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### Brook-Falls vet clinic gets online TV show

Aim is to help pet owners get best info,

vet says

By Royce Podeszwa rpodeszwa@conleynet.com 262-513-2651

MENOMONEE FALLS Brook-Falls Veterinary Hospital & Exotic Care unveiled the debut of its short TV series on basic pet care in the modern age on Facebook, YouTube and other online platforms Nov. 12.

Each episode of "Expert Veterinary TV" will last between one and three minutes and will stream every Monday, Wednesday and Fri-

"The average pet owner gets so much info from the internet, we want to make sure it is the right informasaid Dr. Jennifer Bloss, one of Brook-Falls' owners.

Topics will vary in every episode, from dealing with pet anxiety and heart disease to selecting the right dog food.

Each episode will feature one of the six doctors on staff at Brook-Falls. The first season has 12 episodes with more planned for next

Debra Lopez, producer of the series, said the idea of proper pet care has changed tremendously over the years and the show is meant to help inform people of these changes.

"Pets have become family members," Lopez said. "It's not like the old days when you had a dog on a chain living outside.'

Besides dogs and cats, Bloss' animal hospital also deals with all manner of exotic pets. Her clients



Dr. April Wittenburg, Dr. Meryl Schimek, Veterinary Assistant Molly Mertens and Dr. Jennifer Bloss with a large tortoise.

include rabbits, birds of all bearded dragons, prairie dogs and even a oneeyed 45-year-old Cuban tree

"The majority of exotic pet problems are because nobody ever told owners how to care for them properly," Bloss said.

Bloss said that up until recently, most people didn't realize that animals like rabbits suffered from elderly issues like arthritis. Health care has improved so much that pets can now live well into their twilight years, which come with many of the same health problems as most human senior citizens.

Bloss' all-women staff also regularly helps local agencies treat wildlife in the

"It's one of those jobs what's going to walk in the an ultrasound. door," Bloss said.



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### From Candy Cane Lane to the Holiday Train: Area events lighting up the Christmas season

**By Catherine Jozwik** Special to TimeOut

Glowing Christmas light displays bring a magical and nostalgic quality to a cold winter night. The metro Milwaukee area boasts several stunning holiday displays the whole family can enjoy.

Every year, the area of 96th Street and Montana Avenue to 92nd Street and Oklahoma Avenue in West Allis is transformed into a holiday wonderland of lit-up Santas, snowmen, and, of course, that iconic peppermint treat. Even the trees are wrapped by local student volunteers to look like candy

Since 1984, Candy Cane Lane residents have collected more than \$2 million for Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Inc. Fund. Candy Cane Lane volunteers will collect MACC Fund donations at the intersection of 95th and Manitoba Avenue.

This year, it runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, beginning Friday and ending Dec. 26. For more information, including Santa appearances: www.candycanelanewi.com.

#### Truly enchanting

West Bend's Regner Park will host Enchantment in the Park, an interactive light show featuring a number of family-friendly holiday activities, including horse and carriage rides, performances by local schools, civic groups and entertainers, and roasting marshmallows over fire pits.

The interactive holiday displays with nearly 1 million lights benefit local charities that can be seen by car or carriage rides. Three light displays have been added this year, including



More than a million lights decorate the mile-long Country Christmas trail at the Ingleside Hotel in Waukesha.

"Dancing Donuts." Since 2009, more than well as \$175,000 to local nonprofit groups.

experience not only brings people together, but it also gives back to the communities that we live and work in," Enchantment in the Park Executive Director Lori Yahr said in a statement.

runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 24.

Theme nights include ven-Dec. 21 and superhero night on Dec. 23. A 5k run-walk will take place Dec. 2. Visit enchantmentpark.org for more information.

teers work the event found-

ed by local Rotary clubs.

In lieu of admission, food 340,000 food items have been or cash donations are coldonated to local pantries as lected for area pantries. A \$10 donation to benefit future Enchantment events "This interactive holiday and local nonprofit organizations is suggested.

#### Largest drive-through light display

Waukesha's Ingleside Hotel (formerly Country Springs Hotel) is hosting its 23rd annual Country Christ-Drawing more than 50,000 mas, the state's "largest outvisitors annually, this year it door drive-though lights display" according to its website, https://www.thecountrychristmas.com/. Over a dor night on Dec. 19, live million lights illuminate a music and a Santa visit on mile-long trail. Families can park their cars at the trail's end and explore Christmas Village, a building decorated to look like Santa's workshop, complete with elves To pull it off, 1,500 volunand a model train, and enjoy concessions, then head over

to the Streets of Bethlehem, a replica village of life-size figures made by Italian designer Fontanini. Tiffany Woodward, Ingle-

side's director of marketing and water park sales, said Country Christmas attracts about 15,000 vehicles, among them mini-buses, each year. "We really have people

who have made this their holiday tradition," Woodward said. Ingleside also offers Coun-

try Christmas getaway packages which include an overnight hotel stay, a complimentary pizza, and passes to the hotel's waterpark.

#### **Downtown Holiday Lights Festival**

Canadian Pacific Holiday Now celebrating its 20th Train will make its way year, the downtown Milwauthrough southeastern Wisconsin beginning Dec. 6. kee Holiday Lights Festival runs through Jan. 1. More Milwaukee than 500,000 lights will decorate the area. Youngsters

can meet with and share hol- on board to perform for iday wish lists with Santa crowds at each stop. At each and Mrs. Claus and enjoy train stop, local food banks free cocoa and cookies at will collect donations. Cocoa with the Clauses on The area schedule: Dec. 8 at Cathedral Square

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will again roll through southeastern Wisconsin. Lit up for the season, the train

includes live entertainment and food collection to benefit

pantries. It will be in southeastern Wisconsin Dec. 6 and 7.

Dec. 6 ■ 7:20 p.m. — Sturtevant For \$2, downtown Milwau- Amtrak Depot

kee visitors can hop on the ■ 8:35 p.m. — Milwaukee Jingle Bus and view the Amtrak Depot sights, lights and holiday Dec. 7 decorations of the area. The ■ 4:15 p.m. — Wauwatosa

bus departs from Plankinat the Hardwood Avenue ton Clover Apartments, 161 crossing ■ 5:45 p.m. — Hartland at

Photo courtesy of Canadian Pacific

the Cottonwood Avenue crossing 6:55 p.m. Oconomowoc at Silver Lake

Street ■ 7:55 p.m. — Watertown

at Brandt-Quirk Park It arrives at 9:05 p.m. at the

Columbus Amtrak depot.

The holiday train began running in 1999. Since then, Canadian Pacific has collected more than \$14 million in donations and over 4 million pounds of food for those in need during the holiday season.

