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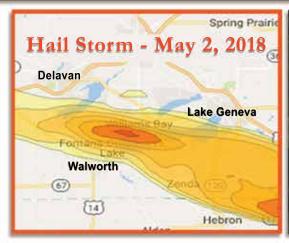


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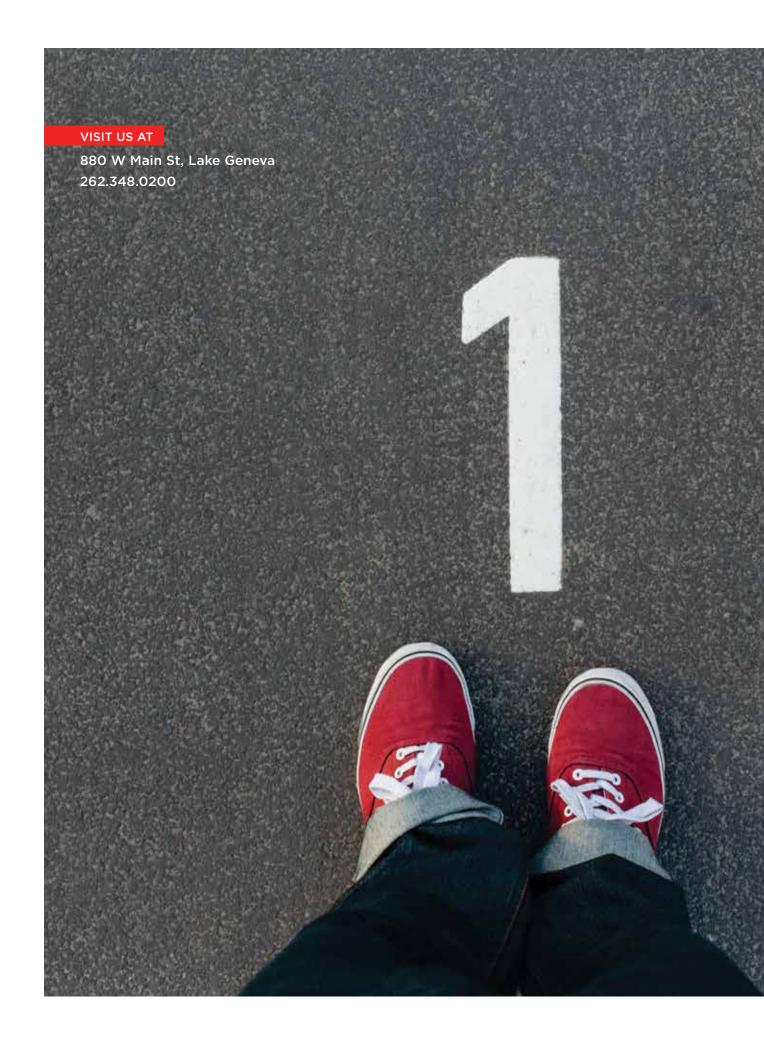






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This issue of *At The Lake* also offers you a chance to put our long winter in the rearview mirror and catch a glimpse of spring.

Our six-page portfolio, "In Full Bloom," features the talents of three area floral designers who created beautiful springtime arrangements with colors and textures so vividly photographed you can almost smell the scents of hyacinths, roses and lilies. With the arrival of spring, many will be opening up their lake homes once again, so we thought a story about Delavan Lake's Assembly Park association was fitting. Learn about the origins of this idyllic neighborhood on page 36. If you have a spring break getaway planned, you'll want to read Matt Mason's story about taking photos with your smartphone. After reading his tips, you won't need to pack a heavy camera to capture great shots.

And if you spent part of the winter daydreaming about home improvement projects, don't miss our 13th annual "At Home" advertising section featuring builders, home remodeling contractors, interior designers and more.

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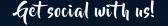








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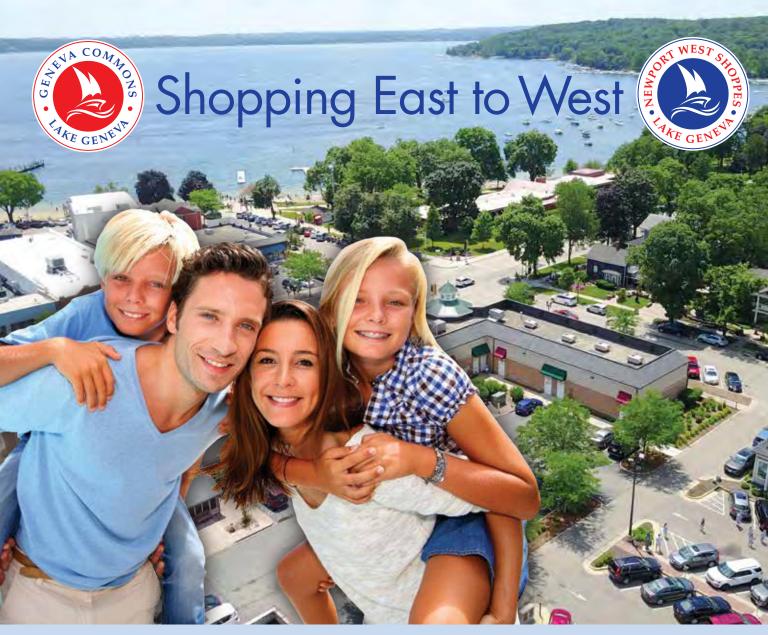
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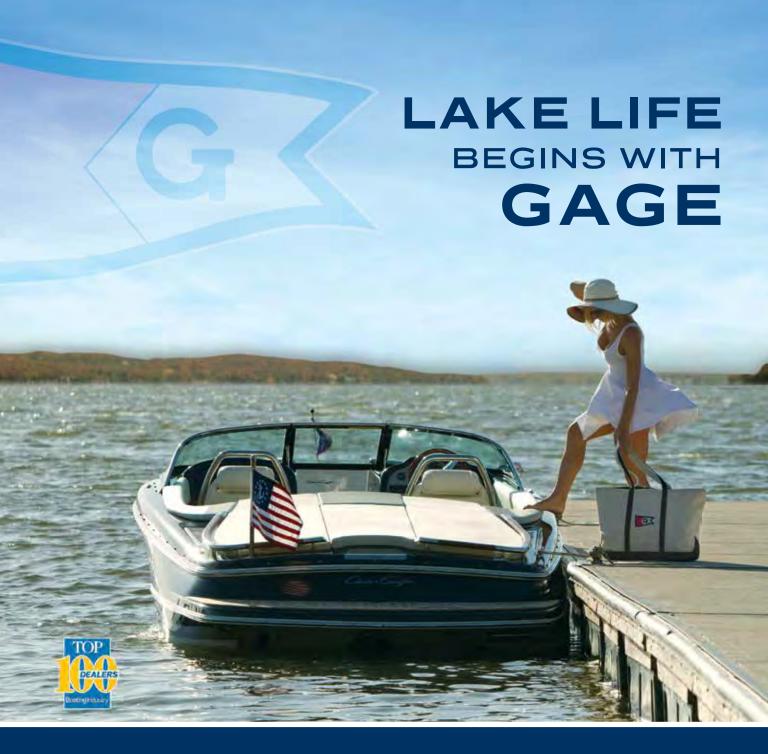
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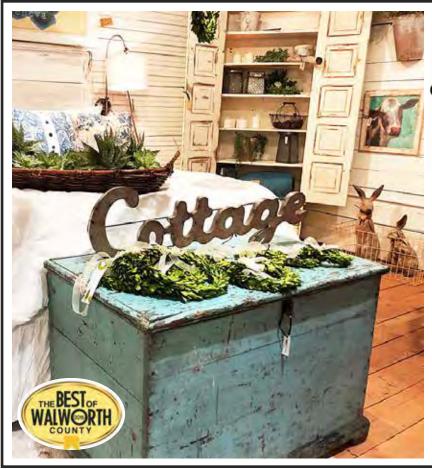
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The portion of the Gage Marine property traditionally has housed Lake Geneva Cruise Line boats in need of refurbishment or it's been used as a staging area for customers heading out on the water in the summertime, but Charter Sales Manager Clare Mulcahy says staff realized it had untapped potential. "This allows people to utilize the views, the great structure and food at Pier 290 without having to rent out the restaurant itself," Mulcahy says.

With direct lake access, the venue is able to accommodate 250-300 people for weddings, corporate gatherings, fundraisers, auctions and more. "It's kind of a nice blank canvas to do whatever you'd like," Mulcahy says.

Wooden walls, a white trellis and industrial light beams already adorn the space, and the floor will undergo renovations before it's ready to host events, Mulcahy says.

Part of an old Geneva Lake pier serves as a stage, and little boats and old maritime décor can transform the space for both formal and casual events. However, "it needs very little because it already has that lake feel to it," Mulcahy says.

Customers also can customize the space or menu, which Pier 290 will redesign for special occasions. The goal, Mulcahy says, is to enhance the lake experience. "What we're really striving for is including the lake in as much as we can for people's enjoyment of the area," she says.

