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Representatives of Waukesha County community service agencies gathered on February 21 to launch their annual giving campaign. Shown (left to right) are **Karen Tredwell**, Executive Director, FOOD Pantry of Waukesha County; **Ralph Zick**, Executive Director, Hope Center; **Paul Farrow**, Waukesha County Executive; **Shelli Marquardt**, President, Waukesha County Community Foundation; **Angela Mancuso**, Executive Director, The Women's Center; and **Kris Androsky**, Executive Director, Hebron House of Hospitality.

Online Giving Campaign Benefits Multiple County Agencies

(WAUKESHA) The Waukesha County Community Foundation (WCCF) is hosting an online giving campaign through March 15, 2018, to benefit **Hebron House of Hospitality, Hope Center, Food Pantry of Waukesha County and The Women's Center**. The event, "Waukesha County Provides," aims to increase awareness and capacity for the basic needs agencies that provide food, shelter, safety and hope to our fellow community members.

Whether it is people utilizing the Hope Center's day center, getting meal supplies from the Food Pantry, attending child abuse prevention programming at The Women's Center or seeking shelter in one of the three houses of the Hebron House of Hospitality, a true need exists in Waukesha County.

"Some of our neighbors do not have regular access to even the basic needs of shelter, food and clothing," said WCCF President **Shelli Marquardt**. "Participating in this giving event will make a huge difference in our fellow citizens' lives. These four agencies saw an exponential increase in the demand for services and assistance when the temperature plummeted the beginning of this year. If these agencies were not offering support, I would hate to imagine what could have happened."

More than \$75,000 was donated last year during this online event. The goal for this year's online event is \$100,000 according to Marquardt.

Donors can designate any number of the four agencies to be the recipient of their donation and the foundation encourages community members to support all four with one, easy gift.

"Each agency provides a different type of service to meet the basic needs of our community members," explains Marquardt. "By donating to all four, you will be helping many of your neighbors living in difficult situations. We have a very generous donor at the foundation who will match the donations, up to a total of \$20,000, when all four agencies are designated as recipients for a gift."

Donors wanting to support those in need can do so by going to the WCCF website, www.WaukeshaFoundation.org and clicking on the Waukesha County Provides banner.

The WCCF will also feature the agencies on their Facebook page with Facebook Live events that highlight the four agencies and share a behind the

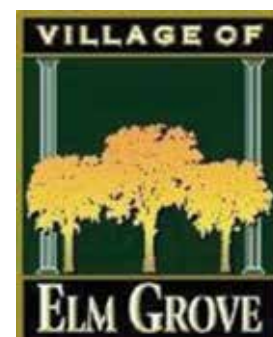
scenes look at our community. Individual agencies will also share the videos on their Facebook pages.

A community celebration, hosted by WCCF, will be held on March 15 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Waukesha Public Library, with brief comments by participating agency leadership at 12:15 p.m. County Executive **Paul Farrow** will be in attendance and available to help community members donate online through the WCCF website.

Waukesha County Provides was launched in 2016 when executive directors from The Women's Center, Hebron House of Hospitality, Hope Center and the Food Pantry of Waukesha County joined forces to raise awareness and funds to support the four agencies. The WCCF began hosting the event in 2017 by promoting it as an online giving campaign. The campaign provides a central, online donation platform, where donors can easily support the participating agencies.

Additional information is available at www.waukeshafoundation.org, or by calling (262) 513-1861.

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Village Update

By Neil Palmer,
President – Village of Elm Grove
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The open house (held on February 15) to discuss the proposed **Underwood Creek daylighting** project was a big success. Lots of good comments and suggestions. Refined project plans will be prepared soon based on all the input and ongoing engineering. The daylighting of the buried creek is an important effort to improve our downtown. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the open house.

Recent downtown development proposals and discussions have prompted many residents to suggest that it was time to develop a master plan for the central business district area. The Village has issued a **Request for Proposals** to assist with development of a **Downtown Master Plan** for the Watertown Plank Road, Juneau Boulevard and Elm Grove Road corridors, which make up the central business district. Responses to the RFP are due in early March and seek the assistance of planning and urban design firms experienced in urban redevelopment.

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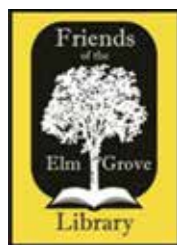
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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Breaking News...

Spring is on its way!



Really. And, so is the Friends of the Elm Grove Library's Annual Used Book Sale!!!!

(See our Calendar of Events - Page 5 for details.)

Underwood Creek Daylighting project

My husband (EGNI photographer, **James L.W. Bain**) and I had front row seats, joining a room full of other Elm Grove residents, Village staff and others, during a February 15 open house event at Village Hall. The presentation and discussion highlighted plans for a proposed \$1.6 million reconstruction of the section of Underwood Creek which runs beneath the Park & Shop property in downtown Elm Grove. According to Zoning & Planning Administrator, **Tom Harrigan**, Elm Grove is currently seeking grants to fund the majority of the project, with the actual work to commence possibly in 2020, or, in his estimation, likely a year or two beyond that. Visit www.elmgrovetwi.org and click on the "Community Projects" tab for project details or call (262) 782-6700.



Photo courtesy of the School District of Elmbrook

Brookfield East High School Forensics Team members at the Greater Metro Conference Forensics tournament.

