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Memorial Day Events

Monday – May 27th

***Pancake Breakfast** (See AD)

***Elm Grove Parade**

“The Elm Grove Junior Guild and the American Legion Post #449 are proud to host and organize the 76th Annual Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. from Village Park (See **PARADE ROUTE** graphic – Page 10)

We look forward to celebrating our veterans on this 2024 Memorial Day – with the theme “Grateful Hearts on Display”! This community event is a celebration of American honor and sacrifice that spans many generations: We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting for our freedom. We recognize the grief and the sacrifice of families who’ve lost a loved one to war. We honor the veterans who bravely served and live within our communities today. And we support the troops who continue to defend our nation. It’s a day where we pause to recognize the service of our military and the freedoms that service has afforded us,” said **Tara Schmalz**, the Guild’s Vice-President, Communications.

For more information about the Memorial Day Parade, visit elmgrovejuniorguild.org.

The Parade by The Numbers:

- An Annual Tradition: 76 Years
- Length of Planning: 5 Months
- Veterans in Parade: 80+
- Steps to complete route: Approximately 3,000
- Marching Band Tuba Weight: 30 lbs
- Fire Engine Siren: 120 decibels

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*Oakhill Cemetery Event

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. at historic Oak Hill Cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Road, Brookfield, as a joint effort of several community organizations, including the Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post 296, the Oakhill Cemetery Association, the Elmbrook Historical Society, Brookfield Academy, and Boy Scout Troop 71.

“The program honors all those who gave their lives in defense of liberty, with special recognition given to **Nathan Hatch**, a Revolutionary War veteran buried at Oak Hill,” noted spokesperson **Helen Moore**.

The 45-minute program will feature a variety of local groups and speakers, including “Our History” columnist **Stephen K. Hauser** of Elm Grove. A rifle salute will be offered by the American Legion Post. Light refreshments will be available at no charge following the program. Seating will not be provided; please bring a lawn chair.

(See more Memorial Day details – Page 3)

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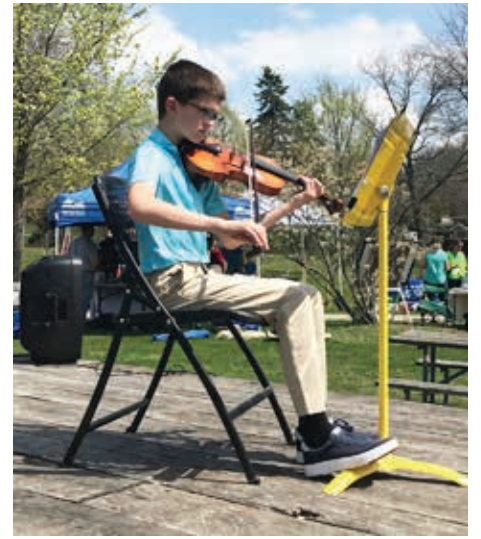
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Earth, Arbor Day Celebrated in Elm Grove

It was a pleasantly sunny (temps in the 70s), yet gusty (blow-your-tent-down / papers-to-the-wind) Saturday, April 27 when more than 30 area community groups and businesses gathered at Elm Grove Village Park to participate in our community's annual Earth/Arbor Day event.



Elm Grove resident **Monroe Emling**, a 7th grade student at Brookfield Academy, performed classical music on his violin.

I, along with my husband, **James L. W. Bain**, appreciated the opportunity to represent *The News-Independent*, greet readers, advertisers, potential advertisers, and some of our Friends of *The News* sponsors, and discuss the value of hyper-local news that serves to inform and unite a community.

Here are a few of the scenes captured that day.

Photos by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain



Wild Birds Unlimited owners **Tom Moser** and **Erika Stueven** with their display. (See AD – Page 7)



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Members of the Elm Grove Beautification Committee gathered at their booth.



Stacy Barry Coffee informed visitors about **The Pathway Project** which seeks to raise funding to help create a more pedestrian-friendly village.

Visit <http://www.elmgrovelegacy.org> for details.

Village Update

By Jim Koleski, Village President / jkoleski@elmgrovewi.org

Spring is in full bloom. What a change from just a few short four weeks ago. It is great to see our Village Park increase in activity from residents enjoying the walking trails to high school tennis. Wildlife is returning, bringing with it the birds rich vocal sounds of chirps and whistles.

Congratulations to John Schindler, Jennifer Stuckert and Shawn Hillmann on their election to continue to serve the Village as Trustees. I appreciate their dedication and commitment to the Village Board team and look forward to their ongoing contributions.

River Keeper Clean-up and Earth Day Celebration and Recognition

On April 20th, volunteers participated in a clean-up along Underwood Creek and the Village Park. An extensive amount of refuse was recovered during this clean-up that extended to South Park. Thanks to all the volunteers participating in this important annual event.

On April 27th, Earth Day was celebrated throughout the Village. Activities from an inaugural recycling event, shredding day and food trucks made this day meaningful. Thanks to the Sustainability Committee, the Business Association, and the many recycling organizations for their support.

Recognition has been received by the Beautification Committee. The Committee Received the 2024 Invader Crusader Award from Wisconsin Invasive Species Council. In addition, a grant for \$1,000 was received for the continual fight against invasive species. Well Done!

Major Construction in the Village

*Caroline Heights Project

The completion of the water and sewer mains for the project are in full swing with residents significantly impacted. Having walked the area, I know the Village staff is actively working to minimize the impact and disruption. Staff is also looking forward to installation of laterals for those residents electing to connect to the water main and restoring damage to roads and residents' property from construction crews driving on lawns.

*Culvert Replacement on Highland

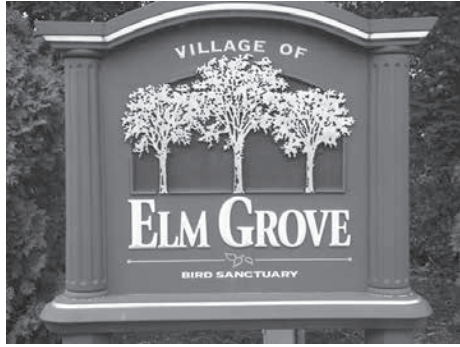
The Board approved the bid to replace the more than 100-year-old culvert near the railroad tracks. There will be road closures as this project proceeds. Stay tuned for further announcements.

*Highland Pathway

The portion of the Highland Pathway from North Avenue south to Gebhardt will commence soon. It is expected that one lane traffic will be required at times, with the expectation that efforts will be in place to minimize the impact.

*Road repaving

The Village is seeking proposals for road construction. The budget includes a commitment of \$800,000 to address the deteriorating road situation.



