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## Summer Days at Brookfield Academy



From left: Caroline Gale, Mikayla Hargarten, Alayna Bauer and Mia Di Marco enjoy a moment by the water.



Jonathan Miller showcases a project at Brookfield Academy's Summer Days program.



BROOKFIELD — William Porter smiles during Brookfield Academy's Summer Days program.



Marc Ocampo balances five tennis balls on a racket during Brookfield Academy's Summer Days program.

## Waukesha County ranked first in median income index

#### Ozaukee takes second, Washington fourth

By Jake Ekdahl Jekďahľ@conleynet.com 262-513-2657

WAUKESHA — Balancing household costs against income is an experience everyone can relate to, but one organization has taken the trouble to see how easy that task is in each Wisconsin county.

The comparison was made by SmartAsset, a financial technology company, using its "median income index" as the crucial metric.

With an annual cost of living at \$46,776 and a median income of \$81,140, Waukesha County takes the cake on the median income index in Wisconsin, earning a score

Ozaukee County came in a close second with 55.53 and Saint Croix County — west of Eau Claire on the border — in third with 53.03.

Only the top three counties broke a score higher than 50. Second-tier counties, or those with scores of 40-50, include Washington, Calumet, Dane and Pierce Counties. Other top 10 counties include Columbia

and Outagamie. Ozaukee County residents spend a little less on living than Waukesha County resi-

dents, but make a median of \$614 less. That's just enough to make a difference. Nationally, Waukesha County breaks the top 100 on the median income index across the nation, ranking 95th. Ozaukee County just misses the mark at 101st. Across all of

\$37,234 and the median income is \$56,759. "Waukesha County has ranked in the top five in purchasing power in each of the pre-

Wisconsin, the median cost of living is

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## Brookfield approves emergency declaration, rejects mask recommendation to county

#### Overwhelming opposition during public comment

By Jake Ekdahl Jekdahl@conleynet.com 262-513-2657

BROOKFIELD — The Brookfield Common Council voted July 21 to approved a reinstatement of its declaration of emergency, allowing for a mask requirement in city buildings, while also voting down a resolution asking Waukesha County to require masks over the spread of COVID-19. The emergency declaration was approved 8-6 while the other resolution was shot down 10-4.

Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto said "the fundamental concern that's driving this is that things are getting worse (and) nobody wants to have another Safer at Home order, which some other states are considering.'

The resolution would have called for asking the county to impose an order requiring face masks in buildings and outside, when it is not possible to keep a six-foot distance from others not in the same household. Ponto said Tuesday he wasn't sure how a County Board vote on such a resolution would go.

Ponto emphasized because municipalities in Waukesha County don't have health departments, the county is the correct entity to

The city previously declared a state of emergency in March, which expired in June. A reinstatement allows the city to change ordinances more quickly than usual.

#### Citizens opposed

The vote came after more than two hours of public comment where dozens of people voiced their thoughts. All those who spoke in person were in opposi-

Although the Common Council chambers typically has a maximum occupancy of 130, only 10 audience seats within the room were made available due to social distancing precautions. The doors to the room were left open, howev-





Left: Individuals crowd around the doors of the Brookfield Council Chambers, listening and waiting to speak Tuesday. Right: Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto sits at his council chair before the meeting begins July 21.

er, and a steady flow of individuals made their way in and out.

Craig Dedo, a Brookfield resident of nearly 32 years said he "strongly opposed" both of the proposed ordinances.

"Power, once granted, can be easily abused," he said, going on to name the Holocaust in Nazi Germany and human rights abuses under various communist regimes as examples.

resident Heidi Brookfield Anderson, a woman who cited her experience in human resources, said a mask mandate would violate the rights given to citizens in the Constitution, which she said came from God. Anderson skewered the effectiveness of the N95 model of face mask, though none in the council chamber were observed.

Sean Carlson said the declaration of emergency, because it does not have an expiration date, would essentially be "unlimited martial law." An amendment was later approved to make it expire Aug.

#### **Enforceability questioned**

"I really regret to the extent which any of this is political," Ponto said. "I don't see this as political. I see this as a real health

Ponto likened wearing a mask to wearing a seat belt. Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow has likened it to wearing sunscreen, but he still voiced skepticism over the prospect of a mask mandate.

