



## **Brookfield Square's metamorphosis continues**

WhirlyBall, Marcus BistroPlex set to open in late summer or fall

By Dave Fidlin Special to Conley Media

BROOKFIELD — Since its inception more than a halfcentury ago, Brookfield Square has been known as one of Waukesha County's major shopping metropolises.

But as consumer spending and large-scale habits changes within the retail industry continue at a brisk pace this year, mall management continues to careen the venerable property in a new direction.

While it remains a focal point, Brookfield Square is scaling down on traditional retail space and repurposing some of its land for destina-tion-type establishments, such as restaurants and entertainment venues. It is a playbook occurring at malls elsewhere in the U.S.

Last year, Brookfield Square lost two of its three department store anchors within a six-month span. Sears sold its last Craftsman tool in March, while Boston Store closed its longtime doors at the tail end of summer.

A one-two punch of largescale changes could have once spelled trouble for a regional shopping mall, but Stacey Keating, spokeswoman with CBL Properties, said executives have been working vigorously behind the scenes to ensure Brookfield Square remains a vital part of the Greater Milwaukee marketplace.

Chattanooga, Tenn.-based CBL Properties owns most Square. of Brookfield JCPenney and the former Boston Store buildings are Russe, Gymboree and Payunder separate ownership.

In an email interview with Freeman, Keating The offered a status update on Brookfield Square's southeast end, which has been dotted with construction equipment since demolition began on the former Sears big box space early last summer.

WhirlyBall and a Marcus BistroPlex are slated to replace the former Sears site. When asked about their status, Keating said, "We don't have a concrete date," for either establishment. However, she said Whirly-Ball could be up and running as soon as late summer, while the BistroPlex has been targeted tentatively for fall.

Outback Steakhouse, current site south of the mall, near the Brookfield-New Berlin border, is set to occupy one of the Sears outlots, near the already operat-

ing Uncle Julio's. "Outback plans to begin and plans to open this summer," Keating said.

#### Internal changes

Inside the mall, there are a many pointing to broader issues within the retail ings are not a surprise," industry across the U.S.

Brookfield Square is about retailers mentioned. to shed several of its inline stores as a number of struggling retail chains, some in bankruptcy, are reducing their national footprint or outright liquidating the more diverse uses and posientire fleet.

Brookfield Square will soon lose such longtime mall staples as Charlotte less Shoes.



which is relocating from its Workers are seen at Brookfield Square in this photo taken in early March. Parts of Brookfield Square Mall continue to be transformed as the mall's owners look to keep the shopping center vibrant with new entertainment and shopping options.

Keating said CBL management had been prepared for the potential losses construction in the spring before the closures were announced and also remarked the shifts will present new opportunities in the future.

"These retailers have been on our internal watch list for some time, and their fil-Keating said of the trio of

Permanent and temporary replacements are being sought, she said, adding, These closures provide us an opportunity to bring in tion our properties for more success, long-term. Once plans are finalized, and leases signed for these specific locations, we'll be excited to share more details.'

have taken place on Brookfield Square's southeast corridor, the northeast side of the mall sits dormant as questions abound on the future of the former Boston Store space.

At this time, Keating said, there is no further information to share on the Boston Store site. But she said CBL management continues to work proactively to seek a long-term solution to the vacancy.

"This location is still under separate ownership," Keating said. "We are working with the owner to identify redevelopment opportunities that will elevate the building into a productive use for the property.<sup>2</sup>

mall-based retailers has members," Keating said.

While extensive changes declined in recent decades, malls such as Brookfield Square have relied more on local retailers to fill in some of the gaps.

Brandon Anderegg/Freeman Staff

As 2019 unfolds, Keating said CBL is planning its continuation of Small Business Expos into the mall. Four shows are slated this year: April 5-7, May 3-5, Aug. 16-18 and Nov. 22-24.

"The Small Business Expos provide an opportunity for local retailers and vendors to interact with Brookfield Square shoppers," Keating said.

Also in the works is a pair of Pet Expos - one set for May 18, the other on Oct. 19. "Shoppers and vendors are invited to bring their leashed pet and enjoy a day As the number of national devoted to our furry family



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CITIZEN of the YEAR **Bryon Riesch** 

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

Bryon Riesch does not wait for life's circumstances to define him. Instead, he has taken one of the greatest hardships imaginable — becoming a quadriplegic after a freak accident in college — to launch a nonprofit that has helped countless lives through personal grants and The 2018 Freeman Citizen of the Year is Bryon Riesch, seen Bryon Riesch and Jason Hall prepare for the Kayak to Cure medical research investment. Those who know and love him would say injury. that he has taken a disadvantage and used it to his advantage to help change the world — one grant and He spent three months in one joke at a time.

For his ability to find joy in pain, to raise millions of dollars for medical research and personal grants, and to freshman at Marquette Uniinspire a community much larger than Waukesha's bornamed the 2018 Freeman Citizen of the Year.

#### The accident

paralyzed is imprinted on his and his family's minds — April 25, 1998. He was a versity and was partaking in him to lose the use of many a party when he dived down ders, Bryon Riesch has been a Slip 'n Slide competition to has control over his shoulsee who could slide the far- ders and biceps, but not his thest. During the slide, Riesch's arm got under his chin and pushed his head The day Riesch became backward, causing a spinal



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Foundation fashion show.

Jenny Addis and Bryon Riesch at the Bryon Riesch Paralysis



here at R&R Insurance. Paralysis event.

Riesch recalls lying at the end of the water toy not being able to move and knowing he was paralyzed. the hospital and about 25 days in the intensive care unit.

