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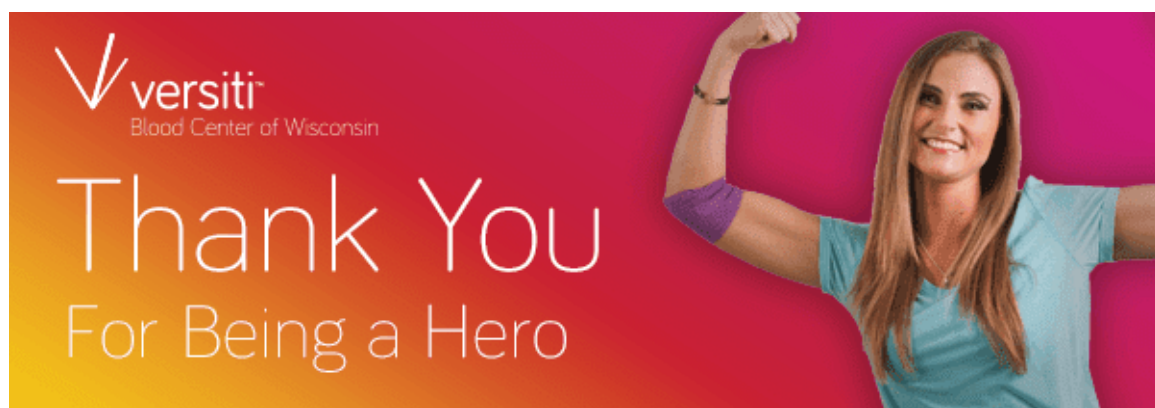
November 2024

Freedom of the Press is Essential. Community News Matters.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of MILWAUKEE COUNTY “Vote 411 Team” members **Gail Sklodowska** (at left) of Milwaukee, who serves as 2nd Vice-President of Programs, and volunteer **Amy Zimmerman** of Brookfield greeted visitors to the Brookfield Farmers Market on October 19, and encouraged community members to register to vote and participate in the November 5th Election. (See another photo + story on Page 2.)



See information about Community Blood Drives this month - Pages 5, 6, 8 and 11.

Veterans Day is November 11th

American Legion Post 449, 3245 N. 124th St., Brookfield (chartered in Elm Grove after World War II and formerly headquartered on the corner of Legion Drive and Juneau Blvd.) welcomes community members to attend its annual Flag Disposal Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The event will be conducted by Post Commander **Alexander Kolander** and executive board members.



Call the Post at (262) 781-0488 for more information.

American flags that are torn, frayed or otherwise damaged can be dropped off at Post 449 on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Flags can also be brought to the home of a Post Auxiliary member. Call **Colleen** at (414) 617-8887 for details.

On the Ballot... Election: November 5th

Vote at Village Hall
in-person Absentee on
Friday, November 1st
OR in-person on
Election Day



Municipal Referendum

(Vote “Yes” or “No”)

“Shall the Village of Elm Grove complete the Stormwater Management Plan developed in response to severe flooding by daylighting and realigning Underwood Creek south of Watertown Plank Road through the downtown area? The existing creek enclosure located under the Park and Shop parking lot and the Sendik’s building is failing, and will not receive permitting for significant repair from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Village will acquire land and easements and construct a naturalized streambed for the purpose of Village stormwater management. This project will protect public safety, create public space, connect pedestrian pathways and enhance the economic viability of the downtown. The project will be paid for with funding from Tax Incremental Financing District #2, existing storm water fees, and grants. The total project cost SHALL NOT exceed \$8,500,000.” (See also: Village Update – Page 3)



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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain



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

Trees in beautiful fall colors are enjoyed by residents out for a walk in Elm Grove.



Photo by Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / News-Independent

Visitors to the Brookfield Farmers Market on October 19 were encouraged to write a statement on small cards in answer to the question: "Why do you vote?" as part of the League of Women Voters' 2024 **YOUR RIGHTS ARE ON THE BALLOT** Project.

Dozens of these were, one-by-one, attached to brightly-colored strips of cloth, then displayed on a type of clothesline strung around the inside of the group's tent for all to see. Sentiments included: "Reasons to vote - Being a citizen. Keeping Democracy. Protecting freedoms." "That is how we win, if we all VOTE" and "I need reproductive rights because my life matters."



Dr. Kathy Hartke

On October 2, Dr. Kathy Hartke, a local Ob/Gyn, Presented a program on Reproductive Rights to League of Women Voters members in Milwaukee, entitled, "2024 Dire Consequences: Impact of Abortion Restrictions - Focus on Wisconsin".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxwUMgMQ2-1>

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- *Elm Grove Beautification Committee *A Faithful Reader
- *Elizabeth & James Lange *Lacey, Herbie, Gus Gus & Toby

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Honoring Our Veterans

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We pause on Veterans Day to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans in every branch of the United States military.

As our students learn to respect and treasure the freedoms and ideals upon which this country was founded, they develop an appreciation for the courage and conviction required to protect these sacred privileges for generations to come.

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.



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Village Update

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

The trees of Elm Grove are sharing their full beauty as we enter November. The changing leaf colors bring a different perspective each day. I trust everyone can take time each week to enjoy all Fall has in store for us.

Congratulations! A special congratulations to **Mary Doyne**, the Villages Court Clerk. Mary is celebrating 45 years of service to the Village. Congratulations Mary!
(See Public Safety Reports – Page 11.)

Recognition! The Elm Grove Junior Guild has again made a special donation of over \$25,500 to support various projects in the Village. The donation supports purchasing much needed safety equipment, provides entertainment within the Village Park and planting of trees throughout our community. Many thanks to all the Guild members for your continued support and engagement in the Village.

Welcome! **Rachel Drescher** has joined the Village as Deputy Clerk/Financial Specialist. This position supports the administration of payments to Village suppliers and the Clerk's role, which is especially busy with the November Election.

Community Events. The Elm Grove Business Association (EGBA) sponsored a successful Walk the Plank event on October 19th. Thank you to the EGBA for organizing a fun event for the Community.

Christmas in the Grove / Holiday Open House sponsored by the Elm Grove Woman's Club and EGBA will be held on November 8th and 9th. Mark your calendars for fun-filled days including horse-drawn wagons and the arrival of Santa!
(See ADs – Page 5 & Back Page)

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

The recreation committee has started the CORP plan, and next steps include meeting with key stakeholders and an online survey. The Village is always looking for interested residents to participate and help shape the future investments and direction of the Village. Please reach out to Village Hall with any input or interest in participating in the Plan development. A community meeting will be scheduled as the Project is nearing completion in 2025.

Referendum on the November 5th Ballot – Underwood Creek Daylighting Project

I would like to thank residents for sharing questions with Trustees and Village staff related to the referendum on November 5th. I would like to share a summary of frequently asked questions:

*Why has the cost increased to a not to exceed total of \$8.5 million?

