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Branch director out in Brookfield

‘Very capable’ Kohlstad retires after 35 years with parks, rec and forestry

By Eileen Mozinski Schmidt
Special to Conley Media

BROOKFIELD — In over three decades working for the Brookfield Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Bill Kohlstad has learned how valuable its services are to community members.

“We have a very committed community to the quality of life issues,” he said.

Kolstad, who was selected as a supervisor for the department in 1984, was promoted to assistant director in 1992 and then director in 1994, is retiring this month.

In a role that requires planning, juggling different jobs and quick thinking, Kolstad said being director of parks, recreation and forestry is never dull.

“Every day is a little bit different,” he said. “You wear a different hat hour-by-hour in parks or rec programs.”

It is the kind of variety that “makes the day go by fast,” Kolstad said.

During his tenure, Kolstad has overseen the city’s vast network of parks and recreation services. It is a role that is “a very important part of the city government,” said Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto, who noted that the city parks system includes nearly 30 parks.

“We’ve got a lot going on there, lots of great parks. That’s really in large part a tribute to Bill Kolstad,” Ponto said.

“He’s a very capable guy who has related well to a lot of people, who hasn’t gotten ruffled when under a lot of pressure.”

Ponto said that Kolstad



Bill Kolstad, director of the Brookfield Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, speaking to area students. Kolstad retired after 25 years in the director post and 35 years with the department.

has supervised the addition of more parks in Brookfield, overseen the addition of smoothly operating online program registration, and helped build relationships throughout the community.

“Parks and Rec puts on a lot of programs that the general public participates in,” Ponto said.

Kolstad has also handled situations like the management of mosquito and deer control programs.

The former was an issue that came up in the late 1990s, Ponto said.

The mosquito levels on the west side of the city had gotten so bad, he said residents “couldn’t let their kids out-side.”

The area has thousands of acres of potential mosquito habitat and several years of heavy rainfall had amplified the population, according to Kolstad.

Although he did not have training or background as an entomologist, Kolstad said he set out to address the issue with “the assistance of many people.” A study was created to determine what could be done.

A naturally occurring enzyme targeting the mosquito population was selected and applied by helicopter in problem areas, according to Ponto. He said Kolstad successfully stepped into a role somewhat outside the sphere of his regular

duties and helped to reassure those who concerned about disrupting ecosystems in the area.

Ponto said the program has been “remarkably effective” and Kolstad said dubbed it “pretty unique in Wisconsin in terms of a control program.”

Kolstad said he remains appreciative of the openness throughout the community to planning park and open space and in supporting recreation programs that enhances the quality of life in the area.

“I feel very fortunate to be able to spend basically my entire career in one location and one community,” he said.

Brookfield Academy grad earns top score on AP Exam

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield Academy class of 2018 graduate Margot Armbruster is among just 31 students in the world to earn a top maximum score of 5 on the Advanced Placement Macroeconomics Exam.

Top scores from 2018 were released this year and Armbruster was surprised to hear hers.

“I thoroughly knew all the material, but it’s normally unrealistic to hope for a perfect score,” said Armbruster. “I was lucky enough to have everything go in my favor for this exam.”

She credits her teacher and her Brookfield Academy education in helping her reach this accomplishment.

“My teacher, Dr. Guru, prepared me solidly for this exam. She made the subject material real and compelling to me,” Armbruster said.

Manjula Guru, Brookfield Academy’s Economics Department chair, said Armbruster’s success is the result of hard work, attention to detail and the school’s curriculum.

“Economics did not come easily to her, but Margot worked consistently hard at it and perfected it,” Guru said.

Armbruster attends Duke University and is considering a career in international relations.

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Celebrating Arbor Day



BROOKFIELD — Dixon Elementary students, from left, Abram Reiter, Hollie Longman and Poorvi Anand help bury a freshly planted oak tree to celebrate Arbor Day on April 26. Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto, community members and representatives from the Department of Natural Resources visited the school for a tree planting ceremony. Students learned about the importance of tree from visitors and representatives from each class helped cover the sapling.



Dixon Elementary students make artwork out of recycled paper to celebrate Arbor Day. The art was unveiled April 26 as part of a community ceremony.



Dixon Elementary students sing a song about trees during an Arbor Day ceremony April 26.