His diagnosis: He was a C5 incomplete quadriplegic. The damage was done near his fifth spinal cord, causing parts of his body. Riesch still hands, triceps nor wrists. He also has feeling throughout the body, so when someone tickles his feet he gets upset,

Riesch joked. Through the years, Riesch said he has been able to get some movement back and feeling has improved, but the biggest area of improvement for his life has been the result of technology.

"It was a tragic accident but he certainly has worked extremely hard and diligently to make the most of his life," his father, Ken, said.

#### The rehabilitation

Riesch counts himself blessed because he has a family who was able to support him emotionally and physically by helping him to regain his independence.

"How do you make yourself the most productive while still being healthy and getting on with your life?" Bryon Riesch said. "It's always been a challenge. In my life I have been unbelievably blessed. I have an unbelievable family. I have a great support system. I have a great community. I have great friends. I have lucked out to have come from a family that has means where I am lucky enough to have a house where I can get in and out of. I can feel independent. I have a van that I can get in and out and go places and have people to help me." Shortly after his accident,

he recalls his father visiting him. Riesch asked his son if he wanted to live or die and Bryon couldn't help but wonder about the timing of his father's question. But the question got Bryon thinking and he knew he wanted to live.

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The follow-up question from Ken Riesch was: Do you think you can be a productive member of society? Riesch answered that he thought he could do that.

"And he said, 'Whenever vou get a chance, vou reach out your hand and you will be amazed at what you get

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From left, front row: Kathryn Lagore, Julie Haugen, Greta Prunuske, Tara Reilly and Tina Reilly. Back: Renee Griepentrog, Jackie Austin, Alex Freedy, Ryan Reilly, Jacob Pavletich and Andv Nosbusch.

## **BEHS** students raise \$110,000 for leukemia research

BROOKFIELD — Brook- and tables at volleyball and field East High School students and siblings Ryan and Tara Reilly led a team of five adults and eight students from Brookfield East High School, Brookfield Central High School, and Divine Savior Holy Angels High School to raise over \$110,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The fundraising efforts were part of the seven-weeklong 2019 Milwaukee Student of the Year Challenge which included 13 teams from various area high schools. The team gathered funds in a number of ways and held eight different fundraisers, including three restaurant nights, a cycle bar event, a wine tasting,

basketball games, as well as securing business sponsorships and private donations.

"Tara and I were personally driven to this challenge as our grandfather was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and is currently on an experimental trial thanks to LSS," Ryan Reilly said. "This disease impacts countless lives and being able to work to make a difference through this competition was an incredible feeling.'

At the end of the challenge, the Reilly's team was crowned the champion, having raised the most funds for the Society. Together, the 13 teams raised a collective \$404,572 for the LSS.



### Ash Wednesday

Mary Catanese/Special to The Freeman

Richard Gassert, second from right, and Valerie Pace place ashes on the foreheads of St. John Vianney Church parishioners observing the start of the Lenten season March 6.

## The Lash Lounge will open in The Corners

TOWN OF BROOK-FIELD — Another first-to-Wisconsin business will be opening in The Corners of Brookfield - The Lash Lounge.

The Lash Lounge will open in a 1,200-square-foot location on the west side of the center next to Anthony Vince Nail Spa.

"We're thrilled to add The Lash Lounge to our list of diverse tenants," said Robert Gould, vice president of IM Properties, the developer of The Corners, in a statement. "We know this is an experience that our patrons will be excited about, and we're proud to become



Photo courtesy of The Lash Lounge

The Lash Lounge is planned for The Corners of Brookfield and will likely open in mid-summer.

The Lash Lounge's first Wisconsin location."

The Lash Lounge is an eyelash salon offering services such as eyelash extensions, tinting, lash lifts, facial threading and permanent makeup. The salon offers customization via professionally trained expert stylists and a one-of-a-kind face mapping system that personalizes recommenda-

tions for each guest. The company has 70 salons nationwide with more than 300 stylists. "I'm so excited to be

bringing The Lash Lounge to Wisconsin. The

Lash Lounge frees up precious time in women's days and fills them with confidence. We can't wait to spread our mission to the Town of Brookfield community and beyond," said local franchise owner Stephanie M. Zeiler.

Construction will begin on The Lash Lounge in May, with an opening in mid-summer. Other firstto-Wisconsin retailers and restaurants at The Corners include Von Maur, Arhaus, Grimaldi's Pizzeria, Goddess and the



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## Cremation rates on the rise around nation, report says

#### By Eileen Mozinski Schmidt Special to Conley Media

BROOKFIELD — Driven by factors like economic and environmental concerns, flexibility of options and changing religious requirements, cremation is on the rise.

The national cremation rate is expected to increase by a third in the next 20 years, according to the 2018 Cremation and Burial Report, recently released by the National Funeral Directors Association. The association is headquartered in Brookfield, with an office in Washington, D.C., according to a press release.

The report projected the 2018 cremation rate at 53.5 percent and burial rate at 40.5 percent, and the expected growth will bring the cremation rate to nearly 80 percent by 2035, according to a release from the association.

At Shimon Funeral Home in Hartford, Kacey Neinstedt said staff has been witness to the growing number of cremations in the last four or five years.

"The popularity has definitely increased," said Neinstedt, a funeral director at Shimon, where she said the current numbers are about evenly divided between cremations and burials.

"Within the next 10 years, it will be over that," said Neinstedt, referencing to the growing number of cremations.

