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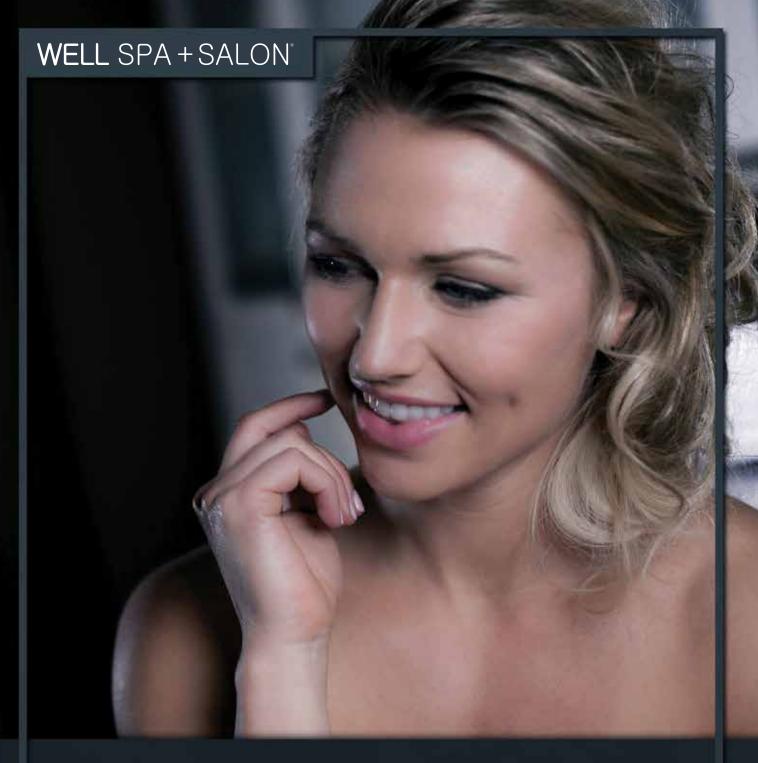
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Dear Readers.

Autumn, with its warm sun, clear blue skies and nature's spectacular show of color, is one of my favorite seasons. The autumn issue of *At The Lake* is also one of my favorites, especially since we introduced our Lake Dogs portfolio five years ago. My dog, Maya (shown at right below), was part of a high-energy group of Golden Retrievers featured in last autumn's issue. Sadly, my husband and I lost Maya to cancer in May, but this photo shows her at her best — pure contentment after frolicking in the water and on the beach along Geneva Lake's south shore. She was truly a lake dog!

Our Digital Editor Holly Leitner has captured hundreds of lake dog photos, sometimes joining the pups in the water to

get just the right shot. With so many photos in our archives, we're pleased to announce our soon-to-be released book, 101 Lake Dogs. We'll announce its debut on our Facebook page and e-newsletter, which you can subscribe to by visiting atthelakemagazine.com.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *At The Lake*. You'll find articles that range from a behind-the-scenes look at Rush Creek Distilling to a story about the construction of many of Lake Geneva's landmarks. Autumn's shorter days and cooler evenings beckon those who love to read. Hmm ... I guess that's another reason it's one of my favorite seasons!



Barb Howell, Editor

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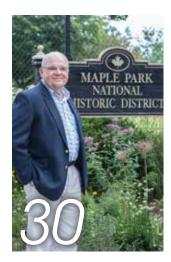
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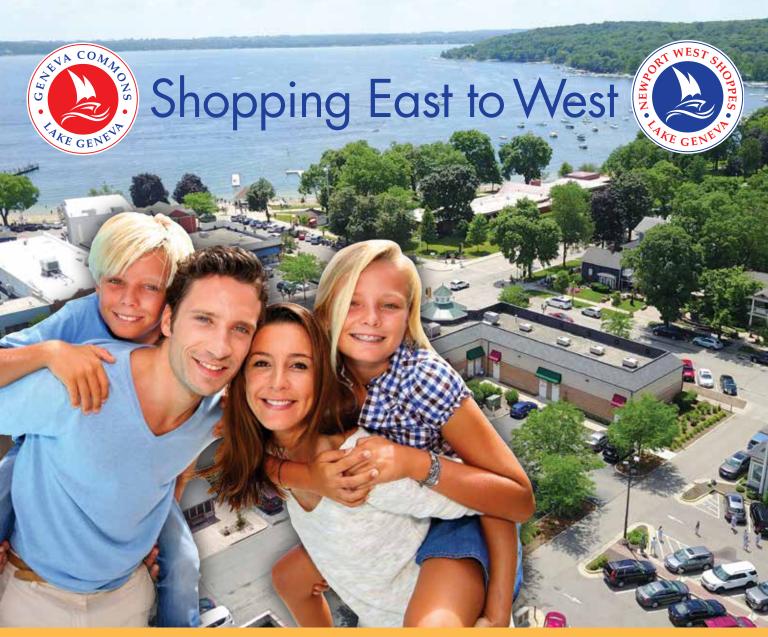
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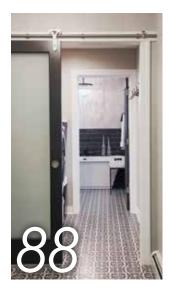
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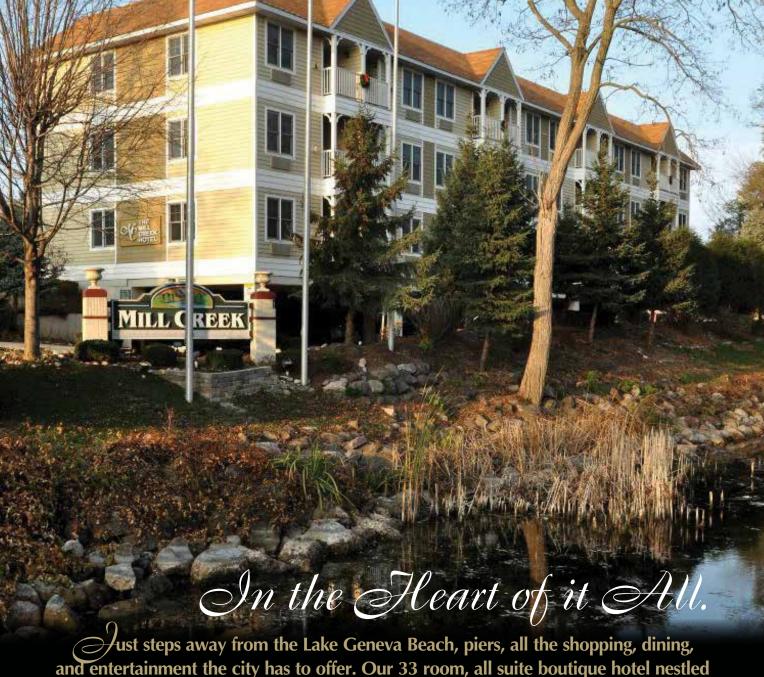
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#### CHURCH PLANS GRAND OPENING OF NEW ADDITION

In order to accommodate its rapidly growing congregation, Lakeland Community Church in Delavan Township recently completed construction on a new, 30,072-square-foot addition attached to the present space, nearly tripling the church's square footage. The updates include new auditorium space with seating for 1,000, increased office space for the staff, additional gathering/fellowship space and 200 additional parking spots.

According to Pastor Josh Amstutz, the need for more space had become acute. "It was not uncommon for us to feel a crunch in [the former auditorium.] We'd gotten to a point where there was no space and it was very hard to find a chair during services." Amstutz says that in addition to being one of the largest gathering spaces in the area, the new auditorium will feature cuttingedge technology not available elsewhere. "We expect this to be one of the most high-tech and nicest auditoriums available in the entire Milwaukee, Madison and Rockford areas," he explains. "We're excited to be able to have a space that can hopefully

be utilized by the community, where not only will we hold church services but also where local businesses and resorts can hold conferences or large meetings."

Lakeland Community Church started 20 years ago with a congregation of around 150 people who met in temporary spaces rented mostly from local schools. Today, Amstutz says the church regularly serves 1,300 members each week. An earlier expansion three years ago added the previous auditorium, which could hold up to 400 people, but Amstutz says that the church leaders recognized almost immediately that a larger addition would be necessary to keep pace with growth. Fundraising for the massive addition began in earnest two years ago.

The grand opening of the newly expanded church will be held Sept. 8-9, and a community open house is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14, from 5-8 p.m. Amstutz emphasizes that the public is welcome to attend worship services on Saturdays at 5 p.m. or Sundays at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The 9:15 a.m. Sunday service is also live-streamed at Lakeland.church.

#### ROYAL OAK FARM ORCHARD OFFERS FUN FOR ALL

Like other farms and agricultural attractions throughout the Midwest, Peter Bianchini thought about developing a corn maze on his land in Harvard, Illinois. However, considering he operates an apple orchard, Bianchini had another idea.

Royal Oak Farm Orchard's Amaze 'N Apples opened to the public in 2015. Although planting the trees only took two or three days, the concept required three or four years of patience because the trees had to mature enough to create the challenge of a typical maze.

Spanning more than a 1½ miles over 5 acres, nine types of apple trees make up the estimated 3,000 that are part of the maze. "Now the trees are filling in nicely, and eventually it will be completely impossible to see through, like a hedge system," says Bianchini's granddaughter, Sarah Bell.

Four generations of the family live and work on the farm, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2017.



From a restaurant, gift shop and bakery to the Royal Oak Express train, carousel and a petting zoo, Royal Oak offers a variety of entertainment. "We really focus on making it a really family-friendly environment," Bell says. "We treat people as family when they come — that's our base. We want people to have a great

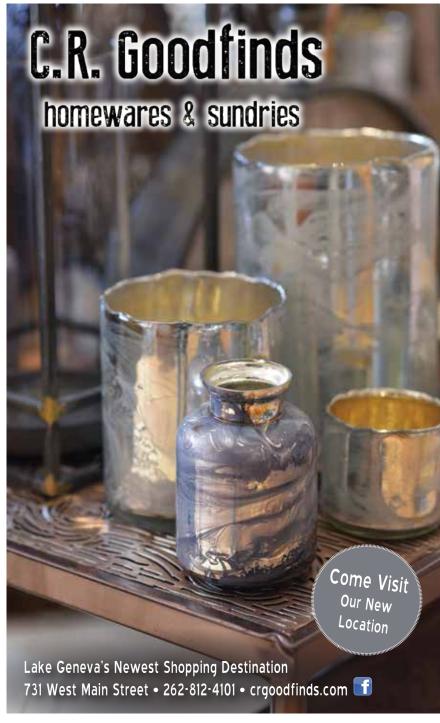
time and spend time with the kids and grandkids."

Even the maze provides more than meets the eye. Whether it's games teaching kindergarten-age children shapes and colors or scavenger hunts and word puzzles, the orchard aims to maintain interest by changing what's available year after year, Bell says. "We try really hard to make sure we have a positive impact in the community and have a great place for people to go," she adds.

For those who can't visit the orchard as often as they'd like, Royal Oak now offers







a chance to order your favorite bakery or gift shop items online and pick them up at various locations in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. For information, visit royaloakmade.com.

The orchard is only a short, 20-minute ride from Lake Geneva and is open seven days a week.

#### ELKHORN SCHOOLS UNVEIL IMPROVEMENTS

Students in Elkhorn will get a fresh start in more ways than one this fall. The first day of classes marks the debut of a series of upgrades funded through a referendum approved in 2016.

From renovating the parking lot and traffic flow near the middle school to constructing a greenhouse for high school students studying agricultural sciences, the \$22.9 million overhaul wraps up a long-term facilities improvement plan that spanned two referendums.

Having new amenities ultimately raises the bar for sports and academic programs across the district, according to Superintendent Jason Tadlock.

"It's very exciting to see it come to fruition," he says. "It was a community-shared vision, and the stakeholders and everyone worked together to support it, so it's exciting to see it come together for the students."

Aside from the greenhouse, which was open in June, the project brought new lighting, seats and a sound system to the high school's auditorium; remodeled classrooms and special education spaces; and improved athletic facilities, including an agility center and expanded weight room as well as artificial turf for the football field and new outdoor running tracks.









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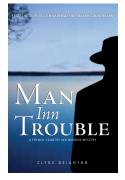
According to Tadlock, the weight and training center now has among the highest square footage per student in the state. What's important, he says, is that the work addressed an area that previously was lacking.

Two additional softball fields and a more open landscape will provide increased practice space for the school's athletes.

Aside from a few spells of rain throughout the summer months, Tadlock says the renovations ultimately followed a projected timeline. "The weather threw us some curveballs," he says. "It always slows down excavation work and makes it more challenging, but we were able to manage and keep things on track."

With most of the work out of the way, students and the community alike can begin benefiting from the improved facilities. As a way to give back to those who supported the effort, the superintendent says anyone can rent the agility center, weight room, auditorium and open fields when they aren't in use for school programs.

For information, call community engagement coordinator Jon Anzalone at 262-723-3160.



#### LOCAL AUTHOR RELEASES NEW BOOK

Writing under the pen name Clyde Deighton, local author Tony Navilio released his latest novel in

May. Man Inn Trouble is a sequel to Murder at the French Country Inn, and features the same cast of characters as its predecessor. Navilio is the owner of the popular French Country Inn on Lake Como, and cites a lifelong love of reading and writing as his inspiration to become an author. (His pen name is a nod to his alma mater, the University of Dayton, where he majored in English.)

According to Navilio, Man Inn Trouble is told through the eyes of the chief of

police. In addition to the local setting, portions of the novel take place in Chicago. "People are saying it's a little more of a thriller combined with a classic whodunit," he explains. The book is currently available at the French Country Inn, Kismet, Cornerstone Shop & Gallery and Breadloaf Book Shop, and Navilio hopes to make it available on Amazon soon.

#### GENEVA LAKE MUSEUM RECEIVES DONATION

Some of the original furnishings from the Russian cottage or izba, which once stood on the property of Jerseyhurst, the estate of R.T. Crane have been donated to the Geneva Lake Museum.

In mid-July, museum staff took possession of two handcrafted stools and a table that were originally part of an exhibit at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.

R.T. Crane's son, Charles, obtained the izba and its furnishings and had them shipped to his father's estate on Geneva



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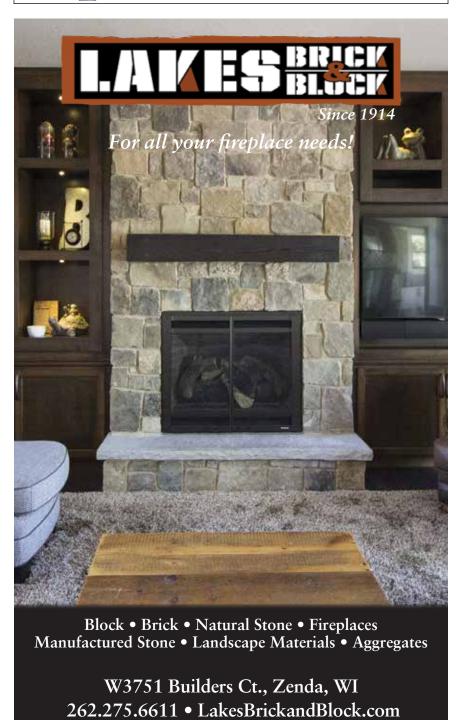




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Lake's north shore, where the cottage was often used for afternoon teas.

The circuitous route in which the furniture returned to Lake Geneva, began on the East Coast, where they once resided with Anna Camp Edwards, the tutor to Charles Crane's daughter, Josephine. Edwards' grandson recognized the furniture's significance, and after some clever detective work contacted local historian John Notz, who suggested their new home should be with the Geneva Lake Museum.

The three pieces of furniture are on display adjacent to the stained-glass windows that were a part of original Jeseyhurst estate, which was razed in 1933.



#### DINE AROUND THE LAKES THIS NOVEMBER

The Walworth County Visitors Bureau has announced that the fifth annual Dine Around the Lakes will take place this year from Nov. 2 - 11. As part of the Restaurant Week-style event, a wide array of local restaurants will offer special menus featuring a three-course lunch for \$10-\$15 or a three-course dinner for \$20-\$30. In addition, event planners have designated Tuesday, Nov. 6 as a charity day: restaurants will donate a portion of the proceeds or a portion of each meal served on that day to a charity of their choice. For more information, visit DineAroundTheLakes. com or follow Dine Around the Lakes on Facebook.



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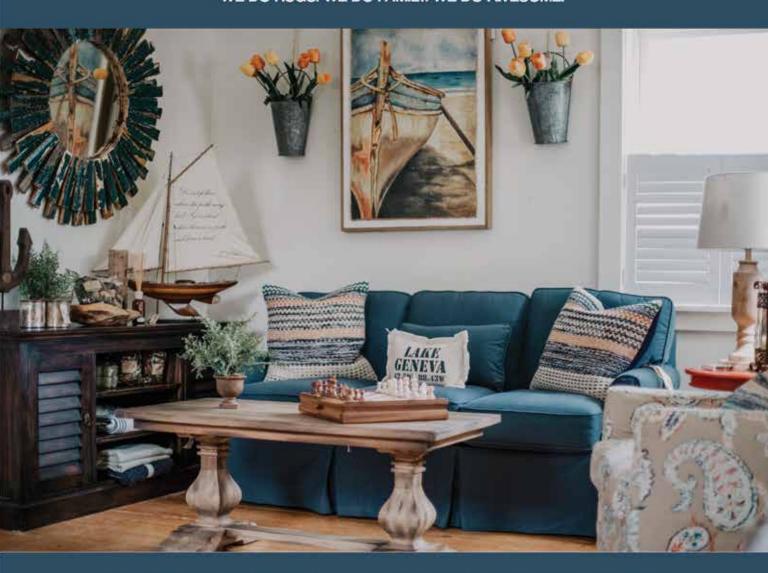


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If you've ever taken a stroll around Lake Geneva and felt a connection to the past, it wasn't by accident you felt the tug of time. So many of the places and spaces that draw us back remain because of the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission.

At its helm for the past 22 years is local architect Ken Etten.

A soft-spoken, detail-oriented champion of what once was, his leadership shapes the history we can still see and touch.

That hasn't come easy, though. Preserving the past is a laborious process. Behind one of those "National Register of Historic Places" plaques is the work of a small army, often led by men like Etten. Undaunted by the extensive documentation required of such honorifics, not to mention the challenges of bringing together groups of people with differing views on what should become of a building that has seen better days, Etten has made it his life's work.

"I think he's patient," says Patrick Quinn, also a member of the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission and a retired Northwestern University archivist and history writer, of Etten. "I think the [role of] patience here, is that you're dealing with history, which was a long time making, and you have to have patience to sort of take it all in and be able to conceptualize what you're taking in."

#### "We need to remember where we came from, and what was here before we were."

- KEN ETTEN, ARCHITECT AND CHAIRMAN, LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Conceptualizing is what architects do. From a plan in the mind to a plan on paper, Etten creates new buildings, and saves old ones from the wrecking ball. He lives in the present and cherishes our collective past. What fuels him?

"We need to remember where we came from, and what was here before we were," he says simply in his office, where he's been one-half of the McCormack + Etten/Architects firm since its inception in September 1992.

Born in Woodstock, Illinois, on Jan. 24, 1948, to Clarence, a beef farmer, and Bernice, Etten was one of five sons. Etten and his wife, Diane, married in 1983, and have called Lake Geneva home for the last 35 years. As an architect, Etten could have easily designed a new and modern home for his bride. But he didn't. Instead, the couple purchased a home dated to 1855 in Lake Geneva's Maple Park Historic District. The home was once owned by the late James Roy Allen, who designed The Riviera in downtown Lake Geneva. Here, the Ettens raised their daughters, Emily and Ashley. In March, Ashley gave birth to the Etten's first grandchild, a boy, Nolan.

"It's cool," says Etten of becoming a grandpa. "It's fun. We just wish we lived closer to them and could see him a little more."

#### **FULL AND REWARDING DAYS**

When At The Lake profiled Etten several years ago, he said he had no plans to retire anytime soon. That remains the case. Most mornings, Etten rises early and prepares for what will likely be a 12-14 hour day. His office is in downtown Lake Geneva, and within walking distance of his historic home. Most evenings find him busy with work or meetings related to his deep commitment to civic life.

A fading breed of citizen, Etten serves his community with a dedication not easy to find in a world that has become increasingly focused on







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"Most nights, I have a meeting someplace," he says. "But I like it."