The total cost includes acquisition of land and easements, restoration of the existing box culvert and construction costs. Beyond the inflationary impact expected, soil contamination concerns (cost increase of \$2 million) were highlighted initially by our engineering firm. Once land is acquired from the railroad, we may see this cost reduced. Additionally, given the size and complexity of the project, the total includes over \$600,000 in contingency in the event of unexpected issues are identified during construction. The Village staff and Trustees have been and will continue to seek cost reduction options, while not sacrificing the quality and aesthetics of the project.

*Can the Village receive any grant fundings to reduce the Project cost?

Grants have been received to date totaling nearly \$700,000. The Village has identified the potential for several additional grants that will be applied for once the Project is approved and the design is substantially complete. All grants received will be used to lower the net Project cost. Any additional grant funding would reduce the existing storm water fees earmarked for the project.

*How is the Project being funded by the Village without any increase in taxes or fees to Village residents?



The Village extended the TID #2 expiration date to help fund the project. This will provide at least \$4.2 million of available funding for the Project.

Earmarked funding of approximately \$6.3 million of stormwater funds from current storm water charges each resident currently pays over the next 20 years. This amount includes the interest on debt issued to fund the construction costs. If grants, project cost reductions or other funding is received, this amount will be reduced. **No increase in taxes or existing storm water fees will result from funding this Project.**

*Will funds be sufficient to complete other storm water projects or needed repairs after the earmarked funds identified above?

The funds earmarked above represent about 65% of the existing storm water fees collected. Village staff and Trustees have reviewed the available fund balance and future collections and are satisfied that adequate funds will remain to maintain and complete storm water projects in the future.

*Will there be a Pathway included as part of this project?

A pathway is included in the Project plan just west of the railroad tracks and on the eastern border of the Project and connect Watertown Plank Road to Wall Street. A pedestrian bridge will connect the pathway to the business district on the northern end of the Sendik's store.

*What happens to the existing box culvert under the parking lot?

As a result of favorable soil sampling to date, soil from the excavation of the new creek will be used to fill the existing block culvert.

Please see a "frequently asked question" section under the project included on the Village website: www.elmgrovewi.org for additional information, including a layout of parking suggested by the landowners.

I am passionate about completing this Project to improve safety and reduce storm water risk while enhancing the downtown. I will be voting **YES** on November 5th.

Public Works Update.

The Highland Pedestrian Pathway railroad crossing has been authorized by the State Office of the Commissioner of the Railroad (OCR) and CP Rail must install the pedestrian crossing no later than May 31, 2025. All efforts are being made to compete the project before winter.

Let's enjoy the beauty of fall and crisp clear weather!

Business & Club Directory

* Community Organizations



**Elm Grove Golden K
Kiwanis Club**

Come Join with Us, Men & Women, to serve the children of our community. We meet each Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary's Senior Center in Elm Grove. We have stimulating speakers each week and offer socializing among all present.

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GREETINGS!

Happy 50th Birthday!

Doug Pommerening

November 7th


TAKE THE Elm Grove Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan SURVEY

WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO GUIDE THE FUTURE OF RECREATION IN ELM GROVE!

Help shape the future plans and vision for the Village's park facilities and programs by taking a quick, **10-15 minute survey**. Visit the Village website or scan the code at the right to get started.


The community survey is available from **October 30th - November 20th** and is part of the Village of Elm Grove's 2024 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

Scan with your phone to get to the survey quickly!



tinyurl.com/ElmGroveCORP

The Village of Elm Grove thanks you for your time and input!



Village of Elm Grove's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Process Needs Your Feedback

(ELM GROVE) The Village of Elm Grove is kicking off the process of updating its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Building off the **2015 Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan**, this planning process will evaluate existing conditions in the Village's Park and recreation system, inventory its amenities, analyze its level of service, and make recommendations for future improvements to the Village parks, natural areas, recreational programming, and trails and pathways. The planning process will take place over the next 7 months with a goal of adoption in March 2025.

This plan is the guiding document for the Village of Elm Grove over the next 5-years. Having an updated Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan also makes the Village eligible and more competitive for grants and other funding sources. Completing the Plan by early 2025 will make it eligible for key state grants next year. The planning process will be guided by Village staff and the Recreation

Committee and it will focus on gathering public input, analyzing existing conditions, determining priorities and recommendations, and developing implementation action items to be pursued.

There will be a number of opportunities for the public to provide input in the planning process. Input opportunities will include an online survey where any resident or visitor can provide feedback on the park and recreation opportunities in the Village and goals for the parks in the future. The survey will help evaluate existing preferences and participation rates, in addition to guiding future priorities, needs, and projects. There will also be an opportunity for the public to review the draft Plan at a Public Open House later in the planning process.

For more information on the planning process and ways to provide input, contact **Logan Kein**, Recreation Manager at recreation@elmgrovewi.org or (262) 782-6700.



Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*

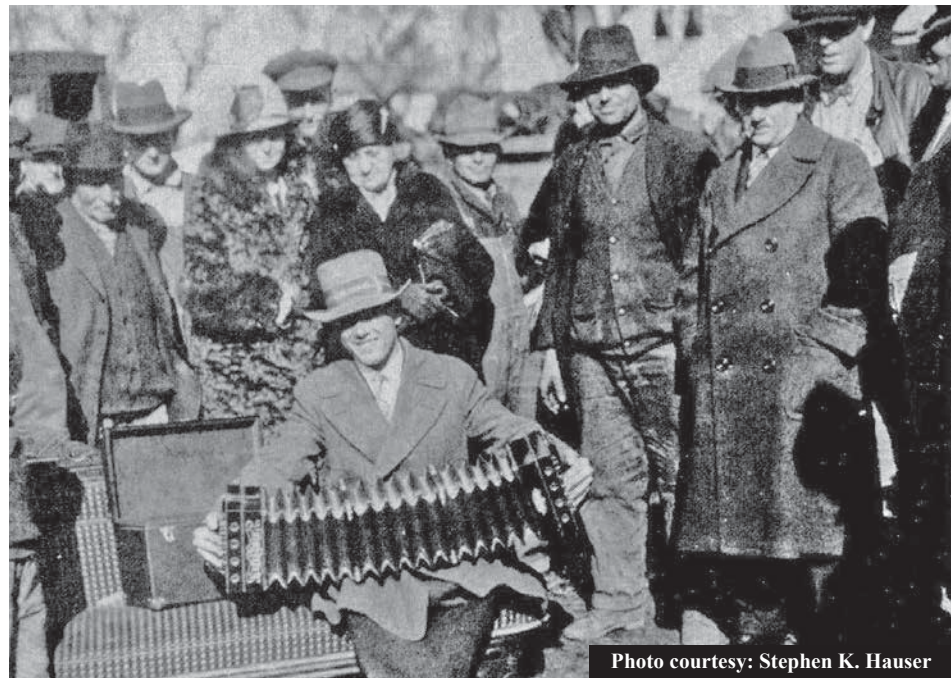


Photo courtesy: Stephen K. Hauser

Entertaining the crowd at the **ELM GROVE FAIR AND AUCTION**, March 31, 1927.

