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Looking eastward along Watertown Plank Road in Elm Grove, circa. 1950. See more vintage photos in "Our History" – Page 4.



Photo by James L. W. Bain / News-Independent
"The Castle" at Notre Dame of Elm Grove

You are cordially invited to an

Open House

at *Notre Dame of Elm Grove*

13105 Watertown Plank Road

Sunday, August 22

2 – 4 p.m.

As the School Sisters of Notre Dame prepare to move to Trinity Woods at Mount Mary University, we invite you to join us for an open house to honor our heritage in Elm Grove, thank supporters, and celebrate our shared love of the area since 1859.

Please come and visit our Heritage room to learn more of the SSND history on this campus and visit with our sisters.

Our Gift Shop will be open and the Cemetery grounds are beautiful to walk.

Please enter using the Stephen Place parking lot. We ask you to please wear a mask inside the building.

For more information contact:
Sister Mary Kay at
mkbrooks@ssndcp.org

a similar format to that of past events.

"We hope to again attract more than 300 classic cars," said a Kiwanis member. A Raffle will be conducted featuring cash prizes. Sponsorships by local businesses and individuals have been received, and donations will be gratefully accepted.

The event will start with car and cycle registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. The show will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Watertown Plank Road will again be closed between Juneau Blvd. and Legion Drive to accommodate the classic beauties that will be on display. Food and beverages will be available from The Silver Spur and O'Donoghue's Irish Pub."

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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain



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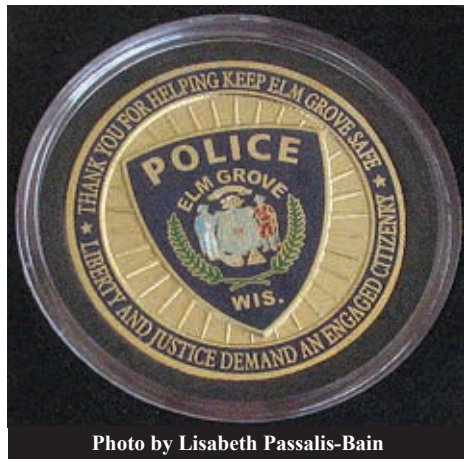


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The EGPD award that Nayielee received.

Nayielee Ramirez sits on a Silver Spur-decorated bench in front of the restaurant.

Silver Spur Employee Helps Save Customer's Life

A few months ago, on a relatively-quiet Saturday evening, a customer sat with his wife and daughter around a table at Silver Spur BBQ Restaurant in Elm Grove. The man, who had earlier engaged in lively conversation, at one point appeared to be sleeping. His wife thought he "was playing", joking with them. Then came the realization that he was, in fact, not responding. His wife called 9-1-1. Elm Grove paramedics arrived soon after, the man was placed on his back, a police woman used a defibrillator, then CPR was started.

Luckily, **Nayielee Ramirez**, 20, a part-time server and nursing student at Mount Mary University, immediately knew what to do and was able to help with CPR and in the placing of an IV.

"It was my first time doing CPR," Nayielee noted, explaining that she had recently taken the course at WCTC. Later, paramedics informed her that "He was fine. He'll be all right."

How did the unexpected opportunity to put her education into practice make her

feel? "It makes me feel safe, I know the basics of what to do to keep someone alive. I feel proud," Nayielee said.

For her quick thinking and assistance in helping to save a life, Nayielee, the daughter of **Cisco and Jenny** and the sister of **Ivan** (the restaurant's co-owners), was presented with a special citizen's award by the Elm Grove Police Department.

"I'm proud of her," Jenny said. "She didn't panic. She's patient."



A Retirement Announcement

Thank You!

To all the residents of Emerald Woods, Elm Grove Terrace, Watermark, and Douglas Plaza Condominiums and all my Elm Grove customers for allowing me to serve them for so many years.

As I move to the next chapter of my life, I will miss all the interactions with the property managers and board of directors at the Condominiums, especially at 2 a.m. or on Sunday mornings.

As my wife Chris and I plan our new adventures, we will never forget all the warm sentiments and kind gestures that have come our way.

Very Sincerely,

Ronald L. Reinert
Owner of RJR Services





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Questions:
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Village Update

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

Construction work on Highland Drive will continue through August to replace culverts and improve ditches in anticipation of paving, which we hope to complete by early September. The culvert work will numerous road traffic closures. This temporary inconvenience will be followed by smooth new pavement and better drainage.

The Elm Grove Police Department has been focusing on speed enforcement to address excess speed complaints around the Village. Many tickets are being issued. If we all slow down it will help slow others.

The new pathway between Juneau Boulevard and Watertown Plank Road along the east side of Elm Grove Road is almost ready for public use. This new path was created as part of an effort to improve access to sewer facilities. The pathway is being finished in gravel for this year and will be paved next year after settling takes place. This new path will improve safety for walkers along the "cave road."