Brookfield East Hosts Forensics Tournament

The Great Metro Conference Forensics tournament took place in February at Brookfield East High School. The top 3 competitors in each category received medals. Honors went to the following:

***First Place:**

(Duo Interpretation) juniors, **Namitha Alexander** and **Arjun Shreekumar**; (Moments in History) freshman, **Amoolya Selvaraj**; (Play Acting) sophomores, **Simrah Ahmed**, **Ben Lukas** and **Julia Galang**; (Solo Serious) sophomore, **Katrina Li**.

***Second Place:**

(Special Occasion) sophomore, **Mary Ellen Saxon**.

***Third Place:**

(Extemporaneous Speaking) sophomore, **Bartosz Wodnicki**; (Prose) sophomore, **Navya Tarikere**; (Play Acting) sophomores, **Barbara Allbright**, **Emma Hall**, **Maria Brunette** and **Scarlet Kallebe**.

Other competitors in the power round: (Impromptu) **Rishav Kumar** and **Bera Demirbilek**.

Additional team members competing: **Avery Dugall**, **Jack Holcomb**, **Viktor Sakman**, **MGR Govindarajan**, **Aatreya Puttaparti**, **Sydney Munnagle**, **Shagun Singh**, **Mark Browne**, **Antony Amala**, **Alex Maier**, **Vivek Srivastava**, **Shloka Nambiar**, **Kevin Klatt** and **Diana Carp**.



Celebrate Red Cross Month, Give Blood!

"The American Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide," notes spokesperson **Laura McGuire**. "Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed."

to 2 p.m. at Brookfield East High School, 3305 North Lilly Rd. Brookfield and on March 16, from Noon to 5 p.m. at Sendik's Towne Center, 18915 W. Capitol Dr., Suite 100, Brookfield.

In Waukesha County, blood drives will be held on **March 6, from 8 a.m.**

To help simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

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Village Update (Continued from Page 1)

The proposals must include proposals to involve and inform Village residents, landowners and businesses in plan development.

In 2004 the Village had a conceptual downtown development plan which was never formally adopted by the Village Board, but aspects of the plan still provide guidance to the Board and parties considering redevelopment of properties in the Village central business area. Increasing interest in redevelopment and calls for improved business services and a more unified vision of what landowners and residents want prompt the need for a new plan.

Community involvement in the new plan development is a critical component. Opportunities to become involved will be identified and publicized in the consultant selection process.

Elm Grove is one of the few communities in the suburban area which does not provide water service to homeowners and businesses. Failure of old wells, continued costs of pumps and water softening, and concerns over sufficient supply from the water table and possible contamination prompt

most home and condo owners to seek municipal water. Lack of municipal water is a serious impediment to firefighting efficiency in most of the Village.

Business owners also inquire about the possibilities of acquiring municipal water to improve the quality and quantity of water available. State regulations requiring fire control sprinkling systems for commercial and multifamily buildings are more easily and cheaply met with municipal supply than a well, storage and special fire control pumps.

The Village did complete a water supply connection with the City of Brookfield to supply water to the new Heritage Care Center on Wall Street and some of the homes and buildings south of Wall Street on Elm Grove Road and the Elms Condominium on Bluemound Road. Those properties now receive municipal water service from the City of Brookfield water department.

Continued (increasing) requests that the Village supply water and the clear long term need for the Village to reconsider this important service will be an important issue for the Village Board to evaluate this year.

Giving Campaign (Continued from page 1)

About the WCCF:

The Waukesha County Community Foundation was formed in November 1999 to create a permanent pool of funds to support non-profit organizations throughout Waukesha County that

serve a broad spectrum of community needs. The intent of the Foundation is to continually strengthen the community and improve the quality of life for people in Waukesha County

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In Memoriam

Sara D. Blackburn

Sara D. Blackburn, 89, of Medford, NJ, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 4, 2018, at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mt. Holly, NJ.

Born in Haddonfield, NJ, Sara lived in Kalamazoo, MI; Elm Grove, WI; and Chattanooga, TN, before moving back to Haddonfield, NJ. She spent her last years at Medford Leas. Sara was a parishioner at St. Mary of the Lakes R.C. Church in Medford.

Wife of the late Charles Buck Blackburn; she is survived by her four children, Lisa Blackburn (Charles Kittel), Charles Blackburn, Jr., Robert A. Blackburn (Gail), and Sara Kirby Schulberg (Steve); three siblings, Genevieve “Judy” deGrasse, Alice Walton (Dave), and Michael Doyle (Alice); seven grandchildren, Michael Blackburn, Sr. Jessica Kerber,

acj, Stephanie Stodola (Mark), Aaron Kittel (Sruthi), Allison Blackburn, Mary Schulberg, and Sara Anne Schulberg; one great-granddaughter, Laura Stodola; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends greeted the family on Thursday, February 8, 2018, from 10–11 a.m., at the Mathis Funeral Home, 58 N. Main St., Medford, NJ. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:30 a.m., at St. Mary of the Lakes R.C. Church, 40 Jackson Rd., Medford.

A private interment was held by the family.

Contributions in Sara’s memory may be made to: Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 616 Coopertown Rd., Haverford, PA 19041.

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Past Times: I REMEMBER...

Ralph S. Otto, Milwaukee's Other "Mr. Baseball"

By Stephen K. Hauser

Born on December 17, 1921, **Ralph Otto** had a lifelong love affair with baseball, Milwaukee and public service. He grew up playing sandlot ball on the city's southside with youngsters who became friends for life. One of a family of 14 children, he vividly recalled standing in line for meals during the harsh days of the Great Depression of the 1930s. In 1939, he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), one of **President Franklin D. Roosevelt's** New Deal jobs programs, aimed at unemployed young men between the ages of 18 and 25. "I ate good", he told me, "some of the biggest meals I ever had. I made new friends and did constructive, healthy outdoor work, learning new skills. What better start in life for a young man?"