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### Buyer beware

### Tips to avoid online scams this holiday season

By Ashley Haynes ahaynes@conleynet.com 262-513-2681

WAUKESHA — It's the season of giving. A large portion of Americans are thinking of how they'll give back to their friends and family, which means there are also people looking to take advantage of their good intentions. As more and more holiday shopping is done online, older adults may have a difficult time spotting scams on the internet.

Waukesha Police Department Detective Eileen Micklitz says there are a few simple tips that can help prevent a scammer from ruining your holiday

"The biggest online scams we see lately, which just seem to be rampant, is the pop-up computer virus scam," Micklitz said.

She explained the scam involves a box popping up on your computer that tells you it's been infected with a virus. The box then tells you to call a 1-800 number to solve the issue and if you do call the number, it allows people access to your computer who can do harm. Micklitz says you should never call a 1-800 number if you get such a message, but take it to a reputable store like Best Buy to diagnose the issue.

"I had a guy who had the pop-up virus show up on his computer six months ago and so he paid \$900 to allow someone to have access to his computer," said Micklitz. "Six months later, he got a call, supposedly from the same company, saying, 'We want to return your money, but you have to do this, this and this.' And \$14,500 later, this guy is out that amount of money."

Micklitz encouraged online shoppers to make sure they go to a reputable website and only provide credit card information over a secure connection, often noted by an "https" address in which the "s" means secure. Also look for a lock symbol near a

Web address.

also cautioned against the holiday gift exchanges that are common on Facebook around this time of year, but says she hasn't seen any complaints on them so far.

Advertisements on Facebook that offer flash deals on items at a significantly reduced price should serve as a red flag for users.

#### Online safety tips

The Better Business Bureau warns that since brick and mortar stores have been outfitted with chip card readers, scammers have shifted their efforts online.

Look-alike websites with Web addresses that use the names of well-known brands are a common problem. Keep an eye out for addresses that may include extra, unrelated words.

The BBB says fake shipping notifications can also pop up in your email that have attachments to links or sites that will download malware to your computer, allowing scammers to access personal informa-

If you haven't purchased an item online, do not open a shipping notification for

Some common schemes this time of year also include social media gift exchanges, commonly circulated on Facebook.

They may sound like a good deal as you only buy and send out one gift and are promised 36 in return, but the BBB says these exchanges are just pyramid schemes — and ille-

Overall, the BBB warns that shoppers should be wary of deals that sound too good to be true.

If you aren't feeling confident about your Internet literacy skills, your local library may be the place to brush up on your knowledge. Several Waukesha County libraries offer tech-related classes and even allow for one-on-one appointments librarian.



Cara Spoto/Freeman Staff

#### Ringing in the Season

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD - Volunteers and employees for The Salvation Army of Waukesha County kicked off the charity's 2018 Red Kettle Campaign on Nov. 9 at The Corners of Brookfield. The charity's brass band performed as part of the event and staff and volunteers spoke briefly about what working and volunteering for the organization means to them. From left: Josh Pham, the nonprofit's grant writer; Major Nelson De La Vergne; Brookfield Town Chairman Keith Henderson; Judy Mudlitz, chairwoman of the Salvation Army's Advisory Board; Waukesha Community Foundation President Shelli Marquardt; and bell ringers Frank Steffel and Alan Gaudynski.

### **Insight Life Learning Institute** to teach 'strategic languages'

Hope Street site also will be immersion school, offer weekend classes

By Ashley Haynes ahaynes@conleynet.com 262-513-2681

BROOKFIELD Insight Life Learning Institute, Inc. aims to be a nonprofit offering educational opportunities that promote diversity and inclusion in the community. Emad Abu Tabanjeh applied to open the first Insight Life Learning location in Brookfield at the site of the former Brookside Elementary School, 13780 Hope St.

His application for a conditional use permit was approved by the Common Council recently.

As a resident of the city, Abu Tabanjeh says Brookfield's values matched site was identified.

"The building did not need a lot of work or renovation. The second thing is They are not taught comthe main focus of Brookfield in education. We have the Elmbrook School District and we'll try to collaborate with them," said Abu Tabanjeh.

There are several offerings that Insight wants to bring to the community, learning program, weekend community lectures and an immersion school.

Abu Tabanjeh explained that there are similar immersion schools in Milwaukee that give students the chance to learn more common languages. At Insight, the immersion school will offer "strategic closely with the goals set language" classes that cial needs through educaby Insight. That's part of have been identified by the tional and sports programthe reason the Hope Street State Department. Lesserming.

known languages like Russian, Chinese and Arabic will be offered. These "critical languages" have been identified by the State Department as being "essential to America's positive engagement in the world," according to the department's website. monly in the U.S.

"This (Insight) is a brand new organization and we're trying to be more inclusive than anything else," said Abu Tahanjeh.

He says the immersion school will be a way for the including a language nonprofit to test the waters and gauge how many community members are interested in learning these languages, starting off with younger students in elementary grade levels.

> Insight also has plans to provide diversity training to the community and support individuals with spe-



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### The importance of recycling the right way

### County striving to reduce unacceptable items put in bins

By Cara Spoto cspoto@conleynet.com 262-513-2653

WAUKESHA — When communities across the ■ Loose caps and lids state and country started Mirrors programs decades ago, the goal was simple — to keep recyclable materials out of landfills.

Thirty-odd years later with the embrace of single-stream processing, recycling has become a nearly effortless task for consumers, but a highly sophisticated one for recyclers

Waukesha Although County and its recycling partners at the city of Milwaukee have managed to weather the downturn in the global recycling market — mainly thanks to a healthy stock of domestic buyers — efforts are afoot to help residents reduce the amount of non-recyclable materials they put in recycling bins every other week.

The hope is to help reduce the costs associated with rerouting such materials to the landfill, and avoid damage to expensive sorting machinery.

#### 'Wish-cycling'

One of the main things recycling officials track at the Waukesha County/City of Milwaukee Materials Recovery Facility, or MRF, is something called the residue rate — the percentage of materials the facility receives that cannot be recycled. Those materials can include everything from items that one might assume could be recycled, like paper plates and plastic utensils, to things like car parts and hoses.

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#### What not to recycle

The current recycling guide put out by Waukesha County lists about 30 things that are considered unacceptable, and thus can't recycled at the recycling plant. While many of the items, such as food waste, diapers, and car parts, are things you probably know to throw away, the list mentions several items that you may unwittingly be putting in your recycling bin. Those unrecyclable items include:

- Ceramic dishes or mugs
- Drinking glasses
- Styrofoam packaging, cups, containers and trays
- Hangers
- Light bulbs

- Paper plates and cups
- Plastic "take-out" knives, forks, spoons
- Window glass
- Plastic bags

Waukesha County, the current rate stands at just

under 15 percent.

