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Breaking new ground at Brookfield Academy



Photos courtesy of Mark Frohna

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield Academy students and Assistant Head of School Doug Ricci break ground June 12 to begin an addition and renovation to house a new fitness center and economics learning center. The expansion will include a 6,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art fitness space and the existing high school weight room will be transformed into multi-use classrooms and a new economics learning center. Planning and fundraising began two years ago and \$1.3 million has been raised. Total cost of the project will be \$2.2 million. Both facilities will open in fall 2020.



Brookfield Academy student Elsa Eiche helps break ground for a new fitness center at the school.



Student Liesl Eiche helps break ground for the new fitness center at Brookfield Academy.



Photo courtesy of No Quarter

The Led Zeppelin tribute band No Quarter performed June 27 at the ACA Music and Entertainment drive-in event at 705 Larry Court, Town of Brookfield. The band includes (from left to right) Matt Miller on bass, Chuck Travis Jr. on vocals, Dave Schoepk on drums and Michael Brandenburg on guitar.

Concerts in the car

Town of Brookfield drive-in events will help local musicians

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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD — ACA Music and Entertainment announced they will be having drive-in concerts.

Matt Anton, owner and president of ACA, a music booking agency, said he is working to keep artists creating music and performing, including streaming concerts online.

Now, the company will be offering live drive-in concerts.

"Solo musicians are starting to get a little work here and there, but if you play in a group or an ensemble, an orchestra or a band, most of us have been out of work for months now," Anton said.

Anton said the drive-in event will allow musicians to still get paid for gigs during social distancing.

The event will be held at 705 Larry Court in the Town of Brookfield. The public can purchase a ticket for one of about 30 parking spots,

which are about 20 feet wide.

Patrons are asked to stay in their parking spaces, where they can set up lawn chairs.

Food trucks and restrooms will also be available.

Everyone will be able to listen to the band live or from a radio transmitter in their car.

VIP tickets for front-row seats are available for \$50 and general admission tickets are \$25. A ticket counts for one car load.

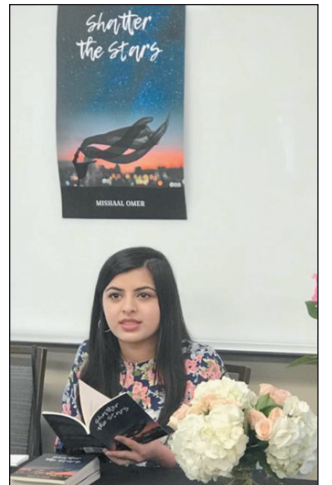
The first band scheduled to perform was No Quarter, Milwaukee's Led Zeppelin Tribute Band, at 6 p.m. June 27.

The second event will include Johnny T-Birds and the MPs and Cemeron Webb's Soul and Blues Revue for a soul night July 11.

Anton said the Town of Brookfield approved these two events so far and they hope to continue events after these performances throughout the summer.

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The Knights of Columbus, Council #4648 of Brookfield Santa Maria float/boat will be on display as part of the organization's food drive.

Knights of Columbus to hold 'Fill the Boat' Food Drive

BROOKFIELD — The Knights of Columbus will hold a "Fill the Boat" Food Drive in July in Brookfield.

According to an announcement, due to the increased demand for food in Waukesha County caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knights of Columbus, Council #4648 of Brookfield will conduct a food drive to help replenish food pantries served by St. John Vianney and St. Dominic Catholic parishes of Brookfield.

Council 4648 will have its award-winning Santa Maria float/boat (used in local

parades) on display. Nonperishable food donations can be placed in the boat, or simply stay in your vehicle for a Knight to pick up.

Look for the Santa Maria boat at the following locations:

■ St. John Vianney, 1755 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield (Parish Parking Lot), 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. July 11 and 8 a.m. to noon July 12

■ St. Dominic Parish, 18255 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield (Capitol Drive side parking lot), 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. July 18 and 8 a.m. to noon July 19.

