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Brookfield Central robotics team nets Inspire Award

Award a first for Team Hazmat

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BROOKFIELD — Team Hazmat, Brookfield Central High School's robotics team, won the first place Inspire Award after their performance in April's FIRST Tech Challenge, a first for the team.

"It felt really great," said freshman Amelia Stalter of winning the award. "It definitely rewarded all of our hard work and it showed that we are doing well (and) our strategy is working."

According to FIRST Tech Challenge, the Inspire Award is given to the team that best embodies the challenge of the program and serves as a role model team.

"This team is a top contender for many other judged awards and is a gracious competitor," the description reads. "The Inspire Award winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism both on and off the playing field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the judges. Working as a unit, this team will have showed success in performing the task of designing and building a robot."

Lead Coach Amjad Jabbar, an engineer, said participation in robotics is a useful way of applying STEM education concepts and goes beyond physical



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From back left, Aramis Zaiser, Pavan Yilayavilli, Trent Reay, Zane Rothe, Kahlil Towns, Aman Amjad, Preston Tran (front row), Amelia Stalter, Sophia Liepert, Kevin Hui, Varun Shankar, Aditya Tiwari, Maheshwar Tiwari, Dominick Richardson, Amjad Jabbar smile after winning the FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship.

robots, offering education in programming and even business as well.

"STEM in general has a lot of career (appeal) this is a good way to try and apply everything that they're learning in math and physics and even in business to a real world scenario," he said.

Aman Amjad, another Central freshman, said he's

been interested in engineering ever since he got to play with Lego. He began at the middle school level and has kept up with robotics since. "There's no harm in trying robotics," he said. "It's an all inclusive program regardless of how much you know, the point of the program is to have you learn. It's just a really fun experience."

Jabbar said Team Hazmat is seeking to promote the entry of more girls into STEM with a new initiative called Project WISER, an all girls middle school robotics team mentored by Hazmat.

"I would say it's really fun and it's a great learning experience and it teaches you a lot of skills you'll (use) in the future," Stalter

said.

Looking ahead, this year's accomplishment raises expectations and goals for next year. Amjad said the Inspire Award makes him want to do better going forward.

Stalter said if the world competition is back next year, she'd like to see Hazmat go on to compete at that level.

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Class of 2021 pushes onward after COVID

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WAUKESHA — For high school seniors, choosing what to do after graduation is typically both an exciting and daunting task. For the class of 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown extra complications their way.

“With our seniors the COVID complications widely varied,” said Mukwonago High School Counselor Paige Wrecke. “We had post-COVID cleanup of lower grades or credit deficiencies due to failures resulting from second semester virtual struggles that altered some student’s post-secondary plans. For other students, they struggled to choose a post-secondary institution when on-site visits were not permitted last spring, summer, and into fall. Thankfully, post-secondary institutions have been especially flexible with this year’s applying class. Many have waived the standardized test score requirement, extended application deadlines, and been flexible with the interpretation and variations of atypical transcripts (and) credits.”

Amber McCormack, a Mukwonago High senior, will be attending Loyola University in Chicago to study political science on the pre-law track — the next step in her goal to become a civil rights attorney. “It was extremely hard to get on campus and see the campuses,” she said of her college search. She ultimately decided Chicago was the right place for her for the internship and networking opportunities, but it also doesn’t hurt that the distance is an easy trip if she has to come back home on short notice.

“Who knows how long I could be online,” she said, of the prospect of schools suddenly switching again to virtual learning for a time.

For Derek Schiltz, another Mukwonago senior, having already seen the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus and its business school made deciding to commit there an easier decision. He’ll be double majoring in actuarial science and business management and insurance.

“I had actually seen everything there was to see,” he said.

Retaking his ACT proved an ordeal, however. With cancellations in April, May and June, he finally got that done in September of last year.



Jake Ekdahl/Freeman Staff

Menomonee Falls High School senior Emma Schoenauer colors in the pennant of the school university she’ll be attending to study economics, Notre Dame.

Admission changes

Nick Spaeth, director of college counseling at Brookfield Academy, a private school, said having a tiered approach when applying to schools is “more important than ever” this year. He said the big difference in 2021 is application numbers going “through the roof” at some institutions, spurring even more strenuous requirements for admission and bloated waitlists.

One of the students Spaeth’s worked with is Ali Warraich, who said he was waitlisted at several schools. He’ll be attending the University of Chicago to study classics and pre-medicine.

Spaeth is also the president of the Wisconsin Association for College Admission Counseling.

Next steps

Brookfield Academy senior Serena Suson will be attending Dartmouth College, majoring in English. “I love writing a lot,” she said.

Another member of her class, Abby Doble, will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“West Point has kind of been

my goal,” Doble said. “I applied to a lot of other places because I wasn’t too confident I would get in.”

