0.5K Fun Run or to become an Oktoberfest volunteer.



# News Briefs

## Oktoberfest Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September

By Ted Wentzel

Elm Grove’s biggest beer bash is back for the sixth year in a row. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Elm Grove Community Foundation Oktoberfest, presented by Honest Teeth, kicks off in Elm Grove Park on Friday, September 16 at 5:00 p.m. with lots of adult beverage options in the Leinenkugel Bier & Wein Tent. The evening will include live music by local singers Evan & Tom Leahy sponsored by Elliott’s Ace Hardware, as well as several food trucks serving a range of dining options including authentic German cuisine.

The celebration continues through the weekend. On Saturday, September 17 at 3:30 p.m. the Foundation will kick off the Oktoberfest festivities with the ever popular 0.5K Fun Run beginning at O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub, this year’s Official 0.5K Race Sponsor. Auto Sponsor, Uptown Motors, will provide a pace car to keep all “runners” on the course until they reach the park.

The 0.5K Fun Run finishers will jump start the Oktoberfest celebration, which will offer lots of local and German beers, wine, cider, and seltzers in the Leinenkugel Bier & Wein Tent. Authentic live German music will be provided by the Squeezette’s, followed by Elm Grove’s favorite DJ at 8 p.m. We’ll have more delicious food from food trucks including Kalibre Tacos, Chick-Fil-A, That’s My Dawg, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Pop’s Kettle Corn, Cuppa Tosa, and Kettle Range Meats with Great Harvest Bread. There will be lots of fun activities including a Raise Your Pint competition on the Waterstone Bank stage; Hammerschlagen, and a lederhosen/dirndl contest sponsored by Doering & Company and Merit Title. Capture your weekend memories at the Oktoberfest photo booth,



sponsored by Dental Associates!

Safety is our top priority so Uptown Motors will be providing a complimentary Oktoberfest shuttle from satellite parking lots to O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub on Saturday beginning at 1:40 p.m. and to and from the park after the race finishes. Pick-ups from two satellite parking lots will take place approximately every 15 minutes. The run fills up fast, so be sure to register early! Back by popular demand, the Stewart Title 0.5K Packet Pick Up will be available on Friday, September 16, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Village Park. Participants can also pick up their packets on race day at O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m!

Admission to Oktoberfest is FREE! With big tents on hand for the beer, food, and entertainment, Oktoberfest will, as always, take place rain or shine. The Elm Grove Community Foundation hopes to see a strong showing of residents down at the park for the celebration! The Foundation is honored to be a small part of keeping Elm Grove a special place. 2022 will be the fourth year for the 0.5K Fun Run and the sixth year for Oktoberfest in the Park. For more information and shuttle details, please visit [www.elmgrovefoundation.org](http://www.elmgrovefoundation.org).



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

Local scouts judged and presented awards to a variety of vehicles during the August 7, 2022 Cruisin’ the Grove Classic Car & Motorcycle show in downtown Elm Grove. The annual event was sponsored by the Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K. (See Letters to the Editor – Page 10.)

## Read All About It!



### Library News and Programs

## September 2022



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### Fall Story Times @ The Library

**Bright Beginnings Story Time and Play Group / Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**  
This story time meets in the large group room downstairs for 20 minutes of interactive stories and songs followed by playtime with special toys. Ages 1-3 years.

- September 8, 15, 22, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 10, 17

**Morning Break Story Time / Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**  
This story time meets in the story room at the library for 30 minutes of stories, songs and other fun activities. Ages 3-5 years.

- September 9, 16, 23, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 11, 18

**Bedtime Story Time with Kathy Luck / Mondays, 6:00 p.m.**  
A story time for families will be presented one evening per month. Join Kathy for a lively mixture of stories, puppets, and music for ages 3-7.

- September 19, October 17, November 7, December 12


### Wisconsin’s Native Plants

(Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series)


**Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Do you realize how many wonderful native plants we have in Wisconsin? Were you aware that we even have native stands of cactus? Does it really matter if you plant natives that are “native from Wisconsin (local genotype)” or just “native to Wisconsin”? Join us for an exciting foray on some of the speaker’s favorite native trees, shrubs, evergreens, and perennials. Presented by Paul Schwabe of Johnson’s Nursery. Free to attend. No registration required.