All in all, the **Independence Day** celebration festivities in the Park went very well. Thanks are due the Elm Grove Junior Guild for organizing and managing the children's games. More than 6,000 are estimated to have filled the Park for fireworks. The food trucks were a big hit throughout the day but did have trouble meeting demand. The Recreation Committee will look for ways to increase the number of vendors and types of food for future events.

Currently the **Village swimming pool** is scheduled to close for the season on August 15th when senior lifeguards head off to school. Village staff is considering a modified operating schedule with a reduced lifeguard team. Follow pool operating schedules on the Village website.

A public **Open House at Notre Dame of Elm Grove** is scheduled for Sunday August 22 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. The School Sisters of Notre Dame want to share their history in the area since 1859. Attendees are asked to use the parking lot off Stephen Place and reminded that masks are required inside the building.

The **Village Building Board** voted unanimously on July 22nd to recommend to the Planning Commission that the architectural and landscaping plans presented for redevelopment of the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus reasonably depict what the Board agrees with for incorporation in the development agreement, subject to resolution of several "punch list" items. The building Board had numerous meetings to review and discuss building and grounds plans. Numerous design, materials and aesthetic changes were made to the original submission. Members of the Building Board deserve some applause for all the work they did to help create a high-quality proposal.

Following a Public Comment session on July 28th the Planning Commission is currently scheduled to begin deliberations on Thursday August 5th.

The Planning Commission is charged with evaluating the development proposal and issuing a recommendation to the Village Board. Specifically, the Commission will review information and materials submitted by Mandel, Village consultants and other Village Board Committees and staff regarding the following issues:

- Traffic impact,
- Emergency Services impact,
- Architectural and landscaping plans,
- Sewer, stormwater, grading and municipal water plans,
- Certified Survey Map
- School impact analysis
- Rezoning request
- Tax incremental finance request
- Conditional use for continued cemetery operation

Village staff, Board of Trustee members, Board Committee volunteers and numerous residents have put hundreds of hours into evaluating, commenting, and evaluating the proposal to redevelop the School Sisters campus in Elm Grove. **The Village Board will likely host a public hearing and begin deliberations in late August through December.**

Village residents spoke at the July Village Board about the growing concerns of Elmbrook School District curriculum issues. Residents who are interested in learning more should visit the school district website and follow Board and Curriculum committee issues.

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Our History: Remembrances of Things Past



Photo courtesy of Tom Ramstack

ELM GROVE BASEBALL, 1911. Posing in this image of Elm Grove's village baseball team (left to right) are (first row) unidentified and **John Spitzer**; (second row) "**Indian Joe**," unidentified, unidentified, **George Ramstack**, unidentified, **Louis Sanders**, and **Joe Spitzer**.

In his book, "*Images of America, Brookfield and Elm Grove*" © 2009, historian **Tom Ramstack** noted: "On July 30, 1903, the *Waukesha Freeman* reported, "The Elm Grove nine defeated the Brookfielders by a score of 46 to 15, in a recent game. Sunday, August 9, 1903, the Brookfield team will play in this burg with the home team."

About the Watertown Plank Road Photo on Page 1...

By Tom Ramstack

I can share a brief recollection of Sander's Blacksmith Shop, (far right in photo) which is now the site of U.S. Bank --- as we were related to the **Sanders family** though our grandparents. I recall one late afternoon, dad sent me down to the shop to ask **John Sanders** to bend a piece of metal. John did most of the metal work, while his brother **Joe** worked the forge. I recall that Joe had a chronic cough due to too many years inhaling all that coal dust.

When John finished bending my little piece of metal, he took me into his small office and with his black, dusty hands wrote out a bill slip. He paused a moment, looked down at his receipt and scratched his head for a moment and said, "Oh, just give me a buck!" Strong family ties, I guess. In later years, they made basketball poles for people all over Brookfield for their private driveways. I'll bet they formed more than 100 of them.



Photo courtesy of Craig Black and Tom Ramstack

BASEBALL, c. 1898 Three members of a boys' Elm Grove baseball team and a young lady pose for a group photo around the dawn of the 20th century.

Historian **Tom Ramstack** comments: "The second half of the 19th century was the era when baseball should have been referred to as **America's game**. Nearly every small town and large town in Wisconsin sponsored teams. The *Waukesha Freeman* of June 28, 1877, reported, 'This town has baseball fever, bad. It can now boast of no less than four clubs, either one of which will, in a short time, be prepared to play for the championship of the United States or that of Brookfield. It matters but little which.'"

STORIES & PHOTOS WANTED!

News-Independent readers are invited to submit items for this section.

What's YOUR story?

What was life like in Elm Grove / Brookfield during World War II or earlier? How about the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s, or '90s?