Department of Natural Resources Forestry Specialist Kim Sebastian presents Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto with a plaque once again naming the city "Tree City USA" on April 26.



Darryl Enriquez/Special to Conley Media
Waukesha County officials announce a new program to combat opioid abuse and tout the success of a lifesaving measure already in place. Participating in the announcement were, from left: Antwayne Robertson, director of the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services; County Executive Paul Farrow; Jennifer Dorow, chief judge of the 3rd Administrative District; Sarah Cook, a 911 dispatcher with the Waukesha County Communications Center; and Nicole Amendariz, press secretary for the county executive's office.

County expands anti-opioid fight

Offers new treatment program for women, their families

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WAUKESHA — An expanded fight against opioid abuse with an emphasis on women will launch in Waukesha County based on the success of its prescription drug overdose program, which has saved 88 lives since its inception in 2017.

Waukesha County Paul Farrow announced the new program to an audience of more than 50 at a May 13 news conference.

"After the success of this program and because of Waukesha County's reputation for innovation, leadership and due to our rural and urban mix in our population, we have been chosen by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to lead a new project that will help us expand our fight against opioids with a special focus on women," Farrow said.

Called the Women's Health and Recovery Project, it will be "a new model of comprehensive services" for women suffering from substance abuse and their affected families," according to a summary of the program.

The county received about \$100,000 to develop the model and strengthen existing services for women with opiate use disorders and their families.

The project, known as a meta-model, will provide treatment for women, children's services, education,

prevention, recovery support services, transportation, employment, legal services and nutrition.

The county recently committed to supporting an inpatient drug treatment center for women.

The new women's project will be a pilot program that could possibly be used by any county in the state or country that has both rural and urban populations.

The project's outline was built by Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services staff during a three-month period. The draft currently is being reviewed by the state and its academic partners.

As for the existing overdose program, Farrow credited the county's training of 825 law enforcement personnel from 29 agencies on the use of naloxone (brand name Narcan) with the saving of lives. An injection of naloxone counters the overdose effects of opioids, especially heroin.

The county receives \$225,522 per year for five years, starting in 2017, to train first responders and civilians on preventing overdose deaths with the proper use of naloxone.

The program distributes naloxone to those who are trained through the program.

Nearly 300 opioid overdose education trainings were conducted to date for 3,203 people, and 2,860 naloxone kits were distributed free of charge through the program.

Elmbrook grad to teach English in Lithuania

McTaggart, BEHS '15 grad, aims to learn as well as teach

BROOKFIELD — A 2015 Brookfield East High School graduate is making the transition from student to teacher.

Alex McTaggart, currently studying history at Rhodes College in Tennessee, has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant for the 2019-20 school year. He'll be working as a Fulbright English teaching assistant in Lithuania.

"As a history major, I am passionate about learning how a nation's past shapes its present," said McTaggart in a release from

Rhodes College. "The Fulbright program will give me the opportunity to explore how Lithuanians were able to preserve their national identity, culture and language under decades of Soviet occupation."

The Fulbright Program is an international educational exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. government. It is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of our country and those abroad. Recipients of scholarships through Fulbright programs are chosen for their academic merit and intellectual potential.

McTaggart's past experiences include studying abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa to study Nelson Mandela and the anti-apartheid movement and serving as a public history extern at the National Civil Rights Museum in Tennessee.



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National Peace Officers Memorial Day

BROOKFIELD — Chief Daniel Tushaus, left, and Honor Guard member Luke Switalski salute as the piper plays "Amazing Grace" during the Memorial Wreath presentation May 13 at the Brookfield Civic Plaza.

Lemberg aids local Eagle Scout with project materials

Hurdis, others built bluebird shelters

BROOKFIELD — Lemberg Electric recently supported a local Eagle Scout candidate's effort to improve the bluebird population in Wisconsin by donating 250 feet of 3/4-inch electrical conduit, which serves as support for nesting boxes.

The project was led by Trevor Hurdis with the help of fellow Scouts to shelter native bluebirds during the spring thaw. The project is part of larger efforts by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin to restore the bird population in the state.

The birdhouses were assembled at the Southeast Wisconsin Carpentry Training Center in Pewaukee in February by Hurdis and other members of Boy Scout Troop 47 of Merton

and Cub Scouts from Pack 49 at Summit Elementary School in Oconomowoc.