For example, this summer, a couple will be married on the beachfront at the Pier 290 canopy area, go for a cruise on the *Lady of the Lake* and return to the boat barn for a traditional reception with dinner and dancing. "It's hard to think of something else available like this," Mulcahy says.

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### BADGER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF

At 12 years old, Christopher Bakken stumbled upon string art online and began creating outlines of sailboats and anchors to decorate his bedroom. When his sister, who lives in Chicago, asked him to make something that reminded her of home, Bakken crafted an image of Geneva Lake. His design sparked Start Handmade, a business the Badger High School sophomore created to sell his string art pieces to the community.

Bakken begins by buying boards and materials for about 15 pieces at a time. From there, he cuts, sands and stains all of the boards in the garage at his parents' Fontana home. He then waits for orders to roll in before he individualizes the process of nailing, stringing and packaging the finished product for delivery.

Finding a balance between business, school, work and golf in the spring can be challenging, Bakken says. Homework usually comes first, but when Start Handmade receives a lot of orders, such as around Christmastime, he has to "kick it into high gear," he says.

In 2018, Start Handmade received about 45 orders — its biggest year to date. It also participated in Badger High School's annual craft and vendor fair, where Bakken's booth joined about 60 small businesses in taking orders, selling prints and giving out business cards. Start Handmade also donated two pieces to a silent auction at a local pancake breakfast, where they helped raise more than \$300.



Bakken says he wants the image around Start Handmade to be one of giving back. "With Start Handmade, we want people to realize the beauty and importance of Geneva Lake," he says. "I've lived here my whole life, so from summers when I was little, the lake has really inspired me and made me realize how important it is to our area."

This summer, Bakken hopes to facilitate workshops where customers can string their own art for a few hours while enjoying refreshments. He also wants to begin selling do-it-yourself kits online for custom creations.

Start Handmade pieces are sold at Pier 290 in Williams Bay and the Wisconsin Kringle Company in Fontana. A 12-by-28-inch piece costs \$100 and larger prints are \$199. Custom orders are accepted online. For information, visit starthandmade.com.



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After seven years on Broad Street in Lake Geneva, the salon is taking up residence in the new retail center at the Geneva National Resort.

Co-owners Tracey Wieder and Betsy Collins decided a fresh facility would be good for the business, and with its lease up this year, the move seemed like the perfect solution. "It's very exciting," Wieder says. "We're excited about parking and not having the burden of an old building in need of repairs. We've created so many relationships and love being downtown, but as far as a better working environment for all of us, it's going to be good," Wieder says.

With the move, Mia Faccia will begin offering new medical body treatments, Wieder says, such as upgraded laser services for fat reduction. Otherwise, Mia Faccia regulars can expect the same salon and spa amenities.

Many longtime clients come from Geneva National and its surrounding communities, Wieder says, so the decision to move there was an easy one. Working in conjunction with Geneva National, Mia Faccia services will be included in the resort's wedding packages. "It's nice for business and to be part of that community," says Wieder.

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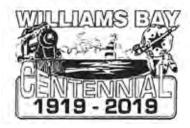
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"We want to make it a little bit more than a one-day celebration," says Trustee Greg Trush, who serves as the centennial committee's chairman.

Officials plan to decorate village streets with centennial celebration banners in late spring or early summer, he says.

All details are not yet ironed out, but Trush says the Oct. 19 celebration will feature live

music, brats and beverages served by the Williams Bay Lions Club and blood pressure screenings courtesy of Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center. Calvary Community Church also will move its annual Community Harvest Fest to Edgewater Park that day. "We're trying to get as many people involved as possible," Trush says.

By late January, the committee had collected \$12,000 in donations, which will go toward all resources and a band for the event, as well as a plaque to acknowledge the donors. Trush assures that any funds not used on the celebration will go back to the community, whether to help with needs at the recreation department, library or Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy.

"We're commemorating the village, and all the groups we have now are working together as one while looking confidently to another century," Trush says.

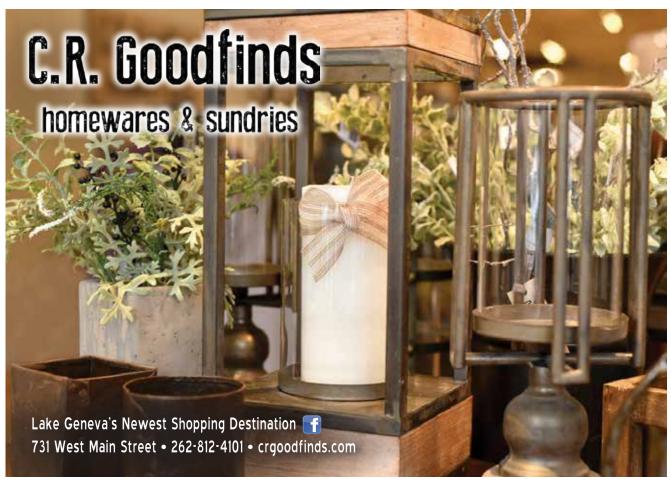
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"It's a very special place, and we didn't just want to see it turn into a dustbin," Colman says. "We wanted to make sure it was somehow preserved and protected, and that the educational programs were not only maintained but expanded, because it's too valuable a resource to lose."

Although the foundation submitted a proposal to the university in July 2018 asking for a transfer in ownership of the property, it now must wait as the university talks with the descendants of Charles T. Yerkes, the philanthropist whose gift first established the observatory. Aside from the observatory itself and the refracting telescope, the land and other structures of the Yerkes campus are owned by the university and are not subject to the terms with Yerkes, according to a news release from the university.

As of February, discussions were ongoing. However, the foundation is preparing as if the good news might come next week. "If we wait, and don't do anything, and then two months from now they say, 'Hey, we're good to go,' then we won't be ready, so we have to do everything as if we were taking over," Colman says. "It's a very unusual circumstance and very unusual situation."

Although the group has announced plans to raise \$20 million to revive the Yerkes campus, it can't begin fundraising until ownership is completely transferred, Colman says. "Would we like to have it open to the public?" she says. "Of course, but are there 2,814 steps ahead of that? Yes. It's really difficult."

Until then, some of the programming has been moved to the university's campus, and Geneva Lake Astrophysics and STEAM plans to operate some programs in Williams Bay, according to the release.

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In March of 2013, Lauderdale Lakes resident Ieff Adams had already run several marathons. but he was about to add a new location to his list: Antarctica. After flying to Buenos Aires, he and the other runners, who traveled from all over the globe, flew together to "the end of the earth" - Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city on the planet. There, they boarded two Russian research ships for the trip across the Drake Passage, where the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Southern oceans all converge. The Drake Passage is famously one of the worst ocean crossings on earth due to the frequently rough seas - described by at least one modern traveler as "somewhere between bad and terrifying."

Arriving at the Antarctic coast, Adams and his fellow racers woke at dawn and climbed into inflatable Zodiac boats to head to the most remote land on earth. "Just getting to the starting line is a marathon in itself," Adams explains. But the reward is a 26.2-mile run through some of the most austere and beautiful terrain in the world. "The scale of everything is different than anything you've seen before," he says. Running over snow, mud and heavy rock along rough coastal paths and between scientific research stations, Adams and his fellow runners

saw native wildlife most people only dream about: orcas, southern elephant seals, penguin chicks. "The morning after the race, I was out kayaking with the whales," he explains.

#### LIFE CHANGING EVENTS AND A NEW PATH

For Adams, Antarctica was just the latest experience in a series of events that would turn out to have a profound impact. Adams and his wife, Kelly, had spent their married life moving around the country, following Adams' career in wealth management with Morgan Stanley and its predecessor firms. But in 2010, Adams says he got a kind of "wake-up call," when his father passed away unexpectedly. "The day I turned 50, we held services for my dad," he explains. Then 52 days later, his mother passed away. A few days after that, the family lost their beloved golden retriever. Shortly thereafter, Adams says, his doctor told him he was getting concerned with a few of his vitals. "It put me on a different path," he says.

That same year, Kelly had decided to train for a marathon and convinced him to join her. Though he hadn't run in many years, Adams found he loved the experience. The following year, he was looking for a way to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, an event that was very personal to him. His office had once been in the World Trade Center — his employer the largest occupant — and he lost several friends and colleagues in the tragedy. He decided to train for two marathons around the anniversary — one in France to honor a mentor, and the New York City marathon in November to honor





Jeff Adams' new career as president of Marathon Tours & Travel has taken him to places like Antarctica and Bhutan, in South Asia.

