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Village Emergency Services Manage COVID-19 Emergency Response

The Elm Grove Emergency Services, Police, Fire and EMS along with the Village Manager, have been meeting on a daily basis to review CDC, State, WHO, and County Emergency Management coronavirus releases and directives. Our Team has been strategizing and planning to provide uninterrupted services to our residents and businesses.

In order to keep our responders healthy, we have limited access to the Police and Fire Departments to emergency providers only, and suspended station tours and public relation events. Our Police, EMS and Fire Dept. personnel may arrive at your call-for-service wearing varying levels of Personal Protective Equipment from a N95 face mask to full turnout gear and SCBA air masks depending on the nature of the call.

To protect our responders and those we serve we are disinfecting the Police and Fire Departments facilities, apparatus and equipment on a regular basis and after calls-for-service. The Village Hall is also being treated daily for the protection of the front office staff and the public who we serve.

Please follow the federal and state guideline for Safer at Home, social distancing and regular hand washing. You can find several community resource links and other COVID information on the Village Website: www.elmgrovetwi.org.

William L. Selzer, Fire Chief
Jon Robinson, MD, EMS Chief
Jim Gage, Police Chief



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

Rather than featuring a COVID-19 (novel Coronavirus) image to illustrate these front-page stories, here is a beautiful photo taken in an Elm Grove garden one past year. May it represent the **HOPE** that this prolonged "winter (and spring) of our discontent" will eventually be "made glorious summer" — when this crisis has passed and we can gather freely as a community once again.

Village Update

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

The COVID-19 Pandemic made March a very busy month for the Village of Elm Grove staff and Board members. The public health needs of employees and of Village residents moved to center stage and impact every aspect of Village operations.

In order to comply with state and federal guidelines and to protect the health of our staff, we have suspended all recreation programs and closed the library. The playground in the park is also closed, as it is not practical to properly sanitize the equipment after each use. The Recycling Center at the Village Department of Public Works yard is closed to protect our very limited staff. All these closures create temporary inconvenience, but are necessary.

We are blessed to presently have a healthy staff which allows us to continue necessary Village Services. All public safety functions are fully staffed. Public Works department activities, except the recycling yard, are continuing including normal spring brush pickup. Remember, our Public Works Department employees also serve as daytime Fire and EMS responders.

The Spring election on April 7 will also create special challenges of keeping people separated and the facilities properly cleaned. The Village Board is **strongly urging all voters** to take advantage of the option to use an Absentee Ballot through the mail.

(See VILLAGE UPDATE – Page 3)


Wisconsin 'Safer at Home' Order Issued

(MADISON) Governor **Tony Evers** in late March directed Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee **Andrea Palm** to issue a Safer at Home order that will remain in effect until 8 a.m., Friday April 24, 2020, or until a subsequent order is issued.

"I know the COVID-19 outbreak has been difficult and has disrupted the lives of people across our state... Each and every one of us has to do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 so we can flatten the curve to ensure our doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers have the opportunity to do their important work..." Evers said.


(See SAFER AT HOME – Page 10)


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Elmbrook Update

Student Meal Program



Elmbrook Schools is offering all children ages 2–18 the option of a free bagged lunch meal for the duration of Virtual Learning, regardless of school attendance area, grade level, or income eligibility. This option is offered as part of the Federal Summer Meals Program, which has been extended to the school year to support all families in need. Please visit the “Meals for Students” webpage at www.elmbrookschoools.org for additional information. (262) 781-3030.

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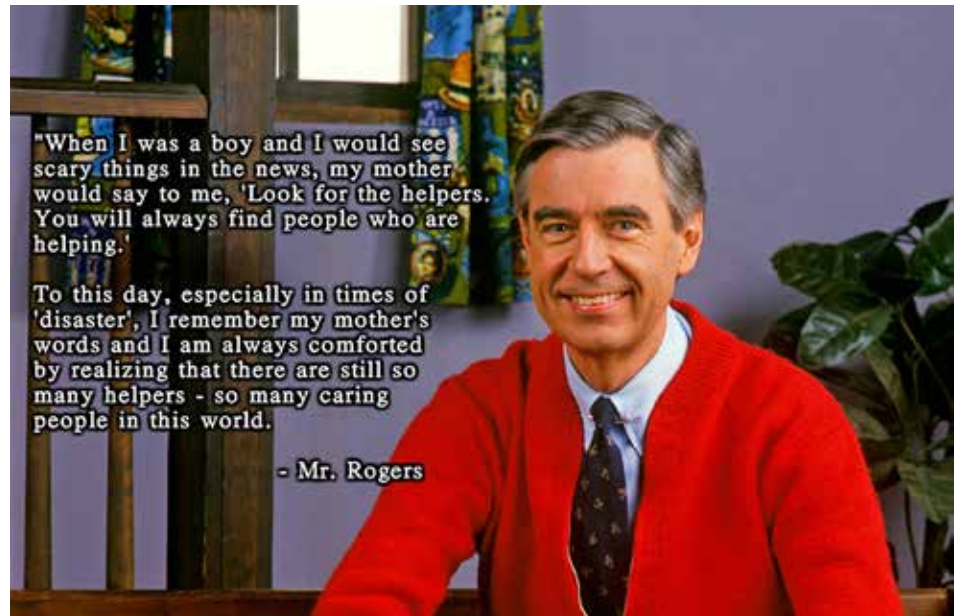
Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Dear Readers,

As always, I am extremely grateful to own and publish this locally-focused newspaper that, in addition to relaying news and information, might also provide stories of HOPE and INSPIRATION. My THANKS to all who have contributed to the production of this issue.

With the COVID-19 outbreak, these are certainly difficult times for us all, but the recently enhanced outpouring of LOVE, KINDNESS, RESOURCEFULNESS, and CONCERN for others here and around the world gives added meaning to the word: COMMUNITY. We are all in this together.

In past times of personal distress, I have often looked to sources of comfort and calm. One of them was Mr. Rogers.



Poster from the collection of Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

The late Fred Rogers, host of the long-running PBS show “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood”, was a source of calm and inspiration to children and adults throughout the world.

His statement (at right) is especially meaningful at this time. “Look to the HELPERS,” his mother told him. And so we must. **WE can be helpers, too.**

In upcoming editions of the *News-Independent* I would like to feature stories about how neighbors are helping

neighbors. Did someone help you? Are you and your family working on a project that will benefit a special group or cause? Send items to: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com or mail to: P.O. Box 372, E.G., WI 53122

Take care & stay well!

