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MEN WITH SHOVELS: (left to right) Former Elm Grove Village President, **Neil Palmer**; former Trustee, **George Haas**; Mandel Group Inc. CEO and Chairman, **Barry Mandel**; President and Chief Operating Officer for the Mandel Group, **Phillip Aiello**; former Trustee **Tom Michalski**; and former Trustee **Patrick Kressin** take part in the official groundbreaking ceremony for Caroline Heights Apartments on October 16.

Construction Underway for Caroline Heights Apartments

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

Major changes are in the works as the historic 30-acre School Sisters of Notre Dame campus at 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, is transformed into a 237-unit apartment community. The property sold in August 2023 to the Milwaukee-based Mandel Group Inc. for an undisclosed amount.

Redevelopment plans include the preservation and conversion of Notre Dame Hall (known as the “castle” building) and Maria Hall into 35 apartments. Additionally, three new buildings will be constructed with a combined total of 202 apartments. Price points will start at approximately \$2,000 per month for one-bedroom units; 3-bedroom units will lease for about \$3,600. The apartments will average about 1,300 square feet.

“Apartments will be ready to rent by November 2024 with construction completion in Spring, 2025,” said **Phillip Aiello**, The Mandel Group’s President and Chief Operating Officer.

More Homes to be Built:

Following the installation of utility infrastructure, Miller Marriott, a Hartland-based custom design-build firm will purchase the eastern and southern portions of the campus with plans to develop 21 single-family homes.



CAROLINE HEIGHTS – West building and Maria Hall.



The former School Sisters of Notre Dame chapel and Heritage Room will be renovated into a two-story clubroom and entertainment space.

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Elm Grove Village Manager, **Tom Harrigan** (at left) poses with former Village Manager, **Dave De Angelis**; Mandel Group President / Chief Operating Officer, **Phillip Aiello**; and School Sisters of Notre Dame Provincial Council leader, **Sister Debra Sciano**, during the Caroline Heights groundbreaking event, October 16.

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Village Update

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

The leaf colors are changing all around us. Hopefully everyone can get outside and enjoy the wonderful colors and crisp clear air of autumn!

• Be Careful out There!

As the days in Wisconsin become shorter and our clocks move back an hour, please be careful driving. Leaves can make roads unexpectedly slippery. Our children and residents will be walking or running in the dark soon and we all need to exercise extra care. Sunrise and sunset times can present new challenges, as well dare I say, the coming of winter.

• Congratulations and Welcome.

Within the past two months two key positions were filled. Please join me in welcoming **Iaqam Hans**, the Village's new IT Manager. Iaqam is already deeply engaged in various high priority projects, including the upgrade to the phone system. Additionally, please welcome **Logan Kein** as the Village's new Recreation Manager. Logan is working diligently to update the various offerings which will be offered this summer.

• Thank you for your patience.

Many thanks to all residents, especially those in southeast Elm Grove. The installation of the water main from Wauwatosa has required detours to be established and Staff is working to improve the road safety. Additional temporary yield and other signs have been installed to restrict traffic as well as clearly mark intersections. The first phase of the water main work will be completed in 2023. Compounding this challenge is the demolition work on the Caroline Heights work site. Village staff and police have been communicating to the construction manager that all construction vehicles are to approach the worksite from the east on Watertown Plank Road. For a short period, all of Watertown Plank Road was closed and this created a challenge.



• Recognition

I would like to take a moment and thank all the volunteer committee members who tirelessly support the Village with their generous commitment of time and talent. The broad experience of residents contribute so much to the discussion of the short and long term needs of our community and shape its future. Your contributions are appreciated by all residents!

Anyone interested in joining a committee can express your interest to serve. The application is on the Village website: www.elmgrove.wi

• 2024 Budget Update

Under the very capable leadership of **Monica Hughes**, the Village staff and Finance committee has been working diligently to finalize the 2024 budget. With the Wisconsin levy constraints in place, this is a very challenging process to fully fund all the needs of the Village and invest in road repair and new pathways. Compromises will need to be made as this process is completed in November.

• Review of Village Road Conditions.

Every two years, our Public Works Department reviews the overall condition of all roads within the Village. In November, those ratings will be shared with and reviewed by the Public Utilities Committee. Any resident interested in the rating of your road can access this information which is used to prioritize the road paving projects for 2024 and 2025.

• Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings

I want to thank the Village Staff and Trustees for committing their time to COW meeting preparation and attendance. Our latest meeting was on October 4th and covered current Village Staff Projects. Key discussions centered around a review of speed enforcement, current traffic detour actions and pathway priorities updated by the ad-hoc committee. These meetings are typically three hours long and feature impactful open dialogue setting the direction of Village Staff on key long-range projects.

Speaking of Projects, let's review other projects underway, including:

• Caroline Heights (Mandel) Construction

The project is underway with many construction trades on site. The Village receives weekly construction updates on activities at the site and other project updates. Any interested residents can access this information from the Village website.

• Daylighting of the Underwood Creek.

Planning continues on this very important project. Overall project timelines are being finalized with the next important milestone being the acquisition of the CP Rail land just west the train tracks and working with the owners of the Park & Shop businesses to finalize the layout and traffic flow of the parking. Stay tuned – much to follow.

All the best for a safe and enjoyable autumn!

National First Responders Day Marked in Village

Congress designated **October 28th** as National First Responders Day in 2017. The resolution honors the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all those who are first on the scene in stressful situations.

During the October 24th Board of Trustees meeting, Village President **Jim Koleski** issued the following

PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, The brave men and women serving in the emergency response field are vital to the well-being of our citizens and the entire Elm Grove community; and WHEREAS, Trained in urgent medical care and other emergency procedures, first responders, including police, paramedics, firefighters, 911 dispatchers, search and rescue teams, medical personnel,

organizations in the public safety sector, volunteers, and others, stand ready to provide immediate assistance in times of need; and WHEREAS, Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, first responders answer the call to help in a wide range of emergencies, often putting themselves in harm's way in order to protect property, uphold the law, and save lives; and WHEREAS, First responders are the first line of defense for our residents against all threats, both domestic and foreign; and WHEREAS, The Village of Elm Grove

is proud to honor these courageous individuals and their families for their personal sacrifice and commitment to the safety and security of residents, visitors, and our community at large.

NOW THEREFORE, I, James Koleski, Village President for the Village of Elm Grove, do hereby proclaim, October 28, 2023, as First Responders Appreciation Day throughout the Village of Elm Grove and encourage all residents to recognize the tremendous contributions and sacrifices made by our first responders.

