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Municipal officials, civic leaders, mall management and local businesses gathered at Brookfield Square's new south entrance for the ribbon-cutting on Oct. 24.

Ushering in a new era

City, civic, business leaders celebrate overhaul of Brookfield Square's south end

By Dave Fidlin Special to Conley Media

BROOKFIELD — At a time when a growing number of traditional enclosed shopping malls are closing down across the U.S., a cross-section of city, civic and business leaders celebrated a new era for Brookfield Square at a ceremony omOct. 24.

The redevelopment of the mall's southerly end has finished, and the combined convention center and hotel across the street is in its final phases and set to open early next year. Speakers at the event lauded the changes and said they are poised to ensure Brookfield Square remains viable in the

Michael Lebovitz, president of Brook-field Square's owner, Tennessee-based CBL Properties, said replacing the Sears department store site with Movie Tavern by Marcus and WhirlyBall is a blueprint for redevelopment activities at viable malls elsewhere in the country

"We have more to do, and we're excited about that," Lebovitz said as he chronicled CBL's history with Brookfield Square, which stretches back to 2001. "I really think this is a heck of a lot better than the Sears store — that's just a personal opin-

A number of government officials also spoke, including Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow and Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto.

Farrow waxed nostalgic, pointing out his first job as a 16-year-old was at Sears — on the very land he was standing upon amid the ceremony.

"Sears was everything to me; this mall was everything to me," Farrow said before he praised CBL executives for "reimagining" what could be done with the space as consumer tastes and the economic marketplace shifted.

CBL's redevelopment efforts, Farrow

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Rolando Rodriguez, chairman, president and CEO of Marcus Theatres, gives details on the features in the Super Screen DLX auditorium.

'We couldn't be more excited'

Movie Tavern by Marcus opens at Brookfield Square

By Dave Fidlin Special to Conley Media

BROOKFIELD — The notion of ordering a teriyaki steak, beer and catching a movie all in one venue might seem unthinkable, but Marcus Theatres is intermingling several dining and in their newest cinema, which opened Oct. 11.

Movie Tavern by Marcus, one of multiple new tenants

occupying the southeast corridor of Brookfield Square, has been in the finishing stages of completion since the week of Oct. 7.

As construction crews worked outside the 8-screen, 40,000-square-foot theater Oct. 9, and staff inside ironed out any last-minute entertainment options with- kinks, Marcus executives gave the media a tour of their newest concept, which

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By Dawn's Early Light | Flag maker finds home in Brookfield

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BROOKFIELD — Packing up your entire life and getting a fresh start halfway across the country is never an easy task — especially when you're a business owner.

But that's what Ann and Mark Meyer decided they needed to do to make sure Ann's flag manufacturing business, Dawn's Early Light, could continue to thrive.

The Meyers, who are originally from Pewaukee, moved from Seattle and recently opened up shop at a Brookfield location on Gateway Road Suite, where Ann continues to use her love of art to embroider and create several kinds of flags and other has.

"It was actually serendipitous to find a way to use my experience and education at Carroll University and UW-

Milwaukee in design, color design for embroidering and texture to produce a machines is an art in and of product that makes people itself. It's a matter of recoghappy," Ann said. "Flags nizing color and creating induce an response; pride, unity, alle- meet the government's giance. That is special.

She said millions of people have seen their product, whether they may realize it

Dawn's Early Light (DEL) match made in heaven. make flags for all of the branches of the military, international flags, and U.S. flags that are often used in special events, such as during the Super Bowl.

played everywhere from the Pentagon to the White House.

DEL embroiders their flags dren still at home, so like on a unique machine that any other woman in the nobody else in the country

He said DEL was the first business to embroider flags and in the beginning, the the team. work was done by hand.

emotional shading that is needed to guidelines and design," Mark said.

As DEL has moved into its new Brookfield location, Mark said the building is a

They currently employ 10 workers, and are likely going to double that number within the next year or two.

As a female business owner, Ann explained that The flags have been dis- this process has had its own unique set of challenges over the years.

"When we started this Mark Meyer explained business we had young chilworkplace that is always a challenge," Anne said.

But after over 20 years, she said she just feels like part of

Moving forward, the Mev-"The art of digitizing ers want the community to



Submitted photo

Ann Meyer, owner of Dawn's Early Light Flags, shows off one of her creations.

the embroidery business

'There is great satisfac- street or at the grocery found at delflags.com.

recognize their dedication to tion seeing logos on hats and store," Ann said. shirts that we have made on people walking down the DEL has to offer can be

A full selection of what

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

Firefighters union alerts residents to 'ongoing staffing problem'

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

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD - Yet another local union for Waukesha County firefighters is warning that staffing issues are potentially leaving residents at risk.

A Sept. 28 press release by International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4724 states that the Town of Brookfield Fire Department has had an "ongoing staffing problem including running under staffed and at times without critical positions over a vear'

The release was sent out after a shortage of workers

"The catalyst for that post was the fact that the citizens

of the Town of Brookfield instructed later in the night opening up across the counmoney every were put in a position where they didn't have the proper staffing that night," said al aid if another paramedic IAFF Local 4724 President was needed, said Shields. He Jason Shields. "That's not said this could have added the service that the town cit- another 4-6 minutes of waitizens pay for with their

He said regular staffing for the department is five leadership) knew a week employees, which includes ahead of time that it was two paramedics who are both required to handle life support calls, according to state statutes.

On Sept. 28, only three only one of them was a second paramedic, nor did paramedic, which led to the town not being able to utilize an ambulance for calls for a portion of the Saturday shift that began at 6 p.m.

members

to use the ambulance for EMS calls and call for mutuing time for emergency

"They (fire department gonna be a possibility that it was gonna be a tough shift to fill. In addition to that, a little more than 48 hours in advance, they were also notipeople were on duty and fied that they did not have a they have an officer," Shields said.

> He said the ongoing problem of keeping part-time firefighters and paramedics were due to more career positions The fire chief gives back the night shift, on Sept. 28,

ty has played a role in the Town of Brookfield's situa-

Shields said in the last year or so, the town has only hired four more people while other county fire departments of a similar size hire 15-20 part-time employees a year. He estimates the turnover rate of workers in the first six months to year of their career is around 70%.

Moving forward, Shields said changing how the town schedules its workers and just plain hiring more people could help address the staffing issue.

"We'll work with them in any way we can and we have. And it's not a budget issue.

year in the department had one salaries, which tells me there's money left over,' Shields said. "In our opinion, it's a leadership issue."

Attempts to fill shifts

Brookfield Town Chairman Keith Henderson said there were attempts made ahead of time to fill the slots needed the night of Sept. 28.

"Management became aware of the staffing shortage on the afternoon of the ical care was maintained 27th. Management made several attempts to fill the open paramedic and firefighter positions, offering overtime pay with no response from the department members," Henderson

explained. He said at the beginning of

paramedic and two EMTs with the support of the city of Brookfield for advanced life support if needed.

