A scenic view of a lake at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water. In the foreground, two dark wooden Adirondack chairs are positioned on a grassy lawn, facing the lake. A wooden picnic table is also visible in the middle ground. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and inviting.

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- In a 2022 survey of 4k-2nd grade parents, 92% strongly agree or agree that focusing on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports) has a positive impact on their child's achievement. Our district has been recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center for our successful implementation of PBIS systems across all grade levels.
- The Senior Class of 2023 included 140 graduates with a graduation rate of 100%.
- Since 2015, our ETHS has earned 30 RVC Conference Championships, 9 Sectional Championships (Team State Qualifiers), 6 Sectional Runner-ups, 2 Team State Championships, and well over 100 individual state qualifiers.
- 69% of ETHS students successfully completed at least one dual enrollment course during the 22-23 school year. This is well above the state average of 23%.
- On the most recent State Report Card (22-23) our district "Exceeds Expectations" with a score of 70.

### Healthy Organizational Culture

- Our East Troy Community School District received the 2023 Good Neighbor of the Year Award from the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Over 40% of our current staff hold a Master's Degree or higher.
- 98% of staff agreed that they feel their work has purpose.
- In a fall 2022 survey of 4K-2nd parents, 100% of respondents agreed that Little Prairie staff members are caring and supportive.

### Increased Communication & Engagement

- In the 2022 Family Satisfaction survey, 90% of families agreed that ETCSD is right to focus on the 6Cs.
- Our district partners with local master gardeners, farmers, seed dealers, and businesses to offer an authentic K-12 Agriculture Education.
- Our district continues to have an active presence on social media. Facebook remains the largest online influence for our district with 2460 current followers and an average reach of 14,676 accounts per month.

### Good Steward of District Resources

- Our district has a solid credit rating of "Aa2" from Moody's. Of the 365 Wisconsin school districts that received a rating in 2020, only 18 districts scored higher.
- Due to extensive budgeting and fiscal responsibility, the district has added to the fund balance for the last 15 years and was able to eliminate short term borrowing for the first time in 2023-2024.
- Ongoing discussions regarding district resources continue to promote transparency and encourage community engagement. View our website for more info!



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## SECOND PLACE: *Chris Breidenbach*

Chris Breidenbach's photo of one of his daughters showing some love on a warm, breezy day was chosen as the second place photo.

# *East Troy* is a happening place with a rich history

The area of East Troy was first settled in 1836, when a man named H. Roberts began construction of a sawmill on the shores of Honey Creek.

The area grew rapidly, and the next four years saw the establishment of a hotel, general store, blacksmith, chapel, school, post office, doctor, lawyer, and justice of the peace.

East Troy was originally known as Troy after a place called Troy, New York, from where many of the settlers originated. It was decided, during 1843, that Troy was too large of an area for one township, and the territory of Troy was split by the state legislature. The western part was renamed Meacham, after an early settler and the eastern part remained Troy.

This arrangement was deemed unsuitable to the western portion, including Jesse Meacham, for which the

area was named. Meacham set out for the capital to reclaim the name of Troy.

There is a legend that Jacob Burgit, an early settler and representative of the eastern territory, heard of Meacham's trip, and set out for the capital to argue his own case for keeping the name of Troy for the east. However, Burgit arrived too late, and the name of Troy was given to the west. The east was then renamed East Troy, as it remains today.

The Village of East Troy was officially platted in 1847. All the land south of main street belonged to Burgit, who purchased the claim in 1837, built the sawmill, and later built a grist mill, which helped to develop flourishing business in the area. Austin McCracken owned all the land north of the Main Street. McCracken came to East Troy in 1836 and built the first public inn in Walworth County. This

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## LIFE THROUGH THE LENS

Area residents once again were offered the chance to share their views of the East Troy area through the lens of their cameras in the 15th annual East Troy Times Community Guide photography competition.

This year, we had three local photographers submit photos for the competition – John Finney, Barb Jeffries and Chris Breidenbach.

The photographers who submit photos for the contest showcase people, places and events that give this area its color. The East Troy Times wants to thank them for sharing their photographs.

Winners were selected on originality, subject matter, visual appeal and connection to East Troy. The top three winning entries as well as several honorable mentions are featured throughout this publication.



## FIRST PLACE (COVER):

# *John Finney*

John Finney submitted this photo of a Lake Beulah sunset as seen from the shoreline. It made the judges wish they were sitting in one of the chairs, taking in the view in person. It was cropped slightly to fit the cover space but is shown in its entirety on page 15.



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2660 North St.  
East Troy, WI 53120  
262-642-7604  
www.etbc.church  
Worship services: Sunday at 9 a.m.

### First Congregational Church of East Troy, UCC

N8030 Townline Rd.  
East Troy, WI 53120  
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fcceasttroy@gmail.com  
Find the church on Facebook.  
Worship services: Sunday at 8:30 a.m.  
at Michael Fields.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1936 Emery St.  
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262-642-3310  
www.gslet.org  
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### Mukwonago Baptist Church

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WI 53149  
262-363-4197  
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Kids ministry (except first Sunday of  
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### St. James United Methodist Church

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Worship services: Sunday at 9 a.m.