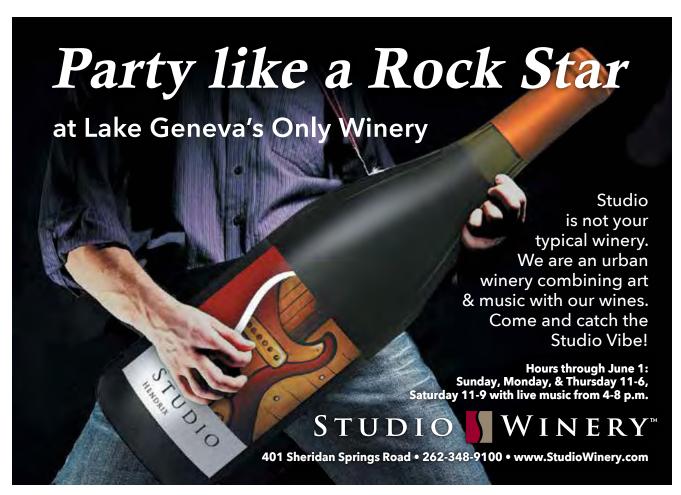
the city's first responders. The marathon in France was the first time he encountered a Boston-based company called Marathon Tours & Travel, which arranges travel experiences around international marathons. "That's when I first became a client," he explains.

Marathon Tours & Travel started the Antarctica Marathon in 1995. Due to the limited number of people allowed ashore at once, by the time Adams encountered the company, the annual marathon had a wait list of around two to three years. Adams signed up, which is how he found himself running 26.2 miles at the end of the world in 2013. Though he didn't know it at the time, it would not be his last trip there.

#### **DEEP ROOTS AT LAUDERDALE LAKES**

The next year, Adams retired from a 28-year career in wealth management. Retirement gave him more time to focus on a passion project he and Kelly had picked up a few years earlier: rebuilding and restoring a historic home on Deakin Island between Middle and Green lakes in the Lauderdale Lakes chain, just north of Elkhorn.

Adams' connection to the Lauderdale Lakes went back generations, though he and Kelly didn't realize that when they purchased their first summer home there in 2003 to enjoy with their kids. Adams' middle name is Lauderdale, in honor of his paternal grandmother's maiden name. What was initially assumed to be a coincidence turned out to be much more





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meaningful when he discovered that his grandmother was born in the area, descending from the original Lauderdale family for whom the lakes are named. "She was one of the most interesting ladies I've ever known," he says. With the family connection to the area restored, the Adamses eventually decided to make the Lauderdale Lakes their permanent home base.

While maintaining their existing home on Lauderdale, they purchased a new lake property in 2010. "It's a marquis home on the lake," Adams explains. "The families on the lake all have stories about attending parties here over the years. Someone needed to step up and show it some love, and we were the ones who were crazy enough," he laughs.

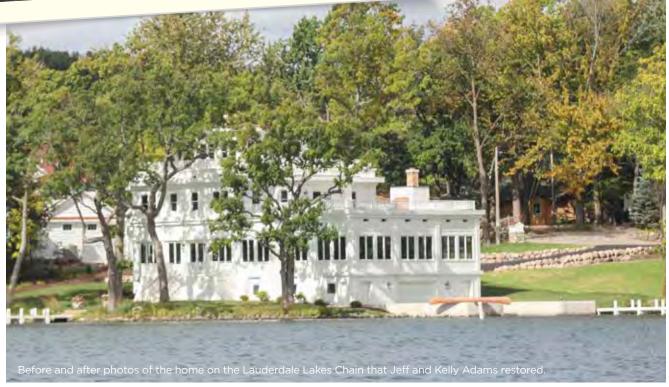


It turned out to be a huge project. The oldest part of the home dated to the 1880s, with significant additions added around 1906 and 1913. Due to the age and condition of the home, the Adamses discovered that an historic renovation wasn't really possible — they needed to undertake an historic reconstruction. So, over the course of several years, they worked with local craftsmen and builders to disassemble the home, salvage the pieces that could be saved, and rebuild the home to the same blueprint it occupied during its heyday around 1920, when Jazz Age playboy Earl Deakin entertained showgirls and gangsters and kept his prized speedboats in a custom wet dock.

When Adams retired in 2014, he threw his energy into the project, helping to collect historic photos and oral histories of the home to ensure accuracy in the details. They finally moved into the home in late 2015.

#### A NEW CAREER TAKES HOLD

Around the same time, a new opportunity presented itself to Adams, and like the home restoration, it proved to be one he couldn't resist. Adams had continued traveling around the world with Marathon Tours & Travel, even helping to facilitate and manage the logistics for some of the races, including the Antarctica Marathon.



In doing so, he had become friends with the founder of the company, Thom Gilligan. When Adams retired from Morgan Stanley, Gilligan approached him about coming on board. According to Adams, it started as a business consultation: "Thom said, 'I'd like you to give me some advice — I want to understand if my business plan is what it should be.' So I spent a year helping advise him." It was such a successful collaboration that eventually Gilligan invited Adams to take on a more permanent role.

Serving as President of Marathon Tours & Travel since 2016, Adams has continued to maintain a busy travel and running schedule as he scouts new opportunities around the world. Recently he's run races in Sydney, Bali, Singapore and Scotland — even stopping off at Thirlestane Castle, the ancestral seat of the Duke of Lauderdale — to consider them as possible tour destinations in the near future. "It's what I liked as a client, and it's what our clients like now — we're out there leading by example, running the races with them and for them," he says. Adams says that

the clients they work with at Marathon Tours & Travel are a diverse and interesting group. "We get people from all backgrounds and all ages, from young professionals to those people in their 70s and now 80s who are out running their 200th and 300th marathon."

#### HELPING OTHERS: A FAMILIAR THEME

Throughout his life, Adams has also focused on giving back. When they lived in Dallas, he and Kelly were instrumental in starting a chapter of the Make-a-Wish Foundation in northern Texas. Today, he serves as a national board member for Back on My Feet, a nonprofit organization that aims to combat homelessness through running, community support and housing, and employment resources. "We've always believed in giving back," he explains. "And Back on My Feet is a great organization. It has such a positive effect on people dealing with homelessness, many of whom, sadly, are veterans. Just getting up three mornings a week and going out for a run and maintaining that community changes how they see themselves. When we go out and run with that group, we're all just runners out there."

Another example of runners giving back is Marathon Tours & Travels' ongoing philanthropic support of organizations researching climate change in Antarctica, underwriting girls' education in Kenya and proving medical support for villagers in Madagascar.

Reflecting on both his career and now his post-retirement career, Adams says he sees a lot of similarities in those two phases of his life. "The one question I get asked the most often is, 'How do you go from 28 years of wealth management to helping people explore the world?" he says. "It's about the client and about helping them accomplish their goals. It's the same thing. I see the two as very parallel." The difference, he says, is that with marathon running and travel, the experience is based on passion and a shared sense of camaraderie. "The people that are doing these trips, they all have inspirational stories," he continues. "The camaraderie is one of the real highlights. We're out there exploring the world together one step at a time."



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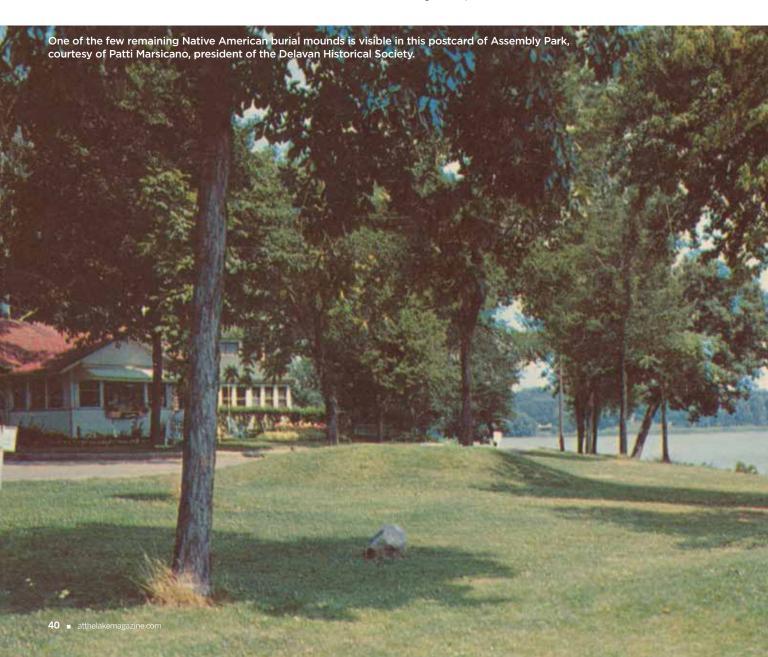
limit is set at 10 miles per hour. People walk their dogs and wave to one another as if they're family. And everyone takes care of each other.

The ebb and flow of Assembly Park has remained virtually the same since the turn of the 20th century. In the spring, it seems as if the land patiently awaits the return of the residents. When Memorial Day arrives, Assembly Park awakes in all of its summertime glory, complete with lunchtime barbecues, afternoon boat rides and evening swims. In addition to all this fun, you can feel the history of the place as it continues to permeate long-standing homes and family lineages.

Let's take a trip to Assembly Park, a slice of paradise here in the Lakes Area.

## THE EARLY DAYS

Assembly Park's roots are intertwined with Delavan's beginnings. Before settlers arrived, the land was home to Native Americans, who built effigy mounds on the property. Although many of these burial mounds didn't survive when



Assembly Park was built, a few can still be found today.