CORRECTION: By Stephen K. Hauser

The photo of this police car (which appeared in our OCTOBER 2024 issue) is from 1954, not 1964. It is a 1954 Chevrolet that had been purchased by the Village during their subsequently aborted incorporation attempt of 1953-1954. (The incorporation was ruled invalid in Waukesha County circuit court.)



Photo courtesy: Stephen K. Hauser

Standing in front of the car is no mere police officer. It is Elm Grove's newly-hired first **Police Chief, Ted Fejnas**.

His tenure was short-lived, however. He lost his job when the incorporation efforts were overruled by **Judge Allen D. Young**. (The car was subsequently sold.)

Happy Here!



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Poems about small town life

*What do small towns offer up?
Community appeal!
A sense of pride that's undenied
and downright friendly feel.*

American Legion Post 449 COOKIE WALK Sale

Saturday, December 14th, Noon to 3 p.m.
3245 N. 124th Street, Brookfield
(Across from Briggs)

This cookie, candy & bread sale is one way the Auxiliary can raise funds for our Veterans.

All offerings are homemade!!!

Thank you for your support. It makes many happy tummies. It is a wonderful way for you to have a great selection of goodies!

Each plate or package is \$5.00

Thank You!
Co-chairs Colleen Gotowitz & Carol Jensen



Thanksgiving



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In Memoriam

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of a beloved
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Elm Grove Community Foundation

www.elmgrovetfoundation.org

NEW at the Community Foundation

Preparations for Oktoberfest 2025 Have Begun

It seems like months away, but Oktoberfest 2025 will be here before you know it. The board has already been making preparations. Next year, we'll have live German music on both nights. The Squeezettes will be back Friday night and The Jeff Winard Band will be back Saturday night. We are also planning on bringing back the kids climbing wall. If there is anything Oktoberfest related you would like us to add, please let us know by writing to elmgrovetfoundation@gmail.com.

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 elmgrovetfoundation@gmail.org.

BOOK IT! Oktoberfest - September 19 & 20, 2025

Calendar of Events – November 2024

Friday – NOVEMBER 1

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K** Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speakers, **Marilyn Schwanz-Olson** & **Gwen Kieso**; Topic: Sewing & Tying Quilts for Destinations at Home & Abroad. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – NOVEMBER 3

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. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrove.wi.org.

Monday – NOVEMBER 4

- **Elm Grove Junior Guild BLOOD DRIVE** – 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Park Middle School, 1500 Pilgrim Parkway, Elm Grove. Link to donate: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11537885 (See more details – Page 6)

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 5

GENERAL ELECTION
(Vote 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)



Wednesday – NOVEMBER 6

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee** Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall – Park View Rm. beautification@elmgrove.wi.org

Friday – NOVEMBER 8

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K** Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker, **Joe Hanson**, Hanson’s Landscaping; Topic: Building Home Landscape Projects. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – NOVEMBER 9

- **Elm Grove Woman’s Club** presents ‘Christmas in the Grove’ at 13885 Watertown Plank Road. (See AD – this page)

- **Friends of Elm Grove Library’s ‘Holiday Book Sale’**: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 13600 W. Juneau Blvd. (See story – Page 7)

Sunday – NOVEMBER 10

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

Monday – NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY



Elm Grove Public Works / Utility Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrove.wi.org.

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 12

- **Elm Grove Sustainability Committee** Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrove.wi.org

Friday – NOVEMBER 15

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K** Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Chad Source**; Topic: The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald

Saturday – NOVEMBER 16

- **Elm Grove Fire Department**, 13600 Juneau Blvd., will be conducting FREE annual fire extinguisher inspections to homeowners and business owners in Elm Grove, 9 a.m. to Noon. Call or email the Fire Inspector, **Scott Burgardt**, at (262) 782-6700, ext. 252 or sburgardt@elmgrove.wi.org.

Sunday – NOVEMBER 17

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

Monday – NOVEMBER 18

- **Birders of the Grove** Meeting: 9 a.m. at Village Hall – Park View Room.

- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees** Public meeting: 7 p.m. at Village Hall Courtroom (262) 782-6700. Agenda: www.elmgrove.wi.org

Tuesday – NOVEMBER 19

- **Elm Grove Building Board** Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrove.wi.org

Thursday – NOVEMBER 21

- **OWLS – Seniors’ Group** Trip to Oshkosh, WI: Paine Art Center, Oshkosh Public Museum. Sponsored by Community UMC. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org/owl>

Friday – NOVEMBER 22

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K** Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Lyndsay Johnson**, Executive Director, Waukesha County Food Pantry; Topic: Community Needs & Pantry Facility Improvements. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – NOVEMBER 23

- **Community United Methodist Church Blood Drive**: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 14700 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove. Make an appointment at <https://tinyurl.com/mw7kn5aa>. Questions? Email Kathy at kdhartke@gmail.com for assistance. (See more details on Page 8.)

Sunday – NOVEMBER 24

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

Thursday – NOVEMBER 28

THANKSGIVING



Friday – NOVEMBER 29

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

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11:30 AM, Community Church, EG

February 20, 2025 (Thursday)

“What’s the Weather Going to Be Today?”
Mark Baden, WISN-12 meteorologist
11:30 AM, Community Church, EG

March 20, 2025 (Thursday)

Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook, IL
“Beautiful”: The Carole King Musical
Meet 9:15 am, Return 5:30 pm (Approx.)

GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS

Registration forms & 12-month schedules are available at

Community United Methodist Church
14700 Watertown Plank Rd, EG 53122
262-782-4060 www.cumceg.org/owl

Brochures are available at local libraries
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American Association of University Women

Invites you to our **Wednesday, November 20**
Branch Meeting

Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall Street, Elm Grove

TOPIC

“Workable Solutions for Food Insecurities in Our Communities”

SPEAKER

Lyn Hildenbrand,
Executive Director, The Gathering

Social 6:30 PM

AAUW Business meeting 7:00 PM

Speaker 7:20 PM



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December 9 - 10, 2024

News Briefs



New friendships formed between the old and the young.

No captions needed.

These photos speak for themselves.



Tonawanda Students Visit St. Camillus

(ELM GROVE) Third graders from Mrs. Callahan's and Ms. Smith's classes at Tonawanda Elementary School visited St. Camillus in Wauwatosa during October and will return two more times this school year to foster intergenerational relationships. Mrs. Callahan's class will connect with residents in the memory care unit, while Ms. Smith's class will spend time with those in assisted living. The teachers noted that they are deeply grateful to St. Camillus and Tonawanda's Principal Kristin Olson for their support.