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### Valley View Community Church

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public inn was built of log and was in the  
same site where the East Troy House now  
stands.

In an effort to stimulate growth in the  
community, Burgit and McCracken offered  
a free lot to anyone who would build there.  
They set aside land for churches, a public  
square, and parks.

The village square is now a centerpiece  
for the community for a variety of events  
from festivals and fundraisers to concerts  
and holiday gatherings.

The first postal service in East Troy was  
established in 1838, in the home of Henry  
Powers, who lived not far from Potter's  
Lake. John F. Powers was the village's first  
postmaster, as well as the first attorney.  
Mail was at first transported by horseback  
and delivered to East Troy once a week.

In 1841, the post office was moved  
to the village and by that time the  
Government Road from Milwaukee to  
Janesville was established, facilitating

mail services. Many historical buildings  
around the Village Square housed the post  
office through the years. On June 12, 1966,  
ceremonies were held for the new post  
office on Mill Street, which is still its home  
today.

On Dec. 13, 1907, the Milwaukee  
Electric Railway and Light Company  
opened a line into the village creating  
much needed business, ease of travel  
from Milwaukee and other stops along the  
railway and freight of mail, farm produce,  
newspapers, and most importantly a new  
service that residents had never seen  
before, electricity.

Now, the rail line that runs between  
East Troy and The Elegant Farmer in  
Mukwonago is the last remnant of the  
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*History compiled from the Walworth  
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**STARTING LINE:** *John Finney*

John Finney took this photo of the starting line for a Lake Beulah Yacht Club regatta



**WATER DROPS:** *Chris Breidenbach*

Chris Breidenbach captured the beauty of water drops on a flower.

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## BARN AT SUNSET: *Chris Breidenbach*

Sunsets rarely disappoint but don't always photograph well. Chris Breidenbach was up for the challenge with this shot.

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#### Troy Center Fire Department

Chief Don Schell  
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[tcfcd@troywalworthwi.gov](mailto:tcfcd@troywalworthwi.gov)  
*Water Patrol Supervisor*  
Bill Musolf  
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### VILLAGE OF EAST TROY

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[voet@easttroywi.gov](mailto:voet@easttroywi.gov)  
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[www.easttroywi.gov](http://www.easttroywi.gov)  
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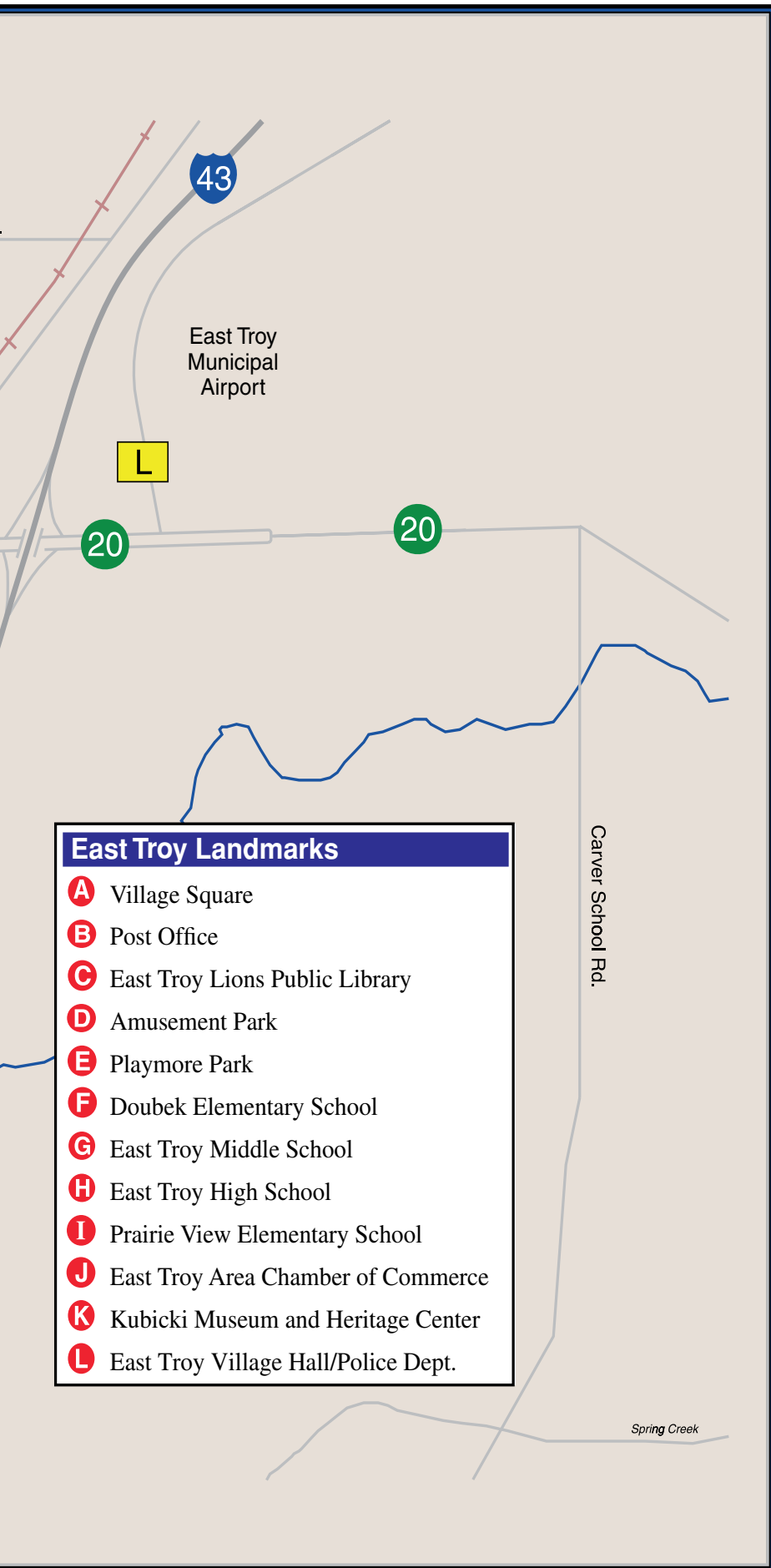
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# East Troy Area Map