### much the limit'

For some, the choice is about economizing.

effective to have a cremation. If people don't have cemetery property, that can be a rather expensive cost," said Michael Palmisano. location leader and funeral director at Cesarz Charapata & Zinnecker Funeral Home in Waukesha.

But more than cost concerns, he said families are finding that they like the diversity of options cremation affords.

"With a burial, there's only one option, being buried in a cemetery. With cremation, your imagination is pretty much the limit," Palmisano said. "You can be set into a canister and blasted into outer space, you can be set down in a coral reef and pretty much anything in between."

At Cesarz Charapata & Zinnecker, a variety of urns are on display featuring different colors and imagery. While families can bring in their own urns, many like to purchase them directly through the funeral home, Palmisano said.

He pointed out several wooden urns offered made by a Mukwonago-based cabinet maker.

"There is uniqueness to these pieces, as a human being is unique. No two pieces are ever the same," Palmisano said. "He leaves a lot of knots in the wood, a lot of the imperfections. That's where a lot of the beauty is."

Also growing in popularity are memory glass and keepsake creations offered by companies that incorpo-'Your imagination is pretty rate cremains or fingerprints of a loved one, according to Palmisano.

"It allows the family to "It is a little more cost have something tangible to

Northern states are expected to far surpass the 50 percent cremation rate before 2035. Wisconsin is among 12 states projected to have a cremation rate of over 80 percent by 2030.

hold onto," he said.

Changing religious beliefs have also played a role in the cremation trend, Palmisano said.

"It wasn't until recently, within the last couple of decades, that the Catholic Church found cremation an acceptable form of disposition," said Palmisano, who added that some religious traditions currently do not approve of the practice.

The option to have a full funeral service and viewing before cremation may also be influencing the trend. It was an end-of-life approach chosen by about 28 percent of families in 2016, according to the NFDA report.

#### **Regional differences**

Cremation can afford scheduling and memorial options to families spread across wider geographic areas, Palmisano said.

"Maybe your roots are not quite as deep as they would have been in previous years," he said, adding that some of the families the funeral home has worked with are spread across the globe, making it difficult to gather everyone together quickly.

Others have chosen to



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Keepsake options by the company Legacytouch on display at Cesarz Charapata & Zinnecker Funeral Home in Waukesha. Michael Palmisano, funeral director and manager, said memorial keepsake lines have been expanding in recent years.

al until a date of personal significance.

"We did have a family that waited seven and a half months to lay (their) mom to rest on her wedding Palmisano anniversary," said.

And with more transient families, Palmisano noted some of a loved one's cremains can be buried at their home and others with children or in other places of significance.

The NFDA report found some variance in cremation trends based on U.S. regions, however. While cremation rates are rising nationwide, burial is still the leading choice in southern states.

Meanwhile, northern

surpass the 50 percent cremation rate before 2035. Wisconsin is among 12 states projected to have a cremation rate of over 80 percent by 2030, the report said.

#### Making plans

In light of these changes, funeral homes are looking for the best ways to accommodate families, according to Neinstedt.

"We constantly talk about within the field," she said.

At Shimon, the staff emphasizes the venue and event planning services they can provide, along with preplanning options.

In Wisconsin, a cremation must follow several legal according steps, to wait for a memorial or buri- states are expected to far Palmisano, including the www.nfda.org.

issue of cremation permits from the county, obtaining a signed death certificate from a doctor, authorization by legal next of kin, and the passing of a 48-hour waiting period.

Neinstedt and Both Palmisano emphasized the importance of discussing family plans for end of life, whatever those choices may

"Letting people know whether you want to be cremated or not, or have a viewing or not can go a long way," Palmisano said.

"That little piece of information alleviates so much stress for your family."

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## Thelke named new Waukesha County director of administration

WAUKESHA — Andrew Thelke has been named the director of the Waukesha County Department of Administration. He will replace Norman Cummings, who is retiring in June.

The director of administration is the chief financial officer for the county and oversees the budget, accounting, business ser-

vices, human resources, director of the Department information systems, risk of Administration," said management, and purchasing.

the County Board, Thelke leading projects across will begin working in his multiple departments show new position May 1.

"Andrew Thelke's government experience and and lead the Department of proven track record as a for years to come.' manager made him the

Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow in a state-Pending confirmation of ment. "His background wife, he has the diverse experience to step into this role his master's

Thelke is a longtime resi-tion from University of standout candidate for the dent of Waukesha County Wisconsin-Milwaukee and

and lives in the city of Waukesha with his Anne, and two daughters. He received Thelke public

administra-

began his career working in municipal management and for Wisconsin before joining the county in 1997. He has worked in areas of financial and operations management over his 20year career with the county. For the past seven years, Thelke has been the Department of Administration business services and collections manager.

Cummings has Waukesha County's director of administration since the department's creation in 1995.

He has led many innovative initiatives, including a collaborative effort with the city and School District of Waukesha to establish the Waukesha Employee Health & Wellness Center in 2014.







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#### Blankets for homeless vets

BROOKFIELD - Brookdale Senior Living's Shelley Bundy King cuts fabric with the help of resident Sarah Levin, 101. Volunteers, residents and staff made fleece blankets for homeless veterans Feb. 28.

## Waukesha County ranks 4th healthiest in state

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

WAUKESHA — Waukesha County is the fourth healthiest county in Wisconsin, according for our residents." to rankings released recently and County Chairman Paul Decker is not surprised.

"I think we have an abundance of recreational opportunities for all year round," he said, listing county and local parks, bike paths and golf courses.