The hard work and discipline of the CCC served him well when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at the outbreak of World War II in 1941. He served with honor, although later recalled that he was once again standing in line for his meals, just as he had done during the Depression and in the CCC.

The war had interrupted his dreams of a career in baseball, and had it not intervened, I have no doubt that he would have risen to the major leagues. Prior to the outbreak of the war, Ralph had been playing as a catcher in the Muni leagues, graduating to the A level minors in 1940, winning the city's batting title in his rookie year.

In 1945, with the world at peace, Ralph turned pro. He signed a contract with the Ohio State League and was placed on the roster of their Middleton affiliate, league champs that season. He was named to the state league's 1947 All-Star team as well. He developed new skills as a player while in Ohio.

Never one to stay away from Wisconsin for very long, Ralph was back in Milwaukee in 1947, playing and coaching in the tavern leagues for **Emil Miller's** Tap team, which won the Triple A local championship that year. A Milwaukee Journal article from that season headlined: "Ralph Otto Leading Muni AAA Batters" and went on to state that Ralph "took over the batting lead in the Municipal Triple A league with a .520 average, a result of banging out six hits Sunday. He has 26 hits in 50 trips to the plate."

Ralph went on to play in the old American Association Milwaukee Brewers' farm system. In 1949, as a player for the Harnischfeger company team, he argued that outfielders should be required to work out with the rest of the team during pre-game warm-up exercises, which was not usually done back then. Today, it is the standard practice throughout baseball. Could he have initiated this?

Of course, there was more in life for Ralph than playing ball. He married his sweetheart **La Verne Czerwinski** and soon became the proud father of two daughters. He took a job in Milwaukee city government, working for the city for thirty years. He became an assistant to Milwaukee city clerk **Stanley Witkowski** in 1957 and when Witkowski passed away in 1961, Ralph was touted by some aldermen, including common council president **Martin Schreiber, Sr.**, as the best man for the clerk's position. He was defeated in council balloting, however, by **Ray Markey**, ten votes to nine.

Ralph remained with city government, subsequently working in the city hall offices of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

After retiring from municipal government, Ralph served with me on the board of directors of the Milwaukee Public Enterprise Committee. A good friend of former Milwaukee Mayor **Frank P. Zeidler**, Ralph would frequently mail correspondence on issues of the day to Frank, myself and other committee members, as well as to newspapers, school board members, county supervisors and state representatives. His missives were always feisty, direct (some would say blunt) and uncompromising. Some were acerbic, but they were always honest and usually made a great deal of sense. No one could say that Ralph Otto did not take the responsibilities of a public-spirited citizen seriously.

Still, baseball remained his first love. When new friends would ask what position he had played, he would hold up his gnarled hands and shout, "Catcher, can't you tell?" He never lost touch with those players he had known in his earlier years. He once made a special drive up to Sheboygan in the 1990s just to take former Milwaukee player **Joe ("Unser Choe") Hauser**, then living in a retirement home, out for a special dinner and a night on the town. Joe thanked him profusely, telling Ralph, "Tonight you treated me like a real major leaguer."

The 1990s were an era of controversy for baseball, with venerable old stadiums torn down, scandalous "tell all" books by ex-players, rumors of drugs and steroids, multi-million dollar contracts and escalating ticket and concession prices. I asked Ralph what he thought of the state of major league baseball at that time. I'll never forget his response. "Baseball?" he snorted. "I don't know what sport it is that's played on artificial turf in domed palaces by drugged-up millionaires with a lawyer on one arm and an agent on the other and watched by people eating steak in air-conditioned boxes, but whatever sport it is, it sure as hell ain't baseball!"

But Ralph Otto never stopped loving baseball, and was always happy to spin a yarn about the old days. He kept his home on south 9th Street in Milwaukee until his last years when he moved in with family in New Berlin. His opinions didn't mellow with age. He disliked senior centers because he said that he was not going to stand in line for meals any longer. "I paid my dues in line in the Depression, the CCC and the Marines," he told me. "I'll be darned if I'll do it as an old timer."

Ralph's proudest moment came on November 3, 1991 at Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners when he was inducted into the Wisconsin Old Time Ball Players Association Baseball Hall of Fame at their annual banquet celebration, an honor he richly deserved.

He passed away on April 4, 2002 at age 80. It was my privilege to know him as a friend and to hear his many stories and opinions. I will always remember Ralph Otto as one of life's true "major leaguers".

Stephen K. Hauser is a longtime Elm Grove resident, a college history professor & the author of books and articles about local history.