Much is Needed. How You Can Help:

Children’s Hospital Needs Donations of PPE (including handmade masks)

Donations of new and unused personal protective equipment (PPE) can be dropped off at the Children’s Corporate Center lobby (999 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa) from 9 a.m. to Noon and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The hospital will accept these items:

- Any type of surgical masks
- Any type of N95 respirator masks
- Any type of medical gloves
- Any type of clear, plastic face shields
- Any type of disposable isolation gowns or disposable coveralls
- Any new scrubs or lab coats (including homemade)
- Any hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Any safety glasses or goggles
- Handmade masks (GUIDELINES are available at CHW.ORG.)

COVID-19 Information is available at:

Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019

Hebron Housing Services

(WAUKESHA) All of our shelters are open during the COVID-19 crisis, and we have expanded our operating hours at the Siena House shelter to provide a safe place during the outbreak. If you need shelter, please go to the SHELTERS page of our website: <https://hebronhouse.org> for information, or call (262) 549-8722.

We are actively seeking help from our community during this time of crisis. We need funding to expand our bed space and pay our staff most of all, but we also need supplies to keep our guests healthy, and hot meals delivered to the shelters. If you can help, e-mail: vjenkins@hebronhouse.org.

Our most urgent items, in addition to cash donations, are: Rubber gloves, Hand soap in any form, All cleaning supplies, but especially disinfecting wipes and sprays, Toilet paper (We have over 60 guests and are not able to order more due to shortages), Paper towels, Garbage bags, and Hand sanitizer.

Our offices are closed until further notice, but our staff is still working and reachable by email. Stay safe!



Blood Donations

*American Red Cross of Wisconsin
Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767 to schedule an appointment or locate a nearby blood drive.

*Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin
Donor Centers:
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638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee
2111 Springdale Rd., Waukesha
Call 1-877-BE-A-HERO
1 (877) 232-4376
or visit: versiti.org/Wisconsin.

Food Banks / Pantries

* Food Pantry of Waukesha County
1301 Sentry Dr., Waukesha 53186
www.waukeshafoodpantry.org/donate/
(262) 542-5300
Needs donations of food, volunteer time & money.

*New Berlin Food Pantry
14750 W. Cleveland Ave. 53151
(Serves residents of Elm Grove, Brookfield & New Berlin)
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*Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin
1700 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Milwaukee
Call (414) 931-7400 for ways to help.
Drop food donations in local store barrels including at Sendik’s of Elm Grove.

*Hunger Task Force
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Village Update

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You can obtain a ballot at the following website: <http://www.myvote.wi.gov> and following the simple instructions. If you have any difficulties contact **Mary Stredni**, Elm Grove Village Clerk, at mstredni@elmgrove.wi.gov or by telephoning (262) 782-6700. Absentee ballots are mailed to you promptly after your request. Complete the ballot promptly and mail it back to the Village. All Absentee Ballots must be received by April 7 to be counted in the election.

In-person voting is planned for Tuesday, April 7 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Compliance with state and federal guidance will require adequate separation of members of the public and staff and constant sanitizing activities. It may be necessary to use multiple separate rooms to accommodate the vote. In-person voting is likely to be more time consuming and difficult than normal elections. I urge everyone to vote through the mail by Absentee Ballot.

The Village of Elm Grove Emergency Services are closely monitoring the state and federal requirements and guidelines to manage and limit human exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The new requirements may prompt emergency responders to be using emergency personal protection equipment when responding to calls for service. Protective actions are necessary to protect the EMS employees and the wider public. Elm Grove has been lucky this far to have only a couple of diagnosed COVID-19 cases and we can keep it that way if we all practice social distancing, frequent hand washing and limit our number of contacts with others.

While it is not possible to determine when local activities will return to normal, we do know that all the temporary lifestyle changes prompted by the coronavirus will end. Right now, all our efforts are to get through the month of April and if we all make enough progress most restrictions will be lifted. It is, however, likely that large gatherings like our Memorial Day Parade may not be allowed this year.

Under the heading of life must go on, there are several other items to mention this month.

More people being at home and walking for exercise is likely the reason for an increase in the number of complaints and concerns over **pedestrian safety**. Pedestrians should always walk on the left side of the road if there is not a pathway (facing traffic.) Bicycles should follow the same rules as motorized traffic. Nighttime visibility is also a concern. It is very hard to see pedestrians on roadways without lighting. The best protection is to wear a reflective vest or other reflective apparel.

More people at home and better weather has also increase dog walkers and along with that come the **complaints about dog owners** not cleaning up after their pets. Please, not picking up the feces of your pet is just rude. You also can be ticketed for failure to clean up after your dog.

The Village Board approved a resolution designating the Village a **Bee City Affiliate** at the request of the Village Beautification Committee. This action recognizes that bees and other pollinators have experienced significant population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides.

(See BEE CITY – Page 3.)

Official Ballot
Presidential Preference Vote,
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 7, 2020 HC 80

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

General Instructions	Presidential Preference Vote	Judicial
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in," and fill in the oval next to the line like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Special Instructions for Presidential Preference Vote</p> <p>In the Presidential Preference Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may vote for only one candidate. • You may vote in only ONE party. • If you vote more than once, your vote will not be counted. <p>Choose the party in which you will vote. Within the party you have chosen, you have ONE of 3 choices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot in the party you have chosen. 2. Vote for an uninstructed delegation from Wisconsin to the national convention of the party you have chosen. 3. Write in the name of another person to become the presidential candidate of the party you have chosen. <p>Fill in ONE oval in ONE party.</p>	<p>Choose a party in which to vote. Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this <input type="radio"/>. Choose only 1.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Democratic</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Republican</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Democratic Party</p> <p><i>If you vote in this party, you may not vote in the other party.</i></p> <p>President of the United States Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tulsi Gabbard</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Amy Klobuchar</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Delaney</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Deval Patrick</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bernie Sanders</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andrew Yang</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pete Buttigieg</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tom Steyer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Warren</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Bennet</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael R. Bloomberg</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Biden</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Republican Party</p> <p><i>If you vote in this party, you may not vote in the other party.</i></p> <p>President of the United States Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Uninstructed Delegation</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End Presidential Preference Vote</p>	<p>Justice of Supreme Court Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill J. Karofsky</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Daniel Kelly</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p>Court of Appeals Judge, District 2 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lisa Neubauer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Paul Bugenhagen Jr</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">County</p> <p>County Supervisor District 8 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Thomas Michalski</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Municipal</p> <p>Village Trustee Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> George E. Haas</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Domaszek</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Patrick Kressin</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>
<p>Presidential Preference Vote begins at top of next column.</p>	<p>Nonpartisan offices begin at top of next column.</p>	<p>Continue voting on other side of ballot.</p>

