



# Elm Grove NEWS- INDEPENDENT



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## On the Ballot: Election – April 6, 2021

### Elm Grove VILLAGE PRESIDENT Candidates



Mary  
INDEN



Neil  
PALMER (I)



Katy  
CORNELL (I)



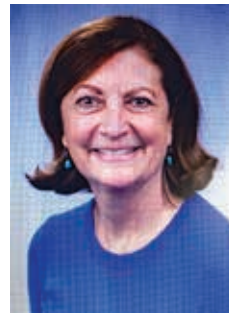
John  
DEN BOER



Tom  
MICHALSKI (I)



Kristina  
SAYAS



Jennifer  
STUCKERT



Ted  
WENTZEL

### Elm Grove TRUSTEE Candidates (3 seats up for Election)

## Large Slate of Candidates Vie for Village of Elm Grove, Elmbrook School Board, Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction Seats

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain / [elmgrovenews@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgrovenews@yahoo.com)

As consequential as it is to select a U.S. president, senator, or congressperson or send a qualified individual to a state's legislature, I have long argued that it is also critical that we pay attention to who we elect on the local level. When governmental positions are uncontested on a ballot, unless there is a tremendous write-in campaign for someone, the lone candidate need do very little to get elected or re-elected. That is not a good thing.

Luckily, for a variety of motivating

factors, a bevy of candidates has stepped forward to ask for our votes. Two residents are running for Village President; 6 candidates hope to get one of the 3 Village Trustee seats up for election; 3 candidates seek 2 different seats on the Elmbrook School Board; and 2 individuals want to be our next Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The *News-Independent* recently offered all candidates running for Elm Grove Village President and Village Trustee the

opportunity to answer a series of questions and provide their photos for this story. Their responses follow on Pages 2 and 3.

"Local politics" is **highly important**. Those elected will have the power to make decisions which will affect this community and surrounding communities for many years to come.

Vote in-person on or before Election Day at Village Hall or request an Absentee Ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

## Covid Vaccines Offered to Eligible E.G. Residents

If you are a resident of Elm Grove, either age 65 years and older or a healthcare worker, you may register to receive the Covid-19 vaccine during upcoming inoculation events at Village Hall.

**Dr. Jon Robinson**, Director of the Village's EMS is being assisted by a group of qualified EMS medical personnel, and local volunteers are helping with registration and administrative duties.

By the end of February, Elm Grove Emergency Services had vaccinated Village EMS, fire, police and public works employees with their first and second doses. Additionally, 195 residents have received their first vaccination, and 84 of them have been given both doses.

(See **VILLAGE UPDATE** – Page 4 for vaccine registration details.)

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# "I Know Where You Live!"



Elisabeth Passalis-Bain

Take care.

Stay Well!



## On the Ballot (Continued from Page 1)

### Candidates for Elm Grove Village President

Neil Palmer (I) and Mary Inden

#### #1. Tell us about yourself.

**\*Mary Inden:** Village Trustee 10 years; Owner The Gilded Edge, Frames & Gallery 23 years; Owner Home Staging Consultants 2000 – now; Village volunteer & Chairperson, July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, 34 years; Multi-Tasker.

**\*Neil Palmer:** My wife, Jill Varick, and I have lived in Elm Grove for 34 years and our three children attended Elmbrook schools. I have served as Village President since 2005.

#### #2. What has motivated you to run for election at this time?

**\*Neil Palmer:** I am seeking one more term in order to help guide Village efforts to complete the flood control project by daylighting Underwood Creek in the Village center, and to participate in the proposal to redevelop the School Sisters campus.

**\*Mary Inden:** It's time for new thoughts and planning for this unique Community. I've been frustrated with a number of Board decisions that have been made recently.

#### #3. What can you offer our Village that is unique from the other candidates AND what do you most hope to accomplish if elected?

**\*Mary Inden:** With 30 years in retail, I know local businesses are vital to this Village. Volunteers are our most valuable assets, and I know that we need more women on our committees. Because respecting each other is important, we need thorough, respectful communication between the Board and the citizens.

**\*Neil Palmer:** I have deep knowledge and understanding of how the Village operates and what both the old and new challenges we face are. Village residents with conflicting interests and opinions about the best future for Elm Grove. I see the President's role as helping residents understand the pros and cons of the options available for the challenges we face.

#### #4. What are the greatest challenges that you see facing Elm Grove now AND how would you help deal with them on the Board of Trustees?

**\*Neil Palmer:** The greatest challenge before us is to define the future of the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus. The sisters are moving out in the summer of 2021 and have granted Mandel Development an option to redevelop the site. Mandel has proposed a combination of single-family homes and high-end apartments. Redevelopment of the campus is a unique challenge due to the desire to find a way to pay to restore and preserve the two historic structure, the cost to demolish the other buildings. Doing nothing is not an option. This site is currently zoned institutional, and I do not think any of us want to see a new institutional use redevelop the site. I believe the Board must work to get the best and highest quality new development possible. On the long term I believe the most important issue for the Village is to secure access to Lake Michigan water. Municipal water is necessary for commercial improvements, fire fighting improvements and to safeguard residential values.

**\*Mary Inden:** I will take a deep comprehensive look at the plans for opening the Creek and Downtown Master Plan... overly expansive and expensive. Pathways are great! We need to finance more. The Convent redevelopment will happen. We need to keep negotiating for size and style needed to enhance the neighborhood/Village. Municipal water from Milwaukee needs to be negotiated. We are an independent Village, and should work with our neighbors and the State to stay that way.

#### #5. Do you think that our Village's downtown area is healthy and successful? If not, what action(s) would you suggest to change that?

**\*Mary Inden:** Our "Downtown" businesses and buildings are privately owned successes. We need to understand that changes/enhancements come from within, with encouragement from the public/government. Having owned retail, I understand the need for walk-by and drive-by traffic to support our merchants. Village enhancements will help! We should all "Shop Local" including government.

**\*Neil Palmer:** I do not think our downtown is very healthy, despite the best efforts of some of our existing businesses. Most residents say they support efforts create a more vibrant walkable downtown. The Village Board must continue to support downtown improvement.

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# On the Ballot: Spring Election, April 6, 2021

## Candidates for Elm Grove Trustee (3 seats up for Election)

Katy Cornell (I), John Den Boer, Tom Michalski (I), Kristina Sayas, Jennifer Stuckert, Ted Wentzel



### #1. Tell us about yourself.

**\*Katy Cornell:** I was raised in Elm Grove and my husband Tim and I are now raising our five children here.

**\*John Den Boer:** I was born and raised in Waukesha, WI. My family and I are very grateful to have recently moved to Elm Grove.

**\*Tom Michalski:** I'm a retired I.T. professional, 21-year Elm Grove resident. I am active serving the Village; 15 years as a Firefighter, 10 years as a Trustee.

**\*Kristina Sayas:** My parents taught me to make a difference you must be involved. I'm a small business owner, a graduate from DePaul and Northwestern and married to a grove native.

**\*Jennifer Stuckert:** Elm Grove resident 30+ years. Past President of the EG Woman's Club who is committed to keeping EG the special place we all call home.