Much of the residue rate

Surviving the down market can be attributed to a phenomenon that the recycling industry refers to as 'wish-cycling," Mehring

"Residents love to recycle, so they think if they throw it in their bin maybe it will get through the system somehow or maybe we can (recycle it)," but what really happens is that it just ends up in the trash after all, she said.

#### New guide coming

While everybody means well, Mehring says it would be better for every-

time someone puts a ceramic dish or pile of plastic bags in the recycling bin, it just ends up United States. For examturning into an extra cost. ple, a lot of our paper goes

rotating discs that we have of our steel stays within at the facility and that the Milwaukee area. Our takes a lot of staff time for aluminum is definitely employees to go in there and cut them out,"

recycling plant's residue officials plan to issue a rate would be zero, said new recycling guide that Kelly Mehring, a recycling they hope will provide specialist with Waukesha more clarity on just what County. But according to items are and "are not" the latest figures from accepted at the recycling plant, and why.

### Surviving the

While they're working to reduce the number of nonrecyclable items they have to deal with at the recycling plant, recycling officials here and in Milwaukee County are still finding they have buyers for all of the recyclables baled at the plant, Mehring said.

The agreement the partners have with Republic Services — the recycling contractor that operates the plant — states that 98.5 percent of recyclables delivered to the facility must actually be recycled into new materials.

one involved it residents operated under the the motto: "When it doubt, affecting prices, Mehring said a lack of demand from said a lack of demand from contains in the market may be affecting prices, Mehring said a lack of demand from contains in the market may be affecting prices, Mehring and a lack of demand from contains in the market may be affecting prices, Mehring and a lack of demand from contains a lack of demand from contains and a lack of demand from contai China isn't having a huge effect on the county.

"All of our buyers, for the most part, are in the ple, a lot of our paper goes "Plastic bags wrap up in up to Green Bay, and a lot staying in the United she said. "We States,



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#### Subzero science

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield Academy sixth-grade students explored the physical properties of dry ice and learned that it is made up of carbon dioxide. Rachel Simmons, left, and Katherine Bullio placed their dry ice in water and collected the carbon dioxide in a laboratory glove. Brookfield Academy's middle-school Science Club allows students who love science to expand their knowledge through hands-on activities and experiments.

# When aging parents need help

### What to watch for; how to discuss it with moms and dads

By Eileen Mozinski Schmidt Special to The Freeman

WAUKESHA — The holidays are approaching, a time when some adult chil- help cleaning the fridge?" dren may notice signs Or, 'Are the chores getting ments can provide a basetheir parents need some more difficult?" Minnick- line to work from. assistance.

holidays, a lot of times families gather and you the fridge that are way outdated. Or you'll notice things walking through indicate to you as you are there with your loved ones that there's maybe a slow decline," said Kristie Minnickel, a senior living consultant with Three Pillars Senior Living Communi-

ties in Dousman. As more families today live spread across a larger geographic region, adult children may not be witness to a parent's need for extra help on a regular basis.

"It's been my experience that people don't stay in one community. They're spread out across the country and they have different Minnickel dynamics,'

operating officer at Shorehaven in Oconomowoc, agreed.

"A day or two after Thanksgiving, we'll get an influx of phone calls," he said, noting that family members from farther away may notice changes more quickly than those resource. who are there every day.

Shorehaven is a nonprof- Seek education it corporation that provides homes and resources for seniors.

Minnickel, who focuses on independent living options, has been at Three Pillars for eight years.

She said some families will decide to seek out assisted living accommodations following a specific incident, like a fall, or as because of the cumulative result of smaller trends.

#### Broaching a delicate subject

How should one broach the subject of helping a family member get more in-home assistance or in help answer questions. coordinating a possible move?

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offered the following offers a healthy list of Minnickel said.

suggestions:

Ask questions. Avoid Polinske said. taking an accusatory tone, and ask if more help is

"Say, 'Mom, do you need said. el said. She recommends around their own home begin to notice things in like using a cleaning ser- evaluation?" vice — to help fuel the conversation.

> health concerns have arisen.

Polinske recommends having a plan for the conversation before broaching of something like an infecthe subject, and advises being respectful in all communications. He also advises having the family member with the most influence with the parents take the role of point person in such conversations.

Talk with other family members, friends, and neighbors to see if they have noticed similar things, like a change in behavior or difficulties around the home.

"Try to get as much information as possible," Bryan Polinske, chief said Minnickel, who suggested offering to accompany a parent to the doctor or asking whether you can speak with the doctor about your parent's needs.

Polinske added that a trusted person, like a pastor or financial adviser, may also be a good

recommends checking in with the parent's power of attorney or power of health care attorney for of senior living arrangemore information.

seeking general medical advice can help.

The Aging Disability Resource Center, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, offers resources on said the centers can help provide assessments or connect families with

And the Senior Resource Minnickel and Polinske seniorresourceonline.com,

contacts and

Many hospitals offer free senior evaluations and assessments, Minnickel

She said such assess-

"You can say, 'I am wor-"What happens over the the adult child can point to ried about you. I live so far ways they seek extra help away. To give me peace of mind, would you have an Minnickel said.

Sometimes, she noted, Ask how parents are feel-things are not what they the house. Signs begin to ing and whether any new initially seem. Memory loss doesn't necessarily mean a person has Alzheimer's; a change in behavior can be the result tion, Minnickel said.

#### Face the difficulty

Role changes, Minnickel said, can be "dreadful."

"To go from being a son or daughter to a caregiver is not a role that anybody cherishes," she said.

Minnickel said she has seen both parents and children feel reluctant about this shift. She encourages them to focus on results if the older generation can get the help they need, the change can be a gentler

"What I tell families is, 'I'd like to give you back the relationship that you had. You're going to spend time with your folks, as a child," she said.

Polinske advocated honesty, but also recommended having such conversations outside of scheduled festivities.

"Try not to do this when If possible, Minnickel there's a party going on or there's a lot of activity," he

There are various types ments, but Minnickel said For those who are them- many offer benefits like selves in that role, she said increased socialization, access to transportation, a sense of community, and relief from needing to maintain a home or yard.

She recommends accompanying a parent to locations they are considering the state level. Minnickel for lunch or coffee, to get a feel for the place and to help with transitions.