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## Rossmiller Sports Complex and Francine Pease Skate Park (fka Amusement Park)

3090 Graydon Ave., includes a  
 grandstand, athletic field for baseball  
 and other activities, skate park and  
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 West Street and Graydon Ave.

## Lynndale Playground

1879 Valley Drive, a small  
 neighborhood park located off of  
 Frontage Road

## Mill Pond Park

2265 Highway G, a small pond and  
 walking path located south of the  
 Village Square

## Mitchell Park

3090 Graydon Ave., baseball/soccer  
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 Park (fka Amusement Park) and  
 extending north to Highway 20

## Playmore Park

3072 Graydon Ave., a recreational  
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 equipment area, picnic tables and a  
 handicap accessible restroom on the  
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 Ave.

## Pulliam Nature Area

1824 Thomas Drive, nature area  
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 sledding located on the east side of  
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## Jim Byrnes Memorial Park

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## Village Square

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### Little Prairie Primary School

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## WHAT A SHOW: *Chris Breidenbach*

A boy watches the fireworks in East Troy, as shown in this photo by Chris Breidenbach.

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# FIRST PLACE (COVER): *John Finney*



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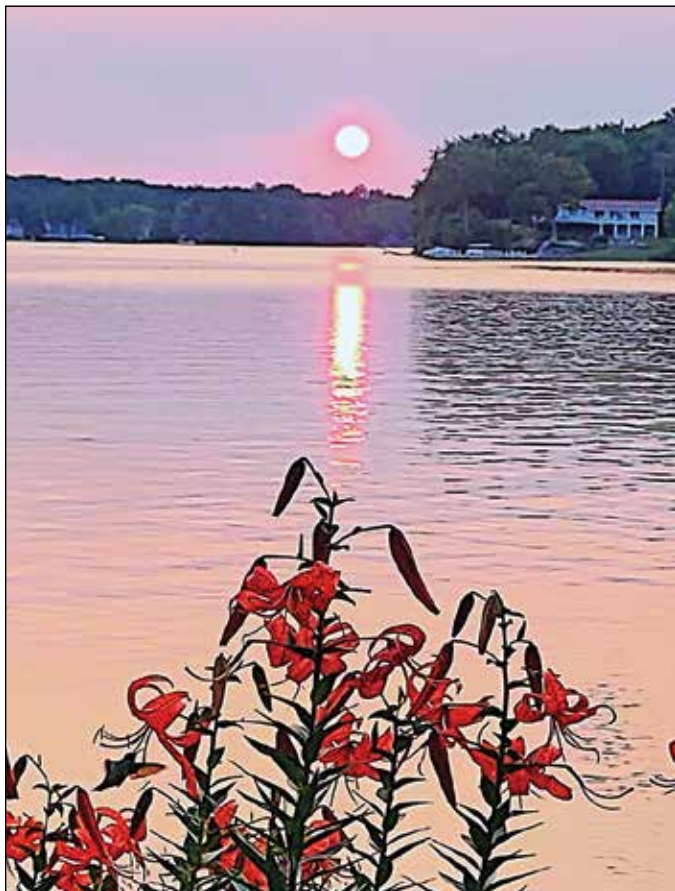
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**CAN YOU SEE IT?** *John Finney*

In a real-life version of "I spy" John Finney captured this photo of a hummingbird at sunset on Lake Beulah. Hint: the bird is on the left side of the flowering plant.

**3RD PLACE:** *Barb Jeffries*

The sunset provides a beautiful backdrop in this photo taken by Barb Jeffries near her home on Pickeral Lake Road. It was chosen for third place in the contest.



**CAUGHT ON BREAK:**

*Barb Jeffries*

Barb Jeffries caught this hummingbird stopping for nourishment.



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