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Calendar of Events – August 2021

Sunday – AUGUST 1

• **Cruisin’ the Grove 8th Annual On-Street “Classic” Car & Motorcycle Show**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; along Watertown Plank Road, Downtown Elm Grove. FREE, Rain or Shine.

Tuesday – AUGUST 3

• **Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting- 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

• Tunes on Tuesday

6:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park, featuring “The Hungry Williams Band”. FREE.



Thursday – AUGUST 5

• **Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin Blood Drive at Dixon Elementary**, 2400 Pilgrim Square Drive, Brookfield. Schedule an appointment at: [https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/208789](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive%20schedule/208789)

Friday – AUGUST 6

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Linda Edelstein, Del Wilson, & Betsy Corry, “Milwaukee Youth Arts Center”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Kathleen Gallagher, Ex. Director, 5 Lakes Institute
Presentation: “Foxconn Status”.
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Monday – AUGUST 9

• **Cruisin’ the Grove – Classic Car & Motorcycle Night**
5 p.m. – Dark in parking lot behind Silver Spur restaurant, 13275 Watertown Plank Road. FREE to participate, attend.



Friday – AUGUST 13

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Dan Freas & Fred Gettelman, “Old World Wisconsin & The Museum of Beer and Brewing”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Bryan Bergner
Presentation: “Exploring the World of the Honey Bee”.
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• **Friday Flicks!**
8:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Village park, featuring “Raya and the Last Dragon”. FREE.

Sunday – AUGUST 15

Village of Elm Grove Swimming Pool Closes

Tuesday – AUGUST 17

• **Elm Grove Building Board**
Meeting- 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall

Friday – AUGUST 20

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Brad Schimel, “Waukesha County Court Drug Treatment Program”
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Nicole Freeman, PhD, Teaching & Research; Presentation: “Bird Migration & Gender”
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Monday – AUGUST 23

• **Cruisin’ the Grove – Classic Car & Motorcycle Night**
5 p.m. until Dark in parking lot behind Silver Spur restaurant, 13275 Watertown Plank Road. FREE to participate, attend.

• **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Agenda:
www.elmgrovetri.org Open to the Public. Live-streamed via Village website. Recorded and posted to website: “Minutes/Agendas/Media. Click on “Media”.

Friday – AUGUST 27

• **Elmbrook Rotary Club**
Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at Western Racquet Club; Program: Speaker TBA
<http://www.elmbrookrotary.org>

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club**
Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: Ronn Blaha, Key Club Advisor, Calculus Teacher; Presentation: “Key Club Status & Changes in Education”.
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Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Beautification Committee

Pictured (left to right): Langston Ford, Dasha Jackson, Amy Lieu, Zach Yiannis, Zachary Chu, Charles Boyung, Xavier Boyung, Katie Forecki, Deb Baesemann, Amy Forecki, and Becky Rintelmann.

Residents Help Beautify Village Park

(ELM GROVE) A small group of thoughtful, committed citizens tackled a patch of invasive teasel at Elm Grove Village Park on Sunday, July 11. If you're interested in spending an hour a week each Sunday with a group of fellow residents eager to beautify our village, reach out at EGBeautification@gmail.com.





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Rotary volunteers help with exterior demolition at The Women's Center.

Elmbrook Rotary Supports The Women's Center

By Mike Hogan

The Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) and Foundation are proud to have partnered with The Women's Center for more than 30 years.

Founded in 1977, The Women's Center provides safety, shelter, and support to empower those impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking. They remain the only agency in Waukesha County that provides comprehensive programs and services – including operating the only emergency shelter – for adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence. **Their services are always at no cost to anyone in need.**

Rotary members have volunteered to take on projects of all sizes, such as painting, landscaping, installing a sidewalk, rebuilding porches for transitional living units, and helping install their purple silhouette display for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. One project that Elmbrook Rotary members have worked on through the years has been installing beds for the emergency shelter. In 1996, Elmbrook Rotary volunteers installed newly purchased bunkbeds in the first Domestic Violence shelter in Waukesha County, which originally opened in 1984.

Then, when The Women's Center's new facility at 505 N. East Avenue opened in 2003, Rotary volunteers dismantled, moved, and reinstalled those beds in the new shelter. They did so again when the original wooden beds were replaced with new, metal beds in 2011. These beds have enabled The Women's Center to provide safety to about 250 adults and children each year for 25 years!

The Elmbrook Rotary Foundation has also provided generous, consistent financial support for various programs at The Women's Center, helping them serve thousands of survivors every year. Most



Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Rotary Club

Elmbrook Rotary members assist with interior painting at The Women's Center.

recently, the foundation provided support to help keep their doors open during the COVID-19 pandemic. A few other projects they have funded include Violence Prevention Initiatives at local schools and renovating the Group Room, which is used for support groups, family and group Advocacy sessions, and crisis walk-in meetings.

