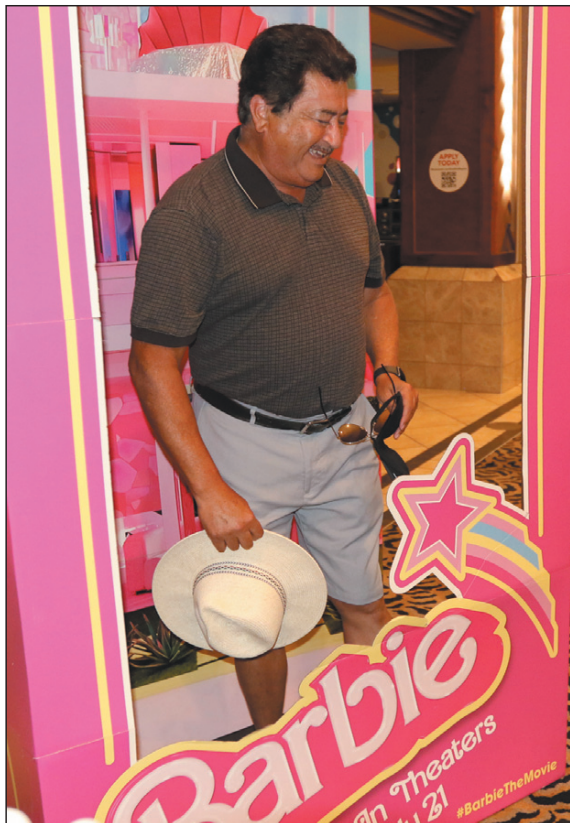


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The family and friends of Jesse Cortez brought him to the theater with a blindfold to surprise him for his 70th birthday. They put him in the Barbie box before he could take off the blindfold.



Colette Poree, left, and Hailey Cherone pose for a selfie in front of a Barbie display. Hailey took the night off from the Majestic to attend the premiere with her friend.



Juan Estrada, left, and Elijah Humpa dressed as Ken and Barbie for the premiere party at the Marcus Majestic Cinema of Brookfield on July 19.



Tateiona Watson had the night off and went as Cowboy Barbie to the Barbie Blowout Party at the Marcus Majestic Cinema of Brookfield on July 19.

Barbie Blowout Party at Marcus Majestic Cinema

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD — The Marcus Majestic Cinema celebrated the premiere of the movie “Barbie” on July 19 with a Barbie Blowout Party.

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NASA scientist speaks to students about space

BROOKFIELD – Senior NASA Scientist and Senior Research Scientist for the Space Science Institute Dr. Michael Wolff spoke to over 450 students at the Brookfield Central Library for a summer school event hosted by Elmbrook Library Services on July 14.

Wolff, a Brookfield resident, spoke at three morning sessions and used visual aids to discuss Mars, space exploration and more. His work began in 1996 with the Mars Global Surveyor.

Wolff has contributed to many projects since, including the 2020 Mars Perseverance Rover.



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Better Cowork eyes former Boston Store Furniture Gallery site

BROOKFIELD — Better Cowork LLC has entered into an agreement to purchase the former Boston Store Furniture Gallery building, 18615 W. Bluemound Road in Brookfield. The 3.16-acre and 55,000-square-foot building has been empty for more than eight years.

Better Cowork is owned by M. Alex Simic, a local developer, who owns two businesses located in Brookfield.

Better Cowork plans to only change the south exterior elevations to add windows. The plan is to modify the interior floor plan with offices, gym, lounges, collaboration and presentation spaces, and training rooms, according to submitted city documents.

The company would be the only tenant in the building but would offer the public to purchase memberships to access the building for the day or month. Memberships would be available to individuals and businesses.

Depending on the tier of the memberships, customers would have access to the

building's lounges, meeting rooms, cafes, designated desks, private offices and team suites.

Each space would be fully furnished with high-speed internet. Meeting spaces would have the latest AV equipment.

Better Cowork is requesting approval through the city of Brookfield to allow members to access the building without having to register as tenants. There will be no lease to sign as well as no person items can be kept in the spaces, the documents said.

There will be two full-time employees on site from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Members will have 24/7 access, but the company expects customers will use it at staggered times. There will be security cameras and key fob access to monitor the office building and maintain a record of people coming and going.

Better Cowork wants to offer outdoor seating in front of the main entrance of the building.

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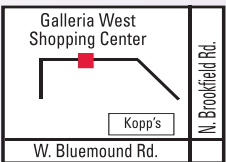
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The median home sale price in Waukesha County has increased by over 41 % between 2016 and 2021 while

"We have a market that is driving the prices up. When you talk to developers or builders they say they could build a house at \$300,000 but the market right now is driving it to \$500,000."

He added municipalities in the county such as Waukesha have done a very good job of putting apartment

The one- or two-bedroom apartments are great for single people who pay less in rent than someone in a four-unit rental. But the city still has its share of challenges, such as rents being over \$1,000.

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Antiques

though it did become commonplace for furniture to be placed in hallways.
Value: \$1,500

2.) Valet chair

Mid-Century Modern style continues to start conversations and is often sought out by collectors. The peak of this chair might hold a bathrobe, jacket or be home base for a ball cap. **Value: \$300**

3.) Vintage seating

These four barstools have a timeless style. This set is of unusually good condition; all still have their frames, cushions and footrests. Most examples found today are worn or broken from years of diner misuse. **Value: \$350**

4.) Countertop thread cabinet

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