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## Former employees, loyal customers share memories of Marty's Pizza

Marty's in Brookfield closes permanently

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BROOKFIELD — Marty's Pizza, 16630 W. Bluemound Road, in Brookfield closed permanently on May 20 due to staff shortages. The Delafield location will remain open.

For loyal patrons and former employees the absence of a familiar haunt is already felt.

Mike Schmidt is a Catholic Memorial alum who participated in cross country.

"We used to go to Marty's after practice and many of my friends would meet up there as well," Schmidt said.

Schmidt fondly recalled how his cross country team had pizza-eating contests between two teams.

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Marie and Kevin Weisensel prepare to share one last pizza at Marty's Pizza in Brookfield. The couple met at the restaurant as teens and eventually got married.

Photo courtesy of Marie Weisensel

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### A Waukesha County Senior Resource Fair

Social isolation and loneliness are huge concerns for seniors in our community. This year, to commemorate **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**, the ADRC of Waukesha County is hosting a senior resource fair to connect area seniors with resources that can help prevent social isolation and combat elder abuse.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**10:00am** - Resource Fair

**11:00am** - Presentation by Dr. Leahy & Dr. Ingelseis from ProHealth Care: "The Health Risks of Social Isolation and Loneliness"

**12:00pm** - Lunch

**12:30pm** - Resource Fair

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# Brookfield middle schooler wins national civics essay contest

## Says First Amendment drives change

By Brian Huber  
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BROOKFIELD — Brookfield's Kelsey Raddemann wrote recently that the First Amendment, out of all those in the U.S. Constitution, has the biggest impacts on Americans.



Raddemann

Not coincidentally, she took first place in a national contest for her essay, it was announced last week.

The National Center for State Courts organizes the annual Civics Education Essay Contest. The contest question is based on the American Bar Association's Law Day theme, which this year is 'Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change. Law Day was Sunday.

This year, the NCSC asked students in elementary, middle school and high school which amendment they believe has made the biggest impact on people's lives. Students from 49 states, the District of Columbia and 19 countries entered the contest. Raddemann won the middle school division.

She wrote: "Martin Luther King Jr. once said, Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. I believe that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution made the biggest difference in people's lives because change requires conversations, conversation requires open communication, open communication requires free speech. Therefore, I think free speech drives change. For example, over the years it has allowed women to vote and play the same sports as boys. My parents always say there is never a bad idea or question because it creates conversation and conversation creates change and change leads to progress."

"When I received the email from NCSC, I couldn't believe I had won. I was excited, happy and felt very honored," Raddemann, a seventh-grader at Pilgrim Park Middle School, said in an email interview.

Raddemann said she heard about the contest from her social studies teacher, Stacy Stewart. "We had just studied the U.S. Constitution in class and she encouraged us to submit an essay," Raddemann wrote. She said she considered discussing the 19th Amendment, which codified women's right to vote, but felt the First Amendment was the right one to write about.

But Stewart said in a press release Raddemann took it on herself to enter the contest.

# Knapp Chiropractic moves to larger office in Brookfield

BROOKFIELD — After 10 years in business in Brookfield, Knapp Chiropractic & Wellness Center has grown so much that it needed to move to a larger space, which it did recently when it relocated to 17035 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 140.



Knapp

"It's rewarding to see the impact I've made in the community in the past ten years. With my focus on creating a healthy society, I look to the future for Brookfield being ranked the healthiest community in Wisconsin," said Nicole Knapp, D.C., owner of Knapp Chiropractic & Wellness Center.

Knapp was granted certification by the Council of Chiropractic Pediatrics of the Academy of Chiropractic Family Practice, enabling her to expand her range of care to individuals through pregnancy and childhood. She is also Webster Technique Certified through ICPA.

For more information, go to [www.knappchiro.com](http://www.knappchiro.com).