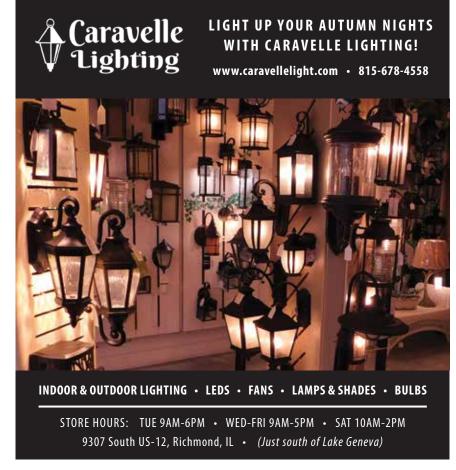
#### A WALK WITH KEN

A walk around Lake Geneva is, in a way, like a walk with Ken Etten. You can't actually see his fingerprints on historic plaques in front of the seven buildings in Lake Geneva that enjoy placement on national and state historic registers, but their enjoyment for future generations is a nod to his leadership. His Maple Park neighborhood and the Main Street district downtown have also been recognized with designations on the state and national historic registers. In 2009, Lake Geneva was selected from 160 applicants as a "Distinctive Destination" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"That was exciting for us," says Etten. "It brought in new visitors to the area and got national attention."

A couple of blocks away from Etten's Broad Street architectural firm, is the Geneva Theater. When it closed in the fall of 2010, JaNelle Powers, who heads up the Geneva Theater Actors Guild, saw an opportunity. Her goal, she says, was to acquire the building for her theater company to use for live performances, and for friend and former Lake Geneva Alderwoman Elizabeth Chappell to use as an art museum.

"Ken was just about the first person I kind of asked to join in with Elizabeth and myself ... He is very into historic



#### **Q&A** with Ken Etten

What was the first thing you ever designed? I grew up on a farm, with four brothers, and we were always looking for things to do. I think one of the first "projects" I can recall us designing was a treehouse in a silver maple tree just outside our back door.

How many projects with your firm are you working on each year? The number varies from year to year, but it's generally in the range of 50-75.

What are some local examples of your architectural work? The majority of our work is residential projects on Geneva Lake and around southeast Wisconsin and northeast Illinois, but we have also done a number of commercial and institutional projects around the area, including the Newport West Building on Main Street, the Brunk Pavilion, and the recent Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center remodeling in Flat Iron Park, the Riviera Business Park, the St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall, the Williams Bay and Darien Village Halls, the Geneva Village Shops, the YMCA swimming pool additions, several buildings at Covenant Harbor, and a number of local restaurants, including Tuscan, Su-Wings and Next Door Pub. I also worked with Tom Hartz on creating Simple Café from the former NAPA Auto Parts store. Several years ago, I worked on the last remodeling and updating on The Riviera that included interior upgrades and some exterior repairs using TIF funds.

Who is your favorite architect? I suppose if I had to pick one it would probably be Frank Lloyd Wright, especially during his Prairie School period at the turn of the century. There are a number of others I admire, including Mies van der Rohe, Louis Sullivan and Henry Hobson Richardson, William Le Baron Jenney. One of the current architects I admire is Robert Stern.

What makes a good leader? I believe a good leader should be an individual of high moral and ethical standards, who is open to considering a wide-range of opinions and has compassion for others, but when a major decision needs to be made, places the long-term good of the majority ahead of personal interest and short-term gain.

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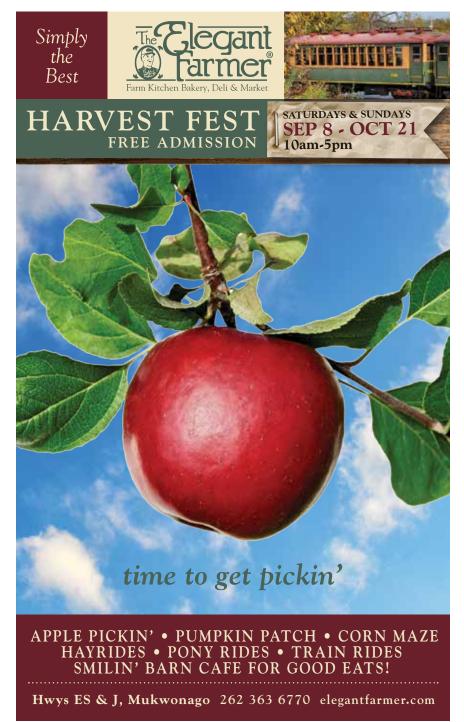
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preservation. He just works and he works really hard and he was really instrumental in preserving the theater as a historic property," says Powers.

Though Etten and the Friends worked tirelessly to purchase the building, with Etten drawing up architectural plans to restore the space to its former glory, the property was purchased by developer Shad Branen, who is also known for his historic preservation work in nearby Burlington. Funds the Friends raised are now used to rent the space for live performances and for nonprofits to host fundraising events. For Etten, not sealing the deal with an outright purchase isn't a loss.

"We preserved the building. It's still a theater. There are still the old vaudevillian stages that are used for live performances," he said. "I'm happy about that."

Powers agrees. "We did preserve the building," she says. "It's not been taken back to what it had been in 1928, when it was built. At least they didn't tear it down and make a parking lot, right? Everyone is delighted that there can be live theater and there can be live musical performances from time to time, and that's good, and Ken absolutely made that happen, along with our board. He was very instrumental in making that happen."

#### THE RAILROAD WAS HERE

Next on Etten's list of things to get us to take notice of is a set of "ghost footprints" on Sage Street, just north of the Geneva Lake Museum parking lot. This is where the Chicago & North Western Railway had a series of maintenance facilities. On a recent weekday morning, Etten was busy finalizing details with a landscape company readying the installation of concrete markers, flush with the ground. Each marker tells a specific tale of what once was there — the railroad's engine turntable, engine shed, water tower and section house.

"Right now, if someone came to the City of Lake Geneva for the first time," says Etten, "they'd be hard-pressed to know there was a railroad here. And its key part of our development."

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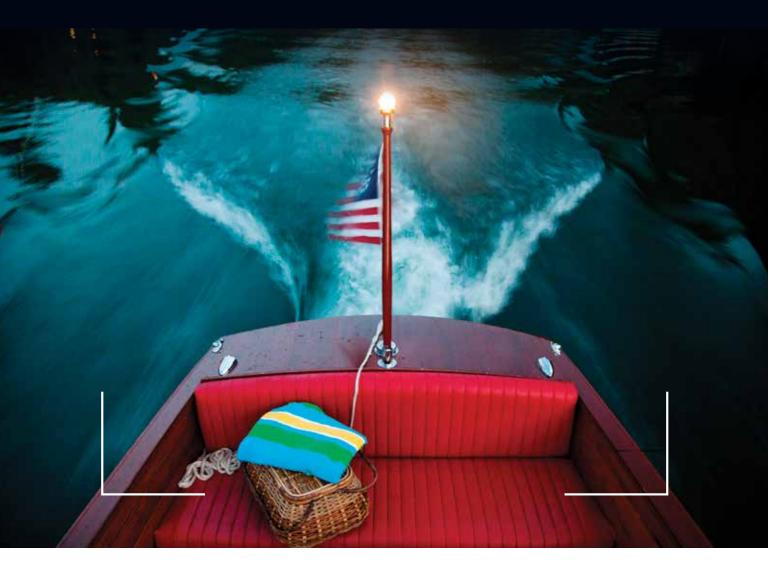
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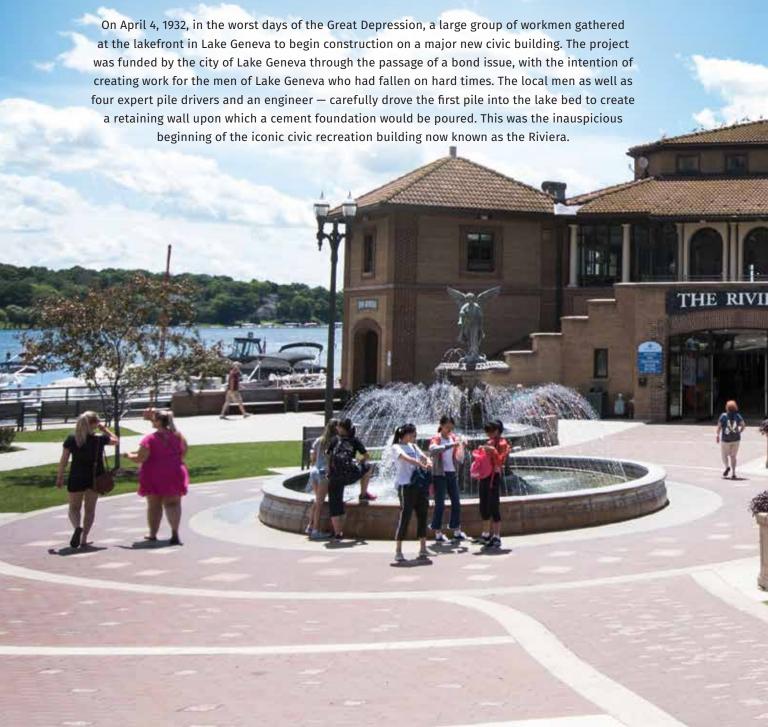
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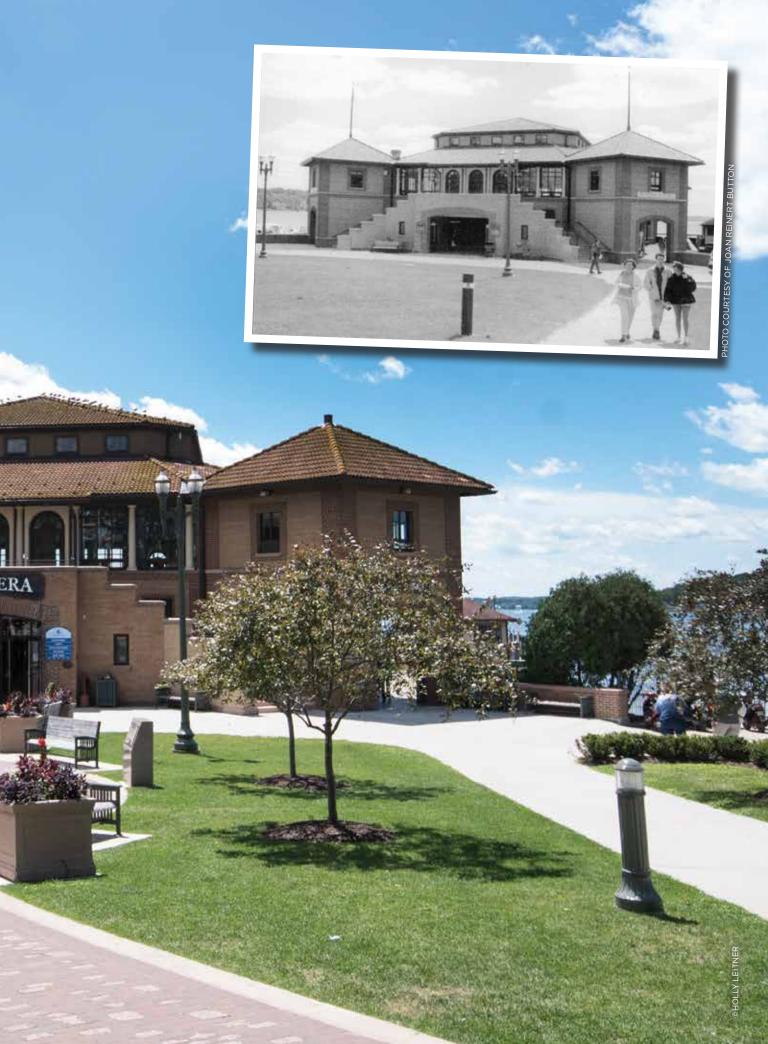
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# GROUND UP

IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, EDWARD C. REINERT AND HERMAN MALSCH HELPED BUILD MANY OF THE LAKE GENEVA LANDMARKS WE KNOW TODAY

BY ANNE MORRISSY







## EDWARD C. REINERT AND HERMAN MALSCH

The foundation was the responsibility of a firm called Reinert and Malsch Cement Stone Manufacturing Company, and by the time of the Riviera's construction, the business was a local Lake Geneva institution. Edward C. Reinert had formed the company with another partner, Fred Coleman, in 1901, specializing in cement, stone and brickwork, which included the manufacturing of concrete building material, a cutting-edge and specialized business at that time. In 1906, Coleman left for California, and Reinert added two new partners: Herman Malsch and William Baumbach Jr., though Baumbach remained a part of the firm for only a few years before taking up farming.

By 1913, the firm — ultimately renamed Reinert and Malsch — had built many of the historic buildings that still make up downtown Lake Geneva today. "They began to take up extensively the manufacture of these cement blocks which had the face of granite," explains Edward C. Reinert's granddaughter, Joan Reinert Button. "These became very popular exterior building materials, and many of the downtown stores in Lake Geneva were built by Reinert and Malsch



The work of Reinert and Malsch is still evident in the façades of some of the buildings in downtown Lake Geneva. The firm's development of cement blocks with a granite face became a very popular building material for the firm and was used on many projects.

of this granite-faced cement block."

Both Reinert and Malsch were trained as master stonemasons. Reinert was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1872 to German parents, and began apprenticing as a mason from a young age. In 1885, the Reinert family moved to Lake Geneva, and the young Edward Reinert worked as a contract mason for several years before founding his own firm. Malsch had learned the trade from his father,

John Frederick Malsch, a German immigrant who received his certificate of stonemasonry in his native Germany before relocating first to Lyons and then nearby Springfield, where Herman was born in 1874.

In their headquarters on Williams Street across from the Lake Geneva train depot, Reinert and Malsch manufactured concrete brick, concrete block and concrete tile for wells; sold sand and gravel

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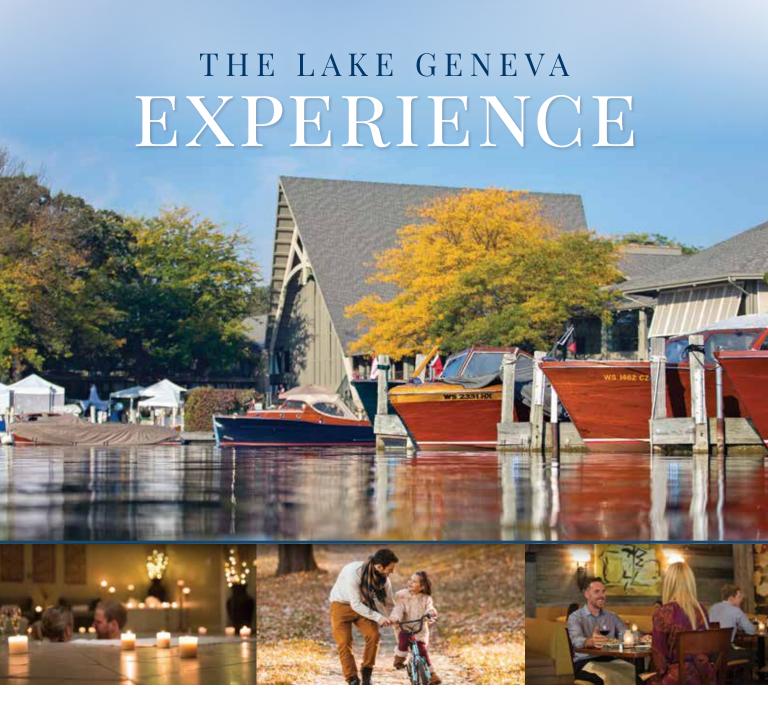
for concrete; and maintained millwork manufacturing equipment to make window frames for their construction jobs, among other things. Button says that in addition to their expertise in stone and concrete, Reinert and Malsch also worked as general contractors on many projects. "They contracted and hired carpenters, laborers, masons, bricklayers, plasterers and painters," she explains.

#### **BUILDING HORTICULTURAL HALL**

In 1911, the firm received the contract to build Lake Geneva's Horticultural Hall, designed in the English Arts and Crafts style by architect Robert Closson Spencer Jr. The hall was built for the use of Lake Geneva Gardener's and Foreman's Association, a professional organization for the groundskeepers of the estates

ABOVE: Malsch and Reinert manufactured a wide range of concrete building materials out of their facility on Williams Street across from the Lake Geneva train depot. LEFT: In addition to some of Lake Geneva's landmarks, Malsch and Reinert's crews also constructed farm buildings and specially designed curved cement block for silos.





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around the lake. Reinert and Malsch's team worked through the winter of 1911-12 with a goal to have the Hall open in time for the annual Peony Show in June. Newspaper accounts chronicled Horticultural Hall's building progress: "The architecture of this building will be the panel effect, with rough cast finish. On the south will be a court 90 x 100, the walls of which will be cement block." The paper went on to note that, "the cement is being mixed by machinery," which proved to be "the first time a machine has been used on a building in Lake Geneva." With this project, Reinert and Malsch were able to showcase their innovation in cement technology. Horticultural Hall opened as planned in June 1912 to great critical acclaim. Today, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and remains a popular civic event space, hosting parties and weddings as well as a weekly farmer's market in the summer.

# LAKE GENEVA COUNTRY CLUB GETS A NEW CLUBHOUSE

With Horticultural Hall, Reinert and Malsch had proved themselves to be efficient, forward-thinking builders. Three years later, this helped them win the contract for another Spencer-designed building, the second clubhouse at the Lake Geneva Country Club. (The original clubhouse had been destroyed by fire.) Much like Horticultural Hall, Spencer's design for the clubhouse featured an English Arts and Crafts influence.

According to Muriel Malsch, Lake Geneva resident and Herman Malsch's greatniece, the construction of the clubhouse presented at least one significant challenge. "On February 22, 1916, [the team from Reinert and Malsch] were taking a load of supplies over to the job site and it was in the winter, so of course they thought they could go across the frozen lake in a wagon with horses pulling it," she remembered. "They had about 15 men on the wagon going over there, and they left just off of what is now Geneva Bay Estates. They went onto the ice and they were out just a little ways when the ice gave way and they went down into 10 feet of water."

According to Muriel, her great-uncle Herman had a knife and was able to get out of the water and cut the horses free from their harnesses in order to rescue them. "They didn't lose anybody. Just a





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lot of materials. But all of the guys got out and they got the horses out, too. I remember they said they brought the horses back to the stable and walked them for 24 hours because they'd been in that cold, cold water."

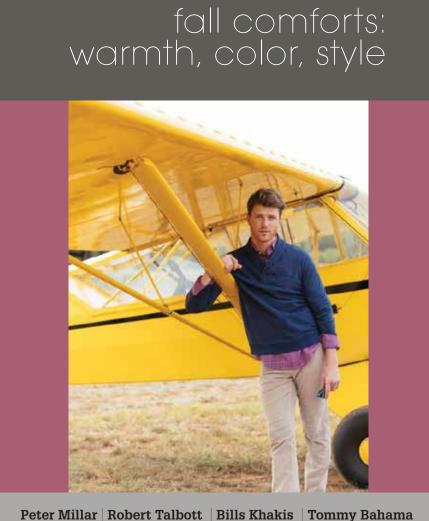
The horses and the men recovered from the ordeal, and the clubhouse was completed as scheduled in the spring of 1916. The country club membership hosted a grand opening party over the Fourth of July weekend that year. From its earliest days, the new building was acclaimed for its design and execution.

"In 2016, the Lake Geneva Country Club celebrated the 100th anniversary of the completion of the clubhouse, which is still as beautiful and looks as new as when it was built," says Button. "Reinert and Malsch buildings are known for their durability."

#### BUILDING THE FUTURE GENEVA LAKE MUSEUM

During their nearly four decades of business, Reinert and Malsch maintained an impressively busy schedule, working on smaller jobs like concrete silos and well covers (many of which survive to this day), and much larger jobs, from private estates on the lake to public buildings like the Christian Science Church in downtown Lake Geneva. They also oversaw the construction of the new Lake Geneva High School building in 1928 (today it is the Denison half of modern-day Central-Denison Elementary School), though they were officially prohibited from bidding on the building contract due to the fact that Edward C. Reinert served on the Lake Geneva School Board at the time. In the 1920s, as their reputation spread, Reinert and Malsch even began to expand their work beyond the local area to the Chicago suburbs of Lake Forest, Wilmette, Highland Park and Winnetka.

Closer to home in 1929, Reinert and Malsch received the contract to build the Wisconsin Power and Light maintenance garage, which today serves as the Geneva Lake Museum. (According to Muriel Malsch, anecdotal evidence indicates that they also built the brick Wisconsin Power and Light office building on Main Street, which is now the Lake Geneva Utility Commission building, though Button has been unable to locate the building record.)