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Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*

The “Four Dark Days” of 1963

By Stephen K. Hauser

Sixty years ago this month, America was traumatized by the assassination, in Dallas, Texas, of **John Fitzgerald Kennedy**, 35th President of the United States. It was 12:30 p.m. (CST) on Friday, November 22nd and millions of Americans can still vividly remember where they were and what they were doing when they first heard the sad news that fateful afternoon.

My old friend, **Harold E. Stassen**, former governor of Minnesota and erstwhile presidential candidate, told me in 1992, “This country somehow got off the track when President Kennedy was killed, and we never really got on track again after that time.” It was indeed a defining moment in U.S. history, and there is still much wisdom in the Governor’s observation.

I was 11 years old in 1963 when President Kennedy was shot in Dallas. I was home from school with both legs in a cast, so I was a captive audience for the nonstop television coverage of the tragedy as it unfolded for all the nation to see. I recall my father calling my mother from work, instructing her to turn on the TV set, as the President had been shot. Therefore, I saw the events reported from within minutes of the first television news bulletin.

All of the networks suspended regular programming to commence their news coverage. I began watching the reports on NBC, but it soon became apparent that their commentators were over their heads. Distinguished anchorman **Frank McGee** seemed so overwhelmed and confused by the rapidly unfolding events (and by the lack of reliable information) that he soon surpassed my own level of youthful tolerance. I decided to change channels.

I switched our old black and white Zenith TV to CBS just in time to see **Walter Cronkite** read the official dispatch from the wire services announcing to the world that John F. Kennedy was dead. Cronkite’s emotions were plainly visible as he removed his glasses and wiped away a tear.

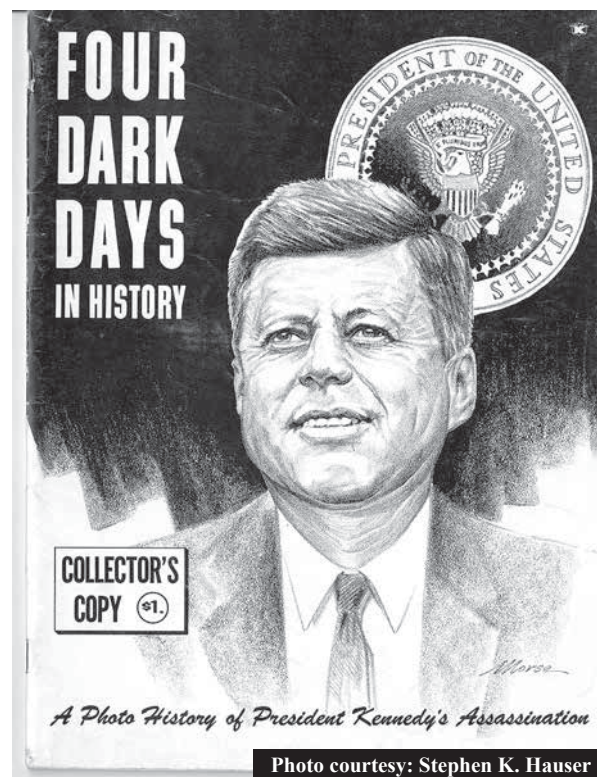
The last U.S. President to have been assassinated was **William McKinley** in 1901. In retrospect, I think that part of the sorrowful response to the events of that November weekend resulted from the fact that Americans of that generation were psychologically unprepared for the harsh realities conveyed directly to them by the still young medium of television.

The immediate impact of an unfolding tragedy of historic proportions had never been experienced visually by the nation at large prior to JFK’s unexpected death. There was still a real sense of innocence in this country at that time, and television viewers had a lot of rapid growing up to do. The national grief felt at the time was palpable, and heartrending.

Radio stations, meanwhile, had a different problem. Most of them had a music format in those days. They could not compete with TV news coverage of such an event. WOKY, 920 A.M. was Milwaukee’s leading “Top 40” format station at the time. It immediately decided that the rock ‘n’ roll records that they normally played were not suitable for airing in the hours after the President’s death. Only “Dominique”, a French language folk song about St. Dominic, seemed appropriate. The singer was **Soeur Sourire**, Belgium’s Singing Nun. (After all, President Kennedy was Catholic.) Accordingly, “Dominique” was played again and again and again until afternoon disc jockeys brought in hastily purchased albums of funeral marches and dirges which were played without mercy over that long, mournful weekend. “Dominique”, meanwhile, shot to the #1 slot the following week on WOKY’s “Top 40” survey chart.

I still recall lying awake in bed around 1:00 a.m. early that Sunday morning, listening to my small Japanese transistor radio, sick to death of the depressing music and repetitive news reports. In search of some relief, I slowly scanned the radio dial, finally locating one faint signal --- a lounge singer crooning easy listening standards to a small audience in a night club. His vocalizing wasn’t the best, the applause was tepid and the crowd was sparse. I thought at the time that this solitary station showed courage and independence by broadcasting a live remote from a supper club at such a time. I now realize that this faint signal was probably from Canada. They had not suspended all programming as U.S. stations had done. Still, it provided my only relief during those distressing four days of that long weekend. It’s odd what one remembers so clearly after sixty years.

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



Stephen K. Hauser purchased “Four Dark Days” at Ruby Isle Pharmacy - January 1964.

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Report from Madison

By Tom Michalski, Wisconsin State Assemblyman – District 13

Rep.michalski@legis.wisconsin.gov / (608) 237-9113

I appreciate everyone who contacts me with questions and concerns. Recently, the most inquiries I’ve received are about financing the Brewers stadium (American Family Field). The comments mostly fall into three categories;

“We can’t let the Brewers leave.”

“Why should we pay \$440M for a billionaire’s sports team?”

“I don’t want one dollar of my tax money spent on that ballpark.”

Let me share a couple of facts. The State of Wisconsin owns the ballpark, and the Brewers lease it from the State. This decision was made over 25 years ago when the old County Stadium was replaced. The lease with the Brewers expires in 7 years, but like any long-term lease, there are conditions, and for whatever reason, the State has not been keeping up its end of the contract. So sometime in 2024-25, the State will be in default and the Brewers could, if they wished, legally terminate the agreement and move.

For each game played in the ballpark, every player, coach, and staff (on both teams) pays income tax to the State of Wisconsin. This is estimated to be \$13.4M in 2024. The people who attend a game spend money on tickets, parking, beer, brats, peanuts, souvenirs, etc. This game day spending totals over \$280M yearly at the ballpark, and the State receives sales tax on every dollar.