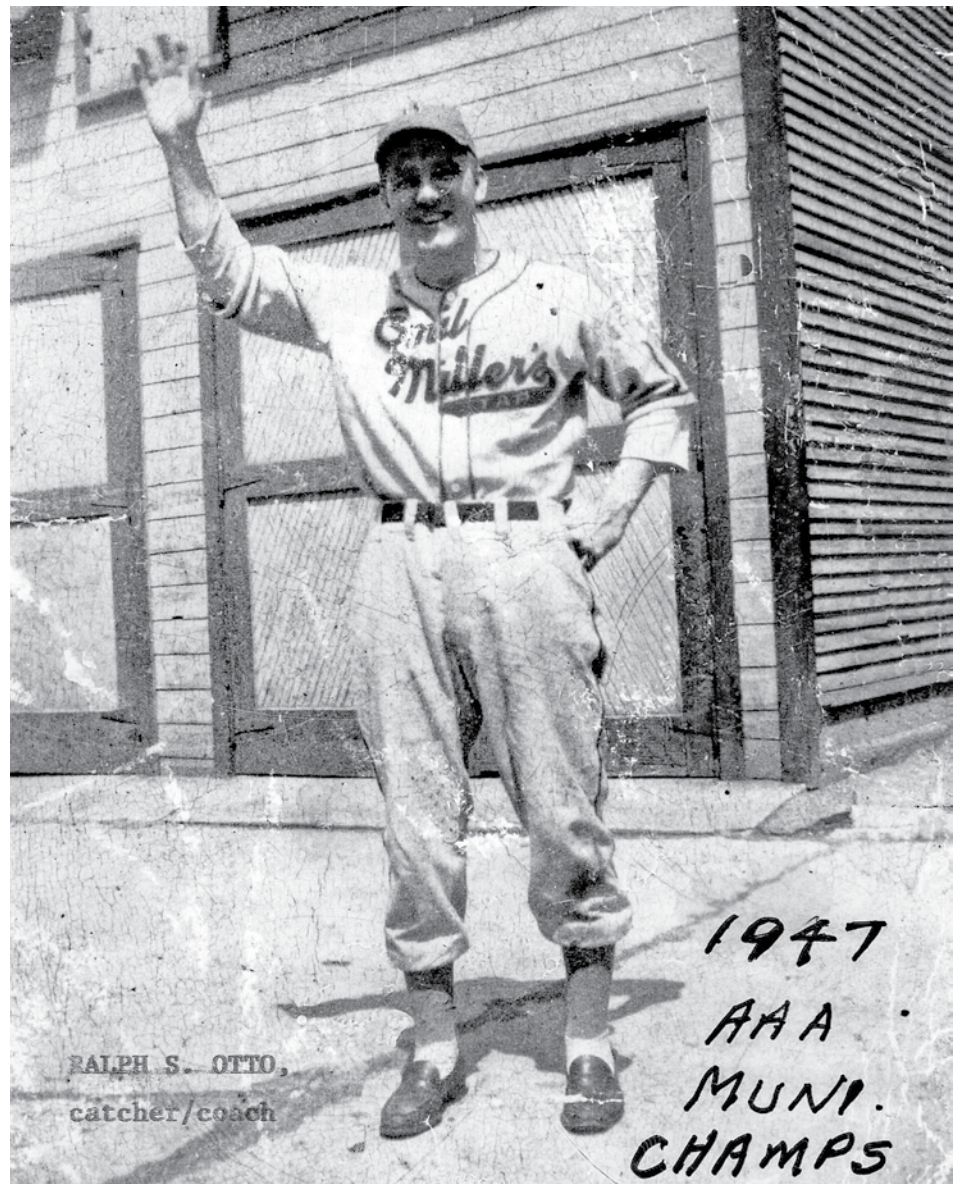
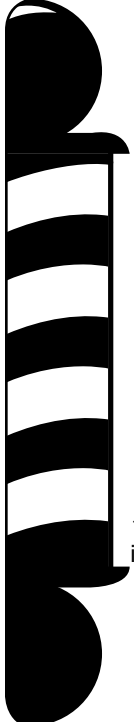


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Baseball Hall of Famer **Ralph Otto** in his prime.



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Calendar of Events for March 2018

Thursday – MARCH 1

*Friends of the Elm Grove Library Annual Used Book Sale” – Preview Night for FOEGL members – 6 to 9 p.m. (262) 782-6717.

Friday – MARCH 2

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org.
*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Strategic Fundraising for Non- Profits” presented by Ryan E. Daniels, Director, MPL Foundation. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

*Friends of the Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. FREE admission. (262) 782-6717.

Saturday – MARCH 3

*Friends of the Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (½ price sale).

Sunday – MARCH 4

*Friends of the Elm Grove Library Used Book Sale – Noon to 4 p.m. (\$5/bag).

Monday – MARCH 5

*Village of Elm Grove Plan Commission – Meeting 7 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Tuesday – MARCH 6

*Elm Grove Woman’s Club Meeting: 11 a.m. (Social); 11:30 a.m. (Business); Noon (Lunch), followed by program: “Musical Magic from Ireland” featuring the band Frogwater (John and Susan Nicholson). (262) 782-5930. www.egwc.org.
*Village of Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovi.org. (262) 782-6700.

*Brookfield Toastmasters Club Meeting: 6:30 to 8 p.m. @ Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield. Guests welcome. www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org

Wednesday – MARCH 7

*Village of Elm Grove Beautification Committee Meeting – 8:30 a.m. @ Village Hall.

Friday – MARCH 9

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org.
*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Waukesha & Jefferson County Libraries” presented by Connie Meyer, Director Bridges Library System. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

Sunday – MARCH 11

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – Set clocks ahead 1 hour

Tuesday – MARCH 13

*School District of Elmbrook Board of Education Meeting: 6 p.m. @ Central Administration Offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public. (262) 781-3030.

Wednesday – MARCH 14

*American Association of University Women – West Suburban Milwaukee Branch Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Program: “Rethinking Higher Education: The Business of broken Promises and Mortgaged Futures” presented by Steve Burlison, Business and Information Technology Division – MATC. Call Linda (414) 476-6919. <http://westsuburbanmilwaukee-wi.aauw.net>.