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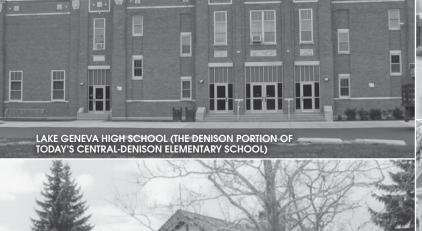
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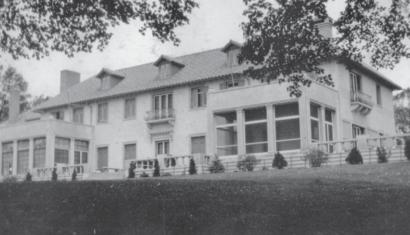




# A SAMPLING OF STRUCTURES REINERT & MALSCH HAD A HAND IN BUILDING



HORTICULTURAL HALL



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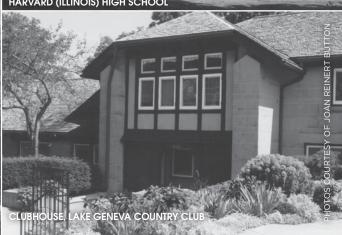


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According to Button's research, as the deadline approached, "Reinert and Malsch were waiting anxiously for delivery of the huge wooden roof support trusses from Milwaukee." Luckily the materials arrived "just in time" for Reinert and Malsch to complete the work on the set date. Almost 90 years later, the trusses remain visible, creating a soaring, open experience to visitors of the museum.

#### A FOUNDATION FOR LAKE GENEVA'S MOST FAMOUS LANDMARK

The city leaders were obviously pleased with Reinert and Malsch's work, because



After the original clubhouse at Lake Geneva Country Club was destroyed by fire, Reinert and Malsch won the contract for the new Robert Closson Spencer-designed building. In 2016, the Country Club celebrated the  $100^{\rm th}$  anniversary of the clubhouse's completion.

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three years later, they were awarded the contract for the foundation of the Riviera. When Reinert and Malsch's team drove the first pile into the lake bed on April 4, 1932, it marked the beginning of what would turn out to be an indelible landmark for the city.

A Lake Geneva resident named Harry Cocroft chronicled the progress of the Riviera's construction week by week with notes and photographs. His notes tell a story of well-coordinated, industrious labor. According to Cocroft, by the end of April, all 287 piles had been driven into the lake, and part of the form for the pouring of the concrete foundation was in place.

Similar to the Wisconsin Power and Light agreement, city leaders incentivized all of the contractors to work quickly. As a result, the building pace for the Riviera was accelerated, with the Reinert and Malsch team working Saturdays and even some Sundays. In mid-May, they increased their schedule to 12-hour work days. Evidently, the city's incentives proved effective. On September 1, 1932, less than five months after the first pile was driven, the iconic recreational building then known as Northport (the name Riviera would be adopted a year later) hosted an informal opening dance.

Today the Mediterranean Revival-style landmark has undergone significant restoration work and earned a place on the National Register of Historic Places. Unfortunately, Edward C. Reinert did not live long enough to see the Riviera become an iconic local landmark. He passed away in 1934, less than two years after its completion. Herman Malsch continued the business on his own for a few years, but Muriel Malsch believes that Herman retired around WWII and closed the Cement Stone Manufacturing Company. However, the many buildings they helped to create — several of them now local landmarks — remain a visible, timeless memorial to the expertise and hard work of an exceptional Lake Geneva masonry and construction team, Reinert and Malsch.

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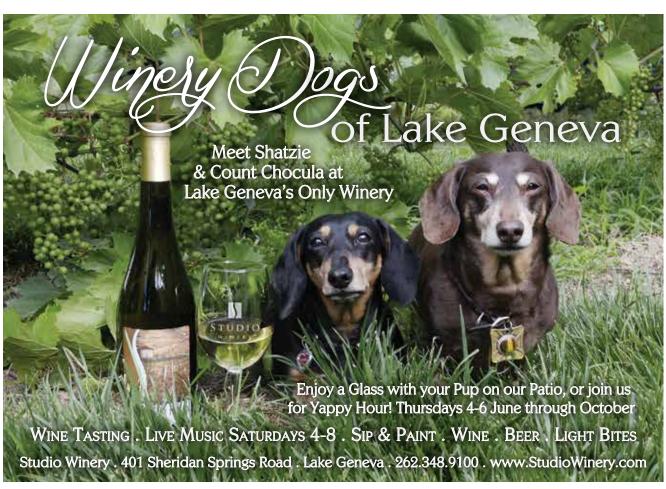


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Tully (Tullymole Dew), Collie mix
Family: Spencer, Carrie, Betty and Danny Moysey
Favorite Lake Activity: Watching birds and squirrels from the deck Pet Peeve: Ants on the deck — she tries to eat them Naughtiest Deed: Escaping from the house, but she ends up back on the deck no matter what Rescue: Yes, from PAWS Chicago









Mini Dachshund
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Rescue: Yes





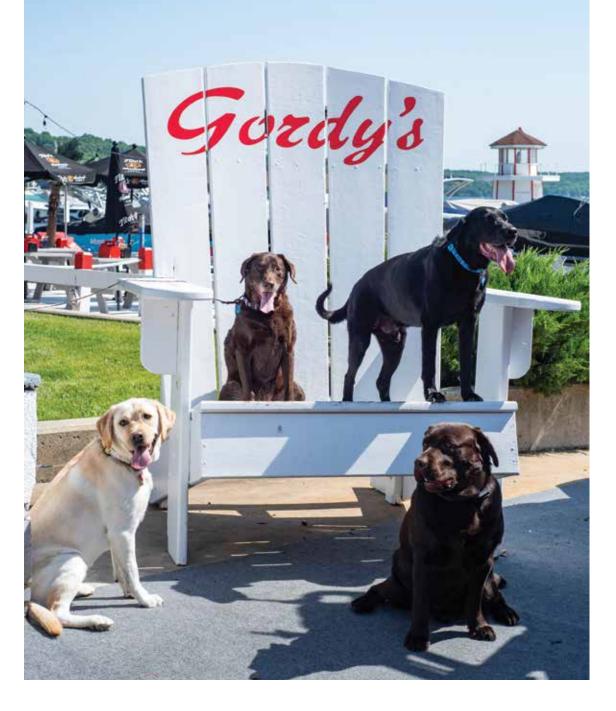


**Joisey**, English Labrador Family: Brad & Carol Scharfenorth Favorite Lake Activity: Dock diving Pet Peeve: Waiting in line at dock diving Naughtiest Deed: Digging up sheets on the bed

**Guiley,** Chocolate Labrador Family: Brad & Carol Scharfenorth Favorite Lake Activity: Swimming/fishing with us on our boat Pet Peeve: Waiting for her dinner Naughtiest Deed: Shredding toys

**Gozeman**, English Labrador - Chocolate Family: The Polkow Family Favorite Lake Activity: Swimming Pet Peeve: When someone touches his feet Naughtiest Deed: He shredded his dog bed

**Ghody,** Labrador Retriever Family: The Furlongs Favorite Lake Activity: Dock diving and duck chasing Pet Peeve: Chipmunk invaders Naughtiest Deed: Caught a skunk (twice)







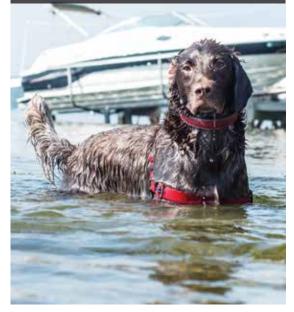




Agnes Dancuke "offgyie," Bearcoat Sharpei
Family: The Leitners
Favorite Lake Activity: Watching the Shore Path and lakeside naps
Pet Peeve: Other dogs and fireworks
Naughtiest Deed: Snoring loudly and waking up family
Rescue: Yes, from Rocky Ridge Refuge, Arkansas



Jackson, Münsterländer
Family: Mark and Sherry Coughlin
Favorite Lake Activity: Retrieving rocks
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# Their Products Reflect Their Passion

The owners of Rush Creek Distilling put their all into every bottle

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ABOVE: The owners of Rush Creek Distilling are from left to right: Mark Stricker, Jay Nolan, Jeff McCarthy and Todd Stricker. RIGHT: Rush Creek's 600-gallon custom-tooled pot still and still line were hand-built by American artisans over the course of 14 months. The still's name, Liberty, comes from its delivery date in Harvard, Illinois, on Memorial Day 2017.

so there's a little hyperbole to the backstory of how their business was founded.

"Four locals were having a few at the local tavern. They'd been talking about a new venture. Something unexpected. Something seriously fun. It would be a distillery, but it would be dedicated to craftsmanship and genuine craft distilling." Or so the story goes ...

The tale, while essentially true, is over-simplified. The idea of starting Rush Creek Distilling took more than a single trip to a local watering hole. Truth is there were months of talk, brainstorming and hard-core planning. Though, giving credence to one portion of the yarn, a participant acknowledged, "sometimes drinks were involved."

Rush Creek Distilling has been in the planning stages for two years and has been open for another, so it was hardly built in a day. It actually took about a year longer than expected because of the tardy delivery of equipment.





Rush Creek Distilling's main floor is home to the two-story, Craftsman's Bar that is a combination of modern, industrial design and features a view into the still house.

Located at 1501 W. Diggins St., just over the state line in Harvard, Illinois, it's housed in a building formerly used for making wiring harnesses.

This summer, *At the Lake* visited the facility for a private tasting and a tour. In attendance, were three of the company's four owners—Jay Nolan, Jeff McCarthy and Mark Stricker. Mark's brother, Todd, was the only one absent. Besides this reporter, one other person came as a guest, the reporter's friend — Jake.

Jake is a connoisseur of spirits — not of apparitions, but the kind of spirits made at the distillery. He was brought along as an expert witness to the quality of Rush Creek's products: gin, vodka and whiskey.

Jake came claiming that he was a diehard whiskey fan. Vodka and gin? Not so much.

Nolan poured the first serving — Rush Creek Distilling's Vodka, which the bottle says, "will take you places." Initially, it

seemed, Jake was not going to be traveling far, considering his aversion to that particular spirit.

"You know," Jake said a tad tentatively, "It smells good." Then he took a sip, "Wow, this IS good."



"Well, we think it is," Nolan said, not so modestly, "I'll put it up against Belvedere," he said comparing it to a top-of-the line vodka.

Jake, surprisingly, agreed with the comparison. "Easily," he said. "Without a doubt!"

Then Nolan poured from a bottle of Rush Creek's gin. "I'm not really a gin drinker myself," he said as he poured.

"Me neither," echoed Jake.

Jake put the glass to his nose. "This smells good too," he said, followed by a sip, "This is really good! You're two for two." Then, upon a moment of reflection, he concluded, "I'm going to have to start drinking vodka and gin."

High praise from a man who was prepared for disappointment.

Before the tasting, or perhaps in preparation for it, Jake had showed us a

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Although vodka and gin don't require aging and can go straight to bottling after finishing, Rush Creek's bourbons and whiskeys are aged in new hand-crafted, white oak charred barrels.

photo he had posted on Instagram. It was a picture showing how he relaxes after a 30-mile bike ride or a hard day tending to his garden. The photo showed a glass of whiskey and a cigar burning in a nearby ashtray — Jake's way of celebrating — which dovetails nicely with one of the distillery's slogans, "you work hard, you play harder."

"That's a sipper," Stricker said as the whiskey appeared. "That'll go along with your cigar."

Since Rush Creek is relatively new, and since the distilling of whiskey takes time,

"We considered a wedding venue and decided nah, a microbrewery, nah.
Then one of us suggested a microdistillery. I said 'is that a thing?" The more we investigated the more we liked that business model."

MARK STRICKER, CO-OWNER RUSH CREEK DISTILLING

their Trophy Whiskey is not technically their own. "The whiskey was discovered by our friend in Louisville who has been in the whiskey business for many years," Stricker explained.

The friend has worked for Maker's Mark and owns another craft distillery in Michigan. "He is blessed with a lot of friends in the business and gets a lot of first looks at special barrels that don't fit the profile of the original distillers," Stricker said.

Those distillers intended to make bourbon out of the batch in question but their product was made at a higher proof than is allowed for bourbon. "Perfect for us though," said Stricker.

Jake thought so, too. "You're three for three," he said.

"We harvest the spirits, go through three filtration processes, cut the spirits to proof per Jeff's tasting to make sure we add enough water to get the flavors he's looking for but not too much to lose that profile," Stricker said of the whiskey. "We were given the canvas to finalize the art form."

The canvas? The art form? That put a different twist on how they viewed their product. And showed that their work was more than just a job.

Not to worry, Rush Creek's own whiskey is being made in the adjoining room and stored in casks for aging and will be available soon.

#### MEET THE MAKERS

People who make beer are called brewers; the whiskey makers are called distillers. Rush Creek's distillers—Nolan, McCarthy and the Stricker boys—go back a long way. All four were born and raised in Harvard. They were friends before the idea of opening a distillery came to mind.

In fact, the Stricker, Nolan and McCarthy families have known each other for generations.

Nolan ran Harvard Ready Mix and then was mayor for 11 years. Mark Stricker and his family were involved in real estate and developed Harvard's Industrial Park — which is also home to his brother Kurt's dog treat factory, Pedigree Ovens. They also worked together at the Harvard Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership that attracts businesses to town.

The partners were looking at a real estate deal with excess land involved and were considering how it might be used. "We considered a wedding venue and decided nah, a microbrewery, nah," Mark Stricker said. "Then one of us suggested a microdistillery. I said 'is that a thing?"

It turned out to be more than a thing. "The more we investigated the more we liked that business model," he said.

The Strickers are a family of bakers, so mixing ingredients, as is done at the distillery, or mixing business with pleasure, is nothing new to them.

Explaining how business deals are often done between trusted friends in a small town, Stricker said, "We just shake hands. A



The second floor Founder's Loft overlooks the still house and is ideal for groups up to 60. Its subdued lighting, spirits bar and plush seating create a sophisticated gathering spot for private parties.





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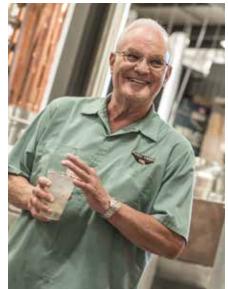
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Mark Stricker, left, worked with Jay Nolan at the Harvard Economic Development Corporation. Stricker's family has been involved in real estate and development of Harvard's Industrial Park, while Nolan ran Harvard Ready Mix and once served as the city's mayor.

lawyer will say, 'You can't do that.' We did."

McCarthy, "the taster," entered the picture a little later. Blessed with a discerning pallet, he makes sure the spirits have a consistent taste, bottle after bottle, sip after sip. He's retired from the

Air Force where he was a mechanic and now McCarthy is on the Information Technology staff at a nearby college. He's had an interest in distilling since his Air Force days and actually built his own still long before he got involved in Rush Creek.

"He doesn't say no to any challenge," Stricker said. "When he said he was in, I knew he was really in."

Todd Stricker, the youngest of six Stricker boys, has spent most of his professional career as a plastics container designer and



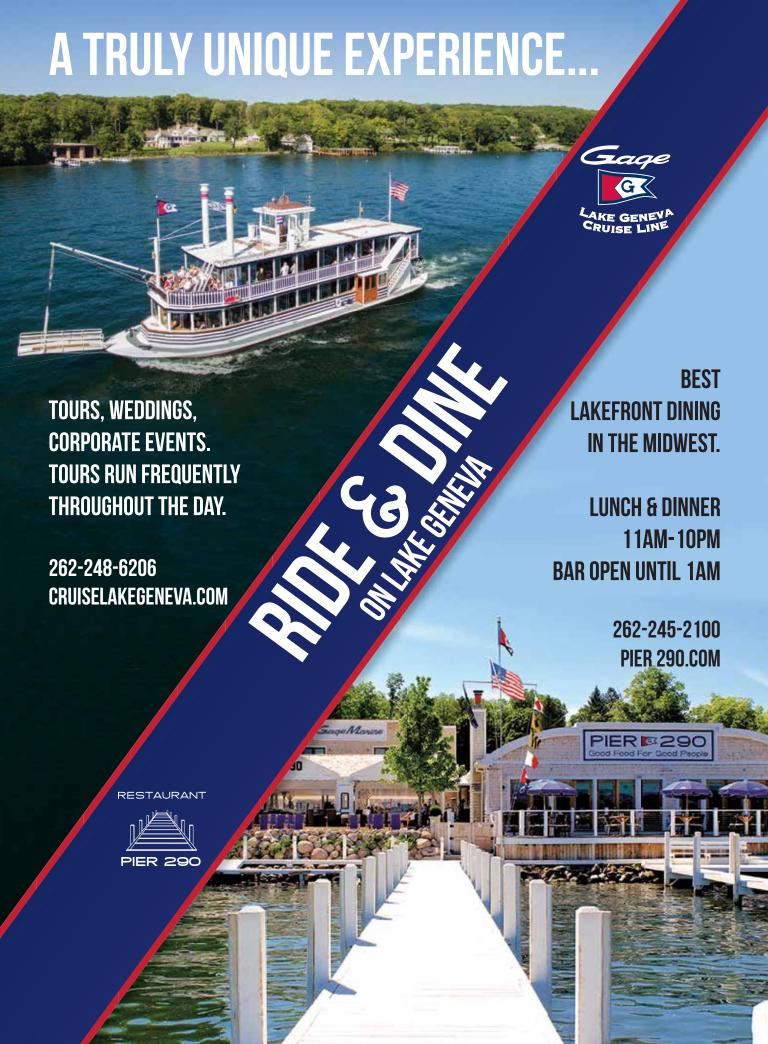
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packaging engineer. "He helps us keep our ship tight with good production practices, plant layout and efficiencies," his brother said.

The distillery's name comes from Rush Creek which headwaters in Harvard.

The water the distillery uses to make their spirits comes from Harvard's deepest well which is almost a quarter mile deep. "We purify that water more using reverse osmosis to make sure nothing interferes with the spirits' magnificent flavors," Mark said.

The company's logo reflects that spirit of interconnectedness to nature. It was developed after conversations with Lake Geneva artist, Neal Aspinall, who drew the label. Aspinall is responsible for many of the designs you see highlighting area events. His style is immediately discernible. The logo shows a fish which represents the clean water essential for both the habitat of Brook Trout and the foundation of the distillery's spirits.

Ninety percent of the ingredients used in Rush Creek liquors are grown within five miles of the distillery plant. Those farmers, the makers of Rush Creek's raw ingredients, are part of the Harvard family, too.

"Our fathers grew up together," said Stricker. "I grew up with their kids and my kids grew up with theirs."

### A LONG AND SOMETIMES WINDING ROAD

The process of building a distillery isn't for the faint of heart. For starters you need a building to distill in and equipment before you can even apply for a license. The time frame, "knocks a lot of people out of the playing field," according to Nolan.

Rush Creek was not immune to time delays. The Strickers, McCarthy and Nolan wanted to make sure their equipment was made in the U.S., but the company they chose didn't meet expectations when it came to delivery. "They over-promised and under-delivered." Stricker said.

But in the summer of 2017, Rush Creek took delivery of "Liberty," a 600-gallon custom-tooled pot still and the company held a soft opening soon after.

According to a company press release, "Liberty was hand-built by American artisans over the course of 14 months and took a 1,672-mile road trip from Boise, Idaho." Its name comes from its delivery date — Memorial Day.

The distillery's slogan is, "Adventure is where you find it." But the adventure is not just in the risky start of a new venture, but in the people themselves.

"It kind of says who we are," Mark Stricker said. "Jeff and I motorcycle and snowmobile, Jeff hunts, Todd and I ski and Jay travels."

And the distiller's products are on the move, too. The founders anticipate that their spirits will be available throughout the area soon. Plus, the distillery is available for tours, and it's also a wedding and private party destination with seating for up to 200 people.

See rushcreekdistilling.com for product availability and other details. ▲

### Harvard Revival

Harvard is known to area residents as the starting point and the last stop on the Metra Line to Chicago.

But it's becoming more than that. Harvard is making a comeback and leading that revival is Rush Creek Distillery.