Centuries later, the property came to serve a very different purpose as a circus grounds.

John Neville, a resident since 1970 and the keeper of the community's history, explains that before it was Assembly Park, the Mabie Brothers Circus purchased the property in 1847. After years of wintering there, in 1898, the heirs sold the 38 acres, nicknamed "Mabiewood," to the Delavan Lake Assembly Association, a group of five businessmen, for \$15,000.

The Delavan Lake Assembly Association was formed as a licensed corporation — the businessmen bought the land, broke it up into lots and created 99-year leases for those lots. The leases expired in 1998







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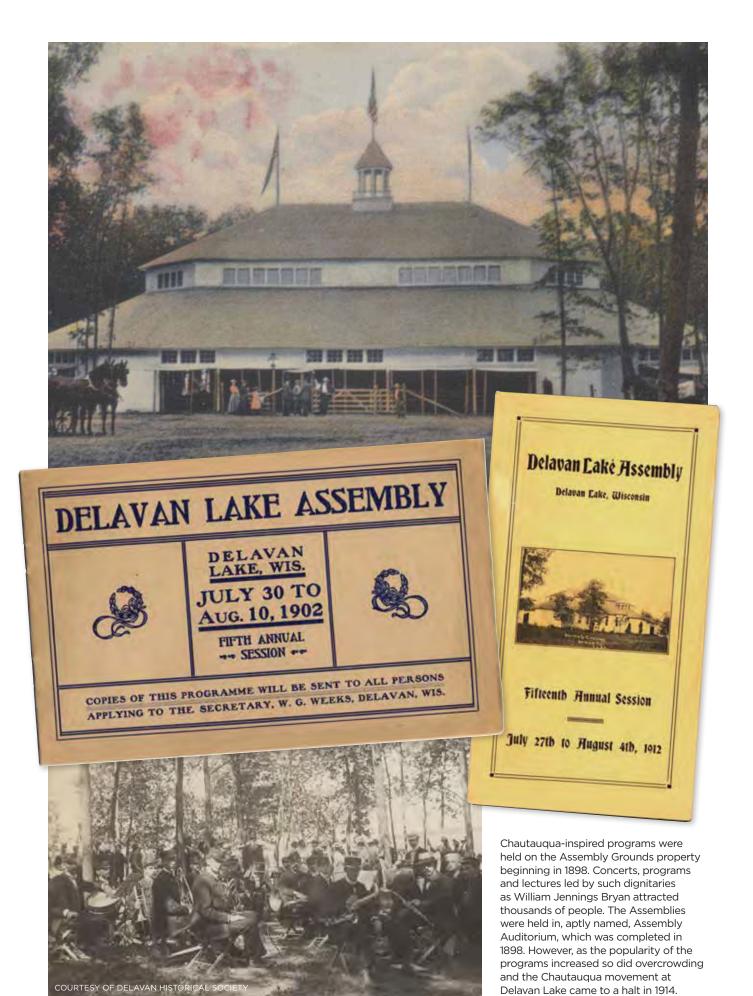
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but were then extended until 2075. Today, Assembly Park residents, or "leaseholders" as they're called, continue to own their individual homes on leased property. Currently, there are 211 cottages in the association. Neville explains, "There is a general lease agreement. Technically, the board of directors owns every lot that's in here. They own and administer the whole 38 acres."

The founding fathers had a vision beyond the leases they provided, and they wanted to carry it out on this very piece of Delavan Lake shoreline.

"Those five men wanted to start a Chautauqua," Neville says. A Chautauqua was a unique education movement that blossomed in the late 19th century, centering around lectures, concerts and hands-on learning opportunities for adults. Neville elaborates, saying, "The first Chautauqua was on Lake Chautauqua in New York. It was a recreation area that was dedicated to summer sports, aquatics, education, religion and politics. People typically came in the month of June for two or three weeks."

Overseen by John Jay Phoenix, a relative of Delavan's founders, they began a Chautauqua-inspired program on the property called Assembly Grounds, named after the corporation that spearheaded the project. Small cottages already began to spring up when the land was owned by the Mabies, and the program was built up around them.

From 1898 to 1914, the area flourished with its adult-education programming. The Assembly Auditorium was completed for the 1899 season, and it held up to 3,000 attendees. People took part in classes and lectures led by movers and shakers of the day, including William Jennings Bryan, a three-time presidential candidate. Season tickets were \$2.50, and the dining hall served 2,000 meals a day.

The area buzzed with thousands of visitors, many pitching tents and coming with horse-drawn wagons, much to the dismay of the residents who lived there year-round.

Overcrowding continued to be a problem, and the Chautauqua programming ended in 1914. A few featured speakers, like former President William Howard Taft, did come to the auditorium after that, but the heyday of Delavan's Chautauqua movement was over. In 1919, the auditorium burned down due to an electrical issue, and the area was transformed into an idyllic neighborhood.

## MAKING MEMORIES

After World War II, the name of the property changed to Assembly Park, and it became known to Chicago-area families as a summertime utopia. Scores of people have built or purchased cottages on the land, including Michael Connolly's family. Connolly serves as president of Assembly Park's Board of Directors, and his family has been coming to the area since the 1950s.



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"Even before that, my dad came up as a kid," Connolly says. "We lived to get in the station wagon and drive up for one week. We rented a tiny cottage that had two bedrooms for seven of us, and somehow, we managed. No one ever complained. We were just thrilled to be here."

In 1967, Connolly's parents purchased the cottage he still resides in. When he looks back on those summer days of his youth, Connolly perfectly captures the spirit of Assembly Park. He says, "The beach was packed, and we had everything you'd expect a resort area to have. We had four parks with great equipment that was always being used. And we had a baseball field. There wasn't one day we weren't out there playing softball and football."

Connolly's favorite thing about Assembly Park was a small store called My Brother's Place. It sold groceries to the leaseholders and served up meals that hit the spot after a long day of playing outside. "In the middle of the day when you've just played softball, you could go and sit at an old-time counter with chrome seats and a wraparound counter and grab a lemonade and a burger. It was just great," Connolly says. He adds that he also loved the tiny fried doughnuts they served, called "widgets," and the penny candy, too. Even though it's no longer standing today, several residents continue to have fond memories of the store.

The current caretaker of Assembly Park, Rob Mohr, who Connolly says plays an instrumental role for the property and its residents, has a personal connection to My Brother's Place. Mohr is a third-generation resident, whose family once owned and operated the popular store.

My Brother's Place was a natural gathering place for the park but many leaseholders also took part in something called "Thursday Night Dances." Geared toward the little ones of Assembly Park, tables and chairs were pushed aside in Assembly Hall, (the community's social hub originally built in the 1940s) and kids danced the night away to the Bunny Hop and the Hokey Pokey. Still held today, the dances now take place on Friday nights. "People wanted to carry on the tradition with their own children," Connolly says.

To add to the Norman Rockwell-like quality of Assembly Park, newspapers used to be delivered by teenagers



My Brother's Place was popular with Assembly Park leaseholders. In addition to selling groceries, it served meals, cold drinks and even penny candy for kids.



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The oldest structure in the park, the "Old Kentucky Home," had its beginnings in the late 19th century and continues to

be enjoyed as a summer home. Generally, cottages are passed down from one generation to the next. The Bestul family has resided in Assembly Park since as early as 1913, a tradition that takes place among many families in the community.

"Passing homes from generation to generation is certainly a tradition that's kept. If you grew up here, it can be very hard to let a home go," Connolly says.

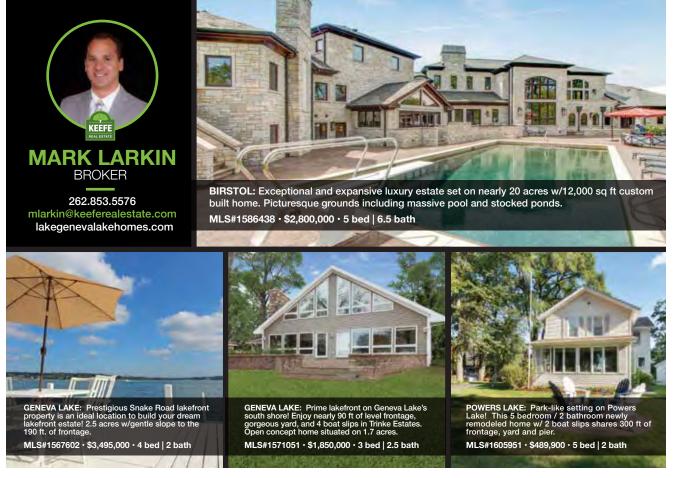
## ASSEMBLY PARK TODAY

Connolly and Neville agree that little has changed since they first came to Assembly Park. That's definitely true of the neighborhood's myriad events, like the Fourth of July parade or the September Arbor Day celebration that features classic diversions like knapsack races, pony rides and face painting.

