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Christmas in Lake Country circa 1840s

Settlers brought European festive traditions with them

By Kelly Smith
Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — Many of the pioneers who helped settle Lake Country in the mid-1800s were celebrating Christmas decades before it became a religious holiday observed by most of Christendom.

Most Christians did not observe the Christmas traditions until after the late 1860s when Charles Dickens began giving public readings of his book “A Christmas Carol” which he wrote in 1842, according to the Very Reverend Steven A. Peay, president emeritus of the Nashotah House Seminary.

Peay said Dickens wrote a series of “hugely popular” Christmas books that coincided with a cultural shift away from the puritanical beliefs that shunned Christmas.

“I think most people are shocked when they discover Christmas was not always what they thought it was. It has been evolving,” explained Peay, who earned a Ph.D. in Historical Theology in 1990 from St. Louis University.

The Episcopalian, Lutheran and Catholic settlers who migrated from the eastern United States to the mid-western frontier brought Christian traditions that had begun centuries ago in Europe, Peay said.

Gustaf Unonius, who led the Swedish migration to Wisconsin and was the first settler on Pine Lake in what is now Chenequa, wrote in 1841 about his family’s first Christmas in Lake Country.

“It might appear that the first Christmas Eve we spent in our poor log cabin was poor in outward materials. But it was all the richer in memories of goodness and love from the time Mother’s hand lit the Christmas candles for the children playing about the gift laden tree ...

“Carl (family friend) has been working on a dining table, a really fine piece of oak furniture which he had fortunately completed by Christmas Eve.

“I had bought a couple of plain but neatly painted wooden chairs on one of my recent trips to Oconomowoc. They were placed beside the plainly decorated Christmas table,” Unonius continued.

“A meerschau pipe, a gift from last year’s Christmas Eve was now filled ceremoniously with good Swedish tobacco.

“Christine (family friend) had cooked a splendid rice porridge. In fact, nothing was lacking except the traditional lutefisk,” he concluded.

A few miles south, a family Christmas in Hayopolis (later named Delafield) is described in a poem written by Nelson Crocker Hawks.

“Steaming hot on a platter the pudding appears, Grandma’s famous plum pudding and everyone cheers:

“Then brandy’s applied and blue blazes arise, causing wonderment in the juvenile eyes.

“The parlor was locked for reasons most wise, to guard from the youngsters their final surprise, which is sprung on them now, as the door opens free, on a vision

of beauty, a grand Christmas tree.

“Just loaded with gifts for the old and the young, and then with glad voices sweet carols are sung; then back to the living room, with its warm fire, for a good family visit before all retire.”

Hawks was the son of Nelson P. Hawks, a New York entrepreneur, cabinet maker and stage coach manager who moved his family to Hayopolis in 1837.

Hawks was among the scores of settlers enticed to migrate to the Midwest by the federal government’s offer of 160 acres of free land and the prospects of new farming or business opportunities.

Between 1845 and 1847, the family built a three-story, 11-room stagecoach stop on the government road (now Genesee Street) that linked Milwaukee and Madison.

The Delafield House, later named the Delafield Hotel, and eventually Hawks Inn, became a center of social and political activity in the mid-1800s.

The Hawks family lived on the premises and there are journals and letters describing how the family celebrated Christmas, said James Babcock, curator of the inn which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

However, Babcock said, there is little documentation that describes what kind — if any — Christmas celebrations there were for the guests at the stage coach stop.

Babcock said it is possible that Christmas activities at the inn were modest because there were few guests traveling during the holiday season and they may not have observed Christmas.

In addition, the advent



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Father Christmas, posing with children at the Hawks Inn Christmas Open House, represents a centuries-old tradition that Lake Country settlers brought with them from the East Coast and Europe.

season — the four weeks leading up to Christmas — was considered a more solemn and reflective period and many families did not start celebrating Christmas until Christmas Eve, Babcock said.

The family celebrations focused on a Christmas dinner, church services, and the exchange of gifts; most of them practical and handmade.

Crocker Hawks writes about receiving a new jour-

nal, a book, and a “horn of plenty” that contained popcorn, an apple and raisins.