Thursday – MARCH 15

*OWLS (Older-Wiser-Livelier-Seniors) Sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, 14700 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove; Meeting: 11:30 a.m. - Program: “Teddy Roosevelt and the Strenuous Life” presented by Adam Lindquist. (262) 782-4060. www.cumceg.org.

Friday – MARCH 16

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org.
*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Elmbrook School Update” presented by Dr. Mark Hanson, Superintendent, School District of Elmbrook. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

Saturday – MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Monday – MARCH 19

*Village of Elm Grove Library Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Tuesday – MARCH 20

FIRST DAY OF SPRING!



*Village of Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall. Agenda: www.elmgrovi.org. (262) 782-6700.

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Friday – MARCH 23

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org.
*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Our Local History” presented by Lynda Thayer, President, Elmbrook Historical Society. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

Monday – MARCH 26

*Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room. Public welcome to attend. Agenda: www.elmgrove.org. (262) 782-6700.

Tuesday – MARCH 27

*School District of Elmbrook Board of Education Meeting: 6 p.m. @ Central Administration Offices, 13780 Hope St., Brookfield. Open to the Public. (262) 781-3030.

Friday – MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY Village Hall Closed

*Elmbrook Rotary Club Meeting – 7 a.m. in Elm Grove www.elmbrookrotary.org.
*Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. @ St. Mary’s Senior Center, 13000 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove. Program: “Kiwanis Four Key Clubs” presented by Lenny Johnson, Jeff Ranney & Dick Brandt. kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com.

Saturday – MARCH 31

*Elm Grove’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Village Park (large pavilion area, near the playground & pool): 9:30 a.m. – meet the Easter Bunny, enjoy FREE coffee & hot chocolate; 10 a.m. – Hunt begins. Funded & organized by the Elm Grove Junior Guild. FREE & open to the public.

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Clubs & Organizations

Toastmasters Club Holds Competition, Welcomes New Members

By Fatma Demirbilek

Brookfield Toastmasters Club #7833 held their 2018 annual speech competition on Tuesday evening, February 6 before a capacity audience.

The First Place winner will represent Brookfield Toastmasters at the area International Speech Contest on March 2nd at Steinhafels Waukesha conference center.

Brookfield Toastmasters Club is a non-profit educational group open to the public whose mission is to improve members' public speaking and leadership skills. It is one of the 130 Toastmasters clubs in Wisconsin and of

350,000 Toastmasters in 16,000 clubs in 141 countries worldwide.

Men and women interested in improving their speaking and leadership talents are cordially welcome to visit one of the club's meetings which are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the conference room of the Waukesha State Bank, 18300 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, (north side of Capitol between Calhoun and Brookfield Roads).

For additional information, visit www.brookfieldtm.toastmastersclubs.org.

Art Scholarship Competition Seeks Entries

The Elm Grove Woman's Club will hold its 49th Annual Art Scholarship Competition on April 10-12, 2018. The event is open to all high school students who reside in Elm Grove or who attend school in the Elmbrook School District. Students do not have to be enrolled in an art class in order to participate.

High school seniors will have the opportunity to win one of two \$1,500 awards. These scholarships will be issued directly to accredited university, college, art or technical schools on behalf of the winning students. Winners do not need to major or minor in art to receive an award.

Students in grades 9-11 have the opportunity to win one \$250 grant which will be awarded directly to the winner. Contestants should select three representative pieces of their original art in any medium.

Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. A reception and show, which is open to the public, is set for Thursday, April 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., during which time the scholarship and grant winners will be announced.

Entry forms should be available from local high school art teachers. For more information, call the EGWC at (262) 782-5930.

Submissions Wanted for Elm Grove Junior Guild's 2018 Essay Writing Contest

The Elm Grove Junior Guild (EGJG) has announced its annual essay competition for eligible students who will graduate high school by July 2018, reside in the Elmbrook School District, or attend Brookfield East or Brookfield Central High School. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded.

This year's essay topic is: "Discuss a significant personal experience or event that has inspired you to make a difference

in your community. What did you learn from the experience and how will you use what you have learned to help your community or others in the future?"

Essay contest details and a downloadable application can be found at www.elmgrovejuniorguild.org under the "scholarship" heading.

Essays and completed applications must be received by March 23, 2018.

Spring Gala to Benefit Elmbrook Humane Society

March 10 fundraiser to include auctions, dinner, cocktails, and more

Brookfield, Wis. — In recognition of the thousands of homeless dogs and cats in Waukesha County whose future is dependent on the support of the community, Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) will host "There's No Place Like Home," its annual spring gala Saturday, March 10.

The organization is inviting the community to take part in an evening of cocktails, dinner, wine pull, silent and live auctions, and the opportunity to give each animal at EBHS a fighting chance to find their forever home.

The event will start with a silent auction and a couple of EBHS's four-legged friends, with auction items including jewelry, pet baskets, vacation packages, spa packages, restaurants packages, theatre tickets, sport packages, and more. Returning this year will be the 10X Envelope Raffle, in which attendees place money in envelopes with their names written on them. Those whose envelopes are picked in a drawing receive 10 times what they contributed. New this year, guests will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win a tree filled with gift cards to local restaurants and other retailers.

EBHS provides care to close to 2,000 animals per year and is Waukesha

County's only No Kill humane society. With the help of more than 200 volunteers, the organization is committed to saving as many animals as possible, with services that include supporting injuries and illnesses before animals can be adopted into new homes. "There's No Place Like Home" will showcase several success stories from 2017.

