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# Milwaukee Public Museum announces 3rd permanent gallery of Future Museum

‘Milwaukee Revealed’ considered successor to ‘Streets of Old Milwaukee’

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MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Public Museum and exhibit design partners Thinc Design recently released sketches of the Future Museum’s Milwaukee Revealed gallery — the third gallery revealed since March. In May, two more galleries will be presented to the public in anticipation of the Future Museum, which will be located on Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee, in a newly constructed building set to open in late 2026.

According to MPM, the “Milwaukee Revealed” gallery is considered the spiritual successor to the current “Streets of Old Milwaukee” exhibit.

“Milwaukee Revealed” will include an urban streetscape featuring stores, buildings, historical stories and interactive features to take visitors back in time. MPM shared some of the exhibit features for the Commercial and Neighborhood areas of the gallery. The final gallery will also include immersive

exhibits about Milwaukee’s relationship with its rivers and Lake Michigan, according to MPM.

“As any Milwaukeean or MPM visitor knows, there’s more to Milwaukee than meets the eye,” said MPM President & CEO Ellen Censky. “Just as Milwaukee is an urban environment built on a rich natural landscape, ‘Milwaukee Revealed’ will simultaneously explore the bustling business corridors and neighborhoods of the city, the unique ecology of the lakefront and waterways and the ways in which nature and culture come together in confluence to create the place we call home.”

### Gallery details

Within the gallery will be the Commercial district, where visitors will enter an immersive urban environment. In this section will be the Mitchell Building, an explorable space visitors can walk into immediately upon entering the gallery.

If visitors look long enough, the Mitchell Building’s façade will fade away to



Courtesy of Milwaukee Public Museum and Thinc Design

A sketch of the Mitchell Building, an explorable space visitors will be able to walk into immediately upon entering the “Milwaukee Revealed” gallery, which will be a permanent gallery in the Milwaukee Public Museum’s Future Museum.

reveal the home of city founders Josette and Solomon Juneau, which once occupied the same site, according to MPM.

There will also be storefronts lining the gallery’s streets to give insight into the industries that have shaped Milwaukee. There will be a dress shop, a modern-day frozen custard shop and a market storefront. Urban soundscapes, vehicles rumbling and birdsong will fill the space as well.

Also included will be Schlitz Palm Garden, revealing how German and Polish migration and labor, and access to natural resources like water, wheat and hops, led to Milwaukee’s famed beer production; Cream City

Medical Society, exploring how practicing medicine has supported Milwaukeeans’ health and well being through stories about holistic medicine, disease prevention and public health; Lapham House, where visitors will see collections of plants and geologic specimens displayed on shelves; and Waterfront, where a scenic lookout will give visitors the chance to look out over an exhibit demonstrating the Milwaukee River, according to MPM.

Along with the Commercial district will be the Neighborhoods in the gallery. This will include the Community Streetscape with a Milwaukee neighborhood street mimicking domestic architecture commonly found in

the city and a community garden, according to MPM.

There will also be the Haymarket Candy Shop, a functioning store where museum visitors can purchase sweet treats.

“We heard loud and clear the public desire for an immersive space dedicated to Milwaukee. ‘Milwaukee Revealed’ will be a gallery visitors can lose themselves in — and learn a lot about Milwaukee, past and present, along the way,” said Censky. “Current fans of MPM’s ‘Streets of Old Milwaukee’ will find many familiar, nostalgic elements in ‘Milwaukee Revealed,’ including collections items like the penny-farthing bicycle and the one-of-a-kind Schloemer automo-

bile. We also plan to include a virtual-reality experience of the current Museum’s ‘Streets of Old Milwaukee’ and ‘European Village,’ preserving the beloved exhibit experience for the next generation to explore in the Future Museum.”

On May 9, MPM will announce the “Living in a Dynamic Works” and “Mixing Zones” gallery for the Future Museum, and on May 23, they will announce “Rainforest,” “Puelicher Butterfly Vivarium” and the “Bucyrus Rooftop Terrace.”

More information about the Future Museum, including architectural renderings and a project timeline, is available on the MPM website at <https://bit.ly/3yYOK7s>.