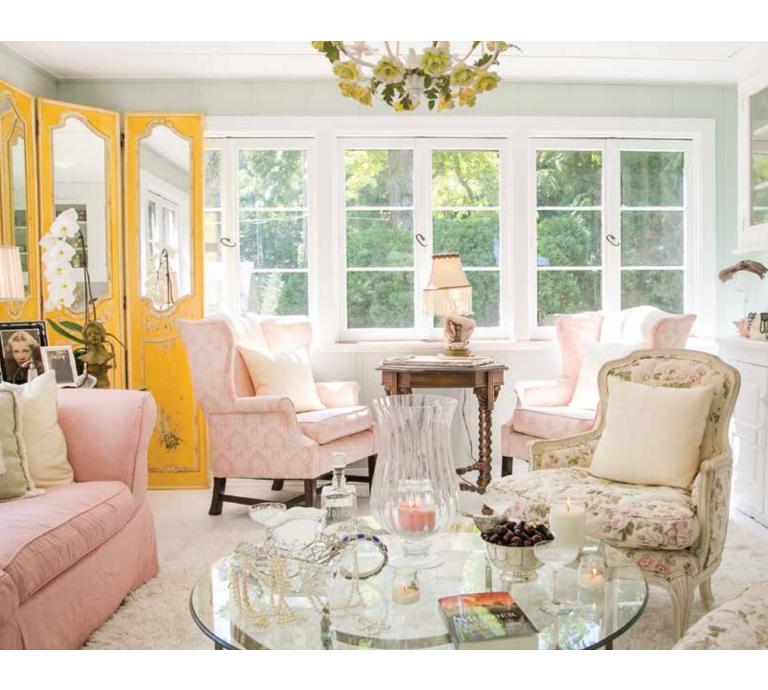
The city's population has nearly doubled since 1990 and now stands at nearly 10,000, about the size of Elkhorn and larger than Lake Geneva — during the offseason. Woodstock is only

12 miles from Harvard and has gotten the lion's share of good press over the years. Woodstock was where legendary director Orson Welles once attended school and where the movie "Groundhog Day" was filmed with Woodstock's idyllic town square as a backdrop.

Jaki Berggren, executive director of Visit McHenry, says, Harvard is a growing tourist destination.

"The city has definitely been showing its growth over the past five years or so as a tourism destination. Many artists, businesses and events call Harvard home," she said. "I believe that the distillery is just one more attraction over the years that keeps Harvard moving forward as a place to visit."





# TREASURES FROM THE PAST

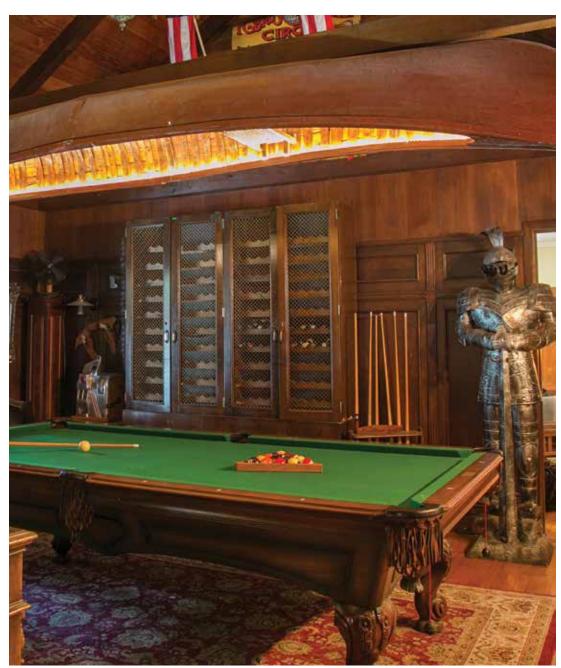
A Lake Geneva home shows a flair for the dramatic and a reverence for history through its cherished vintage décor

BY SHELBY DEERING | PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHANNA WOLF



The home's sleeping porch is readied with two antique beds and a Victrola, creating an ideal place to daydream the afternoon away as sweet Lucy can attest.

LEFT: The ladies' lounge is a garden party no matter the season seashells, pink furnishings and a yellow floral chandelier were all discovered at the Elkhorn Flea Market. A hat collection on the hutch is a nod to Souza's idea first introduced at Baker House, where guests don vintage chapeaus during their stay.





The unmistakable sound of a car on the gravel driveway can only mean one thing — guests are arriving at Bethany Souza's historic home, tucked into a wooded thicket within view of South Lake Shore Drive. In the same way that she welcomed guests to Baker House and Maxwell Mansion, two historic hotels that she founded, her home has become an inn of sorts as well. Friends and family find themselves drawn to the airy patios, the sleeping porch, the lofted guest hideaway and the vintage finds presented seamlessly in one vignette after another.

After wrapping up her time as a real estate expert on the HGTV show "Designed to Sell," Souza settled into a new life in Lake Geneva. With a background as a designer, staging professional and real estate developer, focusing primarily on the hospitality industry, Souza's passion is working as a historic redeveloper, restoring inns and bygone buildings to their former glory. That's exactly what she did with Baker House and Maxwell Mansion, two 19th-century mansions living out second acts as inns, complete with historic

details like a Prohibition-themed Speakeasy Bar, a proper parlor with a grand piano and true-to-the-time vintage décor.

Much like these inns, stepping into her home feels as if you're entering another era.

#### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Souza's pull toward all-things-vintage started when she was growing up in New York's Hudson Valley.

"I grew up in a house that was built in the 1890s," she says. "We had an old barn in the back, and the attic was filled with all kinds of treasures — Persian rugs, cases of old Victorian clothing. My mom used to make my Halloween costumes out of things we found in the attic. By the time I was in my 20s, I loved everything vintage."

Her respect for the past has drawn her to homes in which she says she feels "the walls can talk." So, it was only natural that









FAR LEFT: Displaying an impressive collection of curiosities, including a suit of armor, old slot machine and cowboy holster, the billiard room's dark paneling and vaulted ceiling are a dramatic backdrop to a vintage canoe turned chandelier hung over the pool table. ABOVE AND LEFT: A can't-miss-it red wall of shelving in the library is filled with antiquities and fascinating books, while the opposite walls in a soothing, neutral color complement the home's original post and beam construction and its collection of artwork.

when she first viewed her house, which had been sitting in disuse for three years but had a long history, she knew she was home.

Souza shares, "The land attracted me, and when I saw what's now my billiard room, the idea started to bloom and it just felt right. It has that feeling of good energy."

The house has had plenty of years to amass all that good energy. Souza dated some nails that she pulled from the floorboards, and although some real estate listings say that the dwelling was built in 1890, the nails point to an earlier era of the 1870s. In her research, Souza learned that her home and the surrounding neighbors' barns were once a part of the servants quarters and farm known as Story Brook Farm that serviced a lakefront estate. The home later became a tea room in the 1950s, fittingly called Story Brook Tea Room.

Through the years, various owners have put their stamp on

the house, building additions and turning it into a layout that Souza says "rambles." At just under 4,000 square feet, the house features five bedrooms and five baths and has a floor plan that weaves and winds as a result of its many add-ons.

#### REFRESHING THE HOME

Souza, who says that she does things "fairly quickly in general," had a clear vision in mind when the renovations began in early 2017, taking only a few months to remodel the home until movein day. Relying on two area contractors who worked with her on projects at Baker House and Maxwell Mansion, she shared her ideas for the property. Together, Souza and the team of Keith Robers of Midwest Reclaimed Lumber and Francisco "Pancho" Gonzales, a friend who has become like a brother to her, revived the storied home.

With a dedication to authenticity, which included keeping original beams and integrating an antique stove from the 1940s





In the kitchen, a 1940s stove is set off by a contemporary backsplash and shelving made from the home's original floorboards, offering spots to display interesting finds. Plush seating takes center stage in the dining room. The 120-year-old high back chairs have been refreshed with new fabric, while the couch shows off its original Chinoiserie patterning. A dazzling 1920s chandelier, a find from Woodstock's Interiors Anew, steals the show.

into the kitchen, some areas were completely revitalized. The kitchen and dining room received new flooring, lofting was done in the front of the house to accommodate for a guest room and two bathrooms received full renovations with steam showers and fresh tiling.

But even with all of the beautiful updates, Souza feels that her desire to renovate will never be quieted. She says, "It could be 20 years from now, and it will never be complete. Especially in an older home, there are always unique things and the ideas in my head never shut off."

Next, Souza has plans to finish what she is calling "the bunk room," a nautically-themed space which will spotlight a sail pulled from the boat that her son, Logan, learned to sail on. The sail will come up and over two beds — one that's lofted, and one that looks like a boat. Guests will climb into the upper bed using an antique apple-picking ladder.

And that's only a glimpse into the vintage spirit that permeates this home.

#### **DÉCOR WITH A STORY**

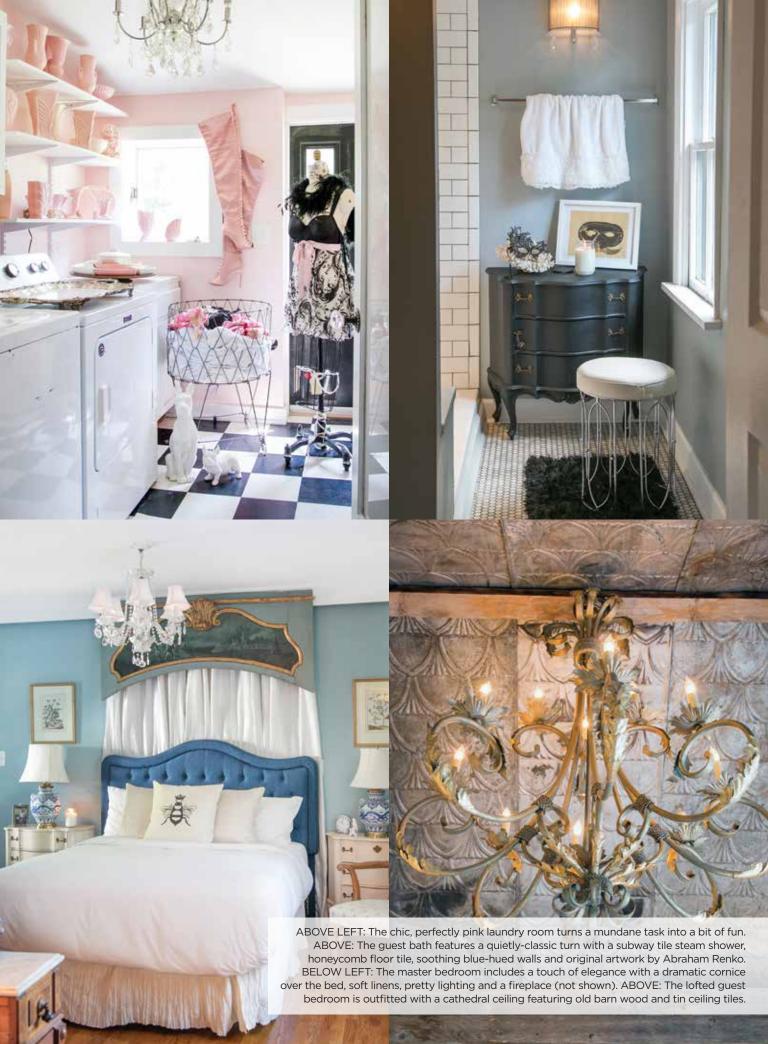
Upon stepping into Souza's home, you'll likely hear some Ragtime music or 1920s jazz wafting through the air, played on an Amazon Echo or a vintage Victrola. Then you'll spot the bearskin rug, a now-permanent resident of the bright-red library. And everywhere you look — vintage, vintage, vintage.

Souza calls her decorating style "layering," saying, "It's like a wedding cake. You start with this great, delicious cake, then you add the icing and from there, you add in the little accoutrements. I love adding layers of patina and interest. You might get dizzy looking at all the strange things tucked in everywhere, but it's definitely a treasure chest."

Focusing on Edwardian to Jazz Age pieces, Souza is a frequent fixture at the Elkhorn Flea Market and Leslie Hindman's Auction House. You'll also see her scoping out Lake Geneva's 281 Sheridan Springs, a consignment warehouse, the Lake Geneva Antique Mall and Walworth's Angelus Home, Garden, Lifestyle. She also scours estate sales and Craigslist for offbeat items.

Saying that she enjoys "dramatic things" and "things that can bring you back in time," she's continually questing after rare and unusual curiosities. Although there's a maximalist design feel to the home, there are eye-catching pieces that can't help but stand out in Souza's spaces.

There's the billiard room that looks a lot like how a "man cave" might have appeared in the 1920s. A canoe from a Northern Wisconsin Indian reservation acts as a pseudo-chandelier, outfitted with LED lights and hung above the vintage pool table. "I allow people to smoke cigars in this room because I think the scent only adds another sensory layer of vintage mystique," Souza says.





The focal point of the terrace is its fireplace, which provides the perfect place to curl up on cool fall evenings.

A lofted guest room is appointed with perfectly-knotty barn wood (the handiwork of Keith Robers of Midwest Reclaimed Lumber), ceiling tins pulled from a Wisconsin church and a chandelier which Souza has tried to "sell at multiple garage sales" but it ultimately found a home above the guest bed.

Souza has even set up a ladies' lounge, a throwback to the feminine parlors of yore. Swathed in pinks, whites and yellows, Souza says that the room "pays homage to the East Coast" with its seashells and coastal touches. When her girlfriends sit in the lounge, everyone is offered a rhinestone crown to wear. "This room has all my favorite things," she says.

She's done an exquisite job of bringing her favorite things together in harmony.

#### AN ECLECTIC MIX

One word to describe Souza's home is certainly eclectic, but really, it's an assemblage of the great loves of her life. A velvet Edwardian coat, which Souza wears to parties, somehow pairs flawlessly with her dining room décor. Her kitchen island is an artful mish-mash of reclaimed corbels, luxurious marble and a vintage dresser. And all the crystal chandeliers look impeccable in each distinct room.

"It's interesting, because I shop for what I like. It all just starts to blend. I'll come home with a pillow in a certain fabric, and I'll be shocked at how it mixes," she says.





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One of the most unique spaces is actually the separate she shed in Souza's backyard. Plenty of comfortable seating, and of course, a chandelier with some "bling" welcome guests.

She strives to stay true to the early 20th century, which does create some cohesion. "I love to decorate with mid-century modern, but you won't really see any of that in here," she says. She also brings in some new pieces, like a custom tufted headboard, to keep things "clean and crisp."

To achieve a similar eclectic masterpiece with vintage finds, Souza has some words of wisdom.

She advises, "Buy what you love and not what you think might be worth money. Buy what you're drawn to, and it will be amazing. It's amazing how things come together with what you already have in your home."

Souza adds that vintage shoppers should "look at the condition of things," "don't buy too many projects, because they'll just sit in your garage" and she says, "always negotiate."

Whether she's relaxing on her sleeping porch, designing in her decorated she shed where she listens to the wind rustling through the trees or spending festive evenings with friends in her ladies' lounge or billiard room, Souza knows in her heart that this is her forever home.

She says, "My favorite thing about my home is coming home to it. I walk in and think how could I ever part with it. I love this house so much. It's really an interpretation of my soul and a collection of all my favorite things."



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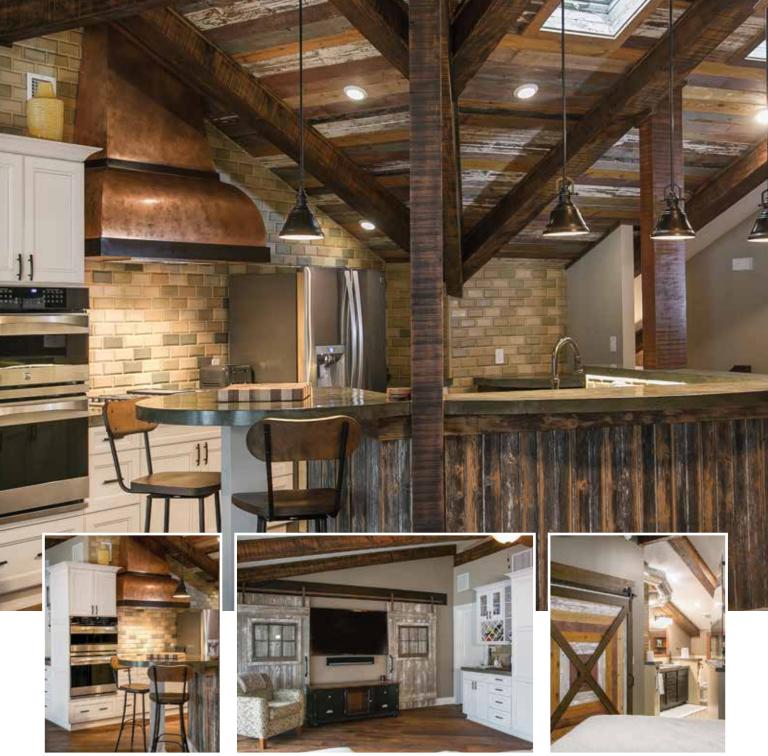






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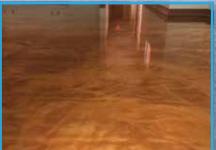
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LEFT: A renovation of a 1960s lake home included a complete transformation of the kitchen. Its bright, airy feel taps into a simple design that is functional with plenty of storage and an oversized island that offers extra seating.

ABOVE: The home's exterior, much like the kitchen, was given a new, updated look by replacing all the siding, fascia and windows.

"The homeowner had a very outdated kitchen, much like the exterior of the home," Taylor says. "They wanted us to create a 'lake house' feel for the kitchen as well."

Gleaming white cabinets made the kitchen's elongated space seem more open. And all accents — from the cabinet hardware to the lighting — also exuded the crisp lake home look that the owners sought.

"The design was intended to make the kitchen simple and functional as well as clean," Taylor says. "The layout was simple, but it created enough storage for the family while also giving it that fresh lake look." The light source coming from the lake helps illuminate the kitchen space, making it feel open while also highlighting the exquisite lake view. And the island has the ability to create seating underneath the countertop, making breakfast and snacking a breeze, and it makes the kitchen area a fun gathering area with seating for many.

"We like taking people's ideas and dreams and turning them into a reality," Taylor says. "We also enjoy the relationships we form with our customers along the way. Anything they want, we can make happen and we love the looks on their faces when the project is complete and they are satisfied."

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ABOVE: Attention to detail is evident in the kitchen remodel in this 1960s-era home. Gleaming white cabinets, white subway tile and classic light fixtures give it a timeless lake house vibe. TOP RIGHT: An expansive remodeling project in a 1970s ranch-style home reveals two updated bathrooms and a laundry room. The laundry room flows seamlessly into the guest bath with the use of the same tile and dark cabinets. BOTTOM RIGHT: The luxurious master bath includes two vanities and an oversized shower.

#### **UPDATES WITH A WOW FACTOR**

Recently the company also completed an expansive project that consisted of remodeling two baths and a laundry room in a 1970s ranch-style home.

"The homeowners had been using us to do all their home improvement jobs such as transforming their basement into living space, remodeling their kitchen and living room, and the latest project was to remodel a master bathroom, guest bathroom, and laundry room," Taylor says.

The end design the homeowner desired was a timeless, classic look in the guest bathroom. To create the "glam" look that would "wow" guests who were visiting, the remodeled bathroom boasts glass chandeliers.

The homeowner also wanted the laundry room to flow well into the guest bathroom by incorporating the same tile flooring and dark cabinets, with a unique butcher block piece above the appliances.

For the master bathroom remodel, the original

hallway entrance was closed off to create a more serene, private environment within the master suite. Two separate vanities were incorporated, as was an oversized shower with dual handheld shower heads.

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"It turned out exactly how they wanted it to look" Taylor says. "The homeowners were beyond pleased with the attention to detail, especially the attention to catering to their image. We had to completely gut and reframe the bathrooms and laundry room, turning it into the gorgeous space they desired."

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#### ON THE MENU

#### STARTERS

Cheese curds, fried pickles, calamari (all hand-battered to order), our giant baked pretzel as well as healthier options such as bruschetta and hummus

#### CHEF SPECIALTIES

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KIDS MENU: Yes.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Live music every Friday night, DJ Saturday night, Sunday music in the beer garden 3-7 p.m.

**PARKING:** Street parking, back lot

SPECIALS: Monday through Friday daily food specials: Monday \$3.50 Nathan's hot dogs and \$3.50 portabella Swiss brats; Tuesday half-price appetizers and \$2.50 Miller and Bud Light taps; Wednesday \$3.50 half-pound burger, \$2.50 quarter-pound, \$4.50 prime rib burger, \$3 seasonal beers; Thursday \$3.50 grilled chicken sandwich and domestic beer special — bucket of five for \$13.50; Friday fish fry.



#### ON THE MENU

#### **STARTERS**

Hand-rolled taquitos, cheese curds, nachos, quesadillas, wings

#### **CHEF SPECIALTIES**

BADGER BURGER: Half-pound charbroiled burger topped with roasted red peppers, portabella mushrooms and provolone cheese served on a toasted bomber bun.

FISH TACOS: Lightly seasoned and deep fried cod, cabbage, pico de gallo and shredded cheese drizzled with homemade chipotle aioli and served on three warm flour tortillas with homemade five-bean salad and lime wedges.

