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Will Rogers
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 (1879-1935)

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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

It's All About *Community*

Although I have known for many years (decades) how to be a Journalist --- having worked as a newspaper reporter, photographer, editor and columnist both in Wisconsin and in my home state of California (Sacramento / San Francisco areas)--- I wondered a decade ago if I, an Elm Grove resident since 1990, could create a hyper-local newspaper and do everything necessary to make it a success.

But, through a combination of extreme organization, sheer determination, and unwavering perseverance --- working with a very small but highly capable staff ---WE have made it work.

Throughout the years, I have often used the phrase: "It's all about Community" to describe the *News-Independent*. I believe that it is essential to our combined health



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

A selection of Front Page covers of previously published editions.

and safety that we take time to learn about our neighbors and the various issues that affect us all. Throughout my career, I have especially concentrated on producing stories which serve to not only inform the reader but inspire their future involvement with a group or special cause.

As the newspaper's Founder / Owner / Publisher / Editor, I have worked to develop many outstanding and reliable sources for news and information within local clubs and organizations, schools, churches, and Village of Elm Grove, Waukesha County and State of Wisconsin governmental departments. It truly does "Take a Village."

Some of you may personally know that it is not easy to start a business, much less keep one going, especially in difficult times. The news industry in general has suffered falling advertising revenue, mass newsroom layoffs, and a decreasing readership --- yet **PRINT IS NOT DEAD**. The *News-Independent* stands as proof.

My sincere **THANKS** to every individual, family, community group, and business who has financially supported the *News-Independent* via advertising. Please continue to do so. **Community News Matters.**

Cheers to 10 years & Counting...

Community Crossword #4

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com



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A couple paddle their small boat in the calm waters at Elm Grove Village Park.

ACROSS

3. Elm Grove street: Lata ____ Drive
8. A state of tranquility
9. Park structure across from Elm Grove Police Dept.
12. Company at 13545 Watertown Plank Rd. owned by Wayne Higgins (3 words)
14. Village Trustee ____ Domaszek
15. Church at 14625 Watertown Plank Rd. (2 words)
16. Elm Grove street: Green ____ Place
17. Restaurant at 15280 W. Bluemound Rd.
20. Elm Grove street: Fox ____ Court
21. This is the *News-Independent's* 10th ____ edition.
23. Village dept. directed by Richard Paul, Jr. (2 words)
24. In football, score 6 points for this.
25. Call 9-1-1 in case of this.

DOWN

1. Saying: "It takes a ____"
2. Elm Grove ____ Committee is holding a Tree Sale
4. Senior living apts. at 13040 W. Bluemound Rd. (3 words)
5. Our Waukesha County Green Team feature (3 words)
6. A young cat
7. Village Trustee ____ Haas
10. Sport played on a diamond
11. Our Elm Grove middle school is on this street (2 words)
13. Person running for public office
18. Our school district
19. September 22 is the first day of this season
22. Village street: ____ Slope Road

(SOLUTION on PAGE 10)

Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove

Elm Grove now has guidelines and rules to allow you to raise chickens at home. Two different Village Board committees and the Planning Commission researched the rules and ordinances of other communities and reviewed the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. The new rules allow homeowners to obtain a permit to keep up to four (4) female chickens for personal use if proper facilities are approved. Roosters are not allowed. You can review the regulations and application process on the Village website: www.elmgrovewi.org.

The Mandel Development Company has submitted a conceptual plan for redevelopment of the property owned by the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND.) The new concept proposal reflects numerous changes from the initial plans shared with neighbors and community groups at the beginning of the year. The number of proposed apartments has been reduced, rental townhouses have been replaced by proposed single family homes and the traffic access has been changed. The submitted plan includes a comprehensive traffic impact analysis concluding minimal traffic impacts.

The site plan preserves the historic Notre Dame and Maria Hall buildings and maintains significant open space and mature trees. The new buildings are sited to create an interior “village green” area with a swimming pool and other resident facilities. Mandel also proposes to naturalize the southern end of the property and develop walking trails.

Consideration of the Mandel / School Sisters proposal will begin with a presentation of the Conceptual Plan by Mandel at the September 14th Planning Commission meeting. The purpose of this initial meeting is only to determine if the proposal meets basic planning and zoning requirements and should be allowed to move forward into a detailed review

process. Members of the public will be able to comment on the proposal in person or in writing. If the Conceptual Proposal moves forward there will be numerous future meetings of the Planning Commission, Building Board, Village Board committees and the Village Board to consider numerous detailed issues before a final consideration of approval or denial.

There are a great many other details included in the Conceptual Proposal. I encourage interested residents to study the submittal, follow Village meetings on Zoom or the Live Stream or even by attending (space is limited for in person attendance.) If you have questions you can submit them to Village staff or Trustees by email or telephone. The process is transparent and open for all to follow and participate in.

It is election time again. The November 3, 2020 election includes the Presidential, Congressional and State races. In mid-September, the Village will begin mailing out absentee ballots for those who have requested them. If you want to vote absentee rather than in-person you can request a ballot online at: <https://myvote.wi.gov>. Or you can stop at Village Hall and request an absentee ballot. If you choose to vote by absentee ballot please send your ballot back as soon as possible.

In-person early voting at Village Hall will begin October 20, 2020 and end October 30, 2020.

Also remember that if you are inclined to put up yard signs to support candidates or causes that you are not allowed to place signs in the public right of way along roadways.

The Firstfruits Center is organization located in the Village Court building at 890 Elm Grove Road, along Wall Street behind the BMO Harris Bank. Firstfruits is dedicated to helping women on their



unique path to a meaningful, lived faith. They offer programming to help spiritually nourish women in an accepting environment, whether they seek to awaken, deepen, or expand their relationship with God. As part of carrying out a lived faith they are partnering with the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary for a **FOOD DRIVE on Sunday, September 13th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Food will be collected in the parking lot in front of the Village Court building.** There should be plenty of time to stop by before kickoff of the Packer game. Enter from Wall Street.

The MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary offers a safe space and resources to the homeless and at-risk members of the Milwaukee Community. The Sanctuary is asking for the following critically needed items: Canned beef, chicken Spam, tuna, SpaghettiOs, mac & cheese, Dinty Moore canned stew, baked beans, and Vienna sausages... Fans, suitcases on wheels, hygiene products, hand sanitizer, cleaning products and air conditioners. Learn more about their mission: <https://www.mbsanctuary.org/>

After you pass through the food drop off area you can play some carnival games on your way out, so bring the kids along.

And finally, Congratulations to Lisabeth and the Elm Grove News-Independent for 10 years of publishing our local newspaper.

Business Directory

* Community Organizations



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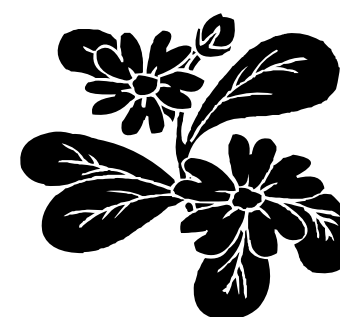
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The Elm Grove Beautification Committee’s annual Tree Sale is underway!

The Beautification Committee Tree Sale was initiated almost 20 years ago due to the massive loss of Elm trees throughout the village to Dutch Elm disease and was titled, “Put the Elm Back in Elm Grove”. And now, with the recent Emerald Ash borer insect causing devastating losses of Ash trees, we are more in need of replacement trees to assure we do not lose the iconic tree cover that Elm Grove is so noted for.



With aid from the village forester to ensure compliance with the International Society for Arboriculture guidelines for municipalities, we were able to expand tree selection to 5 species this year.

Unfortunately, extensive tree losses are nation-wide pushing the demand for trees and therefore dramatically increasing prices. However, the committee was able to procure an order for 5- and 6-foot bare root trees that will be delivered in Spring of 2021 for immediate planting upon pick-up.

The trees being offered include: Accolade Elm, Autumn Blaze Maple, River Birch, Chinkapin Oak, and Hackberry. Information regarding ideal soil, moisture, sun, and wind requirements along with detailed planting instructions is available on the village website: www.elmgrovewi.org.

We are excited to announce that in conjunction with the Friends of the Elm Grove Library there are two programs scheduled for September 12th at the Village Park at 10:30 a.m. One is a children’s tree program being put on by August Hoppe from Hoppe Tree Service. The other is an outdoor question and answer session regarding the 5 chosen tree species hosted by Ron Hill, our village forester. Come learn more about trees!

For those who cannot squeeze one more tree into their landscaping, we highly encourage you to purchase a tree for the village. You can do your part help support the tree canopy and tree diversity within our village. Just fill out the order form and annotate “For the Village” anywhere on the form. The trees will be planted and maintained by the forester and you will be recognized for your generosity in upcoming publications. Any questions can be sent to EGBeautification@gmail.com.

TREE ORDER FORM

The Beautification Committee is selling disease resistant, bare root 5' and 6' tall trees for \$80 each this year.

Please complete the information below and submit with your check (made payable to: Village of Elm Grove --- with Beautification Committee in memo line).

Mail or bring to:
Village Hall, 13600 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, WI 53122
If you have questions, please contact a committee member or e-mail:
EGBeautification@gmail.com

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Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

- Quantity / Type of Trees ordered:
- _____ Accolade Elm _____ Chinkapin
- _____ River Birch _____ Hackberry
- _____ Autumn Blaze Maple

*Total number of trees ordered: _____

Date of order: _____

*Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

THE LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Pick-up in March or April 2021

Past Times: I REMEMBER

I Remember...The Enduring Legacy of the School Sisters of Notre Dame

By Stephen K Hauser

We've all heard the story. **Mother Caroline Friess**, after arriving in Milwaukee from Bavaria, rode west from the city on horseback in 1855. She was prayerfully searching for a proper spot to found a convent and an orphanage. Her journey along the recently completed Watertown Plank Road abruptly ended when her horse reached a fork in the road. The plank road jutted to the southwest while an intersecting graded path (now Juneau Blvd.) continued straight west. Mother Caroline's horse (confused, tired or divinely inspired) refused to proceed further. She took this as a sign from heaven that this was the location that God had chosen. It was on the eastern edge of the crossroads settlement of Elm Grove in the Town of Brookfield.

The School Sisters have remained a part of the fabric of the Elm Grove community for the past 165 years. Now the Sisters are preparing to embark on a new chapter in their Order's long history. They will be relocating to the campus of Mount Mary University. While it is sad to contemplate their absence from the village, it is also a good time to reflect on what they have meant to the area residents and families over the years. Hopefully, much will be written in the next few months chronicling the Sisters' tenure in Waukesha County, but in the meantime, I wanted to offer a more personal remembrance of their sojourn here. My reflections are my own, and surely many would have others to share.

By way of disclosure, I am not Catholic. I am a Methodist. My grandfather and great-grandfather were Methodist ministers. While growing up in Elm Grove, it did not take me long to realize that I lived in a very Catholic community. The size of St. Mary's Visitation parish dwarfed the other three church congregations (Methodist, Lutheran and Episcopal) in the village. As a boy, almost all of my best friends were Catholic. It was quite easy in those days to slip into the overall Catholic ethos of the community. For my part, I never detected much Catholic vs. protestant rivalry, and much of that good fortune was due to the affability of our neighbors, the public spirit of our clergy, and the firm but peaceful demeanor of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

This is not to say that the School Sisters couldn't be tough when the situation called for it. I remember well an incident from the Spring of 1964. My friend **Dick Schouten** and I had finished our 6th grade classes at Leland School and walked over to the lunch counter at the Elm Grove Pharmacy for a bowl of French fries and a couple of Cokes. For kids that age, French fries present virtually unlimited possibilities. We quickly discovered they made excellent swords, walrus tusks, vampire fangs and Martian antennae. This caught the attention of one of the School Sisters. She had apparently finished her teaching duties at St. Mary's school and was sitting at the lunch counter with a folder of class papers and an afternoon cup of coffee. Annoyed by our antics, she got up from her stool and calmly walked over to our end of the counter. She rapped (hard) on the edge of our bowl of fries. "This is a place for civilized people to eat, not for horsing around," she scolded. "You boys finish up your meal and get on your way. Surely you have homework to do." Neither Dick nor I were students at St. Mary's, but that didn't matter. "Yes, Sister," we replied and proceeded to tend to the business at hand. Like the other School Sisters, she saw herself as a guardian of the public tranquility and Dick and I had been guilty of a minor breach of peace.