But as Connolly says, "You can't stop progress," and so even though Assembly Park has maintained its time-honored traditions, it has experienced improvements. For example, an architectural review committee was formed recently to confirm that all the homes follow similar cottage styles. In addition, two years ago Assembly Park installed eco-friendly permeable paver roads that protect the lake by preventing water run-off. The association also added environmentally-friendly LED lights along the lake to avoid light pollution. But at



**ABOVE:** The oldest structure in Assembly Park, "Old Kentucky Home," was built in the late 1800s as shown here in this photograph from the Delavan Historical Society. **RIGHT:** Assembly Park as it looks today with its eco-friendly permeable paver roads.

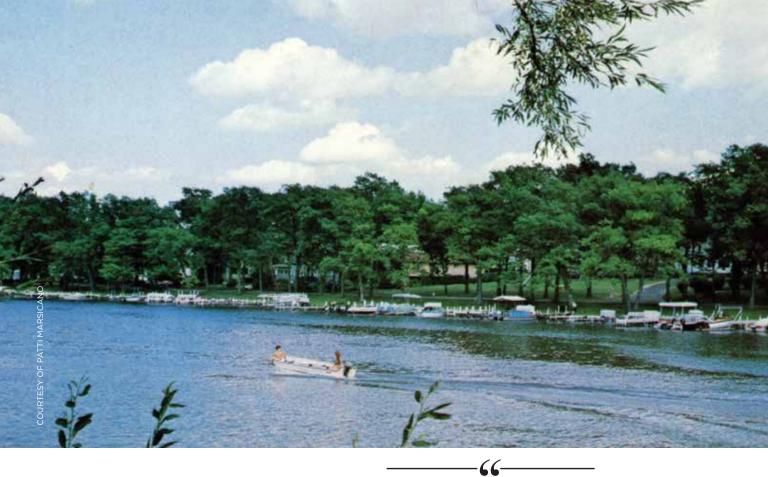




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the end of the day, Assembly Park is a pristine place that's been frozen in time, one that holds fast to its values.

Chris Gulotta, a relative newcomer to Assembly Park, calls the community his "happy place." He says, "You come here. You put the car in park and you open the doors. The kids are gone. You don't see them again until dinnertime and they get the run of the park. There's nothing to worry about."

"In the 1950s when we were children, there was always the sound of the screen door opening in the summertime, the blur of a kid racing through and then the sound of the door shutting. That still goes on here today."

JOHN NEVILLE, ASSEMBLY PARK RESIDENT SINCE 1970

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Connolly appreciates the neighborly aspects of Assembly Park. "I don't want to say I'm not a neighbor person at home," he says. "But I enjoy being able to walk down almost any street [in Assembly Park] and I can say hello to someone I know. It's a really close-knit friendly group. It's a big family."

Neville relishes the timelessness of Assembly Park, saying, "In the 1950s when we were children, there was always the sound of the screen door opening in the summertime, the blur of a kid racing through and then the sound of the door shutting. That still goes on here today. We love our families and we love our traditions, and it's our dearest intent to keep them."









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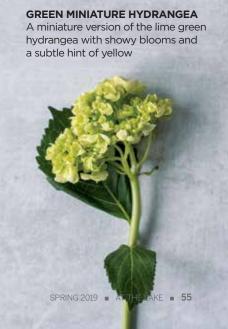


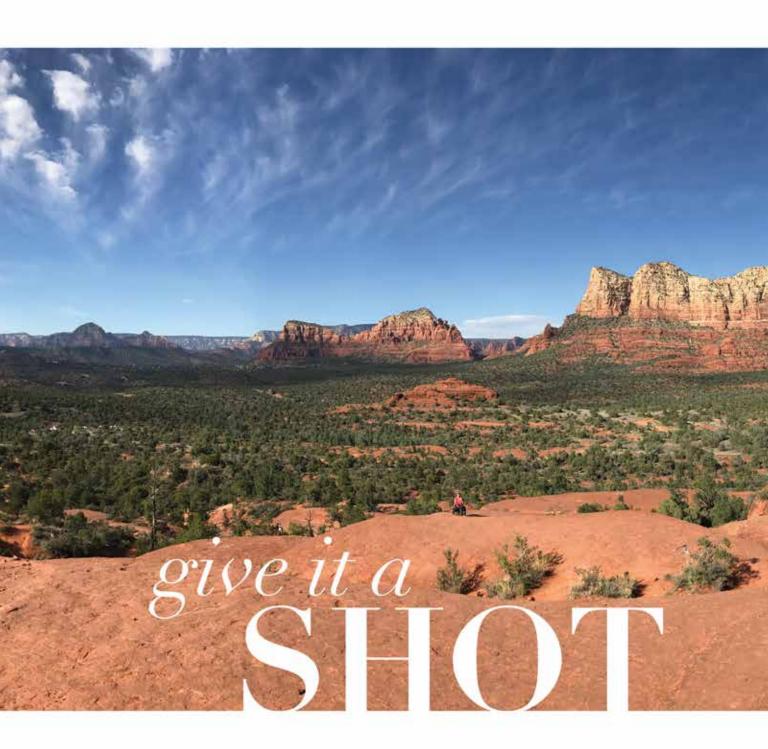


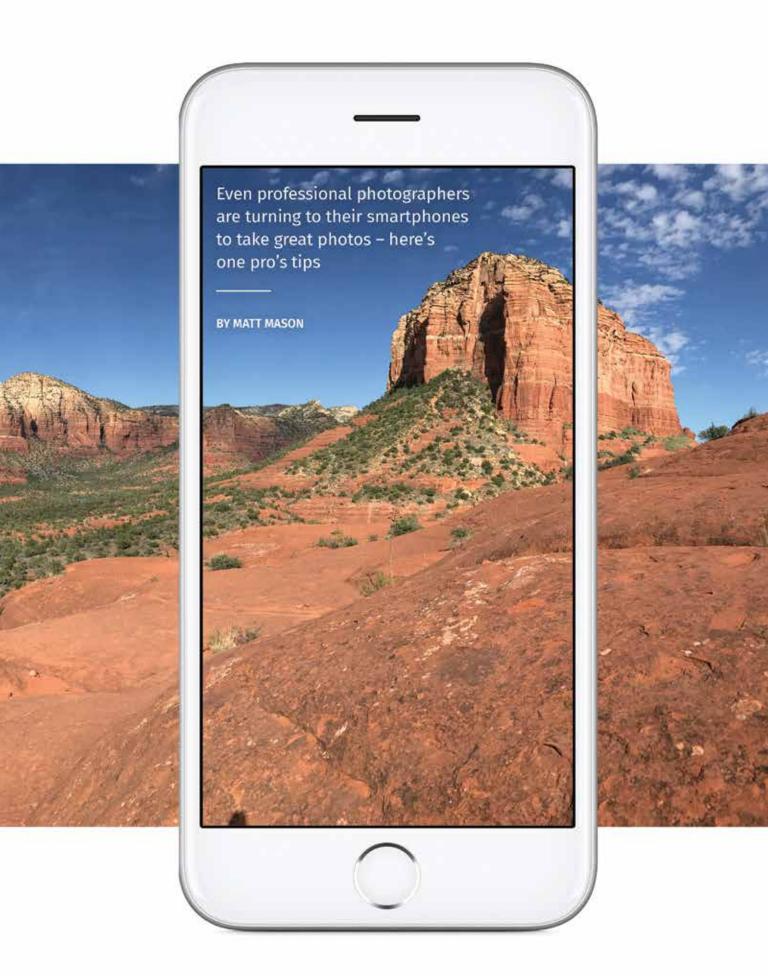












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Here is an example of the difference the Live Photo feature can make.





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When the sun is a factor, you will create more beautiful images with the sun at your back and the scene all lit up. When you shoot with the sun in your face, you will tend to get washed out photos. However, if you "hide" the sun behind something, you can create some interesting silhouettes, especially if your goal is to create more artistic photos. Here are shots illustrating a bright blue sky and a silhouette.









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## TOUCH THE SCREEN BEFORE YOU TAKE THE PICTURE

While smartphones are amazingly intuitive, they can't read your mind. The camera will try adjusting a scene and can cause frustrating results that are out of focus and over- or under-exposed. These tips will help you get the image you originally had in mind.

- Better Focus: Sometimes you want to have something in the foreground in sharp focus and the background a little blurred. Just touch the part of the screen you want in sharp focus before taking the picture.
- Better Exposure: It can be a challenge to get a beautiful sunset photo when your
  phone keeps trying to adjust for the bright sky or dark foreground. When you
  touch the screen in a particular area it locks the exposure in before you take the
  photo. Touch the screen in multiple places until you get the ideal exposure for
  your photo.





• Use Pro Features: The Samsung I tested for this article had a built in "Pro Mode" that allows you to control all the features of the camera. For advanced users this can create amazing results. You can control shutter speed, ISO, aperture, white balance, etc. For iPhone you may want to download an app. I like Camera+2, which can be a game changer when you want to get more creative than the phone's camera will allow. Note that Apple has a fixed aperture so there are no controls for it.