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#### ON THE MENU

#### **STARTERS**

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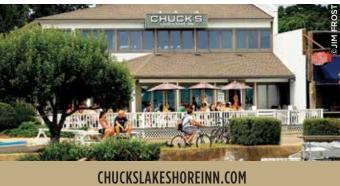
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**PARKING:** Public parking access for cars and boats

**SPECIALS:** Daily food and drink specials. Taco Tuesday. Homemade clam chowder, cod dinner or shrimp basket every Friday.

#### ON THE MENU

#### **STARTERS**

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#### **CHEF SPECIALTIES**

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**SETTING:** Family friendly, outdoor seating, full lake view dining

**KIDS MENU:** Pizza, spaghetti marinara with meatballs, chicken fingers, buttered noodles.

**PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS:** Private dining for 60 people, catering options available.

PARKING: On-site and street parking

**SPECIALS:** Daily happy hour and appetizer specials.



#### ON THE MENU

#### **CHEF SPECIALTIES**

We believe in the philosophy of developing relationships with our vendors to provide the finest ingredients for your meal. Incorporating local ingredients leads to the evolution of our seasonal menus. We believe that each palate has a peak, and by changing our menus according to the season, we will keep our diners' palates engaged and relative.

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PARKING: On-site

**SPECIALS:** Happy hour daily from 3-5 p.m. includes 1/2 price wine by the glass and rail cocktails.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** To see a list of our live music, see our website!

#### ON THE MENU

#### **STARTERS**

Charcuterie, ahi tuna tartare, oysters, ceviche, truffle fries

#### **CHEF SPECIALTIES**

BRUNCH BURGER: Vermont maple-glazed bacon, sunny-side egg, smoked gouda cheese and side of maple aioli sauce on a toasted brioche bun. The BURGER THROWDOWN PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER!

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**CUISINE:** American

**SETTING:** Indoor and outdoor lakefront dining with fire pits. Warm, comfortable lake feel with re-purposed antique nautical pieces including various doors, boards, bricks, fixtures and other recovered items from the Geneva Lakes area.

KIDS MENU: Yes.

PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS: Yes.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Live music Friday through Monday.

through Monday.

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#### ON THE MENU

#### **STARTERS**

Made-to-order calamari, jumbo shrimp cocktail, shrimp scampi, crab cakes, tomato bread, steamed mussels, king crab risotto, chicken wings

#### **CHEF SPECIALTIES**

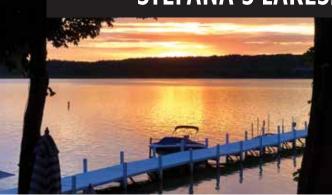
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**PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS:** Private dining room available for family gatherings, corporate events and more.

**PARKING:** Plenty of parking available

#### ON THE MENU

#### **STARTERS**

Best ever, fresh-made cheese curds, roasted, bacon-wrapped asparagus, humongous stuffed mushrooms, Maryland crab cakes, Irish nachos

#### **CHEF SPECIALTIES**

Hand-cut rib eye and New York strip steaks, prime rib on Saturdays, and daily chef specialties.

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**CUISINE:** Upscale pub fair featuring a variety of signature burgers and sandwiches. We feature a large tap beer selection to go with any dish.

WHAT'S NEW: Introducing Chad Carper, longtime Lake Geneva resident and former local restaurant owner as Waterfront Pub & Grill's new chef and general manager. Keep an eye out for a new and exciting menu this fall.

**SETTING:** Open, Airy Casual Pub.

KIDS MENU: Yes.

PARKING: Onsite



## More than Just Books

Lake Geneva Public Library Offers Activities for the Whole Family

BY RHONDA MIX



If you've never stepped inside the Lake Geneva Public Library, now is a great time to visit.

Known as one of the most dramatic library sites in the Midwest, the building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright protégé James R. Dresser, is also one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. Overlooking Geneva Lake from its downtown post in Library Park, the building has become a favorite for architectural enthusiasts who admire the red brick, Prairie style structure with walls of windows that offer sweeping lake views.

However, what's happening inside the library is the main attraction. Chock-full of activities for babies and kids, tweens, teens and adults, the Lake Geneva Public Library offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Library Director Emily Kornak, who joined the staff in January 2017, says that library programming has been around since the facility's inception. "We have a long history of successful programming and traditional children's programming has been especially strong," she says. "The library as an institution has so much to offer, and we always try to let people know that this programming, as one of our many resources and services, is available and free of charge."

Linda Boilini, president of the non-profit volunteer group, Friends of the Lake Geneva Public Library, says creating interesting activities has always been part of the library's mission. However, the number of different programs available reached new and exciting heights last fall. "It's so nice to have a new variety of offerings from where we were a couple of years ago," Boilini adds. "And it's great that we now have a chance to provide a lot of hands-on learning experiences."

#### AN ECLECTIC ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES

Library staff strive to keep activities fresh, innovative and interesting — though some programs may repeat if there is enough demand. For example, programs focusing on local architecture and history — such as the area's notorious gangster past — have been a favorite of locals.

Visitors also enjoy Music in the Library once a month, which has included jazz performers, string trios, rock performers, solo violinists, harpsichordists and even a hand bell choir around Christmastime.

Throughout the year, relaxing activities such as chess, adult coloring, arts and crafts and even Yoga are offered. In addition, there are movie nights, ukulele lessons and sessions for writers. "We've had a big response to

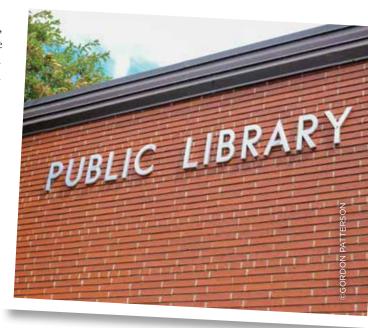
programs like the calligraphy workshop," Kornak says. "So many people come out and seem to have a lot of fun with it."

Programs showcasing published authors and presentations about a wide range of topics are also featured on select evenings. "Our more informational presentations provide an opportunity to learn something new or hear a high-profile speaker or author you might not otherwise have an opportunity to meet in person," says Kornak.

Especially popular, drawing interest community-wide, are the library's make-and-take sessions. "The classes provide an opportunity to make beautiful — or delicious — things you can make for yourself, things you might not be able to do at home, while having fun with other patrons at the same time," Kornak says.

Alisha Hines, head of Adult Services, says some of the most popular adult programs to date have included a wooden shoe carving class, sled dog demonstrations, Poems by the Lake, silent book clubs, artist of the month presentations and the variety of hands-on programming. "People are looking for ways to connect with the community," she shares. "For example, the make-and-take workshops bring in community members of all ages who are happy to create. People like to have fun together and make a mess."

In addition to all the fun, the library also offers workshops for some of the more serious and sensitive issues in life. Classes on financial planning and computer coaching are regularly featured. There is also a support network for people who have been impacted by Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer's Association, in partnership with the Lakeshores





Library System, hosts Lakeshores Memory Café for caregivers and people suffering from the disease. The program encourages attendees to share stories, socialize and make new friends.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Little tykes and young people are not forgotten; they can also find plenty to do at the library. "It's nice to have something you can do with your little ones that doesn't cost you anything," says Sara Soukup, head of Youth Services. "It gives you something to do with children that is low-key, interactive and free. It's also a way for children to make a connection with other kids and learn new skills at the same time."

Programs have included a Kitten Party in partnership with Lakeland Animal Shelter; the Read to a Dog program; art programming, which includes painting kindness rocks to place around the community; and science programming, where children participate in activities such as studying animal pelts or the Snake Discover program, where kids can feed and touch snakes.

Sensory playtime for babies and toddlers is available in the fall with enrichment activities, musical instruments, even age-appropriate obstacle courses. A toddler time story and play group is featured for children up to age 2, and the library also provides English-Spanish preschool story time once a week. For kids ages 4-12, a Science Explorers program, part of the Wisconsin Science Festival, takes place October 13. Teen programming, including an In the Middle book club for ages 12-14, premiers in October.

Additionally, the library encourages local kids to get involved through its regular classroom visits during the school year. "The class visits are special because they open doors for kids who may not be able to come otherwise," says Soukup. "The visits also show children that they can come in anytime and take part in checking out books, in addition to taking advantage of the free programming."

#### LET'S NOT FORGET THE BOOKS

Aside from the outstanding activities, the main attractions at the Lake Geneva Public Library — the books themselves — are not forgotten. There are book discussion groups and the library also boasts a fun summer reading program for children and adults. Participants can earn great prizes from area businesses, including boat rides, theater tickets, beauty products and local treats. "The beauty of this is that when kids sign up, their parents sign up, so everyone is reading together," says Soukup.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

All of this top-notch programming would not be feasible without the support of the Friends of the Library and its outstanding fundraising efforts. Now in their 41<sup>st</sup> year, the group consists of 100 members and 12 board members. "The Friends of the Library have been very generous over the years in their support of our programs," Hines says. "We evaluate the programs that are most popular and seek to choose programs



that draw people to the library, so they can discover all the services we offer."

Fundraising is implemented through the popular annual book sale that takes places every August. "It's one of our biggest fundraisers and sometimes we also get membership that way," Boilini shares. "It helps provide money for all the programs."

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Beachside Authorfest are two additional ways funds are raised.

#### LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, Kornak says the library aims to continue its innovative programming. "We receive good feedback from the city and library board regarding ideas," she says. "I hope in the future we can work with the school district as well as local businesses, which could help shape the direction of our programming. People want more opportunities for new experiences. We want to make the library a place to learn and meet with friends and neighbors," she continues. "It's harder and harder to connect today, and the library gives you a place and opportunity to do just that."

"It is so important for all of us to be lifelong learners and to have the ability to develop new skills at the library," Hines adds. "Learning the history of Lake Geneva and the many topics you can explore at the library helps us develop as a people and continue to be engaged. From a library standpoint, it is important for us to say, 'Welcome to the library; we have lots of things available for you.' People are excited that our programs are free, and attending encourages them to visit the library and continue reading."

### What's On Tap For September

#### CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT: REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4

#### **CRAFTS BY THE LAKE**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5

### SILENT BOOK CLUB AT AVANT BICYCLE & CAFE

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6

#### CARAMEL APPLE MAKE & TAKE

6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10

#### **ACTIVITIES BY THE LAKE**

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 Game, color, craft, create and drink coffee.

### FAKE NEWS: THE NUTRITION EDITION WITH RN/EDUCATOR IOAN DAVIS

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12

#### AWYA BOOKS CLUB (ADULTS WITH YOUNG ADULT BOOKS)

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13
Discussion group for adults who read
young adult fiction.

#### **CALLIGRAPHY PRACTICE SESSION**

6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17

#### **MOVIE NIGHT: 12 STRONG**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18

RAISING MY PARENTS: MAKING ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA A TRUE BONDING EXPERIENCE OF JOY, LOVE, HUMOR & LAUGHTER, WITH AUTHOR CAROL BYRNE.

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19

### BOOKS BY THE LAKE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20

#### MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21

#### PARANORMAL WISCONSIN PROGRAM WITH RESEARCHER AND AUTHOR, CHAD LEWIS

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25

#### WRITE-IN WITH ALISHA HINES, MFA

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 Writing prompts, paper, writing utensils and books to inspire will be provided.

### Children's Sclivilies

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

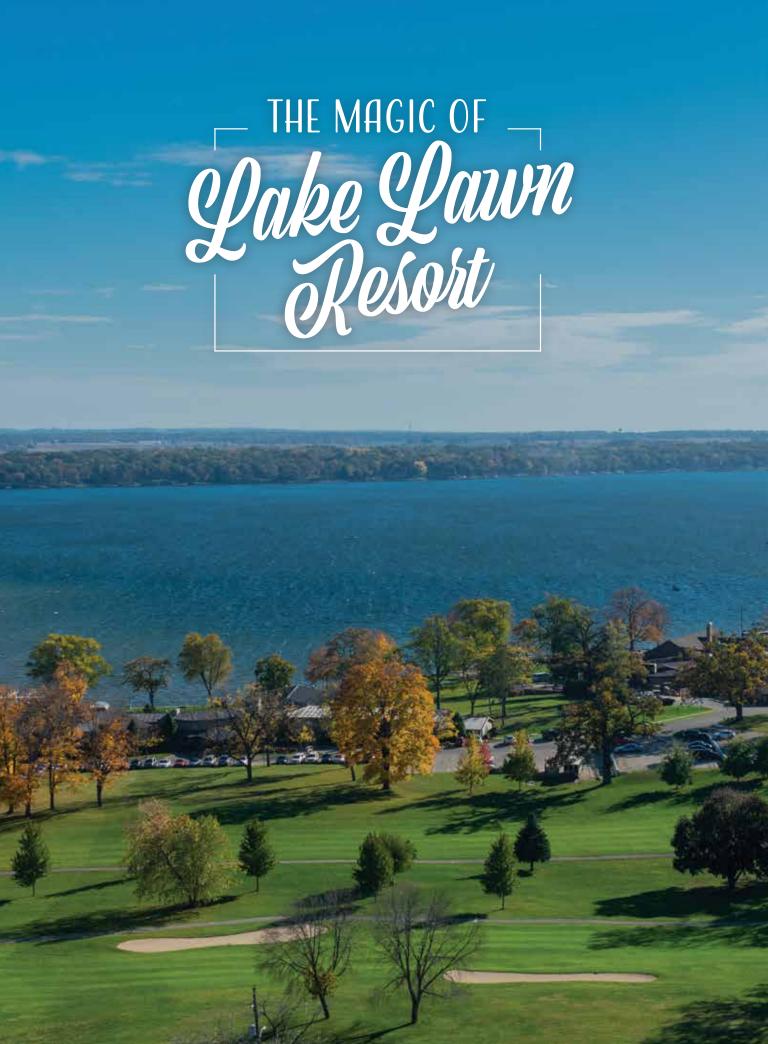
10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 - Thursday, Dec. 13 Children ages 3 to 5.

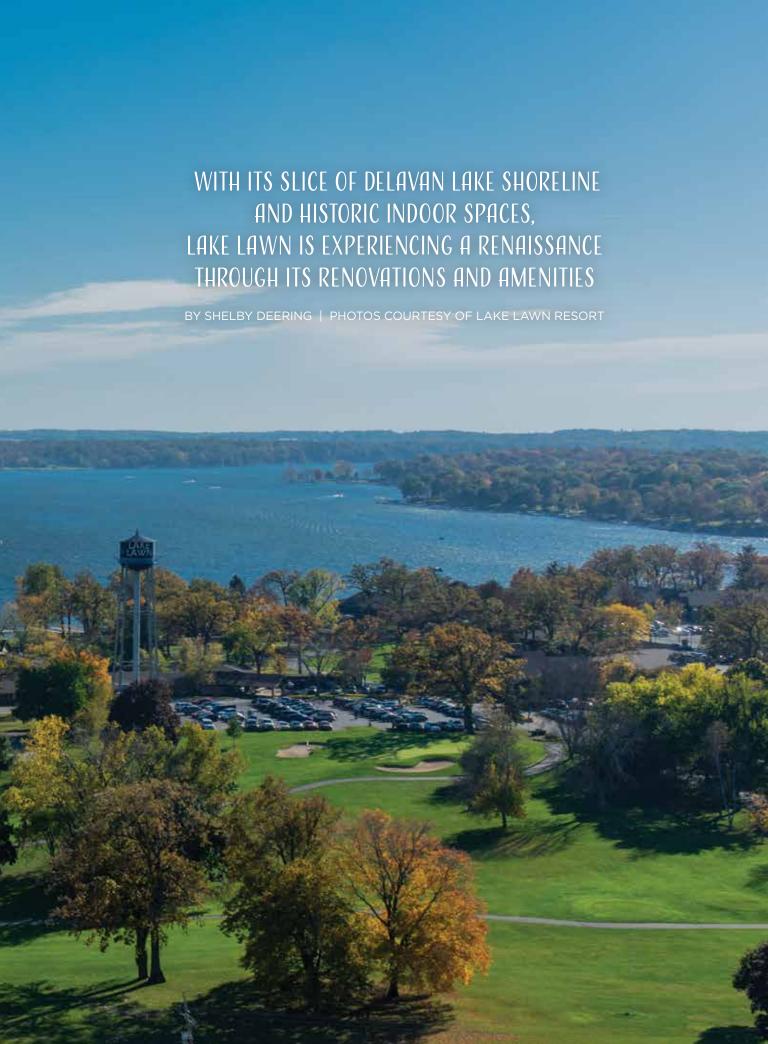
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# THERE ARE PLACES WE VISIT TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT HAVE A FAMILIARITY THAT RESTORES OUR SOULS — DESTINATIONS THAT ARE STEEPED IN HISTORY AND THAT HOLD ON TO A CHARM THAT HAS BEEN KNOWN BY GENERATIONS.

Delavan's Lake Lawn Resort is one of those places. Starting as a simple guesthouse in 1878, the resort has grown into the stunning piece of paradise that it is today. Situated on two miles of Delavan Lake shoreline, it might feel as if you've stepped into a time machine when you walk through its entrance — sturdy timbers, a grand stone fireplace — but in recent years, the resort has taken a modern turn through its many luxurious amenities and offerings.

#### LAKESIDE LEGACY

This year indeed marks an important anniversary for Lake Lawn — 140 years of history and welcoming visitors to its striking property and waters. The land has been home to Native Americans, a circus and budding hoteliers. Mary Phillips, a property owner, opened the original guesthouse, and then in 1883, the original hotel was built to accommodate travelers clamoring to visit the lake. In the 1940s, it became a popular spot for dancing and

celebrations, and today, it's still a place that brings happiness to people's lives.

John Boler, director of marketing, says that in 2018 and 2019, the anniversary will be recognized through a special logo and a "stronger events calendar to engage the community." This fall, catch the Oktoberfest Celebration, Family Fall Festival and Thanksgiving Day Feast.

Boler says, "I think that any resort that has been able to sustain itself over that period of time and create a legacy and continue to build on it is really, really unique, and it's something to be celebrated."

#### **RENOVATED AND REFRESHED**

After Lake Lawn closed for a brief time in 2010, a group of local investors set out to revive the resort and it has come back better than ever. In early summer, Boler shared that Lake Lawn was likely experiencing its strongest operating quarter since reopening, something he attributes to the capital

improvements that have been made.

These renovations have included a \$4.5 million revamp of a bank of guest rooms called Lakewood Lodge, now outfitted with an outdoor pool and deck, interior remodeling and redecorating and a private pier. In 2012, the resort launched its Calladora Spa, a 9,000-square-foot source of serenity with a lounge and 10 treatment rooms. The Pro Shop on the Majestic Oaks golf course received a full makeover as well, with a three-season room for group events, new retail merchandising and locker rooms. In recent years, 285 trees were planted on the golf course and an additional 150 trees were added throughout other areas of the resort.

And that's just scratching the surface. The fitness center was rebooted, the Timber Indoor Pool was improved and the Isle of Capri and Lookout Bar restaurants are showcasing upgraded kitchens and fresh décor.







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The latest renovations will include remodeling indoor public spaces and refreshing them with new flooring, furniture and lighting.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Lake Lawn is known for its peaceful spaces and scenery, but it has elevated the art of relaxation through its Calladora Spa. Marked by soothing colors and an expansive selection of spa services — everything from a gentleman's pedicure to its signature sugar scrub, and of course,

hot stone massages — it's considered one of the premier spas in this region.

Boler says, "The main entrance area is on ground level, and then there's a subterranean area that is really soft and relaxing. It helps take guests away from the hectic and fast-paced aspects of their lives, and it's been a big part of our renovation."

There are several golf courses throughout the Lakes Area, but Lake Lawn's championship 18-hole Majestic Oaks Golf Course stands out from the rest for one reason: "This golf course has some absolutely amazing lake views," Boler says, adding, "It's convenient, affordable and a well-operated course."

The on-site dining options are outstanding as well. The Frontier Restaurant specializes in fine dining and is under the direction of Master Chef Jeffrey Robinson, who Boler says "has excellent culinary expertise and a fantastic reputation." The Lookout Bar, with its nautical theme and casual menu, also offers outdoor dining on its patio. Many patrons even arrive by boat for dinner at the Lookout. Afterward, a stop at the Isle of Capri Café for coffee and a scoop of gelato is a must.

The resort has plenty of opportunities to get moving with its three swimming pools (two outdoor and one indoor) or at its fitness center, which was refreshed recently with performance flooring and all new equipment.