The 2019 County Health Rankings were released recently by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

to have a large number of resources available that help our citizens take action to improve their health. We celebrate a second consecutive year of incremental improvement for the county, from 5th to 4th, while also recognizing that the closer we are becomes," said Benjamen Jones, county, as well as services offered

Waukesha County public health by the Waukesha County Health officer, in a statement. "Reports such as the County Health Rankings help us define what success looks like so we're better able to target areas to improve services

The 2019 report ranks Waukesha County fourth out of Wisconsin's 72 counties for Health Outcomes, which measure length of life and quality of life, and second for the fourth consecutive year for Health Factors, such as adult smoking, adult obesity, physical inactivity, excessive drinking, and alcohol-impaired deaths. When combined, Waukesha County ranks fourth healthiest overall in the state.

Waukesha County Executive "Waukesha County is fortunate Paul Farrow said a number of factors helped Waukesha County rank fourth in the healthiest list.

"When you look at Waukesha County, I think we have a great quality of life," he said, adding that the county government aims to make living here great.

to the top, the more challenging it and green and open spaces in the are available at www.county-

and Human Services department. "We strive to make sure every-

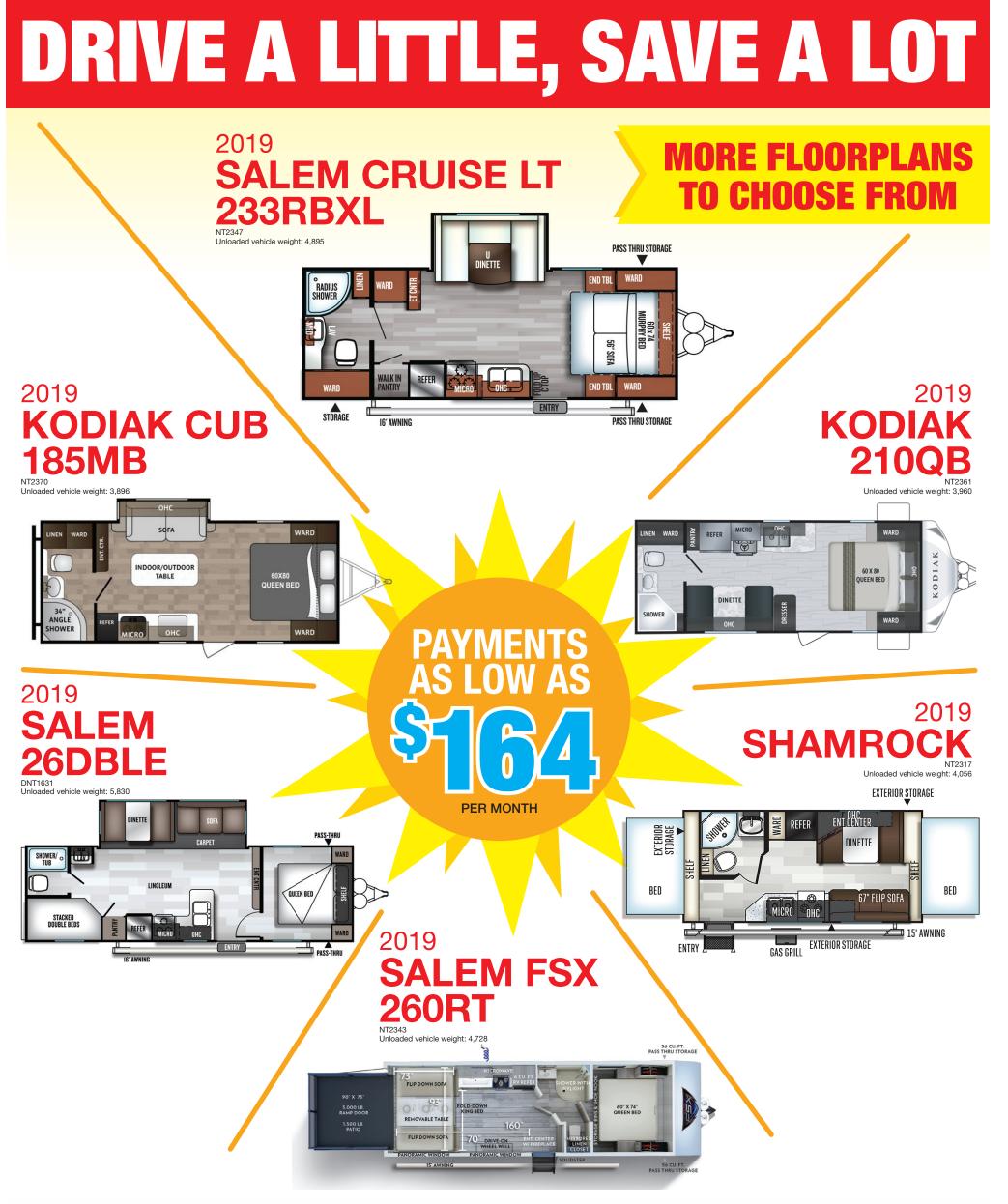
one has good, quality care and can get to it as quickly as possible," he said.

Both Farrow and Decker said the municipalities also strive provide a high level of service.

As a cancer survivor, Decker likes to take advantage of the county's parks and golf courses and enjoys walking in Hartland where he lives.

Farrow said he appreciated being able to take his dogs to the county dog parks where they can run and he can get moving too.

Counties ranked higher than Waukesha County in the 2019 rankings, include, starting with most healthy, Ozaukee County (1st), Washington County (2nd), and St. Croix County (3rd). The five counties ranked as being in the poorest health, starting with least healthy, are Menominee County, Milwaukee County, Sawyer County, Forest County, He said there is plenty of parks and Vilas County. The rankings healthrankings.org.