*Village Park basketball court reconstruction has been approved

The contractor needs dry conditions for two weeks to limit damage to the park. It is expected that this project will commence in June.

The projects underway will require a significant effort from all Village staff to organize, monitor and provide safe passage. I thank everyone in advance for their support and patience as this very busy schedule is completed.

Committee of the Whole May Meeting

The Board will be meeting on May 20th to review and discuss various topics. These meetings provide the Board an opportunity to have an open discussion with staff on future projects or actions and share direction with staff. Agenda items this month are expected to include:

**Underwood Creek Daylighting Engineering Update

Stantec, our engineering consultant, will update the Board on progress to finalize the engineering design and internal cost estimates. In addition, discussions continue to acquire the railroad land and easements required.

Discussion related to **potential updates to the one-million-dollar limit in place requiring public works projects to be approved via referendum. The Public Works Committee will also discuss this in May and provide feedback to the Board. In addition, the Board will discuss how future Tax Incentive Districts will be approved.

Recreation Committee

I would like to recognize **Logan Kein** and the entire Village Staff for the commitment to bring the summer brochure and activities to life. This is a significant effort which includes hiring staff for all the programs and pool activities. Thank you, Logan, for leading this effort!

Village Park Beer Garden / Volleyball League

Third Space Brewing will begin operations in May. Additional seating is being coordinated. In addition, a volleyball league is being offered this summer and information is available in the summer recreation brochure.

Let's welcome spring and get outdoors to enjoy the warmer weather!

Business & Club Directory

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Memorial Day Events (Continued from Page 1)

*Bookie Cookies to be Sold at Elm Grove Parade

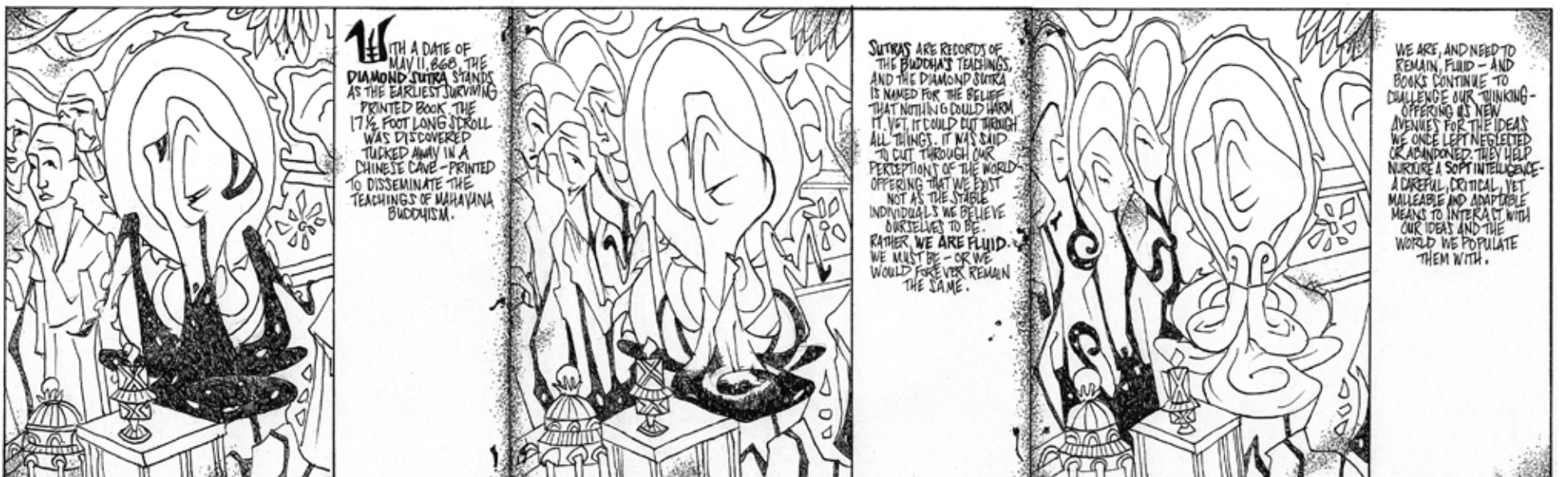
A perennial crowd favorite, hundreds of those large and delicious cookies will be available for purchase from members of the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL) stationed along the parade route. The funds raised will support the library's programs for children and adults.

*Cudworth - Stenz - Griesell - Smith American Legion Post 449 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield WI 53005

This Post, established in Elm Grove, received its charter in 1946. It was for many years located at the corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Blvd. where a Blue Star Marker now stands. Members work with the Elm Grove Junior Guild to produce our community's Memorial Day Parade, during which participating veterans of several wars receive due recognition and gratitude for their service. For details about the Post's additional Memorial Day activities, call (262) 781-0488. Visit: www.Post449.com.



MR. HUGH'S HISTORY by Drew Sternitzky asternitzky@wi.rr.com



Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*

Oak Hill: Remembrance, Honor and a Place of Rest

By Stephen K. Hauser

Back in the 1840s when Brookfield Township was established by Wisconsin's territorial legislation, early settlers often buried their deceased loved ones in secluded areas of their own homesteads. Some may still reside there today, unbeknownst to current property holders. It wasn't long, however, before our early residents began to establish cemeteries, either through their various churches or through the creation of nonsectarian cemetery associations. One such was the Oak Hill Cemetery Association, established in 1851 on land previously farmed by the **Joseph Ewbank** family. Soon, family plots and individual gravesites were offered for sale to area settlers. Some of the remains of the folks who had passed on previously were subsequently relocated to the new cemetery as well.

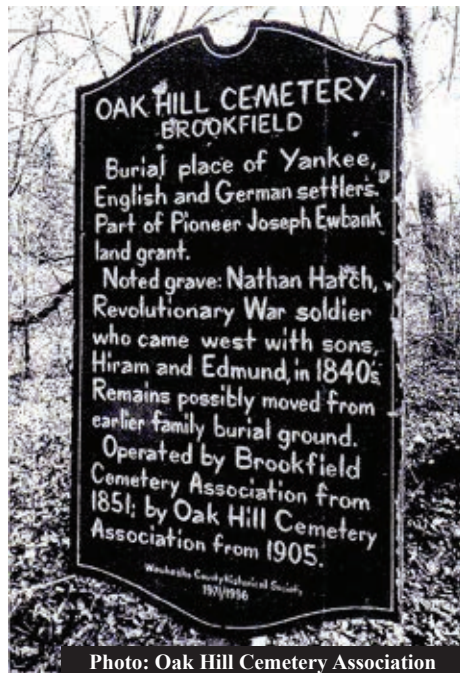


Photo: Oak Hill Cemetery Association

Oak Hill Cemetery is located at 3500 N. Brookfield Road atop a pleasant hill on a wooded tract of land just north of the Brookfield Junction village. It contains about 200 burial lots, 179 of which are occupied or slated as "reserved" by family members. Many of the Elm Brook area's earliest settlers rest in peace there. Gravesites of 48 military veterans are to be found there, including the remains of **Pvt. Nathan Hatch** who enlisted in the Continental Army as a teenager at the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War in 1776. Hatch later migrated from New England to the Wisconsin territory in 1843 at age 85. *The Waukesha Freeman* of June 27, 1918 noted that a commemorative marker was to be placed beside Hatch's grave by the **Waukesha Daughters of the American Revolution** at that year's 4th of July celebration.