As one of the largest EBHS fundraisers of the year, the spring gala generates funds to support the community's animals—along with the people who love them. This year's event will take place at 5 p.m. March 10 at the Marriott West, located at W231N1600 Corporate Court in Waukesha.

To learn more, register and purchase tickets, visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/events/event/spring-gala>.

About Elmbrook Humane Society: EBHS's mission is to provide shelter for homeless animals, promote the human animal bond, and prevent animal cruelty and neglect. It is the only No Kill animal shelter in Waukesha County, serving the community since 1964. EBHS is open from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 12 to 5 p.m. on weekends. To learn more about the organization, visit <http://www.ebhs.org>.



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News Briefs



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's Visitation School Geography Bee Finalists.

St. Mary's Visitation Competes for Geography Bee

By Burke Seeberg

Can you name the state where you'd find a large part of the Ogallala Aquifer? Can you name the capital of Slovakia? Can you name the two Japanese islands connected by the Seikan Tunnel?

These are some examples of the questions faced by ten St. Mary's students in their Final Competition for the National Geographic Bee, held recently at St. Mary's Visitation (SMV) in Elm Grove.

The ten competitors were whittled down from a pool of eighty-five sixth through eighth graders. To reach the Final Competition at St. Mary's, the students faced seven Preliminary Rounds in the classroom, competing at grade level. The seven rounds ranged from questions about the U.S. states to world culture, from natural forces like monsoons to geography in world history.

The student left standing at the end of the Final Competition earned honors as the 2018 SMV Geo Bee Champion. That student, 8th grader **Andrew Hodermann**, then went on to take an online qualifying exam to try and earn a slot at the Wisconsin State Geographic Bee held in Madison on April 6. Top honors there earn a shot at the national title in Washington, D.C. in May.

The ten SMV students that competed in the Final Competition are:

- * **Felicity Giampietro**, Grade 7
- * **Joseph Harmeyer**, Grade 6
- * **Andrew Hodermann**, Grade 8
- * **Abby Laughlin**, Grade 8
- * **Jake Merrick**, Grade 8
- * **Jack Scott**, Grade 8
- * **Mary Scott**, Grade 6
- * **Johnny Stollenwerk**, Grade 7
- * **Tommy Verheyen**, Grade 6
- * **Johnny Warren**, Grade 6



Photo courtesy of Brookfield Academy

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS - WISCONSIN has recognized 16 Brookfield Academy Upper School art students who earned a total of 34 awards in various categories. They are: (Top row, left to right): **Hannah Braun, Mary Ratnayake, Emily Elfelt, Jack Otto, Jeffrey Hynes, Shijun (Jeffery) Zhou**; (Middle row, left to right): **Kate Doherty** (of Elm Grove), **Kaitlyn DeMaster, Amanda Roessler, Patrick Send**; (Bottom row, left to right): **Emma Osborne, Gabriella Hoggatt, Najuf Malik**. (Not pictured): **Gabrielle Hrdlick, Deniz Demircioglu, and John Urbanski**. The Scholastic Art Awards - Wisconsin Exhibition runs through March 18 at the Milwaukee Art Museum.



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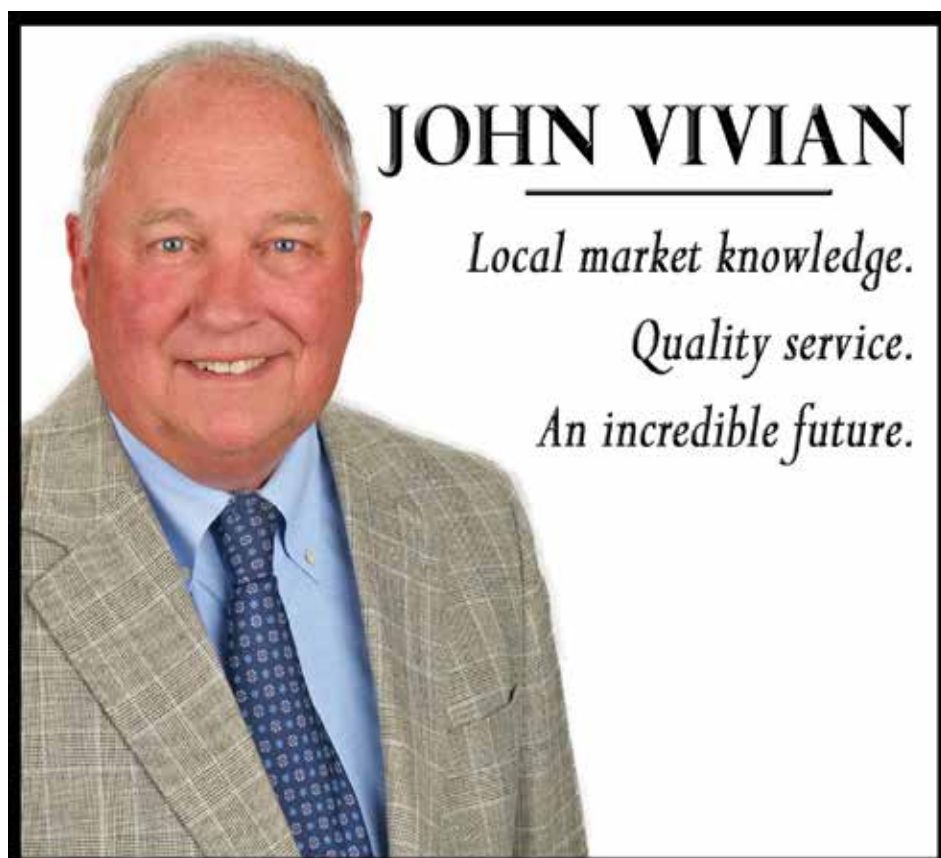
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The Lure and Lore of Spices

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Throughout time, human destiny has been shaped by the search for the elusive spices coveted by nobility and royalty. The history of the spice trade reveals fascinating tales of piracy, adventures, and wars battled to control the trade. Exotic myths arose in explanation of the expense of the spice treasures.