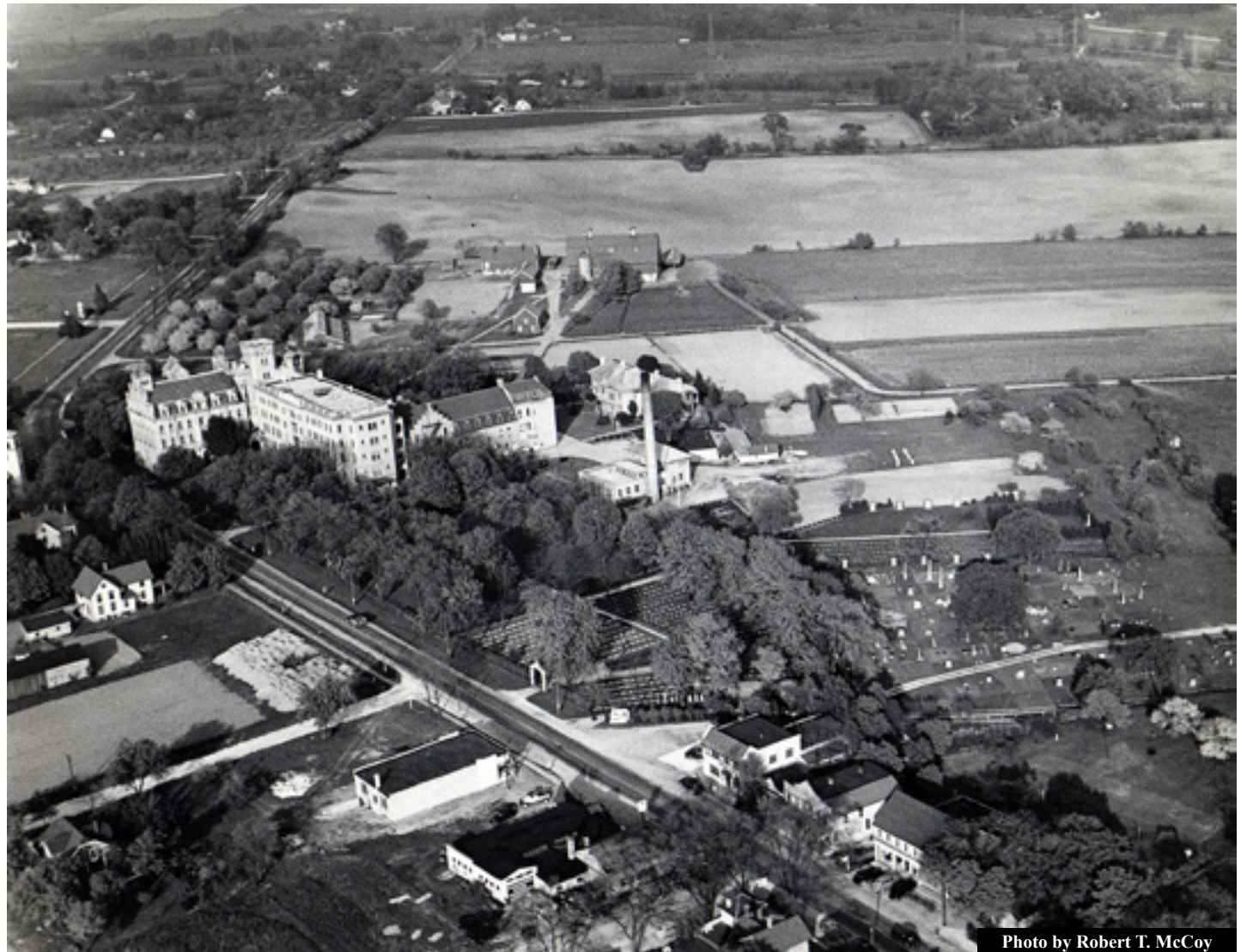


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A LOOK BACK IN TIME: An aerial view of the School Sisters of Notre Dame convent, campus and farm in the spring of 1946.

This sort of intervention did not rankle. Rather, it affirmed the fact that we were a part of a community that was kindly-intentioned but well ordered. It meant that we were secure because people were watching out for us. I can still see two Sisters walking together across the railroad tracks toward the Notre Dame convent after a visit to Hettiger's card shop or the Ben Franklin Five & Dime in the Elm Grove Park & Shop. (They still wore the traditional habit in the 1960s.) Years later, I recall offering a ride to a Sister who had just finished her medical appointment at **Dr. Stephen Haughey's** office on Legion Drive. "I'll say a prayer for you," she told me as she got out of my car at the convent.

The sense of moral commitment to the welfare of the village took many forms. When *Peyton Place*, **Grace Metalious's** steamy novel of sex and sin in suburbia was published in the mid-1950s, **Monsignor Leonard Lieven**, pastor of St. Mary's Visitation parish, made it clear to **the Phillips family**, owners of Elm Grove Pharmacy, that the paperback edition should not be stocked. It was, it can now be told, sold under the counter by request anyway. "But don't tell Monsignor," the clerk would whisper with a wink. My mother secured a copy this way, but never finished it, discarding it and calling it "trash". It would be considered quite mild by today's standards, to say the least.

Fr. John Arens, assistant pastor at St. Mary's, had similar feelings about *Mad* magazine. When my neighbor **Bob Janicki** and I went to the Elm Grove Pharmacy looking to purchase a copy as youngsters we were told, "We don't carry that magazine. Father Arens doesn't think it's right for boys your age." At eight years old, I would have disagreed, but looking back at the double entendre humor and ribald drawings that filled its pages, I can see his point in retrospect. However, it would also be very tame by the standards of the 2020s.

While the above two instances do not directly relate to the School Sisters, they do point out the extent to which Elm Grove's community life was intertwined with the faith community at St. Mary's school, St. Mary's Visitation Parish and the School Sisters of Notre Dame convent. In those days, it was an inseparable part of the village's public milieu. The Sisters' contribution to this has continued in various forms through the present day.