Other veterans buried at Oak Hill have included those who served in every American war and conflict from the War of 1812 through the Vietnam era. That is one reason why Brookfield's **Behling-Kutchera American Legion Post #296** has long been involved in maintaining the cemetery grounds. **Harvey Celley**, a Brookfield veteran of World War I and a charter member of the Behling-Kutchera Post, helped in decorating the veterans' graves from the 1930s through the 1970s, though he did not own a plot at Oak Hill. When asked why he would volunteer, Harvey simply noted his own service overseas and gestured toward the graves, saying, "They're my buddies!" Harvey passed away in 1983, but other Legionnaires

The above historical marker, now removed and replaced, welcomed visitors to Oak Hill Cemetery, 3500 N. Brookfield Road, Brookfield, for decades.

have continued to provide services and contribute at the cemetery.

(For a complete biography of Harvey Celley, please see my May, 2014 "past Times" column in *The Elm Grove News-Independent's* online archives at www.elmgrove.news.)

The Oak Hill Cemetery Association continues, as it always has, to take the lead in the preservation of the graveyard's grounds and amenities. Today, the site is immaculately maintained. For decades, **Amory and Doris Moore**, who owned a home nearby, served as inspirational figures, humbly and quietly seeing to it that the respect and dignity of the property was secure. Amory Moore was a longtime treasurer of the Association and was instrumental in persuading the **Wisconsin State Historical Society** in Madison to add Oak Hill to its list of notable burial sites in the Badger state.

As a resting place for founding families, brave veterans and longtime area residents, Oak Hill Cemetery continues to be a local touchstone of heritage, history, patriotism and remembrance.

Stephen K. Hauser is a retired history professor and longtime Elm Grove resident.

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Presentation Re-scheduled!

Ramstack to Discuss Local History

Tuesday, May 14th

7:00 p.m.

at

O'Donoghue's Irish Pub

13225 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove



Tom Ramstack

Historian, author, and frequent "Our History" columnist **Tom Ramstack**, will be providing a special insight into what was then family-owned Ramstack's Tavern (now O'Donoghue's Irish Pub) during the 1920s & 1930s.

Listen to Tom's accounts of the Great Depression, Prohibition, dangerous gangsters, bootlegging, Federal Agent raids, the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) farm, characters such as **Ole' Yakub**, the **Shwatzcup Brothers** and more.

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"**Frank Ramstack**, the original owner of Ramstack's Tavern, immigrated from Bavaria in 1844. He owned and operated the tavern from 1881 until 1920 when his son, **Joseph Sr.**, took over for the next 27 years. During this period, the building's exterior was renovated. In 1948, **Joseph Jr.** continued business until the sale of the tavern in 1956 to **Bill Verbrick**.
---- Tom Ramstack

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NEW at the Community Foundation

Many Thanks to our Veterans this Memorial Day

As Memorial Day approaches, we salute the valor and sacrifice of our veterans. Their courage, spirit, and service epitomize heroism. With hearts filled with reverence, we honor those defending our freedoms, often at great personal cost. We pay tribute to the fallen, etched in memorials, cherished by a grateful nation. May we never forget their sacrifices or the burden borne by their families. On this Memorial Day and always, we pledge to uphold our veterans' legacy, ensuring their courage and commitment inspire generations.

Look for several members of our board marching along the Memorial Day parade route again this year dressed in lederhosen and dirndls.

Get Involved

We are always looking for ways to further enhance life in the village. Please visit our website by scanning the QR code to share your ideas for initiatives that will benefit Elm Grove and its residents. Also, if you are interested in joining one of our many Oktoberfest or 0.5K Fun Run committees, please send us an email.



BOOK IT! Oktoberfest - September 20 & 21, 2024

Calendar of Events – May 2024

Friday – MAY 3

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Club planning meeting. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – MAY 4

- **Elm Grove Woman’s Club’s 54th Annual Art Scholarship Competition** at the Clubhouse, 13885 Watertown Plank Road. View works of art submitted by local high school students from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony. Information and scholarship guidelines: www.egwc.org

- **Elm Grove Junior Guild presents “Spring Celebration”** – 2 to 5 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park, 13600 Juneau Blvd. Enjoy snacks, games, a magician show and bounce house. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday – MAY 5

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** Meets 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrove.org

Friday – MAY 10

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Chrissy Gluege**, Executive Director, Waukesha County Fair; Topic: “Wisconsin’s Oldest County Fair & Impacts in County”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – MAY 11

- **Elm Grove Fire Department** will be conducting free annual fire extinguisher inspections for Elm Grove homeowners and business owners at the Fire Department, 13600 Juneau Blvd – 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Contact Fire Inspector, **Scott Burgardt** at (262) 782-6700, ext. 250 or sburgardt@elmgrove.org.

- **Elm Grove’s Annual Great Wisconsin Birdathon** takes place at Village Park – 10 a.m. (See story – Page 6)

Sunday – MAY 12

MOTHER’S DAY

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** Meets 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrove.org

Tuesday – MAY 14

- **Elm Grove Sustainability Committee Meeting** at Village Hall – 6 p.m.
- **School District of Elmbrook Board of Education meeting** – 6 p.m. at the District Office, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield www.elmbrookschools.org

- **Local historian, author & “Our History” columnist Tom Ramstack** will present a special insight into what was then his family’s Ramstack Tavern (now O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub) during the 1920s and 1930s + other topics --- 7:00 p.m. at O’Donoghue’s, 13225 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. FREE and open to the public.