"The number one comsocial workers who can ment I hear, more than anything, whether it's six weeks after moving in or Directory, located at six months, is, 'I only wish I had done this sooner,"



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- Carl, Walworth

A.: The original purpose of sleigh bells is not always as romantic as Victorian images portray. Horse hooves and sleigh runners are quiet on soft snow and unable to stop quickly. Different qualities of bells became an early warning system preventing collisions by alerting approaching sleighs, carriages and riders. The ringing could be heard up to a mile away, making it safer, especially on foggy or moonless nights.

Most 18-inch-high bell chimes were sold in pairs producing harmoniously graduated tones. They would be positioned on the back of horses over the front shoulders and secured tightly to the harness. The nickel-plated brass set with open-wing eagles were a favorite icon during the late 19th century. This set is of excellent quality and nearly mint condition.

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#### Grandfather's original **Dutch ice skates**

Q.: This original pair of Dutch ice skates was used by my grandfather. Could you give me a value?

J.H.B., Brookfield A.: Very early the Dutch were known for sport skat-

ing. Boots or shoes were

strapped to a wooden platform that had been attached to an iron blade. Extremely difficult to control, skaters actually did more gliding then skating. With the networks of canals, ponds,

channels and lakes, enthusiasts waited every winter pressed glass candy confor freezing temperatures. What Often these frozen waterways were also used to lars. reach a personal destination. Ice skating became a national pastime and all levels of society thoroughly for consideration enjoyed and treated it as a social event. Leather strapping on these early skates proved inadequate and

added to hazardous falls. Vintage examples like yours are used for decorative purposes.

**Value: \$40** 

#### Pressed glass candy container

Q.: I bought this candy container at an estate sale several years ago. Can you tell me its current value?

– M.A., Brookfield

using metal to manufacture was completely banned; all metal was being used for the war effort. Children's toys have always reflected society and a war slant was even given to toy production.

Jeannette, Pa., implement- Guild of America, specialized a marketing technique ing in appraisals of antiques using molded pressed glass. and collectibles and has A variety of sturdy candy extensive experience writing containers were shaped like and Santa but also included antiques.)

trains, animals, people, military tanks, etc. Entry to reach the candy would have been through a removable cardboard bottom. This packaging lived on through hours of imaginative play and lasted much longer than the candy.

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**Estimated value: \$55** 

NOTE: In the 1970s, many tainers were reproduced and worth only a few dol-

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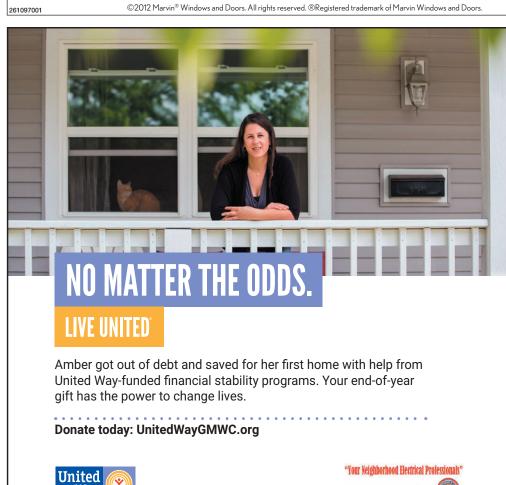




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#### [basic-code] joins Business Alliance

BROOKFIELD — The Waukesha County Business Alliance recently welcomed [basic-code] as a new member. [basic-code] is a software solutions provider in Brookfield that focuses on sales analysis and forecasting and helps companies manage their inventory to improve cash flow and profitability. Displaying the membership plaque are, from left, Paula Lewandowski, Audrey Walby and Jackie Biallas of [basic-code].

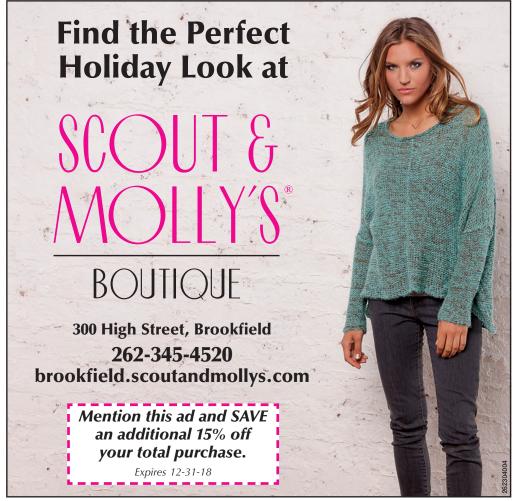


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#### Business Alliance welcomes Babboni Photography

BROOKFIELD — The Waukesha County Business Alliance recently welcomed Babboni Photography as a new member. Babboni Photography does portrait photography in Brookfield.

Pictured from left to right are: Wayde Peronto, Angie Fasanello and Angela Fink of Babboni





#### Waukesha County Community Foundation announces \$164,900 in grants

WAUKESHA — The Waukesha County Community Foundation announced that \$164,900 in grants were awarded to local 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations at its third annual Giving Forward program and breakfast Nov. 7 at the Ingleside Hotel.

The competitive grants support 67 students and 37 organizations this year, addressing health and human services, mental health, arts and culture, community development, environment and conservation, literacy and education needs in the county.

"Our fund holders and donors are keeping their generous philanthropic actions at the forefront and understand this process would not be possible if it was not for their gifts," said Shelli Marquardt, WCCF president. "They understand the importance of the gifts of hope, joy and possibility and how those gifts can make a difference in many lives." Recipients of the 2018 grants are:

#### **Health and Human Services**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Milwaukee; Family Promise of Waukesha Co.; Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Inc.; Healing Hearts of Waukesha County; Lake Area Free Clinic; Seniors on the Go Taxi Service; Thriving Waukesha County Alliance; Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection; Vita Nova, Inc.; Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic; and YMCA of Greater Waukesha County.

Best Buddies; Centro Legal; Giving Voice to Mental Illness, Inc.; Greater Milwaukee El Sistema; Lad Lake; Muskego Senior Taxi; NAMI Waukesha, Inc.; Parents Place, Inc.; and The Caring Place, Inc.

#### **Arts and Culture**

Adaptive Community Approach Program; Jubilate Chorale; Pewaukee Area Arts Council; Waukesha Choral Union; and Wisconsin Philharmonic

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#### **Environment and Conservation**

Waukesha County Land Conservancy; Wildlife in Need Center, Ltd.; and Zachariah's Acres, Inc.

#### Literacy

Greater Waukesha Literacy; Hamilton Education Foundation; and Sharp Literacy, Inc.

#### Education

Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum; and Carroll University

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"These grants will help ensure people in our community have access to basic necessities and opportunities that improve their health and lifestyle," said Marguardt.