What would happen if the State of Wisconsin didn’t invest in the ballpark, and the Brewers were to leave? The State would need to spend a lot of your tax dollars to maintain a big, expensive building. With little hope of finding a new tenant. At the same time, they wouldn’t receive any of the

money from the player’s income taxes, rent, or game day purchases.

The legislature proposed to take about half of the money the state currently receives from the ballplayer’s income tax and put this money into a fund to maintain the ballpark and make the required improvements needed to keep us in compliance with the lease agreement. None of your income tax is going to the Brewers organization. Over the 27-year life of the new lease, the taxes directly attributed to the ballpark is estimated to be over \$700M.

The State has committed \$411M to maintaining the ballpark; the remaining \$300M will go to the state. And that \$300M assumes the player’s salary doesn’t increase. In comparison, the Governor’s proposal would have spent about \$350M from the budget surplus, which is your tax dollars.

Over the 27-year life of the new lease, The City and County of Milwaukee will jointly receive almost \$200M in sales tax from the ballpark. Again, that assumes the cost of a beer and brat does not increase. Of that, they are being asked to commit to paying \$135M.

The Brewers have already committed to paying an additional \$100M that will also go into the fund to maintain the ballpark.

So, it will cost taxpayers’ dollars to let the Brewers leave. There is a positive return on the dollar if we help them stay. And the only people paying a dime are those who go to a game. This is a business decision that includes procedures and a new Board to ensure the state doesn’t lapse into default again. So, if there is a downside here, I don’t see it. Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns.

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Elm Grove Community Foundation

www.elmgrovefoundation.org

NEW at the Community Foundation

Thank you, Erik Bergstrom!
 All of us on the Community Foundation Board would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Erik Bergstrom for his dedicated service and commitment to the board over the last several years. Your contributions have been invaluable, and your hard work has made a lasting impact on our organization and our community. We deeply appreciate all that you have done, and we will miss your presence on the board. Best wishes for your future endeavors!

Interested In Joining the Community Foundation
 The Community Foundation Board is made up of ten elected members who are elected for two-year terms. Occasionally, a board member completes a term and decides to step down, creating a vacancy. If you have ever considered joining the Community Foundation Board, we would like to hear from you. We typically invite those who express interest in joining the board to lead one of our Oktoberfest or 0.5K Fun Run committees. This opportunity allows the individual to understand the time and effort required to serve on the board full-time.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Foundation or applying for a future open position, please contact us at elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org.

BOOK IT! Oktoberfest - September 20 & 21, 2024

Calendar of Events – November 2023

Friday – NOVEMBER 3

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Bob Spindell**, Wisconsin Election Commission; Topic: “Review of Commission Activities”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – NOVEMBER 5
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
(Turn clocks back 1 hour.)

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for details and to volunteer.

Wednesday – NOVEMBER 8

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** at Village Hall / O’Neill Room; **Danielle Bell**, Native Roots, LLC.; Discussion: “Buckthorn: The problem, eradication and replacement”.

Friday – NOVEMBER 10

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Paul Freedy**; Topic: “Allis-Chalmers Foundry Experiences”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

• **Elm Grove Woman’s Club presents “Christmas in the Grove”,** 4-8 p.m. at 13885 Watertown Plank Rd. Local Vendors, Unique Handcrafted Items, Holiday Gifts & Décor, Lunch Fare, Baked Goods, Wine Pull, Raffle Admission \$5, (Children 12 and under free). www.egwc.org

Saturday – NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY



• **Elm Grove Woman’s Club presents “Christmas in the Grove”,** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Admission \$5, (Children 12 and under free) www.egwc.org

Sunday – NOVEMBER 12

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for details and to volunteer.

Monday – NOVEMBER 13

• **Elmbrook Historical Society** Presentation by **Lt. Col. Jeffrey Wiswell**, Wisconsin Wing Historian for the Civil Air Patrol; Topic: “History of the Civil Air Patrol” 7 p.m. at the Brookfield Public Library Community Room. FREE and Open to the Public. www.elmbrookhistoricalsociety.org

Tuesday - NOVEMBER 14

• **School District of Elmbrook Board of Education** meeting: 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Live Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/elmbrookschoolsmedia>

Thursday – NOVEMBER 16

• ***OWLS Seniors’ Group** Program: “A Tale of Two Holidays! America’s First Thanksgiving and First Christmas” presented by *The News-Independent’s* “Our History” columnist **Stephen K. Hauser** – 11a.m. at Community United Methodist Church, Elm Grove. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org>.

Friday – NOVEMBER 17

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Michelle Leudeke**, Brookfield City Clerk; Topic “Election Regulations for the Next Election Cycles”. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – NOVEMBER 19

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for details and to volunteer.

Thursday – NOVEMBER 23



Friday – NOVEMBER 24

• **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K** No meeting. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – NOVEMBER 26

• **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for details and to volunteer.

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 28

• **Elm Grove Board of Trustees** Public Meeting – 7 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Agenda and Live Stream: www.elmgrovewi.org. (262) 782-6700.

The Jayne Taylor Christmas Show
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News Briefs



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Brookfield Academy National Merit Semifinalists (front, left to right) **Kishore Mohanram**, and **Olivia Greipp**; (middle, left to right) **Qasim Omer**, **Armaan Bhasin**, **Lucia Jensen**, and **Adrian Yin**; (back, left to right) **Krish Sharma**, **Leo Chen**, **Ryan Simmons**, **Samuel Demski**, **Mateo Fernandez-Tyson**, and **Sohum Sharma**.

Twelve Brookfield Academy Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

By Melissa Erickson

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has named twelve of Brookfield Academy's 90 seniors as National Merit Semifinalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The students include: **Armaan Bhasin**, **Zheming "Leo"**

Chen, **Samuel Demski**, **Lucia Jensen**, **Qasim Omer**, **Krish Sharma**, **Sohum Sharma** and **Ryan Simmons**, all of Brookfield; **Mateo Fernandez-Tyson**, of Pewaukee; **Olivia Greipp**, of Wauwatosa; **Adrian Yin**, of Milwaukee; and **Kishore Mohanram**, of Hartland.



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Hudson River School Movement: An American Vision Seen Through the Eyes of Painter Kate Minor / Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

This art history lecture will be viewed through the eyes of the presenter's great, great aunt, Kate Minor, who was a significant part of the Movement. Throughout the study of this art, one can witness America at its beginnings – the new and breathtaking frontier. Our eyes will be awakened to the splendor of its Manifest Destiny. Emerson and Thoreau wrote of an elemental need for the wilderness. The common man believed in the greater purity of the natural environment. Nature was shaped by God and therefore, "fraught with high and holy meaning." Presented by Professor Karri Fritz-Klaus of Cornerstone History Symposium.