"(Fire) Chief reported to the fire department at 9 p.m. that day to fill the open shift and serve as the second paramedic," Henderson said. "Over the course of the event, the standard of delivery for fire protection and emergency medand was in compliance with the plan on file with the state.

As for next steps, Henderson said there is not yet any solid decision.

Requests for comment from the town's fire chief and assistant chief were not



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ELMBROOK SCHOOLS

Survey seeks feedback from families on technology use

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BROOKFIELD — The Elmbrook School District's Family Technology Advisory Group is continuing to gather feedback strengthen the district's approach to the use of technology in classrooms.

A survey of K-8 families sent out to parents asks them to share their students' habits when it comes to tech.

Wendy Dorn, one of the co-founders of Safe & Balanced Screen Time in Schools, said parents who have become concerned with technology use in the classroom have felt that their concerns have been heard by the district.

"I can tell you that as a there were parent, announcements made that our group of parents has noticed. Teachers were telling (us) how many minusing their devices in the classroom and they were move forward. going to limit time that younger students were nology as a successful their emails for a link.

spending on devices," Dorn learning tool, great, you said. "I believe that our par- have that option. If you ents' feedback was heard on some levels."

Elmbrook Chief Strategy Officer Chris Thompson previously explained that district regularly receives feedback from parent groups, so the move to create the Family Technology Advisory Group seemed like a natural progression of that.

The district brought forward several recommendations earlier this year about changes that could be made to address technology use, including adding a K4 digital citizenship skills standard to report cards and expanding current digital citizenship lessons.

Blocking some media sites like Hulu and and Spotify as well as having different filter policies for different grade groups is also being considered.

The feedback from the survey will help guide the utes students would be district and the Technology Advisory Group on how to

"If you're very into tech-

don't think it's a very effective learning tool for your child, you should have the option, I believe, to have a tech-free track. It's a legiti-

mate request," Dorn said.
She added parents who want to limit technology use don't want to be seen as radicals in any way, but do believe it is a personal choice that should be made by families.

School Board President Kathryn Wilson previously said the recommendations and advisory group are part of a normal evaluation the district is doing to make sure the integration of technology is going as planned.

"I'm hoping for a sense of how can we use technology better. It's just a tool. How can we be using it optimally?" Wilson said.

The advisory committee is slated to meet again next month, with a date yet to be determined.

Elmbrook families wanting to take part in the district survey should monitor



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Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto addresses the crowd of attendees at Brookfield Square's redevelopment

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said, fit hand-in-glove into next year's Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee and will be an opportunity to showcase Waukesha County's forward-thinking mindset.

'We have so many businesses here; we have so many organizations that say 'How can we do it just a little bit better?" Farrow said. "I only can guess what's going to happen with the rest of the mall."

'Synergistic,' says Ponto

A number of Brookfield municipal officials, including Ponto, have openly championed CBL's efforts at Brookfield Square.

Ponto described the addition of Movie Tayern and WhirlyBall with the 55,000-square-foot hotel and convention center as "an exciting and powerful combination of choices."

"The best word I can think of for all this new development ... is synergistic," Ponto said. "These new venues will work together and create a combined effect, which is greater than the sum of their separate effects."

While Illinois-based WhirlyBall has locations sprouting up in disparate locations, Adam Elias, vice president of strategic planning with the combined entertainment venue, restaurant and bar, said each site has its own community feel.

"A big focus of what we do is local," Elias said. "We couldn't be more excited to be in this commu-

Movie Tavern, which joined WhirlyBall in opening earlier this month, is the outgrowth of the Marcus Corp.'s acquisition of the 22-theater chain in February.

"Once we purchased it, we felt like the perfect spot to bring this new brand was right here, in Brookfield," said Greg Creighton, executive vice president and CEO of Marcus Theatres. "Movie Tavern is different than a lot of our Marcus theaters around the country. This one is special because it is a unique entertainment destination."

Based on Wisconsin's history, Creighton said he is optimistic Movie Tavern will succeed at Brookfield Square.

"Everybody in Wisconsin — including myself, who grew up here — knows what a tavern is and appreciates a great one," Creighton said. "We think we have that here at the Movie Tavern."



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School Board OKs more secure entrance for Tonawanda leave the current canopy eras there that allow for the By Ashley Haynes

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BROOKFIELD — After tabling a construction project to make Tonawanda Elementary School's front entrance more secure, Elmbrook School Board members have approved a cheaper plan that they believe will still increase the safety of staff and students.

In August, a project estimated to cost just under \$400,000 was rejected, as members thought it was too funds. much money to spend.

an \$80,000 price tag was

roof on the building and focus on adding an additional window to the main office for a view out into the parking lot, as well as building glass doors so employees can see possible threats before they enter the build-

The glass doors will also be shatter-resistant.

While this version is still cheaper, there were still questions about whether meeting the cost of the project would be the best use of

"While I am 100% for safe-On Sept. 23, a project with ty, my question is, this entrance doesn't seem difapproved as the alternative. ferent than most of our ele-The project is cheaper mentary school entrances than the original as it will because they have the cam-

secretaries or administrative assistants to see who's entering. So the question I have is does this help security immensely or just a little bit?" said board member Allison Malnar.

Board member Glen Allgaier said the district is pretty well off from a security standpoint as a whole, but one of the things that differentiates Tonawanda is when you enter the building, there is a ramp that makes it more difficult to see who is coming in.

He emphasized a need for a direct window into the main office.

In the end, the \$80,000 version of the project did end up passing unanimously.

Movies

came as a result of an acquisition in February.

While Movie Tavern is new to Wisconsin, the chain itself has deeper roots. In February, Milwaukee-based Marcus closed on its purchase of the chain, which had been based in New Orleans and operated 22 locations in nine states.

'We couldn't be more excited about this particular brand," Rolando Rodriguez, chairman, president and CEO of Marcus Theatres, said as he and other company executives gave a 45-minute tour of the new facility.

The prospect of bringing a Marcus-operated theater to Brookfield Square was first discussed about two years ago as talks of redeveloping the then-still operating Sears department store anchor space picked up steam.

Initially, Marcus executives were going to brand the theater under its BistroPlex concept — similar to the location at Southridge Mall — but the Movie Tavern acquisition altered those plans.

"It was very important to give customers the ability to bring this particular brand to said.

the corporate umbrella, Movie Tavern by Marcus will offer a bar and lounge area within the theater's confines. Patrons can purchase drinks and other fare without having a movie ticket. Rob Novak, vice president of

food, beverage and concessions with Marcus Theatres, said the goal is to provide offerings to as many interested customers as possible.

"We want this to be a gathering space," Novak said. "I think we can appeal to all different kinds of folks. We can offer something for everyone."