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back,' and I have tried to live that my whole life — reach out my hand to other people - and I have really truly been amazed at what I have gotten back," Bryon Riesch said.

#### The foundation

The Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation started as a golf outing to benefit Riesch. But when the organizers approached Bryon to plan the event for the second year, he said he wanted to raise money for others. They chose the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.

Two years later, in 2001, they started the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation, www.brpf.org.

"My goal has always been the same, my dream has been to walk again and move again and try new things," Riesch said. "I knew at the time of my accident that I was never going to be able to be a researcher to make that happen," but he added, he knew that through his family and his personality he'd be able to raise money for medical research.

The annual golf outing has grown to raise about \$400,000 annually with 400 people attending.

"The best thing about it is we have been able to make a difference, whether that's research grants or charitable grants or scholarships. Over the years you can see how our impact has really made a difference not only in my life, but in a lot of people's lives who have been affected by a neurological disorder," he said.

Riesch said paralysis of a family member can be a great financial burden, from motorized acquiring а wheelchair that can cost \$40,000 to a \$25,000 ramp for a \$30,000 van. There's also the process of making a home accessible by equipping it with a ramp, bars in the bathroom and a new bed.

This is an area where the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation is happy to help. It has provided grants to individuals for something as simple as a shower chair, but for that individual, it can be lifechanging.

In the 20 years that Riesch and his friends have been raising money, they have col-

lected more than \$5 million my in the area, including starts making the person feel and have added more events Marguette University, the to the foundation's lineup, Medical College of Wisconsuch as a fashion show and a sin and Carroll University. bowling tournament.

kind of like a figurehead for this whole thing. While my name gets put on it, there's really so many other people who do so much work from acquire larger grants. our board to our volunteers that I almost feel guilty sometimes because I feel like I am the one who normally gets credit for it. Their work is what makes it happen. It's them that propels me, that gives me hope, which keeps me going. You see someone else working their butt off to help you and guess what, you are going to do the same thing."

While Riesch may remain humble about his involvement with the foundation's accomplishments, those around him say he is the reason for its success.

"He is a key motivator and inspirational leader to make a lot of that happen," Ken Riesch said.

#### Inspiring others

Carolyn Hahn, a board member of the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation, nominated Riesch to be the Freeman Citizen of the Year.

"His goal is to provide a cure for paralysis for other people," she said. "There are so many other people affected and he wants to help them. It's never about him.'

Riesch was also nominated by Suzanne Frank.

"Our community has become much more inclusive of people with disabilities through such events as Bryon's Run/Walk/Roll to Cure Paralysis, This is How We Roll Fashion Show, and BRPF Team Sports Challenge among others,' she wrote in her nomination. "Bryon's partnerships with the Medical College of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Adap-Sports Association, tive Marquette and Carroll universities have added so much to all of our lives here. Bryon, who is just 40, does all this from his wheelchair! He is an inspiration to everyone who meets him. I cannot think of a better person to receive this award.

#### Foundation funding

Through the years, the Brvon Riesch Paralysis Foundation has established ties with several places of acade-

Riesch said some of the "I am lucky," he said. "I am money raised by the foundation also has been used as seed money for research and to develop and flesh out ideas that can then be used to

> The foundation has worked with a gene therapist at the Medical College of Wisconsin to find a cure for paralysis. The \$250,000 they gave him over the course of several years has led him to get about \$5 million in grant money that he has put toward developing the ability to implant stem cells into a spine that improves the person's movement, Riesch said. Some other medical research and technology that the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation has invested in is DTI imaging, which is similar to an MRI and takes images of a spinal cord. Those images can help illustrate if a person might be able to eventually walk again or could regain hand movement.

"It's so cool for me to be in the midst of all this. To be able to see this. To be able to see people get better and to have hope and dreams. The reality is that stuff is really happening and people no longer have to necessarily hope, but believe that this going to be," Riesch said.

He said he's excited to see the paralysis research being conducted in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties, as well as southeastern Wisconsin.

#### Two jobs

With the amount of events the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation now holds, it sounds like a full-time job for Riesch, but he considers it his second job. He works about 30 hours per week as a project manager at his family's R&R Insurance business in Waukesha.

Prior to joining R&R Insurance, Riesch worked in the IT department at Northwestern Mutual for seven years.

"I believe in the power of work and the independence it gives someone," he said. "The ability to go outside and make a living and not be dependent on someone else."

#### Upbeat and appreciative

It's impossible to describe Riesch without first starting with his humor. Shortly after shaking a person's hand, he

at ease with a joke or a witty comment.

Only a short time after becoming paralyzed, Riesch was able to laugh at himself. He recalls how his leg would sometimes have spasms and jump around during class at Marquette University. He said everyone would look at him and he'd exclaim, "Oh, my god, I can move!"

You can't cry about it. You might as well laugh about it,' Riesch said about his injury.

Janet Curtis, the director of development for the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation, admires Bryon's ability to remain upbeat.

"He is the kindest person. You don't hear him complain really hardly ever about his adversities. What I always really marvel at is in his situation, he has not had a lot of control over his life. ... He could be kind of down and complain about it; he never does. He is always really grateful and appreciative when you help him out," she said.

And for many people he meets, Bryon becomes their role model.

"Brvon is a constant reminder to me of what it takes to beat adversity. He is an absolute hero to so many people and he doesn't even realize it," she said.