Farrow told the Freeman he believes such an order would be unenforceable, or at least unworkable. He said the county Sheriff's Department oversees a number of communities by contract, as well as a county of over 400,000, and asking deputies to discontinue services in some area and go around to enforce mask mandates "would be detrimental to health and safety as a whole.'

He added the city of Milwaukee is using its health department to police its mask ordinance, putting the onus on businesses to enforce it, at risk of fines or license actions.

"We all have a personal responsibility in how we act on a daily basis in how to keep ourselves, our families and neighbors safe in a pandemic," Farrow said. "If this was a natural disaster, we'd be stepping up left and right to help clear debris from yards or (placing) sandbags to keep water from coming downstream. We need to take that mentality.'

He did encourage wearing a

"I don't see this as political. I see this as a real health issue."

mask when social distancing wasn't possible, but said a mandate would not be plausible.

mask mandate from his own office, but didn't think the County Board would support it. He instead hopes to convince people to voluntarily wear facial coverings when needed.

face masks he previous week, with Mayor Dave Ament saying the lack of a city health department meant the city leaders did not feel they had solid ground to enforce such an order, and would look to county and state authorities to do so.

Ponto said he's received concerned emails from constituents who are immunocompromised, and consequently especially vul-

"I take all of that very seriously

Waukesha

Unity Lutheran Pastor not agree," he said.

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on mask wearing, but letter, said "we don't want

John Horner-Ibler, whose

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"We wanted to make it

Trewhella's comments.

- Brookfield Mayor Steve Ponto

He added he could implement a

New Berlin declined to mandate

nerable to COVID-19.

(and) this is something that we can do for them," he said.

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## Public comments on masks, Holocaust draw ire

#### Religious leaders denounce pastor's remarks

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BROOKFIELD Dozens of people spoke during the public comment session at Brookfield's Common Council meeting July 21, but one particular speaker's comments have drawn attention — and criticism.

Matthew Trewhella, pastor at Mercy Seat Christian Church in West Allis, spoke against the consideration of a mask mandate like every other public commenter, but he also drew parallels between a potential mandate and the Holocaust.

"Tyranny is built plank by plank," Trewhella said. "The Jews didn't one day get called to the edge of the railroad and told to get onto the boxcars.'

Trewhella, who lives in Richfield, did not return request for comment before deadline.

Trewhella has apparent-

ly not hesitated to make use of the specter of the Holocaust on other topics. In 2002 with the group "Missionaries to the Preborn," he made an appearance at Summit Avenue and Thackery Trail in Oconomowoc where protesters brought a photo of an aborted fetus labeled "Planned Parenthood's Holocaust."

Trewhella's comments have since drawn criticism from others. One such group is the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and its Jewish Community Rela-

tions Council. "While we recognize that there is a lot of heightened emotion in the public sphere at this time, at no point is it acceptable or appropriate to make a false equivalence between mask wearing and the systematic murder (of) six million Jews and five million others," they said in a statement. "This trivializ-ing rhetoric blatantly disrespects those who per-

ished, survivors, and those living today impacted by the Holocaust. We would Brookfield church is part call on the Pastor to recant of the group, said they his statement."

Another group critical of the comments is the Brookfield-Elm Grove Interfaith Network, who penned a letter signed by a dozen religious institutions representing various

"The Holocaust was an attempt at systematic extermination of a group of people, singled out because of their reli-gion," they said. "The face covering mandates intended to protect us from a deadly disease do not represent a slippery slope to oppression. At this time of crisis, when we should all be working in unity to prevent the spread of the virus, there is no place for bitter words of hate. Opposing proposed ordinances while invoking the Holocaust is a false equivalency that attempts to conflate disrespect for Jewish suffering with intimidation of our elected offi-

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-vious six versions of this study," said SmartAsset PR Manager Steve Sabato. 'More specifically, the county has ranked #1 for two years in a row, and ranked #1 in three of six years."

With the exception of St. Croix and Pierce counties, which are near Minnesota's Twin Cities, all of the top 10 counties are in the south central or eastern portions of Wisconsin, all within commuting distance of a major city like Milwaukee, Green Bay or Madison.