Join us for the second lecture in a five part series, "The Great Awakening: Painters of America." Mark your calendars for the remaining presentations (12/5: Winslow Homer, 1/9: Edward Hopper, 2/6: Wolf Kahn).

EGBC Winter Lecture Series: Buckthorn: The Problem, Eradication, and Replacement Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.



Buckthorn was first introduced to the United States to create a wonderful dense privacy hedge between neighbors. However, birds and other animals have transported their seeds throughout the urban landscape and into our woodlands and wetlands, quickly displacing our native vegetation. We will discuss the negative impacts buckthorn has, how to effectively remove this pesky invasive, and which of our favorite native species to plant to provide screening, privacy, and food for pollinators and birds. Presented by Danielle Bell of Native Roots, LLC.

Join us for the third program in the Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series, with partner support from the Elm Grove Library.

What Are We Doing? Begin Your Genealogy on the Right Branch Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.



If you are interested in genealogy, but haven't really started, this skills class will help you start on the right branch. We will talk about charts and forms, primary and secondary resources, and databases that can be used to fill in the blanks of your family history.

This one-hour presentation will be led by Anni Parsons of Archive Your Past. Anni has worked as a librarian and archivist for almost 25 years and been researching and loving genealogy for nearly 30.

A Cup of Health: Healthy Bones, Healthy You / Tuesday, November 28, 1:30 p.m.

This one-hour session will teach participants about the importance of good bone health for overall wellness and longevity. Special emphasis is on osteoporosis and steps families can take to reduce their risk and stay healthy. The session will cover:



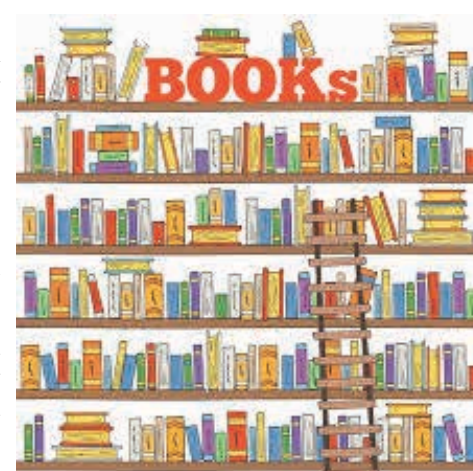
- Why bones are important to our overall health
- Reducing risk of disease and injury
- What is osteoporosis and osteopenia
- Screenings
- Risk factors, warning signs, and fractures
- Where to find more information and resources

This "Cup of Health" program is presented by a community health educator with the Waukesha County Public Health Department. Advance registration is appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.

Friends of Elm Grove Library to Host Holiday Book Sale

By Janet Wintersberger

You've been making your list and checking it twice. Now, be sure to add the Holiday Book Sale to your calendars, **Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** The Friends of the Elm Grove Library have curated a wonderful selection of books for adults and children, DVDs, CDs, gently used puzzles and pristine journals for gift-giving. New this year, children will enjoy literary ornaments with books just for them. *Cash and checks only.*



The sale will be in the library foyer and also the hallway of the village. Start your shopping early on November 11. You'll find a convenient location, friendly faces, low prices, and stress-less shopping.

You will be supporting our local library and a community treasure. All proceeds go to the library to enhance the services for you. **A gentle reminder: Donations of sale items are collected all year long.**

News Briefs

Christmas in the Grove - November 10th & 11th

By Lisa Becker

A cherished holiday tradition returns to the Elm Grove Woman's Club on Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11.

Christmas in the Grove will once again feature an assortment of unique gifts and handmade items for sale by local artists and taster-makers. With more than 40 vendors exhibiting a diversity of wares — including unique jewelry, fused glass, knit goods, gourmet food items, and home decor — Christmas in the Grove will provide the perfect opportunity to find that special something for any hard-to-shop-for person on your list.

Enjoy holiday shopping at a leisurely pace while sipping on delicious Jingle Juice and perusing all that the event has to offer. Take a chance on a raffle basket, win a high-value wine in the wine pull, and take some baked goods home to share with friends and family.

Our Mele Kalikimaka Café will be serving delicious soups and sandwiches, as well as



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Woman's Club

The Elm Grove Woman's Club opened their doors to "Early Bird" / Friday evening shoppers during the 2022 Christmas in the Grove event.

Mai Tais in fitting with the Hawaiian theme this year.

Hours are Friday, November 10, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 (Children 12 and under are free!) For more information, contact Christmas in the Grove co-chairs: Lisa Becker, lisabeckeremail@gmail.com, or Laurie Hanson, ljhanson33@gmail.com.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program Semifinalists Named

By Melissa Ericksen

Two Brookfield Academy students - **Adrian Yin** and **Krish Sharma** - were selected as Semifinalists in the Coca-Cola Scholars program.

More than 103,000 students nationwide applied for this prestigious scholarship and only 1,514 were selected as semifinalists. Ultimately 150 students will each receive \$20,000 college scholarships as well as access to networking, coaching, and other opportunities.



Photos courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Adrian Yin (at left) and Krish Sharma

American Association of University Women

Invites you to our Branch Meeting
Wednesday, November 29

at
Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall Street, Elm Grove

TOPIC: "Frauds and Scrams"

Presented by **Lisa Schiller**
Director of Investigations and Media Relations
Better Business Bureau

Social - 6:30 PM
AAUW Business meeting - 7:00 PM
Speaker - 7:20 PM



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(At left) **Dr. Marissa Jablonski** makes a point about avoiding single-use plastics.

(At right) Members of the OWLS Senior group examine Dr. Jablonski's non-plastic containers.

Group Learns About Alternatives to Use of Plastics

By Don Down

"Be Gone: Single-use Plastics!". That was the title of a presentation made by **Dr. Marissa Jablonski** at the September 21st luncheon meeting of the OWLS senior group at Community Church.

Dr. Jablonski, a former resident of Elm Grove, is currently the Executive Director, Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. In her role as a plastics-reduction expert, she has traveled extensively internationally under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development, USAID.

To an audience of 66 members and guests, Dr. Jablonski energetically explained the effects of plastics on an individual, and the local, regional, country, and world environments.