#### SOAKING UP THE LAKE

It wouldn't be a trip to Lake Lawn without relishing in fun activities on the lake, and



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the resort has offerings in spades. There's a private marina with 170 slips that can be leased for the season, plus there are slips for locals to park their boats for a couple hours and revel in the resort.

Lake Lawn has more watersport rentals than ever with a variety of options: speedboats, pontoons, paddleboards, kayaks, waverunners and the newest craze — a pedalboard, a hybrid of a paddleboard and an elliptical machine that'll speed up your paddling tour of the lake.

If you'd prefer someone else to do the work, Lake Lawn has 90-minute boat tours every day in which you'll learn Native American history and view historic homes, some designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Even special events at the resort find a way to have a lake influence. Booking an average of 70 weddings per year, Lake Lawn has installed two lakeside wedding venues that overlook the water, one that's made for large events and another for small gatherings. The resort's 22 meeting spaces as well as a team building staff are



at the ready to include outdoor elements into any gathering. Boler explains, "We take them out of the conference room or ballroom and incorporate experiences and team-building activities right on the lakefront or water."

No matter where you go at Lake Lawn, whether it's walking through the glass-lined hallways, strolling the newly-poured cement walkway that skims the shore or sitting in a rocking chair on a patio off your hotel room, the spirit of the lake is always there, serving as a metaphorical ebb and flow that matches the history of this celebrated resort.

Boler sums it up, saying, "Lake Lawn is this combination of nature, casualness and simplicity. You're going to find warm, engaging environments using rustic wood that compliments the natural setting that combines all these mature trees and the lakeside setting. We make sure that the guest has the very best experience here. Those are the things that define Lake Lawn Resort."



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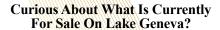
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Nutrition experts and physicians recommend obtaining antioxidants primarily by eating a well-balanced diet high in fruits, vegetables and whole foods whenever possible rather than from vitamin supplementation to maximize the potential health benefits. According to a 2015 issue of the *Harvard Health Letter*, "Nutrients are most potent when they come from food. They are accompanied by many nonessential but beneficial nutrients, such as hundreds of carotenoids, flavonoids, minerals, and antioxidants that aren't in most supplements."

As a kid, squash was not really a staple. Maybe we'd have it for Thanksgiving or Christmas, but seldom any other time. I remember the small jars of baby food where squash was always in the selection, even though all of our five babies would spit it out. I tried it once and agreed with them. However, I was instructed by the administration that veggies were a must, so I learned to slip in a spoonful of apple sauce and then attack with the squash when they were not ready. That actually worked well, although the looks on little betrayed faces still haunt me. So, all in all, squash was not on the radar. However, a few years ago, while wandering the local farmers market in the fall, we decided to try some of these weird shaped veggies, and it has been a love affair ever since.

Squash is one of the world's oldest foods. It was grown in Central America over 8,000 years ago. Squash was one of the "Three Sisters" for Native Americans. This was a cultivation technique where maize, beans and squash were all grown together on small mounds with the beans twining up the stalk of the corn while fixing nitrogen in the soil, which the corn and squash need. Squash covered the ground floor keeping out weeds and conserving moisture. Surely squash was a key ingredient in the first Thanksgiving.

There are 20 common varieties of squash. Three of the most popular are butternut, recognized as No. 1; acorn, a traditional favorite; and spaghetti, a trending newcomer. Some of the others have great names such as carnival, delicata, kabocha, and turban. And don't forget sweet dumpling and eight ball. Another popular variety is the tiny patty pan or sunburst squash. You can visit Foodofy.com to see all of the varieties. Many supermarkets and farmers markets have some of the rarer types in the fall. Give them a try.

## GETTING YOUR VITAMINS NATURALLY

Squash is also a recognized superfood. A one cup serving of baked butternut

squash has only 82 calories, but let's assume that any sane person is going to add butter and salt, so we'll say 100

calories in rough numbers. By the way, one cup of mashed potatoes has 240 calories. But, the low caloric value of squash is just the beginning. One cup of butternut squash has a whopping 457 percent of your daily requirement of vitamin A and 52 percent of your daily requirement for vitamin C. More importantly, your chances of absorbing these vitamins are much higher when you eat real foods like squash rather than by taking supplements. Vitamin A is essential to skin and vision and Vitamin C does a myriad of things. Squash is also rich in minerals such as calcium, iron and potassium. A cup of butternut squash has more potassium than a banana.

Butternut squash is the recognized king of the hill. Other varieties of squash, although good enough to still be called "superfoods," don't compare to butternut squash in terms of vitamins and minerals.

The Australians firmly believe that squash has aphrodisiac properties, even though there is not a lot of scientific evidence to support this. One of their national dishes is Australian Pumpkin Soup, which they actually make with butternut squash. If you search on that title, you get 355,000 hits, so there must be something to it. There are thousands of recipes — everyone who cooks in Australia has their own version. We'll introduce you to our favorite recipe for this dish at right.

Since the most common varieties of squash are butternut, acorn and spaghetti, we'll start with recipes incorporating these. Needless to say, you should experiment with some of the more exotic varieties when they are available.

#### SQUASH 101

The easiest way to get started enjoying squash is to simply bake a butternut or acorn squash in the oven for one hour at 375 F. Let it cool a little, cut it in half, emove the seeds (reserve them if you want

to clean and roast them) and scoop out the meat. Add two tablespoons of butter, salt and pepper and serve. Easy and tasty.



Servings: 6

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 butternut squash
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 potato large, diced
- 4 cups chicken broth
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. nutmeg (freshly ground if possible)
- 1 tsp. cumin

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Bake the squash as described at left in Squash 101. Set aside the scooped out meat.
- Heat the olive oil in a large pot and sauté the onions for about three minutes. Add the garlic and all of the spices and sauté for another 2 minutes.
- Add the potato, squash and chicken broth. Mix well and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Use an immersion (preferred) or regular blender to puree the soup.
- Remove from heat, stir in the cream, add a little cracked pepper and serve.

In my opinion, this soup is especially good with either garlic croutons or crusty rustic bread.



I like this recipe because it is quick and easy and much healthier than traditional pasta with marinara sauce. Kids generally love it and two cups have only about 225 calories vs. 550 calories for the pasta version. Here is how to do it:

Servings: 6

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 spaghetti squash

1, 32 oz. jar of marinara sauce (You can make your own, but the prepared versions found in the grocery store are quite good.)

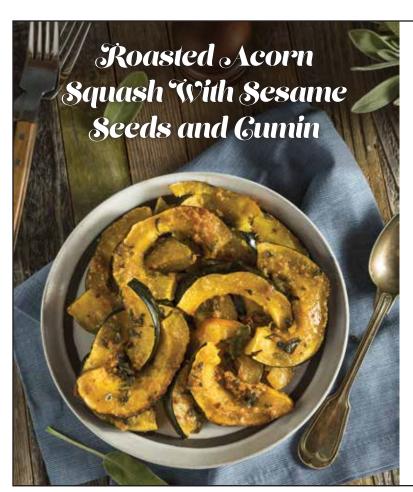
½ tsp. red pepper flakes (optional, but really adds some zest to the dish)
½ tsp. salt and pepper

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Bake the squash for one hour at 375 F.
- 2. Let cool, cut in half and scoop out the seeds.
- 3. Warm the marinara sauce in a large saucepan, large enough to hold the spaghetti squash. Add the red pepper flakes, salt and pepper.
- 4. Use a regular fork to pull out the strands of spaghetti squash and set aside in a bowl. When finished, add to the marinara sauce and mix well.
- 5. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese and crusty bread





The idea for this recipe came from Martha Stewart who is a great fan of acorn squash. She has 25 different recipes. This one is easy to make and really tasty.

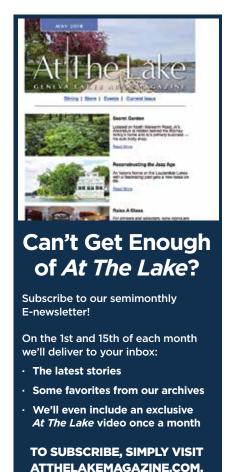
Servings: 6

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 acorn squash
- 4 Tbsp. sesame seeds
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/4 cup of olive oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
- 2. Cut the squash in half and remove seeds. Cut into 1" slices.
- 3. Put all of the remaining ingredients including the olive oil into a large mixing bowl; add the squash slices and mix thoroughly.
- 4. Pour the coated slices onto a rimmed baking sheet and pop into the oven for 25 minutes or until tender and golden.
- 5. Serve







## **RECASTING THE NARRATIVE**

Author David B. Bohl discusses his life, memoir and the connection between adoption and addiction

What looks like success from the outside is not always reflected on the inside. This is a lesson David B. Bohl knows well. "I've had success in my career, I'm happily married with two children, have done all these things that looked like success from the outside," says Bohl. "But I've had challenges in life, challenges in getting through life, that were not always visible."

Bohl, who grew up in the Milwaukee area and spent summers on Lake Beulah, is the author of *Parallel Universes: The Story of Rebirth*, a memoir that unpacks his journey out of addiction and into contentment, from raging and wealthy alcoholic to addiction counselor.

But Bohl's is more than a story of overcoming substance abuse and shedding the unhealthy behaviors that became his everyday coping mechanisms. Adopted by a prosperous family just a few days after he was born to an unwed mother, Bohl uncovers the warring emotions and mental hardships that come with being a "relinquished" child and dissects the deep links between addiction and adoption.

Bohl took time to chat with *At The Lake* about his book, finding health and happiness, the devastatingly strong connection between adoption and addiction, and something that resonates firmly with *At The Lake* readers: the unique form of healing that lakes offer, regardless of what ails you.

## NOT FITTING IN

Bohl recalls how one day, when he was 6 years old, he couldn't wait to tell his friends that he was adopted. But they didn't share his enthusiasm. "I was stunned when they didn't see it that way — that adoption wasn't something to be proud of. That negative reaction and mistrust catapulted me into a confusing, complex, gut-wrenching journey that involved addiction and self-loathing."

As a young boy, Bohl recalls feeling like

he never quite fit in, but he wasn't about to admit it or let the world see how he was feeling. Instead, he pushed to achieve — and overachieve — in everything he did: sailing, academics and as a trader on the Chicago Exchange floor. "For me, I never thought [being adopted] was an issue in my life," says Bohl. "I had every advantage in life, but it was always this low-grade thing, bubbling under the surface, wondering about my family, about my adoption."

As Bohl moved through life however, these feelings became more than a "low-grade thing." Fueled by the hectic work of being a trader, living in Chicago with an apartment in New York, waking up on planes not knowing which direction he was headed, Bohl turned to alcohol as a coping mechanism for both personal and professional stress.

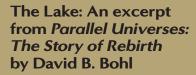
"I was successful, but it was incredibly stressful; there are few avenues that deal with that level of stress," says Bohl, who worked as a trader for 15 years. "I've heard 80-90 percent of individuals in this field are using chemicals unhealthily, and 80-90 percent experience disrupted or terminated relationships. I survived, but the stress level was insane."

He knew that both the stress and his chosen coping mechanisms weren't something he could sustain for the long term, and as he came to realize how his choices were negatively affecting his health, he began to immerse himself in psychology, including his own. "I came to acknowledge that alcohol was my go-to coping mechanism, in stress and in social situations. I had to do some digging, some very deep digging. It was not healthy, so why was it something I wanted to do?"

But as many know, the path out from addiction is not a linear one. "When I stopped drinking, I learned the real work that had to be done ... what a huge task lay before me."

"Adoption can be a beautiful thing, but for adoptees, it's a lack of connection, feeling like an outsider, like you don't belong, when everyone else gets a great instruction manual."

DAVID B. BOHL, AUTHOR, PARALLEL UNIVERSES: THE STORY OF REBIRTH



A lake is a beautiful thing: with days ending in reflections like crystals shimmering on the surface of it as the sun sets, and with mornings full of freshness and promise.

At night, a lake is an extension of the sky. Millions of stars above as you lie down, facing the sky, the waves lapping gently against the side of the boat. You are cocooned, lulled to an incredible sense of peace.

Growing up by a lake alters you—the natural, good energy of it stays in you forever, and you can never quite leave it behind. It's a siren voice that calls you over and over to come back and immerse yourself again.

It's safe here, the voice says, it's home; it's love.

Unlike an ocean, a lake is quieter, more reliable; the water is sweet and the calm is its prerogative. Not always, of course—there are windy days and rainy days as everywhere else, but even during those, a lake doesn't betray you the way an ocean does with its capricious storms or tsunamis.

On a lake, the calmness makes it seem as if every day is the same, but then, wonderfully, every day is different. Nature ensures that seasons pass and the water freezes in the winter and wakes up in the spring. The trees grow taller, the lake kids become grownups.

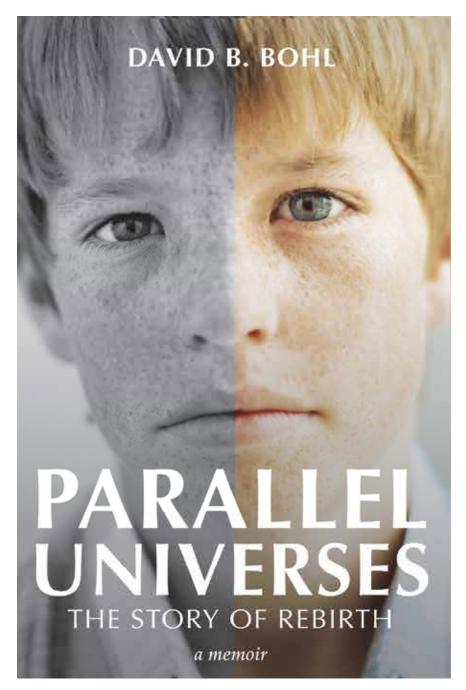
You know those primal smells of childhood that go straight to your heart, that bring on nostalgia, gentleness tinted with sadness for things past?

For me that smell is fresh lake water it goes straight to my heart, and I'm simultaneously here and now, and there and then.

The water is the only pure space where I've experienced something akin to spirituality.

The one place I feel at home.





## THE ADDICTION-ADOPTION LINK

What wasn't initially apparent to Bohl as he worked to curb his addiction and unhealthy behaviors was the pervasive underlying role his entry into the world played. Instead, it took a major medical event to start him down that path. "In my mid-40s I had a grand mal seizure and needed to find some medical history, for myself and for my children," he says. "Long story short, I found addiction handed down on both sides and chronic relationship disruptions resulting in my adoption."

Unfortunately, this is not the exception, but the norm. According to the National

Adoption Council, people who are adopted are 1½ times more likely to have numerous disorders such as eating disorders and stress compared to those who are not adopted. About seven million Americans are adopted.

"Those who are adopted have hugely higher rates of addiction, eating disorders, ADD, high rates of suicide, higher rates of untimely pregnancies," says Bohl. "They deal with loss and grief, suffer from challenges in identity development, lack of self-esteem, lack of trust and understanding, lack of information about medical background, including mental health and physical health information.

They feel shame. It's not unusual for them to have developmental interruption, and they may miss normal milestones. To cope with some of these things, they turn to unhealthy substance use and behaviors. Adoption can be and is considered a trauma, not like PTSD, but developmental, chronic and long-term. Adoption can be a beautiful thing, but for adoptees, it's a lack of connection, feeling like an outsider, like you don't belong, when everyone else gets a great instruction manual."

With knowledge of his birth parents and a history of addiction, Bohl more deeply examined his coping mechanisms, perceptions and principles and how it all aligned with reality, both the reality of the day and the reality he wanted for himself. "I had to examine major things in my life ... I found that much of the time, I was not living in today's moment. I had to do a lot of studying, working with close confidants, and constantly and daily doing a deep dig and asking, 'Am I living my principles or am I going to go back to having that challenging life I had before.' I choose my principles."

## **BLUE MIND**

To do the work one needs to stay free of chemicals and unhealthy behaviors, one needs a clear mind. One means to achieve that, says Bohl, is at the lake. "I generally get this calmness and energy when I'm around lakes and their communities," says Bohl. "It's positively affected my health and well-being, and spending time on Lake Beulah and raising my children in Lake Country has meant the lake has always been an essential part of my life."

These benefits, however, are more than anecdotal; there is plenty of science to back the restorative nature of the water, particularly lakes. Take, for starters, the color. In marketing research, notes Bohl, blue is by far humans' favorite color as it conveys calmness and openness, but also depth and wisdom. Then there's the smell of freshness, oxygen ionizing off the water. There are waves and reflections, signs of life and a connection to nature, to something bigger than yourself.

Achieving a "blue mind," a term coined by Wallace J. Nichols who wrote a book focused on evidence that being close to bodies of water promotes mental health and happiness, invokes a mildly meditative state and provides happiness and satisfaction, says Bohl. "When we get into this mindful state, it lets our brains rest from being overstimulated, and we become relaxed and focused. We also feel less pain, we sleep better and we overcome challenges easier."

All these positives, adds Bohl, help lessen one's propensity to chase pleasure and avoid pain, two hallmarks of addiction. "A meditative state brings that threshold down," he says. "What you get from a lake, it's a feeling, a clarity and calmness, that you can't replicate other places in the natural world."

#### THE NEED FOR NARRATIVE

Through his journey to health, Bohl ultimately returned to school for addiction counseling so he could share his experience and expertise with others. Now in his "encore career," Bohl is an independent consultant with Beacon Confidential LLC in Milwaukee and is the former director of Addiction Services at Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc.

Having been "in the driver's seat," Bohl works to help others live in the present, regardless of their past, and to develop their narrative. That same empathy shows in his book, which serves as a means to share his story of hope and healing with many more people than he could touch through his practice.

"An adopted person needs to know his or her coherent narrative ... who they are, where they came from and of course their medical history if possible," says Bohl. "In sharing my discoveries, feelings, emotions, thoughts, I hope I have written a book about the importance of knowing yourself and the legacy you are handing down generations beyond you. Once you come to have this cohesive narrative, you are much happier, healthier and fulfilled in life."

That same need for narrative applies to those who are not adopted or relinquished but who are facing challenges, such as drug and alcohol abuse, depression and anxiety and more. "These problems are not insurmountable. They can be worked through to get to the root of who you are so you can be true to that. We can live in the present moment no matter where we came from or where we are going."



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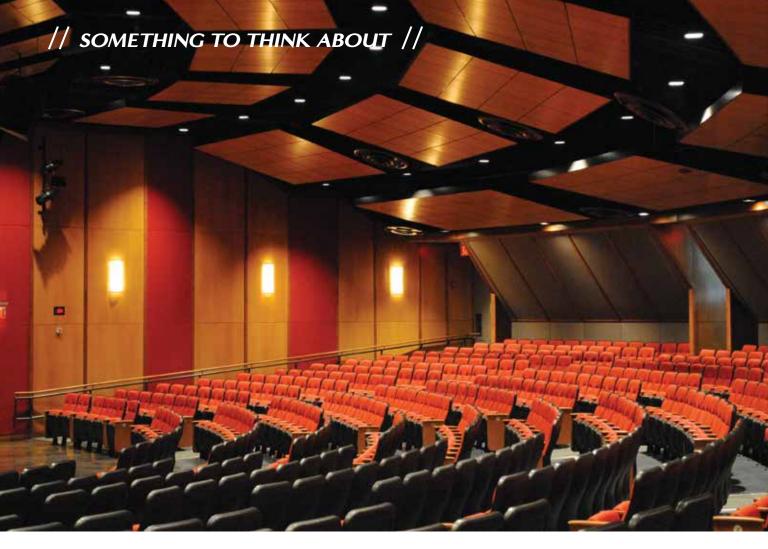
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# In the Spotlight

The Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation brings artistic experiences to students and the community alike

BY RACHEL WISINSKI | PHOTOS COURTESY OF BIG FOOT COMMUNITY FINE ARTS FOUNDATION

Big Foot High School's 9,000-square-foot auditorium hadn't been upgraded since the school was built in 1958, and it looked like it, says Media Communications Coordinator Sue Pruessing.

Yet it was the only area of the school that went untouched during a major renovation project in 2000.

Funding from a community referendum in 2014 changed that. The theater's seating, lights and sound system were replaced, and it received a new rigging system and curtains as well as wheelchair accessibility. "It came back like a swan," Pruessing says.

With the \$1.4 million facelift, Big Foot High School administrators set out to maximize the auditorium's use. "The thought at that time was, 'Hey, it's community-supported, we have it sitting there for concerts for the kids, but this needs to be used a lot more,' "Pruessing says.

In that light, the Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, aims to enrich the local artistic scene through professional lectures and performances for groups of local schoolchildren by day and by paid admission for Walworth County-area residents at night.