**\*Ted Wentzel:** I am a husband, father of 3 and marketing professional. I serve in the Elmbrook Rotary, on the Elm Grove Community Foundation board, and as Oktoberfest Chair.

### #2. What has motivated you to run for election / re-election at this time?

**\*Katy Cornell:** I am a true representation of women and mothers in Elm Grove. I want to preserve our quality of life and do what is best for our community.

**\*John Den Boer:** This election comes at a time when Elm Grove is at a point of pivotal transition. Continued great leadership is needed to guide the Village.

**\*Tom Michalski:** I want to use my professional skill of listening to people to create practical solutions and move Elm Grove through this crucial period of renewal.

**\*Kristina Sayas:** That families experience joys similar to those my husband cherishes from growing up here, seeing examples of community engagement, helping neighbors and preserving our traditions.

**\*Jennifer Stuckert:** Concern over the density and the impact proposed developments will have on our community. Recently retired, I'd like to give back to the community.

**\*Ted Wentzel:** Civic duty is part of my DNA from serving in the military, coaching my kids' teams, to community volunteerism and I am excited to continue on that path.

### #3. What can you offer our Village that is unique from the other candidates AND what do you most hope to accomplish if elected?

**\*Katy Cornell:** My experience as a trustee, in combination with my family history here, affords me the opportunity to understand the complexities of the issues placed before the Board. Regardless of the topic at hand, my desire is to be part of the solution and carry on the legacy of this great village.

**\*John Den Boer:** As a former Clinical Neuropsychologist, I gained significant knowledge in how to best facilitate group decision making. As a CEO, I pride myself in operationalizing and implementing decisions that are in the best interest of both financial and community. As an EG Trustee, I hope to help the entire community engage in the most evidence-based, community-level dialogue and decision making possible.

**\*Tom Michalski:** As a Village Trustee, a County Supervisor, and WCTC Board member, I have a broad perspective and understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing Elm Grove. Change is inevitable. My goal is to work with residents to manage the change in a way that preserves our values for future generations.

**\*Kristina Sayas:** I'm the Chicago girl that fell in love with Elm Grove. I'm fortunate to hold leadership positions with multiple village organizations which provides me a unique prospective of our current challenges and opportunities. I would represent the residents of Elm Grove by listening, responding and acting in their best interests.

**\*Jennifer Stuckert:** I promise to represent the residents of Elm Grove and not the developers. Development decisions have long term implications in terms of traffic, school boundaries and emergency services. Change is important to keep a community vibrant, but change MUST maintain the character of Elm Grove.

**\*Ted Wentzel:** I have lived on the east coast, west coast and throughout the Midwest and never been part of a community as unique as Elm Grove. I want to ensure balanced governance that promotes a dynamic and evolving community and at the same time preserves the character of the village.

### #4. What are the greatest challenges that you see facing Elm Grove now AND how would you help deal with them on the Board of Trustees?

**\*Katy Cornell:** The redevelopment of the SSND property is an example of the challenges we will face into the future as we desire to move our village forward yet keep it committed to its heritage. As a Trustee I have learned to listen to all sides and work to find the middle. I have learned to ask questions and seek counsel, to remain open minded. Decisions require time, listening and understanding of all sides.

**\*John Den Boer:** On the surface, the single greatest overall challenge appears to be expanding the infrastructure of the Village while maintaining its integrity. This is a difficult - yet accessible - challenge if we increase cohesive community dialogue and aim for practical and solutions with empirical backing. I would assist in gathering empirically-based solutions and promoting teamwork at all levels.

**\*Tom Michalski:** Elm Grove is facing two primary challenges, the inevitability of change, and the belief among many of our residents that the elected officials are negotiating behind closed doors. You have my commitment to open governance with clear communication and easy access to me personally. The Village's long-term viability needs to be secured by quality development. At the same time, I will work to ensure all future development reflects Elm Grove's character.

**\*Kristina Sayas:** I feel one of the greatest challenges facing Elm Grove is the struggle between keeping Elm Grove a quaint village, but at the same time, finding ways for responsible economic development. Though this is a challenge, it can be done by identifying developers, businesses, and community partners that will respect the historical character of our community, and incorporate their business models into it. This would allow Elm Grove to retain its predominantly residential character.

**\*Jennifer Stuckert:** Development of downtown area so that it meets the needs of our residents first, followed by the merchants who have invested in our community. It is important to strike a balance that is a win for all. Listening, responding to concerns, understanding the why behind the question or concern. Asking questions to increase understanding; responding based on community feedback. Other challenges include roads, expansion of village pathways, daylighting of Underwood Creek and water.

**\*Ted Wentzel:** Promoting development at all costs without proper consideration for how it will affect the village's community culture. We are surrounded by a city that is growing haphazardly and continuously adding high density rental units. We cannot lose our unique sense of identity by trying to mimic those actions. I am in favor of development but feel it should be responsible and in sync with what already exists.



### #5. Do you think that our Village's downtown area is healthy and successful? If not, what action(s) would you suggest to change that?

**\*Katy Cornell:** Our downtown is home to many wonderful goods and services that Elm Grove is fortunate to call its own. However, there is certainly an opportunity for enhancement. I believe municipal water and an increase in people living in the immediate area would be beneficial to the business community.

**\*John Den Boer:** Yes, but I do think that certain aspects of the downtown's infrastructure will limit its long-term vitality. These include, but are not limited to, solidifying and diversifying the financial base, responding in a dynamic fashion to the changing needs of the EG population, and supporting our aging business that have been the backbone of making the downtown an amazing community.

**\*Tom Michalski:** Historically, the Village Center was healthy and successful but has endured a long period of decline, and is currently barely viable. The Master Plan identified residents' desire for a walkable and accessible downtown with added green space. I will work with residents and business owners to achieve these goals.

**\*Kristina Sayas:** My concern is the downtown vacancies. I would work with the business association to create solutions to increase the patronage of our local enterprises and encourage them to further invest in our community. We've had great success with current village events that can be further leveraged to meet these goals.

**\*Jennifer Stuckert:** Elm Grove is charming but is in need of a facelift. I would activate and reinvigorate the Community Development Authority to purchase land/properties and then incentivize the type of local development residents would like to see. I favor incremental changes, local investment and facade grants.

**\*Ted Wentzel:** I feel the downtown is filled with successful small businesses that are frequented by my family and neighbors. We should encourage property owners and the village to continue to enhance existing structures and walkways to promote consumer traffic with an eye towards a walkable downtown village center, as discussed in the master plan.





# Past Times

## The SSND Farm at Elm Grove

By Michele Levandoski  
Archivist, School Sisters of Notre Dame North American Archives

**Mother Caroline Friess**, superior of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) in America, bought property in Elm Grove, Wisconsin to establish an orphanage, but she also intended to use the property as a farm that could supply food for the Milwaukee Motherhouse. The venture started small, but by the 1920s, the farm was producing large quantities of vegetables, fruit, dairy products, honey and meat, which were used to feed the residents of both Elm Grove and the Milwaukee Motherhouse.