It is pleasant now to remember the semiannual recorder concerts offered to the public and led by **Sister Rita Schweitzer**, first at the Holy Family Chapel at the convent and later at the atrium at St. Mary's Visitation. For those who may remember "Sweetwinds" instruction in grade school music classes, I must assure readers that this was no such humble affair. Sister Rita led her Notre Dame Recorder Consort musicians through a varied selection of medieval airs, classical pieces, ethnic melodies and contemporary tunes. Alto, bass, soprano and tenor recorders were featured. The versatility of such simple instruments was amazing, as those attending these free public concerts would attest.

I am also reminded of the generosity and hospitality displayed by the Sisters in offering public tours of their beautiful convent and grounds to those who expressed an interest. School groups, families, tourists and individual residents were invited to explore the history, architecture and faith community of the Sisters' home. The tours were led by **Sister Eileen McKeever** and, later, by **Sister Marie Estelle Kuczynski**. They were adept in explaining to visitors much of the background behind the establishment and long tenure of the convent. Of special interest was "the Castle", the Bavarian-styled older portion of the campus, built in part by a donation from **King Ludwig I of Bavaria** who was interested in fostering Catholic mission work in the United States.

(See PAST TIMES – Page 10)

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See a photo / Read a reflection
about the
Mother Caroline Grape Arbor
at SSND – Page 8

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Calendar of Events for September 2020

Friday - SEPTEMBER 4

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center
Speaker: Jim Riddell on "A History of Wastewater Collection, Treatment & Reuse". (See AD below.)

Monday – SEPTEMBER 7 LABOR DAY

Friday - SEPTEMBER 11 PATRIOT DAY

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center. Speaker: Al Zuberbuehler on "Painting a House".

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 13 GRANDPARENTS' DAY

- **The Firstfruits Center FOOD DRIVE**
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ 890 Elm Grove Road (Village Court parking lot) to benefit the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary. (See Village Update – Page 3.)

Monday – SEPTEMBER 14

- **Elm Grove Plan Commission**
Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Village Hall.
Agenda: www.elmgrovi.org. (262) 782-6700

Thursday – SEPTEMBER 17

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Book Club**
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Discussion of "Bringing Nature Home" by Doug Tallamy. For details, e-mail: EGBeautification@gmail.com.

Friday - SEPTEMBER 18

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Members-Only Luncheon

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 22 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN



Friday - SEPTEMBER 25

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K**
Meeting: 9 a.m. @ St. Mary's Senior Center.
Speaker: Father Ron Bieganowski, S.J. on "My Journey from South 5th Street to West Wells Street".

Saturday – SEPTEMBER 26

- **Elm Grove Business Association's annual SHRED DAY** event: 9 a.m. to Noon at the Sendik's parking lot.

Monday – SEPTEMBER 28

- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting: 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room.
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MOLLY NIEMI

of Elm Grove received her Masters in Epidemiology in May 2020 from the Milken School of Public Health at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

She is a graduate of Brookfield East (2013) and the University of Wisconsin (2017).

Molly is the daughter of Kent (Tracey) Niemi and Maggie Hurley and granddaughter of Nancy Niemi Groskopf.



Attention Elm Grove, Brookfield and Beyond During these challenging times the **Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club** Wants EVERYONE to Understand

No need to be isolated Friday Mornings during this Pandemic. Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club continues to meet every Friday at 9:30 – you choose to meet with us on zoom or in person.

Our Continuing activities

- We are continuing to support the children of our community during COVID-19!!! We have been able to meet our promised children support for the Kiwanis year that ends September 30, 2020.
- At each Friday meeting we have Excellent Speakers presenting to us during our meeting time. Review the "Calendar of Events" section above to see our featured speaker names and presentation titles.
- Please consider attending a Friday meeting "virtually" or "in person". Meetings are free. We look forward to your attendance!!! Contact Larry at 414-242-7483 with any questions you have.
- During these challenging times the club continues to offer camaraderie, learning and community support to members, guests and the recipients of club support.



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Christmas in the Grove Committee members (Left to right) Janet Day, Lisa Becker, Kay Noel, Melissa Musante, Lisa Armitage, Linda Davidson, Laurie Hanson. (Not pictured: Linda Gildea and Laura Kult.)

'Holidays in the Grove' Event to be Presented at Elm Grove Woman's Club

By Kay Noel

The Elm Grove Woman's Club's Christmas in the Grove Committee met at **Melissa Musante's** house on a Tuesday in July to discuss the possibilities of holding the annual event in this COVID-19 year. It was decided that to have a safe event, it had to be outdoors and to be outdoors, it had to be held earlier.

This year's event will be called "Holidays in the Grove" and will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be located in the west parking lot and grounds of the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road. Many

of the talented artists from past years will participate along with some new ones.

The good news is that, in addition to Christmas decorations, wearable arts and handmade gifts, there will be Fall and Halloween decorations. The event will also include a bake sale, food and beverages, a raffle, a plant and pumpkin sale, and kids' activities. It will be a wonderful kick off to the Holiday Season. Masks and social distancing will be required.

(See AD – Page 2)

Local Charities Benefit from Group's Donations

By Jane Condon

Because of the generosity of the members of 100 Women Who Care—MKE Metro West, \$13,966 in donations and matching funds have been given to the three selected charities—Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Hebron Housing Services, and Tosa Cares. Visit our website: www.100wcmkemetrowest.org to learn more.

All of us have had to make many adjustments during this time, but as a giving group, we did not forget about helping those less fortunate. This endeavor has been so significant in making a difference to those who have experienced even more turmoil due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are all proud of and thankful for all the donors who stepped up and contributed to make this happen!!!

Our next meeting of 100 Women Who Care—MKE Metro West is scheduled

100+ Women Who Care
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for Tuesday, September 29, at 6 p.m. at O'Donoghue's Irish Pub in Elm Grove. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet in person but may need to adjust this plan as the date gets closer. We will be following guidelines of our communities and health institutions to assure all remain healthy. Check out our website at www.100wcmkemetrowest.org to learn more.

As **J. R. Miller** said over a century ago, "Nothing else in all life is such a maker of joy and cheer as the privilege of doing good."

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(WAUKESHA) Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry, 1301 Sentry Drive, Waukesha, 53186. Donations by check are also welcome. Call (262) 542-5300 for more information.