Thursday – MAY 16

- **OWLS – Seniors’ Group** Lunch and Program at Community U.M.C., Elm Grove 20th Anniversary Celebration and The See Team, Improvisational Comedy. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org/owl>

Friday – MAY 17

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Linda Irwin**, A Book Ahead; Topic: “Providing Books to Young Readers”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – MAY 19

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** Meets 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrove.org

Tuesday – MAY 21

- **School District of Elmbrook Board of Education meeting** – 6 p.m. at the District Office, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. www.elmbrookschools.org/board

Friday – MAY 24

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Private Club Luncheon. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – MAY 26

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** Meets 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrove.org

Monday – MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY

- **Elm Grove Woman’s Club – Pancake Breakfast** (See AD – Front Page)
- **Oakhill Cemetery ceremony** – 10:00 a.m. 3500 N. Brookfield Road, Brookfield
- **Elm Grove Parade** – starts at 10:30 a.m.



Tuesday – MAY 28

- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees** Public meeting – 7 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room; Agenda & Live Stream: www.elmgrove.org (262) 782-6700

Friday – MAY 31

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Mark Hansen**, Elmbrook School District; Topic: “An Overview of the School Year”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com



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Photos courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Shown above: (Top row, left to right) - BCHS students **Aman Amjad, Surya Arvind, Maggie Feng, Shilpa Kuriakose** and **Amelia Stalter**; (Bottom row, left to right)- BEHS students **Katelyn Kosfeld, Shiv Muthupandiyan** and **Kathy Sun**, and educators **Nicole Augustin** and **Jose Galvan**

Herb Kohl Foundation Award Recipients Announced

(BROOKFIELD) This year in the School District of Elmbrook, five Brookfield Central seniors, three Brookfield East seniors, and two Elmbrook staff members received Herb Kohl Awards. Brookfield Central High School seniors **Aman Amjad, Surya Arvind, Maggie Feng, Shilpa Kuriakose** and **Amelia Stalter**, and Brookfield East seniors **Katelyn Kosfeld, Shiv Muthupandiyan** and **Kathy Sun** were awarded the Herb Kohl Foundation Excellence Scholarships on behalf of the foundation for their academic leadership. Brookfield East educator **Nicole Augustin** (Social Studies, LAUNCH Future Teachers) and Pilgrim Park educator **Jose Galvan** (Social Studies) were named Teacher Fellows for their excellence and innovation in the classroom and beyond.

“The Kohl Foundation’s support of students and staff across the state of Wisconsin continues to be an incredible asset for education and educators alike,” said Superintendent **Mark Hansen**. “Congratulations to all of these amazing students and staff on this well-deserved recognition!”

The selection committee for the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Scholarship and Fellowship Program has announced recipients of the 2024 Herb Kohl Foundation awards for students, teachers, and principals. The students are among 187 graduating seniors that will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Foundation. For more information on the scholarships, visit www.kohleducation.org.

Cruisin’ the Spur is Back!

By Ray Shannon

Elm Grove’s Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, will again be hosting a series of FREE and informal vintage and classic car, truck and cycle shows on alternate Monday evenings this year. The dates will include May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12, August 26, September 9, and September 23.

Show vehicles can enter the Spur’s back parking lot any time after 5 p.m. There will be plenty of hot food, cold drinks and cool music. As always, spectators are invited to join the fun. So, come on down.



Photo courtesy: Ray Shannon

The scene at a previous Cruisin’ the Spur event in Elm Grove.

Art Scholarship Competition, May 2 - 4

The Elm Grove Woman’s Club (EGWC), 13885 Watertown Plank Road, invites all high school students who reside in Elm Grove or attend high school in Brookfield to submit two pieces of original artwork on Thursday, May 2, from 3 to 7 p.m. for the club’s 54th annual event.



The public is invited to view the artwork on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at which time (2) \$2,000 scholarships will be presented to high school seniors, (1) \$500 art grant will be awarded to an artist in grades 9-11, and (1) \$300 People’s Choice Award will be announced. Visit: www.egwc.org for more information.

Elm Grove Birdathon Set for May 11th

By Birders of the Grove

Elm Grove’s annual “Great Wisconsin Birdathon” will take place on May 11th at 10 a.m. in Village Park. Birders of the Grove members will lead a one-hour walk around the park to identify and count birds. The event will also celebrate World Migratory Bird Day.



Photo by Andy Roup

Birdathon is Wisconsin’s largest fundraiser for bird conservation. It’s like a walk-a-thon style fundraiser, but instead of logging miles, participants log bird sightings.

Bird enthusiasts are invited to join the walk and/or donate online at wibirdathon.org. Be sure to indicate your donation supports the “Birders of the Grove” team. A donation check can also be mailed to: National Resources Foundation of WI; 211 S. Paterson St. Suite 100; Madison, WI 53703; Attn: Birdathon. Mail-in donation forms are available in the Elm Grove Public Library lobby.

As a Wisconsin Bird City, Elm Grove will receive half the funds collected for our own community’s bird protection and conservation efforts. So, bring binoculars and enjoy some bird-watching fun on May 11th to support birds in our village!

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Photo courtesy: Cub Scout Pack 156

Best Design winners (Left to right) 1st Place: **Garrett Bolz** with the "Wonka" car; 2nd Place: **Jonathan Boales** with the "Brew Crew" car; 3rd Place: **Seth Parkin** with the "Dalmatian" car.



Photo courtesy: Cub Scout Pack 156

Scouts with the Fastest Cars (Left to right) 1st: **Alice Magnor** (Rushing Wave); 2nd: **Felix Ark** (Charizard Fire Beast); 3rd: **Joel de St. Aubin** (Black Widow); 4th: **Ryan Kelly** (Fire Bolt); 5th **Benji Abeyta** (Baby Yoda).



Photo courtesy: Cub Scout Pack 156

An overview of the race.

Scouts Hold Pinewood Derby Event

By Matt Seeboth

Cub Scout Pack 156 out of Tonawanda Elementary School in Elm Grove held their annual Pinewood Derby competition at Brookfield East High School on April 20th. Thirty-five scouts from kindergarten to 5th grade built and designed their cars for either speed or aesthetics (or both). The effort the scouts put into their cars is impressive – clearly lots of time was spent with sandpaper and paint to transform these blocks of wood into unique works of art.

Each car races once down each of the six lanes and the total time for all runs is added up to determine the fastest car. One feature about the race track that the kids really love is

that the track system calculates a scale speed for each car. If the race winner was a full-size car it would have reached a top speed of 166 mph! Putting it into scale makes it a lot of fun for the kids!

The Spirit of Scouting Sportsmanship award was presented to **Mason Kressin**.

Special thanks to **Knox Pliskie** for building his car with a GoPro camera on it which we were able to post to the Pack's Facebook page.

If you are interested in joining Pack 156, please email cubscout156@gmail.com.