While Marcus has been beefing up on its menu offerings beyond traditional concession stand fare within the past decade at venues such as the Majestic, company executives are touting several new items at Movie Tavern. New dishes include Asian beef rice bowls, a roasted salmon super salad and a teriyaki steak and shrimp dish.

Other high-tech features will include kiosks, which theater's marquee.

order movie tickets, in addiour hometown," Rodriguez tion to menu offerings, which will be available in a delivery-Unlike other cinemas under to-seat service model at each Although Movie Tavern by

> touches not seen elsewhere within the company's local portfolio, the star of the show the individual theaters are a cornerstone company

> Marcus offers a number of

executives trumpeted at the The SuperScreen DLX auditoriums feature such ameni-

ties as state-of-the-art sound projection, what Marcus executives are describing as an "oversized screen" and the reclining DreamLounger seats offered at a growing number of other Marcus cinemas.

Adam Levetzow, general manager of the Brookfield location of Movie Tavern by Marcus, said each screen features laser projectors, which provide higher resolution and better quality visuals.

"This will be the spot where you will want to watch 'Star Wars' or 'Frozen,'" Levetzow said, referencing two upcoming films that will be on the



Rob Novak, vice president of food, beverages and concessions with Marcus Theatres,



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'Go, Gwen, Go'

Family of local gold medalist Jorgensen writes book on experience

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WAUKESHA — Competing for a gold medal doesn't just require the dedication of a single athlete, but the entire support system that surrounds them.

For the mother and sister of Olympic gold medalist Gwen Jorgensen, the experience is worth memorializing on paper.

Gwen, who went to Waukesha South, became the first American to win an Olympic gold medal in the triathlon in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 with the support of several people, including sister Elizabeth Jorgensen and mother Nancy Jorgensen.

"The story really is a story of supporting one another and what's possible if you surround yourself with people who are positive and who help you achieve the goals you've set," Elizabeth said of the book authored by herself and Nancy, which is titled "Go. Gwen, Go: A Family's Journey to Olympic Gold.'

The book starts from the time Gwen was first recruited to begin training for the Olympics to the time of the actual 2016 event, with some important flashbacks interwoven.

Elizabeth said Gwen has been incredibly supportive of the process and actually wrote the prologue to the

"She provided us with interviews, she provided us with race reports that have never been released before, she helped us with technical terms ... I think every step of the way she's been there helping us and cheering us on," Elizabeth said.

Gwen said she attributes her Olympic success to the way her family raised her and how they always supported her without questioning her decisions.

"My experiences taught me you don't have to be anything special to become successful. We are a family based in love and support which allowed me to go from average daughter



Gwen Jorgensen became the first U.S. woman to win a gold medal in the Olympic triathlon in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Below: Elizabeth, left, and Nancy Jorgensen at Books & Company in Oconomowoc, where "Go, Gwen, Go" is being sold.

Olympic champion," Gwen

Throughout the book, there are several unexpected moments that the Jorgensen family shares about the training process.

Elizabeth said she thinks the most surprising part of Gwen's journey was when Gwen met and married her husband, Patrick Lemieux, and how that relationship helped Gwen achieve the gold medal.

Nancy said how taxing the actual physical commitment was for Gwen was some-

thing unexpected to her. 'I saw her in some races that were just so punishing and so painful," Nancy said. She added that everything

from how many hours Gwen had to put into training, how much food she had to eat and the amount of hours she had to put into recovery were also surprising to her.

"'Go, Gwen, Go' will take readers inside the personal life of a professional athlete, complete with family crises books are sold.



and holiday celebrations," according to the book's official summary.

A launch party for "Go, Gwen, Go" is scheduled for Oct. 20 at Raised Grain Brewing, 1725 Dolphin Drive. All ages are welcome to attend the family-friendly event from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Copies of the book are also available at Books & Compa-1039 Summit Ave., Oconomowoc and wherever

Brookfield hoping to snuff out minors' use of vaping products

Minors could be fined up to \$1,000 under plan

By Dave Fidlin Special to Conley Media

 ${\tt BROOKFIELD} \, - \, {\tt A} \, \, {\tt new} \,$ prohibiting minors from possessing electronic cigarettes and related paraphernalia in Brookfield could soon be added to the city's books at a time when renewed concerns about the devices have been raised across the

The city's Legislative and Licensing Committee on Oct.1 discussed the proposed ordinance and recommended putting in place fines ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per offense.

As proposed, the ordinance touches on a range of items under the broad term of electronic cigarettes. The list of prohibitions includes vaping devices, e-liquids and e-cartridges.

In addition to prohibiting minors from possessing the items, retailers selling such products within the city would not be allowed to have self-service displays or vending machines unless minors cannot enter the establishment.

The city's review of ecigarettes and related materials comes as new statistical information has raised concerns with the products. So far this year, 805 lung injury cases and 12 deaths

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Beyond the national trend, City Attorney Jenna national Merten in a memo outlined other reasons behind the proposed clamping down of minors' use of e-cigarettes within Brookfield.

"I have spoken with the Police Department, and officers have reported that electronic cigarettes are problematic with youth and in schools, as they are in most every other municipality," Merten wrote in the memo. "This ordinance will be an important tool to help combat the public health ramifications of these devices.'

Committee members voted 3-1 in favor of the ordinance. After hashing over the issue, the panel proposed setting fines at \$1,000 for businesses found in violation of selling ecigarette products minors. Additionally, minors could be subjected to \$500 for possessing the items.

While the ordinance largely is tailored to minors, Merten said there are a few provisions in the draft that extend the ban to young adults. For example, in an effort to keep schools

are believed to correlate to free of e-cigarettes, Merten use of vaping products said young adults, attending across the country, accord- as students, would not be ing to data from the U.S. allowed to have the items on

Disagreement between two aldermen

Alderman Gary Mahkorn, who chairs the committee, said he believed the stiffer penalties are reasonable, given the recent reports and

You're hearing all these stories about vaping. It's scary," Mahkorn said. "It's an epidemic throughout the country. I think this issue has evolved in the past few months. It's really being abused.'

But Alderman Bill Carnell, who also serves on the committee, said he had several reservations with the ordinance in its draft state. The amount of fines, he said, seemed excessive. He was the dissenter of advancing the document to the full Common Council.

Carnell also took aim at a provision that notes minors could take part in undercover operations through the Police Department to determine whether retailers are conforming to the ordi-

"It just doesn't sit right with me that we are going to use a minor as a decoy,

Brookfield man guilty in bank robberies in three counties

Dashew robbed banks in Waukesha, Washington, Dodge counties; blamed drug debt

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WAUKESHA — A Brookfield man who robbed banks in three counties last year entered pleas resolving those matters Sept. 30, as well as one more that was never

Dashew, entered into a plea agreement that dismissed two counts of robbery in exchange for guilty pleas robberies the attempted robbery financial institutions in Waukesha, Washington and Dodge counties. He is to be sentenced Dec. 9, at which time the state is to recommend an unspecified term in prison, according to the plea documents.