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### Looking forward: Farrow shares goals for Waukesha County

By Cara Spoto cspoto@conleynet.com 262-513-2653

WAUKESHA — When Paul Farrow became Waukesha County executive four years ago he was a state senator about to become the chief executive officer of a organization with 1,300 employees.

On his election night in April 2015, he said wanted to see county government partner with business.

Today, as the 54-year-old City of Pewaukee resident looks toward a run for another four-year term, he remains focused on boosting economic growth in the

Farrow recently sat down with The Freeman to talk about his goals toward that end, including the need to create more housing for young professionals, and the way Waukesha County can benefit from the Foxconn

THE FREEMAN: You recently announced your plans to run for re-election this April. Should voters elect you to a second term? them, but is also affordable have builders, developers ing for workers who may tive Jonathan Delagrave and chain.

for the next four years?

main things I am going to be working on is the economy. and one of the biggest issues we are facing, along with everybody else, is a need for more workers.

There is kind of two aspects to that. One is that was we have companies that are expanding and growing. There's Milwaukee Tool, and you're already seeing companies grow from their need? partnerships with Foxconn.

We need to provide workers who live close to job sites, and part of that is looking how (we provide more housing) in Waukesha County. A big focus for us is going to be providing that 1,600- to 1,800-square-foot home for young professionals. How do we make it at a price point that they can

Another key we are going to be looking at is how do we provide transportation to process that is affordable for

What are some of your goals for government and make sure that it is funded proper-FARROW: One of the ly. We have been in discussions, trying to work through ideas, and looking to see if there are efforts other places are using where they are partnering with Uber or Lyft.

> THE FREEMAN: You've talked about the need for more housing to accommodate workers, what is the county doing to fill that

> FARROW: When we talk about young professionals, we're talking about individuals each making possibly \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year, or a combined income of anywhere between \$100,000 to \$150,000. They are looking for houses around \$250,000. Those houses are typically on the market in this area for less than 30 days, anecdotally they can be on the market for less than a week.

Early next year we hope to begin convening a group of individuals who don't live in individuals to start talking the county, but want to work about what it would take to here. We need to create a produce a home around \$250,000. We are going to



County Executive Paul Farrow says finding workers for available jobs, as well as ways to connect them to those jobs, are priorities for the region in the months ahead.

and municipalities, and other entities really look at how we can do that. Are we going to be looking at higher density, smaller lot sizes? The county can't decree: "This is what we are going to do." But we can engage the 37 municipalities here.

THE FREEMAN: Are there any plans for working toward lower-income hous-

just be starting out?

FARROW: When we talk about the four stages of houses, the first stage is the apartment. Having an apartment that is affordable across different sectors. I think you have seen in different communities that they are able to provide apartments where some might be subsidized and others not, but you really can't see the difference. And that's what we have to continue work toward, having apartments, second-stage homes (for young professionals); third-stage or destination homes of 2,000 to 4,000 square feet for people who are settling down and raising their families; and stagefour homes, the condos and apartments for nesters looking to downsize.

THE FREEMAN: When we look at the economic impact of Foxconn on Waukesha County, what are some ideas for connecting Waukesha workers to those

FARROW: We have met with Racine County Execu-

we are working with him to see if there are some transportation alternatives that we can look at. Is it a rideshare system? A bus that takes a different route (to avoid some of the traffic on Interstate 94)? Could we look at going south through Waukesha County, into Walworth County, and then over to Racine County?

With Foxconn, you are already hearing about a half dozen different organizations that are looking at housing within walking distance of the plant. But when you look at the white-collar level workers they are possibly going to want to live further out.

If you look at Mukwonago right now to the Foxconn facility, that's only about 40 minutes.

We are already seeing that about a third of the supply chain companies are going to be local companies that already exist. And we are already hearing anecdotally about dozens of companies in Waukesha County that have been contacted about being part of the supply

### Dealing with split households during the holidays

### How divorced, separated families can ease stress on children

By Alex Nemec anemec@conleynet.com 262-513-2661

OCONOMOWOC — The holidays can be a difficult time for everyone. Between making meals, buying gifts, traveling and planning it all, they can be quite stress-

stressful for children with divorced or separated parents who have a hard time putting their feelings aside to care for the child first.

Each parent obviously wants to see the child on the holidays because the parents love them, which is where the problem often stems from.

Psychologist Amy Schley, known by all of her clients that," Rooney said. "It as "Dr. Amy," said if there could lead to the kids not is a positive therapist around, they can tell the It can be even more child why their parents are arguing.

> of love," Schley said. "So we tell the child 'See, they both want to be with you ding war for the child's

and it's because they love love. you so much."

On Purpose Psyche Counselor Kelly Rooney said she thinks holidays can bring out the best and worst in people and humans naturally put a lot of stress into them.

"If mom and dad are fighting or both of them are sad, kids can pick up on enjoying the holidays.'

Rooney added when the mother and father begin rguing. fighting, it often leads to each of them overcompensating the child and the holidays turning into a bid-

"They use their children as pawns to get back at each other," Rooney said. "Then they create these expectations for the children that every year mom and dad are going to up themselves from the next year and it becomes a competition.

'That isn't what the holidays are about and it takes away or shifts from the moral values of the holidays like spending quality time with family.'

Children bond with others through talking about their holidays and Santa Claus, Rooney said, and if they have negative feelings

with the holidays it can another about things like inhibit them socially.

'The kid could start brushing it off and dismissing Christmas, rather than showing legitimate excitement and joy from their gifts," Rooney said.

Schley said she has a rule that parents aren't allowed make disparaging remarks in front of their

"It's really hard for the child because the child loves both parties and they're really torn that way," she said.

Parents need to communicate during the holidays,

"They need to talk to one first," she said.

the Christmas list so the list doesn't get duplicated. she said. "If there is an agreement of fewer video games, the child shouldn't get 40 games at one house. That's an important time, to sit down and talk about the gift list.

Schley said the mom and dad should be genuinely happy their kids are spending time with family, even if it isn't their own.

'It is a busy time of year, but the parents have to remember the child is the most important thing they have ever done together and should always come

### Spend smart during holidays so debt doesn't haunt you in 2019

### Create a budget and use cash to purchase items

By Katherine Michalets kmichalets@conleynet.com 262-513-2644

WAUKESHA — An enjoymeals, the ideal Christmas tree and ornaments, cute little Secret Santa gifts at work and generous charitable donations. But while this spending can result in immediate gratification, the debt can last well into the new year if a careful budget wasn't crafted and followed.

The atmosphere alone inspires spending, said Deanne Phillips, CFP, director of client learning at Annex Wealth Management – from Christmas music to the lively shopping atmo-

"A lot of time people will get into the holiday spirit and it will become an 'I deserve it mood," she said.