# New restaurant concept coming to The Corners of Brookfield

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD — Milwaukee restaurateur Kristyn Eitel, who recently purchased the majority stock in the BelAir Cantina and Fuel Café brands, will open Margaux in The Corners of Brookfield.

Margaux is a new restaurant concept featuring a full-service bar and restaurant inspired by Eitel’s passion for Parisian brasseries. The new concept is expected to open in late 2023 or early 2024.

The restaurant will be Eitel’s second property at The Corners of Brookfield along with the BelAir Cantina that opened in April of 2017.

“Margaux will be a restaurant that ties together some of my favorite aspects of the hospitality industry; mainly highlights from my 30+ year career and those things that still inspire me,” said Eitel in a statement. “I want people

to fall in love with dining out all over again; I want to bring the best of French cuisine into this modern and sophisticated, cosmopolitan yet relaxed setting and let the food and drink inspire great experiences.”

Eitel has spent years of traveling, exploring and relishing in fine foods to refine what she wants the new concept of Margaux to be.

“We have had a great partnership with Kristyn since our open-

ing in 2017. The hugely popular Belair Cantina has been rewarding for the Corners and more importantly our customers, making a significant impact to our culture, the vibrant atmosphere of Market Square and the Town Center,” said Robert Gould, CEO of The Corners, in a statement. “Bringing a French Brasserie concept to the Corners is something that Kristyn has been working on

with us for a long time. Given the European style of our Market Square, it simply had to be located there. Its location, in the block east of the entrance to Von Maur, offers the perfect tenant mix for their flagship department store. I am confident that with Kristyn’s experience and understanding of the market, it will be well executed and another win-win for our customers.”



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# Brookfield teen meets actress Kristen Bell

## Make-A-Wish granted Amara Lehman’s wish in January

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BROOKFIELD — Brookfield resident Amara Lehman, 14, said she’s always loved acting. In January, Make-A-Wish helped Lehman’s dreams come true when she met Kristen Bell, an actress that has inspired her personal journey in acting.

Lehman was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma stage four at age 12. After going through five rounds of chemotherapy, Lehman said she is now in her five years of remission.

She started attending acting camps at a young age, and

Lehman said after her chemotherapy, she decided to start doing shows and musicals. Currently, Lehman is practicing for the musical “Puffs” with Brio Studios and will be performing in the show the first week of May.

Lehman decided on meeting Kristen Bell for her Make-A-Wish not only because of her acting skills, but for helping out the community and using her popularity and wealth for good. Lehman waited for about a year for her wish to be granted.

“Most of that year was spent wondering if I was even going to get the wish because she (Kristen Bell) had to approve it,” said Lehman. “Once it was

approved, it was a sigh of relief because I knew it was going to end up happening.”

Bell plays Eleanor Shellstrop in “The Good Place,” one of Lehman’s favorite shows.

Lehman and her parents were flown out to Los Angeles to meet Bell. The morning of the meeting, Lehman said she got pedicures and her hair done. Later that day they went to an oyster bar where Lehman said she sat down with Bell and talked with her for three hours.

Lehman said they talked about a lot of normal things like life, acting and dogs. The two also talked about Lehman’s journey with acting and Bell even offered some advice.

“She told me to not get too

attached to my character and to kind of separate my mental feeling at the moment and my character’s mental place at the moment, and separate that my character is not me,” said Lehman. “And she just told me that if I’m not in a good mental place that I need to be taking a break and taking care of myself.”

Lehman said one word to describe her entire conversation with Bell was real, and she described her whole journey as being shockingly optimistic and happy.

“Things have just been really great,” said Lehman. “I wish other people could be as lucky as me because I know I got severely lucky with everything that happened.”



Courtesy of the Lehman family

From left to right are 14-year-old Brookfield resident Amara Lehman and actress Kristen Bell. The two met in January in Los Angeles for Lehman’s Make-A-Wish.



Brookfield Academy seniors Navya Francis, Rishi Guntur and Emma Richardson.

Courtesy of Brookfield Academy

## Brookfield East’s principal named Secondary Principal of the Year

BROOKFIELD — The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators named Brookfield East High School Principal Andrew Farley as its 2023 Wisconsin Secondary Principal of the Year.