Initially, the farm raised mostly vegetables, because the Sisters did not have money to pay workers or the necessary buildings and tools needed to raise grains. The Sisters also had a small number of livestock and poultry, which were kept on a neighboring farm. In 1863, Mother Caroline bought a working farm that consisted of 90 acres, a frame house, barns and sheds. She purchased more land in 1864 and 1865, increasing the size of the property from the original 40 acres to approximately 200 acres.

The chronicles for Elm Grove provide a nice record of the life on the Sisters’ farm by recording events, such as what was planted and the yield; the birth, purchase and slaughter of animals; the erection of buildings and new ventures, such as beekeeping.

The chronicles also detail the small events that make up farm life, such as the blessing of a new cow barn and pig sty or when the Sisters received an automobile used to deliver milk to the Motherhouse. A particularly harrowing event occurred in 1892 when **Sr. Gamelberta Walesch** was teaching the orphan girls how to kill and clean a chicken. Sister assisted by holding the chicken’s head and was accidentally struck with the cleaver. “The poor sister ran at once into the sick room, the pain was so severe that she nearly fainted.” It took four weeks for her thumb to heal.

The Sisters and hired men also had to contend with problems, such as bad weather, plant eating critters and even thieves. In 1887, the men planted the first cornfield, but they ended up having to replant it, because “these horrid creatures [mice and gophers] devoured the corn plantlets with greedy haste.” That summer was dry and food in the meadow was scarce, so the “poor cattle found only scanty grass and was obliged to break in, wherever possible, into oat fields and well as cornfields.” Some of the cattle even broke into a neighbor’s field, causing \$8 in damages.

Thieves were another problem. In 1892, the Sisters discovered that their “largest, most beautiful and best cow” had been stolen. The hired men went in search and found the cow on its way to the slaughterhouse in Cudahy. In 1910, thieves stole a “pail full of milk” and three years later some daring thieves raided the chicken coop, stealing 100 hens, nine geese and two ducks.

By 1927, the farm was producing a large quantity of items, including approximately 3,200 bushels of grains, vegetables and fruit, 644 quarts of berries, 5,325 pounds of beans and 4,300 heads of cabbage a year. In addition, the farm produced 24,532 dozen eggs, 169,241 pounds of milk, 5,125 pounds of honey as well as butchered livestock and poultry.

In 1955, the congregation began selling the farm land to raise money needed to build a health care facility to care for aging sisters. In 1959, the cows were sold and in 1970, the iconic red barn was demolished. Today the only remnant of the once fruitful farm is the grape arbor, which has been producing grapes since 1886.

Next month’s column will focus on the orphanage.

**Editor’s Note:** Readers may send questions or suggestions for topics about SSND history to Michele at [mlevandoski@ssnd.org](mailto:mlevandoski@ssnd.org).



The red barn during its demolition in 1970.



Sisters at Notre Dame of Elm Grove fill baskets with just-picked apples.



The old chicken coop and some of its inhabitants.

# Village Update

## Free Covid-19 Vaccines Offered to Eligible Elm Grove Residents

(ELM GROVE) The Village of Elm Grove Emergency Medical Services in cooperation with the Women’s Club of Elm Grove is offering Covid-19 Vaccines to eligible residents at no charge.

**PRE-REGISTRATION VIA EMAIL IS REQUIRED** as below.

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You must not have had, or plan to have, any other vaccinations from 2 weeks before to 2 weeks after these 2 COVID vaccinations.

Please refer to the CDC’s website <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19> for more information and answers to common questions. More specific questions may also be submitted via email.

**DO NOT CALL THE VILLAGE HALL OR POLICE DISPATCH** regarding questions or scheduling.

There are a limited number of vaccines available each week, and the number of people vaccinated will be subject to the availability and PRE-REGISTRATION.

**Residents who meet the following State of Wisconsin criteria may sign up for the vaccinations:**

- Adults aged 65 and older
- Healthcare worker

Current eligibility requirements can be found at

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**To request a vaccination, please send an email to:**

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Residents for whom we obtain the vaccine will be contacted by email on the weekend prior to the vaccination clinic date.

The current plan is to administer these PRE-REGISTERED vaccinations in the Village Hall Community Room on Thursdays, morning through early afternoon, in various time-slots. However, a more specific date, time, and location will be provided in the above email message.

### A Reflection:

## School Sisters of Notre Dame: Building a Life Together

By Sister Joan Penzenstadler, SSND

Having been attracted to sisters when I was very young, it wasn’t until high school that I knew the community calling to my heart was the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Before I even had words to sort out all the reasons, I sensed not only the richness of their life of prayer, but also their commitment to the intellectual development of women. They prayed and worked and built a life together, making a difference for the sake of the Gospel.

While still working at Mount Mary University, I have been privileged to live at Notre Dame of Elm Grove for the past five years with many of my sisters. This historic campus echoes with the celebrations we have enjoyed, the songs of farewell we have sung for so many, and the love and faith which has strengthened our bond over the years. Although we will depart this beloved campus, I pray that our spirit of faith, hope and love will continue to be present in Elm Grove.





# Calendar of Events – March 2021

## Monday – MARCH 1

- Elm Grove Plan Commission Meeting, 7 p.m. at Village Hall  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovewi.org](http://www.elmgrovewi.org)

## Tuesday – MARCH 2

- Elm Grove Building Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovewi.org](http://www.elmgrovewi.org)

## Friday – MARCH 5

- Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Zoom online.  
Program: Bill Radomski, “Sea Cadets”  
Contact: [markzalewski8803@gmail.com](mailto:markzalewski8803@gmail.com)  
[www.elmbrookrotary.org](http://www.elmbrookrotary.org)
- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Speaker: Capt. Dennis Fox; Topic: “I never worked a day in my life until the TSA”. [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

## Friday – MARCH 12

- Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Zoom online.  
Program: Dr Mark Skousen, “Puzzles and Paradoxes in Economics & Finance”  
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[www.elmbrookrotary.org](http://www.elmbrookrotary.org)
- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Speaker: Luke Des Jarlias; Topic: “Warp Speed”. [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

**Sunday – MARCH 14**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
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## Tuesday – MARCH 16

- Elm Grove Building Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
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## Wednesday – MARCH 17

### ST. PATRICK’S DAY



## Friday – MARCH 19

- Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Zoom online  
Program: Prof Ankur Desai, “Climate Change & Local Weather”  
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[www.elmbrookrotary.org](http://www.elmbrookrotary.org)
- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Speaker: Craig Plowman; Topic: “Leadership: The manager and the employee”. [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

## Saturday – MARCH 20

### FIRST DAY OF SPRING



## Monday – MARCH 22

- Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovewi.org](http://www.elmgrovewi.org)  
Live Stream: <https://elmgrovewi.org/656/live-stream>

## Friday – MARCH 26

- Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting, 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Zoom online  
Program: Lafayette L Crump, JD, “Milwaukee Department of City Development”  
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[www.elmbrookrotary.org](http://www.elmbrookrotary.org)
- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Speaker: John Vivian; Topic: “Curling, a sport or ???”. [kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

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# KATY CORNELL

FROM ELM GROVE

★

FOR ELM GROVE

# VILLAGE TRUSTEE

- ★ Grew up in the Village
- ★ Family and community focused

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# Clubs & Organizations



Representatives from Children’s Wisconsin, Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin, and Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee with Go Baby Go car recipients and their families.