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Turn ballot over. ➡

School District	Referendum	
<p>Elmbrook School District School Board Member, At-Large Seat Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jennifer Roskopf</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Leanne Wied</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p>Elmbrook School District School Board Member, Area I Seat Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott Wheeler</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p>Elmbrook School District School Board Member, Area III Seat Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jian Sun</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this <input type="radio"/>. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this <input type="radio"/>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State of Wisconsin</p> <p>QUESTION 1: "Additional rights of crime victims. Shall section 9m of article I of the constitution, which gives certain rights to crime victims, be amended to give crime victims additional rights, to require that the rights of crime victims be protected with equal force to the protections afforded the accused while leaving the federal constitutional rights of the accused intact, and to allow crime victims to enforce their rights in court?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">HC 80</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Official Ballot Presidential Preference Vote, Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 7, 2020 for Village of Elm Grove Wards 1 - 4 Elmbrook School</p> <p>Ballot Issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of election inspectors _____</p> <p>Absentee ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk _____</p> <p>(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)</p> <p>Certification of Voter Assistance I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.</p> <p>Signature of assistor _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Official Use Only</p> <p><i>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade.</i></p> <p>Reason for remaking ballot:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Damaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If this is the original ballot write serial number here: _____</p> <p>If this is the duplicate ballot write serial number here: _____</p> <p>Initials of inspectors who remade ballot _____</p>
<p>Continue voting at top of next column.</p>	<p>Page 2 of 2-sided ballot.</p>	

Business Directory

* Community Organizations



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Bee City

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The resolution calls for increased efforts to prompt the use of native species for yard planting and other accommodations for pollinators. The Beautification Committee will be launching new efforts to raise resident awareness and help educate residents of these issues. Anyone who is interested in gardening, insects, birds and native planting is encouraged to join the Beautification Committee. Interested persons can access the online volunteer form from the Village website: www.elmgrove.wi.gov, or contact Village Hall at (262) 782-6700 to have one emailed.

(See more Beautification Committee information – Page 7.)

Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Local Visits of Presidential Candidates

By Stephen K. Hauser

My March 2020 *Past Times* column about **John F. Kennedy's** 1960 campaign visits to southeastern Wisconsin prior to the April presidential primary produced some interesting remembrances from readers. I had planned to focus this month's effort on past public appearances of various presidential hopefuls in Elm Grove, but the recollections of readers have provided some interesting additional stories of their "first person" encounters.

My friend **Gary Fischer** of Elm Grove told me that he, his brother **John** and their friend **Jim** met John F. Kennedy on his final campaign swing of the pre-primary race that March. Then residents of Glendale, the three youngsters had learned that JFK was to appear outside of the Bayshore mall. Intrigued at the prospect of meeting a celebrity, they pedaled their bikes to the mall and shook hands with the future President outside the front doors of Boston Store. Campaign aides were distributing buttons and bumper stickers to the crowd and the boys were able to snag a couple. Gary recalls that Jim asked Senator Kennedy to autograph the back of his, which JFK dutifully did. Jim later sold it to John for \$1.00, proud of his profit for the day. Gary reports that the signed sticker went missing years ago, but he still has the unsigned one.

In noting past White House aspirants who campaigned in Elm Grove, I had long been aware of the visit by California **Governor Earl Warren** in 1952. Although he would be defeated in the April primary by **Senator Robert A. Taft** of Ohio, he was named as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1953 by new **President Dwight D. Eisenhower**. The month prior to the Badger state's primary found him shaking hands and talking to voters at **Ramstack's** tavern at 13225 Watertown Plank Road (now **O'Donoghue's Irish Pub**). My friend **Tom Ramstack** remembers seeing photographs of Gov. Warren holding his older brother **Charlie** on his lap. Tom and Charlie's grandfather **Joe** and their father **Joe, Jr.** were active in local politics and involved in the county Republican Party, which probably accounts for the arrangements leading to Gov. Warren's appearance. Taverns, especially in rural communities, were viewed as neighborhood gathering places in those days and also a good place to campaign if a candidate wished to meet the voters. This was particularly true of areas

settled by German and Irish immigrants and their descendants, as was the case in Elm Grove.

In asking Tom Ramstack to tell me again the details of this story, I got more than I had bargained for. Tom suggested another story I had not previously known. In 1964, former **U.S. Congressman Glenn Davis** was seeking to reclaim his old congressional seat. He had scheduled a campaign stop at the Mayfair mall in Wauwatosa and asked supporter **Joe Ramstack** to bring along some volunteers to distribute pamphlets and campaign cards. Joe brought along his sons Tom and Charlie, but they were told they could not solicit votes on mall property, so they had to retreat to the south side of North Avenue. With them was a Michigan congressman who had come to endorse Davis and help him campaign, **Gerald R. Ford**. Cut off from most Mayfair patrons, Ford asked the teenagers if they'd like an ice cream. After an affirmative response, he took them down the street to the **Boy Blue** ice cream stand and bought them cones. Congressman Ford, of course, would become the 38th President of the United States in 1974 when **Richard M. Nixon** resigned the presidency in the midst of the Watergate scandal. (I never knew Tom's story before preparing this article, perhaps because, already following politics, I favored Davis' opponent in that race, **James P. Buckley** of Waukesha. Davis trounced him that November, but I still have my old Buckley button.)

The last presidential candidate that I know of to make a public appearance in Elm Grove was former Minnesota **Governor Harold E. Stassen** who spoke in the community room at the Elm Grove village hall on March 27, 1980, just five days before the Wisconsin primary on April first. I remember it well because I had arranged it. I was state chairman of Wisconsin Citizens for Stassen that year and set up interviews and campaign appearances for him from Milwaukee to La Crosse, and points in between. The Elm Grove speech was a natural, since the former Governor had some old friends in the village, including **Loyal Eddy**, who had been a Stassen delegate to the 1948 G.O.P. convention, and **Joe Dries**, who had known him when he worked as a speech writer in the **Eisenhower** White House in the 1950s. I had first met and corresponded with the Governor in 1968.



Photo courtesy of Stephen K. Hauser

Stephen K. Hauser (at podium) introduces former **Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen** at the Community Room of Elm Grove Village Hall on March 27, 1980, five days prior to the Wisconsin presidential primary.

