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Brookfield East senior Annika Pluemer begins to celebrate near the end of a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal girls basketball game March 10 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon. The Spartans won 65-60.

The Spartans came up just short in the WIAA Division 1 state championship game to the Kettle Moraine Lasers, who won 47-40 on March 11.

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Carolyn is an avid sports fan and talented artist. She loves her year round Christmas Tree which Ashley decorates monthly to give Carolyn the joy she deserves.

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Brookfield East junior guard Shae Kelley drives against Germantown senior guard KK Arnold during a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal girls basketball game March 10 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.



Brookfield East senior guard Annika Pluemer tries to score around Germantown sophomore guard Madeline Jakusz during a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal girls basketball game.

Photos by Dave Radcliffe, Freeman Staff



Brookfield East senior forward Maddy McGath shoots a jumper during a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal girls basketball game March 10.



Brookfield East sophomore guard Addison Doyle lines up a 3 during a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal girls basketball game.



Brookfield East coach Tyler Saxton looks on with a smile near the end of a WIAA Division 1 state semifinal girls basketball game March 10 at the Resch Center.



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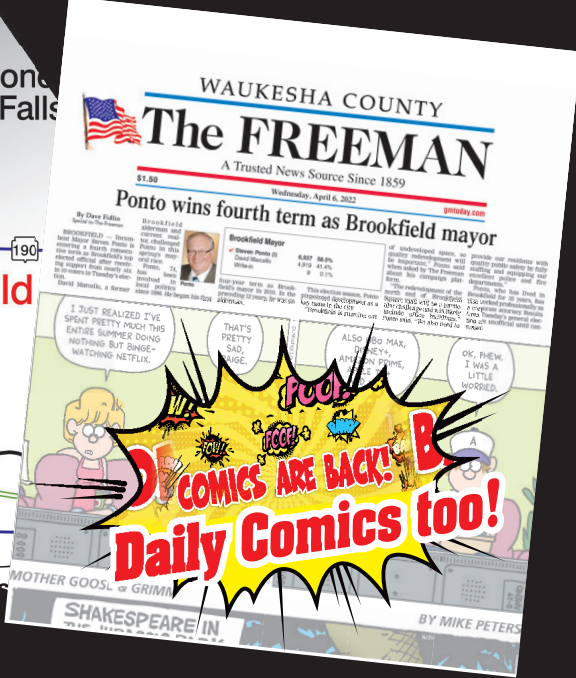

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Brookfield East senior guard Annika Pluemer scores in transition during a WIAA Division 1 state championship game March 11 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.



Brookfield East senior guard Shae Kelley draws a foul against Kettle Moraine junior guard Maddie Schopf during a WIAA Division 1 state championship game March 11 at the Resch Center.



Brookfield East junior guard Shae Kelley puts up a shot on the run as she's challenged by Kettle Moraine senior guard Braelyn Torres during a WIAA Division 1 state championship game.



Kettle Moraine sophomore forward Keegan Lodes is fouled by Brookfield East freshman guard Maya Kovacic during a WIAA Division 1 state championship game March 11 at the Resch Center.



Brookfield East freshman guard Maya Kovacic looks to shoot against Kettle Moraine junior forward Briana Binagi during the WIAA Division 1 state championship on March 11 at the Resch Center.

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Brookfield Central High School students place third in Mock Trial State Tournament

BROOKFIELD – Brookfield Central High School Team #1 competed in the Mock Trial State Tournament the weekend of March 4 in Madison and finished third.

The event is put on by the State Bar of Wisconsin.

The team went 3-1 during the weekend, and their season record was 16-2, which is a club record. The team had a 13-trial winning streak which was also a school record.

Prior to the state tournament, the team competed in the Juneau Regional Mock Trial competition on Feb. 4 and won for the fourth year in a row.

This year’s team was the first in the club’s history to have every member score a perfect 10 on every single role during a trial during the regional competition.

“I am incredibly proud of the entire team,” said senior Swarit Pakala, who is captain of the team. “They poured their heart and soul into every direct, cross and objection, and while in the end, we didn’t reach our ultimate goal, I couldn’t have asked for a better group.”



Courtesy of Brookfield Central High School
Brookfield Central's Team #1 entry in the Mock Trial State Tournament during the weekend of March 4 in Madison placed third. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Club Captains Swarit Pakala and Sanjana Srinivas. Pictured from left to right in the back row is Alumni Coach Abbey Prudlow, Liem Rao, Ram Vaidhyathan, Joel Thomas, Gabi Stawski, Akshita Tiramalarju and Coach Jon Vogt.