WhirlyBall and Pivot Room reopen at Brookfield Square

BROOKFIELD — The unique entertainment business, WhirlyBall, which offers a mix of lacrosse and bumper cars, has reopened with new safety measures in place.

Located at Brookfield Square, the 45,000-square-foot entertainment space, which also includes laser tag, bowling and the Pivot Room bar and restaurant, has announced a few key areas it is focusing on to keep people safe and healthy.

WhirlyBall said it's focusing on responsible social distancing, private and semi-private spaces for groups, the highest standards of cleaning and sanitizing and health and safety of team members.

Owner Sam Elias founded the first WhirlyBall location near Chicago over 25 years ago.

Milwaukee County Zoo partially reopens

Timed entry, outdoor exhibits among safety measures for part of Phase 1 of return

MILWAUKEE — Families can visit their favorite animals again since the Milwaukee County Zoo has partially reopened nearly three months after it temporarily closed March 15 to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In a press release issued by the Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley said he is pleased to announce that the zoo was to reopen as an "outdoor only experience" for visitors June 13.

"The Zoo is one of Milwaukee County's finest assets, and an attraction that has been sorely missed by visitors during the current health emergency," said Crowley.

During the first reopening phase, the zoo will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Timed entry for visitors will be available from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Phase I of the reopening transition will only reopen the outdoor habitats and limit the daily capacity for visitors and zoo pass holders.

Zoo admission and parking will be available for all visitors online only.

Though the types of species visitors may see could change daily, featured animals include elephants, giraffes, zebras, tigers, grizzly bears, camels, flamingos and more.

"We know our visitors and Zoological Society members have been patiently waiting and anxious for the Zoo to reopen," said Zoo Director Chuck Wikenhauser in a statement. "We've put together this first phase as a careful and thoughtful plan for a limited reopening, with everyone's safety as the top priority. Visitors can see the animals outside, walk the 190-acre grounds and enjoy favorite attractions like the train, carousel and the summer exhibit Dinosaurs Unearthed."

After making an online reservation, an electronic ticket will be issued to visitors.

Current guidelines are temporary



Photo by Amanda Ista

Area supervisor of Pachyderms Joan Stasica gives giraffes Marlee, Maya and Bahatika a snack while the zoo is closed during the pandemic.

and the zoo will transition to reopening Phase II when appropriate, with additional portions of the park open to visitors.

The Milwaukee County Zoo said social distancing among all zoo staff and visitors is important, which a zoo staff member will remind them.

All visitors are required to wear masks unless exempted from wearing a mask under the zoo policy.

Access to high-touch areas of the zoo will not be allowed, including the goat yard, zip line/ropes courses, pony rides and more.

New safety procedures will be put in place.

To make a reservation, visit shop.milwaukeezoo.org/#/Admission.

Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club donates to food pantry

ELM GROVE — The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club has been raising funds for the Food Pantry of Waukesha

County for the past 15 years. Cereal is one of the highest priority needs at the food pantry and for the past 10 years the Golden K Club members have donated more than 1,000 boxes of cereal each year.

The cereal collection is supported by the Golden K Club members bringing a box of cereal to the meeting on the first Friday of every month. Jim Kieso, co-coordinator for the food pantry activities, keeps lines of communication open, promotes the cereal project and takes donated cereal to the food pantry.

During the coron-

avirus pandemic, even more is needed and all contributions go to lessen the hurt of hunger a little bit, especially for children. To continue the support for the food pantry, a drive-by collection was conducted during the pandemic.

The Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club has more than 65 senior members committed to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The club meets Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Senior Center in Elm Grove. During the pandemic virtual Zoom meetings have been utilized.



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From left, Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K members Marshall Jennison, Jim Kieso and Larry DeLong collect boxes of cereal for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County.



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Concerts

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Matt Miller, bass player for No Quarter, said he is thankful ACA put the event together, as people can get out to enjoy an event during the pandemic.

Miller said this is his first opportunity to perform since COVID-19 began.