Although Stassen's name today is primarily associated with his multiple bids for the presidency, he had a long and illustrious career in public life which should not be forgotten. Elected in 1938 at age 31 as the youngest governor in U.S. history and re-elected twice thereafter, he resigned Minnesota's governorship in 1943 to enter active duty in World War II. As a Commander, U.S. Navy, he served as assistant chief of staff to **Admiral "Bull" Halsey** in the Pacific theater, decorated three times and awarded six major battle stars. At the war's end, he led a daring raid on a Japanese POW camp which freed U.S. prisoners, including **USMC Col. "Pappy" Boyington**, leader of the famed Black Sheep squadron.

In the post-war era, Stassen took a post as president of the University of Pennsylvania and, later, as president of the American Baptist Convention. In 1953, he joined the Eisenhower administration as Mutual Security advisor to the President. His continued presidential campaigns were simply efforts to place before the voters issues and solutions that he felt would otherwise be neglected by the other candidates. His speech that March evening to Elmbrook area voters centered on such concepts. I especially remember his conversations with Brookfield East social studies instructor **George R. Hunt** about America's proper role in

foreign affairs and with World War I veteran **Harvey J. Celley** about the Berlin Wall and the continuing Cold War with the Soviet Union. My most lasting impression of the evening is, however, the Governor's graciousness in sitting down with a young student reporter from Brookfield East High School's *Spartan Banner* newspaper after the meeting to patiently answer her questions about presidential politics. "That young lady is the future", he explained to me later. "She will carry her thoughts into the next century." When I last saw Governor Stassen at his 90th birthday celebration in 1997 in Minneapolis, I was surprised that he still remembered that interview.

As far as I know, Harold Stassen remains the last presidential aspirant to speak in Elm Grove, although several others have campaigned nearby in Brookfield and Waukesha. If *News-Independent* readers know of further examples, I would be delighted to know of them, and amend the record accordingly. If "all politics is local" as the old adage goes, then Elm Grove's contributions to national affairs are as worth noting as those of other communities.

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May God Bless America. May God Bless us all.



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Calendar of Events for April 2020

Tuesday – APRIL 7

SPRING ELECTION & PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

*Elm Grove residents VOTE 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. @ Village Hall. (See Sample Ballot – Page 3)

Friday – APRIL 10
GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday – APRIL 12
EASTER



Wednesday – APRIL 22
EARTH DAY

Monday – APRIL 27

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Our Village



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A FRIENDLY 'HELLO': Many children who live on Gremoor Drive in Elm Grove recently decorated their windows and posted greetings to those walking, driving and cycling by. This is one example.



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SIGNS OF 'THANKS': A family on Legion Drive in Elm Grove created this trio of yard signs showing appreciation to medical professionals.

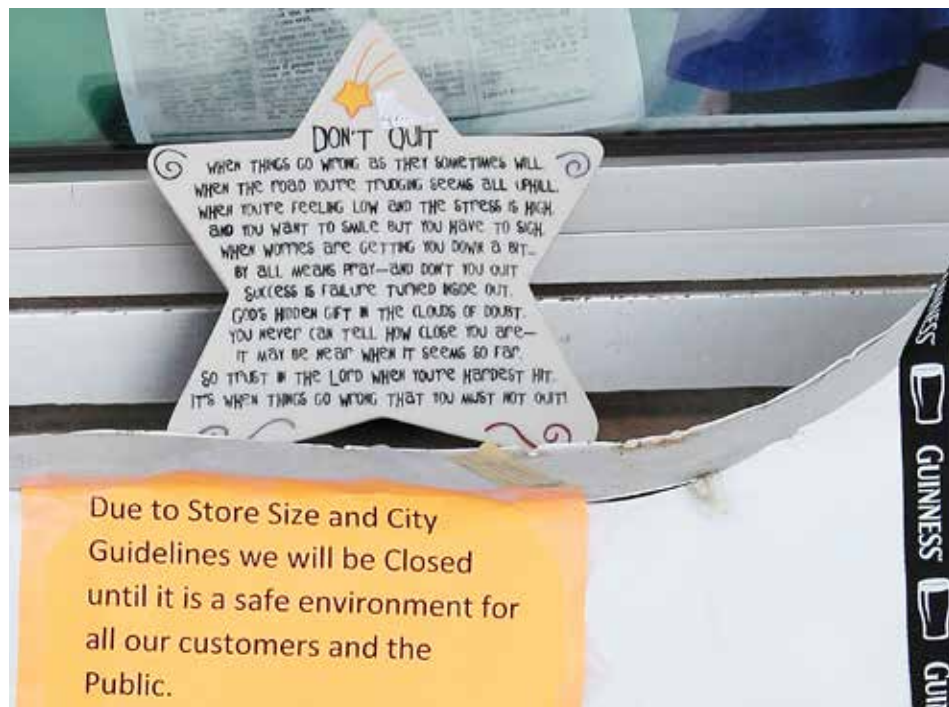


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CLOSED FOR NOW: A poster outside Mystic Ireland, at the Elm Grove Park & Shop, is similar to many signs seen around the Village and in neighboring communities. The "DON'T QUIT" verse on a star-shaped backing stands as a symbol of hope and encouragement.

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

Meet Lilly, a beautiful brindle girl looking for her forever home. She is move in ready — already house and crate trained, knows basic commands, and walks well on leash! She soaks up human attention and her favorite thing to do is snuggle next to her loved ones. Lilly prefers to be the only dog in her home though has shared her home with a feline friend. This little love bug is ready to leave shelter life and start a new life with a family of her own. Might this be with you?

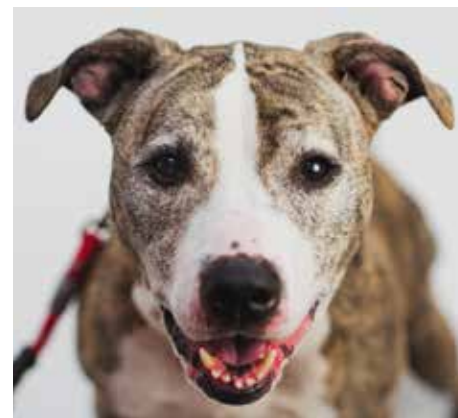


Photo courtesy of Elmbrook Humane Society

Lilly

The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road. Visit www.ebhs.org; call (262) 782-9261; or stop by for more information.

"Green" is Good!

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

Simple, Environmentally-Friendly Suggestions

Start a compost project!