Wisconsin's poorest counties tend to be in the the northern region of the state. Menominee, Iron and Ashland Counties rank the lowest on the median income

#### Costs taken into account

SmartAsset took into account costs including housing, food, taxes, education, child care, transportation and more. Budget experts recommend spending less

than 30% of one's income on housing. Paying more designates households as "buring more designates households as dened" by housing costs, though spending less in some places is simply not plausible. The prices of food staples vary more from

place to place than some might expect. Some places exempt grocery items from sales taxes while others to not. Local taxes also play a factor in how much

money residents have at their disposal. Access to affordable education and child care can make a big difference too. Transportation costs can stack up quick-

ly, but living near work or being able to work remotely can be major budget savers.

With many professional services jobs in the finance, accounting and insurance industries in Waukesha County, remote work has been more plausible for a large share of the population than those who might work more blue collar jobs.

While conducting research for a report on the gender pay gap, Wisconsin Policy Forum Senior Researcher Joe Peterangelo said he's been struck by the cluster of exceptionally high-earning men in the local

area.
"The men in Waukesha County make really high salaries," he said. Women in Waukesha County still make

more than most, with a median income of \$52,298. That's actually more than men in Milwaukee County.

"Economists consider mobility to be a good thing," Sabato said. "If people are willing and able to move they can relocate to take the jobs that are best suited to their skill sets.

"Understanding the cost of living in a given place helps you make an informed decision about the salary you'll need to maintain the same standard of living. For example, if you're offered a job in a more expensive city you'll know that you need to hold out for more money if you don't want to experience a dip in your purchasing power. A cost of living calculator can make the research much easier."

Sources used include the U.S. Census Bureau 2018 American Community Survey, the MIT Living Wage Study and the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2018 Consumer Expendi-

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A family-based nonprofit group of handlers has started its own search and rescue group. Members include, from left to right, Vicki Schaenzer and her dog Bailey; Desirae Kraus, sitting, and her dog Buddy; Sara Williams, Jade Kivioja and her dog Junior; Terry Cartwright and his dog Sam; Jason Buchholtz; Jerad Frederick; Phil Buchholtz; and Noah Buchholtz and his dog Max.

## New canine search-and-rescue group offers services to county

Family-based group trains dogs, responds to missing person calls

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WAUKESHA — A familybased nonprofit group called the Southern Waukesha County Canine Search and Rescue has come together over the last approximately three years in order to provide a resource to the community for something they are passionate about bringing loved ones home.

The group, which consists of about nine individuals, has trained their dogs to search for missing people — whether it's a child with a learning disability, an elder who is lost, or someone who is stuck and in need of medical attention.

North Prairie Fire Chief Phil Buchholtz said he and his family have worked to start the group — out of the desire to help the community.

"(We started the group because of) our commitment to our animals and to the people we serve," he said. "We saw a need out there as far as search and rescue and being able to bring this person or persons back to their families in a safe condition.'

An example of their work includes responding to a Silver Alert in Dodge County a 77-year-old with Alzheimer's around Christ-

Terry Cartwright said the missing. Cartwright said it had snowed, they'd plowed the roads and they had two dogs on the investigation.

"(One dog), because he was air scenting, he went down another crossroad and local law enforcement pulled us off and he was within 100 yards of where they found the body," Cartwright said.

The group said they are trying to get their names out there so law enforcement is aware they are an available resource as they've responded to about five calls since they started.

"We have a system where we work with law enforcement and work with fire departments — remembering that the fire department and or law enforcement agency has scene control, so we're acting as a resource for them



Sara Williams, Vicki Schaenzer and Jade Kivioja train their dogs how to search and rescue at Fox River Park recently.

to be activated at their will," ations," Buchholtz said. Buchholtz said.

The group remains on-call at all times for any type of alert — Silver Alert (missing 25 minutes and arrive on stocked with essential items. The group is prepared to respond to a call in the middle of the night with their dog.