NFL! He was really nice! I recommend you also go to St. Camillus and meet the Grandma and Grandpas that are there."

- Sebastian Spatz

"The life lessons gained from these visits will be cherished by both the students and their older friends," they said.

"We had prepared for our day at St. Camillus. We made cards and decorated picture frames. I was at school finishing my card when my teacher said it was time to get in line so we could go to the bus. After 15 minutes on the bus, we had arrived at St. Camillus. We walked to the front desk. They took us to a room. In the room there were about 20 people in their 80s. I sat down next to a woman. We asked our older friends questions. At the end Ms. Molly gave us silly questions to ask. (What would you do if a hippo walked in this room right now?) Finally, it was time to go. I liked being there."

- Greta Gehl

Mrs. Callahan was honored to receive a \$2,000 grant from Forever Friends, providing invaluable opportunities for this partnership that wouldn't have been possible otherwise.

"Going to St. Camillus was so fun! First, we went in and we partnered up with someone who lives there. I went with an older friend. She was super nice. A girl with a microphone asked us questions. Then we had to ask our older friends those questions. After a while we said goodbye. I can't wait to go back again."

- Nora Idstein

Some of the students wrote about their experiences:

"My class went to St. Camillus to meet some Grandma and Grandpas. It was really fun! At St. Camillus the people were very nice. I met someone who played in the



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News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Meet **Mummy!** He's the sweetest boy with a loud *purr* and the gentlest soul. He loves nothing more than curling up in a cozy bed. Though he did well with children, he would be happiest in a low-traffic home.



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Mummy

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News Briefs



2024 Business Person of the Year Announced

By John Schindler

On October 18th, Elmbrook Rotary Club (ERC) announced that **Tina Chang**, Chairman & CEO of Brookfield-Based SysLogic was the recipient of ERC’s 8th Business Person of the Year award. Tina was selected from a number of candidates proposed by Brookfield Mayor **Steve Ponto** for demonstrating significant contributions to her business as well as demonstrating strong community involvement.

Tina has been serving clients for over 28 years in the areas of Technology Strategy & Digital Transformation, Information Management & Business Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Software Development. Tina has maintained a strong background in business leadership and technology innovation, and she has leveraged SysLogic to launch four technology start-ups (SysSpark, LLC, Cyberspect, LLC, WillBridge, LTD, and Ghostscale, LLC). Prior to SysLogic, Tina worked for Andersen Consulting (Accenture), where she served as

a business analyst and consultant to Fortune 500 companies.

Tina currently serves on the boards of STRATTEC Security Corporation, Weyco Group, and Central States Manufacturing. She has demonstrated a dedication to her community through her leadership and board responsibilities with Alverno College, Children’s Wisconsin, MMAC, Midwest Cyber Security Alliance, Milwaukee Police Department Foundation, Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Wisconsin Policy Forum, Teach for America, Waukesha County Business Alliance, and YMCA of Greater Milwaukee.

Originally from New York, Tina attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where she received a BBA degree with an emphasis in Marketing and International Business, and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, where she specialized in environmental accounting and European commerce.

Holiday Book Sale to be Held at Elm Grove Library

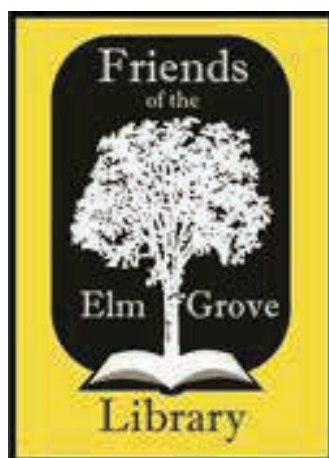
By Kathy Tusing and Carla Stensberg

The leaves may be falling, but your holiday shopping list is calling! Get a head start for those book lovers on your list at the Friends of the Elm Grove Library’s Holiday Book Sale – **Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** You will find fun items for the children you love, interesting items for friends you enjoy, and maybe even a special something for yourself.

We have a wonderful selection of books for adults and children, DVDs, CDs, journals, and gently used puzzles and games. They are priced reasonably and are gift worthy. Only cash or checks are accepted.

The sale is located in the library foyer and extends into the hallway of the village building. It’s a convenient location, easy parking, friendly helpers, and low prices.

All proceeds will go to supporting our local library and all its services. See you on the 9th!



Green is Good!

Glow Up Your Holidays with Greener Lighting

By the Elm Grove Green Team

It’s time for the *other* great American debate: When is the right time to put up holiday lights? A bold 34% of us say pre-pumpkin-pie, while 51% say the ideal time is between Thanksgiving and December 1, according to *Today’s Homeowner* survey.

Sparkling lights bring on festive spirits, and they also boost energy use. Your Elm Grove Green Team offers these ideas for lighting more sustainably:

- Choose LEDs for new lights and to replace old ones – LEDs are up to 90% more energy efficient, and they now come in warm tones and colors.
- Consider solar-powered holiday lights – their small solar panels eliminate the need for electricity and extension cord hassle.
- Use a timer – limiting light use saves energy, reduces light pollution, and gives nocturnal animals (and neighbors) a break. With the We Energies holiday lighting calculator at <https://www.we-energies.com/savings/holiday-calculator> you can check hours vs. cost of your outdoor sparkles.
- Dispose of your old string lights properly – they don’t belong in the blue recycling bins, and a green alternative to trash-binning them is Holiday LEDs’ free string lights recycling. “Once we collect the lights, they’re taken to a third-party recycling center to be further broken down into their components and recycled, keeping them out of the landfill,” says Rachel, a customer service agent with the company. Holiday LEDs accepts drop-offs at their Sussex, WI facility or you can ship them via USPS or FedEx. Details at <https://www.holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling>.

Recycling Rockstars

Who’s setting the gold standard for recycling in Elm Grove? Big applause for the awesome neighbors at 1205 Greenway Terrace, 705 Meadow Lane, and 1730 San Fernando Drive. Our JOHNS Disposal Service G-men say they’re doing a great job recycling lots of items and recycling correctly. You can double-check what should and shouldn’t go in your big blue bin at <https://www.johnsdisposal.com/recycling-information/>. Help keep our community clean and green!

Elm Grove Recycling Center Hours

The Department of Public Works Recycling / Yard Waste facility
900 Wall St.
 (off Elm Grove Road, between Watertown Plank & Bluemound)

NOVEMBER 2024

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*Appts. also made via QR Code below in flyer.

*Questions? Contact Kathy by emailing her at kdhartke@gmail.com for assistance.

*Please ask younger generations to step up to donate blood, as Baby Boomer donors are not able to donate in the numbers they used to!