#### Family and friends

For those closest to Bryon,

they don't see a paralyzed man, they see a brother, son, uncle or best friend. "We all look at Bryon as if he is an able-bodied member of the family and we have gotten used to that," Ken Riesch said. "And because of Bryon we have gotten to meet

ple." Stephanie His sister, Riesch-Knapp, describes Bryon as a dreamer.

a whole new group of peo-

You know he is trying to make life better for himself and for all of those around him," she said. "He doesn't give up, even though he has faced some of the most difficult stuff I have seen anyone face. I think he has done a tremendous job of overcoming his disability.'

And whether it's dancing with the nieces and nephews or making jokes with his siblings, Riesch makes others happy.

'He's my older brother and he's very competitive, very fun, down to earth and outgo-Riesch-Knapp ing," said.

"He's fun to be around. People gravitate toward him Bryon is always on the because it makes people happy to be around him. He's like a good drug." She added, "He truly

respects people for who they are. He doesn't judge because he has been through so much in his life. He is really able to be on the same level as people no matter what circumstances they face."

#### Hobbies

Bryon Riesch.

Some of Bryon's biggest hobbies are watching basketball, especially Marquette games, and viewing the games with his nieces and nephews. He even makes it to every home game.

Before his injury, Riesch was an avid sports player, participating in varsity basketball and golf and even winning state championships. Paralysis has not kept Riesch from fishing at his family's cabin on Lac La line with an adaptive reel that allows him to pull in catches

But it's basketball that really gets his heart pumping.

Ken Riesch recalls how phones with his nieces and nephews while the game is on, talking about it. In addition, he has coached basketball since becoming a quadriplegic, Ken Riesch

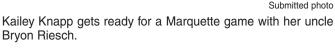
#### The future

said.

When asked about the future, Riesch said he's committed to helping R&R Insurance to continue to grow and transition to its new headquarters in the City of Pewaukee.

He also remains committed to continuing to help the community that has helped him so much. "It's not often you look at your life and say this is why I am here,' Riesch said.

His father knows there is a lot more his son will accomplish. "Bryon is a very caring young man that has channeled a terrible injury Belle. He is able to cast the into some pretty big successes and I don't think there is an end to what he can do.' he said. "A lot of times I think he's just scratching the surface.'





One of Bryon Riesch's favorite hobbies is fishing.



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## Beauty and the bowl

## Antique bowl by German maker still in mint condition; medical charts just what doctors ordered

**Q.:** My family was from training charts. I think they Pennsylvania and this bowl are unique but unfortunately I has always been cherished by previous generations. Could you tell us about it and a value please?

– Diana, Brookfield

A.: Hardworking Americans had been averse to luxury decorative items until importers introduced attainable prices. Many have credited the upswing of imported goods as a result of the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Pennsylvania.

Reinhold Schlegelmilch started a porcelain works in Germany late 1800s. He perpetually updated molds, patterns and only used quality transfer prints. Hand, brushtouch color was added to trim. This bowl is from his highquality years which ended around 1910. (After 1910, the porcelain molds were simpler with mostly floral patterns and those today have low market value.)

Your back-stamp is known as the "red mark." In red color are "R.S. Prussia" and a star, the green fern-wreath has reddish frond tips; it is his most copied maker's mark. In the 1890s, artist Charles Dana Gibson worked as the illustrator for Life magazine. He portrayed his Gibson Girl images as progressive trend-setters, which made him very popular. This porcelain series mimicked the magazine's Gibson Girl with a series called "Seasons.

Your bowl with the "Carnation Mold" has an ornate scalloped edge with flared, blownout relief. The fall season motif has soft, wispy colors of burnt orange, muted yellow and lavender. Decorations include the use of unpainted leaf silhouettes, a background technique used for interest and dimension.

Your 11-inch diameter bowl with a 3-inch depth is in mint condition. This centerpiece bowl could interest both R.S. Prussia and Gibson Girl collectors. Minimum value is \$375.00.

Q.: Thank you for your consideration of these anatomical

are unique but unfortunately I have never had the number 9 chart.

Michael. Elm Grove

A.: There is always a compelling interest in universal health and medical concepts. The original 10 anatomical charts were created in 1910 by Dr. F. Frohse at the University of Berlin and used internationally. This was an era leading up to World War I when commerce, trade and supplies were interrupted. A. J. Nystrom Chicago, was a major educational publisher and distributor of this American Edition, © 1918, known as Amer-Frohse Anatomical Charts. They were edited by professor Max Brodel of Johns Hopkins of University School Medicine, Maryland. Historically, charts and maps have been difficult to update and often rendered obsolete. Currently however, some educational and reference documents have been given a "historical development value." Many are now being preserved number. and collected as early database models.

an oak case on spring-loaded dowels that independently pull down, then retract for protective storage. They are printed on linen-covered canvas and visually large enough for classroom instruction. Each chart contains concise referencing, vivid color illustrations and the "latest" of diagnostic details. Number nine missing chart is of the in appraisals of antiques and endocrine glands. If you are collectibles and has extensive looking to replace it, singular charts are found online fre- ing about antiques.)