Not one to just "talk the talk", Dr. Jablonski

showed that she is a minimalist in the use of plastics by sharing how she has replaced single-use plastics with other materials in her kitchen and bathroom and when shopping and dining out.

The use of plastics at the luncheon was fodder for her discussion on how OWLS and other organizations can become environmental stewards.

Kathy Fuhr, co-president of OWLS, commented that over its 19 years OWLS has drifted away from luncheons served on china plates, cups and saucers, and stainless flatware. Fuhr commented, "OWLS will be looking into reducing our single-use plastic usage".

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"Green" is Good!

Reduce Food Waste During the Holidays

By Jennifer Studebaker

Did you know that one of the highest-impact actions you can take to reduce emissions is to reduce your food waste? According to [Project Drawdown](#), decreasing food waste has a greater impact than insulating your house, driving an electric car, and reducing plastics—COMBINED.

Planning for smaller portions and preparing fewer dishes are two good ways to reduce your food waste this holiday. Here are three more tips for having less left over at Thanksgiving:

- Choose recipes that use the same ingredients, especially perishable items you don't use often. Example: If your gravy calls for buttermilk, make buttermilk biscuits instead of buying dinner rolls to use it up.
- Save and plan to use up scraps. Make turkey stock for soups and stews from the bones; add leftover herbs and stems to melted butter in a saucepan to make herb butter that can be stored in the fridge or freezer.
- Assemble meals using the leftovers and freeze them for another day.

Compost what you don't use

Composting isn't a substitute for reducing food waste, but it does help keep what you can't use out of the landfill. Give it a try.

5 Stars for October's Waste Warriors

Your Green Team recognizes Elm Grove residents who are doing a super job of recycling. And who better to determine the honors each month than our JOHNS trash pickup team of **Aaron, Greg, José and Nathan?!**

The G-men report that in October, our neighbors **Jim and Margo Koleski**, and **Greg Tidmarsh and Mary Tidmarsh** did a particularly good job following the recycling guidelines. Kudos!!

If you'd like to be considered for Waste Warrior recognition (or are simply interested in improving your recycling for the Village and the planet), view the guidelines on what should and should not be placed in Elm Grove's curbside recycling bins at <https://www.johnsdisposal.com/recycling-information/>



Young Writers

Brookfield East Celebrates Homecoming

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

On October 14th 2023, Brookfield East High School hosted their annual homecoming dance for all the students and their invited guests. The tradition of homecoming had begun in 1910 in the University of Missouri where alumni had hosted a reunion at their Alma Mater. In the 1920s, several high schools around the United States began adapting this tradition. Today, Homecoming has been known to be one of the most important events of the school year and is celebrated with a football game and a dance. It is not just a fun weekend for gathering with your friends, but it's a time to celebrate school spirit, the victory of the football team, and the returning alumni.

Every year, the Brookfield East student council plans out the homecoming. The most important part of homecoming this year was the theme of the event. Given the popularity of the movie *Barbie*, the Barbie theme received the most nominations. As a member of the student council it was exciting to meet students from different grades and to work as a team, by sharing creative and innovative ideas in the process of creating new memories.

The week before homecoming, the student council decorated the hallways in a grade-level contest and was followed by a fun spirit week. On Friday October 13th before the big dance, there was a school-wide pep assembly where we had a few Spartan alumni spotlights present including **Sara Rodriguez**, Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, who shared her experience at Brookfield East. Other highlights were the homecoming court followed by the king and queen announcement. In the evening was the big football game against Sussex Hamilton High School. Despite the rain, several Spartans showed up and supported their school. Sadly, Hamilton high school won (49-18) over East. But that didn't stop anyone from giving up because the next day was the homecoming



Photo courtesy: Janavi Wagle

Brookfield East freshman (Left to right) **Lucy Diaz, Shriya Pusunuru,** and **Janavi Wagle** at Homecoming.

dance, which was a day to remember.

The morning of October 14th was filled with excitement as the decoration committee members of the Council made their way to school to complete the final decorations. In the evening, many students went out for dinner with friends and took pictures. The evening events consisted of singing, laughing, dancing and a whole lot of fun.

Overall, it was a great experience for all students to celebrate their Spartan spirit. As a freshman in high school, I feel lucky to be part of the student council for planning the event and work as a team under guidance of **Mr. Greuel, Senora Lentz** and all these upperclassmen mentors for making this homecoming successful and memorable.

Fall

By **Quinh Tieu and James Kaiser**
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Walking in the forest and looking at the colorful trees is **beautiful!**
Watching the leaves get blown around dancing in the sky
Sitting in the grass watching the leaves fly by
Hearing the birds singing their peaceful song behind you
The nice cold breeze blowing through your hair
What a great November day!



Honoring Our Veterans

LIBERTY, FREEDOM, AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Without a strong sense of individual character and personal responsibility, it is impossible for liberty to endure. We pause today to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans of every branch of the United States military.

We honor them daily by continuing to teach our students about freedom, liberty, and the courage and conviction required to protect these sacred privileges for generations to come.

As our students learn to respect and treasure the freedoms and ideals upon which this country was founded, they develop strong convictions regarding personal responsibility.

God Bless our veterans and all those who serve on active duty around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

God Bless America.



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Young Writers & Reporters

I Finally Got a Second Dog

By August Berkec, 3rd Grade-Tonawanda

It was a hot day in June. My Mom and I went to the dog shelter. I saw a cute chocolate lab puppy. When I got closer, he would pee. When he finally accepted us to pet him, I pet him gently. We asked if we could buy the cute chocolate lab.

When I got home, I made a little pen for him out of chairs and a table. I got to hold the puppy. I took some pictures with the puppy. He jumped out of the pen, so my Mom and I went to the pet store. My Mom got a shock collar. He finally can go outside. We named him Fletcher. He killed a squirrel.

I can tell that having a dog is hard work. I am excited to have a second dog. I love Fletcher.

Elode's House

By Jack Bolger, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

We went to the mountains to see my cousin Elode and her little girl. We drove through the Badlands on our trip to Elode's mountain house. They have a pet cat. The cat is named Dexter. They have a tree swing in their backyard.

A Sailing Adventure

By Jacob Zechlinski, 3rd Grade-Tonawanda

It was a hot August day. I am staying at my grandparents' house for the week for sailing lessons! I was in the car with my grandpa. I was going to sail for the first time in a year! I got out of the car and went in the yacht club. Our coaches explained some stuff. Next, we went outside and rigged our boats. Our coaches explained how to use the spinnaker. Finally, we got to go sailing. My partner and I got in our boat and started sailing around the inner harbor. But the rudder was really hard to move! We went to the outer harbor and my partner switched with coach Ileen. "This rudder is hard to move!" she says. We go super fast out of the harbor. I feel excited. As we go out farther the water the water gets bluer and less brown. Suddenly there are waves. Our boat went up and down repetitively. Suddenly a huge wave 15 feet tall comes and our boat goes up and out of the water. It came splashing down and I got soaked. Then the coach boat came and coach Ileen got in and Otto got out.