The group trains their dogs about three times a week for walkie-talkie. When respond- body in a wheelchair and group was called six days ing to a scene in training, give them attention and get in different time intervals, following the scent of the "missing" individual. Once they arrive on the scene they do a wellness check of the person or respond in whatever way is appropriate.

armed, have bullet-proof police department, fire vests on their dogs and themselves and carry around a aware of our service, who, as series of emergency medical services items.

the woods, Cartwright said, because those are the scenes they most often respond to, where people can easily get turned around.

"One of the things that we really are stringent on is the fact that we work together as

Cartwright said their dogs can track scents quickly and days later.

"I've had some police offielderly person), Amber Alert cers say 'Well our dogs can (missing child) and more. do tracking,'" Cartwright They are able to deploy within said. "And I said 'Really, how far out?' They say 'Oh, maybe scene with their vehicle about six or eight hours. (One dog) has found people eight days later, after eight inches of rain and (another dog) five days out.'

The dogs are trained to get along with people with disabilities.

"There's nothing more four hours in scenario situa- rewarding than to see one of tions. Each member carries a our animals go up to somethat smile back from the person that's in the wheelchair,' Buchholtz said.

Now, the group is trying to get their name out there.

"We've worked with law enforcement and there's officers that are out there with Members of the group are the sheriff's department, the departments that are not they get aware of the service, are more comfortable to uti-The group often trains in lize us and their needs as ne woods, Cartwright said, another resource," Buchholtz said.

The group said they respond to every scene together, such as a fire department does.

"We go in as a team, come out as a team," Jason Buch-

holtz said To find the group on Face-

#### a team with everybody ... and that's a crucial thing when trying to take a look at https://bit.ly/30sQ6MA. search-and-rescue-type oper-

## County partners with Carroll on COVID-19 tracing program

WAUKESHA — Keeping munities from the COVID-19 COVID-19 virus: components track of COVID-19 cases in Waukesha County has been an important role the county administration has taken charge of, but now in an effort to return some of its staff to their normal duties, the county announced a partnership with Carroll University to develop the Contact Investigator Training Badge program.

The new program, according to Tuesday's announcement, will be administered by Carroll University and is a curriculum that will significantly increase the number of active contact investigators in Waukesha County. Some Waukesha County staff members who have been assisting with contact tracing will be able to focus on their normal job responsibilities as part of the shift.

"Contact tracing is one of Public Health's oldest and most effective tools to stop the spread of disease," said Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow. "This partnership will help us enhance we work to protect our com- reduce the spread of the ease.

virus."

Carroll University first reached out to Waukesha County in May to discuss creating a contact investigator curriculum for use by the announcement, the new training opportunity would allow Public Health staff to release the time and task of training new hires to concentrate on the work of contact tracing.

"At Carroll University, we are continually exploring innovative ways to rapidly respond to the needs of our community and our business partners," said Carroll President Cindy Gnadinger. "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for contact cases of the virus within 24 tracers nationwide extremely high, and we saw this as an opportunity to work with Waukesha County to serve our community and train individuals in an emerging area.

The Contact Investigator Training Badge curriculum will train individuals to those efforts significantly as understand strategies to slow the spread of the dis-

of contact investigation; requirements for protecting health information and contact investigations protocols; application of protocols to realistic scenarios; jurisdiccounty. According to the tion-specific contact investigation tools; and continuous quality improvement practices. The first training began the week of July 13. Members of the public

who have interest in applying for a contact investigator position should go to www.waukeshacounty.gov/j

Contact tracing is one of the key control approaches to communicable diseases. The objective is to contact individuals with confirmed hours to identify, or trace, individuals whom the confirmed positive case has been in recent close contact with. Those identified individuals are then contacted (goal of 24 hours) to discuss their potential exposure and initiate proper precautions including quarantining to

ELMBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Task force aiming for in-person classes

#### Major changes for busing, student movement planned

By Jake Ekdahl Jekdahl@conleynet.com 262-513-2657

BROOKFIELD Although uncertainty still looms over school in the fall, the Elmbrook School

District is looking increasingly likely to return to inperson instruction in September.

The district's Reopening Task Force, which met virtually on July 15, is currently planning to recommend to the School Board a plan to "safely reopen all schools on Sep. 1 for face-to-face instruction five days a week, while providing a virtual learning option for students who, for health or other reasons (including quarantine), are unable to participate in an in-person

A recent district family survey with more than 3,000 respondents found that 76.8% of respondents would be comfortable sending their child to school in the fall following CDC guidelines.