After several weather-related delays, Trevor and other volunteers installed the nesting boxes near several Merton schools and churches in late April.

When searching for a project, Trevor combined his interests in animals, construction and assisting others. He chose to submit the nesting box project once he learned that the natural nesting habitat for the local bluebird population had declined dramatically in recent years due to land development, and that the birds would nest in well-positioned manmade nesting boxes.

Hurdis also crafted annual care guides for National Junior Honor Society students and church volunteers who will maintain the nesting boxes in the future.

"I applaud the efforts of Trevor and his troop," said Kyle Witte, senior project manager at Lemberg, who was the group's main contact at the company. Witte is an Eagle Scout himself and



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Trevor Hurdis built and installed bluebird houses for his Eagle Scout project.

his son is working toward the same designation.

According to Scouts BSA, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest rank in scouting and a tradition dating back more than 100 years. Earning the rank requires the completion of a project that demonstrates leadership while serving the community. It is a capstone activity for a Scout and must be pre-approved by the benefiting organization and the Scout's leader, among others.

Three county high schools ranked in top 10 in state

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WAUKESHA — There's plenty of good news to go around in terms of our local high schools following U.S. News releasing its rankings of the best high schools in the state. Three Waukesha County schools broke the ranks of the top 10 and nine made it into the top 20.

The highest-ranking high school in the county — Eisenhower Middle/High School — came in at No. 5.

At Eisenhower, in the School District of New Berlin, 79% of students took at least one Advanced Placement exam and 80% passed at least one AP test; 76% of students are proficient in math and 75% are proficient in reading.

U.S. News uses several weighted factors to rank high schools. Taking up the most consideration at 30% is college readiness, or the proportions of seniors who took and passed at least one AP or International Baccalaureate exam.

Math and reading proficiency, as well as math and reading performance, are each worth 20%. Graduation rates, underserved student performance and college curriculum breadth make up the remaining consideration with 10% each.

Coming in after Eisenhower, and still in the top 10, are the High School of Health Sciences in the Kettle Moraine School District at No. 6 and Elmbrook School District's Central High School at No. 7.

In the High School of Health Sciences, 71% of students took at least one AP exam and 82% passed one. Math proficiency is 70% and reading is 83%.

For Central students, 58% took an AP test and 83% passed; 68% of student are math proficient and 72% are reading proficient.

Looking at the U.S. News report with a wider lens shows several more Waukesha County schools broke the top 20 in the state. They are as follows:

- 11. Brookfield East High School, Elmbrook School District
- 12. Arrowhead High School, Arrowhead Union High School District
- 16. New Berlin West Middle/High School, School District of New Berlin
- 17. Hamilton High School, Hamilton School District
- 18. Menomonee Falls High, School District of Menomonee Falls.

Cedarburg High School has been ranked as the number one high school in the state, with 72% of students taking an AP exam, 88% passing, 72% of students proficient in math and 86% proficient in reading.

For more information and the full list of rankings, visit www.usnews.com and click on the "rankings" tab at the top of the page.