Photo courtesy: Donald Down

Members of Community United Methodist Church fill bags to benefit Book Ahead.

Church Group Donates Books to Underserved Children

By Donald Down

On Sunday, April 14, a Book Ahead packing social was held at Community United Methodist Church, Elm Grove. Book Ahead is well into its third year as a provider of books to underserved young children, ages 0 to 5.

Linda Irwin, member of C.U.M.C. and secretary of Book Ahead (shown in the photo in the foreground in blue) noted that "Many children this age do not own a single book".

This nonprofit distributes books through the Waukesha County Health Department, Waukesha County Head Start, and Milwaukee Public Schools Head Start. During the packing event, cloth bags were filled with two new books and one used book – packaged according to age and language (English and Spanish).

Email info@abookahead.org for more information.

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----Anonymous



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Money Smart: Common Types of Financial Exploitation
 Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.

Join us as Nicole Eigner, branch manager with Town Bank of Elm Grove, outlines how to guard against abuse by using trustworthy helpers to manage property and personal finances.



Songs and Stories of the American Dust Bowl / Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.



Folk singer and humorist Craig Siemsen returns with a program based on the real life experiences of his family during the Dust Bowl in central Kansas. Craig will explore the "Dirty Thirties" with familiar and original songs, as well as stories and wit as told by his kin.

Getting Started with a Plant-Based Diet / Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 p.m.

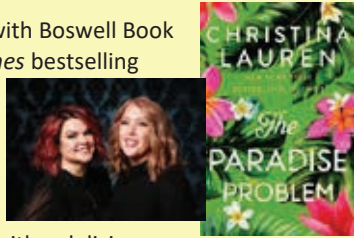
Certified plant-based health coach and physical therapist Michele Stamm will share the whys and hows behind her own transition to a plant-based diet. Michele will detail tips and tricks for making this healthy way of eating fun, easy, and delicious.



An Evening with Christina Lauren

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Elm Grove Woman's Club

The Friends of the Elm Grove Library, in conjunction with Boswell Book Company, invite you to an evening with *New York Times* bestselling author Christina Lauren, in celebration of their latest novel, *The Paradise Problem*. In conversation with Milwaukee-based author Brittainy Cherry. This event will take place at Elm Grove Woman's Club.



The "reigning romance queens" (*PopSugar*) are back with a delicious new romance between the buttoned-up heir of a grocery chain and his free-spirited artist ex as they fake their relationship in order to receive a massive inheritance.

From Ali Hazelwood: "*The Paradise Problem* is Christina Lauren at their very best—which also happens to be very best of the romance genre! The steam sizzles, the setting dazzles, the humor sparkles, and the characters give us no choice but fall head over heels for them. Another masterpiece from the queens of romance!"

*NOTE: This is a ticketed event. Get your tickets at christinalaurenfoeql.eventbrite.com. Tickets cost \$28.99 plus tax and ticket fee and include a hardcover copy of *The Paradise Problem*, to be picked up at the event. All books will be pre-signed (no personalization). A meet and greet will follow the event and all attendees will get a special tour print.*

A Cup of Health: Better Sleep / Tuesday, May 28, 1:30 p.m.

One in three American adults fail to get enough sleep. Are you one of them? Join us for this session to discuss what's getting in the way of better sleep and what you can do about it.



This is the second of five "Cup of Health" programs for 2024, presented by a community health educator with the Waukesha County Public Health Department. Advance registration is appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.

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Public Safety Reports

From the files of the Elm Grove Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Depts.

On Sunday, March 31, 2024, a 46-year-old Milwaukee woman was arrested after an accident that occurred in the 13700 block of Juneau Blvd. Originally, officers responded to a report of a vehicle that was driving over 100 mph near 124th Street and North Ave. An officer located the vehicle in the 14700 block of Juneau Blvd when it was stopped facing eastbound in the westbound lane of traffic. While being detained by officers, the operator of the vehicle fled the scene at a high rate of speed traveling eastbound on Juneau Blvd. The vehicle went off the roadway in the 13700 block of Juneau Blvd., striking a tree and becoming stuck in the culvert. The operator of the vehicle was extricated from the vehicle by Elm Grove Fire Department and transported to a local hospital by Elm Grove EMS. The operator was taken into custody and charges were referred to the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office for Operating while Under the Influence, Hit and Run to occupied vehicle, and eluding an officer. The incident remains under investigation.

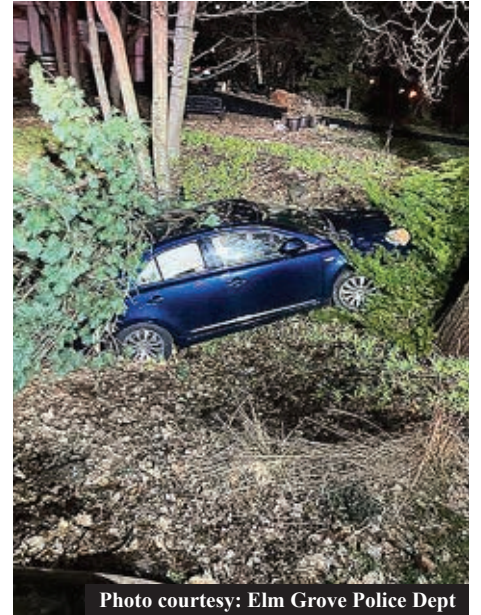


Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Police Dept



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Police Dept

Bike officers are ready for summer! A HUGE thank you to the **Elm Grove Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association** and the **Elm Grove Community Foundation** for generous donations used to purchase these two new e-bikes. The new bikes will be used by patrol officers to patrol the park, pathways, and special events. We look forward to the summer weather and the opportunity to engage with the community.

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Young Writers & Reporters

The Value of Writing

By **Kavya Sanathanan**
7th Grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

Hi there! You may recognize me from my previous submissions in the January and March editions of the paper. I wanted to share a little bit of my enjoyment as a student who absolutely adores writing, in which, enjoys Language classes and grammar. Writing often induces the brain to let all the thoughts and words just flow out onto the page, regardless of what you are thinking. It lets you empty your mind and get a clean, free space [mind] to work with, and you feel fresh all over again. Being able to set these ideas down on the paper, whether final or drafted, does a big favor for your brain that's constantly processing information and trying to make sense of what you're attempting to achieve. Writing stories, even just a few words, lets your mind race, and it enables you to be able to get imaginative and creative; bringing out your soul and full enjoyment into the process, you can both make something meaningful and joyful to read. Now that you've heard my thoughts, think about what makes you happy and what you enjoy, and why don't you go ahead and take that pen and start writing already?



May!