## SCENES FROM THE PAST



From the Freeman negatives at the Waukesha County Museum

### Keeping the school crossing safe

The caption on this Oct. 2, 1951, photo read: "At the suggestion of William A. Wolcott, Brookfield police chief, Woodside school has placed a flasher, with an official school crossing sign attached, to warn and remind motorists on Hy. 190 that they are approaching a school zone. The sign erected yesterday was built at a cost of \$26 by James McCartan, special deputy assigned by the school board to guard children crossing the highway. Shown above is McCartan showing two of his wards the new flasher. The children are Tommy Jahnke, 9, of 4064 N. 144th st. and Deveda Rodolph, 7, who lives at the Ranch tavern on Capitol Drive. School officials and town of Brookfield police are pleased with the first day's results with the new sign. A similar flasher will be erected at the Calhoun school on Hy. 59 in the future according to a report from Wolcott today. Since school began, town of Brookfield police have arrested 50 school zone speeders."

## Katula named executive director of Good Friend, Inc.

BROOKFIELD — Good Friend, Inc., a nonprofit whose mission is autism awareness, acceptance, and empathy, announced it has hired Allison Katula of Brookfield to serve as its executive director starting Monday.

Earlier this year, the organization announced that the current executive director, Chelsea Budde, would step down to become program director, allowing her to focus more on Good Friend, Inc.'s mission, according to the announcement.

Katula has almost 20 years of nonprofit experience, predominantly in health care, disability advocacy, and the arts. Most recently, Katula has been consulting nonprofit organizations and coaching leaders of all industries as the founder of Trillium Collaborative Consulting, LLC. Katula earned her undergraduate degree from Rollins College and her Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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Katula is the mother of two children with autism, "and is keenly aware of the need for expanding the reach of Good Friend, Inc.'s message to prevent disability harassment. She believes that education and training in schools and businesses is key to creating inclusion and belonging," according to the announcement.

"Allison is perfectly qualified to guide Good Friend, Inc. along its ambitious plan for growth," says Co-Founder and outgoing Executive Director Chelsea Budde. "I am confident that her ability to connect with both board and staff will embolden Good Friend, Inc. to stride into this next chapter with all the professionalism our donors and clients deserve. I look forward to both supporting her leadership, and stepping back to focus on programs."

For more information, visit [goodfriend-inc.com](http://goodfriend-inc.com).

## Waukesha Rotary BluesFest online tickets going now on sale

WAUKESHA — Waukesha Rotary BluesFest, "An American Music and Art Festival," presented by the Waukesha Rotary Club, will be held Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at Naga-Waukee Park, a half mile north of Interstate 94 on state Highway 83 in Delafield.

Gates open at 12:30 p.m. each day with music entertainment running from 1 p.m.

until 10 p.m., featuring the Duke Robillard Band, Sue Foley, Shawn Holt & the Teardrops, Altered Five Blues Band and more. Tickets are on sale online at [www.waukeshabluesfest.com](http://www.waukeshabluesfest.com).

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Casual fried chicken restaurant coming to The Corners

Here Chicky, Chicky to have retro décor

By Katherine Beck

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD — With a 1970s-style décor and classic chicken sandwiches on the menu, Here Chicky Chicky restaurant is set to open in The Corners of Brookfield this summer.

The restaurant is the idea of the owners of the Goddess and the Baker, a continental café that already operates one of its six locations in The Corners.

The 3,150-square-foot Here Chicky Chicky will be located on the south side of the shopping center, directly to the east of Fresh Fin Poke. The restaurant will be able to accommodate seating for 70 people, with additional carry-out options.

“The greater Milwaukee area has absolutely loved our Corners of Brookfield location, so we knew this was the perfect spot to roll out this new restaurant concept,” said Tami Mizrahi, co-owner of Goddess and the Baker and the new Here Chicky Chicky, in a statement. “What makes us different from other chicken spots is not only our top product and range of items, but also the atmosphere — it’s meant to be fun, playful and inviting. We have some exciting things in the works, and we can’t wait for the community’s first taste.”

Here Chicky Chicky’s menu will include fried chicken tenders in sandwiches, baskets, wraps and on salads with a range of unique and creative dipping sauces and flavors.