According to the EPA, Americans produce 32 million tons of food waste annually. Composting is nature's way of "recycling" that waste directly back into the food stream. Thinking about composting your waste but don't know where to start?

Check out your county government's web page for resources and workshops or visit: www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org for a "how to" compost guide.

Buy at least one organic food item this week!

This week buy at least one organic product. Organic agriculture is a safer choice for the environment and your family because organic growers don't use synthetic pesticides and fertilizers that degrade air and water quality and threaten the health of workers, farmers, and communities. Check the organic section of your store and look for the USDA Organic label. As a bonus look for organic products that are grown and produced in Wisconsin.



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Clubs & Organizations

“Until Differences Make No Difference....”

Pilgrim Park & Wisconsin Hills Students
Take the Lead to Stop Bullying

(BROOKFIELD) “Differences: Gotta Have ‘em!,” a unique presentation by teens, for teens, that motivates young people to treat others with dignity and respect, was held at Pilgrim Park Middle School and Wisconsin Hills Middle School, on Tuesday, March 3. Members of the ARCh Youth Team (Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps) conducted the presentation for the 6th and 7th grades.

“Differences: Gotta Have ‘em!” featured skits, music and personal stories, using “positive peer pressure” to encourage students to accept others’ differences and to not be a bystander when they see bullying.

8th grader **Pranav Sundararaman**, a member of the ARCh Youth Team, was the impetus behind bringing the presentation to these schools. Pranav joined the ARCh Youth Team like his older brother **Atal**, a senior at Brookfield East High School, because he believes everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and wants his peers to hear the message.

Pilgrim Park Principal **Kelly Szeszterniak** said, “The most exciting aspect of this project is that it is student-led; Pilgrim Park is strongly committed to promoting respect in the educational environment, and we believe that our students need to be actively involved in achieving this goal. We



commend Pranav for working hard to bring this program here.”

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, in the year 2014 more than 160,000 students missed school every day due to their fear of being bullied. The costs of intolerance (depression, violence, crime) are high, and the consequences of bullying can be devastating to a school, workplace or the entire community.

The ARCh Youth Team consists of volunteer teen leaders from schools throughout Waukesha County who reach thousands of students per year through original presentations that foster compassion and acceptance. In addition, the group offers “Teen Time” (service projects and socials for teens with and without disabilities) and educational program about preventable causes of disabilities including Shaken Baby Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, lead poisoning and toxoplasmosis.

For more information on the presentations or the ARCh Youth Team, contact **Jennifer Horth**, ARCh Executive Director, at (262) 542-9811.

Wilson Center Announces Leadership Change

Nichole Cooper and Vincent Vogelsang
to assume dual leadership roles

(BROOKFIELD) The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts Board of Directors has announced that a new dual leadership team comprised of **Nichole Cooper**, artistic director, and **Vincent Vogelsang**, general manager, will head the organization moving forward. The new structure is consistent with the leadership models of many leading arts organizations nationwide.



Nichole Cooper Vincent Vogelsang

As the center continues to grow and add programming, the collaborative structure marks a new chapter for the organization heading into its 20th anniversary year in 2021/2022. The dual executive office will assure strong leadership in all areas, with Cooper leading artistic and audience development, and Vogelsang overseeing finance, development and operations.

“We are delighted that Nichole and Vince bring new energy and capabilities to the dual leadership role,” said Wilson Center board chair **Susan Cerletty**. “Their combined backgrounds are impressive, and coupled with their in-depth knowledge of our multifaceted organization, the board is confident they will help the center thrive as we embark on our next decade.”

Cooper joined the Wilson Center in 2014 in the role of marketing director and has an extensive background in arts organization programming and audience

development. She currently represents the Wilson Center as a board member for the Village of Brookfield.

Vogelsang joined the Wilson Center in 2019 as senior director of operations, with 18 years of experience in real estate management and small business ownership.

Immediate past executive director **Anna M. Thompson** stepped aside from her role to spend more time with family. “The board is grateful to Anna for her service, and we are pleased that she will consider supporting the Wilson Center in a consulting role,” said Cerletty.



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News Briefs



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

SMV students display their Rube Goldberg constructions.

Rube Goldberg Day Held at St. Mary's Visitation

By Beth Scherr

The fifth-grade classes at St Mary's Visitation School in Elm Grove learned about Rube Goldberg this quarter. They also learned about an annual Rube Goldberg competition at Purdue

University, and got ideas about how to make chain reaction machines. They built their own chain reaction machines, and held a Rube Goldberg day on March 13.

NEWS & PHOTOS
about students'
Academic & Athletic achievement
& Community Service projects
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Photo courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

A Battle of the Books team at Tonawanda Elementary.

Students Excel at 'Battle of the Books'

(ELM GROVE) Once again, Tonawanda placed in the Honors Club for the Wisconsin WEMTA Battle of the Books competition.

This year Tonawanda had more than 70 students (17 teams) participate in the school Battle of the Books competition. Students worked together in teams to read 20 books. They met with volunteer coaches at team practices and battled with other teams by answering questions about the books. Funding for the purchase of books was provided by the P.T.O.

Students **Nate Carlstrom**, **Roman Muthupandiyan**, **August King**, and **Nolan Janz** were on the winning team for Tonawanda and had an opportunity to compete in the state tournament. They competed against 236 other teams of students from both public and private schools across the state of Wisconsin. The Tonawanda team came in 7th place, answering 22 out of 25 questions correctly.

Gardening in the Grove

Reduce Garlic Mustard in Your Yards

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Beautification Committee, led by Chairwoman **Nicci Sternitzky**, invites area residents to participate in a group garlic mustard pull at Elm Grove Village

Park later this year. In the meantime, you may want to take steps to eradicate this weed from your yards at home. For advice and more information, e-mail Nicci at asternitzky@wi.rr.com.

Facts About Garlic Mustard

By Nicci Sternitzky

An invasive species is defined as a non-native plants, animals, or pathogens rapidly takes over a new location and alters the ecosystem. The Wisconsin DNR currently has 63 plants on the restricted invasive species plants list, one of which is garlic mustard, or *Alliaria petiolata*. This plant is a biennial that was introduced to the U.S. in the 1860s. In Europe there are 30 species of insects that attack the leaves, stems, and seeds specialists herbivores that use it as a food source, but there are no such enemies in North America to keep this noxious weed in check.