## Local Organizations Announce Project Partnership

(ELM GROVE) Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin and Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee jointly announce their partnership with Children’s Wisconsin and The Orthopaedic & Rehabilitation Engineering Center in support of the Go Baby Go Program. Through Go Baby Go, adaptive electronic ride-on cars are provided to children who have limited mobility and motor control. The cars allow for self-initiated mobility which aids in overall development and enhances quality of life and overall well-being, increases mobility, and increases social and peer interactions.

A check presentation was held on Sunday, January 24, 2021, to celebrate the

partnership. Variety committed \$10,000 for 2021 and Scottish Rite Valley of Milwaukee committed \$24,000 over the next three years. This support will allow the Go Baby Go program to continue expanding and provide cars at no cost to families. In conjunction with the check presentation, three children were presented with their Go Baby Go cars each customized to meet their individual therapeutic needs.

**Jay Blankenship**, Director of Development of Children’s Wisconsin said, “Wheelchairs for this young population are often not covered by insurance. The modified cars provide a safe, cost-effective, age-appropriate alternative to a power wheelchair.”

“Variety’s vision is that all children can actively participate and experience the joys of childhood,” said **Dua Vang-Ramirez**, Director of Operations of Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin. “We are excited to partner with Children’s Wisconsin to provide adaptive ride-on cars and benefit from the expertise of The Orthopaedic & Rehabilitation Engineering Center so children with mobility challenges have a safe and fun way to explore their world. Our hope is that these special children can gain mobility, confidence, independence, and access their world.”

## SMV Hosts Unique Irish-Themed Fundraiser

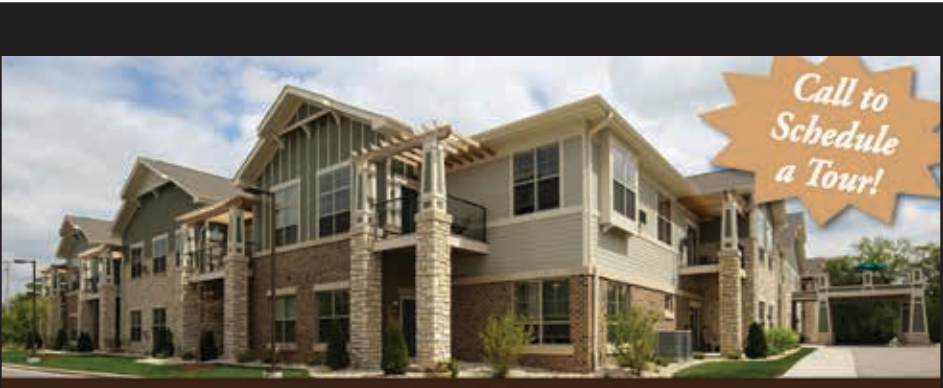
(ELM GROVE) St. Mary’s Visitation Catholic School (SMV) invites friends and neighbors of its school community to join them in celebrating St. Patrick’s Day by purchasing some “blarney in a box” as part of a fundraiser to support the school in many ways, including technology and special programs like the visiting art teacher that round out the school’s STREAM curriculum.

Through March 7, lads and lassies of Elm Grove and neighboring communities interested in some blarney – harmless and amusing fun – are invited to visit [Blarney.Givesmart.com](http://Blarney.Givesmart.com) to purchase a variety of festive boxes, filled with Irish-themed fun and treats for leprechauns of all ages.

Blarney in a Box event co-chair **Katie Carnell** noted, “Instead of one big fundraiser, we’ve been holding a series of smaller events to help raise money for our school. Thanks to the tremendous sponsorship and support of community members and businesses – especially **Jamie O’Donoghue** of O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub – Blarney in a Box looks like it will be to be our most successful event yet!”

Pre-ordering is required to acquire a Box o’ Blarney. Pick-up is on Saturday, March 13 in the school parking lot as part of a festive day-of drive-through celebration featuring Irish music, dance, and if you’re lucky enough, a Leprechaun sighting.

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## Blessings in a Backpack Waukesha County Establishes First Board of Directors

(WAUKESHA) Blessings in a Backpack of Waukesha County has established its first chapter board leadership team.

**Nancy Major**, Managing Director of Blessings in a Backpack, said, “This leadership team of highly-skilled, determined, and well-connected individuals is a dream-team. I’m confident that together, their impact on childhood hunger in Waukesha County will be immense.”

Officers are President, **Rebecca Schwaab Melgares**, attorney and community volunteer; Vice President, **Diana Mullranin Schmidt**, Haussmann Johnson Insurance; Treasurer, **Lisa Hayes**, community volunteer; and Secretary, **Amanda Bushe**, VJS Construction Services.

Board members-at-large are **Sarah Butz**, ProHealth Care; **Norman Brooks**, community volunteer; **Tim Henkel**, retired vice president, Orbis; **Jeremy Schmidt**, PNC Bank; **Nick Heckenkamp**, Vrakas CPAs; **Traci Huntemann-Piatt**, Inlanta Mortgage; **Norm Kukuk**, Orbis; **Robyn Ludtke**, Waukesha County Business Alliance; and **Mick O’Brien**, community volunteer.

Rebecca Schwaab Melgares noted: “I’m honored to serve as the president of the Waukesha County Chapter and to bring together this fantastic group of talented and passionate professionals.”

Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. The Waukesha County Blessings in a Backpack chapter



Nancy Major

was founded in 2012 to bring this mission to life in our own backyard. We are a local chapter of the national organization, which serves over 87,000 kids in over 1,090 locations, spread throughout 45 states and the District of Columbia.

The nonprofit is located at 2010 Springdale Road, Waukesha. For more information, contact Nancy Major at [nancym@blessingsinabackpack.org](mailto:nancym@blessingsinabackpack.org), call (262) 399-5375, or visit: [www.waukesha.blessingsinabackpack.org](http://www.waukesha.blessingsinabackpack.org)





# News Briefs



Photo courtesy: The FOOD Pantry of Waukesha County

Volunteers at The FOOD Pantry prepare boxes for curbside distribution in Waukesha.

## Elmbrook Rotary’s Puzzle Palooza Raises \$10,000+ for The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County

By Larry Myers

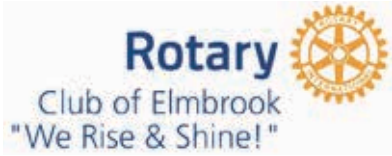
The Elmbrook Rotary Club held an online silent auction, February 12-19, to raise funds for The FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County. The FOOD Pantry has seen an increased need for food distribution during the global pandemic.

Called *Puzzle Palooza*, the auction idea came from the spouse of an Elmbrook Rotary member. She noted that many people have enjoyed working puzzles during the pandemic and that the fundraiser was an opportunity to pass along these gently-used puzzles since most people only work a puzzle once.