Otto and I started sailing, and suddenly a huge wave knocked us down "Aahh!!" we screamed! I feel water on my face. I swam around to the back of the boat and grabbed the centerboard and I pulled the boat up. Otto and I climbed back on and started sailing. Everything was going well until...a humongous wave hit us. We tipped over. Again, I feel the cold water on my face. I went to the bottom of the boat and pulled it back up. "Time to go in!" our coaches loudly announced. We turned around and headed in. When we finally reached the dock, we were tired, we derigged our boat and went inside. I grabbed my bag and got in grandpa's car "How was sailing?" he asked. "Good," I replied, "I am happy and excited for tomorrow." Later with grandma we had cake and ice cream. "Next year I want to stay for 2 weeks!" I said.

Fall

By Ishani Malreddy, 3rd Grade-Tonawanda

Family gather round
Around the table full of cheer
Loving friends enter the fun
Leaving all their fears

The Sea

By Miles Glassman, 3rd Grade-Tonawanda

The sea is blue.
The coral reef is rainbow.
The fish are yellow, red and blue.
The sharks are grey.

Grateful

By Lucy Mangerson

3rd Grade - Tonawanda

I am grateful for my parents. My parents help me with my Math. One time I needed help with learning how to ride a bike. My Dad told me how to balance and eventually I got it. My Mom helps me when people are not treating me the way they should be. My Mom is a good listener. I am grateful for my parents.

Thanksgiving with My Family

By Anna Peschman

3rd Grade - Tonawanda

My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is going to my Grandma and Grandpa's house and having a big meal with all my cousins. We usually eat turkey and pie. My favorite pie is any pie that is made by someone I love. I am grateful that on Thanksgiving I have the chance to see my cousins and grandparents. I love Thanksgiving.

When I Got My Hair Cut

By Jack Dobbe, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

On a hot day my Dad and I drove to the haircut place. "Do you know what you want?" Dad asked. "Yes," I replied. "What would you want for a haircut?" the lady asked. "Can I have an Aaron Judge haircut?" I answered.

She cut the front first. Before she kept going, she asked "Do you want me to keep going?" she asked. "Yes," I replied. Then she cut the right side. Next, she cut the other side. Then she cut the back. After she finished, she said, "You can have a piece of candy." "Thanks," I answered. "Can I have a sucker?" I asked. "Yes," the lady said happily.

I can't wait to go home and tell everybody that I got a haircut. **The lesson I learned is that you should always try new things even if you don't want to!**

Door County

By Sam Galien, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

It was October 7, 2022. My sister and I were super excited to go to Door County. It was a long drive, but we got there eventually. We had to unpack then we were all settled in.

The very next day we went swimming. I went swimming for about 3-4 hours then I dried myself off. I relaxed and I checked out the place. I went swimming again, then I ate some dinner and went to bed.

I loved the hotel. It felt like it was the perfect place to stay. The second day in Door County we went swimming and then we ate breakfast. Later we went mini golfing!!! On Day 3 we went to Pumpkin Fest. It was a 20-minute drive but it was fun. We got pumpkins and we had some lunch. Then we got back to the hotel and I went swimming. At 1:50 we watched a movie, ate some snacks then later had dinner. Day 3 before we swam, we packed and I swam in the pool again. We had a great time. At 1:00 we drove home. It took us about 3-4 hours. We left happy, tired, calm, and grateful.

When I Went to My Cousin's House

By Avery Bolger, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

One morning on a sunny hot day in summer I was surprised that I was going to my cousin's house in the pretty mountains. "Lets go pack up," I smiled. Me and my family had breakfast. When we finished, we got in the big RV and we started to drive out of town. We saw the beautiful badlands and Mount Rushmore. I got to climb a small mountain. We finally got to my cousin's house in the big and pretty mountains!!! I was so happy!! It was the best day ever!!!!

Third graders from St. Mary's Visitation wrote about who they would invite as their guests to their Thanksgiving dinners:

I would have **Taylor Swift** come over for Thanksgiving dinner. I love all of her songs. I would ask her to sing some for my family and I. I would serve Taylor Swift her favorite dinner and brownies for dessert. Then, I would show her my piano skills and see if she could make a song out of me playing the piano. I would ask if she could have a concert in Milwaukee and ask for free tickets! Finally, I would ask for her phone number. I would ask if I could come to her house. That would be the best moment of my life!

--- Mary

If I could have anyone over for Thanksgiving dinner it would be **all of my family members who have passed away**. I would have so much fun! My great grandparents would get to see us again, I would get to meet my great grandpa Sam. I would ask him what the military was like. My mom and I would make turkey, stuffing, salad, and other stuff like that! We would talk about what we used to do. Why would I want them to come? So I could see them for at least another night.

--- Lucy

If I could invite anyone to Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite **Neil Armstrong**. I chose him because he was the first man on the moon. I would serve him space ice cream. For dessert I would get him cupcakes on a rocket-shaped tray. After dinner, we would take turns playing Star Horizon. Then, I would ask him to sleep over.

--- Elliott

I would invite **Blessed Carlo Acutis** over. I would invite him because he did not live that long ago. Also, because I know he likes ice cream sundaes. So that leads to what I would serve him. I would serve him an ice cream sundae!

--- Mark

If I could invite any guest to Thanksgiving, I would invite **Taylor Swift**. I really want to meet her and I would ask her if I could please get some tickets to her concert. I would feed her turkey and mashed potatoes

--- Aggie

If I could invite any guest over at Thanksgiving, I would invite **the Easter Bunny** because I love Easter. We would talk about how he delivers chocolate all around the world in one night. I would serve him a chocolate turkey.

--- Alice

Thanksgiving

By James Kaiser and Quinh Tieu

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Thanksgiving the most wonderful time of the year
You get turkey, mashed potatoes,
and lots of other food
Everything is so good
Thanksgiving is here!