After finishing up at the High School of Health Sciences, in the Kettle Moraine School District, Chelsea George will attend the College of Charleston to study marine biology and possibly minor in English.

George originally planned on working in the medical field, but when she almost passed out during a surgery she sat in on, she realized it may not be for her — her love of environmental science helped her pivot.

“I changed my mind in high school, but even in college it’s OK to change your major,” she said. “Just try as many things as you can.”

For others, the pandemic year has helped them take a moment and choose a new course. Menomonee Falls High School senior Emma Schoenauer said she’d originally been set on attending a public university, but after recently meeting others from private school backgrounds, she ultimately opted to attend Notre Dame and study economics. She and hundreds of

other Falls seniors got together recently and colored in the pennants of their new paths in life, whether that be college, technical school, apprenticeships or work.

Mukwonago senior Elizabeth Weisbrod is taking a year off between high school and college for the EF Gap Year Program, during which she will study abroad, do service projects and complete an internship. That experience will take her to Japan, Korea and Thailand — she hopes to explore a career in illustration or animation, a thriving industry in east Asia.

Weisbrod made that decision while at home during the pandemic’s disruptions.

“I took a lot of rigorous courses throughout high school and in general and I think it hit me, probably around COVID, I was in the mindset ‘I’m going to go to Madison and go do engineering or something like that’ (and) realized during quarantine I just wanted to chase after what I wanted,” she said. “I have a good idea of what I want to do but this extra year will give me time to sharpen my own skills (and) focus.”



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Boating industry booming

Supply unable to meet demand;
more boaters mean more hazards

Tips for
boaters safety

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OCONOMOWOC — The boating industry is currently in the midst of its busiest time ever, at least according to one dealership in Lake Country.

Erik Tinus, owner of Tinus Marine in Oconomowoc, said boat sales have increased dramatically since the pandemic started and last year was a record year for his business.

“We’re just about sold out of boats,” Tinus said. “We’re on track to sell out of boats by the end of June.”

In previous years, Tinus said, selling out of boats was never an option he had thought about.

“I never thought it would be possible in my lifetime, to be honest,” he said.

The boom in the boating industry — as well as most other outdoor, recreational industries — is a result of the pandemic and more people wanting to be outside.

Bill Sheahan, Gordy’s Lakefront Marine sales manager, said the sentiment he was seeing among his customers is that people were buying boats when vacations and weddings were canceled last year.

“What’s left to do but go outside?” Sheahan said. “I’ve had customers put more hours on their boat last summer than they ever put on before.”

According to numbers from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources,

the number of boats on the water in Wisconsin increased from 2019 to 2020 along with the number of new boat registrations.

In 2019 there were 608,350 total boats in Wisconsin, a number that increased to 624,005 in 2020.

Furthermore, new registrations — which includes registration renewal and new boat registration — also climbed from 2019 to 2020. In 2019 there were 227,610 new registrations and in 2020 that number rose to 291,669.

Lastly, while the pandemic stopped all in-person boater’s safety classes, online courses surged during the pandemic. In 2019, 16,890 students were certified with their boater’s license. With online courses in 2020, that number almost doubled to 29,651.

With more boats on the water, Tinus said Tinus Marine has often worked with the Coast Guard and has held boater’s safety classes in order to help keep boaters safe on the water.

“No matter what, it takes experience,” Tinus said. “I think there’s going to be challenges on the water because people are inexperienced and they don’t know the waterway. Waterways aren’t as clearly marked as a highway per se. That is the biggest challenge most of the time.”

Tinus said knowing the water that boaters are operating in is a big issue when it comes to safety.

“A person might be one of the safest boaters out there, but they might not know that

The Water Sports Foundation, a nonprofit educational arm of the Water Sports Industry Association, released 12 tips for boating safety on the water.

- 1) Be educated on your boat and know the essential equipment
- 2) Wear your life jacket
- 3) Don’t drink and drive
- 4) Engage the engine cut off switch
- 5) File a float plan with friends and family should something happen on the water
- 6) Watch the weather
- 7) Talk with passengers prior to departure to ensure safety rules are followed
- 8) Comply with boat’s capacity
- 9) Be careful and pay attention
- 10) Choose destinations wisely — new boaters should think twice before taking their boat out for the first time during a busy weekend.
- 11) Follow posted speed limits and no wake zones
- 12) Be cautious of nighttime boating

particular waterway,” Tinus said. “(They could be) cruising around and they might hit a rock bar they might not have know about.”

Sheahan said he tells every new boat owner to take the boater’s safety course as it is a “wealth of knowledge.” As part of Gordy’s business practice, the company helps all new boat owners with get-



Alex Nemec/Freeman Staff

The lot at Tinus Marine in Oconomowoc. Owner Erik Tinus said almost all the boats on his lot are sold or accounted for. He added that manufacturers have been unable to keep up with the demand consumers have for boats.

ting acclimated with their boat and showing them basic rules of the water, Sheahan said.