His sister received a new Bible, his brother a vest and watchcase, his mother a new dress and his father a new suit.

He described how his family used boughs of hemlock and cedar to help decorate the Church of St. John Chrysostom, “the little red

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The path less traveled

How WCTC is helping students along nontraditional career paths

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PEWAUKEE — Trade careers are no longer just for your uncle or grandpa. The face of the workforce is changing, starting with female students who are breaking into the field. Erica Brautigam, a metal fabrication and welding student at Waukesha County Technical College, is one of the few female students who have started balancing the scales when it comes to having both male and female trade workers.

“I think it’s becoming a lot more common, especially with the trades because they do pay so well and people are taking advantage of it,” said Brautigam.

She says her dad has a machining shop with a welder, so she got started at the age of 15 cutting up metal flowers and dragonflies.

At WCTC, her first year of the metal fabrication program was free through the Dual Enrollment program. She met only two other female students, which she says could be difficult at times. But she did find support.

“The teachers were great. They were very welcoming and they like seeing the girls learn those things that are normally male dominated,” said Brautigam.

Through her studies, she’s found a way to combine her love of art and her skills in manufacturing. She says as a TIG welder, she’s able to add a level of intricacy and creativity to her work and make pieces of art.

Right now, she’s creating giant versions of some of

her favorite book covers with her own designs.

In the future, she’d like to open up her own shop and make furniture pieces.

“Everyday when I go to work, it’s just nice to feel like I’ve accomplished something and I can see what I’ve done,” said Brautigam.

Nontraditional careers

Brautigam has chosen what’s referred to as a non-traditional occupation.

An NTO is a job that is within a field that has less than 25 percent of either male or female workers. Some of the most common NTO fields people may think of are women in manufacturing and men in education, but there are several others.

Enrollment has spiked in WCTC’s Automation Systems Technology, Graphic Design and Metal Fabrication/Welding programs with 376 enrolled students.

While these are male-dominated fields, the college is hoping to attract women via one main strategy — exposure.

“Often times in manufacturing, women or other students just haven’t been in a shop environment and that can be really intimidating. A lot of these women are pioneers,” said Beth Felch, WCTC’s adviser for nontraditional occupations.

To help female students adjust to the new environment, Felch says she regularly follows up with them. She explained that while it can be a little uncomfortable at first, the level of independence and pride that female students experience is universal.

“I think sometimes, the big thing is just being satis-

fied. For a lot of women, it’s like there’s this entire world I never knew,” said Felch.

Some of the programs growing in female enrollment at WCTC include welding, machine tool operation, tool and die, and machine automation.

Testing the waters

If exposure is key, then so is the need to get potential students experience on industry standard machines and a chance to see what some of these trade careers actually look like.

WCTC offers a series of free NTO workshops throughout the year. The most recent, a welding and metal fabrication session, was so popular that all 20 slots were filled within a day and another time slot had to be added. There’s still a waitlist of 80 people.

“The best way to teach people about these programs is to get them actually doing something,” said Kathleen Farrell, WCTC outreach specialist.

When deciding what career events will be offered, she looks at enrollment numbers throughout the entire Wisconsin technical college system and what programs are likely to attract nontraditional students.

Farrell says the chance to try a new skill for free without any commitment is something that WCTC uniquely offers.

Upcoming sessions will cover men in health care, women in electronics and engineering, and women in architectural drafting.

The future of the workforce

Attracting the future workforce to trade careers needs to begin early. WCTC programs like the summer Discover Me camp, aimed at middle school students,



Ashley Haynes/Freeman Staff

Metal fabrication and welding student Erica Brautigam found a way to combine her two passions — art and manufacturing — throughout her studies at Waukesha County Technical College.

provide an additional layer of exposure.

“We’re really developing curriculum that is appropriate for each grade level and continuing to advance them at each grade level,” said Mike Shiels, dean of the School of Applied Technologies.

As for getting a more equal ratio of men to women in trade careers, more work needs to be done in dissolving preconceived stereotypes. Carol Fontanez, associate dean of manufacturing technologies, says employers are now thinking of just attracting the highest caliber of talent possible.

“Employers are consistently saying ‘I have to think out of the box, so I can’t just think a nurse is a woman or a welder is a man,’” said Fontanez.