Farley has been Brookfield East’s principal for the past nine years. About eight years ago, teachers, staff and administrators came together to define the school’s mission, vision and core values, according to a statement by AWSA. They focused on commitments to maximizing the impact on students, learning, teamwork, service and providing relevance for student success at Brookfield East.

“Mr. Farley has had a tremendous impact on the staff, students, and families at Brookfield East for nearly a decade,” said Mark Hansen, superintendent of the Elmbrook Schools, in a statement. “Through a strong school culture built on academic and human excellence, Brookfield East is flourishing.”

The school has a Principal’s Cabinet made up of 60 students who review the core values to develop ideas and action plans at Brookfield East. The cabinet played a key role in the school adopting a daily resource period to help students manage their stress and workload.

Under the leadership of Farley, 85 percent of students at Brookfield East select a two-or-four-year technical college or university after graduating.

“On behalf of AWSA, I am honored to recognize Andrew Farley with the Wisconsin Secondary Principal of the Year Award,” said Jim Lynch, executive director of AWSA in a statment. “During his time at Brookfield East, Mr. Farley has fostered an incredible school culture. This award is a reflection of his outstanding efforts to constantly improve teaching and learning throughout the school.”

## Three Brookfield Academy students receive Herb Kohl Foundation awards

BROOKFIELD — Brookfield Academy announced that three seniors, Navya Francis, Rishi Guntur, and Emma Richardson, were selected as recipients of 2023 Student Excellence Awards from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

The awards recognize leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement, and academic achievement. Selected students each receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

Students from across Wisconsin are encouraged to apply. A statewide committee of civic leaders, educational association representatives, and others review student applications. About 190 students statewide received recognition through the program.

“Education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation,” former U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl said in a statement. “These award recipients have demonstrated incredible hard work, achievements, and service. I congratulate them all and hope this award not only helps them in their individual pursuits but also reminds them to pay it forward in the future.”



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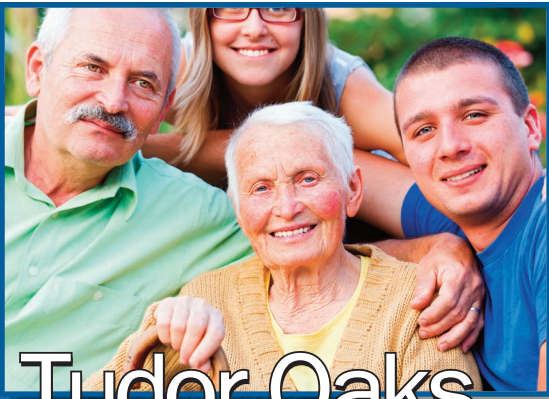
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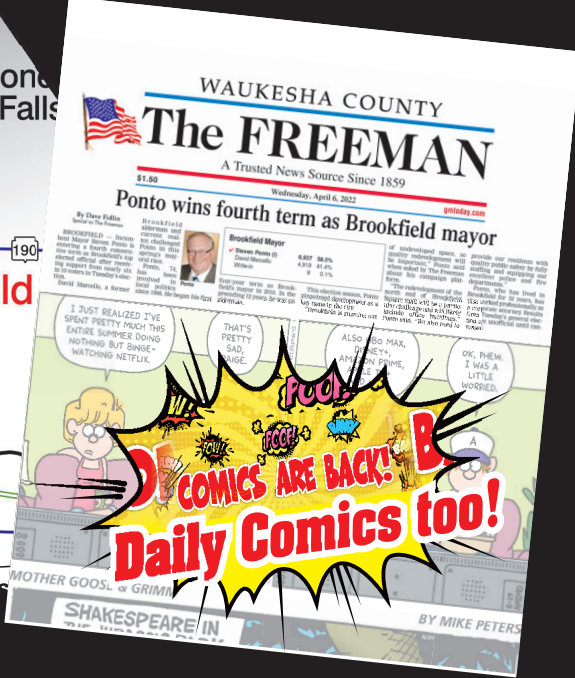


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