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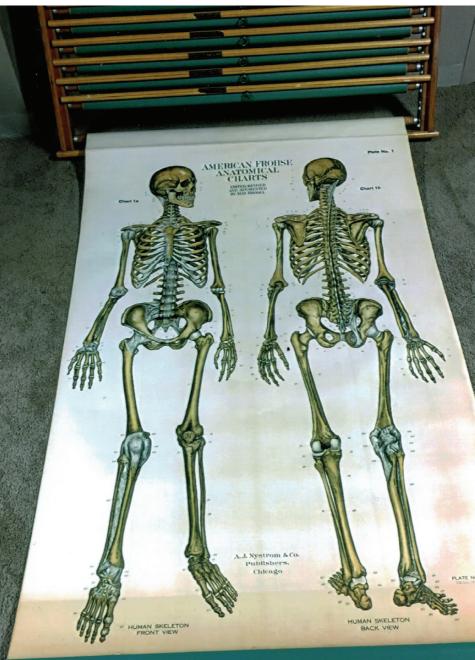
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## WIAA DIVISION 1 STATE FINAL BOYS BASKETBALL: Brookfield Central 69, Sun Prairie 52 Central completes historic state title run

## Lancers win first state title in school history by beating Sun Prairie

By Mark Hutchinson mhutchinson@conleynet.com 262-513-2693

MADISON — Seeding becomes a hot topic at this time of year across the basketball landscape.

This was the first season in which the WIAA seeded its boys and girls basketball tourneys, and the seeding panel put the heat on the Brookfield Central boys by assigning them top billing in the Division 1 field for the 104th running of the tournament.

While snowbanks and ice were melting all over southern Wisconsin, the Lancers kept their cool. And they were rewarded with the first state championship in their program's 63-year history following their 69-52 triumph over third-seeded Sun Prairie in the title game March 16 at the Kohl Center.

Central finished 23-5, while Sun Prairie wound up 21-7.

"We had a couple of football guys on the team," said Central senior guard and captain Cole Nau, who totaled 13 points and six assists in the title game. "I remember they talked about how much it hurt to come in second twice.

"Drew (Leszczynski) is an example — he was the quarterback. Having him on the team really helped us. He brought leadership and made

"To get this gold ball is amazing. It's truly special."

Fifth-year Central coach Dan Wandrey put the accomplishment in further perspective.

"Every year when we set those goals, especially with the team we've had the last few years, being in the state tournament and competing for a state championship was a legitimate opportunity for us," Wandrey said. "We talked about that a lot.

"We had disappointing finishes in the last couple of years, and this group of seniors has been incredible. These kids have bought into everything we've asked them to do, and they just played while winning its previous six with a resolve that was awe-

some. "It's a great feeling. I'm so field.

proud of them, and they deserve this, because they did everything they needed to do to be successful."

The Lancers' resolve was put to the test after Gage more Ben Nau chipped in Malensek, their leading scorer, was dismissed from the team with one game left in the regular season. The adversity galvanized them, and two of their leaders were asked if they ever had any doubts that they could still bring home a gold ball.

"No," Cole Nau said. "No doubt at all. The confidence I had in our players and coaches was off the charts. After some of the things happened, we gathered together as a team, and it really worked out.

David Joplin continued to play like a man on a mission Saturday, amassing game highs of 23 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. He made it clear afterward that he shared Nau's confidence in his team.

"We didn't have any doubt at all," Joplin said. "We all knew that we had a job to do, and our goal was to win the state championship. It was pretty cool making sure we did that tonight."

The Lancers, who opened a double-digit lead 7 minutes, 28 seconds into their state semifinal victory over Neenah on March 15, duplicated that feat in 7:53 during the title game Saturday. Cole Nau's 3-pointer staked them to a 22-12 advantage, and they were up 36-25 entering halftime.

Central shot 68.2 percent from the field in the first half and 63.9 percent for the game. The Lancers knocked down 6 of 11 3-point tries in the first half and 9 of 14 overall, and went 14-for-16 from the freethrow line in the second half after not attempting a foul shot in the first.

Sun Prairie, meanwhile, shot 31.8 percent in the first half and never came close to finding the range like it did games. The Cardinals finished at 30.8 percent from the

Wandrey was asked for the keys to his team's fast start, which saw Joplin score 10 first-half points while Cole Nau added eight and sophowith seven.

"I think it was more going with the flow than game plan," the coach said. "We anticipated that they would play a couple of different zone defenses. I was actually a little surprised that they came out in a man-to-man off that bat. We made an effort to go inside and scored a couple of times, which was really nice.

"We have guys who just spend a lot of time working on their game and making themselves really good shooters. Then what this team did, Central sophomore forward maybe more so than some of our other BC teams, was share the ball so well. We make the extra pass. We get the ball inside and get easy baskets and stretch the defense to do some stuff.

"David (Joplin) was an absolute man today. That was awesome to see. That obviously forces the defense to react to him. Then when Ben started shooting with confidence and Cole and (senior) Jack (Cooney) made some shots, it became really contagious."

Joplin spoke about the aggressive mindset he brought into the game.

"I was just trying to make sure I attacked early, because I knew that if we wanted to win this game, that I had to have a great game," he said. "My goal was just attacking the basket and making sure I could make it or get fouled, and it worked out tonight."

Central's man-to-man frustrated Sun defense Prairie

"We just focused on making them really hard to get baskets, keep the ball out of the paint and keep them off the offensive glass," Wandrey said. "I thought in the first half especially we did a great iob of that."

Central led by double figures throughout the second half, when it sank three trevs

ABOVE: The Brookfield Central boys basketball team raises the gold ball after winning the program's first WIAA Division 1 state title with a 69-52 victory over Sun Prairie on March 16 at the Kohl Center in Madison. BELOW: Brookfield Central sophomore David Joplin shoots over Sun Prairie senior Brock Voigt during the WIAA Division 1 state championship boys basketball game Saturday at the Kohl Center in Madison.

and converted 14 of 16 freethrows. Ben Nau made two of those long-distance connections and sank all four of his foul shots in the second half. The sophomore finished with 17 points.