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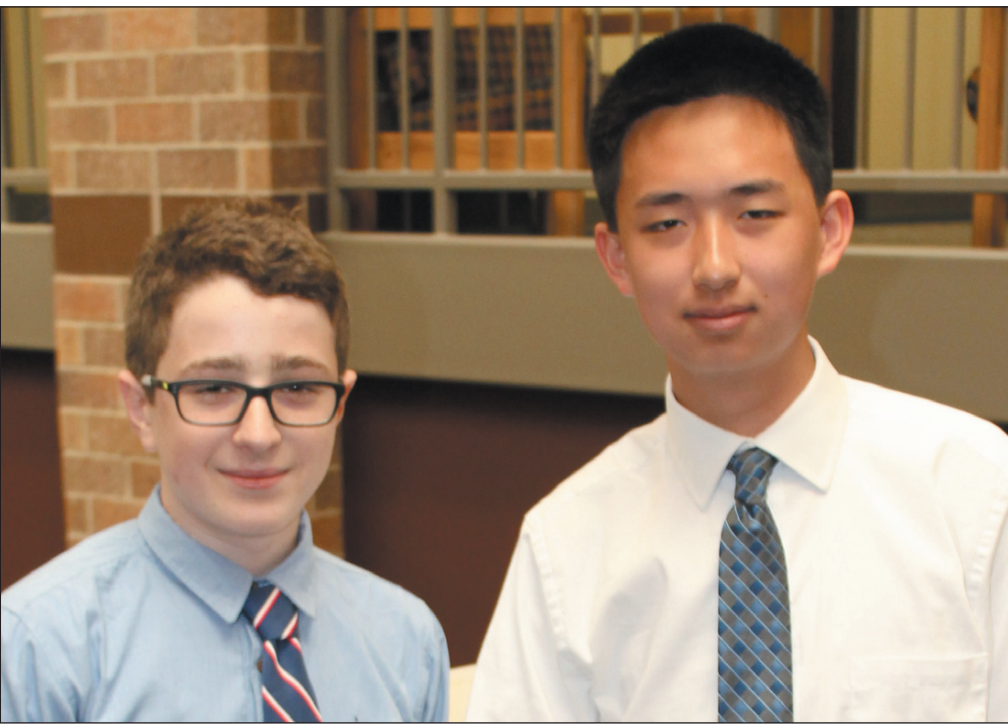
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Two Brookfield Academy students earn perfect ACT scores

BROOKFIELD — Two Brookfield Academy students are among the small group of people who have earned the highest possible ACT score. Junior Andy Liu, right, and sophomore Daniel Perelman both earned composite scores of 36 on their ACT college admission and placement exams. Liu and his family live in Oconomowoc while Perelman and his family are Brookfield residents.

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ADRC seminar to teach seniors internet safety June 13

WAUKESHA — The Aging and Disability Resource Center will host an internet safety presentation for senior citizens at the Ingle-side Hotel, 2810 Golf Road in Waukesha, on June 13 in light of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the deadline for reservations is June 10. Detective Timothy Loberg from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department is the featured speaker. Seniors lose \$36 billion annually from financial abuse, according to ADRC Manager Mary Smith. The event's purpose is to make seniors aware of scams on the internet and teach them how to respond if they encounter cyber-crime or identity theft.



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Honoring the fallen

OCONOMOWOC — Members of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and Pewaukee Police Department Honor Guard present and post the colors. The Waukesha County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony was held May 15 at Abundant Life Apostolic Church in Oconomowoc.

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Miniature cast-iron stove set still hot

Q.: My wife and I purchased this radio bar in Cincinnati, Ohio, last June. It was manufactured in 1938 and I would like to have it considered for your column.

— Tim, New Berlin



BARBARA EASH
Antiques Appraised

A.: “The Biggest Hand-somest Eye Arresting Piece of Furniture Ever Made” was the marketing slogan for this complex cabinet invented in Beverly Hills. To find targeted customers, franchised dealers demonstrated the radios in high-visibility storefront windows. Fascination with concealment during Prohibition years, 1920-1933, often bordered on defiance being flaunted, proving low abstinence.

Manufacturing continued on radio bars following the repeal of The Volstead Act. Complicated production troubles delayed this radio from the beginning — most never reached the market until at or after Prohibition.

By that time, there wasn’t any need to conceal, ending all intrigue for purchase, and sales fell flat.

Today, aided by the internet, quite a number of radio bars — in all conditions — are for sale. Seemingly, this high-priced novelty has stagnant market interest. It doesn’t change the fact that this intriguing invention makes a fabulous conversation piece.

Your example, with complete bar accessories, appears to be in excellent condition but would need firsthand inspection to verify value. **\$2,200.**

diminutive cast-iron stoves were more than child’s play. They were a favorable way to first educate, then play was secondary. Sons would be gifted farm- or vehicle-related toys but cook stoves, being the mainstay of a home, would be the prized gift for a daughter. Oven doors were stamped using appealing names, thus making the mini stoves even more endearing.

Your “PET” model is from circa 1900 and was manufactured by the Ideal Manufacturing firm in Detroit and Kenton Toys of Ohio. Both companies made large quantities of toy ranges that usually sold through hardware stores. PET was a favored pattern-style with a left side hearth shelf and stovepipe on the right, (usually this piece is missing or replaced).

