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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 half-century ago, Brookfield Square has been known as one of Waukesha County’s major shopping metropolises.

But as consumer spending habits and large-scale 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 destination-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 large-scale 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 of Brookfield Square. JCPenney and the former Boston Store buildings are under separate ownership.

In an email interview with The Freeman, Keating 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 WhirlyBall could be up and running as soon as late summer, while the BistroPlex has been targeted tentatively for fall.

Outback Steakhouse, which is relocating from its current site south of the mall, near the Brookfield-New Berlin border, is set to occupy one of the Sears outlots, near the already operating Uncle Julio’s.

“Outback plans to begin construction in the spring and plans to open this summer,” Keating said.

Internal changes

Inside the mall, there are a number of changes afoot — many pointing to broader issues within the retail industry across the U.S.

Brookfield Square is about 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 entire fleet.

Brookfield Square will soon lose such longtime mall staples as Charlotte Russe, Gymboree and Payless Shoes.



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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 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 filings are not a surprise,” Keating said of the trio of retailers mentioned.

Permanent and temporary replacements are being sought, she said, adding, “These closures provide us an opportunity to bring in more diverse uses and position 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.”

While extensive changes 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.”

As the number of national mall-based retailers has

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

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 devoted to our furry family members,” Keating said.

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Bryon Riesch

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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 medical research investment. Those who know and love him would say that he has taken a disadvantage and used it to his advantage to help change the world — one grant and 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 inspire a community much larger than Waukesha's borders, Bryon Riesch has been named the 2018 Freeman Citizen of the Year.

The accident

The day Riesch became

paralyzed is imprinted on his and his family's minds — April 25, 1998. He was a freshman at Marquette University and was partaking in a party when he dived down a Slip 'n Slide competition to see who could slide the farthest. During the slide, Riesch's arm got under his chin and pushed his head backward, causing a spinal



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The 2018 Freeman Citizen of the Year is Bryon Riesch, seen here at R&R Insurance.

injury.

Riesch recalls lying at the end of the water toy not being able to move and knowing he was paralyzed. He spent three months in 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 him to lose the use of many parts of his body. Riesch still has control over his shoulders and biceps, but not his 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.



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Jenny Addis and Bryon Riesch at the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation fashion show.



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Bryon Riesch and Jason Hall prepare for the Kayak to Cure Paralysis event.

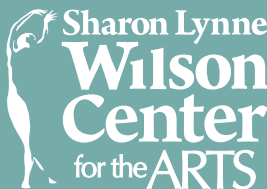
"How do you make yourself the most productive while still being healthy and getting on with your life?" Bryon Riesch said. "It's always been a challenge. In my life I have been unbelievably blessed. I have an unbelievable family. I have a great support system. I have a great community. I have great friends. 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.

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 you get a chance, you 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 Gripen-trog, Jackie Austin, Alex Freedy, Ryan Reilly, Jacob Pavletich and Andy Nosbusch.

BEHS students raise \$110,000 for leukemia research

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield 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-week-long 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,

and tables at volleyball and 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.



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Ash Wednesday

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 BROOKFIELD — 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 recommendations for each guest. The company has 70 salons nationwide with more than 300 stylists.

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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 first-to-Wisconsin retailers and restaurants at The Corners include Von Maur, Arhaus, Grimaldi’s Pizzeria, Goddess and the Baker and Silverspot Cinema.



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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

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WAUKESHA — Waukesha County is the fourth healthiest county in Wisconsin, according 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.

“Waukesha County is fortunate 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 to the top, the more challenging it becomes,” said Benjamin Jones, Waukesha County public 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 for our residents.”

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 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.

He said there is plenty of parks and green and open spaces in the county, as well as services offered by the Waukesha County Health and Human Services department.

“We strive to make sure everyone 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.

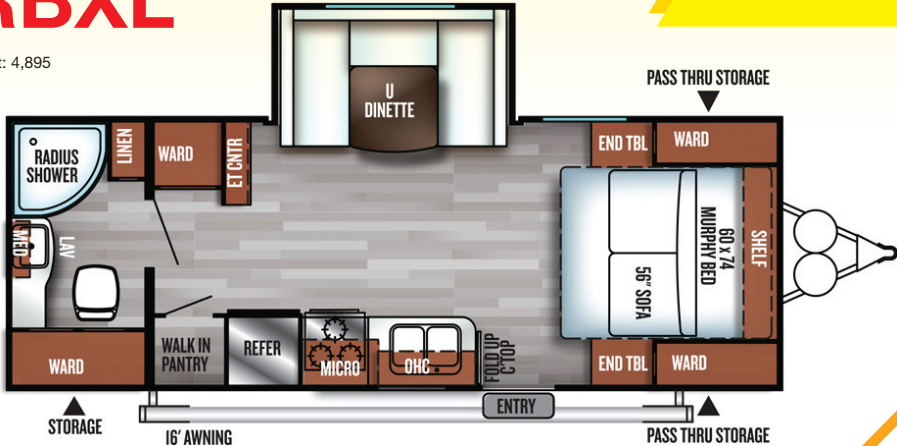
Farrow said he appreciated being able to take his dogs to the county dog parks where they can run and he can get moving too.