The online auction had over 200 items, including some new puzzles and puzzle company gift cards. \$10,000+ was raised through bidding on gently-used puzzles and cash contributions (both matched dollar for dollar with a grant from the Elmbrook Rotary Foundation).

**Karen Tredwell**, Executive Director of The FOOD Pantry, reports that pantry usage was 30% higher in April, May, & June of 2020 compared to 2019, and increased usage has remained comparable this year. The FOOD Pantry is currently serving about 6,000 individuals per month throughout the entire Waukesha County area.

For safety protocol purposes, food distribution now occurs outside, even in subzero weather. Virtual curbside delivery is also possible by pre-ordering.



Ms. Tredwell also explained that cash donations go further because of reduced prices at outlets such as “Feeding America.” Cereal, milk, fresh fruits & vegetables, formula, baby food, canned fruits & vegetables, and proteins are especially useful and needed.

Tredwell had this comment about the Elmbrook Rotary’s generosity: “Each and every year we rely on a compassionate community to assist us in getting the resources to serve our people. We were excited to have this very unique and fun fund-raiser called *Puzzle Palooza*, and we find it very heart-warming.”

After the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, Elmbrook Rotary also contributed \$7,694 to The FOOD Pantry for emergency relief. Thus, in the past 10 months Elmbrook Rotary has provided more than \$17,700 in assistance. Pantry staff have indicated that the funds from this most recent fundraiser will be used to operate a new mobile food pantry at Elmbrook School District’s Burleigh Elementary School.

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VOTE APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> for SAYAS

### LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

- Board of Directors, Elm Grove Community Foundation, (Current)
- Board of Directors, Elm Grove Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association (Current)
- Associate Liaison, Elm Grove Junior Guild (Current)
- Board Member, UW-Madison Alumni Association–Waukesha Chapter (Current)
- President, Elm Grove Junior Guild (2017-18)
- VP of Grants, Elm Grove Junior Guild (2015-16)
- VP of Fundraising, Elm Grove Junior Guild (2014-15)
- Board of Directors, Friends of Elm Grove Library, (Feb 2015 – July 2017)
- “Special Friend” of Mrs. Claus, Lights of Love Village Tree Lighting, (Current)
- Volunteer, Cruisin’ the Grove, (2015, 16, 17, 18)
- Volunteer, Variety the Children’s Charity of WI (2020 Spring Golf Classic)



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Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 2021 Student of the Year Campaign Announced

(BROOKFIELD) This year Adam Freitag, a junior at Brookfield East, has taken on a big challenge. Adam is part of the 2021 Student of the Year campaign, working to raise money and awareness for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and its mission to cure blood cancers. His fundraising team has a large goal of raising \$50,000 by March 11th.

There are a few ways to support his fundraising efforts:

- **Share this message & fundraising link** with your contacts via email or social media
- **Help secure a corporate sponsorship** (Sponsorships start at \$3500 and sponsors receive Gala benefits)

Not only is this campaign a great way to support LLS and their life-saving work, but it's a great leadership opportunity. Students receive scholarships based on fundraising and awareness efforts.

Pilgrim Park Students Compete at Virtual Forensics Tournaments

(ELM GROVE) Congratulations to all Pilgrim Park Middle School Forensics students that performed in early February for the Golda Meir Festival and for the Wisconsin Hills Tournament. The students navigated technology difficulties to have successful virtual performances.

The following students received medals for their performances at the Wisconsin Hills Tournament:

**\*Humorous Solo:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hannah Yoo


**\*Infomercial:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ethan Zhang

**\*Informative:**  
1<sup>st</sup> – Aditi Moorching  
1<sup>st</sup> – Sam Sayas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Elizabeth Sayas

**\*Moments in History:**  
1<sup>st</sup> – Jenny Mei  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Elizabeth Zuniga-Meyer  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Callum Mayne

**\*Non-Original:**  
1<sup>st</sup> – Rithik Kumar  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Noah Ren

**\*Serious Solo:**  
1<sup>st</sup> – Samika Sabesan  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Katie Leong



Library News and Programs

March 2021

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**10 Mistakes I Made in My Vegetable Garden So You Don't Have To**  
**Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. Virtual Program via Zoom**

If you are not getting real results from your garden, then gardening is not as rewarding a pastime as it could be. Although trial and error is often a part of the gardening experience, you can skip over some of the beginner mistakes and move straight to the more advanced ones! Megan Cain, founder of "The Creative Vegetable Gardener" will share the top 10 mistakes she's made in her (and others') gardens so you can avoid them in your own and have lots more fun and success each season. Advance registration required for this Zoom program. Visit [elmgrovelibrary.org](http://elmgrovelibrary.org) for registration information.



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- Wednesday: 10 AM - 4 PM
- Thursday: 10 AM - 6 PM
- Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

Capacity is limited to 11 people in the library at any one time. Please limit your time so others may also visit. Face coverings are required, and must remain on at all times and cover the mouth and nose. Curbside pickup is available upon request.



Community Crossword #10

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain [elmgrovenews@yahoo.com](mailto:elmgrovenews@yahoo.com)



- ACROSS
1. The third month of the year

5. Season beginning on March 20th

9. Another word for lawyer

10. The people or number of people in an area

11. Another word for drugstore

12. A young female

14. Company that handles the collection of garbage and recycling for Elm Grove (2 words)

15. Elm Grove's is 53122 (2 words)

17. An arch or circle of colors formed by the refraction and reflection of the sun's rays in rain, spray, or mist

19. Local organization founded in 1939. Its clubhouse is on Watertown Plank Road. (4 words)

21. Brookfield East \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words)

23. *News-Independent's* Page 1 statement following: "Freedom of the Press is Essential." (3 words)

24. A marriage ceremony
- DOWN
2. A chronological record of significant events

3. A crossword is one type of this

4. It begins on March 14<sup>th</sup>, so set your clocks ahead one hour (3 words)

6. Gym is short for this word

7. A settlement usually larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town. Elm Grove is one.

8. Holiday celebrated on March 17<sup>th</sup> (3 words)

13. A young male

16. This structure, a gift from the late Nonie Johnson, is in Village Park across from the police station

18. Types include: medical, life, property, auto, renters

20. A programmable electronic device that can store, retrieve, and process data

22. Plot of land measuring 43,560 square feet



# Young Writers & Reporters

## Spring

**By Marylin Lowden**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, St. Mary’s Visitation

Spring is a lovely time of joy and cheer  
With grass of green and bright blooming  
flowers.  
This season rolls around this time  
each year  
Bringing pleasure, and nice scents to  
walkers.  
Spring is a time for cleaning and picnics.  
With Kind-hearted people, and fun  
pastimes.  
You can run in the fields with your friend  
Nick.  
Although the rain comes down a lot  
sometimes.  
That is what makes Spring a peaceful  
season.  
With birds chirping, and lawn mowers  
chopping.  
Children are playing for many reasons.  
It could be that the rainfall is stopping.  
Maybe it’s the smell of the Spring time  
air.  
Or the joy in Spring that everyone shares.