Foundation President Becky Merwin and Pruessing – who is the vice president – give credit to former administrator Dorothy Kaufmann for conceptualizing the idea. Kauffman's connection to the school and community sparked the vision, says foundation board member Nancy Rasmussen, who is retired from her role as a music educator in the district.

Although the nonprofit receives support from the school board, 12 dedicated members work tirelessly to book performances and secure enough funding to keep it running. "We all come to the table with our passion for the arts, which is why we've committed

the time and dollars to make a difference," Merwin says.

## A BIG BREAK

As the foundation searched for sources of revenue to support its first season in 2016, Merwin had an idea. Screenwriter and director Joselito Seldera had recently filmed scenes for "End of Fall" near Merwin's house. Seldera, a Big Foot High School graduate, produced the film over a 13-day period in Walworth County.

With such a local connection, Pruessing says, the nonprofit got lucky. Seldera agreed to preview the film in the school's new auditorium, and he graciously allowed the foundation to keep all the money raised. "It was great," Pruessing says. "The kids got an experience from someone who became successful and came out of Big Foot, and it gave us quite a launch to help with our programming."

From there, the Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation has hosted everything from "An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt" — featuring impersonator Adam Lindquist — to The Hornheads, an internationally acclaimed a cappella jazz group that has performed or recorded with the likes of Prince, Janet Jackson, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, Tony Bennett and more.

Big Foot's new auditorium not only impressed The Hornheads' Michael B. Nelson, but he was also moved by the area's commitment to the arts. "It's nice to receive support in a really small community like that, and it was nice to be able to interact with young up-and-coming musicians," says Nelson, who serves as the group's leader, composer, arranger and trombonist.

Through the program, Big Foot High School's band students participated in a master class with the world renown musicians before learning and performing a piece Nelson wrote – "Intermission" – in front of a crowded auditorium that evening.

Nelson pointed to the foundation's dedication to providing an educational component as a key in developing young minds. "It's paying it forward, in a way, giving the kids who are really into the arts and music a close-up view of the industry, and hopefully inspiration," Nelson says.







The Big Foot Fine Community Arts Foundation presents performances that appeal to a variety of audiences. For example, during the 2018-2019 season, The Jazz Consortium will celebrate the best of Swing and Jazz by performing music by iconic big bands like Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Buddy Rich and more; Christian Dillingham, and other members of the Chicago Philharmonic will perform popular show tunes and movie themes; and Randy Otto impersonates the charismatic Sir Winston Churchill.

## Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation 2018-2019 SEASON

OCT. 5, 2018: Randy Otto as Winston Churchill
NOV. 17, 2018: The Marlins
FEB. 2, 2019: Guys on Ice
MARCH 9, 2019: Chicago Philharmonic –

MARCH 9, 2019: Chicago Philharmonic -Jazz Meets Broadway & The Cinema APRIL 12, 2019: The Jazz Consortium

For more information about each performance and to purchase tickets visit bigfootfinearts.org.

#### A WORLD OF TALENT

Performances generally are booked about a year in advance, so Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation board members already are looking at selections for the 2019-20 lineup. When choosing new acts, the group searches for diversity and breadth across all art forms. Additionally, price, availability, public interest and educational elements all factor into the decision.

"We search for ways to make this the most meaningful experience for everyone," says Rasmussen. For example, during this past season kids in fourth grade attended "An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt," whereas high school students learned about climate change, sailing and more from David Thoreson, whose crew became the first group of American sailors to transit the Northwest Passage from east to west.

During its third season, the Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation will host a Winston Churchill impersonator; musical group The Marlins, who perform popular hits from the 1960s to 1980s; the comedic ice-fishing musical "Guys on Ice;" the Chicago Philharmonic; and the Jazz Consortium Big Band.

"We have a little bit of paradise right here," Pruessing says. "That's nothing against Chicago or Milwaukee, but we're able to bring professional performances like that all right here in Walworth."

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## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Aside from ticket sales, the Big Foot Community Fine Arts Foundation relies on corporate sponsors and individual donations for funding, Pruessing says. "It's getting better and better," she says. "We had to raise awareness of what we're doing."

"Schools are the heart of the community," Rasmussen adds, "and we're making that outreach to the community, and the community is responding by coming in. It's an understanding of support at all levels."

Corporate sponsors include Scherrer Construction, which completed the theater renovations; First National Bank and Trust; and the Rauland Agency, for which Merwin is a real estate agent. The Walworth-Fontana Rotary Foundation and Big Foot Lions Club also have made sizeable donations. However, individual gifts make up the majority of monetary support.

Each season costs the foundation between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for five performances. Acts come from a broad area, including surrounding states such as Indiana, Minnesota and Illinois.

"Just because it's an auditorium in a school doesn't mean it's not quality," Pruessing says. "It's top-of-the-line entertainment you would see at any performing arts center."

## MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT

Big Foot performances mostly take place from September to May, so they don't have to compete with popular summer arts festivals and events. However, the nonprofit has a bit of a different goal, as well: emphasizing a focus on the students.

Closing the gap between generations is important, according to Pruessing. She recalls growing up visiting museums and attending concerts frequently, and says that's not always happening today. "It's fulfilling to say, 'OK, there's something we can bring right here to our own backyard,' " she says. "The adults are great, concerts at night are great, but the biggest fulfillment is offering this to students."

"Life is so much more enriched by the arts," Pruessing adds. "Life is great, but you add the arts and it's so much more."



## **BARRY MESS**

Now that another school year is getting underway, At The Lake turned to a veteran educator, recently retired Badger High School science teacher Barry Mess to get his thoughts on teaching, memorable moments at school, kids today and life after the classroom. Mess, who grew up in St. Germain, in Wisconsin's Northwoods, attended Northland Pines High School in Eagle River where he met his wife of 37 years, Terrie. Both graduated from UW-Whitewater, with Barry pursuing degrees in biology and chemistry with a coaching emphasis. A student teaching assignment at Badger during the semester before graduation lead to a full-time teaching position with the district, one he enjoyed for 35 years.

# WHEN DID YOU REALIZE YOU WANTED TO BECOME A TEACHER? WAS THERE A TEACHER THAT WAS PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL?

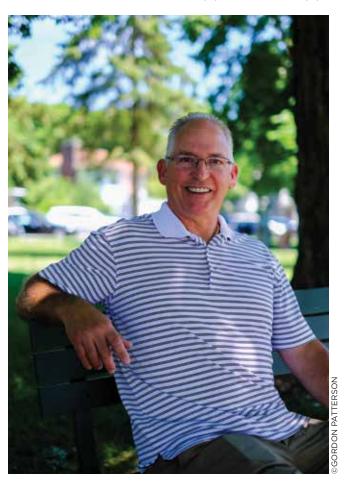
Becoming a teacher hit me while I was sitting in my college chemistry class listening to a lecture. I kept thinking, "I can do a better job of explaining this topic." I realized this many times, so I made the decision to become a teacher. I loved school and learning from my first day of kindergarten. I can remember the name of every teacher I have had which means they were influential to me in some way.

## WHAT WAS MOST REWARDING ABOUT TEACHING?

There is the short-term reward that teachers call the "Aha moment" when you see the light bulb click on and you realize that the student understands. There is the long-term reward when students show gratitude for your efforts in the form of thank you notes, some of which come after they have graduated. Over the years, I've received hundreds of such notes. In many cases, a teacher doesn't really know if they influenced a student's life or not, but if you work hard, show that you care about your students, and make an effort to connect with each one, then you cannot help but make a positive impact in their lives.

## HOW HAVE KIDS CHANGED OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR CAREER AND DID YOU HAVE TO ADAPT YOUR TEACHING METHODS?

Quite honestly, kids have not changed that much over the course of my teaching career. What has changed is technology and the use of computers and cell phones as part of their everyday lives. With information right at their fingertips, students are much more likely to "Google" the answer than to use reasoning and critical thinking skills to arrive at an answer. I've had to increase my use of technology in the classroom, but I have always used a Socratic approach to teaching by asking questions and using what kids already know to help them learn to "connect the dots" and become better problem solvers.



## CAN YOU SHARE ANY MEMORABLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS THAT DIDN'T TURN OUT AS PLANNED?

I was performing a chemistry show for elementary kids with a colleague, and we painted a phrase like "Science is Fun" on a piece of paper towel using a special solution. The words disappeared as the liquid evaporated and then burst into flame, burning the words into the paper. I then gave a short speech about lab safety. A small bit of the solution dripped onto my lab coat and a small boy kept waving his hands trying to catch my attention. Finally he blurted out, "Mr., Mr. your coat's on fire!" I calmly removed my coat and submersed it in a bucket of water and went on like it was part of the show.

## WHAT WERE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR TEACHING CAREER?

In 1990, I was named Teacher of the Year and in 2013 I was named both District 17 and Southcentral Region Assistant Coach of the Year for football. The real highlights were receiving positive feedback from students throughout my career.

## WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR RETIREMENT?

I would like to spend more time with my wife, who is also a retired teacher, as well as my children and grandchildren. I plan to travel a bit, do more hunting and fishing, work in the garden, read more and work on projects around the house. My wife and I will make a decision on what will be the next chapter in our lives. Most likely we will open a small business of an undecided nature — we have nothing but time to figure it out.

## // DINING DIRECTORY //











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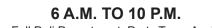
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JO JO'S PIZZA & PASTA 308 State Road 50, Delavan; 262-728-5656. jojospizzadelavan.com L, D, \$-\$\$. **LAGRANGE GENERAL STORE** W6098 U.S. Highway 12, Whitewater; 262-495-8600. Sandwiches, soups, salads, coffee, smoothies, ice cream. L, D, \$.

LAKEHOUSE BREAKFAST BAR & GRILL N7073 State Highway 12/67, Elkhorn; 262-742-3300. lakehouseelkhorn.com. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹ ♣-)

LAUDERDALE LANDING W5625 West Shore Dr., Elkhorn; 262-495-8727. *lauderdalelanding.com*. Beautiful lake views, Waterfront Tiki Bar serving weekends and holidays. Access the restaurant via boat. Serving homemade pizza, sandwiches and burgers. Open 11 a.m. daily. L, D, \$-\$\$. ☼⊕ ₹₺

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LUKE'S MARKET STREET ITALIAN SANDWICHES 117 W. Market St., Elkhorn; 262-723-4676. Sandwiches, shakes, burgers. L, D, \$. 🕸

MAD DAN'S RESTAURANT 200 Main St., Twin Lakes; 262-877-2586. *maddans.com*. L (weekends), D, \$-\$\$. ₹�-ὧ&

MANNY'S SNACK SHACK 404 S. Lake Ave., Twin Lakes; 262-877-4442. Sandwiches, burgers, salads. B, L, \$. ⊕ &

MARS RESORT W4098 S. Shore Drive, off State Rd 50 on Lake Como, Lake Geneva; 262-245-5689. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹♪�� &※





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SPERINO'S 720 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn; 262-723-2222. sperinos.com. Full bar, wine, beer, pizza, burgers, sandwiches, salads. L.D, \$-\$\$. ₹

**SPRECHER'S RESTAURANT & PUB** 111 Center St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-7047. sprecherspub.com.

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**SWEENEY'S PUB** 103 Kenosha St., Walworth; 262-275-5560. Pub snacks. L, D, NC, \$. ₹

10 PIN PUB 121 Kenosha St., Walworth; 262-394-4300. 10pinpub.com/pub. Nostalgic 8-lane bowling alley with pub food and handmade pizza. Sat.-Sun. L, D; Mon.-Fri. D, Closed Wed. \$ \(\frac{3}{2}\)PR

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TOUCH OF CLASS 121 S. Lake Ave., Twin Lakes; 262-877-3340. Sandwiches. L, D, \$. ₹♪)

TURTLE LAKE INN N6513 Anderson Dr., Delavan; 262-728-5311. Sandwiches, soups. L, D, NC, \$. 

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UPPER CRUST PIZZERIA AND PUB N1070 County Rd. H, Pell Lake; 262-279-2233. Pizza, sandwiches, appetizers. Closed Mon.-Tues., L, D, NC, ATM, \$. ₹⊙

THE WATERFRONT The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd, Fontana; 262-275-9034. theabbeyresort.com/dining. Casual/Burgers, BBQ. Live entertainment on weekends in the summer. Outdoor BBQ. Call for hours. L, D, \$-\$\$. \*\*\*

WATERFRONT 408 State Rd. 50, Delavan; 262-728-4700. waterfrontdelavan.com. Burgers, flatbreads, pasta, steaks, seafood and salads... L, D, \$. ₹ ♣ ♪ ♪

## COFFEE HOUSE

**AVANT BICYCLE & CAFÉ** 234 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-203-5141. Coffee bar with bakery

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**BEAN & VINE COFFEE BAR** The Ridge Hotel, W4240 State Road 50, Lake Geneva; 262-249-3800. *ridgelakegeneva.com*. Featuring coffee, tea, bakery treats, wine, beer and sandwiches. Open daily. B, L, D, \$-\$\$.

**BOXED & BURLAP** 2935 State Rd. 67, Delavan, 262-374-5497. *boxedandburlap.com*. Custom roasted coffee, espresso bar plus a selection of tea and pastry items. Open daily. \$.

**CAFÉ GELATO** Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. *grandgeneva.com*. Serving Starbucks coffee, bakery treats and gelato. B, L, D, \$.

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**COFFEE MILL** 441 Mill St., Fontana; 262-275-0040. *coffeemillfontana.com*. Featuring Fair Trade certified Anodyne coffee, Rishi teas and baked goods from Swiss Maid Bakery in Harvard. II. \$.

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**PEDAL AND CUP** 1722 N. Hwy. 120, Springfield; 262-249-1111. *pedalandcup.com*. Coffee, smoothies, beer, snacks. Bicycle rental. L., \$.

**PERKUP** 27 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn; 262-723-1287, perkupelkhorn.com. A variety of coffees, iced drinks, frappes, and smoothies. Colectivo and Door County coffee sold in bulk plus baked goods and cereals available. B, L, \$-\$.



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STILLWATER COFFEE COMPANY 1560 N. Country Club Pkwy, Elkhorn; 262-723-2301. stillwater-coffeecompany.com. Fresh roasted coffee, sweet treats and savory bakery items plus other light menu choices. Open daily. \$

## DINER

**DADDY MAXWELL'S** 150 Elkhorn Rd., Hwy. 67, Williams Bay; 262-245-5757. *daddymaxwells.* com. B, L, D (Fri.), Closed Tues., NC, \$, beer. ••

ELIZABETH'S CAFE 322 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan; 262-728-3383. Steaks, salads, sandwiches. Breakfast served all day. B, L, D, \$. 3

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JONI'S DINER 111 Wells St., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9565. jonisdiner.com. Full breakfast menu plus soups, salads, sandwiches and burgers. B, I & A

LUCKY STAR PUB AND EATERY 864 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-763-2155. eatatluckystar. com. American, Tex-Mex, Mexican and Italian food. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. �-� 🔆

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**PRINCESS CAFÉ** 2695 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-5905. B, L, D, \$, beer and wine.

## **FRENCH**

SOPRA: AN AMERICAN BISTRO 724 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-0800. soprabistro.com. French, Italian and Spanish cuisine with the occasional Asian influence. D, NS, \$\$. \(\frac{1}{2}\)

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**YOGEEZE FROZEN YOGURT** 253 Center St., Lake Geneva; 262-203-5550. *yogeeze.com*. Build your own yogurt creation using 15 changing yogurt flavors and over 40 different toppings. \$.

## **IRISH**

FOLEY'S W3905 State Rd. 50 (at Hwy 50 and Chapin Rd), Lake Geneva; 262-245-6966. Full Irish fare Wed.-Sun. in the dining room, Pub open 7 days a week. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹

#### ITALIAN

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**LARDUCCI PIZZERIA** 20 S. Washington St., Elkhorn; 262-723-6668. *larducci.com*. Carry-out only. D, NC, \$-\$\$.

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NAPOLI'S RESTAURANT 132 N. Pine St., Burlington; 262-763-8390. napoliburlington.com. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. L (Wed.- Fri.), D, \$-\$\$. ₹�-⊕ ) €

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PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA 5576 Highway 50, Delavan; 262-728-8282. papajohns.com. Pizza, wings, poppers, desserts. Carryout or delivery. L, D, \$\$.

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PINO'S LAST CALL 545 Kenosha St., Walworth; 262-275-6698. pinoslastcall.com. Pizza, pasta. Dinein, carryout, delivery. L (Thurs-Sun), D, \$.

PIZZA RANCH 28 W. Hidden Trail, Elkhorn; 262-723-7880. pizzaranch.com. Our menu includes pizza, fried chicken, and a full buffet. L., D, \$.

**RIGA-TONY'S** 5576 State Rd. 50, Delavan; 262-740-2540. *rigatonysdelavan.com*. Pasta, sandwiches, soups, breads and desserts. Deli. Open Tues.-Sun. L, D, \$.

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ROMA'S RISTORANTE N8416 County Rd. ES, East Troy; 262-642-5353. romaswi.com. Pizza and pastas. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹�- ) ⊕ ❖ PR

ROSA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 180 W. Main St., Whitewater; 262-472-9857. eatrosas.com. Italian entrees, pizza. Carryout or delivery. D, \$. )

SOPRA: AN AMERICAN BISTRO 724 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-0800. soprabistro.com. Contemporary American twist on Bistro classics. D, \$\$. \*\*\text{\$\frac{1}{2}}\text

SPERINO'S 720 N. Wisconsin Ave., Elkhorn; 262-723-2222. sperinos.com. Italian cuisine. Local delivery. L, D, \$\$. ₹�-⊕ PR

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**VESUVIO'S LITTLE ITALY** 617 E. Washington St., Delavan; 262-740-1762. *delavanpizza.com*. Carry-out, local delivery. (Open at 3 p.m. Tues.-Sun.) \$.

**ZUMPANO'S RISTORANTE & PIZZERIA** 180 E. Chestnut St., Burlington; 262-767-0581. *zumpanospizza.com.* Open daily 4 p.m. Sandwiches, ribs, pizza. D, \$-\$\$. ₹⊙

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MEDUSA GRILL AND BISTRO 501 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-8644. medusagrillandbistro.com. Mediterranean Cuisine. Beer and wine. Lounge. Open Tues.-Sat. D, \$-\$\$.⊕₹♪

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HERNANDEZ EL SARAPE 212 S. 7th St., Delavan; 262-728-6443. hernandez-restaurant.com. L. D. \$. \$



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LOS TRES HERMANOS 31 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn; 262-379-1658. *los3hermanos.com*. Authentic Mexican cuisine. L, D, \$\$ ⊕ ₹

LUCKE'S CANTINA 220 Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay; 262-245-6666. *luckescantina.com.* Mexican cuisine. B, L, D, \$. ₹

PANCHO'S BURRITO VELOZ 206 Walworth St., Genoa City; 262-279-2449. panchosburritoveloz. com. Authentic Mexican cuisine. Closed Sunday. I. D. \$. @)

## **SPECIALTY**

THE BAKER HOUSE 327 Wrigley Dr., downtown Lake Geneva; 262-248-4700. historichotelso-flakegeneva.com. Lakeside dining and sunset cocktails on the wrap-around veranda. Enjoy the piano bar or sip vintage cocktails in our old world bar. Closed Mon. D. \$\$. 706 APR

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BITTNER'S BAKERY 495 Interchange N., Lake Geneva; 262-248-2330. bittnersbakery. com. Featuring traditional bakery favorites, brownies, cupcakes, European pasteries, cakes for all occasions. Open Wed-Sat, 6:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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**THE BOTTLE SHOP** 617 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9463. *thebottleshoplakegeneva*.

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LAKE GENEVA PIE COMPANY 150 E. Geneva Square, Lake Geneva; 262-248-5100. *Igpie.com*. Catering, fresh soups, sandwiches, and pies. Zero trans-fat pies available. B, L, \$-\$\$.

LAKELAND BAKERY 421 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn; 262-723-2923. *lakelandbakery.com*. A Walworth County favorite since 1957. Open Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Sat. 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$.

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SIMPLE BAKERY & MARKET 521 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-2190. simplebakeryandmar-ket.com. Fresh food and baked goods made with ingredients from local farmers. B. L. \$. @

THE TROUT HOUSE AT RUSHING WATERS N301 County Rd. H, Palmyra; 262-495-2089. rushing-waters.net. Menus celebrate seasonal local ingredients sourced from on-site fishery, smokehouse and area farms. Closed Mon.-Tues. L, D, \$\$.