Though some details are not yet finalized and the School Board has yet to vote on any plan, the task force is already working through some larger points.

At the elementary level, students will remain with their cohort of 20-25 classmates all day and remain in the same classroom for all subjects. Hot lunch will be retrieved from the cafeteria and eaten in the classroom. There will be no use of common spaces, which could otherwise prove high risk areas. Sharing supplies will be restricted unless they can be thoroughly cleaned between use. Student mobilperiods, such as restroom breaks and recess, will be coordinated to minimize interaction among students between cohorts.

At the middle school level, students will remain in the same cohort for most or all classes. As with elementary, there will be no or very limited use of common spaces and restrictions of shared supplies; student mobility periods will be coordinated and there will be little or no locker use.

High school students will participate in a typical class schedule with an emphasis on physical distancing and cleaning procedures before and after class. Lunch capacity is reduced to spread students out. Common spaces will remain unused or used on a very limited and spaced out basis. The Spartan/Lancer resource period will be eliminated; mobility periods will be coordinated and there will be little to no locker use.

Technology will be leveraged to connect students across schools and classroom spaces will be laid out to accommodate socially distanced learning.

There will be daily health screening protocols at home, with staff reporting their results using an app or website. There will be an emphasis on staying home when ill. There will be a policy of no volunteers and essential visitors only.

There will be mandatory use of face coverings for all adults and face coverings for students per American Academy of Pediatricians guidelines, which include when usage unable to maintain physical distancing for middle and high schoolers weigh the benefits for ele-

mentary students.

#### Changes with busing

Busing has proved a particularly troublesome hurdle for many districts. The task force is planning to recommend buses continue operating, albeit with major changes.

These include face coverings for all drivers and riders, hand sanitizer as riders load, windows opened when weather allows, frequent sterilization of commonly touched surfaces assigned seating.

There will also be an campaign" reduce ridership for walking and carpooling. Families will be able to opt in or out of bus transportation with advance notice.

All students will report directly to the classroom with no congregating in the halls before the first bell.

On mental health and wellness, there will be regular pulse survey conducted to evaluate student and staff wellness.

Students who are confirmed COVID-19 cases and their contacts will transition to virtual learning.

Districts throughout the region continue to grapple with the problem of an expected shortage of substi-

"This is a multifaceted, complex task," said School Board member Jean Lambert at a meeting this week. "We're still midstream."

Lambert said Elmbrook can transition back to virtual instruction if circumstances necessitate it. 'Should we face any future closures of school, we'd be prepared to pivot," she said.

The task force was scheduled to meet again July 28, with possibly one more meeting in early August and when harms do not out- before its Aug. 11 presentation to the School Board.



Photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County

#### Habitat Waukesha donates to area nonprofits

WAUKESHA — During the COVID-19 pandemic, a donor provided Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County with over 1,000-gallon bottles of hand sanitizer.

CEO Mike Crowley, left, distributes 130 gallons to other nonprofits in need, including Executive Director of Family Promise Joe Nettesheim, right.

Habitat Waukesha also donated 300 masks.

Other nonprofits who received the gifts include The Hope Center, the FOOD Pantry Serving Waukesha County, the Waukesha Women's Center, James Place, La Casa de Esperanza and Hebron Housing Services.

"It's about sticking together and giving back to our fellow nonprofits when we can," Crowley said. "We have more than enough to help out other organizations, and lending a hand is what Habitat for Humanity is all about."

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# WIAA Board votes to amend fall season

## Start dates pushed back based on risk-level of each sport

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WAUKESHA — The WIAA Board of Control concluded three-hour meeting Thursday by arriving at the decision it will maintain fall interscholastic opportunities with a delayed start for the upcoming high school sports

voted to delay the start of fall sports. The sports of girls golf, girls tennis, girls swimming and diving, and boys and girls cross country will be allowed to begin practice with proper acclimatization protocol on Aug. 17, while the sports of football, boys soccer, and boys and girls volleyball can start on Sept. 7 at the earliest.