Shiels added that good pay, challenging work and the chance to advance are all attractive factors with trade careers.

With WCTC’s Automation program seeing a 30 percent increase over last year, he added that the area will con-



Waukesha County Technical College metal fabrication/welding student Erica Brautigam works in a welding booth.

Fontanez.

She explained this then allows skilled workers to move up to even higher-skilled work.

Moving forward, plans for the School of Applied Technologies include expanding programming, including new dual enrollment programs and certificates.

For more information on WCTC programming, visit www.wctc.edu.



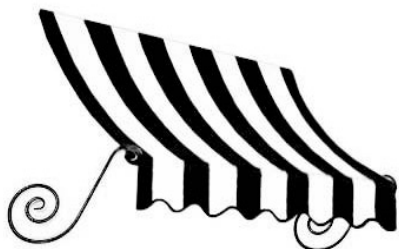
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Beachscape condo construction underway in Pewaukee

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PEWAUKEE — Developers HCI Properties, LLC and Grasch Development, LLC have broken ground on the Beachscape condominiums, a three-story mixed-use building in downtown Pewaukee.

Located on Pewaukee's lakefront at 145 W. Wisconsin Ave., the 25,000-square-foot building features five two-story condominiums with ground floor retail. Each condominium is approximately 3,000 to 4,000 square feet with a two-story garage and a private elevator.

"Beachscape will set a new bar in Lake Country living when it comes to location and quality," said developer Joe Grasch.

The condos will be constructed by two contractors. Wellspring of Pewaukee will complete site improvements and structure while Bartel of Delafield will handle the interior design and finishes. Completion of the build-

ing is scheduled for early summer 2019.

Prices at Beachscape start at \$1,150,000, which includes the large build-out allowance. The \$235,000 build-out allowance gives tenants the opportunity to customize the interior of their condo, Grasch said.

"That's something that's sort of new in the industry, nobody has ever done that before," Grasch said. "That's a healthy amount for people to do a lot of custom and high-end finishes."

For now, Grasch is still searching for a first-floor retail tenant, which could turn into multiple tenants depending on the demand, he said. Grasch has considered a wine business as a possible tenant, adding that local businesses have inquired about relocating to Beachscape, he said.

"My hope and desire are that we find a business that has energy to it and that compliments other businesses on the street," Grasch said. "Right now, we're trying to keep our options open as much as we can."



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Holiday Train rolls into Hartland

Santa sang for the crowd during a stop in Hartland on Dec. 7. The CP Holiday Train donated \$4,500 to the Hartland Food Community.

Christmas

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church on the hill," built in 1851.

The children often received gifts at the church after the family attended Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

The church was among about a half dozen small Episcopalian churches founded in rural Lake Country communities by three seminarians from the East Coast.

James Lloyd Beck and John Henry Hobart of Pennsylvania along with William Adams of New York were encouraged by Bishop Jackson Kemper to establish a Midwest mission.

The Nashotah House Seminary opened its doors in 1842. Gustaf Unonius was its first graduate.

Another early graduate of the seminary, the Rev. Sidney T. Smythe, founded in 1884 the St. John's Military Academy which later became the St. John's Northwestern Military Academy.

Located on a hill adja-



Submitted photo

Mary Daniel, left, president of the Hawks Inn Historical Society, watches as volunteers Barb Knoff of Nashotah, center, and Ann Schultheis of Oconomowoc prepare Christmas decorations for the Hawks Inn dining room.

cent to the academy campus, the church has continued its 167-year-old tradition services of the church is "a very Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

The Rev. Phillip Cunningham, who leads a congregation of about 120, says conducting Christmas services at the church is "a very wonderful and humbling experience that connects you to both what is going on today and the past."

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CITY OF PEWAUKEE

Council OKs \$10,000 for deer management funds in '19

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CITY OF PEWAUKEE — The city has allocated \$10,000 for deer management in the 2019 budget after not having reserved a substantial amount of funds to reduce the deer population since 2015.

At a 2017 Common Council meeting, several residents requested that the council reinstate the city's deer management plan from 2013, which was brought forth after complaints of nuisance, health, safety concerns, property damage and plant species eradication, according to a deer management document on the City of Pewaukee website.