## **EDIT YOUR PHOTOS**

Select the photo you want to edit and click on Edit. There are three icons below the photo. I will go through them briefly, and the tips apply to both iPhones and Androids. The menus are slightly different and perhaps more intuitive on a Samsung interface.

- The first edit option straightens the horizon. You can also crop the image here.
- The second edit option is a series of pre-set filters. You can click on the different frames until you find the one that you like and hit save.
- Sometimes the pre-set filters aren't enough. When I edit photos I try to make the image seem as natural as possible. I rarely add funky colors or strange filters. Fixing photos is more about color and lighting. Remember, you can adjust light, color and black-and-white settings which can make your photos more bright, vibrant and artistic. Here are the ones that I recommend and use the most. The most important rule is to not overdo it with the smart sliders and templates.

## Light:

## a) Exposure:

Smartphones have pretty amazing technology and create images that are great, but sometimes photos turn out brighter or darker than expected. This smart slider can really help.

## b) Shadows:

In a similar way, adding a little brightness to the shadows can help a photo. A word of caution here: Don't get too carried away or your image will look pixelated.

## c) Contrast:

I sometimes like to add some contrast after applying other edits.

## Color / Cast:

Occasionally a photo will look too blue or too yellow. This Smart Slider will help make the white balance look more natural, but keep in mind that you don't have to move it much to make a big difference.



## DON'T BULLSEYE YOUR PHOTOS

When you are shooting a scene, your primary subject or point of interest should be in one of the corners of the frame to make it more visually appealing. Notice the grid that helps you frame the shot. When shooting scenes, the horizon should be on the top third or bottom third of the image.

On the other hand, when you have a group of people in a photo it makes sense to center them but still pay attention to the horizon. You don't want the horizon to be centered if you can avoid it. It should be at the top third of the scene or the bottom third. Also, try not to have the horizon split through subjects' heads.

## USE A REMOTE TRIGGER OR TIMER

Apple Watches and Samsung Galaxy Watches have the ability to trigger the shutter button on your phone. Using this remote trigger is a nice alternative to the famous "selfie." It can allow you to get more of the scene and tell a better story. I find it's better to use the three second timer on my watch, so I have time to take the picture and pose. If you don't have a smartwatch you can also set a timer on your smartphone and get



into position. They also make aftermarket Bluetooth remote triggers to work with any smartphone.

## USE SHORTCUTS TO CAPTURE THE MOMENT

On the iPhone swipe up from the home screen to get the camera quickly without having to use your password. Getting your camera out fast can be the difference between capturing a moment or missing it. You can also get more out of your shooting experience by using the volume buttons as a shutter release instead of just the white virtual button on the screen. On an Android you can also quickly launch the camera application by double-clicking the home key, or by using the lock screen shortcut.

## CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

Often a basic photo will turn into a work of art just by changing your perspective. It might mean climbing to a peak or getting down on the ground to make your image come to life.

## WHAT ABOUT FLASH?

My experience with the flash on a smartphone camera is generally not good. I prefer to find better lighting whenever



possible, so you are not completely dependent on the flash for your light. Another option is to use another person's smartphone flashlight feature. Just make sure to have the light off center and above the camera taking the picture so the light doesn't make the subject look like a deer in the headlights.

## USE THE PANORAMIC FEATURE AND CAPTURE MORE

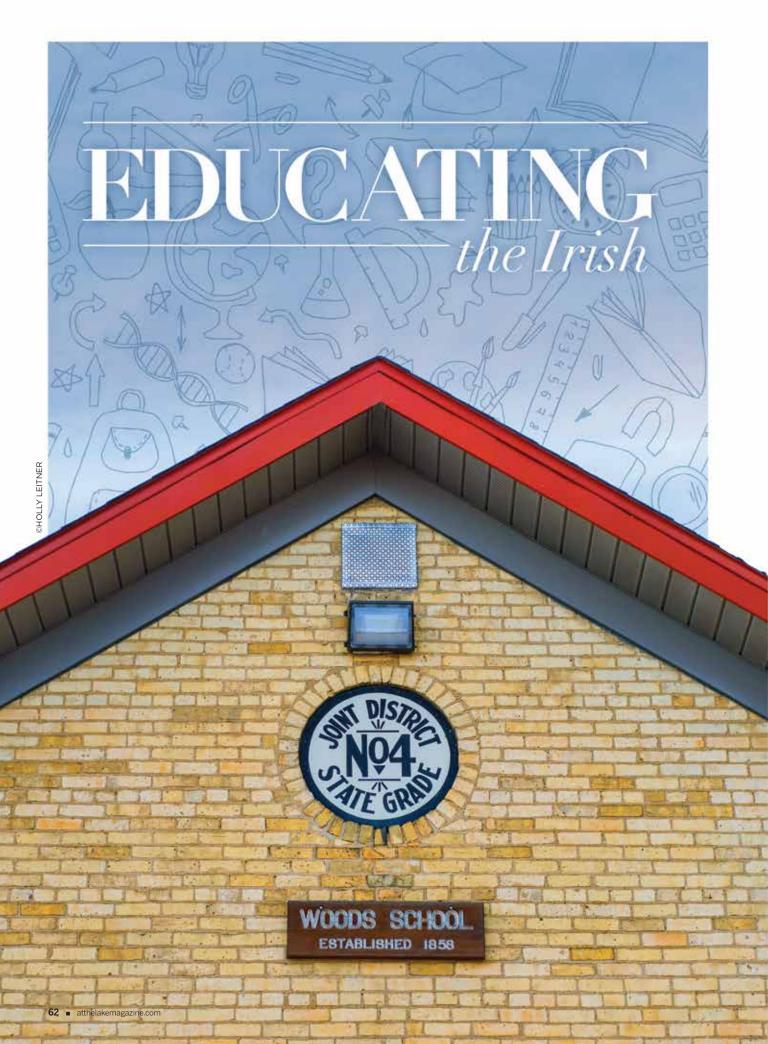
One of my favorite features of my smartphone camera is the ability to make beautiful panoramic images. You will learn fast that you should hold your hands steady and turn slowly from left to right to get the best images. You might have to edit or reshoot if you are too unsteady.

As you can see there are several ways to get the most out of your smartphone camera. Give these tips a try and you might want to leave behind that big, heavy camera the next time you head out of town.

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## Woods School and Its Immigrant Roots

### BY SARAH T. LAHEY

In 1858, a few brave voices fought for the Woods School amid political turmoil. The largely Anglo-Saxon and Protestant community in Lake Geneva's town center wanted little to do with the Irish immigrants living west of town (along today's Highway 50 at Snake Road) in an area known as the "Irish Woods." These Celtic and Catholic immigrants kept to themselves, farming the land and struggling to make a living. Faced with discrimination, residents of the Irish Woods petitioned for their own school district in 1857. A year later, they had a one-room, wooden schoolhouse all to themselves — the Woods School.

## THE IRISH IN LAKE GENEVA

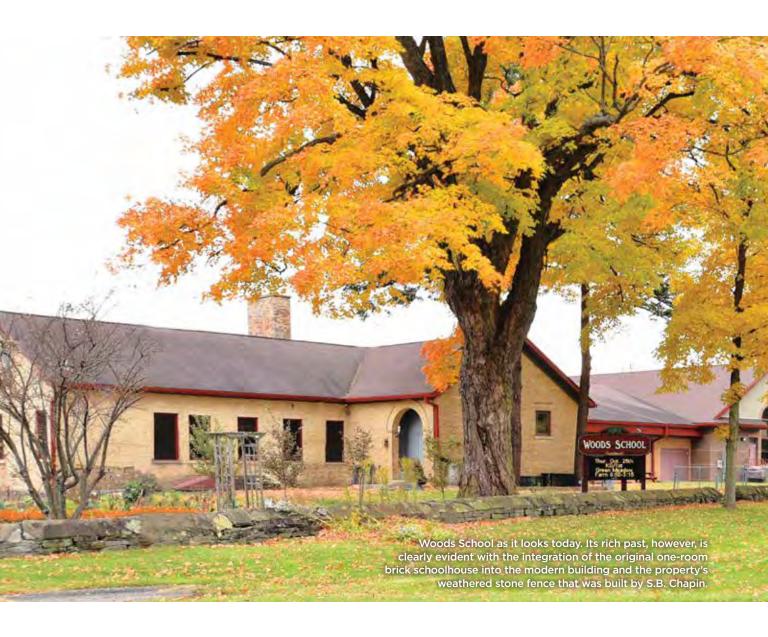
Although the Village of Geneva (later to be re-named Lake Geneva) was incorporated in 1844, there were few Irish immigrants in the area until the arrival of the first railroad.

In 1853, the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company received a charter to build a railroad from the state line, at Genoa junction, heading northwest through the villages of Geneva, Elkhorn and Whitewater. The goal was to connect Chicago to southeast Wisconsin, but it was a doomed endeavor. The railroad operated in some capacity until 1860, when it was closed permanently due to poor tracks.