“As part of our in-water boat delivery, we go in the water with them and teach them the do’s and don’ts of boating and operating the boat,” Sheahan said.

When a person is the captain of their boat, they’re not only responsible for the boat and what’s going on outside of the boat, but they’re also responsible for everybody in the boat and their actions as well.

“We do take that really seriously because candidly if you’re out having fun and if someone does get hurt, it’s a black eye on the boating lifestyle and we don’t want to see that or anyone getting hurt,” Sheahan said.

“We want everybody to

have fun and make memories for years to come.”

For helpful resources, Tinus said boaters can download an app that gives depths of waterways to help them navigate new areas.

Both Sheahan and Tinus said the biggest problem they’ve seen is on the manufacturer side with supply not being able to keep up with the demand of people.

“It has been a challenge for those guys and they have a tough road,” Sheahan said. “They’ve done everything they can to build boats for us and for our customers.”

Tinus said for Tinus Marine, supply has been a case-by-case basis for manufacturers and how well they can keep up — noting that one of his pontoons suppliers has been good at delivering boats and the others

haven’t sent one in months, with orders being backed up from September.

Tinus said the used and new boat inventories have both been at an all-time low as a result.

“Trade in boats are pretty much coming onto the lot and being sold sometimes within hours and others in less than a week,” he said.

In addition, Tinus said he has begun selling boats for 2022 as the model year change happens in July.

He added that he doesn’t think inventory challenges will be resolved soon.

“I think there is going to be inventory challenges for the next year as things get corrected and we pull out of the pandemic,” Tinus said. “Will demand subside? It may or it may not. These are uncharted waters for everyone.”

WOW counties ranked among most charitable in state once again

WAUKESHA COUNTY — When it comes to giving back, Washington, Ozaukee and Waukesha counties don’t need much advice. SmartAsset has once again ranked the most generous counties in the U.S. and all three of the WOW counties are once again in the top 10 in the state.

Ranking No. 1 once again is Ozaukee County. It earned

a “most generous places index” of 47.50. Regarding contributions as percentage of income, most Ozaukee County residents who are donating are spending 1.66% of their total income on charity. The average percentage of returns itemizing charitable contributions is listed as 13.96%.

Waukesha County is listed as the second most charitable

county in Wisconsin with an index score of 42.53. Waukesha County residents on average are spending 1.58% of their income on charitable contributions. The average percentage of returns itemizing charitable contributions is listed as 12.28%.

Coming in at No. 6 is Washington County, with an index score of 28.18. Washington County residents are spend-

ing about 0.92% of their income on charitable causes. The average percentage of returns itemizing charitable contributions is listed as 8.46%.

To find the most generous places, SmartAsset looked at two factors in each county: how much money people donate as a percentage of their net income, and the proportion of people who

made charitable donations.

To determine the amount of money that people donate as a percentage of their income, SmartAsset first calculated the net income of all people in each county. To do this, they looked at tax return data and accounted for federal, state and local taxes paid. Next, they measured the total number of individual tax returns that

show charitable contributions and divided that by the total number of individual tax returns in each county. Finally, SmartAsset indexed and equally weighted the two factors to create their “Most Generous Places Index.”

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Service, mentorship and doughnuts earn high accolades

‘None are more deserving’

Waukesha County Judge Ralph Ramirez named 2021 state Judge of the Year

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WAUKESHA — Being a judge isn’t just about law and order. Among other things, it’s about service — serving those in the courtroom, others around them, and the larger community, both on the job, and often in a variety of other endeavors.

Those are just a few of the reasons that Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Ralph Ramirez has been named the 2021 Wisconsin Judge of the Year by the Wisconsin State Bar Association’s Bench and Bar Committee.

A number of his colleagues on the Waukesha County bench — Judges Michael Aprahamian, Paul Bugenhagen Jr. and Michael Maxwell — cited those attributes in nominating him for the award. Judge Laura Lau also offered her own testimony about what Ramirez brings to the bench, saying the honor is “well deserved.”

Lau said she was mentored by Ramirez and “Still I feel like I am. He is always available if I have an issue come up that is sort of new to me, or I want to bounce it off of someone. He’s available to me seven days a week, even if he’s on vacation he will always say, ‘Let me take a look at it and I’ll give you a call back,’” she said.

“He’s an incredible teacher. Just like you’d like a parent to be, he doesn’t solve it for you, he kind of leads you down an path and you figure it out. ... I’ve been super lucky

he is such a giver in terms of his time and sharing resources. He’s a phenomenal human being.”