Dashew robbed the Byline Bank on North Avenue in Brookfield on July 9, 2018, when a man wearing neoprene gloves and a fake beard or disguise entered with a note, said, "Give me what you have," and made off with \$2.055, a criminal complaint said. On Sept. 20, 2018, the same bank was robbed in a similar fashion, where a suspect in a blue surgical mask and glasses produced a note



said.

mask, but fled when secucomplaint said. About that the complaint said. Dashew told police he committed

Another the same day

Later that day, the comsuspect using a similar method of operation as that in the Brookfield bank, a complaint said. Dashew also was charged with bank robbery in Washington County in that

saying "20's matter after he allegedly 50'(s). made off with \$8,722, a dye criminal complaint said.

Records in the case show suspect said, at one point last fall, "Give me all Dashew was found not of it," and competent to proceed, but with by March was found to \$2,983,the have regained competency, complaint meaning he understood the proceedings and was able The suspect returned to assist meaningfully in

The charges in the first rity told him to remove it two matters were disand alerted personnel to missed with the plea deal; sound a robbery alarm, the Dashew pleaded guilty to third Brookfield time, a neighbor of the attempt, the Jackson robbank reported a man in a bery and a robbery of a hood walking through his BMO Harris Bank in Lomiyard to a silver Lexus, ra that took place March which listed to Dashew, the 26, 2018, court documents show.

The plea agreement calls the crimes because he had for the state to recommend a \$10,000 drug debt he an unspecified prison needed to pay off to people term, and Dashew is to in Florida, that complaint make restitution of \$8,722 to the Jackson bank. Further, the state agreed not to issue charges stemming from a June 13, 2018, robplaint said, a BMO Harris bery in Slinger for which bank in Jackson was there have not been robbed of over \$8,700 by a charges recommended to prosecutors in Washington County.

Dashew's attorney Dudley Williams could not be reached for comment.

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A treasured story

Helen Keller-signed book will always have demand



BARBARA EASH

Antiques Appraised

Q. I have always been inspired by Helen Keller's life story. When I was a small child my father taught me to care for this signed book that he purchased in Kansas City. What do I need to get an insurance value?

— Eva, New Berlin

A. A signed book by Helen Keller is a treasure and most likely will always have market demand. Condition is often very poor on books that were printed on inexpensive pulp paper, vours is the exception. The dust jacket has damage but the book has remained in a like-new condition, verbal value is \$950.

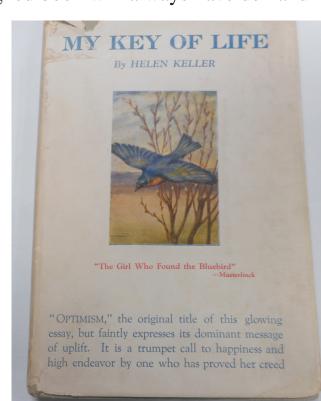
Only verbal appraisals are offered through this column. Ask your insurance agent what details are needed for item-specific insurance coverage. Most companies will require a certified written document.

Mirror, mirror

Q. The story has been lost as where this originated from. I need information as I am going to relocate and two different moving companies will not attempt to move this several hundred pound mirror.

– Bridget, Brookfield

A. Transporting this 7foot height Cheval mirror with a cast-iron branch shape is high risk for potential damage. In addition, all three mirrors have a solid wood back, adding to an unbalanced weight issue. I recommend using a



custom packing (crate), Have an item for transport and delivery management company. They offer additional insurance for complicated shaped items that need special handling.

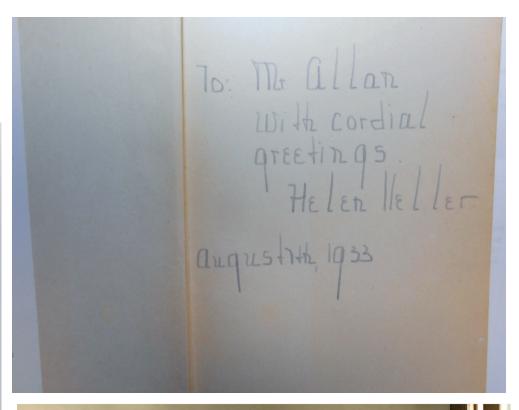
One feature on this freestanding late-19th century mirror is that the sides pivot for use and for storage. From every angle the construction exhibits strength and a photo does not represent the excellent patina. The platform lion shape terminals with paw foot are symbolic with power and regalia. This example has mirrored both styles and social change, most likely in a high fashion tailor shop. Wonderful that this item survived, weighty cast iron pieces often would be destroyed when old buildings were demolished.

Value is \$2,500.

appraisal?

If you have an item you'd like to be appraised, mail entries to Waukesha Antique Shop, 1427 E. Racine Ave., Unit E-2, Waukesha, WI 53186. Send sharp, well-lit photos of front, back and underside of your item, and measurements are important. List any known history or even hearsay, length of ownership and all markings, even partial ones. Include your name, address and phone number. No photos can be returned and no purchase of antiques will occur.

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





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TOWN of BROOKFIELD

Farrow goes for Pokémon GO

County executive finds family, community, activity in game

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

NASHOTAH — County Executive Paul Farrow and his wife Amy — to quote the Pokémon theme song "want to be the very best, like no one ever was.'

How they do that, however, is a different story.

In July 2016, Pokémon GO launched on mobile phones and took the world by storm, bringing the popular Pokémon franchise to life.

Waukesha County has also

become a hotspot for Pokemon GO players as there are hundreds of areas where players can go to catch Pokémon, also the name of the characters, around the county including Frame Park in Waukesha, Lapham Peak in Delafield City Beach Oconomowoc

In fact, some of the events Pokémon GO offers rely on players working together as a community batting rare bosses.

Just days after launch. Paul and Amy's son Andrew had asked them if they had heard of the game — they

After a little goading from Andrew, the Farrows had downloaded the game as a way to bond with their kids.

"With both of our kids growing up and moving out of the house soon, we thought it was a good way to reconnect with them," Far-

The game left a significant impression on the family they were Charleston, South Carolina for a vacation.

"Next to our hotel there was a park and there were literally hundreds of people walking around trying to catch Pokémon," Farrow said. "We even saw people running up and down the park trying to hatch their eggs in the game.'

For those who don't know, Pokémon Go is a game based off a popular video game and cartoon called Pokémon. The point of the game is to "Catch 'em all!" To do that, however, players need to walk to Pokéstops where you get balls to catch Pokémon — and battle in

In addition, the game has Pokémon eggs, which hatch after the player has walked various distances of either 2km, 5km, 7km and 10km.