That can lead to paying Christmas-related credit card debt four to five months into the new year.

about how to spend money

"If someone is trying to go for the feel-good right now, it leads to not feel so good for able holiday season is often four to five months after the associated with the spend- holidays," Phillips said. Ways to avoid overspo

selected gifts, delicious ing are to keep a tally, pay ing cookies.

moels the ideal Christmas only with cash and put "What I would recommoney aside throughout the mend is to have a plan and year for Christmas and holiday shopping.

spending even more money.

#### **Budgeting**

Peace University Ministry lead at Elmbrook Church, also stressed the importance of a budget that not only takes into account the obvias gifts and charitable giving, but also the extra food needed to feed college students home for winter grandma's and the addition- gift buying is done. al utility expenses.

Richter recommends creating a zero-based budget, affiliated with Dave Ramsey, She recommends thinking Peace University.

every dollar where to go stop.' and cautions against shopinstead of wondering where ping too early for gifts because that often results in it went."

Holiday spending based on what people can actually afford without using a credit card is key.

And to do that, Richter said, you really need to consider all of the holiday-related expenses, such as if you go to a show with friends, that probably means dinner first. Or the money needed for wrapping gifts and bak-

in that plan you need to have a budget. A budget is not meant to limit you, it's meant to help you control Valerie Richter, Financial your spending," Richter said.

Planning for holiday spending shouldn't start at Thanksgiving, but should be incorporated into yearous holiday expenses such round budgeting, Phillips

She recommends using cash for purchases and having a certain amount set break, gas money to drive to aside so when it's gone, the

#### Shopping decisions

Phillips said if "somebody which can be made for free really has the discipline at every dollar.com, which is to go online and shop than know that I am going to the creator of Financial get my husband X, then target-shop it online. Be a She said it helps to "tell wise consumer and then Richter on the other hand

highly recommends online tunistic than men and will coins in the car so every





shopping because the buyer Simpling the item delivered right to their door. She does say having an ID protection plan is essential.

Gift alternatives Richter said should be considered are coupons, such as for cleaning a mother's home that includes some one-onone socialization or a Redbox movie night. Richter also said to look for ways to get rebates on Christmas gifts that can be saved and used for future birthday

gifts. Phillips also suggests considering outside the gift box thinking by getting the family involved in the planning. Perhaps instead of several individual gifts, the family members receive stocking stuffers and then there is one large gift of a future family vacation.

shop, Phillips said, and she advised against shopping just to shop.

Responsible holiday spending tips

■ Remember a gift is from the heart, not the wallet — so you don't have to set a dollar amount that is the same for every recipient to feel that you are treating them "equally."

■ Retail therapy. It's real. So it's easy to get into the feeling of the season, and shop as therapy instead of with a purpose. When we do that, it is much easier to overspend. However, that fleeting happiness can lead to 4-5 months of agony after the holidays when it is time to pay off the bills.

■ Use cash if you are concerned about overspending. Take that only when you shop and don't take a credit card at all.

■ Set an amount that indicates a psychological spending threshold for you (for example \$100), and if you are about to spend over that on a gift, wait 24 hours first to make sure your decision is the right one for you.

■ Go in on family gifts — from your family to your in-laws for example, instead of individual gifts. Perhaps they would love that outdoor fire pit and be able to enjoy it as a family. This can potentially save both time and money, and even be more

■ If there are small children in the family, make it about them and their gifts. Then give the rest of the family stocking stuffers that are meaningful.

Source: Deanne Phillips, Annex Wealth Management

walk around a whole mall time you are asked for a where a man will go for two minutes and be done," she said. "Be a hunter and not an over-gatherer and not overspend."

Some ways to cut back on for charitable giving. expenses are to shop at dis-Also be aware of how you count stores, pick a name for Peace University plan the gift exchange and have everyone bring a dish for the holiday meal. Richter also Richter said Christmas "Women are more oppor- suggested keeping a can of

charitable donation, you can dip into that money

But ultimately, she said, it should be decided ahead of time how much is allocated

While Ramsey's Financial calls for having \$1,000 in an emergency savings account, spending is not an emer-

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# **All-Freeman Football Team**

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Brookfield Central's Drew Leszczynski

# No keeping Leszczynski off field

### Central QB plays through injury at state while making 40th start

By Dave Radcliffe dradcliffe@conleynet.com 262-513-2655

BROOKFIELD — Drew Leszczynski was not going to watch the rest of his final high school football game from the sidelines.

No matter the pain. No matter the cost.

The Brookfield Central senior quarterback was already less than 100 percent going into the WIAA Division 2 Football State he would come every day Championship against unbeaten Homestead. But during the first quarter, it got even worse.

playoffs against Brookfield East, Leszczynski injured his ankle on the fifth play of the game Nov. 16 — to the point where he could barely

the action in the first half, backup quarterback Sawver Carlson was in the huddle, ready to enter if Leszczynski could no longer go.

"Coach (Jed Kennedy) actually said he was going to put in our second string and I said there's no way, because I gave everything I've got to the program and he knows that," Leszczynski said. "There's no way I'm not going back in, and he was all in on that. Throughout the game I tried my best. It wasn't enough, but I can look back and say I tried everything I could do."

Homestead pulled away in the second half to deny the Lancers their first state title, but that didn't diminish the outstanding season and career of Leszczynski, who is the 2018 All-Freeman Player of the Year.

competitor," "He's a Kennedy said. "He's a great kid, a great teammate, he's unselfish. The kid won 35 football games in three years. That's unbelievable. Kids like that don't come along very often.'

#### OFFENSE QUARTERBACK Drew Leszczynski, senior **Brookfield Central**

Leszczynski (6-foot-1, 200 pounds) was named the Offensive Back of the Year in the Greater Metro Conference for the second straight year and was also voted first team all-state by the WFCA at quarterback. Leading the Lancers to a second consecutive WIAA Division 2 final appearance, Leszczynski threw for 1,797 yards and 19 touchdowns, while also rushing for 605 yards and five

#### **RUNNING BACK** Rashad Lampkin, junior Brookfield Central

Lampkin (5-foot-10, 200 pounds) closed the season as the state's seventh-leading rusher, earning him a spot on the WFCA Large School All-State Football Team. Also a first-team all-conference pick in the GMC as well as an all-region selection, Lampkin finished with 2,217 rushing yards and 30 touchdowns, shattering the school record for rushing yards in a game in Round 3 of the playoffs (376)

#### **RUNNING BACK** Dane Vance, senior Lake Country Lutheran

Vance (5-foot-11, 185 pounds), who was the Midwest Classic Conference Offensive Player of the Year as a junior, followed that up by earning WFCA all-state honors among small schools this season. The first-team all-conference and all-region selection rushed for 1,814 yards and 24 touchdowns, averaging 9.3 yards per carry to help the Lightning reach the WIAA Division 5 state semifi-

#### **RUNNING BACK** Josh Jendusa, senior Mukwonago

Jendusa (5-foot-8, 180 pounds) averaged the most yards per game in the Classic 8 Conference this season, finishing with 1,744 yards and 15 touchdowns in 11 games. That effort was enough for Jendusa to earn honorable mention all-state status among large schools. The senior tailback was also first team All-Classic 8 and all region after averaging 158.5 yards per game.