Values for this toy collectible category depend on condition, completeness and volume of production. Your stove shows no restoration or repaint. The embossed stamping is crisp and pronounced with the copper-flash patina quite visible. “The Pearl,” the smaller of the two stoves pictured, is nickel plated and sold by Kenton Toys. The 15 miniature cookware

pieces are assorted age and size — not all from the same period. However, they do accurately imitate antique kitchenware. The entire collective group pictured is valued at **\$375.**

NOTE: Some names of reproduction fakes, using original pattern names, include: Crescent, Queen, Favorite and Spark.

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

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(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.)



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Prep football changes landscape

Football-only conference realignment to take effect in 2020

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WAUKESHA — High school football across the state of Wisconsin will have a new look in 2020.

One of the most significant changes taking place involves a defending state champion.

This fall will be the last for Catholic Memorial in the Classic 8 Conference, one of many programs impacted by the WIAA Board of Control approving the statewide football-only realignment plan in April, one day before its annual meeting in Stevens Point.

The Crusaders will make the move from the Classic 8 to the Woodland West Conference as part of the WIAA's objective to create conferences of the same size across the state that are also of similar enrollment.

While CMH was the smallest school in the Classic 8 and remains the smallest in the Woodland West, it has consistently been one of the most successful programs in the state under the tutelage of head coach Bill Young, who guided the Crusaders to the Division 3 state championship last season.

Along with CMH, both Wauwatosa West and Wauwatosa East are slated to jump ship from the Greater Metro Conference to the Woodland West, which already includes New Berlin Eisenhower, New Berlin West and Pewaukee.

The Lions and Crusaders have met late in the postseason each of the last two years. It figures to grow into an entertaining rivalry — Eisenhower also reached the D3 championship in 2017.

"They've clearly established themselves as an elite-level Division 3 team come playoff time even though a lot of people think of them as a Division 1-type program because of their history with the Classic 8," Ike coach Matt

Kern said. "I'm interested to see myself how that manifests because of the fact they had to play Arrowhead and Mukwonago, Muskego ... all the schools they had to play, because of that they had to really build up a certain infrastructure, so I'm curious to see over time how playing schools their own size impacts them."

With the addition of CMH comes the departure of Greendale, a long-standing rival of Eisenhower. The Panthers, who flip-flop with Milwaukee Lutheran, make the switch to the Woodland East, as does Wisconsin Lutheran, a longtime member of the now-defunct Wisconsin Little Ten.

West Allis Central is also gone from the Woodland West, moving back to the Greater Metro Conference.

"In our case, we lose a rivalry with Greendale, so we're disappointed in that," Kern said. "I feel bad for West Allis Central. I think they finally had some relief and were in a good situation and now they're back in a really tough situation. So those are some things that I saw. Some teams are disappointed. The way the Woodland was divided up is maybe not the way I would have done it, but statewide, it improved the situations for a lot of schools."

Weighing the pros and cons, Kern thought that the WIAA and WFCa did what needed to be done as a whole.

"My initial thought was the WFCa did a good job laying out to coaches why this needed to be done," Kern said. "I think they made a good case that not everything is going to be perfect. Everyone is making little sacrifices but hang with this because this is what the state needs."

Aforementioned West Allis Central will renew its rivalry with West Allis Hale in the GMC. Hamilton, Brookfield Central, Brookfield East and Menomonee Falls all remain



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Brookfield Central's Joey Cleary and Jake Somali tackle Brookfield East' Michael Pomeroy in a Division 2 Level 2 playoff game at Central.

members of the Greater Metro.

A review of the conferences is scheduled to be available every two years.

"I feel this plan is best for the game of football in the state of Wisconsin," Hamilton coach John Damato said. "Addressing the uniformity issue amongst conferences was needed as this was a major issue during playoff seeding. I know this was a big win for the WFCa and I'm pleased the WIAA agreed with their proposal."

Other area schools that will change conferences are St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Palmyra-Eagle and Lake Country Lutheran, the latter of which reached the Division 5 state championship game in 2017.

LCL and SJNMA will no longer play in the Midwest Classic Conference after the 2019 season. The Lightning are moving to the Metro Classic Conference, while the Lancers are off to the Trailways Conference. Palmyra-Eagle makes the switch from the Trailways to the Capitol Small.