Judge Michael Aprahamian said Ramirez is an unofficial mentor for him, too. When Aprahamian was named to the bench seven years ago, “The first thing he did was give me a bunch of notes and a checklist to help me out going into criminal (court) because I was a commercial litigant. He also said if you ever have an issue just step off the bench and call one of us. I took him up several times when I was thrown a curveball,” Aprahamian said. “He’s just a great colleague and invaluable resource for all of us here.”

In nominating Ramirez for the distinction, Aprahamian, Bugenhagen and Maxwell all wrote about how Ramirez took them under his wing, and how he steps in to help others in a time of need.

When the courthouse was first feeling the effects of the pandemic and facing the challenge of resolving cases with few if any in-person hearings, “Ralph was a true leader to help our county through this pandemic,” Aprahamian wrote.

He added Ramirez was on numerous committees to address the crisis and wasn’t hesitant to pick up cases from heavy court commissioner calendars to ease their workload. “I no doubt understand that during this trying year, many judges are worthy of this prestigious award — but in my opinion, none are more deserving than Ralph,” Aprahamian wrote.

Art, science to being a judge

Ramirez said he was honored to receive the award, and to know how many of his fellow judges backed his receiving it.

He said he enjoys the process of imparting lessons of experience to help other judges develop their careers. Beyond mentoring judges locally, he also is part of the Judicial College, helping judges across the state learn the ropes of wearing the robe. He said those who mentored him were judges Donald Hassin Jr. and Jim Kieffer, not just in teaching him, but also teaching by example in how they did their job when he practiced before them.

“My position is there is an art and a science to being a judge. The science is knowing the law and knowing the cases and being familiar with the things we need to know, but there is also an art to being a judge and the art to being a judge is being able to run a courtroom, the ability to maintain control in your courtroom, not as an authoritarian but rather in a proper and appropriate and considerate manner so that everybody who is in that courtroom understands I am listening to what they have to say and everybody’s going to get a fair shake in that courtroom,” he said.

Ramirez, the son and grandson of migrant workers, grew up in Waukesha and graduated from Waukesha South High School in

1977. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a degree in political science in 1981, and followed that with a law degree from UW Law School in 1984. He served as an assistant district attorney in Eau Claire County from 1984-86, leaving that post for the same job here in Waukesha County from 1986-99. In 1999, he became the first Latino elected to the Waukesha County bench. Judges Ness Flores and Jess Martinez served as judges, as well, after being appointed; Flores later won re-election. As for the significance of that, Ramirez said, “Waukesha County elects its officials based on qualifications and commitment to the community, and that’s important to me.”

While criminal cases often grab the headlines from the courthouse — and Ramirez has presided over some of the higher-profile cases in recent years — he said there is something both enjoyable and challenging to each of the divisions of the courthouse, which also includes family court, civil court, and juvenile court. He said he started in juvenile court and “I think you realize every one of those cases involving children and looking at (Child In Need of Protective Services) cases and (Termination of Parental Rights) cases, those cases are as big as they get because it involves children, their lives, their formative years and things that are going to have an effect on them as individuals and indeed the



The Ramirez family is seen in a recent photo. Top, from left: Joseph Ramirez, daughter Alicia Kiser with husband Kevin Kiser, Maria Ramirez; second row: Renee and Ralph Ramirez with grandchildren Harper Kiser and Will Kiser.

community for a very long time if you don’t help them get the right start.”

In addition to judicial education, Ramirez is part of the state’s CCAP steering committee. He also is on the board for ProHealth Care, and in the past has been active with the Waukesha Noon Rotary Club, local United Way board, Waukesha Public Library board, and the Waukesha County Volunteer Center, among others.

When not working, Ramirez is spending time with his family, which includes his wife, Renee, who runs the Community Smiles Dental Clinics, as well as three children and

two grandchildren. He also enjoys the outdoors: kayaking, biking, fishing, hiking, hunting at his place in Eagle River, as well as being a “fair to middling cook.”

But at the courthouse, Ramirez has found another way of serving: About once a month he announces a “10-0 doughnut code,” a play on the police 10-codes to describe incidents, springing for doughnuts.

“It comes from doing the right thing for people. It’s something that I enjoy doing. I think everybody likes it. It’s a small thing but the small things matter. It’s a token of my appreciation for the people that I work with.”

BBB Scam Alert: Top tricks used to scam older adults

MILWAUKEE — No matter your age, no one is immune to scams. In the most recent 2020 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, romance scams continued to be the riskiest scams for ages 55 through 64, and travel/vacation/timeshare scams were again the riskiest for those 65 and older. Regardless of the type of scam, BBB recommends the following precautions to avoid becoming a victim.

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Take time to research your purchases. Scammers often make unsolicited offers to older adults for medical supplies, anti-aging products,

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take a few minutes to research the company to make sure their products and offers are legitimate. Read about free trial offer scams.

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BROOKFIELD — Salad and wrap restaurant Grassroots Salad Company has reopened in the Brookfield Square mall food court, according to its Facebook page.

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