By **Vera Pedriana**, 4th Grade – Tonawanda

Many flowers bloom,
A beautiful sun peaks out all the way,
Yay for May hooray!!!

Interview with Mrs. Leffler: Teacher Life

By **Alexandra Radziszewski and Abigail Davidson**, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Q: Is being a teacher your dream job?
A: "Yes, I've always wanted a job where I can work with kids."

Q: What's your overall favorite subject to teach?
A: "Writing"

Q: Who was your greatest inspiration?
A: "My fifth-grade teacher because I liked her style of teaching and she always got us up and moving. Sometimes we even did yoga!"

Q: How many grades have you taught?
A: "First, Second, Third, Fourth so four"

Q: What was your favorite grade to teach?
A: "Third and Fourth Grade"

May

By **Sophie**, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

May, May time to play
Watching the leaves and flowers sway
All the best in the time of May
The river flows while the wind blows
you ever here
April showers will bring
May cheer
Hooray, it's May!
And time to play



An Interview with Eileen Cruz (Alvarado)

By **Janavi Wagle**, 9th Grade – Brookfield East High School

May is the Mental Health Awareness Month. On this occasion, I interviewed Eileen Cruz (Alvarado) who is an author, youth advocate, and survivor. For the past sixteen years, she has worked in the Milwaukee community to help survivors who have different forms of abuse-related trauma.

*What inspired you to write books?

Eileen: "As a survivor of trauma, I spent most of my life trying to live, yet inside, I did not want to be seen. This only had me living in the shadows of what my heart desired. When I got older, I began to experience social anxiety. The more I hid from the pain, the more paralyzing it became, causing depression. I had to step away to understand what was causing these emotions in my life. I began to fearlessly seek my peace by writing my story and thoughts to help release the hurt from my past."

*Tell me more about your community works and books.

Eileen: "Today, with the help of nonprofit organizations, Milwaukee Public Schools, and other community partners, I am using my books to help people uncover the pain that tries to keep them from living a mentally healthy life. My published books, *Caught in My Thoughts*, *Fearlessly Finding My Peace*, and *Thoughts Unspoken*, along with workbooks are helping participants of book club discuss complex topics. These activities help the participants connect with their feelings and emotions. The purpose is to help them build self-esteem, engage in conversations about trauma, address depression, develop coping skills, and build healthy relationships. Participants also discover how to become emotionally healthier by becoming aware of their emotions and unmasking their thoughts."



Eileen Cruz (Alvarado)

*Why is mental health an important issue today?

Eileen: "It is very important to understand mental health because it can affect how you feel, think, and act."

*Any message for the youths/teens in the community?

Eileen: "I would like young people to know they do not have to face mental health alone. My mission is to provide a safe place for participants to be understood, have their voices heard, and discover a path to hope and healing."

For more information:
<https://www.eileencruzalvarado.com/>

Flowers

By **Emma Hintz**, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Flowers are the Earth smiling.

Flowers are the Earth's happiness.

When it rains, the Earth is crying, but the crying is good because it helps the flowers grow.

Flowers give me happiness.



Robins

By **Robin Cervero-Vrab**
3rd Grade – Tonawanda

Chirping chatter, all around.

Singing songs, finding food

Robins running, Worms wiggling

Spring has sprung!



The Month of May

By **Abigail Davidson**
4th Grade – Tonawanda

It's May!

Be sure to remember Mother's Day!
A day where we will remember all who cared for us, when we were small

It's May!

All kids will play and eat strawberries with no delay!

For Strawberry Month is May,
So, you go eat some strawberries, today!!

May Flowers

By **Natalie, Kennedy and Sakshi**
4th Grade - Tonawanda

April showers bring May flowers.

May's the time of year

when everyone has cheer.

May is near, nobody fears!

Everyone can look in a mirror and see that May is here.

Flowers sprouting from the ground,
spring is coming 'round!

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Email submissions as Word files to:

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(Note the writer's name, school/homeschool & grade.)

Blue Sky Looks at Me

By **Matthew P.**, 7th Grade - Pilgrim Park

Blue sky looks at me
I look back at the blue sky
Including its clouds
We don't do staring contests
We just look at each other

Radiant Glen

By **Ben C.**, 7th Grade - Pilgrim Park

Flowers bloom around,
Reflecting golden light.
Colors spin about -
An iridescent shine here
Radiating glowing life.

Springtime Actions

By **Elise B.**, 7th Grade, Pilgrim Park

Rain is falling down
Flowers blooming all around
Vegetables and fruits
Big bushes filled with berries
Springtime actions make our Earth

Moonlight

By **Phoebe P.**, 7th Grade, Pilgrim Park

Bright in the dark dust
Always guides us through the night
Phases every month
A companion forever
The moon is always present



Axolotls and Cats Are the Best

By **Henry Meier**
3rd Grade - Tonawanda

In my opinion axolotls and cats are the best. Here are some reasons why. Cats are super cool. One cat is even in the military. Cats also make less mess compared to other animals. For example, dogs rip t-shirts but cats don't.

Axolotls are rare and axolotls can rebuild their hearts and other organs. Axolotls are also endangered. Axolotls never go through metamorphosis. One fun fact is that there are 50-100 in the wild.

Did you know that in the old times cats were on most ships? Cats can see in the dark really easily.

To sum it up, now you can see axolotls and cats are the best! Please help the axolotl because they are losing their homes.

Tonawanda

By **Auggie Anton**, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Too much fun
On the run
Not too much homework
All I need
Wow, so cool
A Lot of fun
No punishments
Do Math and Reading
A lot I have learned



News Briefs

National Latin Exam Results Announced

(BROOKFIELD) More than 20 Brookfield East High School students excelled in this year's National Latin Exam.

***NATIONAL LATIN EXAM /Oxford Classical Dictionary BOOK AWARD (Four Gold Medals)**
Shilpa Kumar and Yukiko Mitchell

***PERFECT PAPER AWARD**
Anne Hulbert and Yukiko Mitchell

***Summa cum Laude (Gold Medal)**
Anne Hulbert, Lola Kandula, Shilpa Kumar, Tressa McManus, Yukiko Mitchell, Benjamin Mueller, Jasmine Sun, Lily Sun, Sarah Walters, and Michelle Xie

***Maxima cum Laude (Silver Medal)**
Grant Atkinson, Olivia Buchol, Lucas Callies, Mellynda Jia, Ryker Koch, Rohith Kumar, Treasure Linton, Blake Peplinski, Elizabeth Schmidt, and Hannah Yoo

***Magna cum Laude**
Peter Kearney

***cum Laude**
Susie Coakley, Callum Mayne, And Isaiah Pyke

PPMS/Burleigh FFL Teams Compete at FIRST™ World Championship

In mid-April, Pilgrim Park Middle School/Burleigh Elementary FFL Challenge team, **Team Alpha Geek**, represented the state of Wisconsin in Houston, Texas at the FIRST™ World Championship competing against 152 teams from around the world.