Thankful

By Lena Janz, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Thankful for my family and friends
Having fun every day
A perfect day to go out to play
Nothing is better than being
by the ones you love
Kindness is all around us
Fun games are being played
Using kind words
Loving family

Hello November

By Abigail Davidson

4th Grade, Tonawanda

Hello November you are here!
We have waited a whole year,
Leaves are falling the sun is bright,
And you just arrived last night!
Hello November you are here,
Let the whole world spread with cheer!
All morning all night
we spread with delight
Because **YOU ARE HERE!!**



If I could invite anyone to Thanksgiving it would be **Enzo Ferrari**. I would invite him because I would like to hear the loudest exhaust and I could hear how much horsepower the car has and how fast it can go. I would also ask if I can have one. I'd serve him a Ferrari cake and deer because the turkey got away!

--- Alvie

I would invite **my grandma on my dad's side** for Thanksgiving dinner because I don't get to see her a lot. I would ask, "How old are you?" I would serve her turkey, cranberries with marshmallows, potatoes, and pumpkin pie.

--- Adelynn

I would invite **Santa Claus and his elves** over for Thanksgiving dinner. We would talk about how much cookies he eat and I would measure his tummy. I would talk to him about how many children are on the nice list and how many are on the naughty list. I would serve him cranberries and gravy.

--- Evelyn

If I could have any guest at Thanksgiving, I would invite **Jesus** because he's super holy. We would talk about what heaven is like. I would serve turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie.

--- Clara

If I could invite someone to Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite **my Elf on the Shelf** because he knows Santa and he could give me extra presents. We would talk about what he does in the North Pole. I would serve him a cold apple pie and cold mashed potatoes.

-- Lily

I would like to have **Giannis Antetokounmpo** at my house for Thanksgiving. I would serve him his favorite food. I would want him over because he could teach me to play basketball a lot better than I can right now. I would ask how to dunk and I would ask him: if he still likes soccer, if he could play with anyone in the NBA who would it be, and if he could sign my sports card.

--- Oliver

Door County Adventures

By Jack Welsh, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

One hot summer morning I was in my living room. My Mom told my brother and sister and me that we were going to Door County! I ran up to my room as fast as I could to pack my stuff. "This will be so much fun," I said. After I got packed, I went downstairs and got in the car with everybody else.

My dad started to drive to Door County. It took us an hour or two to get there. We eventually got to our rental house. My uncle and auntie were there already. My grandma and grandpa were there, too. "Hi" I said to them all.

Quickly we all left to get ice cream. We went to a place called Not Yet Licked. I got vanilla ice cream. "It is so good!" I said. We went back to our rented house and we played board games with our cousins. We were having so much fun, we played a lot more rounds of the game called Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza. We ate dinner and we ate tacos. "The tacos were so good!" I said. We got to have ice cream again after dinner then we went to bed.

In the morning we went to the water park. It was so much fun going down the water slides. We got out of the pool and dried off. We went to the rented house and changed. It was time to pack and leave Door County. It was hard to see the trip end. It was a lot of fun. THE END.

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.

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Disappointment with Vote on Senate Bill 480

I was incredibly disappointed to learn that our representative in the Wisconsin Assembly, Elm Grove's own Tom Michalski, not only voted in favor of Senate Bill 480, but co-sponsored that vicious and ignorant piece of legislation.

Senate Bill 480 "prohibit[s] gender transition medical intervention for individuals under 18 years of age." Such interventions, commonly referred to by medical professionals as "gender-affirming care," are the best evidence-based treatments for gender dysphoria. That gender-affirming care is necessary and effective is not just my opinion; it's the official view of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Physicians, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology—the list is so long

that this entire note could be taken up in naming the professional and scientific organizations that endorse gender-affirming care.

That state legislators—ironically, legislators who often rail against intrusive "big government"—would presume to substitute their judgment for that of parents and the medical and scientific communities is shocking. That they would do so in a way that targets an already-marginalized and stigmatized group of people, resorting to outrageous lies (Robin Vos spoke of "mutilating three-year-olds"), is disgusting and evil. Tom Michalski should be ashamed of himself.

Matt Knachel
Elm Grove

Young Writers

November Night

By Arie Barian and Vera Pedriana
4th Grade – Tonawanda

November night was shining bright,
candles lit and flames in flight.
Turkey was stuffed very tight
with people sitting in delight.
The leaves had color and were bright.
I couldn't believe the beautiful sight.
Now that October fright is done,
November night has just begun.



Legal Issues

Discussing Estate Planning with Your Loved Ones

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Talking about estate planning is difficult. Most of us are uncomfortable discussing illness and death in general, let alone in relation to a loved one. Estate planning is, however, an issue too important to avoid. An honest discussion up front can prevent misunderstandings and hurt feelings later. It also provides your loved ones with the opportunity to clarify matters with you, rather than being left with unanswered questions after you are gone. Here are some tips for starting the discussion:

1. Know your family. Some families are open about money, medical issues and other personal matters, while others are more private. Every family has its own dynamic as well. Take this into account in deciding how, when and with whom to initiate the conversation.

2. Do your homework in advance. There are many components to a comprehensive estate plan. Consider meeting with an estate planning attorney before you talk to your loved ones. The attorney will explain your options and clarify the pros and cons

of each. He or she may also identify issues you had not considered. A meeting with an attorney will provide you with necessary information and bring focus to the issues, making the discussions with your family more productive.

3. Choose the time and place carefully. Unfortunately, estate planning is usually either discussed spontaneously or when a crisis arises forcing the issue. Neither of these situations is beneficial. These discussions should take place at a planned time and in a comfortable location. This will give everyone the opportunity to organize their thoughts and questions in advance. Allow plenty of time so no one feels rushed or pressured.

4. Plan for the conversation to be ongoing. No matter how well prepared you and your loved ones are, once you actually have a conversation, you will all need time to process the discussion. This usually leads to more questions and more discussion. Estate planning, done properly, is a process. While the process may be difficult, both you and your loved ones will reap the benefits.

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Local Sports

Brookfield East Golfer Takes Second at State

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield East sophomore **Payton Haugen** took second place at the WIAA State Girls Golf Championship on October 10. Payton's impressive rounds totaled only 146 strokes between the two days of competition, just two strokes under first place. Payton's score marks the best individual finish in program history.

"Payton's commitment to the game has only been outmatched by her love of it," reflected **Coach Mike Serath**. "It was empowering to see all of her work come together in this remarkable achievement. We are very proud

of her and can't wait to see what else is in store during her career at East."