Submitted rendering

Here Chicky Chicky is set to open on the east side of The Corners of Brookfield this summer. It will have a retro décor and serve classic chicken sandwiches and other chicken entrees.

The restaurant will also serve beer, wine and champagne, the latter of which Mizrahi said is becoming a popular pairing with fried chicken.

“We’re thrilled to be welcoming Goddess and the Baker’s new restaurant concept, Here Chicky Chicky to the town center. Tami and her team do an exceptional job. We know Goddess is unique and we have every confidence that the same culture of excellence will run through to the menu and service with Here Chicky Chicky,” said Robert Gould, CEO of Brookfield Corners LLC, in a statement. “The Goddess team always produces high-quality, customer-driven concepts creating a gathering space for the community and this will be no different. The location is carefully selected to capitalize on the fast casual concept with exceptional visibility and short and long stay parking options.”

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# County Board OKs wage increase for Sheriff's Department

## Will go into effect in June

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WAUKESHA — On May 24, the County Board approved a proposal to increase wages at the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department in a 20-5 vote. Supervisors Jeremy Walz, James Heinrich, Christine Mommaerts, Keith Hammitt, and Ted Wysocki cast the dissenting votes.

The topic was brought up due to increased turnover and difficulty in finding quality law enforcement candidates. The Sheriff's Department's employee turnover rates are "exceeding the county's capacity to attract and train employees in a timely manner," according to board documents.

"This is the result of a wage analysis that was done after we lost some deputies. We've seen the local municipalities pay more and who had less forced overtime," Supervisor Jacob LaFontain said.

LaFontain said there have been labor shortages in every occupation and industry and law enforcement is no exception. He said due to other "national factors" it may be worse.

The documents said interest in law enforcement has been decreasing in recent years for multiple reasons, including the pandemic and career perceptions.

The proposal is to go immediately to a \$3 per hour wage increase for deputy sheriffs and detectives to maintain what they have in the department.

LaFontain added the solution wasn't a magic bullet or fix for every issue facing the department.

"It's another tool the sheriff's office can use to bring themselves up to staff and bring down overtime stressors," LaFontain said.

The money to pay for the wage increases would come from American Rescue Plan Act funds. County Chairman Paul Decker said when looking at what the county has for ARPA dollars, this proposal was the best use for those funds.

### Supervisors respond

Supervisor Darlene Johnson was concerned about other Waukesha County Sheriff's employees who are not supervisors. Johnson said many of those employees might ask why they are not receiving a raise.

"I'm a little concerned some people are getting part of this (wage increase) and some are not," she said.

She asked if there was a possibility of tabling the item until budget review time.

Heinrich expressed how the issue with WSCD retention might have to do with morale and not necessarily pay.

"Part of the problem might be morale. If you find out you will get a \$6,000 raise a year, your morale will probably go up. But on the same token, if we don't pass this what do you think will happen to their morale?" he said.

Heinrich added the sheriff's department is not the only area where there is a hiring issue.

Wysocki said all the arguments supporting the proposal should be made during budget time.

"If we put the cart before the horse, we are going to be in a world of hurt," he said.

Wysocki and other supervisors mentioned connections to law enforcement and having appreciation for them.



Karen Pilarski/Enterprise Staff

Waukesha County Sheriff Eric Severson speaks during the Waukesha County Board meeting on May 24.

"That's not the issue in front of us. This is a budgetary thing," Wysocki said.

He added he is not arguing the merits of the proposal but said, "it's just the wrong way to try to do the right thing," he said.

Supervisor Christine Howard said by increasing wages it is a chance to make a correction. "If we keep doing the things the way we've always done and stick to this box called the budget season, how are we going to react to when we have to make decisions on when it has to be done?" she asked.

Supervisor Larry Nelson spoke against the possibility of tabling the discussion.

"I think this is the most important HR issue facing the county. 10 years ago it was an issue and now we're at the point where it is a crisis," Nelson said.