Wisconsin Central Railroad, nevertheless, had already hired many Irish immigrants as construction workers. These men brought their families to the Lake Geneva area and soon found themselves out of work. As local historian Patrick Quinn has noted, the Irish worked diligently to build the foundation of this railway, "But when they had finished their endeavor, they were unceremoniously discharged from their jobs and left stranded in Geneva."

Woods School originally served a predominately Irish-Catholic population. It's not known what the heritage is of the students in this 1940's photo, but they, along with all children who came before and after them, are a part of one of the oldest continually operating primary schools in Wisconsin.





Fortunately, the Irish were not known for giving up. Many of these families, or their near-ancestors, had escaped the Irish Potato Famine of the 1840s — which devastated huge portions of rural Ireland. These were resourceful people, accustomed to a life of hardship and struggle. The rail workers, according to Patrick Quinn, quickly learned that "cheap land was available in a woody area about three miles west of Geneva," and they used "what was left of their pay" to secure down payments on property. The area became known as the Irish Woods, an enclave in which these immigrants could bind together not merely to survive but also to create a dependable community.

The first priority was church. Residents of the Irish Woods became regular patrons of Lake Geneva's St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, which had been established in 1847. In the first decades of operation, the church hosted rectors with names like Brennan, O'Connor, Kenney, McGinnety and Reilly — all suggesting the Irish roots of this Lake Geneva institution. Gravestones in the church cemetery still offer evidence of the many Irish families who called this church home after the railroad brought them to town.

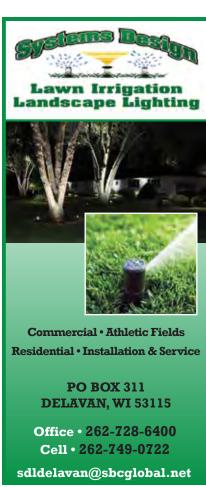
The next priorities were work and school. Some of the Irish found jobs with the Knickerbocker Ice Company during the winter, cutting ice at Lake Como. Others were primarily out of work until the 1870s when two massive changes brought jobs to the area. First, work began on a new railroad connecting Chicago and Lake Geneva — a project that conveniently was completed by the time of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. As wealthy Chicagoans fled to Lake Geneva, a new smattering of jobs emerged. Suddenly, Irish men and women could find work as maids, cooks, servants, and groundskeepers in the large mansions being built around the lake. The labor crisis was over, and it was time to look after the children.

## FOUNDING OF WOODS SCHOOL

Originally known as the "Irish Woods School," the current Woods School began as a small, wooden structure built on land donated by Lige Marble. Her only stipulation was that the land must always be used for school purposes. Another patron who contributed to the school was the enormously wealthy S. B. Chapin, owner of Flowerside Inn and several farms between Lake Geneva and Lake Como. He built a stone wall alongside the school property to demarcate this new area as specific to the school.









## CRITICAL DATES

in Woods School history

## - 1844 -

Geneva is incorporated as a village

## - 1847 -

Geneva's first Catholic Church is founded by Rev. Martin Kundig

## - 1848 -

Geneva's first school established on the site of Central-Denison School

## - 1853 -

Irish arrive in Lake Geneva with the first railroad (Wisconsin Central)

## - 1858 -

Irish Woods School is established as part of the Village of Geneva schools

## - 1871 -

New railroad from Chicago to Geneva brings more Irish to the area

## - 1873 -

40 students enrolled in Woods School

## - 1886 -

Woods School exchanges wooden structure for a one-room brick building

## - 1896 -

Lake Geneva High School has 16 graduates

## - 1929 -

Woods School becomes an independent school district (Joint #4)

## - 1965 -

Woods School parents create referendum to remain independent district

## - 1968 -

Another attempt at dismantling District #4 is defeated

## - 2001 -

Woods School acquires several acres for athletic fields and a playground

## - 2008 -

Woods School celebrates 150 years of continuous operation

## - 2018

Major renovations include a new gymnasium, science labs and classrooms The school went through several physical changes in the 19th century. Marie Cronin, who compiled a detailed history of the school in 1945, notes the original wooden structure was given to Martin Nohelty in 1886 in exchange for a quarter-acre of his land, which abutted school property. Nohelty moved the wooden schoolhouse to his farm for use as a cow barn. The school then erected a one-room brick schoolhouse, which remains part of Woods School to this day (as the library). There are few records of school attendance during this period, but we do know there were 40 students enrolled at Woods School in 1873. The brick schoolhouse, then, housed roughly 40 students who were educated — all day — in a single room.

In the early 20th century, some of the wealthiest residents of Lake Geneva took an interest in Woods School, which still

served a predominantly Irish Catholic population. Mrs. S. W. Allerton, for example, became concerned children had no supervision during the summer. With many adults from the Irish Woods working full-time at summer estates (such as the one owned by Mrs. Allerton, called "Folly"), the kids were running rampant. So, Allerton decided to start a summer program at Woods School in the domestic sciences. She purchased equipment for classes in sewing, cooking, and baking, while arranging for teacher salaries. Rumor has it that Mrs. Allerton even taught some of the classes herself when teachers were absent.

## FIGHTING AGAINST STIGMA AND STEREOTYPE

Patrons such as Mrs. Allerton, though, were not necessarily the norm. Irish immigrants in Lake Geneva and elsewhere faced enormous prejudice from the 1840s through the 1920s. It's hard to imagine, given the general atmosphere of acceptance surrounding Irish Americans today. For

the last half-century, Americans of Irish descent have been prominent in politics, business and entertainment. People from all walks of life celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and many claim Irish ancestry if merely through one relative many generations back. It is surprising, then, to learn about the harsh reality that Irish immigrants faced.

In his groundbreaking book, *How the Irish Became White*, Noel Ignatiev argues that Irish immigrants — upon arrival in the United States — were treated as an inferior race. The "celts," as they were called, were mocked in public and sketched as ape-like figures in political cartoons.

The rise of a nativist political party, called the "Know Nothings," points to the extremity of the situation. The Know Nothings campaigned against the "sin" of

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Catholicism and fought to block all immigration from Ireland. The Irish of the 1840s came to this country penniless and starving, and soon they found many Americans viewed them as little better than slaves. As Orestes Brownson wrote in 1845, the Yankee "looks down with ineffable contempt upon his Irish brother... for, in his estimation, 'Paddy' hardly belongs to the human family."

When Woods School was founded, one imagines the situation in Lake Geneva was not entirely different from the rest of the country. While the historical record is slim, a single reference in James Simmons' *Annals of Lake Geneva* (1897) suggests a sharp discord between the "Yankees" in town and the residents of the Irish Woods — all surrounding the topic of education.

## SCHOOL POLITICS: DISTRICT 1 OR 4?

Given the political climate of the 1850s, the start of Woods School was not without some drama. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, the "center of Irish settlement" was part of Lake Geneva School District #1 as of 1857. The settlers petitioned, at that time, to control their own schools and were briefly granted a separate district. However, according to the society's report, the residents of Irish Woods voted to rejoin Lake Geneva's District #1 shortly thereafter. The reason for such flip-flopping is unclear, but the Woods School remained part of District #1 for the next 60 years.

years, until district changes across the state of Wisconsin rocked the boat once more.

In 1965, the Walworth County School Committee sent word that it was dissolving District #4 and attaching it to District #1. Parents in the Woods School community immediately responded, organizing their efforts to bring the issue to referendum. They prevailed — by one vote — and Woods School remained an independent district. There were further votes on this issue in 1966 and 1968, but Woods School retained its independence.

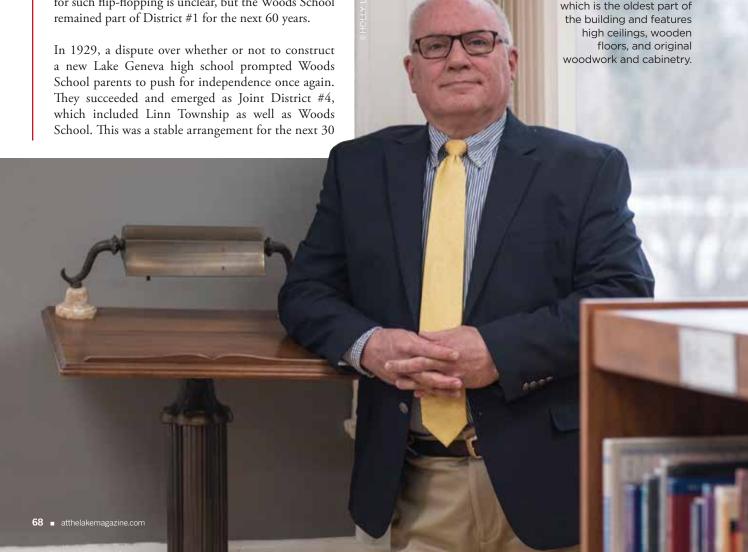
Current principal Jeffrey Klaisner commented that the 1960s were an era of radical change for districts across the state, as Wisconsin moved to consolidate over 1,000 districts into a mere 432. There were only 10 areas that resisted consolidation, and this included Woods School. Klaisner states there are no current plans for feeder districts of Badger High School to consolidate because the schools "value their independence and the local control this arrangement provides."