"I teach privately and I also perform, and that's a big part of my income," he said. "It's been very difficult. Not only for the fulfillment of life but also financially. It's a very difficult time for a lot of musicians. This is a really good thing that (ACA) is doing."

For more information on the first event, visit https://bit.ly/2YOEhPT.

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High-tech radar system gives golfers instant feedback through smartphone app

By Chuck Delsman
Daily News Correspondent

NEW BERLIN — If you're a golfer, you've been to the driving range a bunch of times. That's what golfers do.

But the product you've gotten at the local range has been poor. You know what I'm talking about. Long grass on the tees, distance markers that are not close to being accurate and bad range balls.

However, area golfers who love to pound balls at the range in hopes of improving their games no longer have to worry about those terrible conditions and uncertainties because the most high-tech and respected golf tracking system in the world can now be found at The Practice Station in New Berlin.

Located on Sunnyslope Road just north of New Berlin Eisenhower High School at Cold Spring Road, The Practice Station, celebrating its one-year anniversary this month, has purchased the most sophisticated and technical-savvy system in the world when they installed Trackman Range about two weeks ago.

How good is the Trackman Range radar system? It's the best in the world. There are only 17 in the United States and The Practice Station is the only range in the state to have the system. The next closest Trackman Range system is in Michigan.

"The best thing about Trackman Range is it's good for all golfers, from the scratch players to the high-handicappers and beginners," said John Bauer, the owner and teaching professional at The Practice Station. "It's the best golf technology in the world. It's the same thing you see on television at the PGA Tour events. Tracking the shots with the shot-tracers and showing you the distance, carry and accuracy of shots. Where else can you go, with your phone or tablet in hand, and see how far you hit the ball and how accurate the shot was? I think once a golfer comes out, they'll be hooked."

Set up on the huge, bent-grass tee, there are three



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TOP: A driving range at The Practice Station in New Berlin. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A golfer takes a swing at the driving range. **BOTTOM CENTER:** A screen shot of the Trackman Range smartphone app. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A Trackman Range camera installed on a pole.

radar towers than supply each golfer with all the data. One tower is located behind the tee and two others can be found on each side of the range. As soon as you hit your shot, whether it's a driver, wedge or any club in between, you can turn to your phone or tablet and see your shot travel in the air and the direction its going, just like you see on the PGA Tour.

Instantly, Trackman Range will show all the information, including ball carry, total yardage of the shot, ball speed, height of the shot, launch angle, launch

direction, how far each was from the desired pin location.

There's no guessing how far you hit the ball or how far you carried the ball in the air like you have to do at a normal range. Trackman Range gives you 100% accurate distances. There are 10 target greens on the range and each is marked with an exact distance from where they hit.

"With all of the technology that Trackman Range offers, there's no question that golfers can improve their games with this system," Bauer said. "The instant

feedback and live-ball data allows each player to figure out right away what they need to work on."

And one of the best things about Trackman Range at The Practice Station is that it's affordable to everyone. After downloading the free Trackman Range app, the only cost is a bucket of balls — small (\$8), medium (\$10) or large (\$12) bucket of brand new Titlelists.

Trackman Range also offers several side-games that golfers can play against each other. Two of the more popular ones are Bull's-eye or Hit It. Bull's-eye is a game

that is a closest to the pin competition and Hit It is a long-drive competition.

Once you have an account, Trackman Range registers all of your practice sessions. You can go back into your history and see how your game has improved or how much your distance has increased from your first visit to your most recent.

The Practice Station has two Trackman simulators inside the totally remodeled clubhouse for league play and open play all year long. Memberships for the range and its six on-course practice holes are also available

along with two putting greens that are open to the public.

If things go as planned, The Practice Station also hopes to build a covered area behind the current practice tee with heated stalls so golfers can hit balls all winter long, no matter how much snow or how cold it is outside. Professional individual and group instruction is also available.

"I know once a golfer comes out there and gives this a try, they'll be blown away," Bauer said. "There's nothing like it in Wisconsin."

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