## St. Patrick’s Day

**By Adriana S.,** homeschool, grade 6

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!  
I hope lots of luck will come your way!  
Like seeing leprechauns and wee folk,  
Who knows, you may find one  
if you look.  
Or maybe you’ll see a rainbow  
and follow it to the end  
and find a pot of gold!  
Or, perhaps when you’re digging,  
you’ll find one that’s very, very old!

## Midnight Baking

**By Maeve Steger**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, St. Mary’s Visitation

The setting sun hides behind the lush hills  
As the moon rises the sky glows deep blue  
The quiet howling wind fills the ears  
A candle lit house giving a gold hue  
The fireplace cracking with wood ablaze  
A ring from the kitchen is a sweet cry  
The steam from the oven  
has the room a haze  
Gentle hands pull a fresh blueberry pie  
Setting the pastry down on the table  
Careful not to touch the burning hot dish  
Cutting the pie as best they are able  
Biting into the pie causing a squish  
There through the window  
the moonlight has shown  
A little old lady sitting all alone

## Books

**By Peter Kearney**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, St. Mary’s Visitation

Books are numerous, so many genres  
Satires, fantasy, horror, and more  
Some books are about colored iguanas  
To me non-fiction is mostly a bore  
Some books are so good,  
you can’t put them down  
I like Sherlock Holmes’ mysteries  
My favorite book’s cover  
is chestnut brown  
I enjoyed “*The Naval Treaty*”  
Tolkein, Shelley, Poe, Doyle, and Twain  
wrote the classics along with the others  
Authors, from ‘round the world  
including Spain  
Dickens is a favorite of my brothers  
I don’t like *Little House on the Prairie*  
But I like to visit the library

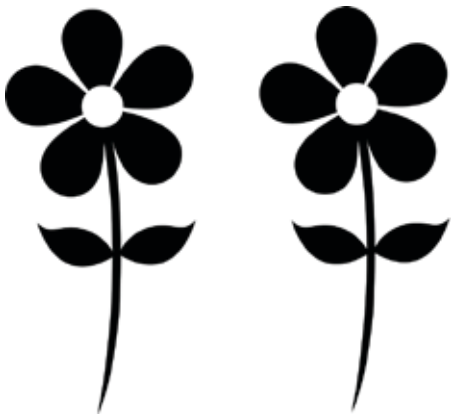
## The Love Of Reading

**By Bria Lanthier,** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

I have sailed the Titanic.  
I have swam in the big, deep blue.  
I have been to Europe,  
Maybe you have, too?  
I have seen the sky-high mountains  
and I have cruised all Seven Seas  
while soaring high in the breeze.

I have ridden a horse,  
A wild one of course...

No one’s been on adventures like me!  
I can be anywhere in 1, 2, 3!  
No more fun?  
The book is done!  
But no worries...  
Another one’s yet to come!



## Springtime

**By MaryGrace Schlifske**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, St. Mary’s Visitation

In springtime ice starts melting very fast  
Nature changes from white snow  
to green grass  
There are often skies that are overcast  
It’s interesting to see how seasons pass  
I love the good feeling of warmer days  
Tulips and daffodils are sprouting up  
Nature is growing in different ways  
Where is all the pretty snow,  
yelps my pup  
Weather changes from snowy days to rain  
March Madness means watching  
basketball games  
Water is flowing from skies to the drain  
Basketball winners will get lots of fame  
Spring break means family time  
on vacation  
We go to the beach, it’s fun in motion

## Spring

**By Lucia S.,** homeschool, grade 4

Spring is here.  
The flowers are blooming.  
We plant carrots and beans, cabbage  
and lettuce plants.  
Soon we will plant pumpkins.  
For flowers, we plant zinnias,  
sunflowers and marigolds.

## St. Patrick

**By Gwen S.,** homeschool, grade 3

Saint Patrick taught us how the clover’s  
three leaves represent the Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit. I love St. Patrick’s Day! We  
always read books about St. Patrick!

## Spring

**By Karoline S.,** homeschool, K5

In spring, we play outside. We splash in  
the puddles and ride bikes! I play with my  
baby dolls inside. We read books.

## “Poof”

**By Amelia Harmelink**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tonawanda

You wake up in the morning  
And what do you see?  
A tiny green leprechaun just like me!!  
You search around the house  
for candy and galore  
Saying, saying, saying “I want more!”  
You sprinkle the house from head to toe in  
green sparkles then blow, blow, blow!  
You stumble across the toilet and  
you’re a little surprised that it is green!  
And not the regular white!  
Then suddenly something green  
flashes in your eye,  
It’s not and apple it’s not and toy,  
It’s a little boy!  
But not a normal one oh no it’s too small  
to short and has a tiny nose  
“It’s a leprechaun it’s a leprechaun”  
you yell  
Then it flashes away  
and no one believes your tale.

## March

**By Nora Schneider and Frances Paradis**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tonawanda

Flowers blooming,  
Owls hooting,  
Time of St. Patrick’s Day,  
Children play,  
Spring is here,  
Out come the deer,  
Irish times,  
Spend some dimes,  
In the season of March,  
Go under the St. Louis arch,  
Wish on a clover,  
February’s over,  
Quarantine started over a year ago,  
Here comes more snow,  
Go enjoy March!  
YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## March March Here It Comes

**By Eli and Conrad**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tonawanda

March March Here it comes  
March March bang the drums  
March March breezes hum  
March March fingers numb  
March March chew some gum  
March March **WINTER FUN**  
Have a nice March!