In 2014, sharpshooters were authorized to cull the herd in the Rocky Point Subdivision. Hunters there killed 30 deer — the \$5,000 bill for the hunt was matched by a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources state grant.

Earlier this year, the city spent \$1,500 for bowhunters

to cull the herd in the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District, but some residents who called for the return of the deer management plan felt it wasn't enough.

City Administrator Scott Klein said he is in the process of getting deer management stakeholders together to figure out how the funds will be spent to manage the herd. However, Alderwoman Colleen Brown said the city would need to act fast to get the most bang for their buck.

"There's no point in putting it into the 2019 budget if you're not going to do it January or February," Brown said. "That's something that needs to be done at the beginning of the year for it to be effective and cost-effective."

Department of Natural Resource Wildlife Biologist Dianne Robinson agreed with Brown, adding that historically, December and January are the best times to cull the herd.

"You're more likely to have deer visit the bait site if there is snow on the ground and it's easier to see," Robin-

son said. "Some of those permits incorporate aerial survey to count the population and it's going to be easier to count the deer when there's snow on the ground."

In the past, part of what stymied efforts to control the population was that some city officials felt deer management wasn't a city-wide problem, in part because residents from the Rocky Point and Deer Haven subdivisions were the most vocal on the matter. But Alderman Jeff Kara believes the opinions of board members may have changed since last year, he said.

"Personally, I think the tide has turned now and there's an acceptance of this," Kara said.

Kara added that he would like to see more of a management plan akin to the 2013 plan.

"The goal is to bring the numbers down to a more management or palatable level," he said. "I'm hoping we can get a three to five-year plan so we can be on top of this."

CITY OF PEWAUKEE

Municipal judge resigns; Common Council appoints interim jurist

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CITY OF PEWAUKEE — City of Pewaukee Municipal Judge Gary Glojek resigned Nov. 30 after serving the municipality for more than 25 years.

According to his resignation letter, Glojek felt it was time to leave the bench "following numerous life changes."

"I thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of Pewaukee and I hope I have been a positive influence on the City as their judge," Glojek said in his resignation letter.

City Administrator

Scott Klein called his resignation an "end of an era," since Glojek was the first judge when the Town of Pewaukee incorporated into the city.

"He's been here ever since and is pretty highly regarded as a judge, I would say," Klein said.

The Common Council appointed John Fuchs of Fuchs & Boyle, S.C. as the interim judge, said Alderman Jeff Kara. Fuchs is currently a municipal judge in Glendale and Brown Deer and has been living in the City of Pewaukee since 2008.

"Mr. Fuchs had already been doing work for the city and as a citizen, he

was on the real estate Board of Appeals," Kara said.

Fuchs is the father of City Planner and Zoning Administrator Nick Fuchs, who was employed by the city earlier this year following former City Planner Harlan Clinkenbeard's retirement. The council inquired about whether this would pose a conflict of interest, to which City Attorney Stan Riffle said it wouldn't, Kara said.

Fuchs will serve as interim judge from Dec. 1, 2018 until May 1, 2019. He intends to run for re-election in an April special election.

Creating holiday houses



Mary Catanese/Special to The Freeman

PEWAUKEE — Detective Craig Drummy works with his sons, Connor, 6, and Carter, 9, left. The Pewaukee Police Department partnered with the Pewaukee Area Arts Council to make gingerbread houses at the Police Department on Dec. 5.



Pewaukee "backup" police officers Emmett Thompson, 3 and his brother, Soren, 5, decorate gingerbread houses at the Police Department on Dec. 5. The Pewaukee Area Arts Council provided materials to make the cardboard houses. Lindy Kanavas cut and painted 36 houses for the event.

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The face of homelessness in Lake Country

Family Promise of Waukesha County helps local families when they need it most

By Rebecca Seymour
Special to The Freeman

OCONOMOWOC — With Christmas right around the corner, thoughts of gratitude for all we have been blessed with throughout the year become the focus as we gather to celebrate with family and friends.

Long after the festive glow of the holidays is packed away until next year and January’s weather tightens its wintry grip, the needs of our neighbors in the Lake Country area continue.