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, and Vilas County. The rankings are available at www.county-healthrankings.org.

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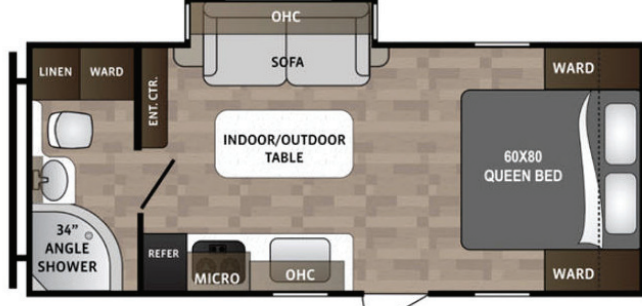
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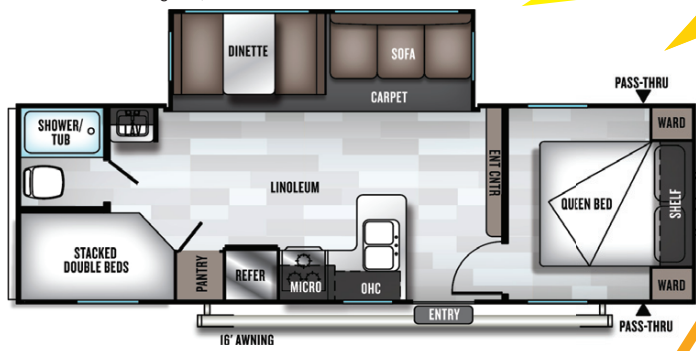
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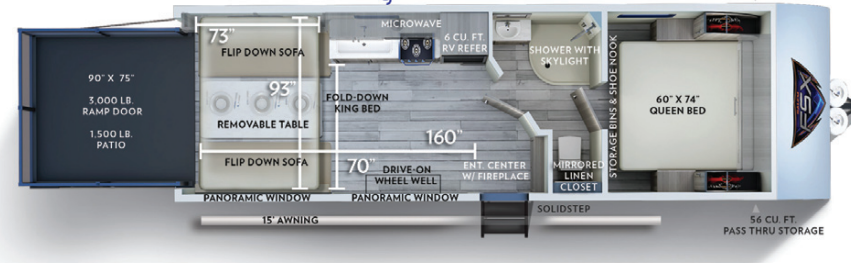
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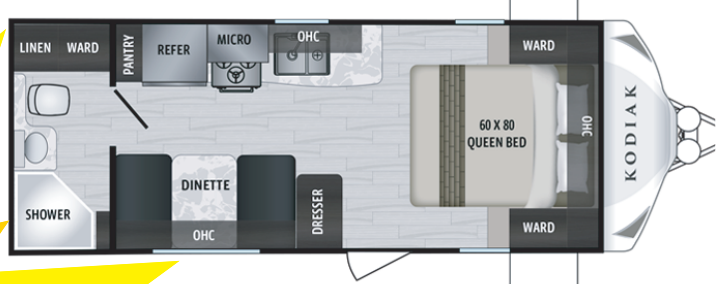
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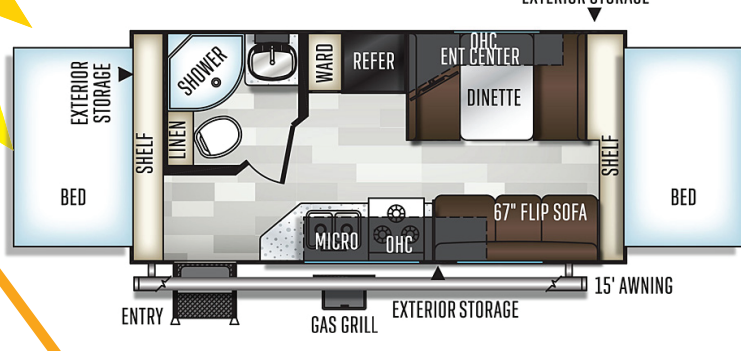
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— *Diana, Brookfield*

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, brush-touch color was added to trim. This bowl is from his high-quality 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, blown-out 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.

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training charts. I think they are unique but unfortunately I have never had the number 9 chart.