This is the first 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 six presentations from September through April (9/14, 10/19, 11/17, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12).



### The Victorian Undertaker / Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.




Join the Victorian Undertaker as he leads you on a journey into the macabre ... Learn about Victorian rituals of death and superstitions, many of which remain standard practice today. Mortuary and embalming equipment and instruments from the era will also be on display as part of the presentation.

Discover the traditions of the dead in this educational, unusual, (but lighthearted) library program. The Victorian Undertaker is portrayed by Steve Person, a retired funeral director with 47 years experience. Free to attend. No registration required.

### A Streaming Solution

Are you finding that everything you want to watch lately is “streaming only?” Beginning in September, you can check out a Roku streaming stick at the library and binge Netflix, Hulu, and more! A Roku streaming stick is a device used to access online content and stream it to your TV. The library’s Rokus have subscriptions to Acorn TV, Apple TV+, BritBox, Disney+, Hulu, ESPN+, HBO Max, and Netflix. NOTE: In order to utilize a Roku, you need to have a TV with HDMI ports and home Wi-Fi. Rokus check out for seven days, no renewals. There are a limited number of library Rokus.



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# Young Writers & Reporters



## Back to School

By Dani Metz  
3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Back to School  
When you go back to school  
you need school supplies  
You need a backpack  
You make new friends and  
you will have a new teacher!  
Back to School

## School

By Mila Webb  
3rd Grade, Tonawanda

So much learning  
Cool  
How many books can you read?  
On the book  
On the paper  
Love the books!

## School

By Kiera Maio  
3rd Grade, Tonawanda

Super fun!  
Cool  
Helps you learn  
Ooooooh that is cool!  
Ooooooh that is awesome!  
Love to explore and learn

EDITOR’S NOTE: Since the newspaper marks its 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month, one of the writing prompts was: *Submit something having to do with the number “12”.*

12  
By Sanjana Singh  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Brookfield Academy

Piper was stumped. Her teacher Mrs. Mclean gave her the hardest homework assignment ever. It wasn’t a page of math homework, it wasn’t reading a chapter from her book, it was writing a paragraph about a number that means something to you. Piper had no idea what number to write about. She sat on her couch and thought about it for a while. She decided to go with the number Twelve because it was her lucky number. Now, Piper was stumped again! She didn’t know what to write about. She grabbed some paper and a pen and sat down at her desk. No ideas came to her. Piper thought it was a lost cause and sat down on the couch to watch some TV. She turned it on to her favorite channel where it was giving Interesting Facts About the World Around Us. As she was watching, an idea popped into her head. She could write about interesting facts about the number Twelve! Piper did some research and came up with a paragraph.

*My name is Piper Hayes, and I wrote about the number 12. I chose the number 12 because it is my lucky number. Here are some interesting facts about the number 12. There are 12 ribs in the human body, there are 12 months in a year, there are 12 inches in a foot, and 12 is the largest number that has 1 syllable. The number 12 has a lot of Jobs in daily life. That is why the number 12 is important.*

Piper turned her paragraph in to her teacher with a proud smile on her face. At the end of the day, Mrs. Mclean handed back their graded paragraphs. Piper glanced at the top of the page. She got 12 out of 12 which was an A. Piper jumped in surprise. Piper loved the number 12. She couldn’t wait to use it more often.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Fish  
By Janavi Wagle  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

It was my twelfth birthday on the twelfth day of September. The guests had left, and it was time for gifts. My parents set out a tank with golden fishes happily swimming. Twelve of them for my twelfth birthday! Everything went well for the next couple of weeks until my friend invited me for a sleepover. I texted my mom requesting to feed the fish and to make sure they were okay. I had forgotten about the fish until the next day. “Your fish is dying,” my mom said when I got home.