Training in the community

If you've been to Waukesha on a Wednesday evening around the Waukesha Public Library, the Veterans Memorial or even the Five Points, you may have seen a fun. crowd of people walking around looking at their

Well, more likely than not, they are all participating in something called "raid hour," a special hour for trainers to catch rare Pokémon where the players need to battle as a group to catch



Alex Nemec/Enterprise Staff

Paul Farrow and his wife, Amy, stand near the large breed dog park sign at Nashotah Park to play Pokémon GO. The sign is a virtual Pokéstop used for trainers.

The Farrows are often a part of that group down-

"It's a lot of fun," Farrow said. "It's one of things where I've had a couple of people recognize me, but a lot of people they don't care, we are just there to have

"People mostly just care whether we are Team Mystic, Team Valor or Team Instinct."

The Farrows are a part of Team Instinct, he said.

Farrow said he has seen nothing but respect from people playing the game when he goes out into the community to play.

"The majority of the peobeneficial to him and his ple when we go out, are fam- wife because it helps them ilies or adults that are very respectful and not taking over things," Farrow said. "I know there were issues that people were trashing the parks down in Milwaukee. I don't see that happening out the winter we drive around

Training together

On a brisk Tuesday fall evening, Paul and Amy bring their dogs Shaw and Schatzie to Nashotah Park to burn off some energy. Paul said with the amount of Pokéstops in the area, this is their go-to place to play.

Farrow said the app is

get out of the house and

"We both started playing it with our sons, but now we just go out and play ourselves at night and then in catching them," he said.

Farrow said people would-

n't believe how many highranking people play the game, including his brother Peter who is a CEO of a company in northern Wiscon-

"There are so many CEOs and people who I interact with who play," Farrow said. "Everyone needs a hobby and this one is ours."

Farrow recounted a time when he and Amy were walking around Frame Park when the game first came out and ran into then Carroll University President Doug Hastad.

"We ran into Doug and while we were talking to him, we kept looking down at our phones to look for the Pokémon," Farrow said. "Eventually he asked us what we were doing and we told him and he just laughed."

Paul — who loves using powerhouse Pokémon Snorlax, Slaking and Dragonite in game — and Amy — who loves Steel-type Pokémon because "they make her feel fortified" — both share a love for the game.

How they play it is totally different story.

"See, I am pretty much creating a zoo," Amy said. "I want to have one of each Pokémon and see them all in my inventory.

Paul, on the other hand, builds his Pokémon team a little differently.

"I want to create an army, I just want the best ones in my game," he said. "I have something like 200 or so Pokémon and she has like

Paul said he finds the franchise's flagship Pokémon, Pikachu, the most "irritatin the game — he explained irritating wasn't the correct word he wanted to use, but was the closest to match his emotions toward — because Pikachu has different hats to collect.

Amy, however, doesn't mind. "I love it! I have all the hats!" she said.

Senate approves bill addressing illegal massage practices

intended to empower law enforcement when dealing with illegal activities at massage parlors has been approved by both the state down these establishments Assembly and Senate and will head to Gov. Tony Evers' office for his signa-

partially in response to area law enforcement having to deal with illegal activities at massage parlors in their jurisdictions, including prostitution and human trafficking operations.

Police in West Allis, New Berlin, Waukesha, and numerous other communities around Wisconsin have uncovered illegal activities at massage parlors. Under current law, they are limited in how they can respond to massage therapy businesses operating without licenses, appropriate according to a press release about the bill.

their only Presently, recourse is to initiate a complaint to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, which can take considerable time to process.

trafficking in massage parproblem here in Wisconsin. Working with local law

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WAUKESHA — A bill enforcement and local city officials, we've authored legislation to give them the tools to be able to take more immediate action to shut once they discover illegal activity taking place," said Sanfelippo in a statement.
Assembly Bill 143 autho-

The bill, introduced by rizes municipalities to pass Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New ordinances that empower Berlin, and Sen. Dale law enforcement to issue Kooyenga, R–Brookfield, is citations immediately upon discovering unlicensed individuals performing massage therapy. This process would work in conjunction with, rather than in lieu of, any investigations by DSPS into any alleged violations.

'Massage therapy is an important practice that provides countless individuals with pain and stress relief each day. I know that there are many licensed therapists working in legitimate massage therapy practices across Wisconsin. This bill is meant to support them by allowing law enforcement to shut down bad actors that can undermine faith in the legitimacy of the massage therapy profession," Sanfelippo said. "That's why our bill has received broad support from the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Mas-"Prostitution and human sage Therapy Association, in addition to the backing lors have been a growing of municipalities and law enforcement from around

Study finds pet owners willing to take time off to care for sick pets

By Eileen Mozinski Schmidt Special to Conley Media

TOWN OF POLK — Pets are increasingly regarded as an integral part of their families and so Americans are willing to take time off, both paid and unpaid, to care for them, according to a new study by a pet supply

The study, recently pubbased on a survey of 3,800 nity," people across the country.

The study found Wisconsinites would take up to five unpaid sick days, or about \$531.75 in lost income, to care for a pet that was ill. The figure is based upon the average per capita income for the state.

At last month's Paws in the Park event presented by the Washington County Humane Society, participants generally supported the idea of taking time off of work to care for a sick

Brandow Lynn Wauwatosa said that to date she hadn't taken off to care for Bowie, a miniature Australian Shepard, or her family's cat, but she would if needed.

Brandow said she would take the five days typical of Wisconsin pet owners if that was what the situation called for, although with her job that would mean unpaid time.

Still, she said it would seem feasible to her that

employers offering paid sick time would be understanding about using that time for pets.

"It's not the same as a sick child, but you know how pets have gained more importance in the family. It is not just a pet anymore, whereas I don't think they were viewed so significantly in the past, Brandow

Referred to sometimes as lished by Innovet Pet, was "furturnity" and "pawturbusiness policies accommodating pet owners are becoming more common, according to an article posted last year by the Society for Human Resource Management website.

The article noted that adopting such policies can help with employee retention, but do also raise questions for employers to consider, like what constitutes a pet, how much time off should be allowed, and how to provide similar benefits to employees without pets.

Sheryl Bopp and Cheri Dudley, on the local walk in Jackson with their dogs, agreed that many of today's pet owners likely would want to take time off for sick pets.

Dudley works from home, but said in another work situation she would take time off to care for a pet in

Both Bopp and Dudley felt employers should consider sick time for pets as part of the family benefits offered. Others said paid time off



Sheryl Bopp, right, and Cheri Dudley, left, with their dogs at Paws in the Park hosted by the Washington County Humane Society. Both agreed that many of today's pet owners would likely be willing to take time off work to care for a sick pet.

works well in accommodating the needs of their pets.

Diane Kowalchuk from West Bend said when her nine-vear-old Schnauzer hurt his back, she used paid time off to leave early when

needed. "I like the PTO where I can take off whether it's for my kids or vacation or whatever," she said, adding that she believes taking time off for sick pets and treating them more as members of the family is

increasingly common.