Garlic Mustard / *Alliaria Petiolata*

Given that each plant can disperse 600-7900 seeds that will remain viable for up to 7 years in the soil, and that plant exerts negative chemically mediated effects on nearby plants and microbes, its dense growth will replace a native woodland in less than 10 years. These effects are more notable the higher an area's deer population is as deer won't eat garlic mustard, but help spread the seeds.

So, what can a homeowner do? The first step is just being aware, knowing how to recognize it, and perform periodic surveillance to remove any plants before they set seed. Helping to spread the word

to neighbors and friends is crucial as well. The plant looks slightly different its first year versus its second year, but it is still quite easy to identify with very few native look-alikes (toothwort).

As anyone who has ever tackled a patch of garlic mustard can attest to, it's very satisfying to pull after a soaking rain in the spring. One bonus is that all those plants are edible and nutritious (assuming no herbicide use).

Proper disposal is ideally in paper bags placed into the trash as composting cannot eliminate seed viability.

Elm Grove Beautification Committee Announces Mission, Vision Statements and Goals

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Beautification Committee's Mission is "To enhance the natural beauty of the village of Elm Grove through education, programs, plantings so that village residents, their children and their grandchildren can fully enjoy the beauty our village has to offer."

The Committee's Goals include:

- Enlarging the committee as determined by need
- Attaining and sponsoring the Bee City USA designation
- Further promoting and supporting Tree City and Bird City designations
- Involving members of the business community, schools, churches, and civic groups in the mission of the beautification of Elm Grove
- Raising funds to aid in reforestation with elm trees
- Educating the public and assisting in the implementation of pollinator friendly gardening, integrative pest management, promotion of native plantings, eradication of invasive species, rainwater runoff and rain garden, composting and healthy soils, and promotion of organic lawn care practices.

The Committee envisions:

- All property owners taking exceptional pride in the landscaping of their properties
- Making Elm Grove the city of elm trees through the reforestation projects
- The planting of native plants, with emphasis on the Black-eyed Susan
- The beautification of the downtown, the entrances to the village, and other village perimeters
- Rain gardens in private and public gardens in the community

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Members of the Spartan Chess Team display their awards.

Chess Team Wins at City Championships

(BROOKFIELD) On February 28, Brookfield East's Spartan Chess Team competed at the annual City Championships held at University School, taking first place in two of the three divisions.

In D-2, **Garrett Wheeler** paced the Spartans with a perfect 3-0 day, while in D-3, **Wyatt Tierney, Pablo Orejula, Sebastian Alcantar,** and **Tatyana Waukau** also earned perfect scores.

Read All About It!

Elm Grove Library At A Glance

2019

<p>89K visitors to the library</p>	<p>4,730 people with library cards</p>	
<p>109,588 items checked out (print, media, audio)</p>	<p>9,352 digital items checked out (ebooks, audiobooks)</p>	
<p>260 programs offered</p>	<p>215 youth programs offered</p>	<p>4,772 program attendees</p>
<p>4,772 uses of public computers</p>	<p>4,043 wireless Internet uses</p>	

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- * **Wisconsin's Digital Library** connects you to thousands of free library ebooks and e-audiobooks. Download the Libby app to make reading online even easier. Available with your library card.

Learning Opportunities for Adults

- * **Gale Courses** offer over 350 free, online classes in a variety of subjects, from ACT prep to Photoshop basics to medical coding.

Storytimes & Library Programs

- * **Virtual library programs and storytimes** are available from Bridges Library System's libraries.
- * **Teaching Books** has been fully updated to meet the needs of families learning from home during this crisis. With seamless connections for students and families, everyone can bring to life the books they are reading. Awaiting you are 172,000+ videos, audio recordings, activities, and lessons to enrich your virtual learning.
- * **TumbleBooks** is a collection of over 1,100 children's books and includes animated talking picture books, chapter books, videos, non-fiction titles, graphic novels, playlists, and books in French and Spanish.
- * **Storyline Online** features actors and actresses reading picture books aloud.
- * **Once Upon a No** from Amy Poehler – fairy tales with a twist!
- * **Sesame Street** podcasts include songs and stories in video or audio format.
- * **Story Pirates** is a group of world-class actors, comedians, improvisers, and musicians who adapt stories written by kids into sketch comedy and musical theater.
- * **Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems** visit

Mo's studio at noon each day

- * **Draw Every Day with Jarrett J. Krosoczka** Visit JJK's studio every day at 1 p.m.

Kids Learning Activities

- * **The Youth Services blog** of the Wisconsin Library Association has collected links to Author Readings and other helpful learning tools, as well as online library programming options.
- * **Kids activities blog** has a list of education companies offering free subscriptions right now.
- * **Scholastic Learn at Home** lessons includes daily projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing.
- * **Explora** offers online access to magazines, journals, newspapers, and more covering education, health, business, science, history and general areas of interest. Available through BadgerLink with your library card.
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Museum & Cultural Visits From Home

- * **Milwaukee Public Museum** has online exhibits.
- * **Natural History Museum** virtual tours.
- * Visit the **National Museum United States Air Force** online.
- * **Learn Wisconsin history** by exploring photos, maps, books, artifacts, and oral histories from dozens of Wisconsin communities via Recollection Wisconsin!

Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Spring

By Addison Beres
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Feel the windy breeze hit against your face,
Smell flowers starting to bloom,
Hear the rain hit the ground,
Taste fresh fruit just blossomed,
See kids running around in the
neighborhood having fun,
Spring's here!

The Little Bunny

By J.J. Anchor
4th Grade - Tonawanda

There was a little white bunny
that wasn't very funny
so he jumped
in
a hole
to
hide.

The hole was big so I started to dig,
but never found that bunny again.

Spring and Easter Time

By Isabella Radomski
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Sunny days are filled with
purple Peonies,
beautiful Rainbows,
the scent of Irises,
the look of Neverland,
full of Gratefulness,

I hear my family laughing joyfully,
I see eggs hiding around every corner,
I smell the crisp, spring smell,
I taste candy in my mouth,
I feel the wind blowing in my face,
I love Easter!



Easter

By Maeve Green
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Where is it!?
Where is it!?
Check the closet!
Nadda.
Aww man!
Look, A basket!
No, four!
One for Leighton, Sloane, Archer,
and me, Maeve!
Wow! I got a notebook!
I got a slime!
Look, It's a cute little pink egg!
Now for the egg hunt!

Easter

By Isabella Zosel
4th Grade - Tonawanda

I can hear the birds chirping
as I get out of bed
I can see my Easter basket
when I get downstairs
I can feel the breeze on my face
when I go outside
I can smell the sweet candy
from my Easter basket
I can taste the sugary candy
that's in my mouth
I love Easter!