The team presented their innovation project and robot design to a panel of judges and competed in an exciting robot game. Their robot score was a season high for the team scoring 435 points out of 550. Most importantly the team had the opportunity to interact with other robotics students and teams learning and working alongside one another.

Burleigh FFL Explore team, **Team Pandacorns**, represented the state of Wisconsin with 39 teams from around the world. Team Pandacorns presented their Masterpiece model and research and were recognized for their coding skills with a Coding Award trophy. The team had a wonderful time learning and engaging in STEAM activities over the course of the four-day festival.

This is the second year that these FFL teams represented Wisconsin on the World stage.



Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Jean Lambert (at left) and **Mary Wacker** are sworn in as members of the Elmbrook Board of Education, following the April 2 election. Lambert, a multi-term incumbent was re-elected to her Area IV over challenger **Peter Machi**; Wacker won her At-Large seat, defeating Brookfield resident **Nicole Hunker**. Both Lambert and Wacker received about 140 more votes (1% margins) than their opponents. Regular School Board meetings are held once a month at the District Office and are open to the public. (See Calendar – Page 5)

Agendas are available at www.elmbrookschools.org.

Calling 911 from a Cell Phone vs. a Land-line

Elm Grove Emergency Services Recommendations

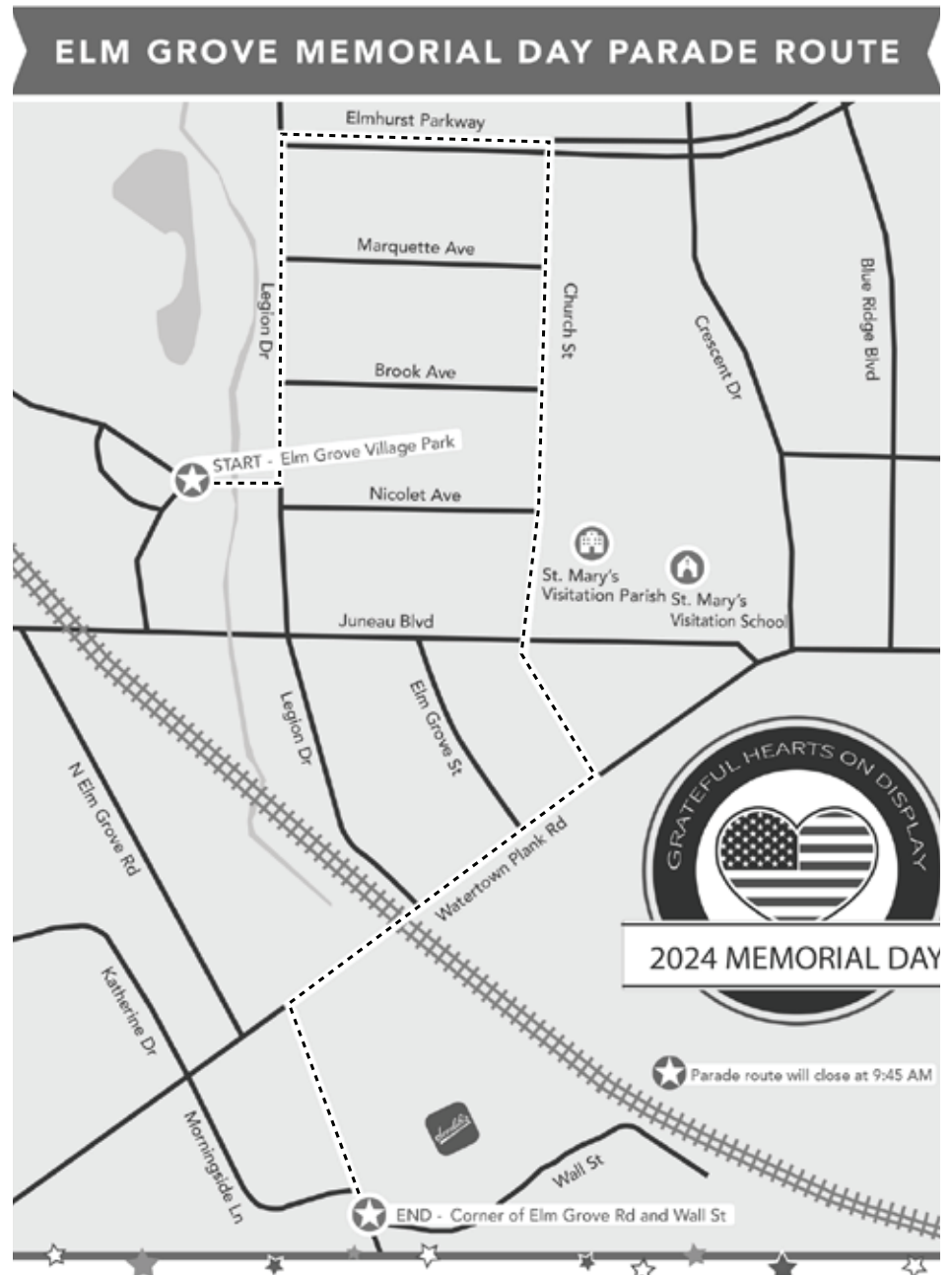
When you call 911 from your cell phone, the call is sent to a centralized dispatch center in either Waukesha County or Milwaukee County, depending on what cell tower picks up your call. Before the call taker can transfer your call, they need to determine your location for transfer to the proper dispatch center.

In most cases, the county dispatcher will not be familiar with landmarks and business locations by name, and they will need an exact address before they can transfer the call to our Elm Grove Dispatch Center.

We strongly suggest that you program our direct emergency line, 262-786-4141, into your cell phone to avoid delays in service for emergencies happening in Elm Grove.

Our dispatchers have intimate knowledge of our geography and are capable of discerning your location quickly, with limited information. When it is your emergency, you will want to be speaking to the person who is talking directly to the responding fire, ambulance, or police unit that is coming to your aid.

There are no changes to your current land-line 911 service. All land-line 911 calls continue to be answered by Elm Grove dispatch personnel.



Letters to the Editor

*Letters regarding issues of concern to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community will be considered for publication on a space available basis.

*Submissions (**about 200 words max**) must include the writer's name, community of residence & phone #.

*Mail to: EGNI, 14420 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2423.