"It'll be interesting to get back to some of those teams that we played from 2004 to 2007 when we were all one

conference," LCL coach Greg Brazzel said. "It used to be the Midwest Classic and the Metro Classic together and then they split, so they're bringing us back together again, but now it's split in a different way. It'll be interesting to get back in competition with Shoreland Lutheran and Martin Luther, two schools we haven't played in a long time. We did pick up (Racine St. Catherine's) for a two-year stretch in '13 and '14, so it'll be good to get back in that competition again. Parts of me are excited to get back, facing some of those teams we did when we first started our program."

The Metro Classic will also include St. Thomas More and Brown Deer (formerly of the Woodland East), University School and St. Francis. The Midwest Classic takes on Dominican, Racine Lutheran, Kenosha Christian Life, Kenosha St. Joseph and Catholic Central.

The Lightning (enrollment of 323) will be the smallest program in the Metro Classic and see an increase in travel.

"The two main reasons they said they did this was for geography and enrollment," Brazzel said. "It's hard when they say you're small, but

you're good. I'm not worried about it. It's just funny because it doesn't fit any of the qualifiers."

LCL has steamrolled through the Midwest Classic as of late, last losing a conference game in 2013 when Shorewood/Messmer was a member. The move to the Metro Classic will bring an increased level of competition, although Brazzel noted he has a few reservations about the WIAA's football-only realignment decision.

"It's funny because I heard from my players, it's nice to go out and compete in football and then say, 'Hey, we'll see you in basketball,' or, 'We'll see you in baseball,'" Brazzel said. "That part of it I don't like. There's something about being part of a conference as multiple-sport athletes and getting to face the same kids."

"Another thing I'm not excited about, we've got some pretty good long-standing competition against (Living Word Lutheran) or St. John's or Brookfield Academy who we've played pretty much every year and we won't play any of them ever again. I know they say we can schedule them for nonconference, but that's not really in our best interest. We enjoy being

Area Conferences

Classic 8

Arrowhead 2,175
Oconomowoc 1,707
Mukwonago 1,649
Muskego 1,632
Waukesha South 1,375
Kettle Moraine 1,370
Waukesha North 1,212
Waukesha West 1,201

Greater Metro

Marquette 2,056
Hamilton 1,475
West Allis Hale 1,470
Germantown 1,384
Menomonee Falls 1,309
Brookfield Central 1,257
Brookfield East 1,257
West Allis Central 1,206

Woodland West

Wauwatosa East 1,155
Wauwatosa West 1,079
Pewaukee 899
New Berlin Eisenhower 839
Pius 800
Milwaukee Lutheran 782
New Berlin West 738
Catholic Memorial 636

Metro Classic

St. Francis 543
St. Thomas More 523
Martin Luther 520
Brown Deer 514
University School 423
Racine St. Catherine's 421
Shoreland Lutheran 342
Lake Country Lutheran 323

Midwest Classic

Dominican 337
Brookfield Academy 317
Kenosha St. Joseph 293
HOPE Christian 271
Kenosha Christian Life 253
Racine Lutheran 246
Living Word Lutheran 185
Catholic Central 126

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Grand Championship series back between LOL West, Southwest

Three teams leave West this season

By Chuck Delsman
Special to Coney Media

WAUKESHA — It's time to play some Land O' Lakes Western Division baseball!

After a long, cold and snowy winter and some miserable weather this spring, the 98th year of Land O' Lakes baseball is underway.

The LOL West will have a different look this summer. Three teams, Lannon, New Berlin and West Allis have dropped out of the former 14-team league, Pewaukee will play all road games and Milwaukee will play its home games at Lannon.

"We've lost some teams, have some new managers so the league will look a little different this year," said Commissioner Craig Larsen of West Bend, who will be in his fifth year as the league's top man. "But I'm excited that we're going to have a good

summer. We lost three teams, but the good thing about that is that some of the top players from those three teams are staying in the league and joining other teams. That should add some depth to those teams and the league. And if things go right, Lannon and New Berlin could be back next season."

Another new twist this season will be the addition of a grand championship playoff. While the West has held its own playoff series the last few years, this year the LOL West overall champion will play the LOL Southwest Division champion for the Grand Championship. That playoff will begin on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18.