“What?” I exclaimed. Maybe my ears went bonkers or something. As I entered the kitchen, my mother brought a container with one fish floating listlessly. I squinted and flinched. “I put antibiotic drops in there, hoping the fish got better, but the fish wasn’t making any progress,” my mom said with guilt upon her face. For the next few hours, my mom would lift the container and check for progress. But then its gills gave up as soon as the clock struck twelve. We had to bury it outside in our garden, and my friends offered their condolences on Snapchat to my fish I named Frankie. Later I placed a flower on top of his so-called “grave.” As a child I always struggled to understand what death meant. But after the loss of Frankie the Fish, I came to realize the meaning of grief and death. My mom explained that although a body dies the soul will be around as it can’t be burnt, drenched, or destroyed. This somehow made sense. Frankie will live in my childhood heart forever. However, the following day, my dad got another Goldfish to replace Frankie. Till today, we have maintained the fish count of twelve as my father replaces the dead fish with a new one. Now, this is what I call the cycle of life.

# Young Writers Wanted!

Students in K– Grade 12 are invited to submit items for possible publication in an upcoming edition:

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“If you want to be a writer, you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot.” — Stephen King

“I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn.” — Anne Frank

## Junior Guild’s Essay Contest Winner Announced

By Sarah Wynia-Smith  
Elm Grove Junior Guild Communications

“Each year the Elm Grove Junior Guild holds an essay writing competition for students attending school in or residing in the Elmbrook school district. At stake in 2022 was a \$2000 college scholarship. We received over 20 thoughtful submissions.

The prompt: *In what ways do you see your community changing? What have you done to contribute to positive change in your community and what impact has this had?*

## Essay By Henry Irwin

A lifelong Elm Grovean, I have experienced the “Elm Grove kid progression” - what started as bicycling through the narrow streets of Safetytown turned to cycling from Tonawanda Elementary to RJ’s Ice Cream for an afterschool, sugary, cool-off. I have grown up in this village and have fallen in love with the tightly-knit community it plays host to. But a community as special as Elm Grove does not just arise by random chance; it takes the unrelenting dedication of its residents. I have had the privilege to not just grow up in Elm Grove, but to also grow up in a home with parents who care about developing Elm Grove.

Throughout my childhood, my mom, Kim, has served as lead of my elementary school PTO, village trustee, and president of the Elm Grove Junior Guild. I say this not to brag about my mom, (although she deserves to be bragged about) but to shed light on how my perspective on community involvement came to be. It is under the influence of my mom - watching her lead late night trustee meetings via Zoom, organize school fundraisers, and

work tirelessly to implement the Juneau Path - that I have modeled how I aim to lead in the communities I am a part of.

The day I stepped on campus at Brookfield East High School (BEHS), I made it my mission to enhance my school community. I had always been fascinated by leveraging social media, so I decided to set up Instagram pages for my tennis and soccer teams. While I started out simply posting game scores, I quickly evolved to game highlights, player bios, and even post-game interviews (which I conducted). Between my freshman and senior year, I built each of the account’s followings up to over 300 followers. By leveraging social media to make the players more visible and add excitement to gamedays, student turnouts at tennis and soccer events soared. The power of these social media accounts was undeniable - they had the ability to unite. I was undoubtedly positively impacting my high school community, but I yearned for a larger impact I could make with this passion. Last summer, I had an idea - a way to truly make my mark.

At the start of senior year, I rolled out a new club at Brookfield East: “BEAST Blast”. The club is based on utilizing social media to enrich school culture. I started the club with a blank Instagram page. I have since traveled to all corners of the state for BEHS events - basketball, track, bowling, tennis, soccer, hockey, acapella, and more - making sure to shine the spotlight on as much BEHS action as possible. When I attend events, I add countless pictures, videos, updates, and humorous takes to the Instagram page. What’s more, is that after every single event, I make sure to capture a post-game interview with the participants to acknowledge them and give them a unique platform for drawing



Henry Irwin

attention to their activity. It has been amazing to witness the student body really buy into BEAST Blast. The impact is undeniable. With more than fifty posts and thousands of Instagram stories, the account is now up to nearly 700 followers, almost all of whom are BEHS students.