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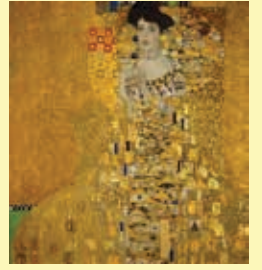
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Library News and Programs
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Klimt: Illuminating Emotions in Gold / Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

The era of Belle Époque Vienna, home and times of Gustav Klimt, proved to be the cradle for what was the best and worst in the early days of the 20th Century. With a mind more flexible and less weighed down by the tradition of the conspicuous leaders of the avant-garde, Klimt championed and encouraged new trends through his art.



Join us as we survey the life and works of one of the most prominent members of the Vienna Secession movement. Presented by Professor Karri Fritz-Klaus of Cornerstone History Symposium.

A Wealth of Nature: Parks and Natural Areas in our Region
Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.



"A Wealth of Nature" is a project spearheaded by Eddee Daniel and Preserve Our Parks, a non-profit dedicated to preservation and promotion of parks and open space. Eddee has traveled throughout the region documenting the area's abundance of nature and recreational opportunities. Eddee will briefly describe the project and then share his beautiful photographs of places to enjoy and go for a walk within an hour's drive of Elm Grove.

This is the third program in the 2024-25 Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series, with partner support from the Elm Grove Library.



Zombie Preparedness (A program about emergency planning)
Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

Could you survive a Zombie Apocalypse? Come have fun and learn emergency preparedness skills that will make you ready for any disaster...even a zombie outbreak. Presented by Dan Michaels from Waukesha County Public Health.

Preventing Diabetes / Tuesday, November 26, 1:30 p.m.

Did you know that more than 1 in 3 people have prediabetes? If left unaddressed, prediabetes can develop into type 2 diabetes, which is a serious condition. Think of prediabetes as your window of time to act and prevent further health complications. In this session, learn about your risk for prediabetes and what steps you can take to prevent it from developing into type 2 diabetes.



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.



Now available: Jigsaw Puzzles!

Clear off that dining room table! Jigsaw puzzles are now available for check out at the library. There are a variety of puzzles to choose from, all 1000 pieces, all fun designs. All puzzles check out for three weeks...by which time you'll need your table back! More will continue to be added to the collection, so there will always be a puzzle for you.

Free Fall Lecture
presented by the Elmbrook Historical Society

Story of WWII tail-gunner who fell 4 miles from the plane and survived

Author John Armbruster will tell us about his fascinating book: "Tailspin".

The story of a wounded WWII American, from WI, tail-gunner in a Flying Fortress, who fell 4 miles from the plane with a shredded parachute, and survived, landing in German territory. His presentation will include slides, video, readings and historical displays.



"Tailspin is a survival story you'll never forget."

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Young Writers & Reporters

A Butterfly

By J. Connolly

Level 6 – Brookfield Academy

Flying, flitting, through the air, with a beauty and grace beyond compare. Through the park, past passersby, flew my Little Butterfly.

Every day, I returned, and he was always there, landing on my shoulder, with abundant love and care.

But The Summer turns to Autumn; the leaves grow gray and die.

I walked through the park one more time, just to say goodbye.

Of only one thing am I certain: some creatures never die, for sometimes on the wind I hear the voice of my Little Butterfly.

As I Am

By Hebela Ayalew

6th Grade, Brookfield Academy

I thought I wasn't good enough. At my school, I was the "weirdo". Meaning, I always get teased for the littlest things. **My name is Betsy Johnson.** Sadly, I'm far from perfect. Dark curly hair frames my face, and my brown eyes are a little too big. Pimples line my forehead, completing my perfect picture of imperfectness. Especially compared to popular, perfect Lindsay Rogers. Naturally, she was the worst kid in my grade. It wasn't long before I was fed up. So, I decided to do something about it. First, I changed my style just like Lindsay. Next, I asked my mom to straighten my hair. Last, I styled it to partially cover my huge forehead. Eventually, I was sitting at the popular table. I had way more friends than in my entire lifetime. Yet, I still wasn't happy. I thought I had everything I wanted. But what I *needed* was a lesson. **Never change who you are to please a few nobodies.** The next day, I went from "Betsy Johnson, the cool kid" to "Betsy Johnson, the weirdo." I was happy. **I'm good enough for myself. As I am.**



Fall

By Susana Soberaliski

3rd Grade - Tonawanda

The wind is blowing

The leaves are falling

It's fall time.

You can hear the birds in the wind

Get your jackets, it's cold outside.

Playing in the leaves, having so much fun!

It is fall!

I can't believe it's fall

Klements Cabin

By Sloane Bulgrin, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

I woke up and started to drive to the Klements cabin with my family. After a few hours we finally got there. I got out of the car and gave my friends Caroline, Coco, Marlowe, Henry and Lane a big, big hug!

Two days went by and it was morning. We had cinnamon rolls. They were so good. I loved them. When it was dinner we were going to John Dillingers. The food there was OK but the water was like lake water. YUCK! I said, "I want to do this again but at my cabin."

My Trip to Canada

By Theo Korus, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

I was so excited to go to Canada. Once I got there I played in the sand with Mom. My feet were really sandy. So, I took a shower and brushed my teeth. I ran downstairs to play outside. I went back outside to play on the beach. Dinner was ready! I had a hotdog. It was time to go to bed. I went to the cottage to go to bed. I had a really good time.

The third graders at St. Mary's Visitation School wrote about:

WHO WE WOULD INVITE AS GUESTS TO OUR THANKSGIVING DINNERS

If I could have anybody at my house for Thanksgiving, I would have Tracey West. I would serve her green beans and turkey and for dessert pumpkin pie. I would talk about her Dragon Masters books. - **Veronica**

I would invite Whoopi Goldberg over for Thanksgiving because I really like the movies she stars in like Sister Act and Sister Act 2. We would talk about her life. I would serve her a salad as an appetizer and for dinner we would have baked potatoes and churros for dessert. - **Mary**

If I invited someone to dinner it would be Michael Jordan. We would talk about his career and how he became such a good player. We will have turkey and cranberries. I picked him because he is such a good player. - **Frank**

I would invite Katie Ledecy because she is a famous swimmer and I love her. We would talk about swimming. We would eat corn, salad, and apple pie. She would be my guest. - **Elaina**

I would invite Harry Potter. I would invite him because he is from my favorite movie. I would talk to him about Hogwarts. I would serve him soup, chicken, pudding, and cranberries. For dessert, we would have cake and sherbet. - **Isaiah**

If I could have any guest at my house for Thanksgiving, I would invite Olivia Rodrigo because she is my favorite singer. I would ask her what is her favorite song. For dinner we will have turkey and butter rolls. For dessert we will have the Olivia Rodrigo Crumble Cookie. That is who I would invite to Thanksgiving dinner. - **Caroline**

If I could have a guest at Thanksgiving it would be Mrs. Perez because she's my teacher. We would talk about what she does when I'm not at school. I would serve her anything she wanted because she's the best teacher ever. - **Scott**

The Magical Necklace

By Aanya Chandel

Level 6 – Brookfield Academy

There was a girl named Lila who loved nature, and took walks in fall. One day she was walking and came across a tree that was dying. Suddenly she heard a voice say, "Stop there, young lady, I need to talk to you."