Michelle Miller has lived in Oconomowoc her entire life. This last September, Michelle and her 10-year-old daughter Cami suddenly found themselves homeless.

“The worst feeling in the world is not being able to provide for my child. I’m a single mom with no child support. I work full time at a fairly decent job, but I was also relying on my savings. When that was exhausted, I realized I didn’t have enough money for a roof over our heads,” she admitted.

With only a few days before being evicted from their apartment, Michelle contacted a social worker through the Oconomowoc Area School District and was given information about Family Promise of Waukesha County.

“There is not a lot of affordable housing in Lake Country. Because I have a job, I don’t qualify for any assistance. I was so angry and frustrated with the system, but I couldn’t give up — I have a child. I just needed a little hand up,” said Michelle, her eyes filling with tears.

Family Promise

Family Promise of Waukesha County offers support to local homeless families and their children, providing them with overnight shelter, meals, and resources with the goal of achieving permanent

housing and sustainable independence.

The nonprofit organization was developed five years ago to provide a collaborative community effort linking existing community resources. Currently, 27 Lake Country area churches work together, taking turns in a weekly rotation to provide homeless families with safe and comfortable places to sleep, shared meals and fellowship.

The Family Promise Day Center in Wales also provides one-on-one case management to create individual plans towards self-sufficiency, and connect them with existing community services to find job training, employment, day care and affordable housing.

“The people in the churches gave me two homemade blankets and made me feel like they understood what we were going through. When I told my friends, they listened and supported me and were by my side,” said Cami.

David Tennyck has been the executive director of Family Promise of Waukesha County since 2016.

“Waukesha is one of the most affluent counties in the state and yet, we are getting calls for help every day. We call it ‘hidden homelessness’ because these families aren’t living under bridges or on the street like in some communities. They are sleeping on a friend’s couch and when that option is used up, they are living in a car,” he explained. “We are all trying to get these families out of homelessness by connecting them with sufficient income and benefits.”

Welcome home

Michelle and her daughter spent 45 days in the Family Promise program, sleeping in seven different host churches.

“I will forever be grateful for everything that the Family Promise program and

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— David Tennyck,
executive director of Family
Promise of Waukesha County

volunteers did for us. I felt broken, emotionally and physically and I didn’t see a light at the end of the tunnel,” Michelle said. “I want to put a face on homelessness — it could be the person you are sitting next to at work or the child in your classroom. It happens here.”

Michelle and Cami finally moved into their new home in Watertown in early November, but not before a little magic happened.

Family Promise transition team volunteer Denise O’Halloran of Ixonia, her husband Kevin, sister Gail Frangiamore and volunteers surprised the Miller family by outfitting the small home with donated furniture, kitchen supplies, bedding and towels, and even the little touches like curtains, lighting, wall art and more.

“We interview the families ahead of time and find out what they need, so we can make it as personal as possible. They have been sleeping on a cot in a church for weeks — they are so ready to sleep in their own beds,” she explained. “It feels really good to provide simple things that most of us would take for granted.”

“I love my new bedroom — it has fairy lights and my own desk to do my homework. I get to sleep in my own bed and I don’t have to share a room with my mom,” added Cami, laughing.

Volunteers of all ages



Rebecca Seymour/Special to The Freeman

In September, Michelle Miller and her 10-year-old daughter, Cami, suddenly found themselves homeless. The family spent 45 days in the Family Promise of Waukesha County program, sleeping in seven different host churches. “I want to put a face on homelessness — it could be the person you are sitting next to at work or the child in your classroom,” said Michelle. “It happens here.”

have an opportunity to help their neighbors in need through Family Promise. For information, visit familypromisewaukesha.org.

Free food

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an churches and Shorehaven of Oconomowoc help coordinate the program, the volunteers, food collection and distribution.

Food will also be given Dec. 21 and Jan. 18. For information, visit www.feedingamericawi.org. For information about local food pantries, visit www.foodpantries.org/ci/wi-waukesha.



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Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?