Meter hits 30 years for Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service

Service a lifeline for those needing a little lift to live independently

By Maile Rudebusch
Special to The Freeman

For seniors and those who are disabled, affordable taxi services can be the lifeline they need to stay connected with the community.

“We started about 30 years ago as a result of Waukesha County realizing there was a need for senior transportation in the county,” explained Tom Slavinsky, executive director, of Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service. “They realized that they couldn’t handle it themselves because it was kind of cumbersome in trying to service the whole community. There were four or five (groups) that had people who volunteered to start non-profit transportation services or taxis. It started then and it’s kind of mushroomed.”

There are now a number of taxi and transportation services throughout Waukesha County. Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service has been in operation since 1993. Elmbrook Senior Taxi provides affordable transportation for those who need it throughout the Waukesha community. Its main mission is to help keep seniors and disabled individuals secure transportation so they can keep their independence. It is able to provide affordable transportation through grants, donations, and assistance from the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County.

“There are sponsors that have provided grants to us recently. The way it works is

that the ADRC reimburses us for rides for county residents that have a taxi card that they can get free of charge from the ADRC. At the end of the year, the ADRC also distributes funds that are designated for the taxis, and we get grants from various foundations,” Slavinsky said. “Quite honestly it gives us the ability to keep our fares reasonable. Without all that grant money, the municipalities give us money too — Butler, the city of Brookfield, and the Town of Brookfield. Without all that, we would probably have to charge as much as Uber and Lyft do, and that probably would not be as affordable for seniors.”

Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service takes riders on between 900 and 1,000 rides per month. Its fleet is made up of five cars.

“A couple of years ago we had four and we were able to expand, not just because of the demand, we were able to expand because of grants from foundations. Here’s the other key thing: It’s hard to find drivers. We pay \$8.25 an hour for the schedulers and the drivers. Everyone else is pretty much a volunteer. We’ve been able to secure drivers. That’s enabled us to purchase another car and take more passengers,” Slavinsky said.

With the drivers, the service is able to transport seniors or the disabled wherever they would like to go in Waukesha. If a client has a doctor’s appointment in Milwaukee, it will also provide a taxi service to the Milwaukee-area hospitals.

For those who work with Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service, Slavinsky explained that one thing is clear: “We all have a passion for giving back a little bit, that’s kind of the beauty of it. We have a few drivers that are seniors.”

The benefit for the community they serve is immense.

“We’re kind of their lifeline for them, so to speak, for them being independent. That’s really our mission, is to try and make sure, in conjunction with the ADRC, to keep seniors, as well as disabled adults independent for as long as possible,” Slavinsky said.

“They don’t have to rely on family members. We’re certainly a lot cheaper than Uber and Lyft. We take people from home to wherever they’re going. It’s door-to-door service.”

Elmbrook Senior Taxi Service takes its riders everywhere from doctors’ appointments, the grocery store, events, and wherever else they may need to go in Waukesha.

“For local trips, if they have an ADRC County card, the riders pay \$5.25 each way,” said Slavinsky. “We encourage people to make reservations in advance. Sometimes we can handle the day of, but it’s better to make reservations in advance. For example, Fridays are very popular for hairdressers, so that’s a standing event.”

7 Brew drops coffee stand in Brookfield

BROOKFIELD — 7 Brew, a drive-thru coffee concept, had construction crews drop a future coffee stand into place on March 18 at 1010 S. Moorland Road.

The brand announced their expansion in Wisconsin with the dropping of the coffee stand on site and said they will be opening more locations in Wisconsin this year. The recently dropped coffee stand is preparing to open in mid-April.

7 Brew has plans to open stands in West Bend, Eau Claire and Mt. Pleasant this year and currently boasts more than 60 stands across the country.

The coffee drive-thru offers over 20,000 drink combinations, according to a statement, and each 7 Brew stand will add 50 jobs to the area.

“7 Brew at its core is about speed, energy and cultivating kindness, and we’re excited to bring this rapidly growing brand to the Milwaukee area and Wisconsin,” said Tommy



Courtesy of 7 Brew
Construction crews drop 7 Brew, a drive-thru coffee concept, on site on March 18.

Pennington, owner-operator for 7 Brew Brookfield, according to a statement. “I grew up in Milwaukee, so it is a full circle moment to bring a great brand and three coffee stands to an area that invested in me.

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