The club’s impact on the BEHS community has gone beyond just a virtual following; for one, the first hockey game I attended, there was not a single other student. Standing for two hours beside the ice rink, shivering, phone-in-hand, crafting dozens of Instagram stories, and interviewing the team post-game, I dragged the hockey team out from the shadows. The response was astounding. The next game drew a crowd of a few dozen students, the game after that pulled in twice as many, while the final game of the season saw upwards of 75 hollering students spilling out of the stands. A school community thrives when its students support one another and

engage in school activities; with BEAST Blast as a propelling force, the BEHS community has been reinvigorated.

But it isn’t just the athletes I have appealed to through BEAST Blast; it is the entire student body. I frequently head out into the hallways with a microphone to interview students about topics like, “How would you rate the school lunch”, “who’s going to win March Madness”, and “did Will Smith really slap Chris Rock?”. With a team of filmers and editors, these interviews are molded into short segments that we then send out to the student body via our Instagram page. Whether its students getting interviewed or watching their friends get interviewed, kids at BEHS can relate to the content we send out; it pulls everyone together and sends the message that we’re not just 1200 individuals, but we’re a group united in the same high school journey.



# Legal Issues

## Valuable Tips for Landlord and Tenants

By Elisa M. Ruer, Attorney at Law - Praktess LLC  
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Residential Landlord Tenant issues are complicated and never play out well for either party if the matter ends up in court. Here are a few tips to help with the process:

1. Tenant should review all documents prior to executing the documents; if the Tenant doesn't understand a provision, the Tenant needs to discuss the provision with the Landlord before the Tenant executes the documents.

2. No one moves into the property until the lease and all other required documents are fully executed by both the Tenant and the Landlord; no exception. No putting a "few boxes in the garage" until the lease is fully executed by both the Tenant and the Landlord.

3. Landlord and Tenant walk through the property together at the time the keys are provided to the Tenant so that they may complete and sign the "Check In"
- Condition Report.

4. If the Tenant pays their rent by check, Tenant needs to confirm with their bank the check is cashed, and if it hasn't been cashed the Tenant needs to contact the Landlord to confirm the Landlord received the check; ignoring uncashed checks will not fare well for the Tenant; simply issuing a check is not equal to paying rent under a Lease.

5. If the Tenant has an issue with the premises, the Tenant needs to put the request for a repair in writing to the Landlord and the Landlord needs to confirm completion of the repair in writing to the Tenant.

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## 2022 Cruisin' the Grove a Success

"The Show Must Go On"

Unlike 2021, when the weatherman delivered beautiful sunshine and comfortable temperatures, the **KIWANIS** Club of Elm Grove had to battle some major hurdles as it attempted to present the 2022 **CRUISIN' the GROVE** classic car and cycle show on August 7th.

A morning downpour, high humidity, 90-degree heat and the threat of more rain had the event "on the ropes" and awaiting a "knock-out punch". But when the radar began to indicate a southerly shift in the approaching storm, the club decided to proceed with its set-up procedures and allow any vehicles that showed up to park in the display area along Watertown Plank Road.

As the morning continued, almost 90 brave owners did just that. And pretty soon, some spectators began to walk the street to take a look. Eventually over 900 visited the show. And although it featured just 30% of its normal volume of cars and cycles, the mood was upbeat and most folks seemed to appreciate the partial presentation.

Certainly, the hot food, cold drinks and cool music supplied by several of the show's generous sponsors, helped make it worth their while. And the **KIWANIS** Club was able to meet its fund-raising goal so it can continue to support programs and activities that help kids in and around the community. THANK YOU Elm Grove !!!

**Ray Shannon**  
Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K

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# Our Village



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THE COLORS OF FALL: Tree near the pond at Elm Grove Village Park, 2021.

# News Briefs

## Supplies Collected for United Way Backpack Coalition

(BROOKFIELD) Throughout the summer, staff members from across Elmbrook Schools and the Brookfield Central Key Club collected a total of more than 450 backpacks and various school supplies for the United Way Backpack Coalition. These backpacks were filled with the school supplies and donated to the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County on behalf of children in need on August 9. The backpacks and supplies will help ensure each child’s capacity to

learn, regardless of financial barriers, as the school year is set to begin September 1.