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Photo by Larry Myers

Fire Chief (Retired) Bill Selzer (at left) with Ralph Gould, Chair of the Elmbrook Rotary Club's Business Person of the Year Award selection committee. Selzer explained that the bench was dedicated in his honor and that it purposely faces toward the Fire Department so that he can continue to "supervise" ("oversee") the operations while seated there.

Rotary's 2020 'Business Person of the Year' Named

(ELMGROVE) Under committee chair **Ralph Gould**, the Elmbrook Rotary Club annually presents its "Business Person of the Year" award to an individual who has displayed unique entrepreneurial skills and abilities in the community.

In its virtual meeting (via Zoom) on Friday, August 14, 2020, the Club announced the recipient of its "2020 Business Person of the Year" award: **William ("Bill") Selzer**, retired Fire Chief of the Village of Elm Grove Fire Department. Selzer provided 47 years of service to the Village of Elm Grove in its Fire Department --- 31 of those years were as Fire Chief.

Interim Fire Chief **David Kastenholz** shared the following comments: "Bill was a respected leader in the fire service; his innovation and leadership skills were as strong as anyone I have ever worked with in the fire service or the corporate world. Bill understood how to treat the people he worked with. When things went well and there was praise to be given, he always

made sure the department received it. Bill never needed nor did he want to be in the lime-light. Bill had a collaborative attitude; he knew we would always be a better department if we interacted with the other departments within the Village as well as our neighboring departments. Joint training and sharing of resources occurred while Bill was Chief. Bill was responsible for modernizing our apparatus and equipment. If we felt there was a piece of equipment that would help us do our job in a safer and more efficient manner, Bill was on-board. Bill's command presence was unflappable! No matter what was going, Bill remained cool, calm, and collected! That presence gave all of us the opportunity to do our jobs to the best of our ability."

Elmbrook Rotary Club also announced that it has named an annual two-year scholarship the "Elmbrook Rotary Bill Selzer First Responder Scholarship." This scholarship will be reserved for, and given to, selected students who desire to pursue a career as a first responder.

Elm Grove Oktoberfest Postponed Until 2021

By Ted Wentzel

For the last 4 years, the Elm Grove Community Foundation looked forward to each fall when a year worth of planning and coordination culminated in Oktoberfest. Each year we built on the successes and learned from the mishaps of the previous year's celebration.

Unfortunately, this year, due to health and safety concerns related to the pandemic, we made the difficult decision to postpone Oktoberfest until fall 2021. We felt it was in the best interest of both the volunteers on whom we rely to run Oktoberfest and our fellow residents who would be in attendance.

The funds raised each year from food and beer sales and our generous sponsors helped to supplement the donations contributed by Elm Grove residents through our annual appeal campaign. These combined resources allowed us to fund our traditional community enhancing projects – the hanging flower baskets and holiday

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decorations that adorn downtown Elm Grove light posts and in 2019 allowed us to make a sizable donation to the Elm Grove pool splash pad. In 2020, we expanded our projects to include funding for pickleball lines on the Elm Grove Park tennis courts and sponsoring Tunes on Tuesday.

While we are fiscally sound and will continue with our traditional community enhancing projects, we are asking our fellow residents to once again participate in our annual appeal campaign this fall to ensure that we can continue to expand our efforts to enhance the community. Please keep an eye out for our appeal letter which will be mailed in September. Thank you for your support!

Gardening in the Grove

Elm Grove Garden Club By Cheryl Lausten

The Elm Grove Garden Club was organized and federated as part of the larger National Garden Club (NGC), in April of 1934. The club's purpose is to promote interest in gardening and conservation and to further home and civic beautification.

Currently, the club is small, but we manage to accomplish a lot. Our activities include community education and beautification projects along with enriching our members' many interests. We try to balance between dig in the dirt gardening and flower design aspects of garden clubs.

The club usually meets the third Thursday of the month. Members go on tours, do crafts, host speakers, and organize the Tour Le Jardin garden walk. The club is also responsible for the installation and maintenance of the Blue Star Marker at the corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Blvd.

We are always open to new members and new ideas. You do not need to be a resident of Elm Grove to join, you do not even need a garden, only enthusiasm and a love of plants.

More information can be found on our website: elmgrovegardenclub.com or our Facebook page. If interested, please leave a message on the comment page. Please join us!



Photos by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Elm Grove Garden Club member **Barbara Hemmingsen** (at left) and Elmbrook Garden Club members (left to right) **Rose Heald, Laura Skoff, and Flo Paulson** (club president) help expand a pollinator garden area on the grounds of the Elm Grove Woman's Club along Watertown Plank Road in early August.

To the already well-established Hostas and Pink Coneflowers the garden enthusiasts added perennials including Threadleaf Coreopsis and Yellow Coneflower and later posted the sign shown at right.



Elmbrook Garden Club By Rose Heald

The Elmbrook Garden Club (EBGC) has been serving this community since January 1960 providing educational programs for its members and the public at large, including aiding in the conservation of natural resources and protecting the environment. It encourages the study of horticulture, gardening, and landscape design through educational programs and by example of its members, as well as through the support of student scholarships. EBGC works with other organizations in the community to promote these objectives. EBGC provides annual donations to a variety of conservation and environmental organizations, including the Cedarburg bog, Wildlife in Need, Ice Age Trail, International Crane Foundation, Elmbrook Nature Center and River's Edge Nature Center.

EBGC is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., whose theme for 2020 is "Plant America" and "Little Sprouts for Saplings" involves planting trees with youths in the community. EBGC members planted 7 trees at the Elmbrook Nature Center. The EBGC theme for 2020 is Wisconsin Bee Pollinators. On August 7, EBGC worked with the Elm Grove Garden Club to plant a pollinator flower garden at the Elm Grove Women's Club in Elm Grove. A colorful sign was installed designating the planting as a pollinator garden, noting that insecticides are never used.



Rob Hutton: Serving as your Representative

It has been my honor to serve as the State Representative in the same wonderful neighborhoods where Patti and I were raised. My continued commitment is to ensure we have vibrant communities where families and residents can thrive. I would be honored to have your vote on November 3rd to continue the progress we have made together.