The Women's Center's Executive Director, **Angela Mancuso** said, "As one of our longest standing partnerships, we are grateful for Elmbrook Rotary Club's support of our organization and commitment to our mission. THANK YOU!"

To learn more about their programs, please visit the website at www.twcwaukesha.org.

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News Briefs



Photo by Kari Wanat-Sperry

Elizabeth (Betsy) and Ryan Colwell and their children Ollie, Benji, and Samantha work on a July 4th craft project.



Photo courtesy: CPAAA

The 2021-2022 CPAAA Board of Directors: (From Left) **Sgt. Natalie Riley** (EGPD Liaison), **Cathy Rakers** (Sgt. at Arms), **Mike Danielson** (Treasurer), **Jean Schindler** (Secretary), **John Schindler** (President), **Beth Holmgren** (Director of Activities), and **James Sayas** (Vice-President).



Photo by Kari Wanat-Sperry

Children compete in field races at Elm Grove Village Park

Elm Grove Junior Guild Hosts Fourth of July Field Races and Family Fun Fest

By Sarah Wynia-Smith

On the Fourth of July, the sun was shining and the temperatures were climbing as we saw a return of the annual celebration in the Elm Grove Village Park. The Elm Grove Junior Guild sponsored free activities for all ages throughout the afternoon. The pool and splash pad were free for all to enjoy, with an impressive diving board splash contest showering spectators. Along with a bounce house and kids crafts near

the pavilion, preschoolers dug for treasure in the sand in the penny scramble, and all ages competed to toss water balloons the furthest without breaking. A highlight of the afternoon was the annual field races, including sprints, wheelbarrow, and three-legged and sack races. First, second, and third place winners received medals.

(See JULY 4th GAMES – Page 9)

Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Announces Fall Social, Spring 2022 Academy Class

By the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Board

The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) held its annual meeting on June 23. We are very excited to announce that the popular Citizen Police Academy class will resume in Spring 2022. This class is open to all village residents and people who work or own a business in the Village. “We haven’t been able to hold a class for two years due to COVID,” said newly-elected CPAAA president and CPA instructor, **John Schindler**. “We are eager to keep the tradition going”.

The CPA provides an excellent opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of the procedures, responsibilities, and demands law officers face. It is the goal of the CPA that graduates leave the academy as more informed citizens with an “insider’s” view of law enforcement functions and operations.

The course includes a ride-along with one of our police officers, an observation shift in EG dispatch, and a day at the police shooting range. It all culminates with a

Graduation Banquet/Annual Auction, traditionally held at the Western Racquet Club. Alumni of past classes attend, and it is a great opportunity to socialize/network and learn more about becoming a member of the CPAAA.

One perk of being a member of the CPAAA includes the opportunity to attend members-only General Meetings, which feature presentations on timely law enforcement related topics, and can provide a ‘behind-the-scenes’ view of events. Other social events are scheduled throughout the year and have included a TSA tour at General Mitchell International airport, and a whiskey tasting class at O’Donoghue’s. The CPAAA is a great way to maintain a connection with the Elm Grove Police Department, as well as village neighbors and business owners.

A Fall Social is planned for October. If interested in attending as a guest, please contact an alumnus. For more information about the Spring 2022 class, please visit www.elmgrovewi.org.



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Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy Summer Days program is wrapping up and has provided opportunities for learning and fun to many students this summer. One unique example is the Drone Flying Class that helped several area students with classroom and experience flying a drone in preparation for the FAA Part 107 Drone Exam. Instructor **Mike Buckle** practices drone maneuvers with one of the students, **Jack Nolde**.


"Green" is Good!

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

Turn off All Exterior Lights at Bedtime

For millions of years, plants and animals have relied upon Earth's daily cycle of light and dark. Artificial light at bedtime has negative and deadly effects on many creatures including amphibians, birds, bats, mammals, insects, and plants. Every flip of the switch contributes to altering ancient patterns of mating, migration, feeding, and pollination. Sometimes, being in the dark is a good thing!

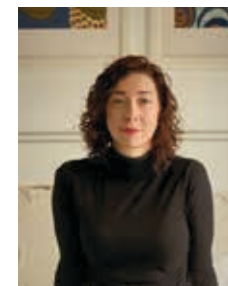




Library News and Programs
August 2021
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Andrea Bartz, author of *We Were Never Here*, in conversation with Jennifer Hillier / Monday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. Online via Zoom

In conjunction with Boswell Books, the Elm Grove Library welcomes local native Andrea Bartz, celebrating the release of her latest twisty thriller, *We Were Never Here*, with an in conversation virtual event with Jennifer Hillier, author of *Little Secrets* and *Jar of Hearts*.