Grandfather's ice skates carry priceless memories



BARBARA EASH
Antiques Appraised

Q.: These sleigh bells are a treasure that my ancestors brought to the U.S. in 1875. The pair would be carefully wrapped and only brought out for Christmas holidays. They are now in the possession of the great-grandson and will continue to be passed forward. What would the value be on a set like this?
— *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.

Although priceless for your family, the fair market value for this pair of globe bells is **\$1,100**.

strapped to a wooden platform that had been attached to an iron blade. Extremely difficult to control, skaters actually did more gliding than skating. With the networks of canals, ponds, channels and lakes, enthusiasts waited every winter for freezing temperatures. Often these frozen waterways were also used to reach a personal destination. Ice skating became a national pastime and all levels of society thoroughly 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*

A.: Between 1942 and 1945 using metal to manufacture toys 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.

Several manufacturers in Jeannette, Pa., implemented a marketing technique using molded pressed glass. A variety of sturdy candy containers were shaped like Santa but also included

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.

Your 4-inch combat vehicle retains some ruby flash paint, and the soldier and gun turret are not broken or chipped.

Estimated value: \$55

NOTE: In the 1970s, many pressed glass candy containers were reproduced and worth only a few dollars.

Submit an item for consideration

Do you have an item or collection of items that could be shared in a future newspaper column? Let Barbara Eash hear about it!

To have your item or collection considered send the following information: up to three, sharp, well-lit photos of front & back of the item(s), measurements as well as any history or hearsay, length of ownership and your full name, address and daytime phone number. Mail: Waukesha Antique Shop, ATTN Barbara Eash, 1427 E. Racine, Ave. Unit E-2, Waukesha, WI 53186 or email: beappraisals@gmail.com. If your item(s) are considered for a future column, we will contact you. No photos can be returned and no purchase of items will occur.

(Barbara Eash is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America, specializing in appraisals of antiques and collectibles and has extensive experience writing and speaking about antiques.)



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 skating. Boots or shoes were

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All-Freeman Football Team

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 Wisconsin Football Coaches Association 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 scores.

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 WFCALarge School All-State Football Team. Also a first-team all-conference pick in the Greater Metro Conference 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 WFCALarge School 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 WIAADivision 5 state semifinals.

RUNNING BACK
Josh Jendusa, senior
Muskonago
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 junior to be named to the WFCALarge 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



Robert F. Borkowski/Special to The Freeman

Lake Country Lutheran senior Dane Vance puts the ball over the goal line for LCL's second TD against University School of Milwaukee in the first quarter at LCL.

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 first team All-Greater Metro Conference and all-region after leading the GMC with 832 receiving yards. Banda also had seven TD receptions and rushed for 260 yards and two scores. He even threw a touchdown pass and chipped in on defense as well with 19 tackles and an interception.

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 WFCALarge School All-State Football Team 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-region honors.

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, including over 200 on the ground. The junior offensive tackle and University of Wisconsin recruit was voted first team all-state in the large school division as a result, and he was also a first team all-Classic 8 and all-region selection.

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 WIAADivision 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-Classic 8 and all-region.

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 WFCALarge School All-State Football Team at both positions. The University of Wisconsin recruit made waves as a junior by booting a 59-yard 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.

LINEMAN
RJ Frerking, senior
Lake Country Lutheran
Frerking (6-foot-2, 260 pounds) was one of four three-year starters on the offensive line for the Lightning this season and was an integral part in LCL's prolific offense, garnering him honorable mention all-state honors from the WFCALarge School All-State Football Team. 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 passing yards per game.

LINEMAN
Alec Mejchar, senior
Brookfield Central
Mejchar (6-foot-6, 230 pounds) was a finalist for the Joe Thomas Award, which recognizes the best offensive

lineman in the state. Speaking of state, Mejchar was named to the WFCALarge School All-State Football Team as he was a driving force behind the Lancers averaging 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 WFCALarge School All-State Football Team at both positions. The University of Wisconsin recruit made waves as a junior by booting a 59-yard 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 WIAADivision 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 all-region.

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 WFCALarge 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 all-state 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 Crusader 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
Cole Dakovich, junior
Catholic Memorial
Dakovich (6-foot-4, 225 pounds) was 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 all-region, 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
Leverenz (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 one of six LCL defensive players to be selected to the All-Midwest Classic Conference team and one of five to receive all-region honors.