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Our Village



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SOCIALLY DISTANCED, MAXIMUM FUN! Youth librarian Sue Daniels leads a playful story time outside the Elm Grove Public Library in August. With good luck and weather, outdoor story times will continue this fall. Visit: elmgrovelibrary.org for dates and times.

Welcome to Medicare Virtual Classes

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County is currently hosting virtual "Welcome to Medicare" classes on a monthly basis.

Classes are held every 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 and 5:30 pm. Topics covered include the basic parts of Medicare (A, B, C, D) and how they work. Also, how to enroll, available insurance options, and the drug coverage requirement. To register for this free class or for more information, please contact the ADRC at 262-548-7848. You can also register online at waukeshacounty.gov/ElderBenefitSpecialistProgram

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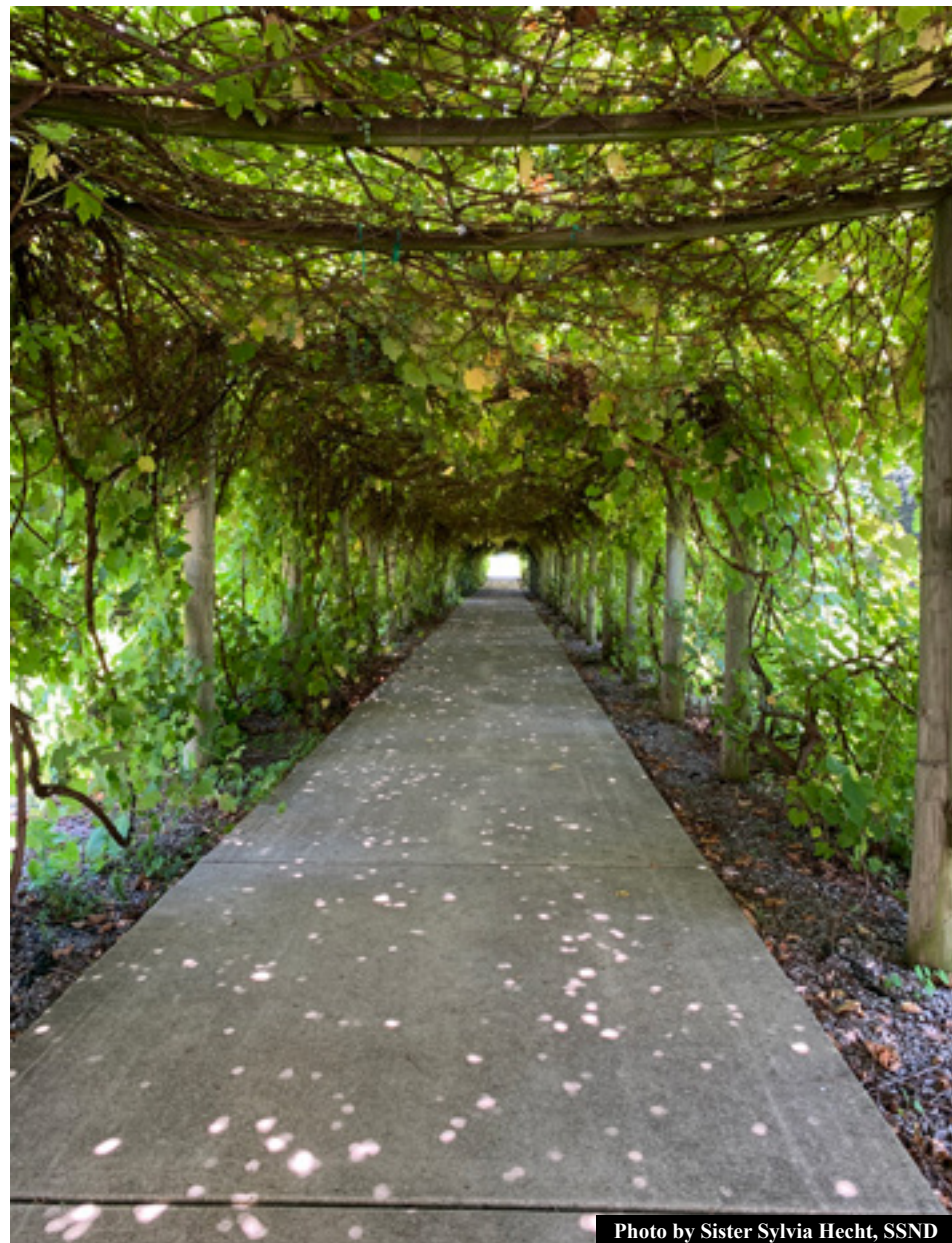


Photo by Sister Sylvia Hecht, SSND

Caroline's Welcome

By Sister Sylvia Hecht, SSND

I am new to Notre Dame of Elm Grove, but not really.
 I have often come to visit, but now I live here.
 Each day I go for a walk in the "park" so to speak.
 As usual, in the afternoon, I have made it a practice to walk through the Mother Caroline Grape Arbor; remembering this great woman and all my Sisters who have gone before me.
 On this particular day I was half way down the path when I became enamored by the glowing light that lit up the grape arbor and dappled the path I was walking.
 With that light flooding over the arbor I turned around and traced my steps to take this photo of light.
 It reminded me of the dedicated life of our Sisters, especially that of Mother Caroline; and the light they shared with each other and the world.

News' Hounds & other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

After raising a lovely litter of pups, **Harley** is ready to find a home for herself. Mama Harley is happy her puppies have all found loving homes, but she's hoping her turn will come soon! She's only one-year-old and has so much love to give. Harley adores her human friends and other playful dogs, as well as squeaky toys and tasty chews! She can be nervous in new situations or with new people, so she's looking for a home where people are patient, dog savvy, and good at reading body language - or someone committed to learning! If you have a big heart and room in your home for this fun-loving girl, you might be the person she's been looking for! Or, if you are not able to adopt, please consider sharing her story with your family, friends, and co-workers.



Photo Courtesy Elmbrook Humane Society

Harley

Please call us at (262) 782-9261 or visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/adopt-2> to download and complete and adoption application. The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.