Springtime

By Jianna Gropp
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Springtime is finally here
The flowers are gracefully sprouting
The rain is splashing
on our strong windows
The pets are happily playing
with kids in puddles
The bees are busily getting nectar
from all kinds of flowers
The moms are shopping
for new spring clothes for their children
Spring makes people happy
all around the world

Spring

By Alice Knachel
4th Grade — Tonawanda

In the spring
Birds are singing
Snow is melting
Flowers are popping up
Rain is pouring down
Splashing on your windows
Spending all your time outside
Playing in puddles
Gardening
Fun
and hope

Easter

By Sebastian Naimi
4th Grade- Tonawanda

Me waking up in the morning
Going to the living room
And what do I see
a big egg filled with goodies.
Ready set go
Time to start the Easter egg hunt.
Eggs are everywhere
wondering what is inside them.
Ding dong ooh it's time for church
got to go.
Me going to see my relatives
for Easter Sunday
Eating all that yummy food.
Going home and what do I see
a big white bunny giving me eggs
Oh, it's the Easter bunny.
Happy Easter everyone.

Easter

By Leah Czervionke
4th Grade- Tonawanda

Hip hop hip hop.
"The Easter Bunny!"
My brother awakes me. I ran to the
couch where my Easter basket was last
year and I crouched down silently.
My brother said, "Don't scare him!"
"Alright. On my cue, let's go,"
I demanded.
"Fine!" he grumbled.
I tip-toed to my basket, and looked at
Kyle nervously. I cued him over. He came,
but as he did, he rolled over, did a karate
chop and THEN tip-toed silently.
"When I say three, we sprint to our
baskets," I told him.
"Wait!" Kyle interrupted me. "Where
are the baskets?" he said peering past me.
I looked around. My basket was gone!
I looked over by the front door. Nothing.
Wait, no. There was a tail stuck in the
door. I knew who it was so I opened the
door to let him go. He looked back at me
and nodded, as if to say *thank you*. I never
told Kyle. But I did tell Gertie, my dog.
20 years past....
Kyle thought the Easter Bunny wasn't
real and it hurt me when he said "Stop
believing in the Easter Bunny, he isn't
real." But, I didn't. That's my story.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

Students listen as Youth Services Librarian Sue Daniels discusses library offerings.

St. Mary's Students Visit the Elm Grove Library

By Mikayla Hargarten, St. Mary's Visitation – 5th Grade

In March, our class took a trip to the Elm Grove Library. The morning started off with us walking there. Then, we were greeted at the door by Mrs. Daniels. She showed us the secret door that went in to the work room. One cool thing about the trip was that no one else was there, so we

had the place all to ourselves. Mrs. Daniels showed us where we could get the books for our upcoming projects. Once that was done, we got to check out books. In conclusion, I would say that our trip to the Elm Grove Library was awesome!!

Read more "Young Writers" stories on Page 10.

Students in Grades K-12 are invited to submit stories, poems, and interviews (200 words maximum) for possible publication in this section.

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By Attorney Isabell Mueller

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- Last Will and Testament
- Revocable/Living Trust agreements
- Prenuptial/postnuptial agreements
- VA File Number, Military discharge papers
- Birth certificate and Death Certificate
- Marriage license or Divorce Decree
- Medicare Card/Health Insurance Card
- Bank statements, checkbooks, check registers, certificates of deposits
- Safe deposit rental agreement and keys
- Deeds, mortgages, leases, homeowner's insurance information

- Stock and bond certificates and account statement
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- Life insurance policies or statements
- Last several years' income tax returns
- Documentation regarding any debts, such as auto loans or credit cards

It is not necessary to give copies of these documents to anyone during your lifetime, but they should be easily accessible in the event of your death. The information should also be kept reasonably current.

Lastly, if you maintain important information on your computer, or have social media accounts, leave instructions regarding username and password information. Not having this information can cost both time and money. Maintaining organized personal and financial records is one of the best gifts you can give your family.

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SAFER AT HOME

(Continued from Page 1)

"Our team is working around the clock to address COVID-19. This threat is serious, and we should treat it that way," Evers said.

Under the Safer at Home order, Wisconsinites are able to:

- Perform tasks essential to maintaining health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor;
- Get necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, such as food and supplies, pet food, and supplies necessary for staying at home;
- Care for a family member in another household;
- Care for older adults, minors, dependents, people with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

"I want to give you an update on the tough decisions we have made since the start of the outbreak," Evers noted in a March 27 media release:

- Issued an emergency order suspending utility disconnections, ceased

assessing late fees, removed any administrative barriers for customers establishing or reestablishing utility service;

- Directed the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to suspend administrative rules and grant schools flexibility during the public health emergency;
- Requested FEMA assistance in obtaining crucial protective medical supplies for our first responders;
- Won approval from the U.S. Small Business Administration for low-interest federal disaster loan access for small businesses affected by COVID-19.

Governor Evers said that he hopes that everyone will continue to follow these simple steps to prevent illness and avoid exposure:

- Frequent, thorough handwashing with soap and water
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Avoiding touching your face
- Stay home as much as possible

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Library Book Sale a Success!

To paraphrase Dr. Seuss, you could see magic wherever you looked during the 34th Annual Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) Used Book Sale at the Library, March 6 – 10. Hundreds of people from our community donated materials, staffed the sale and/or bought things to read, listen to or to view.

The lower level of the Library held everything from soup (cookbooks) to nuts (humor). Dozens of volunteers wearing yellow aprons helped friends, neighbors and strangers locate selections.

Collectively, \$18,500 was raised for the Elm Grove Public Library. The money will be used to expand the Library's collections which are available to all library users in Waukesha and Jefferson counties.

We greatly appreciate the community's support.

Janet Wintersberger for the Friends of Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) Book Crew

Past Times Column Appreciated

I always enjoy reading Stephen Hauser's informative articles. But the groundhog article ("When the Groundhog Became a Weather Prognosticator") in the February 2020 *News-Independent* made me chuckle. It was amusing, tongue in cheek — and interesting.

Thank you from a longtime reader.

Ann D.
Brookfield

Young Writers (Continued from page 9)

An Interview with Ms. Koepke, SMV 2nd Grade Teacher, About 2nd Grade

By Ben Fishler and Emily Carnell
St. Mary's Visitation – 1st Grade

*What field trips do 2nd graders go on?