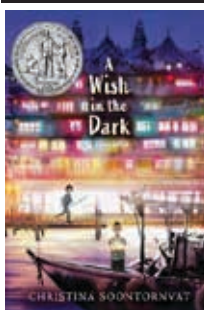


Since bursting onto the scene with her *LA Times*-bestselling debut, *The Lost Night*, and follow-up thriller, *The Herd*, Andrea Bartz has become known as "a master of the timely literary thriller" (BuzzFeed). Now, Bartz invites readers to travel to far-flung places with best friends Emily and Kristen on a backpacking trip with deadly consequences in this "sharp, unsettling thriller about power, obsession, and the inescapable grip of the past" (*New York Times* bestselling author Megan Miranda).

Join us for a discussion of the book named a most anticipated read of 2021 by *BuzzFeed*, *Marie Claire*, and *Reader's Digest*. **Advanced registration required to receive the Zoom meeting link. Register at elmgrovelibrary.org.**

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Youth Summer Book List

Looking for great books to read this summer? Our youth librarian Sue Daniels has compiled a list of recommended reads for grades K-8, and there's something for everyone! Check out the list and book descriptions at elmgrovelibrary.org.

Community Crossword # 15

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / The News-Independent

Red and pink Bee Balm and other colorful perennials bloom in an Elm Grove garden.

ACROSS

- 4. Sharon Lynne Wilson _____ (4 words)
- 7. Organization that maintains the Dousman Stagecoach Inn (3 words)
- 13. Number of pages in this newspaper
- 15. It has a handlebar, seat, 2 wheels, etc.
- 16. Types include German Shepherd & Collie
- 17. Area of a grocery store where fruits & vegetables are sold (2 words)
- 18. Mail letters, buy stamps there
- 20. *News-Independent's* Page 4 feature (2 words)
- 21. It has an engine and caboose
- 22. The day of the week after Tuesday

DOWN

- 1. On a hot summer day, some kids sell a cold citrus beverage at a ___ stand
- 2. BIG on-street Car Show in Elm Grove on August 1 (3 words)
- 3. U.S. Senator – (D) Wisconsin (2 words)
- 5. Day-flying insect with 4 wings covered with bright-colored scales (Hint: Monarch)
- 6. School at 2400 Pilgrim Square, Brookfield (2 words)
- 8. Instrument for measuring temperature
- 9. It has 12 numbers + big & little hands
- 10. Room where food is stored, prepared
- 11. ___ Wedding Anniversary (50 years)
- 12. Village committee meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (2 words)
- 14. Flower growing abundantly in Holland
- 19. The 8th month of the year
- 21. Types of this include Green & Earl Grey

See SOLUTION – Page 10

Young Writers & Reporters

Students in K- Grade 12 are invited to submit the following:

REPORTING: About Family, School, Club, Neighborhood, Church, Scouting, Athletic & Community Service activities.

CREATIVE WRITING: Short Stories / **POETRY:** Free Verse, Rhyming, Haiku (200 words maximum)

E-mail submissions (note the writer's name, school / home-school & grade) to:
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Dot

By Lilah Malloy
 2nd grade - Tonawanda

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 the colors come together
 Picture

Book: "We Hunt the Flame" / Author: Hafsah Faizal

Reviewed by Suraksha Kodgi, age 14, Brookfield East High School

"We Hunt the Flame" is a Fantasy Fiction novel by **Hafsah Faizal**. It is filled with magic, adventure, and romance. This novel takes place in Arawiya, where magic has been gone for decades. The Sultan once loving and kind has turned evil. The people suffer from hunger, loss, and poverty. The protagonist Zafira better known as the hunter is the only hope for her village. She hunts for them in the forest of no return better known as the Arz. Due to her ability to navigate the Arz, her village can survive. Her identity though is unknown to the villagers, she is just labeled as the "hunter", a man, for if her identity as a woman is revealed she is concerned that her contributions to the village will be discredited.

She is given the opportunity to restore magic by obtaining the Jawarat (a book of knowledge). She is given this invitation by a great power known as the Silver Witch. But to do so she must face many

dangers including a journey through the Arz to Sharr the land of magic. She decides to accept this offer but isn't the only one interested in the Jawarat. Nasir the Sultan's son better known as the Prince of Death is after the Jawarat as well but for reasons, he doesn't know. He is merely his father's lap dog. As they both take on this great journey their paths intertwine and so do their emotions. Both are taught to kill each other, but it becomes harder as their connection increases. They discover so much about themselves and the world around them.

This exciting novel is a wonderful read with an amazing plot. There are so many curveballs and unexpected scenes throughout the novel which makes it ever so interesting. I would highly suggest this book to anyone with an interest in adventure, royalty, danger, love, magic, and more.

Book: "Most Likely" / Author: Sarah Watson

Reviewed by Alexis Wilson, age 14, Brookfield Academy

The book "Most Likely" by Sarah Watson is the interesting fictional story of how one girl, who will end up elected as the President of the United States in 2048, navigates through her senior year of high school. Although this book is a realistic fiction story, there are also elements of mystery throughout the book surrounding the question of who that one girl could be.