'In the first game, nerves got to me," Ben Nau said. "I had butterflies in my stomach for the first couple of minutes. But when we got to the second game, I was more excited than nervous. I wanted to come out here and represent the community, my family, everyone.

"This is the best feeling I've ever had in my life, being out here on the floor with all of my brothers. We've been through everything together. This is truly amazing.'

Ben's performance made quite an impression on his older brother.

"He saved me a little bit today," Cole Nau said. "He hit some huge shots. It's truly special playing with my brother Ben. He's a lot different than I am, and I get a little mad at him sometimes. But he knows I love him, and I'm so thankful to have him as my brother.'

to get four reserves in the

game, but he elected to let his captain finish his Central career on the court.

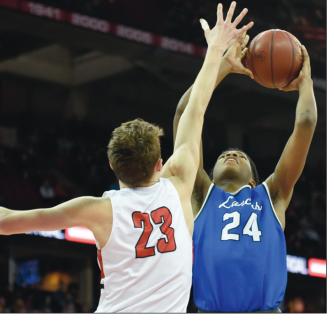
"Cole Nau epitomizes Brookfield Central Lancer basketball," Wandrey said of the Hillsdale (Mich.) College Wandrey called time out recruit. "I was maybe hoping with 30.5 seconds remaining that I'd be able to get him to come back next year.

"He did everything for us. He always did whatever it took for our team to be successful. If it was being a defender, a distributor, a scorer, he was able to do it all.

"I just felt it was appropriate that he end his career on the court, especially at the Kohl Center.



Dave Radcliffe/Freeman Staff



### Youngest Rohde finds key role Wandrey paid dividends for Andrew

## learns from three older siblings

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

MADISON The youngest child always gets spoiled.

The fourth of four Rohde siblings to play basketball at Brookfield Central, freshman Andrew Rohde already has a leg up on his three elders. On March 16, Rohde played a key role in helping the Lancers win their first state title in program history, logging 24 minutes in the WIAA Division 1 championship against Sun Prairie as BC's top reserve.

It's a role he could have never envisioned fulfilling when practice began way back in November.

"Andrew Rohde spent some time playing JV," Brookfield Central coach Dan Wandrey said. "We moved him back and forth. In this playoff stretch, he averaged 24 or 25 minutes a game. He just plays beyond his years."

Of Brookfield Central's 28 games, the 6-foot Rohde saw minutes in just 16 of them, playing sporadically for a stacked Lancer outfit. It was a team bringing back almost all of its heavy hitters from a season ago that was hungry to avenge an early playoff exit last winter.

Even when he was up with the varsity squad, Rohde saw limited minutes and only scored more than three points once during the regular season.

"I did not see myself playing the role I did at the state tournament," Rohde said. "I just realized I had to do whatever I could to help my team in whatever way possible, whether it was from the beginning of the season by cheering and supporting my teammates to the end by playing a little bit more."

Rohde is the last in line of a lineage dating back to a decade ago when his older



Dave Radcliffe/Freeman Staff

Brookfield Central freshman Andrew Rohde shoots a 3 during the WIAA Division 1 state championship boys basketball game against Sun Prairie March 16 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

brother, Nate, a 2012 graduate, was flourishing in soccer and basketball at Brookfield Central, playing with the likes of Seth Mortag and Riley LaChance. Nate was a two-time letterwinner in basketball and played a season for the Marquette University men's soccer team.

Next came Lydia Rohde, the 2013-14 Freeman Female Athlete of the Year. Lydia, a 5-10 guard, was an all-state pick in soccer and basketball, where she was also a three-time first-team all-conference selection in the East in the sectional semifi-Greater Metro Conference.

vital member of the Northwestern women's basketball team and graduated from the university last year.

"He was always playing with us," Lydia said of Andrew. "I'm pretty sure he was at all of our games. He was always wanting to go with us, me or Sam or my older brother Nate. I think it made him want to play."

Lydia's senior year was also the final year Wandrey led the girls at Central, shiftwhen longtime coach Mark Adams stepped down.

older siblings playing under making.

Andrew.

"It's a little different on the girls side, but I just told him to be ready to get in shape during practice and learn how to play as a team," Lydia said.

The second-youngest Rohde sibling to walk through the BC doors was Sam, a 2017 graduate.

He was a freshman when Wandrey made the transition from girls to boys basketball. It all culminated with a trip to state his senior year as the 6-2 guard was a second team All-GMC selection, averaging 10.8 points per game for the conferencechampion Lancers.

Sam finished with eight points on 3 of 7 shooting in the 2017 WIAA Division 1 state semifinals, but lost in heartbreaking fashion to Arrowhead, who prevailed 63-62 in overtime.

One season passed without a Rohde in the mix, and then along came Andrew.

"He's the youngest of four kids and I've had the distinct pleasure of coaching one of his older brothers and his Wandrey said. sister," They're all kind of the same from a basketball standpoint. Andrew really benefited from being that younger brother who always tagged along. Brookfield Central is going to benefit from that, I think, for a long time.'

Rohde saw extended action in the Lancers' first two playoff games, but would really make his mark coming off the bench against Brookfield nal. He logged significant She later went on to be a minutes, scoring five points on 2 of 4 shooting as Central's special run continued.

Rohde picked a heck of a time to have his best varsity game to date, scoring a season-high nine points in the Lancers' 61-47 semifinal victory over Neenah. He'd also splash home a 3 with a higharcing shot that would make Jon McGlocklin proud in their gold ball-clinching win against Sun Prairie on March 16.

Quite the way to kick off a ing over to the boys side high school career that figures to have many more memorable moments. But That experience of two this one was decades in the



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