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Please register in advance for this program. Registration will begin at the library February 19.

ESSENTIAL OILS 101

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. O'Neill Room

Learn about essential oils and aromatherapy with a fun, educational, and jam-packed program. Polly Schellinger is a registered nurse, and owner of The Healing Place Farm in Sussex. Her presentation is an introduction to essential oils, including what they are, how to use them, proper dilution, safety, and understanding the balance between essential oils and Western medicine. As interest in aromatherapy continues to grow rapidly as a form of complementary medicine, discover its long history and find out everything you need to know. There will also be a Q&A session afterwards. Free to attend, No registration required.



Photo courtesy of the Elm Grove Public Library

Would you like to create captivating scenes like these? Come to **LEGO CLUB** at the Elm Grove Public Library and get creative! The monthly after-school program for grades K-5 next meets on March 15 at 3:30 p.m. It's totally **FREE**, and all Legos are provided (please don't bring any from home).

One Library Card = 100+ Magazine Subscriptions

By Noah Weckwerth

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Novelist Coming to Elm Grove Get Your Tickets Now!

By Janet Wintersberger

Author **Anita Shreve** will visit Elm Grove on Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. The event, hosted by the Friends of the Elm Grove Library (FOEGL), will be held at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Rd., as part of the paperback release for *The Stars Are Fire*, a novel set during the Great Maine Fire in 1947.



Anita Shreve

Shreve's novels have charmed readers world-wide. Six million of her books have been sold, and her novels have been translated into 36 languages. Shreve describes herself as a compulsive writer who only needs a desk, a piece of paper and a pen.

Tickets are just \$18 and include a paperback copy of *The Stars Are Fire*. Tickets are available at the Elm Grove

Public Library, 13600 Juneau Blvd. A portion of every sale goes back to the Friends of the Elm Grove Library.

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St. Mary's students **Tommy, Ben and Garrett** with their science experiment findings.

3D Printed Casts: Weight, Durability, Cost & Protection

By **Tommy Ragonese, Ben Schneider and Garrett Mueller**
St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 7

It started with our friend breaking his arm. He came to school with a big, clunky plaster cast. We had heard of a new type of cast a while ago, a 3D printed cast. We started thinking of ways to compare 3D printed casts and the plaster cast our friend was wearing. To find what we were dealing with, we tried calling orthopedic surgeons in the Milwaukee area, but no surgeon used a 3D printed cast! We then called some bigger institutions, like Children's Hospital of Miami and Children's Hospital of Boston, but still no luck. We soon realized that 3D printed casts were still something in development, not something that's widely available.

We thought that if we used the 3D printed casts on bones, then the bones will be better protected, the casts will be lighter and less expensive than plaster casts. When testing, the things that we kept the same were the bones and the height of test, the things that we changed were the types of casts, and the thing that we wanted to figure out was the condition of the bones.

Once we had our categories, we came up with a procedure to help us achieve that. We started with gathering our materials. Then we took a CT scan of each of the bones, labeling each scan with the corresponding number of the bone. After that, we designed the casts on tinkerCAD. Once that was complete we weighed all of the nine bones to the nearest hundredth gram. Following, we then applied the plaster casts and the 3D printed casts to the bones getting ready for the experiment. From that, using a pulley machine that we designed and built, we dropped the weight on bone seeing what we would find.

We then observed each of the bones. From these observations we took a second CT scan of each of the bones and saw all of the fractures. As we weighed the bones, it came to a surprising conclusion: both of the casts weighed the same. Protection, however, told a different story. The 3D printed casts actually protected the bones MORE than the plaster casts. Sadly, 3D printed casts cost an average of \$270 more than the plaster casts. Also, 3D printed casts take a lot more man hours to produce than simply wrapping plaster bandages around someone's arm.

When we saw the weight drop on the bones without casts, we came to a simple conclusion. The bones were just no match for a 2.5 kilogram weight. Not without protection, of course. Our first drop with the 3D printed cast was very unexpected. The cast broke off, but the bone was fine! The next 3D printed cast was the same, except the bone broke. We weren't sure what was going to happen next! The third 3D printed cast only broke at the condyles. This shows the transfer of energy from the center of the cast to outside the cast. All of the plaster behaved just like this, but upon further inspection of the CT scans, the bones were broken on the inside.

In this experiment our hypothesis was proven to be correct, for the most part. While the plaster casts were essentially more cost efficient, they didn't protect the bones as well as the 3D casts did. Surprisingly, both of the casts weighed the same. In conclusion, we found out that the 3D printed casts protected the bones more, although the plaster casts cost less. This experiment can affect what type of cast doctors use to protect bones and how 3D printed casts can be the future for broken bones.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Visitation

St. Mary's Visitation students **Nicholas, Robert and Mark** with their science project.