Once again the LOL West will have two divisions. The Lake Country Division will consist of Pewaukee, Hartland, Monches, Oconomowoc, Sussex and the Brookfield Bulldogs. Playing in the Suburban Division will be the Brookfield Blue Sox, Menomonee Falls, West Bend 7-Up, West Bend Braves and Milwaukee.

At the end of the regular season, the top three finishers

in each division will have a playoff to determine who wins the division title before advancing to the LOL West finals. That winner will then play in the Grand Championships against the Southwest Division champion.

A big change this year will find Pewaukee playing all of its games on the road. The Muskies have struggled financially the last few years but are reorganizing under new sponsor Josh Goodman, who owns and operates Doc's Dry Dock on Pewaukee Lake.

"Josh Goodman has stepped up and saved the franchise," Larsen added. "He's going to sponsor the team and Trent Borgardt is the new manager. They've got a roster full of players so it was great that Josh came forward to keep the team in the league. But the Board of Directors thought it was best this season for them financially to play all of its games on the road."

Last year the West Bend 7-Up won the Western Division championship, defeating the Brookfield Bulldogs in two straight games in the best-of-three playoffs. Teams making

the playoffs last year were the Bulldogs, Sussex and Monches in the Lake Country Division and the 7-Up, Brookfield Blue Sox and New Berlin in the Suburban Division.

Here's a quick look at each team in the Western Division.

Lake Country Division

Hartland: John McNeil is back as the manager and the team has added veterans Brian Henschel, Paul Archambault, Ian Petoskey and Tom Starck. Other top players back are Trevor Duran, Zak Felkner, Kyle Petoskey and Travis Koeppen.

Brookfield Bulldogs: Jeff Mierow has replaced long-time manager Jason Booth as the head coach. Booth retired after last season. Top players back for the Bulldogs are Scott Booth, Greg Basthmer, Mike Mierow, Kris Franzen, Curt Pyral and Randy Sobczyk.

Monches: Pat Smith returns as the manager and the Irish have added Jonathan Dominguez and Nate Schoemann. Top players back are Andy Smith, TJ Roberts, Mitch Dubnicka, Brady Williams, Tanner Williams and Andrew Tucci

Oconomowoc: Veteran first baseman Derek Nelson has replaced Steve Rhoads as the manager of the Five O's. Newcomers include Jason Herzog and Seth Hackbarth. Top returning players are Nelson, Josh Bouche and Chandler Ziemann.

Pewaukee: Trent Bogardt is the team's new manager and key additions this year are Adam Baade, Trevor Benz and Nick Leszczynski. Top returning players are Borgardt, Cam Godinsky, Clayton Schmitt and Tom Zimmerman.

Sussex: Cory Gasper has retired after managing the Cardinals for many years and veteran outfielder Seth Kroenke has taken over. Top newcomers are Kameron Laskowski and Matt Miller. Top returning players are Kroenke, Travis Thompson, Nick Schreiber, Michael Barnes, Trevor Wesline, Ben Wilkins and Carson Youngquist.

Suburban Division

Brookfield Blue Sox: Pat Tobiasz will manage full time this season and the Blue Sox have added Harrison Phillips. Top returning players are

Johnny Arnold, Tobiasz, Tim Kahle, Cole Vento and Drake Schreihart.

Menomonee Falls: Adam Bigus, who managed Lannon last season, will manage the Falls this season. Newcomers this season will be Nick Erd, Joel Zyhowski and Alex Kerschner. Top returning players are Chris Laurishke, Logan Roble and Jake Sutherland.

West Bend 7-Up: Veteran first baseman Adam Rohlinger returns as the manager and top additions to the roster are Paul Hoenecke and Sam Mattheis. Top returning players are Rohlinger, Bill Bynum, Taylor Koth, Matt Parrent, Dan Ranieri, Matt Schubert and Nick Winter.

West Bend Braves: Bob Morrison is the manager and key additions are Nick Sterman and Nathan Block. Top returning players are Brad Rindfleisch and Ryan Morrison.

Milwaukee: Doug Martin is the manager and top additions include Dominick Bur-nadianne, Ryan Fields, Evan Greco and Matt Huffaker. Top returning players are Just Barkhurst, Rob Tschimperle, Jarrett Gates and Josh Smith.

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