She hastily turned to the voice, and saw there was a face in the tree! "I am Princeps, a magical tree, but sadly I am dying. Keep this leaf necklace that has my magic, and use it for good deeds" the tree thundered.

Lila said a surprised yes. The next day Lila woke up with a necklace, and remembered last evening. Everything she asked for was happening. Lila asked to pass her math test, but she still got a 100 % without studying, and she got a free new dress. Lila started to become very greedy, and made more wishes.

Lila wished to have a fancy house, and swimming pool. She cut down the forests she used to walk through. One day, she woke up to make another wish, but the leaf had withered away since Lila had made so many bad wishes. Lila felt remorseful for her actions and planted new baby trees to grow.

Lesson: Do not be greedy.

When We Drove to Yellowstone

By Sam Bukouras, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

Two months ago, my mom, dad said we were going to Yellowstone. First, I didn't know what Yellowstone was. So, I said, "What is Yellowstone?" Mom said, "It is like the Rocky Mountains." So, then I was excited.

I love the Rocky Mountains. Since I forgot I said, "When are we going?"
«In two months.» Mom said.

Two months later I woke up and got my clothes on. We hopped in the car and then my mom said it would take two days.

"Two days?" I asked!

"Yep! Two days," she said. Two days later we made it to the cabin and I knew it was going to be fun!

I would invite Peter, the rock and Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson. I would invite them to my Thanksgiving to play tackle football because it is fun to tackle people. Peter the rock would play, or watch us. I would make them ice cream. It would be really good because there would be a bunch of candy. They can either eat the candy or put it on their ice cream. I would also make sausage and pepperoni pizza cooked to perfection and not burnt because that would make it taste bad. - **Matt**

I would invite George Washington and my family to my awesome Thanksgiving party. For dinner I would have potatoes, turkey, and vegetables. For yummy dessert I would have creamy pumpkin pie. After dinner I would ask George Washington about the Revolutionary War and how he died. - **Dominic**

I would love to invite Caroline to my Thanksgiving dinner. We would have chicken, mash potatoes, apples, grapes, and bread. For dessert we would have apple pie with whipped cream and sprinkles. Afterwards we would play in the leaves. - **Annelies**

I would love to invite my family, Miss Grajek, Jesus, Scooby Doo and the rest of the gang. I would like to feed them delicious turkey, warm mash potatoes, yellow corn, and salad. I would talk about what they are going to do. I would have a good Thanksgiving dinner. I would also make a yummy pie or ice cream for dessert. - **Alia**

If I had a Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite my Grandma, Grandpa, cousins, and second cousin. I would serve white puffy mash potatoes, turkey, and green beans. For dessert I would serve pumpkin pie, and a big big pumpkin cake with frosting. A pumpkin pie is very creamy, orange, sweet, and big. The dinner table would be very fancy. There would be fancy napkins, china plates and cups, and very fancy glass bowls. - **Genevieve**

My Hope

By Sanvitha Madireddi

Level 6 – Brookfield Academy

The sun was on my back

Warm, shining, and bright.

Trees giving me shade

To relax; enjoy.

I stay under there

Every morning when the sun shines.

To the evening when the moon peeks out

As the breeze gently touches my face.

I sit there staring into the sky

Waiting, like I'm looking for an answer.

It gives me a feeling.

A feeling that I have felt but don't know

how to express.

A feeling of joy that never brings me down.

A feeling full of

Happiness.

Determination.

This feeling is everlasting.

I know what the feeling is now;

It's the feeling that I get every time

the sun comes out.

When the wind blows a leaf in my face.

I know what the feeling is now

Hope.

Fishing

By Miles McFadden

3rd Grade – Tonawanda

I woke up on a hot summer day and I wanted to go fishing. So I got dressed and got my pole. I got my lure and got on the boat with my cousin and uncle. We found a spot to fish and I casted my line out. I felt a tug and I reeled in the Northern FAST. I took a few pictures with it and then let it go.

When I Lost My Blanket

By Victoria Holtz, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

I was sleeping when I lost my blanket. I didn't feel my blanket anymore. I woke up and started to panic. I asked my Mom if she knew where it was. She said no. I got upset until I looked in the living room. I saw my blanket on my couch. I felt so happy inside because I found my blanket. I was able to fall back asleep.

Ocean Acidification

By Nandana Pramod and Sara Asad

7th Grade - Pilgrim Park Middle School

Our team, **Team Alpha Geek**, participates in First Lego League Challenge at Burleigh and PPMS. Our team is made up of 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Every season, we are given a theme that we use to develop a project. This year the theme is to solve a problem faced by people who explore the oceans. A problem that scientific and recreational ocean explorers face is ocean acidification. It is changing the ocean's chemistry and harming vital coral reef ecosystems, causing obstacles for explorers like the extinction of species before they're discovered and reduced coral diversity.

The way we live is putting excess Carbon Dioxide into our atmosphere that is being absorbed by the ocean. This causes pH levels to go down, making the ocean more acidic.

Kelp helps suck Carbon from the ocean. Our solution is the Kelper Helper Buoy. It monitors acidification and restores coral reefs. Some of the ways that our buoy restores reefs is by using kelp, adding alkaline materials, and playing a recording of healthy coral reefs to inspire coral larvae to settle there.

To help at home you can; compost, use less energy, and educate yourself and others.

ACEing Autism Tennis

Program

By Janavi Wagle

10th Grade – Brookfield East High School

Tennis is not just a sport for hitting a ball and running consecutively, but it is a sport which promotes social connection, developing important life skills, and improving ones physical and mental health. ACEing Autism is an organization with the mission to help children with autism to learn, grow and develop new skills through playing tennis. ACEing Autism has chapters in different states around the nation. From late September to mid-October, the Milwaukee chapter offers Tennis Programs for children with autism in the Milwaukee area in collaboration with the Autism Society of Southeast Wisconsin. Every Sunday afternoon, participants gather at Elite Sports Club in Brookfield to learn about the basics of tennis and share the joy of the game. The program is managed by a team of dedicated medical students from the Medical College of Wisconsin and volunteers with a passion for tennis. In the spring of 2025, ACEing Autism's Milwaukee chapter will be hosting another session to spread the long-lasting passion for the game. As a tennis community, this organization extends their support to any children with autism who want to explore this adaptive sport and make some long-lasting memories.

For more information, visit:

<https://aceingautism.org/>

Getting My Ears Pierced

By Greta Williams, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

I was getting my ears pierced with Zoe. I was super excited but a little nervous. On our way there we played music and it was so much fun. When we got there, we said "Hi" to Zoe and her Mom and sister Natalie. We were at Rowens the Earring Place. We got star earrings, they were so sparkly. After, we got ice cream and had a playdate. I will remember this day for the rest of my life.