Payton tied Waunakee's first place score with 71 strokes on day one and completed 75 strokes on day 2. Additionally, Payton's older sister senior **Madison Haugen** finished eighth in the state with a total of 154 strokes, finishing off an incredible high school career. The girls were joined by teammates **Emma Holzmacher, Macy Clegg, and Elizabeth Zuniga-Meyer**, and the team finished in fifth place overall.

PPMS 7th & 8th Grade Runners Excel at Sussex Invitational

(ELM GROVE) Pilgrim Park Middle School's cross country team participated in the Sussex Invitational at Templeton on October 2.

The 7th grade boys continued to excel by winning the entire meet. **Conrad Schmidt** again finished in first place overall with over 100 runners participating. **Colton Evenson** had an impressive 2nd place finish. **George Mattson** was 8th, **Luke Enright** 9th, **Bowden Ames** 13th, **Will Riebesehl** 15th and **Teddy Culver** 21st.

In the 7th grade girls race, **Chloe Kazaks** was the first Pilgrim Park runner to cross the finish line in 15th place.

Sophia Shorts was 17th, **Amelia Harmelink** 19th, **Brooklyn Haugen** 20th and **Sam Petersen** 46th.

In the 8th grade girls race **Dylan Szystemiak** took first place overall with a 2-mile time of 12 minutes and six seconds. **Elena Majewski** came in 10th, **Pietja Dusek** 18th, **Hailey Gaeth** 21st and **Sophia Gaeth** 28.

The 8th grade boys were paced by **Landon Drew's** 5th place overall finish. **Chris Kosfeld** finished in 8th, **David Anderson** 13th, **Charlie Dworak** 23rd and **Jake Fair** 51st.

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.



Thanksgiving



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gratitude	november	stuffing	rolls	cornbread	drumstick
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family	grandma	grandpa	uncle	aunt	cousin
gobble	mother	father	brother	sister	carve
	traditions	fall	leftovers	acorns	

News Briefs



Photo by Jennifer Morris

Community members watch as Village of Elm Grove **Firefighter Andrew Luke and Captain Scott Burghardt** demonstrate an extrication process during the Fire Department's annual Open House event, October 10.

Andy Farley Named 2023 Recipient of U.S. Department of Education Award

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield East Principal **Andy Farley** in mid-October was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to receive the 2023 Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership. This award recognizes outstanding school leaders and the vital role they play in guiding students and schools to excellence while overcoming challenges along the way. The principals that receive this award are "committed to fostering successful, high-standard teaching and learning at their schools, and are dedicated to education as both a powerful and liberating force in people's lives".

"This distinguished award shines a much-deserved spotlight on Andy's commitment to all students at Brookfield East," reflected **Dr. Tanya Fredrich**, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning. "His leadership has shown that empathy and humanity tied with strong continuous improvement and high academic expectations can wield immense results."



Photo: School District of Elmbrook

Andy Farley



Veterans Resource Fair, Town Hall Meeting to be Held November 6 at Carroll University, Waukesha

By Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

*** Veterans Resource Fair – 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Join us at the Veterans Resource Fair, an inclusive space where veterans can explore a wide array of resources tailored to their needs. Representatives from various organizations will be providing information on healthcare options, educational opportunities, mental health support, and more. This is a golden opportunity for veterans to discover the breadth of resources available to them, all under one roof.

Whether you're seeking guidance on navigating the healthcare system, exploring community engagement opportunities, or simply looking to connect with fellow veterans, the Veterans Resource Fair is designed to address a spectrum of needs

*** Town Hall Meeting - 6:30 pm**

Following the Resource Fair, we will attend a Town Hall Meeting featuring the Director of the Milwaukee VA. This is a unique opportunity for veterans to engage directly with key decision makers, to voice concerns, and discuss matters of interest. It is also an opportunity to get your questions answered regarding the new Community-Based Outpatient Clinic opening in Oconomowoc this December.

We encourage all veterans, their families, and supporters to attend this event. Together, we can ensure that every veteran receives the support and resources they deserve. Please spread the word and help us make this event a beacon of support and solidarity for our veterans.

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Members of the Invasive Spies Task Force stand in front of a large pile of Buckthorn that they and others removed from an area of Village Park.

Invasive Species Task Force Battles Buckthorn

By the Elm Grove Beautification Committee

Buckthorn is especially important to target for us in Elm Grove as it can quickly invade our beloved wooded areas. Because it leafs out so early in the spring and keeps its leaves so late into the fall, it shades out our rare woodland favorites like trillium, spring beauty, bloodroot, wild geranium, and woodland phlox. It also is considered allelopathic in that it secretes a compound that inhibits the growth of other nearby plants. When you combine all of these reasons with the fact that it supports very few pollinators, is nutrient lean for the birds, and causes them diarrhea if they eat the berries, it is definitely a species we would like to help eradicate from our community.

So, what can you do to help?

- Be sure to remove all of the buckthorn from your property
- If your friends, neighbors, or family unknowingly has buckthorn, teach them why it needs to be eradicated (and offer to lend a hand?)

- Join in efforts to help the ISTF remove buckthorn from our village park—one hour each week on Sundays at 11 a.m.

How do you get rid of buckthorn if it is so invasive?

Small (<3 in caliper) can be removed by digging or with a tree wrench, roots and all. Anything that is cut should have the stump immediately treated with an herbicide, thereby inhibiting the tree from returning with renewed vigor in the spring.

Want to learn more?

Come enjoy a free talk hosted by the Beautification Committee on November 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Elm Grove Public Library. **Danielle Bell** is the 3rd lecturer in this year's Winter Lecture Series speaking on *Buckthorn: The Problem, Eradication, and Replacement*.

Reach out to EGBeautification@gmail.com with any questions or to get included in efforts to rid our park of buckthorn!

No-cost Buckthorn Consulting Offered to Elm Grove Homes, Businesses, and Institutions

By James Lange

A few tips:

- You don't have to do your entire yard at once, just start!
- If it's green in November and it's a deciduous tree or shrub, it's probably a buckthorn.
- You can schedule your personalized brush pick up with the Village of Elm Grove for only \$60. Must be paid for and scheduled before pick up. Call (262) 782-6700 for details.
- Want a no cost consultation? Call or Text James Lange at 262-290-7703 or email at J.Lange@GreatMidwestBank.com

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Hello, my name is **Rain**! I am a big, floppy puppy looking for a fun family to call my own. I enjoy running around with my friends and meeting new people. My friends here at EBHS say that I am a big softie and give the best snuggles! If you want to witness my amazing snuggle skills, come on over and meet me at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, (off Barker Road) Brookfield. <https://ebhs.org>. (262) 782-9261.



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