Sarah Watson never directly states who the future President of the United States is, and for the majority of the book readers are following the closely detailed lives of four best friends. These friends are Jordan, Ava, Martha, and CJ. Jordan is a struggling journalist whose dream is to move to Washington, D.C. and take on journalism as a profession. Ava aspires to be an artist, although her strict mother would prefer that she tries to get a more stable occupation after some previous struggles that Ava has faced. Martha dreams of going to MIT,

although she fears that she will not have enough money to go to her dream school. Finally, CJ has always been somewhat of an over-achiever, although she simply cannot raise her SAT scores.

This book follows many different aspects of the lives of these four, including their respective jobs, family lives, school traditions, and even more meaningless things like their high school superlatives. "Most Likely" makes sure to constantly keep its readers guessing who will actually become the President, and it throws in a few red herrings as well.

Overall, I loved this book because it showed how friendship can pull one out of even their darkest times, and help one to achieve incredible accomplishments, and I think that anyone looking for an uplifting story should read this.



News Briefs

July 4th - Results of the Field Games at Elm Grove Village Park (Cont. from Page 7)

Event	Age Category	1st	2nd	3rd
Running Race	(Girls 11-15)	Gabrielle Bautch	Grace Walters	Isabella Radomski & Adriana Sayas (tie)
Running Race	(Boys 11-15)	Callaghan Olbrantz	Joe Walters	Will Freesmeier
Running Race	(Female 16+)	Sarah Kosowski	Kylie Cunningham	
Running Race	(Male 16+)	Luke Wagner	Peter Wagner	Zach Heiman
Running Race	Boys under 5	Faithful Bautch	Lincoln Holloway	
Running Race	Girls under 5	Phoebe Petrides	Leighton Heffner	Sloane Heffner
Running Race	Girls 6-10	Vera Pedriana	Lilah Malloy	Emma Socha
Running Race	Boys 6-10	Conrad Schmidt	Noah Mogren	Noah Olson
Running Race	Toddlers	Alani Thomas		
Sack	Girls 5 and under	Rose Alexander		
Sack	Boys 5 and under	Lincoln Holloway	Adam Niederbaumer & Faithful Bautch (tie)	Michael Sayas
Sack	Girls 6-10	Jai K-J	Elizabeth Klein	Samira Macar
Sack	Girls 11-15	Gabrielle Fautch	Isabella Radomski	Grace Walters
Sack	Boys 11-15	Eddie Washuk	Christian Bautch	Joey Dwyer
Sack	Female 15+	Lauren Jagemann	Kylie Cunningham	Nora Daniels
Sack	Male 15+	Tony Stover	David Sayas	Noah Bautch
Sack	Little kid under 5	Jordy Cunningham	Lincoln Holloway	Rose Alexander
3-legged	Boys 6-10	Alex Radomski & Noah Mogren	Luke and Ben Coleman	Simon and Conrad Schmidt
3-legged	Boys under 5	Ben and Kevin Konieczka	Paulo and Efrén Cardenas	Luke and Faithful Fautch
3-legged	Girls 11-15	Sophia and Anna Coleman	Callaghan Olbrantz and Daniel Sayas	Reagan Durham and Lucy Westermann
3-legged	Boys 6-10	Caleb and Vivian Hundt	Ben and Luke Coleman	Jordy and Kylie Cunningham
3-legged	adult	Luke and Peter Wagner	Mitchel Schmidt and Tim Swieglick	Jaclyn and Austin Durham
Wheelbarrow	adult	Zach Heiman & Kyle Cunningham	Ryan and Conrad Schmidt	David Sayas and Ben Coleman
wheelbarrow	Boys 11-15	Daniel Sayas and Callaghan Olbrantz	Thomas and Patrick Kearney	Joey and Sarah Dwyer

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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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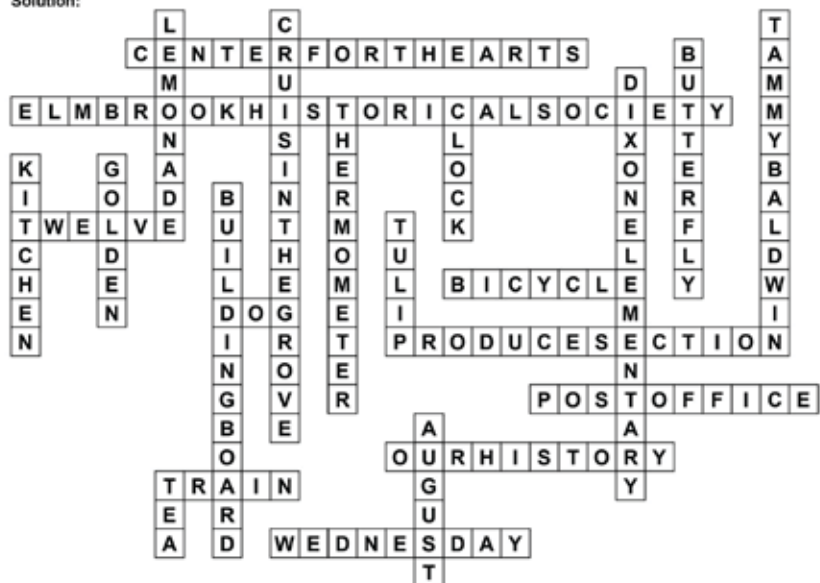
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Happy 8th Birthday, MAYA!
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Happy Birthday to Wendell!
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Solution:



Letters to the Editor

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- Submissions (max: 200 words) must include the writer's name, community & phone #
- Mail to: Elm Grove News-Independent, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 372, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0372.
- E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (subject line: Letters to the Editor)

Educational Equity matters

After more than a year and a half of work involving more than 50 staff, alumni, parents, and board members, the Elmbrook school system created a data-driven district strategy with the goals of maximizing the potential of every student, removing barriers to teaching and learning, encouraging a sense of belonging, and closing opportunity gaps.

It is hard to believe anyone would object to such a strategy, but a local group connected to a well-organized national effort is doing just that. In addition, they want to revamp curriculum to suit their personal views and misunderstandings all under the guise of 'restoring excellence' to education.

In the midst of all this commotion, they have managed to turn the word 'equity' into something controversial. The concept of educational equity has been around for decades and has recently gained popularity in the larger teaching community.

Educational Equity means taking active measures to give every student in the classroom the best chance of success by overcoming barriers that might hold them back such as racial discrimination or socioeconomic status. Those objecting to educational equity claim this is going to dumb down the curriculum and as a result be unfair to those who have not been disadvantaged.

What the objectors fail to understand is that educational equity in schools is the answer to supporting every student. By understanding where each student is coming from, appropriate measures can be taken to help them succeed. This is what every good teacher already strives to do. Equity in the classroom works. My hope is that the Elmbrook School Board will come to realize this too.

Carl Lock
Town of Brookfield

News Briefs

Meals Available for Those in Need: August 10 & 24

(BROOKFIELD) Elmbrook Schools, Waukesha County Food Pantry, and the Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network (BEGIN) are providing free meals to families in our community, regardless of income status. Additional items such as diapers and infant formula can also be provided for anyone in need.

On both Tuesday, August 10th and 24th, registered families will receive meals provided by the Waukesha County Food Pantry. In addition, families with children ages 2-18 will receive breakfast and lunch meals per child, provided by Elmbrook Schools' Food Service Team. Pickup for

both dates will be available at Burleigh Elementary School, 16185 Burleigh Place, Brookfield, from 10:30 a.m. - Noon at entrance N-5 on the building's north side. A delivery option for either day is available for those not able to pick up their food or items.

To ensure enough food is available, registration for both events is required by the Thursday prior to the event.

Registration forms are available at elmbrookschools.org/foodsecurity.

Please contact **Laura Baritt** at 262-781-3030 ext. 1175, with questions.

Walk/Run to Support Huntington Disease Society

Sunday, August 29th at Fox Brook Park

(BROOKFIELD) The Wisconsin Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) will host the Eau Claire Team Hope Walk/Run on Sunday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at Fox Brook Park, Brookfield. This will also be a hybrid event with a virtual component. All proceeds support HDSA's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's Disease (HD) and their families.

"Fox Brook Park provides the perfect venue for a full day with the family," said **Shana Versteegen**, Event Coordinator. "Travel around the beautiful blue rock quarry lake once for the walk, or three times for a perfect 5K run! Music, a large

silent auction, and lunch are all part of our family event filled with smiles, laughter, and hope for the future."

Team Hope is HDSA's largest national grassroots fundraising event, which takes place in more than 100 cities across the U.S. and has raised more than \$14 million for HD since its inception in 2007. Thousands of families, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and communities walk together each year to support HDSA's mission.

For more information, e-mail: shana@shanaversteegen or call: 608-698-8171. Online registration and donation details are at: hdsa.org/thwmilwaukee.



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Brookfield East Student Receives National Lifesaving Award from Girl Scouts of America

(BROOKFIELD) On Thursday, July 8, Brookfield East student and Girl Scout Isabel Zuniga-Meyer received a National Lifesaving Medal of Honor Award from the Girl Scouts of America (GSUSA). Zuniga-Meyer received the award on behalf of her actions to save the lives of her younger sister and three others from drowning in Waushara County last August.

According to the GSWISE release, no more than 40 girls nationwide out of more than 1.7 million scouts receive this award for acts of bravery and leadership. "Being a girl of confidence and character, which they teach you here in Girl Scouts, has really helped me with the fundamentals in order to make the decision I made that day," Isabel said.