Ms. Koepke: "First Stage Theater usually in December and The Milwaukee Public Museum."

*What are some special events or activities that happen in 2nd grade?

Ms. Koepke: "We have our First Reconciliation and First Communion."

*What do 2nd graders learn in history or social studies?

Ms. Koepke: "Slavery, Civil War, and Recycling."

*What do 2nd graders do to prepare for Christmas?

Ms. Koepke: "We count down using a felt Advent Calendar and we perform the Living Nativity in church."

*Do 2nd graders have book reports?

Ms. Koepke: "Yes, we do a biography report and we do a Flat Stanley project."

*Anything 1st graders need to know to prepare for 2nd grade?

Ms. Koepke: "Good reading skills and good writing skills."

*Thank you very much.

Easter Is Coming

By Landon Drew
4th Grade - Tonawanda

I am getting ready for Easter. Me and my family decorate for Easter. We put out bunnies, Easter eggs, and chocolate. We always decorate Easter eggs in any design we want. *Now it's the night before the Easter bunny will come*, I think.

"Mom, I am going to stay up all night to catch the Easter bunny." I say eagerly. *It's time for bed*, I think. Now it's midnight. I hear taps on the floor. I get ready with my camera in hand. I jump out the door... "I got you," I say. It turns out that it was fake, and so I walked back into my bedroom. I woke up in the morning and *I did not catch the Easter bunny*, I think. "At least I got candy."

Spring!

By Libby Doud
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Soon it will be warm
Poppies blooming everywhere
Right time for hiding eggs
In the best time of year
Now time for Spring Break
Go, go, go!

Spring is Great!

By Niamh Mayne, 4th Grade- Tonawanda

Spring is the time when new chicks hatch. Bunny babies are born. And ducks swim free. (I like to believe dragons fly too.) But best of all, springtime is my BIRTHDAY!!! Sometimes I don't have to wait to open my presents because I just open them on my brother's birthday right before mine. I love spring. (And I hope it comes soon.)



News Briefs



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

Amber Simic



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Rhea Singh



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Andy Liu (at left) and Arushi Dhingra

Brookfield Academy News...

By Marie O'Brien

Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that Upper School senior **Amber Simic**, of Elm Grove, won the online semi-finals competition of the English Speaking Union (ESU) National Shakespeare Competition!

Approximately 20,000 students participated through 60 different branches and Miss Simic is now among the final 60 students to advance to the national competition. The ESU National Shakespeare Competition is a performance-based educational program that challenges students in the

study of Shakespeare including critical thinking skills, public speaking, analysis, performance, and exploring universal themes.

Miss Simic will represent Brookfield Academy with a monologue from Macbeth and Shakespeare's Sonnet 15 in an online competition in April.

Brookfield Academy junior **Rhea Singh**, of Brookfield, has earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on her ACT college admission and placement exams.

According to **Nick Spaeth**, Director of College Counseling at Brookfield Academy, "The college preparatory curriculum our students undertake provides them with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed at the college level. A perfect score of 36 on the ACT is a testament to this preparation. We are very proud of Rhea!"

Brookfield Academy seniors **Arushi Dhingra** and **Andy Liu** are among 196 graduating high school students from Wisconsin who were selected to receive a 2020 Herb Kohl Student Excellence

Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000. These scholarship recipients have demonstrated excellence in the academic arena and high motivation to achieve, have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership outside the academic setting, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond.

The Kohl Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship program was established in 1990 by **Herb Kohl**, philanthropist, businessman and former U.S. Senator (D - Wisconsin).

Elmbrook Education Foundation Selects New Executive Director

(BROOKFIELD) The Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF)'s Board of Directors has named **Beth Dobrzynski** as the new Executive Director of the Elmbrook Education Foundation.

Dobrzynski has been a Board Member of the EEF since 2011 and has chaired the very successful Ladies Night event for the past nine years. She has held various Executive Board positions and has been serving as President of the EEF Board since 2018. Beth replaces **Spencer Mayhew** in this role.

"Beth's knowledge and experience with EEF's presence in our community, operations, and key work processes makes her the ideal candidate for the Executive Director job. Moreover, because of her active participation in the EEF's work over the past decade, she is uniquely positioned to hit the ground running to ensure that the Foundation is delivering on all of our commitments" said **Kim Irwin**, EEF Vice President. "We couldn't be more excited to have Beth assume the role of Executive Director, and we know she is the right person for the job."

Dobrzynski joined the Foundation



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Beth Dobrzynski

with six years of experience in sales and marketing and over 20 years as a liaison in leadership roles for her children's schools, her church and the community.

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October 15 - November 9, 2020	9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL
December 3 - 20, 2020	ELF
January 14 - 31, 2021	4 WEDDINGS AND AN EDVIE
February 25 - March 14, 2021	THE CEMETERY CLUB
April 15 - May 2, 2021	YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN
June 3 - 20, 2021	AN INSPECTOR CALLS
July 15 - August 8, 2021	NEWSIES

Musical MainStage Concert Series

September 21 - 22, 2020	SST. PEPPER ON ABBEY ROAD
October 18 - 20, 2020	JOHNNY CASH & FRIENDS
December 14 - 15, 2020	DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'
January 25 - 26, 2021	SURF'S UP!
March 1 - 2, 2021	IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND
April 25 - 27, 2021	SINATRA SWINGS

SideNotes Cabaret Series

October 1 - 4, 2020	YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND
December 2 - 6, 2020	ELLA MEETS MEL
February 11 - 14, 2021	BOYD/BOYD/GIRL
March 18 - 21, 2021	BEAUTY AND THE BEAT: PEGGY LEE
May 6 - 9, 2021	RAZZLE DAZZLE 'E.H. KANDER & EDD
June 10 - 13, 2021	IT'S MY PARTY: 50S/60S SINGALONG

After Sunset Studio Series

January 21 - 24, 2021	PROOF
March 25 - 28, 2021	ASSASSINS
May 20 - 23, 2021	THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES

Special Events

August 21 - September 6, 2020	FOUR GUYS IN DINNER JACKETS
October 27 - 18, 2020	HI FI HOUSE PARTY: VINYL HITS
October 23 - 25, 2020	ILLUSIONS IN THE NIGHT: DAVID SEEBACH
November 28, 2020	THE JAYNE TAYLOR CHRISTMAS SHOW
December 31, 2020	SUNSET ON THE STRIP
May 22 - 23, 2021	KERRY SINGS CARLY & KAREN

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November 11 - 14, 2020	WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR
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