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May Word Search Puzzle

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Memorial Day	Dance	

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Photo courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

Dragon Quest Challenge Team members gather at a recent competition.

Dixon Elementary School's Destination Imagination Team Receives Top Awards

(BROOKFIELD) The Magical Dixon Dragon Quest Challenge Team came in 2nd for their Challenge and 1st for the Instant Challenge for their grade level category (elementary) at the Wisconsin DI Affiliate State Tournament at UW Green Bay on April 6th. The team also qualified for attending DI Global Finals in Kansas City, MO but will not be able to attend this year.

The team chose to work on the "Uncharted Service Learning" Challenge, which is designed to engage students in public service that addresses real-life community issues. Requirements included:

- Identify, design, carry out, and evaluate a project that addresses a need in a real community.

- Create and present a fantasy story about a character who goes on a quest.
- Design and create a fantasy map that uses technical methods to represent location information from the story.
- Create and present two Team Choice Elements that show off the team's interests, skills, areas of strength, and talents.

This was one of 6 Challenges that students could choose from and required many months of hard work, preparation, and practice.

Congratulations to the following students for their well-earned achievement:

Amelia Wickersham, Piper Nowicki, Natalie Hasek, Phoebe Gast, Anvi Mamidi, Elliana Bader, and Spoorthi Pusunuru.

BEHS Forensics, Congressional Debate Teams End the Season Strong at State

(BROOKFIELD) The Brookfield East Forensics Team on April 8 placed 4th in Division I Schools at the WFLA State Competition with 1/3 of the team's entries going to the semi-finals. Three of those entries made it to the finals including **Noah Ren** in Extemp, **Jake Zheng** in Radio, and **Samika Sabeson** in Solo Serious. Semi-finalists included **Ananya Asokan** (Expository), **Johnny Chen** (Informative), **Michelle Xie** (Informative), and **Joshitha Senthil** (Oratory).

The Congressional Debate team capped off a great season at state as well. Three BEHS entries earned Best PO including **John Tsagalis** who also placed 6th, **Ben Saudek** who also placed 7th, and **Shiv Muthupandiyam**. In addition, **Johnny Chen** placed 1st and **Jake Zheng** placed 3rd.

News' Hounds & other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Hey there, I'm **Remus**, and if you're looking for an energetic ball of fun, you've found your guy! My personality is so vibrant and charismatic that everyone wants to be around me. Yep, I'm basically the life of the party wherever I go.

They say I live up to my name, just like Professor Lupin. I'm loyal to the core and ready to be someone's best friend for life. But instead of therapy chocolate, I offer something even better - tail wags! Seriously, my tail never stops wagging, especially when I'm meeting new friends or going on adventures.



Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Humane Society

Remus

Now, I'll be honest with you - I'm still learning my manners. But hey, who doesn't have a few rough edges to smooth out, right? I'm just looking for a patient and loving home that's willing to work with me as I grow and learn. With a little time and dedication, I know I can reach my full potential and become the best companion you've ever had.

So, if you're ready to add some excitement and joy to your life, I'm ready to be your partner in crime. Let's embark on this journey together and make some unforgettable memories along the way. Trust me, with me by your side, every day will be an adventure worth wagging our tails about!

EBHS, 20950 Enterprise Avenue, (off Barker Road) Brookfield. (262) 782-9261.

Green is Good!

Bright Lights Spell Trouble for Birds Heading North

By the Elm Grove Green Team

Did you know up to 80% of migrating birds travel at night? Flying conditions are better when winds are calmer, and darkness provides cover from predators. Night flying is not without risk though: Bright outdoor lighting and especially upward-directed lighting can disorient migrating birds, leading to often fatal collisions with homes and buildings.

We're at the peak of spring migration (April 15-May 15), and Elm Grove is a critical rest stop on the flight path. During this 4-week period, you can save birds and save energy by turning off unnecessary lights!

What to do?

- Turn off exterior decorative lighting
- Turn off lobby and atrium lighting
- Turn off interior lights - especially upper stories

When to do it?

- Between midnight and dawn
- Spring: from March 15 to May 31
- Fall: from August 15 to October 31

Take these steps to participate in Elm Grove's "Lights Out" initiative, a voluntary program that encourages residents to turn off non-essential outdoor lighting during the peak spring and fall migration periods. Lights Out is also a national Audubon initiative. Learn more and sign up to participate at <https://elmgrovewi.org/746/Birds-Lights>.

Spotlight on May Waste Warriors

Join us in a round of applause for your Elm Grove neighbors at 12955 Wrayburn Drive, 14750 Crestwood Court, and 1720 Village Green Court. Our dedicated JOHNS G-men tell us these neighbors are doing an especially good job of sorting the right recyclable items into the blue bins! Also, have you noticed a few bright pink flyers in driveways on garbage day? JOHNS is using these as a friendly reminder to residents to break down their cardboard.

Would you like to know what you can do to be recognized as a Waste Warrior and avoid getting a "pink slip"? Check out proper trash and recycling guidelines at <https://www.elmgrovewi.org/268/Recycling>



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SORT AND RECYCLE YOUR WASTE!

PAPER, METAL AND GLASS:
ADD TO YOUR RECYCLING BIN LOOSELY. CARDBOARD SHOULD BE FLATTENED. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN FROM FOOD WASTE.

PLASTIC:
JOHNS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING PLASTICS LABELED 1, 2 AND 5. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN FROM FOOD WASTE. PLASTIC BAGS CANNOT GO IN BINS.

FOOD WASTE: COMPOST USING ONE OF 3 VENDORS OR ON YOUR OWN. CONTACT MASTEN@COMPOST.ORG, BREM@CITYCOMPOST.COM OR COMPOST@CRUSADER.COM

TEXTILES: ELM GROVE HAS TEXTILE RECYCLING BINS AT VILLAGE HALL AND THE RECYCLING CENTER.

E-WASTE: USE A VENDOR LIKE MIDWEST COMPUTER RECYCLING OR BEST BUY. SEE WWW.MAUKESHACOUNTY.GOV/EMASTE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LET'S MAKE ELM GROVE PLASTIC BAG FREE! REFUSE PLASTIC BAGS AT STORES AND BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE BAGS. WWW.PLASTICFREEHKE.ORG HAS MANY IDEAS!

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CONSIDER FREecycle, BUY NOTHING GROUPS, CRAIGSLIST AND FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE TO AVOID THROWING AWAY ITEMS THAT STILL HAVE SOME LIFE LEFT.

SEE THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.ELMGROVEWI.ORG/774/SUSTAINABILITY-COMMITTEE

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