Isabel was recently invited to throw out the first pitch at the Brewers game this July in recognition of her brave actions.

Isabel also recently completed a two-



Photo courtesy: Elmbrook School District

Isabel Zuniga-Meyer at a Brewers game.

year long international internship with the GSUSA as an Ambassador that allowed her to participate in a number of unique Girl Scout experiences.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Brookfield Academy's girls varsity soccer team won the WIAA Division 4 State Championship.



Photo courtesy: Brookfield Academy

The boys tennis team at Brookfield Academy qualified for the WIAA Division 2 State Tournament where they finished second.

WCTC to Hold Special Event

(WAUKESHA) Learning in Retirement of Waukesha County Inc. (LIRWC) -- hosted by Waukesha County Technical College -- will hold a free, fall kickoff event on Friday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the new Anthony J. Natalizio Education Center on WCTC's Pewaukee campus. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m.) The event is open to the public and designed to familiarize members and non-members with the LIRWC organization, meet board and committee members, learn about new programs and events, and enjoy refreshments and a performance by the "Two Old Men" musical group.

Read more about the event at: <https://newsroom.wctc.edu/learning-in-retirement-of-waukesha-co-hosted-by-wctc-to-offer-new-classes-and-workshops/>



News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

This fun-loving, energetic, young guy would really like to have a home to call his own – might this be yours or someone you know? **Hank** loves to spend time with his people (and meet new human friends)! He enjoys walks, would not mind a jogging partner, play time in the yard, toys, and treats. Hank's love of treats has been helping with basic training and he would love to continue this with his own person or family.

If you would like to learn more about him call 262-782-9261 or complete an adoption application at: <https://ebhs.org/dogs>.

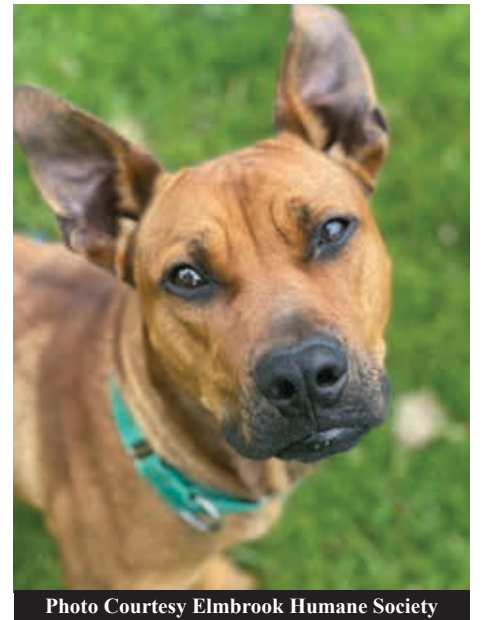


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Hank



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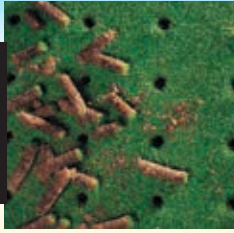
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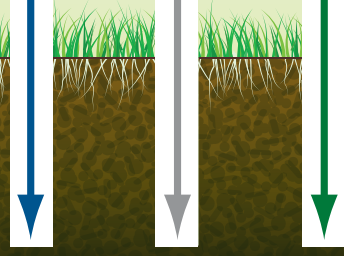
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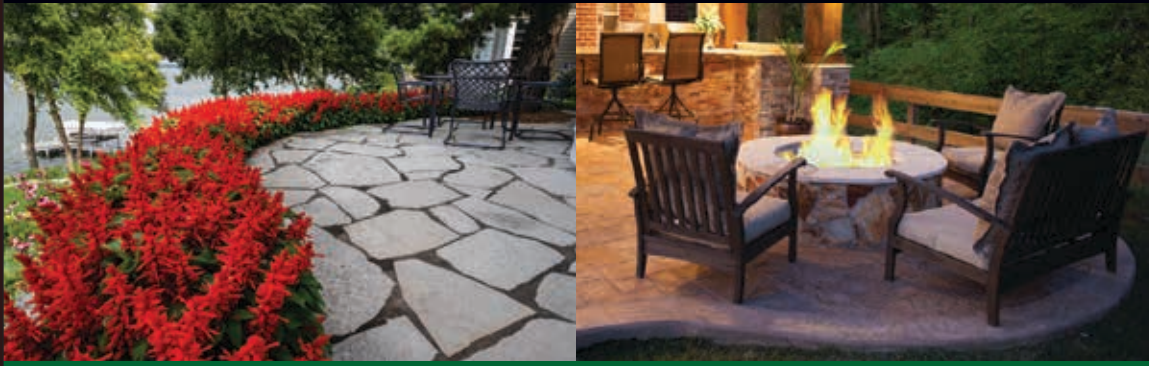
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