#### WIDE RECEIVER Chimere Dike, junior Waukesha North

Dike (6-foot-1, 175 pounds) was the only iunior to be named to the WFCA Large School All-State Football Team after an outstanding campaign. Also a first-team Classic 8 and all-region selection, Dike was second in the conference and fifth in the state with 1,091 receiving yards to go with 12 touchdowns this season for the Northstars. He set the conference record in receptions and reception yards.

#### WIDE RECEIVER Julian Banda, senior **Brookfield Central**

Banda (6-foot-1, 195 pounds) racked up the accolades once again this season for the Lancers. He was honorable mention all-state at receiver as well as firstteam All-Greater Metro Conference and all-region after leading the GMC with 832 receiving yards. Banda also had

blossomed from there.

"The thing I liked about much pain on me." him is he wasn't a talker," Kennedy said. "Everything talked when he had to, but and work hard in practice, he was dialed in, and it was easy to follow that.

Having pulled his calf in He's a come and work hard two more victories over the second round of the every single day and good Brookfield East, making things happen, and the kids responded to that."

Leszczynski's numbers for 2,212 yards and 29 touchand seven scores, and even mates have come since then. caught a TD pass.

entire story, and the Wiscon- more for me to see as a sin Football Coaches Associ- senior those guys who grew ation realized as much, up, they're already so far in naming him to the WFCA life," Leszczynski said. "To Large School All-State Footsee those guys again once ball Team.

throwing for 1,797 yards and out the years that you'll 19 touchdowns, while also never forget. It's pretty cool scrambling for 605 yards to look back and see all the and five more TDs this sea- memories I've made and the

my opinion he's the best football team.' quarterback in the state," Kennedy said. "He put his personal stats aside to do from sophomore year to what's best for us. We lost a senior year," Leszczynski lot up front, we didn't have the receivers we had in the kid as a sophomore, and past. He just wanted to coming out as a senior year win.

The result was the same another trip to Camp Randall Stadium despite losing all that talent, and that's not even considering the defensive side of the ball, where an all-state performer, but Central had to replace eight he was named the Offensive starters from last year's state runner-up team.

**TIGHT END** 

Dalton Gillette, senior

Mukwonago

Gillette (6-foot-4, 240 pounds) was the

best the area could get at tight end this

season, and the WFCA agreed by

awarding him honorable mention all-

state status among large schools. The

senior was a huge target for quarterback

Justin Peck in the passing game as

Gillette had 408 receiving yards and

seven touchdowns this season, helping

him earn first team All-Classic 8 and all-

LINEMAN

Trey Wedig, junior Kettle Moraine

Wedig (6-foot-7, 300 yards) anchored an

offensive line that helped the Lasers average 333.7 yards per game, includ-

ing over 200 on the ground. The junior

offensive tackle and University of Wis-

consin recruit was voted first-team all-

state in the large school division as a

result, and he was also a first-team all-

LINEMAN

Jacob Leszczynski, junior

Muskego

Leszczynski (6-foot-7, 314 pounds) was

part of a dominant offensive line for the

Warriors and an honorable mention all-

state selection this season. Muskego piled up over 300 rushing yards in the WIAA Division 1 state championship

against Kimberly, and that was par for

the course as Leszczynski helped it

average 339.4 yards on the ground per

game. The junior was also first-team all-

LINEMAN

Zack Lawrence, senior

Hamilton

Lawrence (6-foot-5, 295 pounds) was named to the Large School Honorable

Mention All-State Football Team by the

WFCA after an impressive senior season, helping the Chargers reach the second round of the postseason for the

first time since 2014. Lawrence, also a

first team all-conference and all-region

pick, was key in Hamilton's strong rush-

ing attack, which averaged 191 yards

LINEMAN

RJ Frerking, senior

Lake Country Lutheran

Frerking (6-foot-2, 260 pounds) was one

of four three-vear starters on the offen-

sive line for the Lightning this season and was an integral part in LCL's prolific

offense, garnering him honorable men-

tion all-state honors from the WFCA

among small schools. Frerking, also an

all-conference and all-region pick,

helped pave the way for an offense that

averaged 190.5 yards rushing and 139.3

LINEMAN

Alec Meichar, senior

**Brookfield Central** 

Mejchar (6-foot-6, 230 pounds) was a

finalist for the Joe Thomas Award, which

recognizes the best offensive lineman in

passing vards per game.

Classic 8 and all-region.

Classic 8 and all-region selection.

region honors.

Leszczynski was making people can do that, so it was his 40th career start at the pretty cool to get there varsity level against the twice," Leszczynski said. Highlanders, having been "It's hard to get there and the starting quarterback not win, but at least l can since his sophomore year. look back and have no That's when Kennedy knew regrets. I gave my all to this he had something special program. Every day I was under center, and it only there. Knowing I did the most I could doesn't put as

His senior season wasn't without its triumphs. Nothhe did leadershipwise, he ing can take away the Lancers exacting revenge in the state semifinal against Waunakee, the team that beat them in last year's D2 championship "He's not a rah-rah guy. Leszczynski also notched him 5-1 as a starter against BC's in-city rival.

That first win over the weren't what they were a Spartans came during his season ago when he threw sophomore year, and for 2,212 yards and 29 touch- Leszczynski reflected on In fact, during a break in downs, rushed for 529 yards how far he and his team-

> "It's pretty cool to see But numbers don't tell the when I started as a sophosee those guys again once I'm a senior, it's the rela-Leszczynski wound up tionships you built throughrelationships I've built with "I've said it before — in coaches and the guys on the

> > As for himself?

said. "I was kind of a quiet being a leader, a vocal leader and showing by example, I really thank everyone along the way who helped get me

Not only was Leszczynski Back of the Year in the "Obviously not a lot of for the second straight sea- come around like that."



Brookfield Central senior Drew Leszczynski was selected as the 2018 All-Freeman Football Player of the Year.

son. He would trade any of those personal accolades for a golden ball.