THE TROUT HOUSE - DELAVAN 116 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan; 262-725-7447, rushingwaters.net. Same great menu as Palmyra location. Open Wed. - Sat., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. I. D. \$\$ 075

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#### STEAKHOUSE

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**GENEVA CHOPHOUSE** Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. chophouse411.com/geneva. Seafood, chops and steak. Br., D, \$\$\$. \$©

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**240° WEST** The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana; 262-275-9034. *theabbeyresort.com/dining*. Steaks, chops, seafood, BBQ, small plates and salads. B, D, Br on Sunday, \$\$-\$\$\$. \$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \f

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## ONGOING EVENTS

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Every weekend from Sept. 8 – Oct. 21 enjoy a fun farm experience in the apple orchard, pumpkin patch, on a hayride or in the farm kitchen bakery, deli and market, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

#### AUTUMN ON THE FARM

Share traditions of autumn, including harvesting and preserving the bounty of the summer. Every weekend, Sept. 1 – Oct. 14, Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

#### BELFRY MUSIC THEATRE

Enjoy a full line-up of tribute bands and performers every weekend through October 20 plus special holiday performances beginning the weekend of November 30 at the Belfry Music Theatre located between Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. To purchase tickets, visit belfrymusictheatre.com.

## DINNER TRAIN

Sept. 15 and Oct. 6, 20, 27. Two-hour dinner tour on East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrnorg.

## GENEVA LAKE AREA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Learn more about the history of the Geneva Lake area at this informative museum. Open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon., Tues., Fri., and Sat.; 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sun. Beginning in November, open 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues., Fri., Sat. and Sun. For more information, call 262-248-6060 or genevalakemuseum.org.

## HISTORIC BEER BREWING

Every other Saturday, beginning Aug. 25 – Oct. 6, learn about the 19th century beer brewing process, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

#### KNC WALKS WITH HAROLD

Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy Chairman Harold Friestad is your guide, 9 a.m. every Friday, Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay; kishwauketoe.org.

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## LIVE MAGIC SHOWS

Enjoy 60 minutes of world-class magic, comedy and illusion at the Tristan Crist Magic Theatre in downtown Lake Geneva. Call 262-248-0505 or visit lakegenevamagic.com.

## TUESDAYS @ TWO PROGRAMS Hosted by the Geneva Lake Museum, these informative programs highlight local history as well as events that shaped the region, nation and the world. Every Tuesday at 2 p.m.,

Geneva Lake Museum, Lake Geneva. Visit genevalakemuseum.org for program details.

#### **WORKSHOPS & CLASSES**

Geneva Lake Arts Foundation offers a series of workshops, classes and a gallery of exhibits. Gallery 223, 223 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-7988 or genevalakeartsfoundation.org.

## YERKES OBSERVATORY

Open for free public tours on Monday-Saturday through Sept. 30. Williams Bay; 262-245-5555 or astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes.

## FARMERS MARKETS

BURLINGTON: Thursdays, 3 – 7 p.m., through October. Wehmhoff Square, Burlington; 262-210-6360 or burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com.

**DELAVAN:** Thursdays, 3 – 7 p.m., June through September. Tower Park, Delavan; 262-728-8670 or visitdelavan.com.

**EAST TROY:** Fridays, 2 – 6 p.m., May 25 to Oct. 5. East Troy Village Square, East Troy; 262-642-3770 or easttroy.org.

**ELKHORN:** Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., June through October. Courthouse Square, Elkhorn; elkhornchamber.com.

FONTANA: Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., June through September. Porter Court Plaza, Fontana; 262-275-0040.

LAKE GENEVA: Thursdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., May 3 to Oct. 25. Horticultural Hall, Lake Geneva: 262-745-9341 or horticulturalhall.com.

**WHITEWATER:** Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., May through October. Historic Train Depot, Whitewater; downtownwhitewater.com.

**WOODSTOCK:** Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., May through October. Historic Woodstock Square, Woodstock; woodstockfarmersmarket.org.

## WATER SKI SHOWS

Through Labor Day

BROWN'S LAKE AQUADUCKS: Every

Thursday, beginning with the junior show at 5 p.m., followed by the main show at 6:30 p.m., Brown's Lake. Viewing from Fischer Park, Burlington; aquaducks.org.

LAS WATER SKI SHOW TEAM: Every Saturday, 6 p.m., Babe Mann Park, Elkhorn; laswaterskiteam.org.

MINNEISKA SKI TEAM: Every Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Whitewater Lake. Viewing from Scenic Ridge Campground. facebook.com/MinneiskaWaterSkiShowTeam.

TWIN LAKES AQUANUTS: Every

Wednesday and Saturday, 6 p.m., Twin Lakes. Viewing from Lance Memorial Park, Twin Lakes; aquanutwatershows.com.

## **AUGUST**

[24-26] MAXWELL STREET DAYS Sales, food and crafts in downtown Lake Geneva; 800-345-1020 or visitlakegeneva.com.

[24, 31] BLACK POINT NOOKS & CRANNIES TOUR

Get a behind the scenes look at Black Point Estate. Tour departs from the Riviera Dock at 10:30 a.m. For tickets, call 262-248-1888 or visit cruiselakegeneva.com.

[25-26] GRAND CHAMPION CHEESE TASTING & SALE

Award-winning artisan and specialty cheeses from the Wisconsin State Fair available to taste and buy, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., The Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

[26] TREADFAST

An annual off-road series bicycle race at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa. Visit treadheadcycling, com/treadfest/.

[29-SEPT. 3] WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR

Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 262-723-3328 or walworthcountyfair.com.

## SEPTEMBER

[6] LEGENDS & LANDMARKS: WALKING TOUR

A 90-minute walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and the historic Maple Park neighborhoods departs from the Riviera at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call 262-248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.org.

[7-9] DARIEN CORNFEST

Celebration of the super starch and all things com, Darien; dairencomfest.us.

[8] HISTORIC 1870s BASE BALL Take in a game the old fashioned way. 1:30 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org.

[8-9] AUTUMN ART TOUR

Artists and fine craftsmen open their studios to display and sell their work, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Woodstock. Maps available at Material Things Artisan Market on the Woodstock Square and wpbw.org.

[8-9] EAST TROY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The sounds of Bluegrass music fill the historic East Troy Village Square, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. both days. Visit easttroy.org.





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[15] FAT TIRE MEMORIAL RIDE Bicycle tour on 21.5 miles of paved roads around Geneva Lake with rest stops at taverns throughout the course. To register, visit fattireride.com.

## [15] GENEVA LAKE CONSERVANCY FALL EVENT

Visit a pollinator garden and oak savannah at Knob Road Farm plus enjoy dinner in a restored dairy barn, followed by a presentation by Jack Phillips, principal of The Naturalist School and noted author. For more information, call 262-275-5700.

#### [15] SCARECROW FEST

Music, flea market, carnival, craft show, duck raffle, build-a-scarecrow event, food, street dance and more, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m., downtown Delavan; 262-728-6000 or visitdelavan.com.

[15] WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS Raise awareness and funds to enhance Alzheimer's care and support. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., walk at 10 a.m., Library Park, Lake Geneva; 414-479-8800 or act.alz.org.

## [15] WHITEWATER MAIN STREET FESTIVAL

Explore galleries, local shops and restaurants all while enjoying hands-on art making, sidewalk sales, art exhibits and music, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visit wwmsfestival.blogspot.com for more information.

## [15-16] PEARCE'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS

Pumpkin patch, fresh produce, straw- or hay-bale maze, hay rides, helicopter rides, live music and more, Pearce's Farm Stand; W5740 North Walworth Rd., Walworth; 262-275-3783 or pearcefarms.com.

## [16] RICK STEVES "TRAVEL AS A POLITICAL ACT"

As host and writer of a popular PBS series and best-selling author of European travel books, Steves will reflect on how tourism can be a significant force for peace and understanding in the world, 4 p.m., Ferro Pavilion, George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or sundaysat4.org.

#### [18] WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Free events featuring musical genres from around the world. First performance at 3 p.m., followed by 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. concerts. Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

## [20] SIDE-BY-SIDE FUNDRAISING DINNER

Raise funds for Side-by-Side, a local organization that assists families in crisis, by attending a dinner at Simple Café, Lake Geneva. For details, call 262-248-3556 or visit sidebysidelakegeneva.org.

[20] WALK & WINE IN THE GARDEN Enjoy a glass of wine and appetizers from 5 – 7 p.m. while taking in the ever-changing scenery of Congdon Gardens, Delavan; visitdelavan.com.

#### [22] MILWAUKEE DAY

Marvel at the fleet of museum cars at this special event. East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroymorg.

#### [26] PRAIRIE SONGS: REMEMBERING ÁNTONIA

Original string composition marking the 100th anniversary of the Willa Cather novel, *My Ántonia*. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[29] MAPLE PARK LANTERN TOUR Stroll through Lake Geneva's Maple Park neighborhood and learn about its architecture and history. You'll hear about the inventor of Dungeons and Dragons, the old Pioneer Cemetery and even moonlight tea parties. Tour departs at 5 p.m. from the historic Steppingstone, 817 Wisconsin St., Lake Geneva. For tickets, call 262-248-1888.

#### [29] WHISKER WALK

Fetch your sneakers and grab a furry friend for a scenic walk to raise funds for Lakeland Animal Shelter. Registration is at 10 a.m., walk at 11:30 a.m., Lakeland Animal Shelter, Delavan; 262-723-1000 or lakelandanimalshelter.org.





## [29-30] ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

Spectacular classic and vintage boats from all over the U.S. will be on display. Boat parade at 4 p.m. Saturday, The Abbey Resort, Fontana; genevalakesboatshow.com.

[29-30] 28TH ANNUAL APPLE FEST Pick your own apples, buy fresh apple cider, fresh cider donuts and sample a variety of fruit wines. The Apple Barn Orchard & Winery, Elkhom; 262-728-3266 or applebarnorchardandwinery.com.

[30] ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn.

## [30] DISCOVER LAKE GENEVA BRIDAL SHOWCASE

Step aboard Lake Geneva Cruise Line yachts decorated by top wedding professionals. Premiere vendors will be on hand including caterers, florists, photographers, musicians, bridal wear, stationers, salon services and more, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Riviera Docks, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6206 or cruiselakegeneva. com/bridalshowcase.

## OCTOBER

[5] HARVEST FEST

Bonfire, cookout, night hike, 5-8 p.m., Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay; kishwauketoe.org.

## [5] RANDY OTTO AS WINSTON CHURCHILL

Randy Otto has carefully honed his humorous and poignant theatrical homage to Winston Churchill, 7 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; 262-275-2117 or bigfootfinearts.org. [5-6, 12-13] WHEN ANGELS CARRIED

[5-6, 12-13] WHEN ANGELS CARRIED THEM AWAY

A presentation about Victorian funeral and mourning customs, a first floor house tour of Black Point Estate, and a Lake Geneva Cruise Line narrated boat tour of maritime mishaps on Geneva Lake, 4 – 7 p.m. For reservations, call Lake Geneva Cruise Line, 262-248-6206 or visit cruiselakegeneva.com.

[6-7] LAKE GENEVA OKTOBERFEST Family fall festival includes music, food, craft booths, restaurant and shopping specials, wagon hayrides, pony rides, and more. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Lake Geneva; streetsoflakegeneva.com.

[6, 13, 20] SORDID AND SCANDALOUS: A WALKING TOUR OF LAKE GENEVA Enjoy a 90-minute walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and learn about some of the little known tales about the city. Tours depart from the Riviera at 11 a.m. For tickets, call 262-248-1888 or visit blackpointestate. wisconsinhistory.org.

[11-14, 18-21] NOISES OFF The Haylofters present a hilarious and classically comic production that features a menagerie of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop called *Nothing's On*. Malt House Theater, Burlington; 262-763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[12-14, 19-21] DO BLACK PATENT LEATHER SHOES REALLY REFLECT UP Performed by Lakeland Players and directed by JaNelle Powers. Walworth County Performing Arts Center, Elkhom; 262-728-5578 or lakeland-players.org.

#### [16] BOYS IN TROUBLE

Trailblazing choreographer Sean Dorsey brings an evening of dance that pairs vulnerable storytelling with raw emotion and irreverent humor. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[18] SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUPPER Enjoy dinner out while helping raise funds for Walworth County Special Olympics. Three seatings: 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. (or takeout) with three entrees available plus a raffle. Simple Café, 535 Broad St., Lake Geneva. For more information, call 262-248-3034.

[19] ART FOR YOUR TABLE .... BY YOU! Discover your inner "Petal Power" where a master florist will teach you the art of creating a special centerpiece combining fresh and silk flowers for upcoming holiday gatherings — and beyond, 5 – 7 p.m., Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.





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## [19-20] GARNIER-THIEBAUT TRUNK SHOW

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## [19-20, 26-27] HALLOWEEN LEGENDS AND LORE

Supernatural tales come to life as you venture into the dark of the woods, encounter traveling performers, hear eerie tales performed by lantern light and attempt a haunted maze under the light of the moon, 5:30 – 9 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or visit oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org.

## [20] DELAVAN OKTOBERFEST Free community festival offers live music, authentic German food and beer, Community Park, Delavan Township; 262-728-3471 or townofdelavan.com.

# [20] ELKHORN OCTOBERFEST Over 100 vendors showcasing handcrafted items, antiques, produce, plants, plus chili cook-off and wine and beer tasting. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Veterans and Pocket Parks, Elkhom; 262-723-5788 or elkhornchamber.com.

[20] JIM MESSINA WITH BAND Classic rock icon Jim Messina's smooth, familiar voice and masterful guitar playing will take you on a musical journey through some of his greatest hits. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww edu

## [20] MILES FOR SMILES BENEFIT 5K WALK RUN

5K walk-run benefits the SMILES riding program, 9 a.m., SMILES facility, Darien; 262-882-3470 or smilestherapeuticriding.org.

#### [20] WILDLIFE IN NEED

An educational and entertaining experience for all ages that showcases the work at a wildlife rehabilitation center. 3 p.m., Kachel Center, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[23] A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM One of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies is brought to life in an innovative new production by the Aquila Theatre. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

#### [24] FRANKENSTEIN

Aquila Theatre performs a bold and thrilling interpretation of this timeless classic. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[26-27] BOO IN THE BAY EVENTS Annual Halloween celebration in Williams Bay featuring enchanted and spooky walks on Friday night and pumpkin races on Saturday. For more information, call 262-245-2720 or visit williamsbay.org.

## [27] LAKE GENEVA BEER & SPIRITS FESTIVAL

Take part in the area's only beer and distilled spirits tasting event. Unlimited sampling from more than 35 Midwest craft brewers and distilleries, plus enjoy food samples, music and more. 1 – 5 p.m., The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva. For tickets, visit lakegenevabeerandspirits.com or call 262-729-4471. Special overnight packages available.

## [27] SCARE ON THE SQUARE Fall fun with kids' activities like bounce houses, costume contest and more, 2 – 4 p.m., Jackson Elementary School, Elkhorn; 262-723-5788 or elkhornchamber.com.

## [27-28] PUMPKIN DROP & FALL FESTIVAL

Enjoy live music and food, pumpkin painting plus experience the Pumpkin Drop, where a bullseye is painted between dual racing ziplines, and participants armed with a pumpkins aim for the target. Call 262-248-9271 or visit lakegenevacanopytours.com.

[28] KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY Free food and drinks available for kids, ages 12 and under, in costume, Community Park, Delavan Township; 262-728-3471 or townofdelavan.com.



## **NOVEMBER**

[1-DECEMBER 23] ELF THE MUSICAL This onstage adaptation of the beloved holiday film is a must-see for the whole family. Performance dates and show times vary, Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson; 800-477-9505 or firesidetheatre.com.

[2-11] DINE AROUND THE LAKES The Walworth County restaurant week features prix fixe three course menus for both lunch and dinner at participating area restaurants. Call 262-728-6000 or visit dinearoundthelakes.com.

[3-4, 10-11] HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Don't miss the Cornerstone Shop & Gallery's biggest event of the year, the annual Holiday Open House, featuring holiday décor, personalized gifts, drawings and special guests on both weekends. Call 262-248-6988 or visit cornerstoneshoppe. com for details.

[10] HOLIDAY AFFAIR CRAFT SHOW "Round robin" craft show featuring over 300 crafters, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at six locations in Elkhorn; 262-723-3228 or elkhornchamber.com.

[10] WILD RUMPUS CIRCUS Artists work with kids to incorporate movement, dance and theater-based experiences plus hands-on circus activities like tightwire, juggling and balancing. 3 p.m., Kachel Center, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[10-11] HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Lake Geneva's downtown stores will have festive treats plus music and holiday offerings to kick off the holiday season. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com.

#### [17] THE COASTERS

Don't miss your chance to see the Coasters, the musical legends that helped define the rhythm and blues and rock and roll sounds of the 1950s and 1960s. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

#### [17] THE MARLINS

Be prepared for a fun evening of music featuring country, rock, big band and popular radio tunes from the 60 – 80s, 7 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; 262-275-2117 or bigfootfinearts.org.

[18- DECEMBER 31] CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

On November 18 more than two million lights will be illuminated followed by a Grand Fireworks display. Or enjoy the lights and other festive happenings throughout the holiday season. Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-248-8811 or grandgeneva.com.

[23-DECEMBER 31] SANTA CRUISE Embark on a magical Christmas cruise to Santa's North Pole Hideaway. Along your lake tour, enjoy the twinkling lights and displays along the shoreline of Geneva Lake. Cruises run every evening with the exception of Dec. 24 and 25. Lake Geneva Cruise Line, Gage Marine Winter Harbor, Williams Bay; 262-248-6206 or cruiselakegeneva.com.

[24-25, DECEMBER 1-2] TOY CAMP Lakeland Players performance directed by Josie Palmer. Walworth County Performing Arts Center, Elkhorn; 262-728-5578 or lakeland-players.org.

[24-25, DECEMBER 1-2, 8-9, 15-16] CHRISTMAS EXPRESS

Ride the rails with Santa and his helpers. Departures beginning at 9 a.m., East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroymorg.

[30, DECEMBER 1-2] A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

The Haylofters present a faithful stage adaptation of the classic animated television special. Malt House Theater, Burlington; 262-763-9873 or thehaylofters.com. ▲



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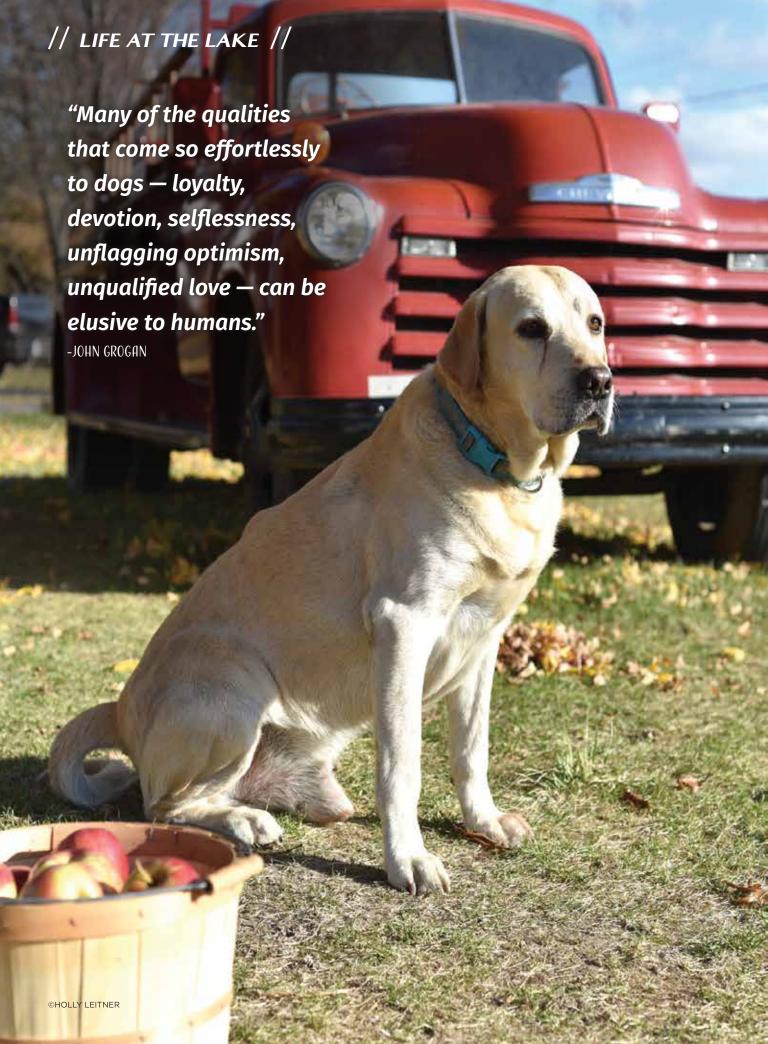
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