"I always felt that way about my pets, but I think it's becoming a more popular thing," Kowalchuk said.

Perhaps another indicator of the value of pets in today's households was the steady level of spending on them during the recent

Annual expenditures on pets stayed between 0.9 and 1.1 of total household spending from 2007 to 2011, according to a report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Pictured from left to right, are: Bryce Unger, CG Schmidt; Jodi Greenmeier, Landmark Credit Union; Bob Bruemmer, Landmark Credit Union; Carol White, Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce; Dan Ertl, city of Brookfield; Betsy Katschke, Waukesha County Business Alliance; state Sen. Dale Kooyenga; Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto; Brian Dorow, Landmark Credit Union; Jay Magulski, Landmark Credit Union; state Rep. Rob Hutton; Peter Kucha, EUA; Troy Jacoby, EUA; Michelle Olsen, EUA; and Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow.

Landmark Credit Union breaks ground on new HQ

official groundbreaking cer-158,000-square-foot headquarters at 555 S. Executive Drive in Brookfield.

Members of Landmark's leadership team were joined by state Sen. Dale Kooyenga, state Rep. Rob Hutton, Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow, Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto, Brookfield Director of Community Development Dan Ertl, Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Carol White and Betsy Katschke from the Waukesha County Business Alliance.

The credit union's architectural partner, EUA, construction management partner, CG Schmidt, and propartners JLL and Michael Best were also pre-

mark Credit Union held an the next chapter in our history and supports our longemony Oct. 3 for its planned term growth strategy," said Jay Magulski, president and chief executive officer. "And as we continue to grow, we provide our members added conveniences and solutions for their evolving financial needs, we create new jobs and advancement opportunities for our associates, and we give back in an even more meaningful way to the communities that we serve."

Landmark is committed to creating a headquarters that enables its associates to focus their talents on serving its members and each other. The new building will feature innovative training facilities for ongoing professional development, incorporate modern technology that creates efficiencies, provide amenities that enhance associates' engage-

"This development marks ment while at work, and include flexible spaces that encourage associate interaction and allow for future growth.

"The foundation of Landmark's success is its commitment to serving as a trusted financial partner that members can rely on for both their everyday financial needs and long-term financial goals," said Brian Dorow, chairperson of the board for Landmark Credit Union. "It is through this 'members first' lens that Landmark's leadership looks at the future of the organization. In order to continue to provide members with innovative products and services and modern technology solutions, and to deliver the brand experience members expect, Landmark needs a home that can support its strate-

Emergency animal management

Four organizations develop plan to shelter, care for animals during emergencies

which will be implemented brook Humane Society. in the event that Waukesha County is faced with largescale emergencies or disas-

The emergency plan was the Elmbrook the plan.' by Humane Society, Humane Animal Welfare Society, Waukesha County Emer-Wildlife In Need Center, according to a press release.

The Waukesha County Emergency Animal Management Plan provides guidance and direction to staff during a state of emergency for sheltering and providing care to animals and for collecting animals impacted by a catastrophic event, according to a press release.

all who have worked to emergency plan, the four develop this plan will help to organizations ensure animals are kept arrange a shelter for anisafe should there ever be a mals within close proximity need," said Lynn Olenik, to a mass-care facility estab-

WAUKESHA — Four local was conceived in light of "Historically, people are organizations recently recent natural disasters hesitant to leave their developed an emergency around the country, said homes if they don't know animal management plan Natalie Hoskins of the Elm-

"A lot of other natural disasters inspired it," Hoskins said. "When Katrina hit, the aftermath was devastating for animals so that got developed over a 2-year peri- everyone in gear to develop

Although the plan was designed for large-scale events, it can also be used gency Management and the also for smaller emergencies such as the more recent apartment building fire at Shepherd Court in Waukesha, said Gail Goodchild, Waukesha County Emergency Management.

The plan also considers a scenario where a person may not want to leave their home during a natural disaster because they have nowhere to take their ani-'The time and efforts of mal. Under the animal would

that there's a safe place for their animal to go," Goodchild said. "We wanted to make sure we had a plan in place so people didn't have to worry if they were asked to leave their home."

The four organizations will participate in a tabletop exercise on Oct. 1 at the Waukesha County Emergency Management Office, 1621 Woodburn Road in Waukesha. Key staff from both organizations will work through a potential scenario to practice the plan in preparation for an emergency that results in sheltering animals.

We hope that this plan is never needed, but in the event it is, we are confident of our capabilities to provide a safe place for animals in Waukesha County and their owners can rest assured that their animals will be cared for during a disaster." said Heather Gehrke, executive director executive director of HAWS. lish by the Red Cross, for of the Elmbrook Humane Society



Submitted photo

Revamped Sendik's opens in The Corners

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD — The Sendik's located in The Corners of Brookfield has undergone a \$5 million renovation. The grand opening celebration for the remodeled Sendik's was held Oct. 19. An 8,150-square-foot Sendik's Home store addition was part of the remodel.

Ascension Elmbrook doctor performs 1,000th robotic surgery

Da Vinci system allows for minimally invasive surgery, greater access

BROOKFIELD — On Oct. 7, Dr. Manfred Chiang, a surgeon with Ascension Medical Group, completed his 1,000th robotic-assisted surgery at Ascension Elmbrook. Reaching this milestone makes Chiang one of most experienced robotic surgeons in the state. More than 4,000 robotic surgeries have been performed at Ascension Elmbrook since 2009.

"I believe robotic surgery offers the latest in technology advancements but what that means for our patients is quicker healing and getting back to their lives faster," said Chiang.

Chiang is one of only a result," he said. handful of surgeons chosen by Intuitive, maker of the patient discomfort and da Vinci surgical robotic system, to share his expertise with other surgeons robotic from around the country. become an increasingly Ascension Elmbrook is the popular option over tradionly robotic surgery, tional open surgery and bariatric teaching site in laparoscopic Wisconsin.

surgeon from Sanford Med- reduced ical Center Fargo in North Dakota, traveled to Brooklearn more about his surgical techniques.

observe and talk with a bend and rotate farther



Pictured from left to right are: Matt Springer, surgical assistant, Dr. Manfred Chiang, surgeon, Erica Baladassari, RN, as they celebrate Chiang's 1000th robotic surgery at Ascension Elmbrook on Oct. 7.

highly skilled surgeon like than human hands, and lot from him and will take what I've learned back to North Dakota and my patients will benefit as a

With typically improved results, minimally invasive surgery using systems surgery. Patient benefits include Dr. Daaron McField, a reduced blood loss and post-procedure

pain. Chiang says using the field to observe Chiang and robot allows him an enhanced and magnified view of inside the patient s

Dr. Chiang. I've learned a overall enhanced precision and control.