— *Michael, Elm Grove*



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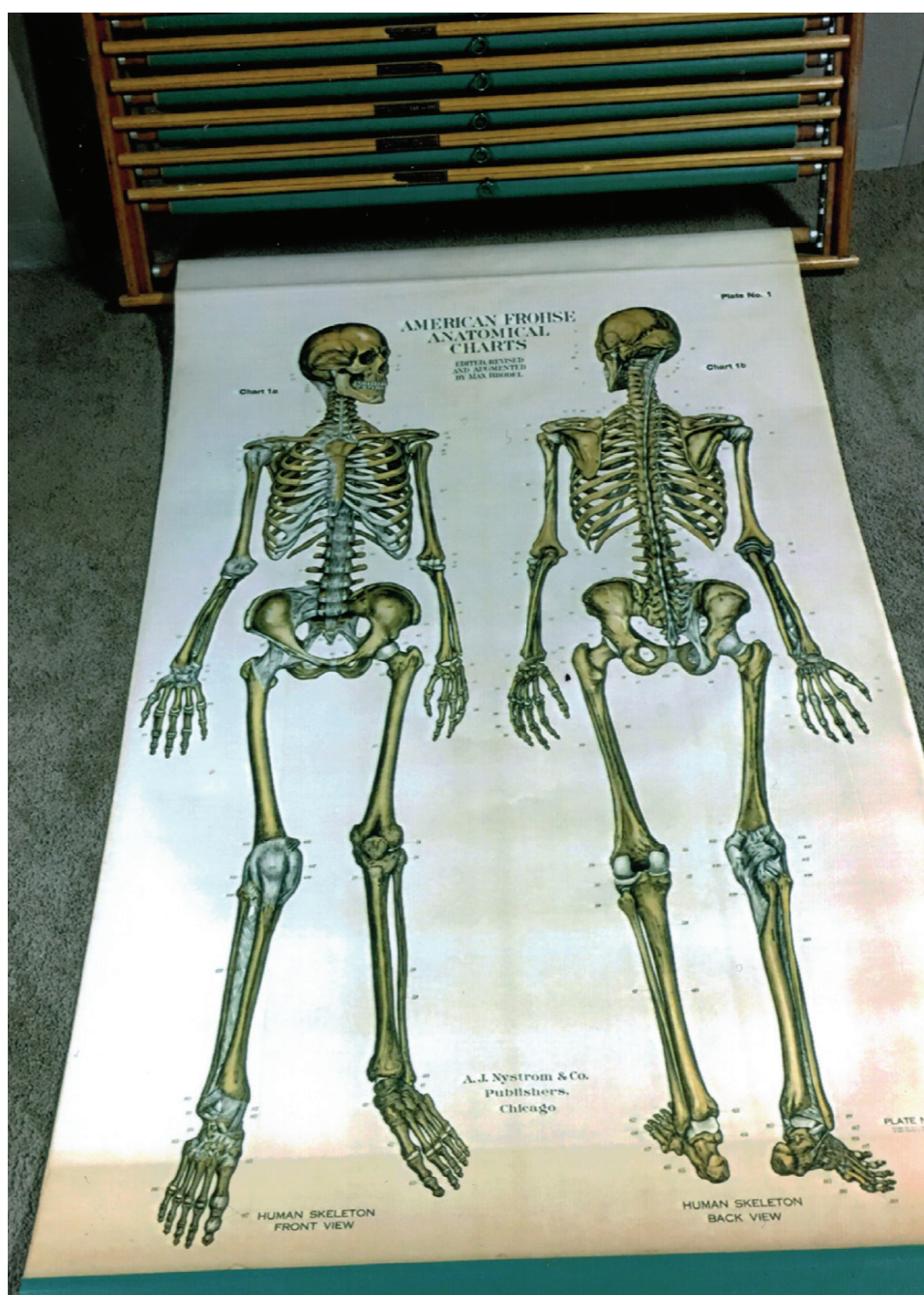
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Central completes historic state title run

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

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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 tournaments, 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 us play really hard in practice. "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 with a resolve that was awe-

some.

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

Central sophomore forward 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 free-throw 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 while winning its previous six games. The Cardinals fin-

ished at 30.8 percent from the field.

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 sophomore Ben Nau chipped in with 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, 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 defense frustrated Sun 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 job of that."

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



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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 free-throws. 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."

Wandrey called time out with 30.5 seconds remaining 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 recruit. "I was maybe hoping 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."

Youngest Rohde finds key role

Andrew learns from three older siblings

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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



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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 Greater Metro Conference.

She later went on to be a 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, shifting over to the boys side when longtime coach Mark Adams stepped down.

That experience of two older siblings playing under

Wandrey paid dividends for 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 conference-champion 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 sister," Wandrey said. "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 East in the sectional semifinal. He logged significant 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 high-arching 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 high school career that figures to have many more memorable moments. But this one was decades in the making.



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