"Because of the Board's action, while they can't make any guarantees that things will work out as we plan them, they have given us the opportunity to at least hope and work in that direction," WIAA Executive Director Dave Anderson said in a press release. "We understand this decision will make some happy and others disappointed, but we will do our best to deliver to our membership what they have directed us to do."

Waukesha South athletic director Todd Sobrilsky, who was on the table heading into the virtual meeting.

"A variety of things could've happened," said Sobrilsky, the Wisconsin Ath-





In a 8-3 decision, the Board LEFT: Brookfield Central midfielder Marecelo Garay (left) tries to get the ball pass Elkhorn defender Ben Vogel during a WIAA Division 2 state semifinal boys soccer match last season. RIGHT: Brookfield East running back Donavan Hunt breaks away from Waunakee defenders during the WIAA Division 2 state football championship game last season.

have maybe been more cau- because it's an indoor thing, ball right away. But I think ferent animal.' given the situation we're in, vide opportunities for kids."

first competitions are Aug. 20 ment series. The length and for girls golf, Aug. 21 for girls beginning of the tournament tennis, and Aug. 25 for cross series will be determined in country and girls swimming the coming days. and diving. The earliest perfootball game may be schedfirst practice takes place on

"At the end of the day, all was in on the call Thursday sports way lower risk than at a local regional, sectional, morning, said everything others because they have district kind of level.' social distancing built in and the way the sport is altered, which was a point of played. For example, golf, ten- emphasis considering the nis and swimming versus the loss of spring sports earlier exposure between the winter letic Directors Association one everybody wants to talk this year and the sudden halt and spring seasons. That was president. "The thing I'm about, football, which is close to the winter season in most proud of, of everybody contact, putting bodies on March. involved, I think we reached each other, everyone's sweaty. a pretty good compromise to And soccer, while kids out on integrity of the season and an executive office social provide an opportunity for the pitch are spread out, infringe as little as possible media initiative to promote

tious and others I'm sure everything you read says want to start Aug. 4 with foot- when you're inside, it's a dif-

we did a good job coming up seasons remained unchanged, with a compromise to pro- but the Board indicated the season may or may not culmi-The earliest dates for the nate with a traditional tourna-

"We love having state tourmissible date for the first naments, but on the list of boys soccer and boys and things that are important, it's Sept. 15, and the first possible said. "If people think we're staff going to have a complete state uled Sept. 23 as long as the champion crowned in any of these sports, I don't see that happening. The WIAA understands that and the WIAA sports have some sort of risk will try to provide some kind level," Sobrilsky said. "But of postseason opportunity, people in a virtual area, if the we certainly have some but that will probably happen

The winter and spring seathe sheer volume in numbers son calendars were not

"People want to keep the

Another component of the Board's decision provides schools, which are unable to The end of the fall sports start fall sports in 2020, an opportunity in the spring to conduct their fall seasons. The Board directed the executive staff to develop details and calendars for an alternative three-sport season in the second semester of the 2020-21 school year to be presented at a later date. The alternate three-sport season plan was derived from a proposal subgirls volleyball contests are on the bottom," Sobrilsky mitted to the WIAA executive by school district administrators from the

southwest area of the state. Those in the state that aren't going to do fall already because schools have closed down, WIAA did emphasize district were to let them, they could still participate in ath-Sobrilsky said. 'That's a local decision, but if they don't want them to, they'll provide some opportunities to have some kind of open-ended piece of

The Board also approved out there will say we should cer and then volleyball everything last year," Sobril- to mitigate the spread of school activities by following platforms.

amendment that passed."



Brookfield East's middle Madelin McGath (12) swings during a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal girls volleyball match last fall at Menomonee Falls.

COVID-19. The #TeamUpTo- safe practices. The WIAA

BeatCOVID campaign will encourages school and public launch this week in efforts to involvement and interaction enhance the likelihood of in the campaign on all Facekids to compete. I know some there is a lot of contact in soc- on spring because spring lost and encourage safe practices returning to school and book, Instagram and Twitter

# Steinbach steps down after legendary coaching run

#### Central tennis coach amassed over 1,000 victories

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BROOKFIELD — There's a giant hole in high school tennis left by the retirement of the legendary Dave Steinbach, who officially resigned as the girls tennis try. coach at Brookfield Central on July 1.