Over the past 20 years, Chiang has promoted using advanced technology to enable surgery to be done in the most minimally invasive way without compromising surgical principles. This has included adopting single-incision laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery and incisionless natural orifice surgery for the treatment of bariatrics, breast cancer therapy, hepatobiliary disease, hernia surgery, reflux disease, endocrine disorders and colon surgery. Chiang believes care for every patient should be individualized and all treatment "It's always great to body, instruments that options considered when making surgical decisions.

Water rates to increase for Brookfield residents

field Municipal Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission to do so.

According to a notice posted on the city's website, since the last water rate increase, PSC has developed the increase, depending on

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increasing water rates since recover increased mainte-December 2015, the Brook- nance and capital improvement costs over the last four customer who uses approxi-

mated to start in the middle a rate increase of \$15.64. of this month. The fourth quarter utility bills will include a prorated effect on

BROOKFIELD — After not a new rate structure to the final date the new rates are approved.

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Balding misses gold by one stroke

Central sophomore just short on birdie putt on 18th

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

VERONA — With two holes to play, Brookfield Central sophomore Sarah Balding was in position to win the WIAA Division 1 State Girls Golf Tournament.

dream was all but dashed.

Balding's tee shot on the 17th hole of University Ridge Golf Course found the water, and her one-stroke lead turned into a one-stroke deficit heading into the day's final hole. She would reach the green in two, but came up just a few feet short on her uphill birdie attempt as Bav Port's Jo Baranczyk claimed her second straight

individual state title Oct. 15.
"Everyone gets nerves,"
Balding said. "I was a little
nervous and I just hit a bad shot. It happens to the best of

"It definitely was disappointing, but I'm ready to come back next year and

Balding showed plenty of resolve throughout her sec-

self a three-stroke lead on Oct. 14 with an even-par 72. That lead vanished right off the bat the next day when she triple bogeyed the opening hole, although she'd recover to shoot even par over the remainder of the front nine.

"My coaches always sav One errant swing, and that that bad shots are going to come any round and it's what you do after that that really shows who you are as a player, so I just kind of took that to heart and moved on," Balding said.

As the round progressed, Baranczyk made her charge. The Bay Port junior was six strokes back at the start of the day but battled back to even the score with Balding, and that's where the two for a one-under-par round of

nobody tell her where she avoid it, so I definitely made stood during the round. sure today throughout my However, there was no avoiding the knowledge of her play Oct. 14.

ond round after staking her- worry about it, but every- ing to play my game.'



Mary Langenfeld/Special to Conley Media

positioned after Brookfield Central's Sarah Balding tees off on the third hole at University Ridge Golf Course Baranczyk parred the 18th during the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament on Oct. 15 in Verona.

one's going to tell you," Bald-Balding requested that ing said. "You can't really round that I didn't really want to know where I'm at. I three-stroke lead following didn't know what Jo did, but I had no idea going into the "I didn't really want to last few holes. I was just try-

After bogeying holes 10 Balding and Baranczyk were deadlocked. A birdie on the par 5 16th with Baranczyk already in the clubhouse put Balding up one with two to play, but she couldn't close and had to settle for silver in her second trip to University Ridge.

"It was a great accomplishment," Central coach Brian Scrobel said. "She was in the zone. She was well-prepared. She spent a lot of time here this summer. She had a great plan and stuck to it. It was maybe one bad swing on 17 kind of cost her, but she's a sophomore, she's driven and frost delay.

she really did a great job and I'm really proud of her."

In April, Balding took third in the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship Augusta, Ga, home of The Masters Tournament. Six months later, she came as close as could be to winning a state title.

And she's only a sophomore.

"It's exciting," said Balding, who vastly improved on her 39th-place finish as a freshman. "I'm always looking forward and I'm not dwelling on the past. To finish third at Augusta and come here and finish second at state, it's an honor and I'm really happy to be here."

Balding was joined on the podium by Oconomowoc senior Grace Suter, whose two-day score of 153 (76-77) earned her a tie for fifth overall after qualifying for state individually for the second straight year.

Suter was one of the top golfers in the Classic 8 throughout the season and beat out all her conference compadres during the twostate tournament. including Catholic Memorial senior Meredith Boos, who finished 12th (75-85-160). Suter was tied for third after Day 1 despite a rough start coupled with a 90-minute

Lancers, Lasers fall behind Middleton for state title

Central edges KM by one stroke for silver

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

VERONA — A second state title will have to wait for coaches Brian Scrobel and

John Sams. Leading up to the 2019 WIAA Division 1 State Girls Golf Tournament, Scrobel's Brookfield Central Lancers and Sams' Kettle Moraine Lasers were each considered to be favorites to win the team state title along with Middleton, another perennial power at University Ridge

As a matter of fact, it was Arrowhead, a state regular in its own right, just a stroke back of Middleton following one day of play

But while the Lancers and Lasers each did their best to make a Day 2 surge Oct. 15, Middleton proved to be too much, shooting rounds of 330 and 321 for a winning total of

That was enough to clear Brookfield Central by 13, while Kettle Moraine shot a 665 to finish 14 strokes back.

The Warhawks faded in the second round and took fourth with a 685.

"We certainly did not play our best round yesterday and we were able to kind of regroup at halftime," Scrobel said. "We had a great talk at the hotel and really had a the mental makeup and the ability to maintain focus and control the controllables, and

that today. We weren't able to only been golfing since she get our ultimate prize of win- started her eighth grade ning state, but going home summer. She works at it diliwith hardware is certainly a gently, she has the ability to tremendous accomplishment really develop a plan and she for this team."

Scrobel and the Lancers on the last hole, but she'll get since 2005 when they also finished runner-up. The lone impact she's had on our team gold ball in the trophy case and she has been our leader remains from 2003.

"Obviously it's mixed emotions," Scrobel said. "The team goal was to win state 172) tied for 28th, while and for some of us that was junior Kyley Wipper (98-89overwhelming the first day. But what a great year. Middleton, I'm telling you, we watched them for two days, they're a great golf team. They didn't hit a lot of bad growth was marginal — the They were never rattled. Kudos to them."

Sophomore Sarah Balding finished second, just one stroke back of Bay Port's Jo Baranczyk, to lead the Lancers, firing rounds of 72 and 78 for a 150 total.

"I'm so proud of the team," tight-knit group. I love each and every one of them. We didn't play our A game, but to come out second is a great accomplishment and I'm so proud of us.'

Senior Sami Krutz just missed out on the medal stand, finishing eighth (79-76-155) after double bogeying tered late. the 18th. But considering her great plan. It was more about relative lack of experience, it

we did a much better job with story," Scrobel said. "She's works hard all year-round. It was the best finish for Kind of caught a tough break over that. She knows the and obviously one of the top players in the state.'

Junior CJ Romero (88-84-187) tied for 55th, an improvement for each golfer from a season ago when Central finished fourth.