Is Your Water Safe?

By **Nicholas Kroog, Robert Fuller & Mark Kalmer**
St. Mary's Visitation – Grade 7

Is the water we drink truly clean? 844 million people lack access to safe water and more than 840,000 people die each year from water-related diseases. We cleaned regular water through a boiling system and two filtration systems to see if the water produced would have less chemicals and contaminants.

The types of filters we used were: heat (boiling the water), sapwood, and a charcoal filter in a PUR water pitcher. We collected 5 different water samples. Three samples were from various locations in the City of Milwaukee; the other two were from Brookfield and Elm Grove.

We then performed our filtering procedures on the waters and had

varying results. We tested for numerous contaminants, including lead levels, and compared the results to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Based on the data we collected, we were correct in that filtering your water can eliminate contaminants. We also learned that boiling your water is not really an effective filter for many types of contaminants. The PUR filter was the most effective because it decreased the level of total dissolved solids (TDS), lead, iron and PH in the water. The sapwood was effective in reducing lead, iron and nitrates but was the most difficult to use.

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- March 17** – St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Post 449, Corn Beef & Cabbage, 11:30 a.m.
- April 14** – Past Presidents' Lunch & Raffle, starts at 11:30 a.m.
- April 21** – Elmbrook Cabin Committee Meat & Booze Raffle, starts at Noon.
- April 22** – Afternoon of Frank Sinatra songs, 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$8 / \$10 at door. Spaghetti Dinner at Noon - \$8 per person.

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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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Poetry

March Meditation

By S. Jean Paul Zagorski, SSND

Do we really know
beneath the snow
which seeds and roots
and bulbs will grow

Can we tell at all
what died last fall
now sprouts and shoots
at spring's soft call

Don't we see the face
under icy lace
of life and beauty
in mud and grace?

Haiku

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

frozen winter cell
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When: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 7:00-8:30PM
Where: Brookfield East High School - Excellence Center
3305 Lilly Road, Brookfield, 53005

About the Speaker:
John Grych, PhD, is Professor of Psychology at Marquette University. He has conducted research on children and families for 25 years and published more than 60 scientific articles, including "The Resilience Portfolio Model: Understanding Healthy Adaptation in Victims of Violence" (2015), and two books. Dr. Grych also is a licensed clinical psychologist with experience counseling youths and families and training doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology graduate program at Marquette. He holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Illinois and is a Fellow in the Association for Psychological Science. He and his wife are the parents of a 20 and a 24 year old.

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News Briefs



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Brookfield Academy students **Brooke Nowacki** (left) and **Lola Kandula**, both of Elm Grove, check to see if their effort to “churn” butter in the classroom was successful. Students used jars as churns and shook heavy whipping cream to create the butter. The activity was part of “Little House Day” an event which accompanies students’ Wisconsin unit lesson.

Brookfield Academy Students Experience Early Wisconsin

By Marie O’Brien

Brookfield Academy Lower School students experienced Wisconsin in the late 19th century during “Little House Day” an interactive lesson in their classroom. Students dressed in period clothing, churned their own butter and learned other facts about early Wisconsin.

The annual event is the culmination of students’ studies about Wisconsin. Students also read the classic Laura Ingalls Wilder book *Little House in the Big Woods*, a story based on the author’s early years growing up in Pepin, Wisconsin.

According to Brookfield Academy Level 3 teacher **Tammy St. John**, Little House Day helps students compare and contrast the differences between growing up in early Wisconsin versus present day and the experience also creates a vivid memory.

“Students learn that a simple thing as a button can be used to make a game and churning butter takes physical effort,” she said. “Participating in these types of activities and dressing in period clothing have a huge impact on what students remember.”

Students churned their own butter in the classroom by shaking jars containing heavy whipping cream. After much jar shaking and jumping up and down, student

Brooke Nowacki watched butter start to form. She joined her classmates and spread the newly made butter on a cracker. “I think the butter tastes better than what we buy at the store!” she said.

Students also enjoyed games and dancing. “We learned how to square dance,” said student **Sawyer Holubowicz**. “I barely knew about square dancing and didn’t know it was so fun!”

Student **Sahil Hansaria** learned the button game. “I learned that even though kids didn’t really have toys back then, they could still make a way to have fun,” he said.

The Wisconsin unit wouldn’t have been complete without students tasting foods from earlier times. Students tried cranberries, cornbread and five different types of cheese including limburger – known for its unusual odor. “I liked trying the foods but I didn’t like the limburger cheese,” said **Lola Kandula**, waving her hand in front of her nose and smiling, “but it was fun to try.”

Little House Day is one of many historical simulations held throughout the school year at Brookfield Academy that help bring classroom studies to life.



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Brookfield Academy’s National Merit Finalists: (Front row seated, left to right): **Brian Colananni, Suneri Kothari, Alexandra Dortzbach, and Long Jiao**; (Standing, left to right): **Benjamin Palatnik, Mark Bechthold, Rohan Nangia, Nathan Kustner, and Margot Armbruster** of Elm Grove. Armbruster, Bechthold, Dortzbach, Kothari, Nangia, and Palatnik began their educational journey in Brookfield Academy’s Primary School and Lower School.

B.A. Announces Its National Merit Finalists

By Marie O’Brien

Congratulations to Brookfield Academy’s nine seniors who have been named National Merit Finalists. After being named Semifinalists in September, all have now met the requirements to advance to Finalist standing – and will be considered for

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By Anita Alfaro

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