“It’s incredible to see our staff from across the District prioritize the needs of others, even as they prepare for the start of our own school year,” said **Jean Loepfe**, a Technology Team Member who helped coordinate the project. “This important effort helps a child feel proud and excited about the first day of school, a feeling which can sometimes last a lifetime.”

# Local Sports



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Brookfield East students **Hayden Fry** and **Griffin Geiss** display their trophies.

## Brookfield East Anglers Win Tournament Gold

(BROOKFIELD) Teammates **Hayden Fry** and **Griffin Geiss** brought home the gold with a weigh-in of 12 pounds 15 ounces for their five fish on Lake Waubesa in July. Fry and Geiss are members of the Brookfield East Anglers, a fishing team that is part of the B.A.S.S. Nation (Bassmaster Series) which hosts fishing tournaments throughout the state and country. The state championship was hosted by the Student Angler Federation (also known as TBF), which is a part of B.A.S.S. Nation, but the BEHS team competes in bass tournaments during fishing season and also prioritizes outings like ice fishing, and weekend trips all throughout the year.

Fry (Class of ‘23) started the BEHS Anglers when he was a freshman and has built the team to now include more than 60 students who participate in both competitive and club sides to the team. “This win was an accumulation of three years of learning and some amazing experiences,” reflected Fry. Hayden thanked the parents who served as advisors to the team, his fellow

co-captains, and **Ben Westphal**, Associate Principal for Athletics & Activities, for all of their support in starting up and maintaining the program.

“Fishing is just an add-on to the day - the team really pushes you to excel in your academics first and foremost,” Hayden stated. “Fish care is always number one for me, it’s an important part of the tournaments to make sure your fish are healthy and able to be re-released.” Thanks to their victory at state, Fry and Geiss qualify for scholarship opportunities through the sport.

Additional state qualifiers on the team included **Dugan Hansen**, **Oliver Coakley**, **Noah Jaeger**, and **Carter Savagian**. The state champions were recognized by the Board of Education at its August 9th meeting. Fry and Geiss will compete in the TBF Adult Semifinals in Minnesota in September and compete against champion teams from each state next summer in La Crosse, Wisc. on the Mississippi River.

# Good Neighbors

By P Raja Rao, Menomonee Falls

(In July) our neighbour brought some food items and dropped at door step because our daughter has sent message in their friends’ WhatsApp group. The message was about her and hubby sickness. The entire group responded and all friends offered their assistance. They started sending food items and... Deepi brought idle and dosa material with other items sambar etc. dropped at door step. One Punjabi friend handed over the north Indian food items pannier, chana and masala curries. My daughter got messages from ladies group for extending their cooperation.

We returned from our tour travel from Menomonee Falls to Niagara Falls on 11th July 2022 and my daughter fell sick on the very next day and son-in-law single handedly managed kitchen and prepared nice food. My daughter simply informed the immediate neighborhood and they extended their cooperation. My son-in-law was suffering with fever since 13th July. The system in America, adopted by our Indian people community forming group and exchanging their activities and wellbeing

on WhatsApp. especially ladies were very active in organizing meeting, functions and other activities. Occasionally they meet in physical presence at birthday or graduation parties. Visiting of their houses even at next door was very rare. I spoke to a Punjabi Indian lady our neighbour and good friend of my daughter on the day I landed here in Milwaukee / Menomonee Falls in America and after 15 days I saw her Sikh husband who was sick. We have exchanged our experience in India and the system in America, etc.

While I was working in kitchen, the door bell rang and grandchildren opened the door. A lady came and put a bag at door step and wanted to go back immediately. I asked her name but our grandchildren called her as Bhan aunty, then I understand what my daughter repeatedly telling that Bhan coming today. I sincerely acknowledged her gesture and thanked her for kind cooperation, she was ready to extend any kind of assistance to us. So, we had enough of food items.

I appreciate the friendly co-operation in the group and wanted to tell my friends about it.

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