Kettle Moraine's room for Lasers were the defending Division 1 state champions, winning their first title in program history last fall.

But with three of his five golfers back from that team. expectations remained high for Sams, and KM found itself right in the thick of things Balding said. "We're such a after Day 1 sitting just three

strokes back of Middleton. That pressure proved to be too much for the Lasers, who couldn't overcome some early struggles on Day 2 to make it back-to-back state titles, although they nearly wiggled their way into second when the Lancers fal-

"The younger kids, I think they were disappointed was a strong finish to an because they expected to play unlikely high school career. a little better," Sams said. "Sami is such a great "But that's golf. To come out



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Brookfield Central's Sami Kurtz chips on to the fifth green at University Ridge Golf Course during the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament Oct. 15 in Verona.

accomplishment."

Competing at state for the first time, junior Reagan Stuke tied for 10th with a 159 (84-75) to lead KM, while senior Julia Schilling capped her high school career with a 164 (81-83) to tie for 15th.

Schilling was a two-year team captain for the Lasers and a three-time state competitor.

"Julia was a great leader for us this year," Sams said. "She had some days where Arrowhead and Middleton,"

where she didn't have her A game, but she was always a great leader and a great mentor for the younger kids.

Sophomores Jenna Anderson (25th, 85-85-170) and Madeline Fiebig (T28th, 83-89-172) also turned in rounds for the Lasers, who were paired up with some familiar foes.

"We really enjoyed our pairing today, being with Brookfield Central

and finish third is a great she was on and some days Sams said. "We saw those teams so much this year and it was really enjoyable to get to play with them one last time.

> Sophomore Lauren Peterson was 17th with a 165 (83-82) to lead the Warhawks to fourth place, the team's lowest finish since 2012 (5th). Rounding out Arrowhead's top four were junior Kylie Lanza (24th. 78-91-169), senior Elizabeth Kaiser (T34th, 86-89-175) and junior Chang (T37, 84-92-176).

PACKERS

Packers' Jones is best bang for buck in NFL

RB makes a little more than \$695K this season

By Rob Reischel Special to Conley Media

WAUKESHA — Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliot signed a sixyear, \$90 million contract before the year started with \$50 million in guarantees.

Todd Gurley of the Los Angeles Rams signed a fouryear, \$57.5 million deal in 2018 with \$45 million in guarantees.

And Le'Veon Bell of the New York Jets signed a fouryear, \$52.5 million deal in March with \$27 million guaranteed.

Green Bay's Aaron Jones has outperformed them all - and arguably every running back in football this season. And Jones has done it for the low, low price of

Jones, a fifth-round draft

argued that Jones is the best LaFleur. bargain in the NFL today.

said of Jones. "He can block. He can run. He can do anything we ask of him.

And Jones has done exactly that in 2019.

Through Week 8, Jones leads the NFL with 11 total a pass protector. I think he's touchdowns — eight rushing and three receiving. Jones leads the Packers with 34 receptions for 355 yards (10.4 average) and already a little bit, probably a little has a career-high three

receiving touchdowns. Jones also ranks 14th in the league in rushing yards with 466 and his eight rushing TDs rank second to only Minnesota's Dalvin Cook.

In Green Bay's 31-24 win over Kansas City Oct. 27. Jones caught seven passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 67 yards on 13 carries and helped the Packers grind out the final five minutes of the game when they were trying

to run out the clock.

under his four-year, \$2.6 mil- McCarthy's offense, Jones lion rookie deal. At that has flourished under Packprice, it could certainly be ers rookie head coach Matt

"You don't find too many "The kid is a stud," Pack-running backs that can go ers center Corey Linsley out and produce like that," LaFleur said. "You don't see too many running backs that you can put them on the outside that can run a slant and go. I mean he's dynamic as a runner, as a receiver as a complete back.'

Kansas City safety Tyrann Mathieu certainly agreed.

"We let 33 (Jones) get loose more than we would like," Mathieu said. "We didn't get the job done.

Not many have against Jones this season.

Jones had 150 total yards and a touchdown against Minnesota in Week 2. In a Week 5 win over Dallas, Jones tied a franchise record with four rushing touchdowns, ran for 107 yards on 19 carries, and led the Packers with seven catches for 75

Jones had a sensational, 21-yard touchdown catch reacting near midfield. After two seasons of being against Oakland in Week 7.

the Chiefs might have been his best of 2019.

Late in the first quarter, Kansas City made the atrocious decision of trying to cover Jones with linebacker Anthony Hitchens. Jones ran a slant and go, got five yards behind Hitchens and turned it into a 50-yard reception.

Later, with the game tied at 24 and just more than eight minutes remaining, the Packers faced a secondand-2 at their own 33-vard line. Green Bay emptied the backfield, Jones lined up wide left, then took three steps toward quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Rodgers swung a pass to Jones, who was two yards behind the original line of scrimmage when he caught it. Tight end Jimmy Graham, left tackle David Bakhtiari and center Corey Linsley all made key blocks downfield.

Jones had a crease at the 35. safety Daniel Sorensen was swallowed up by Linsley at the 45, and rookie safety Juan Thornhill was slow

At the 50-vard line, four

pick in 2017, is still playing underutilized in Mike But his performance against Chiefs were within a yard of Jones averaged just 107 car-Jones. But Jones pulled away from all four, including Thornhill, who ran the 40yard dash in 4.42 seconds send, though, for Jones'

back in February. That play gave Green Bay a 31-24 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

"It's just an honor that they trust me this much,' Jones said.

Added Rodgers: "He's pretty talented. I think the scheme is obviously giving him opportunities to do a lot more out of the backfield. We're splitting him out and throwing the ball to him. We kind of caught lightning in a bottle a couple times. We hit him on a 50-yard slant and go and then hit a screen pass for 70 or whatever. He's a tal-

him.' What's mystifying to much of Packer Nation is why it took until 2019 for Jones' talents to be showcased.

ented guy. Very proud of

Jones averaged a whopping 5.53 yards per carry as a rookie in 2017 and 5.47 yards per attempt last sea-The pass-happy McCarthy often ignored the running game, though, and

ries per year in his first two seasons.

LaFleur has been a godcareer. Not only does the first-year head coach value the run game more than McCarthy did, LaFleur also loves to feature his backs in the passing game.

So after managing just 35 total catches in his first two years, Jones already has 34 through eight games.

"I think he was always a very versatile back, but I think he's just kind of added to it," Rodgers said of Jones. "I don't think there's been a huge jump in his blocking, I think he's gotten a little better at it. Better at same foot, same shoulder.

"He can do it all. Obviously, he's been a great runner for us. He's really good out of the backfield and he's always had good hands. So he's just kind of getting a little more opportunities offense."

Eventually, Green Bay might have to break the bank to keep Jones in town.

For now, though, the Packers are getting the best bargain in the NFL.