Nelson said there is an issue with overtime and if the board approves the increase they will retain more people in the WSCD who might be thinking of leaving.

"One of the reasons I think we have a great county is the quality of our county employees. What we pay our employees sends a message not only to those employees but everyone else," Nelson said.

Nelson said people should think of the ARPA funds as a "pot of gold" which will disappear in two years and won't go back to the taxpayers.

"This is a pot of gold that solves a 10-year problem," Nelson said.

Waukesha County Sheriff Eric Severson spoke during the meeting after listening to the supervisors' comments. He touched on the comments concerning correctional staff.

"As my job as sheriff, it is to provide you with accurate information so you can make decisions and I feel that some of the information might be steering you towards a misunderstanding of the facts," Severson said.

He said the HR department along with his office and Department of Administration have done an analysis of the correctional officers' wages and "they are in market."

"It would be inappropriate for me to come to you and ask for a wage increase for employees whose pay were in market and that pay is not contributing to the staffing issues in the jail," he said.



Courtesy of Brookfield Central High School

## Brookfield Central Mock Trial team shines in national championships

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield Central's Mock Trial team competed in the virtual national championship tournament from May 4-May 7. Students had 5 weeks to prepare the case.

The case was a civil case revolving around an autonomous vehicle company being sued by the parent of a child who was hit and killed as she walked across the street on her college campus. The high school had 178 team wins, 41 Most Outstanding Attorney awards and 35 Most Outstanding Witness awards at the national championships.

Among the Brookfield Central team's other accomplishments are an 8-0 record at regionals the past two years and the first state championship in school history.

(Front row L-R): Greta Stalter, Jana Gharia, Co-Captain Cynthia Lu, Alisha Saeed  
(Back row L-R): Co-Captain Abbey Prudlow, Max Hsu, Ben Kim.

## Marty's

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"We tried to eat as much pizza as we could. It was a good team bonding experience after a long track workout. It was good to blow off some steam and have a good time," he said.

Schmidt and his buddies also used to go to Brookfield Square and get a pizza from the restaurant.

"When I heard about the closing it certainly bummed me out. Because of all the good memories I had," Schmidt said.

### Romance in a pizza parlor

Marejo Ramsey had a long history and unique backstory with the Blue-mound icon.

"My brother met his wife there, sister met her husband there, my nephew met his wife there. Last count we figure there are upwards of 17 couples in our friends and family connections that worked and met their spouses there," Ramsey said.

"Most of them are still married," she added.

Her family knew the owners of Marty's Pizza through racquetball. Ramsey's older brother worked there and became a manager. In fact all the couples worked together at the pizza place. Ramsey said thanks to Marty's, romance blossomed and the couples ended up hitched.

"It was around that time in the mid '80s and '90s that my brother met his wife. I worked there also but I didn't meet my husband through Marty's," Ramsey said.

Ramsey described the business as a staple of her household growing up. Her family always bought Marty's food during special events. Now running a family business, Ramsey's family would still regularly use Marty's for business meetings and events.

She is also still friends with the current owner Ed Bautz, and Ramsey thinks he was aware of

the large amount of couples.

She described the restaurant as part of her family.

"There was a real sense of camaraderie back at that point. It was a family-type of environment when we worked there," she said, noting colleagues would spend time together outside of work.

Marie Weisensel met her husband through Marty's. Ramsey's brother is married to Weisensel's sister. Her whole family worked

at Marty's and she worked there at 15. Her father worked there as a seater back in the earlier days of the restaurant.

She loves that so many people met their significant others at Marty's.

"I feel it is unheard of to have so many people get together and be married just from working there," Weisensel said. Her husband, Kevin Weisensel, worked in the kitchen, then became a server and eventually a manager.

"I don't think the rules that we have now were in place back then. You know, dating your manager," she said.

When she heard the restaurant was closing, she and her husband went for one last slice.

"When I heard Marty's was closing, I was shocked and sad. It was a part of our lives. If it wasn't for Marty's I don't know if we would be together," she said.

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