When I First Got My Expander

By Brylee Howard, 3rd Grade - Tonawanda

When I was asleep, my mom woke me up. When she woke me up, she told me that I was getting my first expander. I was so happy! We headed to the dentist. When we got there, they put my expander on. Then about 20 minutes later my mouth was so sore. We got some food and I felt much better.

Young Writers (Continued from Page 9)

Super Dog

By Theo Mittelstadt

5th Grade – St. Mary’s Visitation

It was a rainy day in New York. Super Dog was chasing Cat Robber. She just stole the Golden Dog! Super Dog went onto a garbage can. He jumped as high as he could. He was five feet away from Cat Robber in the air. Then.. then....

Ten hours before the chase...

It was a beautiful day for a dog. Doug was going to watch Catfrix (a pet version of Netflix). Then he saw it, the Super Dog commercial asking for a new Super Dog actor. Doug spirited into his room to pick out an outfit. He went through all of his clothes, and he found the right one. It was a red shirt with a blue cap. It was perfect! When he was walking through the park to the studio to try out, he saw a little puppy trapped in a tree. He climbed up the tree to save him. Other pets started to gather around.

“Super Dog did it! He saved the little puppy!” yelled the bright yellow cat.

He felt so good about saving the little guy’s life, and he wanted to help more pets in New York. In order to do that he had to get stronger, braver, and faster.

Later that day in the gym...

“57...58...59...60!” exclaimed Doug. Doug had been in the gym for about three hours. He felt faster and stronger. He was thinking about changing his suit. He didn’t need his red shirt and his blue kitchen cloth. He needed something cooler. He ran to the store and bought some red and blue silk and a golden belt.

30 minutes later.

Doug looked in the mirror and said, “WOW! I did a good job. Now I have to save some pets.” He saw a cat robber trying to steal the Golden Dog. Doug started chasing him through Central Park. They went running through the alley. Doug then jumped in the air and landed on the cat robber on top of the garbage can. He got the Golden Dog, then sent the cat to jail.

The next afternoon he went to the pet awards in Central Park. He was waiting to hear who was going to win the citizen award. “The citizen of the year is... Super Dog!” Doug jumped in the air. He went on the stage to get the Golden Dog. It was the best day of Doug’s life.



November

By Addi Davis

3rd Grade - Tonawanda

November is a great time of the year!

It can be cold and warmish.

It can also snow.

It is most likely to snow

because in Milwaukee November is cold.

When it is cold it snows.

So, I would get ready for November!

December is really fun.

In my opinion.

BUT November is here,

so I am going to go enjoy it!

Littering and its Severe

Consequences

By Amal Iqbal

6th Grade – Pilgrim Park Middle School

You are walking down the street, drinking water. It’s in a plastic bottle. That doesn’t seem bad, but you’ll realize how bad it can be when you throw it into the trash can. Or at least you think you do. It rattles on the ground, and with your back turned, you don’t know how bad this is for the environment. The wind picks it up, and it traverses all the way to a sandy beach. The tide comes in, and out. Washed away, it’s now in the wrong place. The whole breaks down into smaller and smaller and smaller pieces. These tiny shards are dangerous to marine life. With just a single miss from the trash can, you can kill sea turtles.

Another reason why littering is so bad is because when the litter gets broken up into smaller pieces, they can make their way into our waterways, our soil, and basically everywhere you can think of!

According to *The Spartan*, “It directly affects climate change. Litter creates chemicals and microparticles that can get into waterways and soil.” Another article from *The Spartan* says “A study released in 2020 found that the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, spends more than \$48 million cleaning up and preventing litter each year.” Litter can even be costly too!

In the end, I hope that you’ve realized that maybe you aren’t as good at aiming for the garbage bin as you think, and whenever you see litter, always pick it up and throw it away. Littering is a horrible thing, and it affects your life more than you think. As years pass, many improvements are being made, and you can help, too.

Fathers’ Impacts on Children’s Lives

By Sophia File

6th Grade, Brookfield Academy

This is a topic I am very opinionated on. It is tearing our country apart, family by family and is called the Fatherless Epidemic. Fathers may leave for a variety of reasons. There are no valid reasons for this. Many children are affected by this plight of selfishness, and may feel insecure for the rest of their lives. This is not fair to their spouses, who are left to carry the burden the other has thrust upon them when they deem themselves “not ready”. Fathers are essential to one’s life. Sadly, 17.8 million children in America grow up without a biological, step, or adoptive father. They account for 63% of youth suicides, 90% of all homeless and runaway children, 85% of all behavioral disorders, 71% of high school dropouts, 70% of juvenile detention rates, and 75% of adolescent patients in substance abuse centers. Families and situations are different. There are programs where the community has resources to help, such as mentors and teachers. I don’t care what your political party is, we, as a country, need to address this problem. Together, we find a way to keep innocent children from the terrible consequences of this reckless behavior on the parents’ part.

Letters to the Editor

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Elect Robyn Vining – Wisconsin Assembly, District 13

Recently, I attended a Town Hall in Wauwatosa and was surprised to see Tom Michalski there, as I’ve lived in Elm Grove for years without public opportunities to engage with him.

I now understand why he does not typically prioritize facing voters at public events. He appeared irritated, dismissive, and condescending from the start, while also using the fact that this is his “freshman term” as an excuse for why he doesn’t have ideas to address concerns related to healthcare, childcare, and education.

He did, however, feel confident enough in his freshman term to co-sponsor two bills restricting reproductive healthcare access, to author a bill that seeks to divert public school

funds into school voucher programs, to co-author a book banning bill (putting teachers and librarians at risk of prosecution), and to co-sponsor a bill that would allow teachers and school employees to carry guns on school grounds.

These aren’t issues that I, a small business owner with three young kids, want my representative wasting time on. We need to vote for Robyn Vining, who has been working since 2018 in the legislature (representing the former district 14) to advocate for things that actually matter, especially protecting our public schools.

Danielle Scampini Linn
Elm Grove

Make America Great Again?

Eighty years ago, my father and four uncles joined sixteen million other Americans fighting for freedom over dictators during World War II. Those called the greatest generation won our freedom and preserved democracies around the world.

In the aftermath of World War II, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was born to create solidarity among member countries. Article 5 of that charter states, “an armed attack against one or more (NATO members) shall be considered an attack against them all.”

Russia refrained from attacking other nations during the Cold War period because of America’s commitment to challenging any country that threatened member countries. Thus, began America’s fame as a superpower. The only time in 50+ years NATO members were called upon to support another member country was on September 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked the United States. Even a superpower needs allies.

During Donald Trump’s first term, he threatened to pull US membership from NATO. This move would destroy an important organization that has served Europe and the United States for decades. This act would embolden Putin to seize power not only in Ukraine, but elsewhere in eastern Europe. It could also embolden China to pursue its expansion. The relative peace the world has experienced for so long would be gone.