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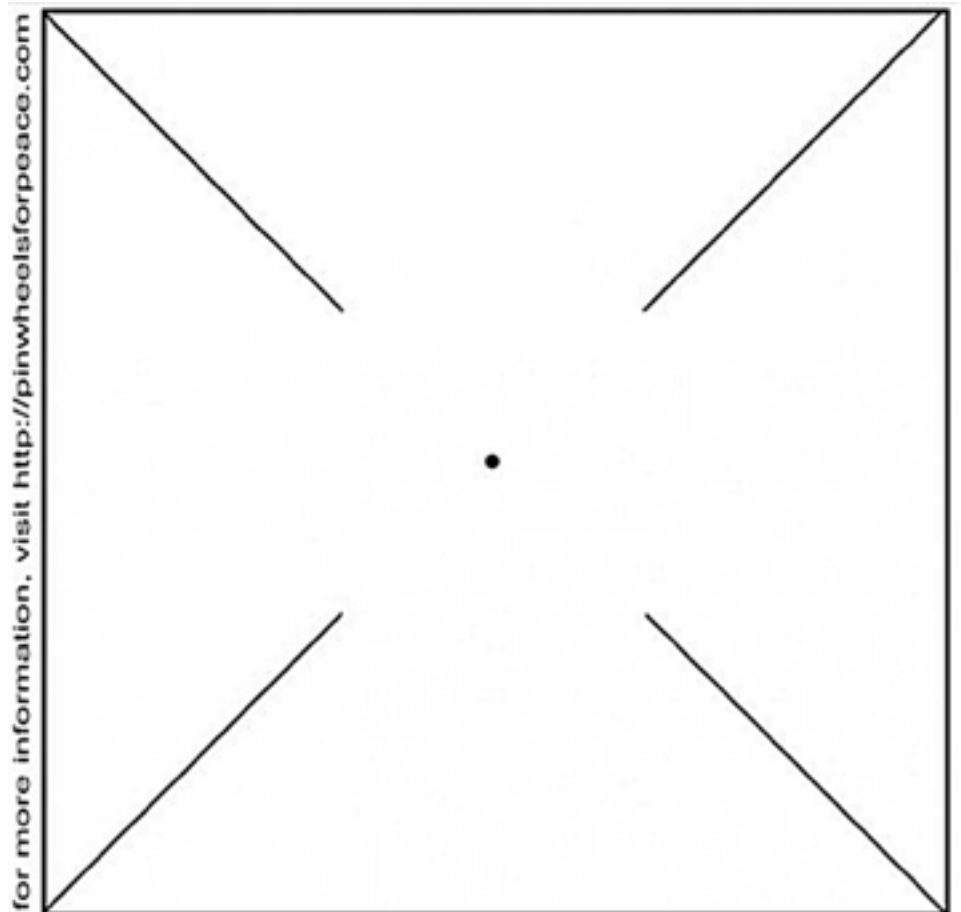


2020 'International Day of Peace' Theme: "Shaping Peace Together"

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

Celebrate the International Day of Peace by spreading compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these difficult times of physical distancing, this International Day of Peace will be dedicated to fostering dialogue and collecting ideas. The world will be invited to unite and share thoughts on how to weather this storm, heal our planet and change it for the better.

Visit: www.un.org/peaceday to learn more.



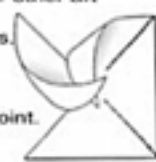
What you need:
 Scissors
 Straight pin
 Pencil with eraser
 Colored pencils or markers to decorate

Pinwheels for Peace

How to get started:
 Cut out the pinwheel square on this page. On one side of the paper, write down your feelings about war/peace/tolerance/living in harmony. On the other side of the paper, use markers, colored pencils, paint, or other art media to visually express your feelings. Following the lines on the template, cut in from all four corners, leaving about 2 inches of center uncut.

To create the pinwheel:
 Gently bend (don't fold) one of the cut corners to the center point. Skip the next cut corner, and bend the next one. Skip and bend until four points meet in the center. Then stick the straight pin through all four points AND the back of the pinwheel. Stick the pin into the pencil eraser. Find some wind to test it out.

Save your pinwheel in a safe place until September 21st (which is International Day of Peace) then take it to a public place and "plant" it into the ground to send a message of world peace!



Cut out this peace sign and put it in the center of your pinwheel before you put the pin in it.



Legal Issues

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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Elm Grove Postmaster Commended for Service

Thank you (to the *Elm Grove News-Independent*) for the recent (August 2020) feature on **Jill Lipovsek**, who is retiring from the U.S. Postal Service as Elm Grove's Postmaster.

As a business owner, (I can confirm that) Jill worked with us to help save money and expedite shipping. She could have retired a while back, but loved and cared about the Elm Grove post office.

Jill deeply cared about the Elm Grove post office, its residents, and its businesses. She knew residents and businesses by name, took time to understand their needs, and took it personally if an envelope or package was delayed --- even though the delay was nothing of her doing.

Jill you will be missed!

Steve Uelner
President, Country Travel Discoveries
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

Remember the Farmers Behind the Food

Like many people in agriculture, I was quickly sucked into the television series "Yellowstone" starring **Kevin Costner** as John Dutton, the patriarch of a large ranching family. Dutton, a rancher out West, fights to keep his rights to ranch and raise cattle while fighting off urban sprawl, all while trying to hold together what remains of his family.

from their storage facilities to customers as quickly as possible. That meant determining how to repackage food intended for restaurant use ready for retail stores. The whole distribution system basically stopped and changed directions.

I can't help but see similarities to how many of us in the dairy community have felt this year. After 4½ years of low milk prices, sluggish markets and trade deals that didn't seem to ever find a conclusion, the worst was behind us. Our year of hope was 2020. The horizon was glimmering with the promise of rising milk prices, secure trade deals and more favorable weather patterns. Then COVID-19 hit.

All the while, farmers kept farming. Kept milking and caring for their cows. Kept wondering what lie ahead. The future was so uncertain, but we knew we had a country to feed, and now was the time to rise up and meet the challenge with grace. Farmers had low prices thrown at them, requests to dump milk, mandatory herd reduction orders — all reasons to give up. But we clung to hope that the pandemic would only be temporary. That, just as we had done for the past 4½ years, we would persevere and prove that despite all the factors working against us, customers could depend on a consistent and safe supply of food. And we did just that.