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 would 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 WFCALarge 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 WFCALarge 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 a TD.

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 WFCALarge 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

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE
QB: Luke Fox (Catholic Memorial) 6-0, 175, junior
QB: Ethan Wilkins (Lake Country Lutheran) 6-3, 215, senior
RB: Jack Himmelspach (New Berlin Eisenhower) 6-0, 197, senior
RB: Sam Mikulak (Waukesha West) 5-8, 180, senior
ATH: Tate Kopulos (Catholic Memorial) 5-9, 185, senior
WR: Morgan Carpenter (Palmyra-Eagle) 6-3, 190, senior
WR: Trae Tetzlaff (Waukesha West) 6-1, 165, senior
TE: Will Enneking (Hamilton) 6-3, 235, senior
OL: Sam Bautz (Catholic Memorial) 6-2, 260, junior
OL: Ethan Jauquet (Muskego) 6-3, 242, junior
OL: John Champe (Brookfield East) 6-5, 305, junior
OL: Donovan Acevedo (New Berlin West) 6-2, 240, senior
OL: Davy Counsell (New Berlin Eisenhower) 6-3, 238, senior
K: Andrew Schweigert (Hamilton) 6-0, 165, senior

DEFENSE
DL: Isaac Freichels (New Berlin Eisenhower) 6-1, 214, junior
DL: Matt Zepecki (Brookfield Central) 5-10, 250, junior
DE: JC Latham (Catholic Memorial) 6-6, 275, sophomore
DE: Jacob Mandella (Brookfield East) 6-2, 210, senior
DE: Jake Hazod (Arrowhead) 6-3, 255, senior
LB: Mitch Borkovec (Muskego) 5-11, 205, senior
LB: Nick Pagel (New Berlin West) 6-2, 200, senior
LB: Jack Steger (Brookfield East) 6-5, 225, senior
LB: Zac Bagley (Hamilton) 6-0, 207, senior
LB: Will Borchert (Mukwonago) 6-0, 225, junior
DB: Cam McDonald (Brookfield East) 5-10, 170, senior
DB: Joe Oechsner (Catholic Memorial) 5-10, 175, senior
DB: Connor Kolb (Brookfield Central) 5-9, 160, senior
DB: Sam Tausz (New Berlin Eisenhower) 6-0, 186, senior
P: Robbie Symdon (Arrowhead) 6-2, 190, junior

HONORABLE MENTION

OFFENSE
QB: Johnny Kelliher (Waukesha North), Brandon Wilde (Palmyra-Eagle), Brooks Blount (Waukesha West)
RB: Sam Meleski (New Berlin West), Elijah Weis (Kettle Moraine), Donovan Hunt (Brookfield East), Jackson Kollath (Hamilton), Alex Current (Muskego)
WR: Tyler Stollenburg (New Berlin West), Joe Sikma (Catholic Memorial), Wesley Juszcak (Mukwonago)
TE/FB: Alex Cyskiewicz (Catholic Memorial), John Reiske (Muskego)
K: Evan Lalor (New Berlin Eisenhower), Lucas Amaya (Muskego)
OL: Tom Johnson (Lake Country Lutheran), Jacob Kuglitsch (Pewaukee), Jake Rock (Kettle Moraine), Noah Vanderberg (Lake Country Lutheran)
DL: Abel Savage (Pewaukee), Thomas Oberst (Lake Country Lutheran), Lenny Roecker (Muskego), Matt Garrity (Waukesha South), Theo Ringgold (Oconomowoc)
LB: Andrew Schumacher (Lake Country Lutheran), Chris Casey (Brookfield Central), Joey Pagel (Brookfield East), Brett Boram (Menomonee Falls), Jimmy Arcuri (New Berlin Eisenhower), Nate Clark (New Berlin Eisenhower), Michael Novacek (Brookfield Academy), Luke Siewert (Mukwonago)
DB: Nate Schumacher (Lake Country Lutheran), Adam Siegel (New Berlin West), Elliot Mueller (Pewaukee), Guy Sreenan (SJNMA), Trent Remmers (Waukesha West)



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