This upcoming election is the most important of our lives. It will affect America and define the world we leave to our children and grandchildren. Let us not forget the lessons taught us by the greatest generation. Courting the favor of dictators will not keep the peace.

Support democracy this fall and vote for the Harris/Walz ticket. Keep America strong and united.

Peggy Lippe
Elm Grove

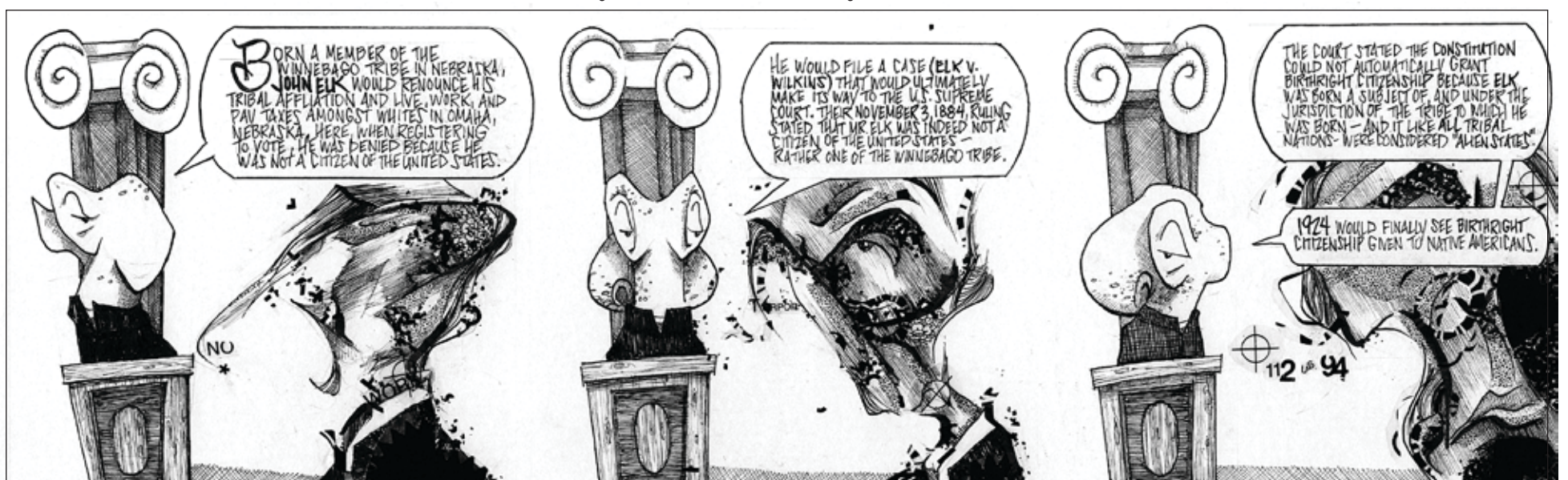
The Women’s Center

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Call the 24-HOUR HOTLINE with questions or to be connected to services: (262) 542-3828.

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



Public Safety Reports

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

On October 8, the EGPD celebrated **Mary Doyne's** 45th year anniversary with the Village.

Mary started working for the Village of Elm Grove on October 8th, 1979 as an Emergency Services Dispatcher, and she became the Elm Grove Municipal Clerk of Court on February 15th, 1982.



Photo courtesy: EGPD



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On October 9, the Elm Gove Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association held their annual meeting where they were able to witness a mock trial. The alumni were able to observe what a trial looks like with officers testifying, questioning from the prosecution and defense, and the role a judge in court. The Elm Grove Police Department would like to thank Waukesha County District Attorney **Sue Oppen**, Assistant District Attorneys **Zach Wittchow** and **Melissa Zilavy**, the Honorable Judge **Bridget Schoenborn**, and **Officer Hockett** for their participation.

If you are interested in attending the next Citizens Police Academy class April 11, 2025 through June 11, 2025 visit the Elm Grove Police Department website at Citizen Police Academy | Elm Grove, WI - Official Website (elmgrovetwi.org) to apply.



Photo courtesy: EGPD

Police Department officers, along with EG Fire and EG EMS partnered with Reach-A-Child. In September, several members of each department met with former Reach-A-Child board president **Cory Erickson**, who provided children's books for our first responders to read to children to comfort them in a time of crisis.



Photo courtesy: EGPD

At approximately 3:30 am on October 17, a 32-year-old Milwaukee woman was arrested for OWI after officers found a vehicle that she was operating, running and stopped in the roadway in the 2000 block of Hollyhock Lane. After making contact with the vehicle, officers observed the driver was slumped over the wheel and detected additional signs of impairment. The driver performed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, failed, and was arrested for 1st offense OWI. A search of the vehicle produced a loaded 9mm handgun within immediate reach of the driver. The driver was transported to the police department where she refused a chemical test of her blood. A search warrant was obtained. She was issued municipal citations for OWI-1st and Operating After Suspension, and a charge of Possession of a Firearm While Intoxicated has been referred to the Waukesha County DA's office for prosecution.

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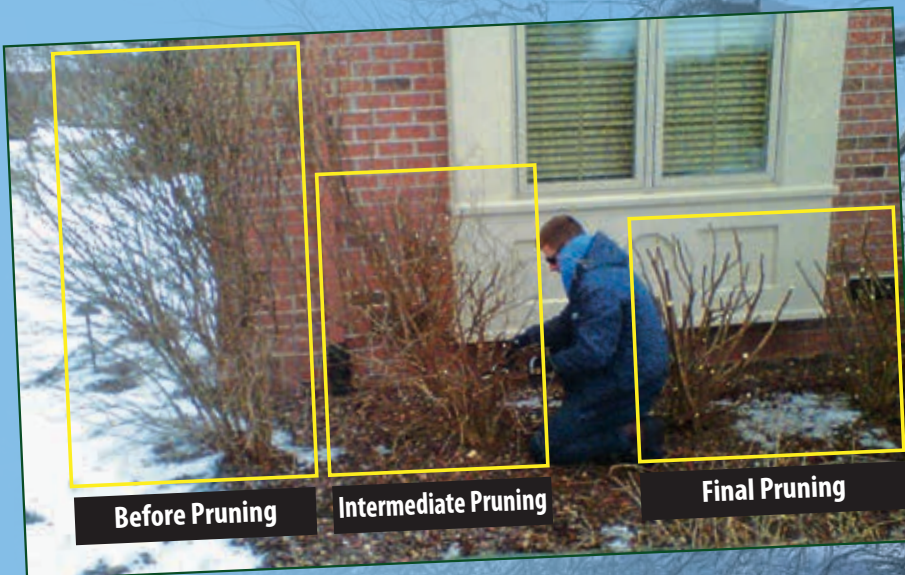
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