## March

**By Quinn Winter**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tonawanda

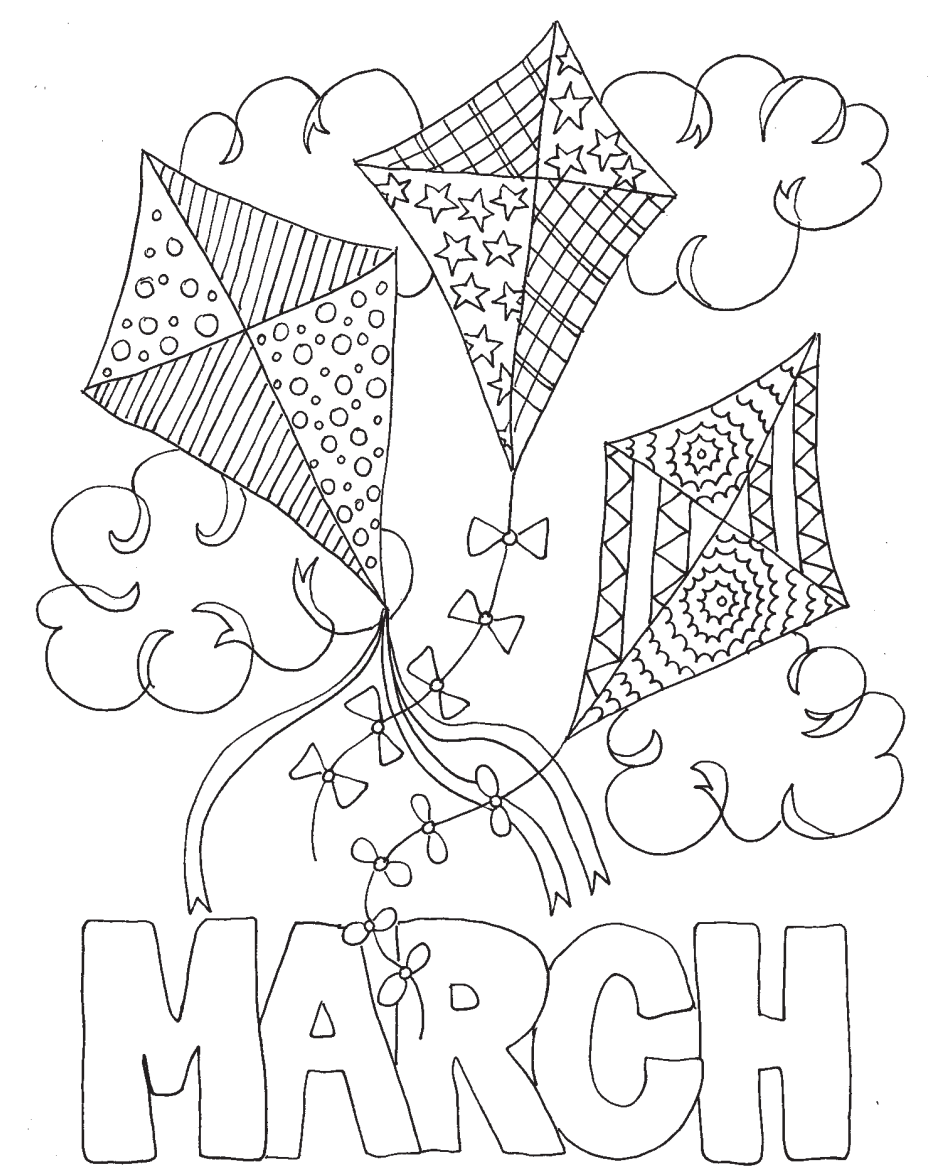
Forward march  
we welcome spring  
When bunnies hop  
And all birds sing  
When March winds blow  
The winter away  
They get the world ready  
For April and May

## Spring

**By Jack Marks**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tonawanda

Spring is here  
In the air  
You can smell it coming  
The birds are chirping  
Flowers blooming  
Grass is out  
Buzzy bees are humming

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# Legal Issues

## Estate Planning: Choosing Your Representatives

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Choosing someone to be your financial power of attorney, personal representative, or the successor trustee for your trust is one of the most difficult aspects of estate planning. Often you end up choosing the same person for each role.

Other times there might not be a good choice and a trust company is most appropriate. These are highly personal decisions and there is no right or wrong way to go about it. There are, however, some qualities that you should keep in mind:

**Integrity:** These should be people in whom you have complete trust and confidence as they will have access to your finances, and control over your assets after your death.

**Experience:** While they do not have to be experts themselves, some solid financial experience is necessary. Your agents will be making significant financial decisions for you or your beneficiaries. Also, they have to have the experience to know when

and how to hire the right professionals, such as accountants, attorneys or realtors.

**Impartiality:** If possible, choose someone who will be viewed by family or beneficiaries as impartial and fair. This will help if disagreements arise and the person you name has to step in to settle the matter. Depending on family dynamics, your best choice may be a trusted friend, or an outside person or entity, to act in this role to maintain impartiality.

**Patience:** The agents you name will have to act during some of the most stressful times in your family’s life. Because they are in a position of authority, your agent may become the most obvious target when emotions run high. Consider naming someone who understands this and can remain calm.

After choosing someone for each role, you should also try to designate a successor to serve in the place of your first choice if your first choice is unavailable for one reason or another.

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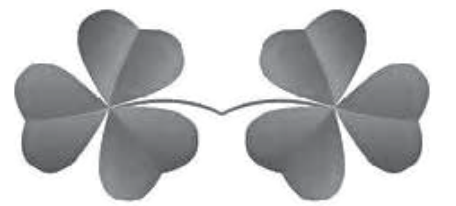
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# Letters to the Editor

- Letters regarding issues of concern to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community will be considered for publication on a space available basis.
- Submissions (max: 250 words) must include the writer’s name, community & phone #
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## There is More to the Story of ‘the Bell’

Due to space constraints, the recent article about the SSND Caroline Bell (February 2021 / [www.elmgrove.news](http://www.elmgrove.news)) was unable to include the fact that one of the most important functions of the bell has been for the “For Whom the Bells Toll” campaign, a national initiative to toll bells whenever there is an execution in the US. At 3 p.m. the day of a scheduled execution, sisters and anyone on campus who was interested and available, gathered in the lobby to pray silently as the bells tolled for 2 minutes. Then the sister facilitator would give the name of the person who was scheduled for execution, and all would

pray for an end to the death penalty, for the person being executed, all involved in the execution, the original crime victims and their families, and that all life would be viewed and respected as sacred, from conception to natural death.

This practice continues without the bell and will be renewed in the new convent until the death penalty is abolished, as has been called for by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**Sister Barbara Pfarr, SSND**  
Elm Grove

## Stop Gerrymandering

Do you favor updating our state unemployment system, so unemployment checks come in a timely fashion? Do you favor a mask mandate? Do you favor an increase in the minimum wage? Do you favor legalization of marijuana? Do you favor background checks for all sales of guns? These things are among many favored by the majority of Wisconsin voters. Yet, no action has been taken by the state legislature.

Although **Governor Evers** called 7 special sessions to address such issues, legislators gaveled in and out of the sessions, often within minutes. No legislation has resulted. In fact, the legislature didn’t even show up to work for months, and has been cited as the laziest of full-time state legislatures, meeting 18 times less often on average.

Gerrymandering is one of the chief reasons for this problem. Most state races are not competitive because Republicans spent \$4 million of our tax paper dollars in 2011 to pay lawyers and courts to gerrymander district boundaries, creating lots of loops and bends to assure no competition for their seats in the legislature. The result: Republicans get 2/3 of the seats, despite getting only 45% of the vote.

What can be done? First, google the Peoples’ Maps Commission and send a message stating that gerrymandering has allowed the state legislature to ignore issues important to you. Next, in upcoming elections, stop voting for legislators who ignore or even vote against your concerns.

**Mariette Nowak**  
East Troy, WI

# Young Writers *(Continued from Page 9)*

## Playing Soccer

By Colton E., 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tonawanda

This year I’m doing soccer indoors, but we have to wear masks. Also, a bad thing is that I broke my teeth and cut them in half, so I have to wear a mouth guard. I play for a team called Elmbrook United, and I play on select so we play year around. If you play a sport, you’ll probably know what I’m talking about, it’s hard to breathe. Since we are playing indoors, we have to run a lot more, so this year in select will be hard and tough, and hard to breathe. I think we’ll do really good this year because we have such a great team. We were split into different teams, one half on one team and another half on the other team.