Overnight the markets reacted to the fear. We saw restaurants and food delivery shut down and people panic-buying at grocery stores. The terms "essential worker" and "safer at home" became regular parts of our language. People in sectors like health care, energy, public safety, communication and information technology, transportation and logistics, and food and agriculture were looked upon to keep going. They were not able to shut down. We also saw demand for fluid milk, blocks of cheese and butter jump. Fearful they wouldn't have enough to go around, stores started to limit the quantity.

As the ranch hand character Lloyd Pierce said in "Yellowstone," (Season 3, Episode 1), "Makes you wonder, who's gonna feed this world when there is none of us left?" Dutton responds with a chuckle, "Nobody, Lloyd. World is just gonna go hungry."

Behind the scenes, food processing facilities and transportation experts were figuring out ways to get the products

The next time you reach for a container of milk, pound of butter or block of cheese, I encourage you to remember the farmers behind the food. The ones who have ridden out every sort of catastrophe, and are still here. Providing for you.

Heidi Fischer, Fischer-Clark Dairy Farm
Hatley, Wisconsin

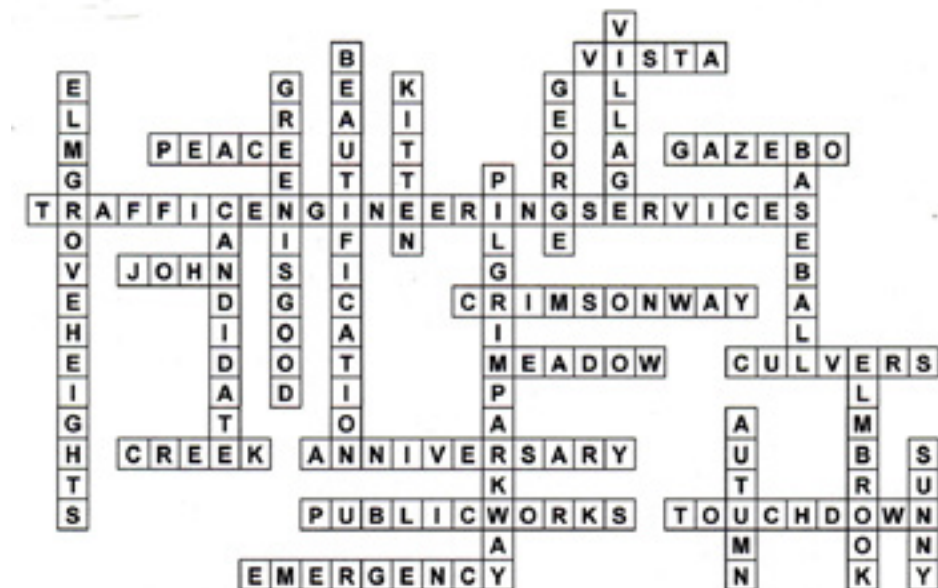
Past Times (Continued from Page 4)

My friend **Tom Ramstack** and I participated in one of the last tours of the convent, led by Sister Marie Estelle. It was a bittersweet experience, since it had already been made known that the property was for sale and that the remaining Sisters would be moving. We knew that their time in Elm Grove was growing short. My mind flashed back to my old friend **Bob Berndt**. A graduate of St. Mary's grade school and a lifelong member of St. Mary's Visitation parish, Bob had known many of the older Sisters as his teachers. When he ran for Elm Grove village trustee in 1979, I chaired his campaign committee. When I suggested that he start gathering signatures of voters on his nominating petitions he told me not to worry. "I can do that in a single afternoon," he told me. "I'm taking

the petitions over to the Sisters." "Because they're your former teachers?", I asked. "No," he replied. "Because they're my friends." Moreover, Bob told me they prayed for him, too.

Remember that the Sister whom I had given a ride home from Dr. Haughey's office had promised to pray for me? I think that the School Sisters have been praying for all of us for a long, long time. Now that they are leaving us (in late 2021, according to the current plan) to enter a new phase in the life of their Order, perhaps it's time for all of us to pray for them. I know that I will.

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



News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

A member of Brookfield Academy's Class of 2020 (center) gives two "thumbs up" during this year's commencement ceremony.

Brookfield Academy Holds Class of 2020 Graduation

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce the 50th graduating class received diplomas in an outdoor ceremony held on the football field next to Patriots Hall on Saturday, July 25, in the presence of family, friends, faculty members, administrators, and board members.

Valedictorian is **Emily Elfelt**, daughter of **Mr. Paul and Mrs. Julie Elfelt** of Brookfield. Salutatorian is **Julia Jensen**, daughter of **Mr. Joel and Mrs. Carrie Jensen** of Brookfield. The Class of 2020 has received 409 college acceptances and over \$16.5 million in college scholarships and grant offers. It includes two National Merit Finalists, three Commended Scholars, one U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Finalist, and one National Merit College Sponsored Scholarship Award winner. There are 15 Cum Laude Society members, scholars with top placements on French, German, and Latin language exams, and National and State art and writing award winners. In addition, the Class of 2020 includes individual all-conference athletic award winners, individual athletes with collegiate commitments in boys basketball, wrestling, and boys tennis, State qualifiers in skiing and tennis, and State champions in wrestling and tennis.

U.S. Senator **Ron Johnson** (R-WI) gave the commencement address.

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Elm Grove Green Team

This is a group for Elm Grove residents who want to help our village become more sustainable! We meet regularly in the village and hope to gain more support and awareness. Check out our Elm Grove Green Team on Facebook. For more information, e-mail Deb at info@waukeshacountygreenteam.org.

Volunteer Opportunity!

The Elm Grove Park now has two garden beds designed for monarch conservation, created in collaboration with the Brookfield East S.E.E.D. Club and the Elm Grove Beautification Committee. Weekly bed maintenance is scheduled for Sundays at 11 a.m. Stop by if you would like to help. For more information, e-mail: EGBeautification@gmail.com.

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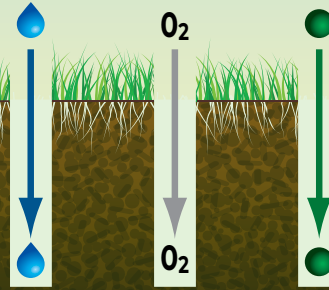
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