'It's been an unbelievable three years," Leszczynski said. "It isn't the way I want it to end, but I made an unlimited amount of memories from my three years as a starting quarterback at Brookfield Central.'

Leszczynski is still weighing his options post-high school. He said he's leaning toward football, but he is also a standout outfielder in baseball with a cannon for an arm. Without question, the Brookfield Central senior is champing at the bit "Everyone helped me to get those competitive juices flowing once again, and that's what Kennedy loved the most about coaching Leszczynski.

"He put a lot of pressure on himself to play his best game every week, and as a coach that's just fun to watch," Kennedy said. "He holds every passing career record in the school. To me, his legacy is the kid's a winner. He's tough as nails, and he's just one of those kids Greater Metro Conference that you don't get kids that



#### **FIRST TEAM**

seven TD receptions and rushed for 260 the state. Speaking of state, Mejchar yards and two scores. He even threw a was named to the WFCA Large School touchdown pass and chipped in on All-State Football Team as he was a driving force behind the Lancers averagdefense as well with 19 tackles and an ing 269 rushing yards per game and amassing 5,712 total yards of offense this season. He was also first-team All-GMC and all-region.

#### KICKER/PUNTER Blake Wilcox, senior **Kettle Moraine**

Wilcox (6-foot-4, 220 pounds) solidified himself as the best place kicker and punter in Wisconsin this season by being named to the WFCA Large School All-State Football Team at both positions. The University of Wisconsin recruit made waves as a junior by booting a 59yard field goal, and he continued to show that range as a senior, consistently burying kicks from over 40 and 50 yards, while also flipping the field in the punting game.

#### DEFENSE LINEMAN Mark Shields, senior

New Berlin Eisenhower Shields (6-foot-1, 236 pounds) was the most dominant player in the Woodland West Conference, earning Defensive Player of the Year and Lineman of the Year honors this season. Shields helped the Lions reach the WIAA Division 3 state semifinals, finishing the year with 102 tackles, 10.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries and two defensive touchdowns. He was also honorable mention all-state among large schools as well as

#### LINEMAN Nate Stewart, senior

Muskego Stewart (6-foot-2, 280 pounds) manned the middle of the defensive line for the state-champion Warriors and the accolades rolled in for the senior. He was voted to the WFCA Large School All-State Football Team, the Classic 8 Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was also an all-region selection. Stewart had 101 total tackles, including 24 for a loss, to go along with three sacks.

#### LINEMAN Cal Botsford, senior Hamilton

Botsford (6-foot-1, 235 pounds) was a constant nuisance up front for opponents. The senior defensive end finished the season with 59 tackles, including 11 for a loss, while also forcing three fumbles and racking up three sacks. Those efforts resulted in honorable mention allstate recognition among large schools and Defensive Lineman of the Year honors in the Greater Metro Conference.

#### LINEMAN Luke Hubley, senior Catholic Memorial

Hubley (6-foot-1, 225 pounds) may have missed three games this year due to injury, but that didn't stop him from being the most disruptive force on the Crusaders' defense this season. Despite that missed time, Hubley was second on the team with 121 total tackles, including a team-best nine sacks and 19 tackles for a loss. He also forced three fumbles and recovered four, picking up first team All-Classic 8 and all-region honors.

#### **LINEBACKER** one of six LCL defensive players to be Cole Dakovich, junior Catholic Memorial Dakovich (6-foot-4, 225 pounds) was all-region honors.

impactful on both sides of the ball for CMH, but was known mostly for his defense as he was named honorable mention all-state. The outside linebacker finished the season with 105 tackles (18 for a loss), two sacks, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions for the D3 state champs. At receiver, Dakovich had 16 grabs for 150 yards and a score.

#### LINEBACKER Ben Kreul, junior Catholic Memorial

Kreul (6-foot-3, 215 pounds) is just another CMH defender garnering NCAA Division I looks, and the numbers show why. The honorable mention all-state inside linebacker led the Crusaders with 140 tackles to go along with two sacks and two interceptions. Kreul, who was also first team All-Classic 8 and allregion, helped hold opponents to 14.6 points, 130.3 passing yards and 146.2 rushing yards per game.

#### LINEBACKER Jack Leverenz, junior Lake Country Lutheran

everenz (6-foot-2, 215 pounds) was the field general at inside linebacker for the Lightning and was an honorable mention small school all-state pick. The junior led LCL in tackles and sacks on a defense that allowed just 9.6 points and 153.7 yards per game. Leverenz was selected to the All-Midwest Classic Conference team and one of five to receive

#### LINEBACKER Jack Cooney, senior Brookfield Central

Cooney (6-foot-1, 220 pounds), previously known more for his role as a lead blocker, became a staple of the Lancers defense this season and picked up honorable mention all-state honors at linebacker. Also a first team All-GMC and all-region selection. Cooney wound up with 89 total tackles, including 11 for a loss, a sack and a fumble recovery resulting in a touchdown.

#### **DEFENSIVE BACK** Lucas Finnessy, junior Hamilton

Only four defensive backs in the state were named to the WFCA Large School All-State Football Team, and Finnessy (6-foot-3, 215 pounds) was one of them thanks to a superb junior season Finnessy racked up 28 total tackles and had six interceptions, while also impacting the game as a receiver and return man. He had a team-high 11 grabs for 157 yards.

#### DEFENSIVE BACK Jake Schara, senior New Berlin Eisenhower

Schara (6-foot-2, 196 pounds) capped off a successful senior season by being named to the WFCA Large School Honorable Mention All-State Football Team. Schara, who was also all-region and first team All-Woodland West, finished with 35 total tackles and a team-high six interceptions, including one returned for

**DEFENSIVE BACK** 

#### **Hunter Wohler, sophomore** Muskego

Wohler (6-foot-1, 170 pounds) earned honorable mention all-state honors in just his second season at the high school level, and it was well-deserved. He led the Warriors with 155 total tackles, including a team-high 15 in the D1 state championship game against Kimberly, and five interceptions from the safety position, helping limit opponents to 147.3 passing yards per contest.

#### **DEFENSIVE BACK** Bryce Haertle, senior Lake Country Lutheran

Not only was Haertle (6-foot-1, 175 pounds) voted the Midwest Classic Conference Defensive Player of the Year, but the senior defensive back was also named to the WFCA Small School All-State Football team for his performance this season. Haertle, also an all-region selection, led the Lightning and was sixth in the state with seven interceptions, and was also the team's leading receiver, finishing with 37 receptions for 684 yards and 12 touchdowns.

- Dave Radcliffe, Freeman Staff



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