## St. Patrick’s Day

By Stella Williams  
4<sup>th</sup> grade – Tonawanda

Finding four-leaf clovers,  
a special sign of luck.  
Making traps for leprechauns,  
they will soon be stuck.  
Irish dancing all day long,  
And singing favorite Irish songs.  
There’s gold at the end of the rainbow,  
or so we are told.  
And I do not think searching for it  
will ever get old.  
Good Luck!

## St. Patrick’s Day

By Michael S., homeschool, K4

On St. Patrick’s Day, we read books about St. Patrick and the Irish saints. We listen to Celtic music, and my brother will play the bagpipes this year! We eat corned beef, mashed potatoes, Irish soda bread, green jell-o and chocolate mint brownies! In school, we color a picture of St. Patrick and make a craft. This is a very fun day!

## Spring

By Cailin Hagemeier  
4th Grade - Tonawanda

Spring comes once a year  
And is great once a year.  
The rain is beautiful,  
the sound is nice and calming.  
The splash of a car  
going through the water  
Is nice and fun.  
When your boots get wet  
and track mud into the house.  
There is no time  
that’s more calming than spring.  
The fun of getting wet  
And walking in the rain  
there is always fun in spring.  
Wherever you are  
Whenever you’re there  
Spring.



# News Briefs



Brookfield Academy students (top row, left to right) **Emmalyn Bergman, Anushka Guru, Anvesha Guru**; (middle row, left to right) **Max Hong, Leah Johnson, Mishaal Omer**; (bottom row, left to right) **Serena Suson, Adrian Yin, and Ruthie Yu**.

## Brookfield Academy Students Win Writing Awards

- Brookfield Academy is proud to announce that nine Upper School students are regional award recipients of the 2021 Scholastic Writing Awards-Wisconsin. The following students earned more than 40 writing awards in a variety of categories:
- \*Emmalyn Bergman**, Oconomowoc, two Silver Keys (Poetry)
  - \*Anushka Guru**, Brookfield, Gold Key (Personal Essay & Memoir), Honorable Mention (Short Story)
  - \*Anvesha Guru**, Brookfield, Silver Key (Critical Essay), Honorable Mention (Humor)
  - \*Max Hong**, Brookfield, two Gold Keys (Short Story, Poetry), Silver Key (Short Story)
  - \*Leah Johnson**, Pewaukee, seven Gold Keys (Poetry-5, Critical Essay-1, Personal Essay & Memoir-1), five Silver Keys (Poetry), Honorable Mention (Poetry)
  - \*Mishaal Omer**, Brookfield, six Gold Keys (Poetry-3, Short Story-1, Personal Essay & Memoir-1, Writing Portfolio-1)
  - \*Serena Suson**, Pewaukee, four Gold Keys (Poetry-1, Personal Essay & Memoir-1, Dramatic Script-1 Writing Portfolio-1), three Silver Keys (Poetry-1, Personal Essay & Memoir-1, Short Story-1), two Honorable Mentions (Poetry)
  - \*Adrian Yin**, Milwaukee, two Gold Keys (Critical Essay), three Silver Keys (Flash Fiction, Poetry-2), Honorable Mention (Personal Essay & Memoir)
  - \*Ruthie Yu**, Menomonee Falls, Gold Key (Short Story), Silver Key (Science Fiction/Fantasy)

# News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

## Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

**Timmy** is a gentle, sweet, loving young girl who is sure to bring incredible joy and companionship to the person or family who adopts her! The only thing Timmy really is in need of in her new home is a bit of time to learn she can trust you and become familiar with her new digs. Once this happens, you will have a gigantic love bug who will shower you with purrs and seek you out for ear scratches and affection. Timmy knows how to look pretty spectacular in designer t-shirts, too!

If you would like to learn more about Timmy, please call 262-782-9261 or visit <https://ebhs.org/cats/>. The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.



Photos Courtesy Elmbrook Humane Society

Timmy

# Our Village

## When a Man Needs a Haircut...

**By Marci Richards**

**Mary** The Beautician who works at Elm Grove Hair Designs was kind enough to come to our house and cut my husband’s hair. He (**Donald Whitaker**) calls her Mary The Barber and she doesn’t get upset but as a man he’s not yet used to calling the person who cuts his hair a beautician.

As he aged, he needed someone near home and I found Mary and for years he has gone to see her at Elm Grove Hair Designs. Most times he is the only man in the shop. Unfortunately, at age 95, he has had problems with congestive heart failure and recently had a new aortic valve placed. He was then re-hospitalized with more congestive heart failure. His hair was getting long but he could not travel to see Mary. I called her and she was kind enough to come to our house and give my husband a haircut.

These are the kind of gentle kind people that we have working in our lovely Village.



**Mary** the Beautician / Barber gives **Donald Whitaker** a haircut at his home.



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# I ask for your vote on April 6<sup>th</sup>



**My strength is my ability to listen to you and work with people of diverse opinions to find productive solutions. I will take your concerns to heart and be mindful of the need to protect Elm Grove's most valued assets (quiet, safe, friendly, charm). I will work to ensure that the Elm Grove we pass on to our children and grandchildren is a welcoming, thriving, and vibrant community.**

**Re-Elect**  
**Thomas Michalski**  
Village Trustee

**VISION**  
Our founders conceived and created the Village of Elm Grove, based on volunteerism, low taxes, and independence from outside control. I will continue their vision through open communication, transparent governance.  
I will work to refresh the Village business center while being mindful of the Village's unique and cherished culture.

**GOALS**

- Preserve Elm Grove's unique environment
- Maintain high-quality public services Police, Fire, EMS, Recreation, Public Works
- Vigilantly control spending
- Listen to Elm Grove's residents
- Enhance Elm Grove's Downtown area by making it more walkable, attractive, vibrant

**EXPERIENCE**

- 21 Years Elm Grove Resident
- 15 Years Elm Grove Firefighter
- 10 Years Elm Grove Village Trustee
  - ♦ Planning Commission
  - ♦ Safety Committee
  - ♦ Public Works Committee
  - ♦ Finance Committee
  - ♦ Recreation Committee
  - ♦ Administration Committee
- 5 Years Waukesha County Supervisor
  - ♦ Planning Commission
  - ♦ Administration Committee
  - ♦ Finance Committee
  - ♦ Park and Land Use Committee
- 1 Year WCTC Board Member
- 30 Years Marquette University, Information Technology
- 6 years U.S. Air Force Reserves
- University Wisconsin Milwaukee: B.A. degree in Business Majors in Finance and Information Systems


**I have the skills and experience to tackle Elm Grove's issues.**

## Thank You!

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following people who, over the years, have been consistent supporters. **Thank You** for your advice, assistance, and encouragement.

Jim Nortman,  
*Former Village President*  
Susan Freedy,  
*Former Village President*  
Paul Freedy,  
*Retired Firefighter*  
Patty Kujawa,  
*Former Village Trustee*  
Brian Naylor,  
*E.G.F.D. Chief*  
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*Lt. Firefighter*  
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*A special thanks to my wife Jennifer Morris*



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