Elmbrook School District for 55 years in all and is by far the most successful to ever do it in the history of the victories at Brookfield Central.

Now in his 80s, Steinbach said the combination of requirements and expecta- ation. tions involved with coaching led him to his decision to step away.

"I've got a good replacethe program at the level it's been," Steinbach said. "With 100 kids a year." the virus and everything, just a good time to look for something else."

Steinbach, who stepped 38 years in the Elmbrook dis-

Perhaps the most important aspect of the legacy he leaves behind was the institution of his no-cut policy when he took over the tennis programs at Brookfield Central in 1982, something that gained traction throughout the state and even the coun-

"I had been a basketball coach for 17 years for the Steinbach coached in the Brookfield East freshman," Steinbach said. "I was required to cut. When you have to tell a 15-year-old boy he can't play on your team, reaching 39 state tournastate, amassing well over that's the worst feeling you ments as a team during between can have. When Brookfield coaching the boys and girls Central called and asked me to take over the boys proit we could run a no-cut situ-

that got around to the ath- eral letes in our school and they decided to try it. We just got back to 1982. ment in line that will keep bigger and bigger and bigger until we were averaging over in the state to reach 1,000

there are so many question over quantity" didn't apply and 500 girls team wins, and marks that I thought it was to Steinbach's programs. It the new tennis complex at was all about quality and BC was named the Dave

'Quality players came out September of 2018. down as the boys coach in and then their friends came January of 2018, also taught out," Steinbach said. "Some- coaches and the parents and times we would keep a player players and administration, trict and coached several that wasn't on our varsity, you need all those things to other sports, including gym- but her sister decided since be successful," Steinbach

that she would take lessons, and by the third or fourth girl in the family, they were quality players. We had awesome quality of kids."

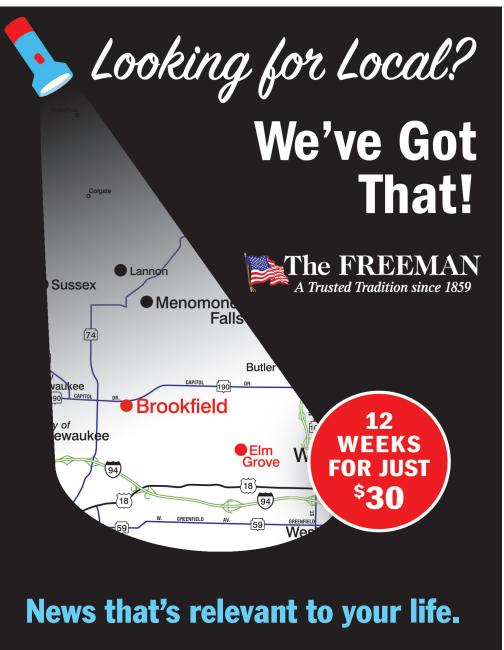
It resulted in immediate success for Steinbach. By 1983, he was already leading the girls team to a state championship, and they'd reel off five titles in a row between 1983-87. The boys weren't far behind, winning it all in 1985 behind individual state champion David Massart.

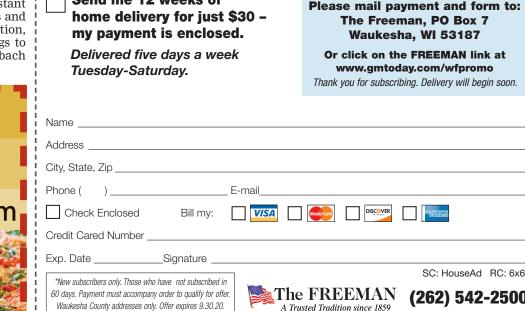
Between the boys and girls, the Lancers won 28 conference titles and 13 state championships, while finishing runner-up 13 times and Steinbach's reign.

On the boys side alone, Steinbach coached 61 singles gram, I told them I'll only do players and 60 doubles teams to the state tournament. Massart was his lone indi-"We just didn't cut and vidual champion, while sevdoubles pairings claimed state gold dating

Steinbach became the first wins in September of 2015. The old phrase "quality He has more than 500 boys Steinbach Tennis Center in

"It's family and assistant





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