## THE IRISH WOODS SCHOOL TODAY

While the student body is no longer predominantly Irish, Woods School retains its unique character and continues to grow. In 2001, the school purchased several acres of land to expand

Principal Jeffrey Klaisner

in the school's library,



their athletic fields and playground, to the great enjoyment of the students. In 2017-2018, the school underwent massive renovations to add a new gymnasium, science lab and additional classrooms. At a cost of \$5.4 million, this project was approved in referendum and was several years in the making. Students attend Woods School via open enrollment, and these new facilities help to keep the school competitive.

## "We honor the history of Woods School every day we are in session."

**JEFFREY KLAISNER, WOODS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** 

That being said, families in the area are mostly drawn to the school's reputation for academic excellence. According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Woods School "significantly exceeds expectations" in all categories, with a report card score of 85.6 in 2017. The Woods School flourishes in the classroom, which has always been the focus of this historic grade school.

"We honor the history of Woods School every day we are in session," says Principal Klaisner. "Students are frequently reminded of our traditions and have the opportunity to learn in the oldest rooms in the building at least once a week." These rooms now comprise the library, which was specifically designed as a historical space. Klaisner adds, "There is a special atmosphere when you go to learn in a room so filled with memories of our past. The original slate boards have been preserved and are being used inside and just outside of the library."

At 161 years old, Woods School remains one of the oldest continually operating primary schools in the state of Wisconsin. The help of wealthy patrons such as S. B. Chapin and Agnes Allerton contributed to that legacy; however, it was the effort of the Irish community that first made the school a success. It survives today — including a one-room brick structure from 1886 — as a modern and dynamic public school with the 'luck of the Irish' on its side.



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## Uncorking Success Story

Intelligence, ingenuity and insatiable energy are the drivers behind Staller Estate Winery

BY JOHN HALVERSON

he was going to go to pharmacy school. He was going to be a vet. They fell in love and started a winery instead. That's the short story of Wendy and Joe Staller and the Staller Estate Winery.

The longer version started some 20 years ago when both were students at UW-Whitewater. They were completing double majors in chemistry and biology and were headed toward conventional careers in established fields where risk was at a minimum.





Before their career and lifestyle detour into the wine business Wendy didn't even drink wine, and she says, Joe had a passion for beer.

Their career path changed when Joe got an internship working for what used to

be Randy's Restaurant and Fun Hunters Brewery in Whitewater. As a final project he created a new beer for the restaurant. "The beer sold so well that Randy decided to offer him a position brewing beer for him every Sunday," Wendy says. That lasted four years. Meanwhile, Joe was brewing beer at home, too, "but we didn't want to turn our kitchen into a hot sweaty, brewery," Wendy says, so home brewing came to an end, and they turned their attention to wine.

What did her parents say about the sudden switch in priorities from their steadier, more traditional career goals? She laughs, then answers the question: "Are you crazy?!"

As it turned out, they *were* crazy — crazy smart. Staller Estate Winery will celebrate its 11th anniversary this year.

## A PASSION, NOT A JOB

We met Wendy in a sun-drenched room overlooking the Staller's vineyard, where the grapes are tantalizingly close. It was a busy day, so she was tending to customers when we arrived.

Wendy's a rarity in the winemaking world, a female vintner. And her energy is infectious. On this particular day, she rose at 4:30 a.m. and was still full of energy at





midday. She's the type of woman whose personality encourages sharing, who makes you feel better when you leave than when you came — even without the wine.

After their career goals changed, Wendy planted a vineyard at a family friend's house. "They were kind enough to give up their backyard for growing grapes," she says.

Joe landed another internship, this time at a winery and Wendy took winemaking courses at the University of California Davis.

After almost a year of hunting for property, the Stallers finally found the land they wanted, a farmstead between Delavan and Whitewater. It was familiar territory, not far from where they were brought up. Joe is from Germantown and his family is from the Fort Atkinson and Janesville area. Wendy's roots are in Milwaukee and, later, East Troy, where she moved when she was 11.

Joe grew up on a dairy farm, so when the idea of a winery came about, he was adept enough to able to adapt dairy equipment for some wine making purposes. "My husband is the driving force, the inquisitive engineer brain. He likes to know how things work," Wendy says.

Wendy quit the job she had at an analytical lab and took on milking cows so she could spend more time remodeling what would become their winery.

Their degrees in science didn't go to waste. Joe has a full-time job as a research and development chemist. In his spare time, he's working on projects around the winery or bottling.

And their degrees helped them in the wine business. "It's helpful because I am able to do any kind of testing on the wine myself instead of sending it off to a lab," Wendy says.

Wendy is a talented cook, too, and those skills in the kitchen translate to the wine-making as well.

Wendy says she loves her job despite the long hours which can begin at 5 a.m.

and run through 1 a.m. the next day, and she can put in as many as 40 hours over three days during a week when they are bottling.

Nonetheless, "It doesn't feel like a job," she says.

Despite the long hours, the couple also finds time to raise four children, ages 3 to 17. Told she looks nowhere near old enough to have a 17-year-old, Wendy says it's the wine that keeps her looking so young. She jokes, "Everyone talks about greens, I say drink wine!"

Are their children interested in the business? While they know enough about the business by being Stallers, according to Wendy, the older one has already made up her mind. "No, she's majoring in marketing," Wendy says. "We encouraged her to do her own thing."

As for her own insatiable energy, Wendy adds: "I'll do it until I can't do it anymore, which probably means when I'm 90. It is our hobby that got slightly out of control."



A typical grape harvest is 126,400 pounds, enough for 40,000 to 50,000 bottles of wine.

#### **RED OR WHITE?**

The Stallers spend most of their time in May through September in the vineyard tending to the vines in order to get good grapes. "This requires lots of pruning, thinning, suckering and hedge trimming and harvesting," Wendy says.

Because they don't grow enough of their own grapes, they do make some use of contract growers in Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

"Once the grapes are picked, if we are making white wine then they go through our crusher destemmer and then into the bladder press where we press the juice out," Wendy explains. "If we are making red wines then those grapes go through the crusher destemmer and then we put





them in our 1,300-gallon tanks to ferment on the skins. The longer that the juice has contact with the skins the deeper the color."

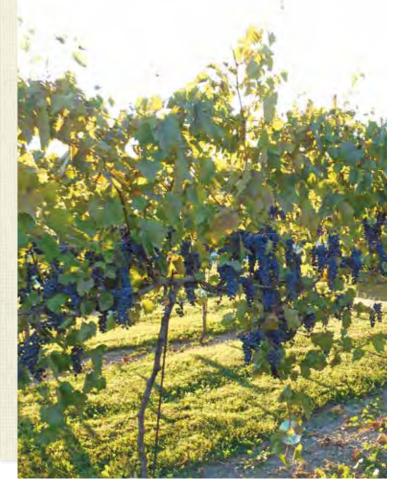
The juice goes into the tank and then the yeast is added for fermenting, which typically takes seven to 10 days.

"Once the wine is ready to be bottled, which can be anywhere from four months to two years, we run it through a plate and frame filter and then we bottle it," Wendy says.

But the work doesn't end there. That's because the Stallers are as emphatic about recycling as they are about wine-making. "We compost everything and put it back out in the vineyard in the spring as



Wendy greets customers and offers a complimentary wine tasting.



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added nutrients for those grape vines. "The nice thing is that anything from start to finish is reused. Whether it is out in the vineyard from grapes that we will not use, to cuttings, to any pumice out of our press, stems out of the crusher destemmer, or any sediment from the bottom of the tanks — everything is reused."

The Stallers grow red and white cold climate, winter-hardy grape varietals such as Frontenac and Marechal Foch, both of which are red, and La Crescent (white). A typical grape harvest is about 126,400 pounds, enough for 40,000 to 50,000 bottles a year.

Their most popular wines are Estate Blanc, Maiden Blush, Estate Reserve, Lady In Red and Richmond Rouge.

#### CATERING AND MORE

Staller Estate Winery also hosts wine and dine events and catering for fund-raisers.

The winery partners with the Black Sheep Restaurant in Whitewater. "We currently have six dinners that we do with The Black Sheep yearly," Wendy says. Four of those dinners are wine and dines. "This is where we do a fivecourse meal that gets paired with six different wines."

The Black Sheep does the food course and their chef talks about the food and the Stallers talk about their wines. "We talk about how it is made and why we choose it to pair with a certain course," Wendy says.

Staller Estate Winery also has a Fire and Wine grilling series in June and August. "This is a bit different than the wine and dine," Wendy says. "It is typically a three- to four-course meal and instead of wine we have wine drinks that we make to go with each course. This is great because everyone can take the food and wine pairing information home with them."

Staller Estate Winery is open daily June through August and Wednesday to Sunday, September through May.

The winery offers complimentary wine tastings and wine flights. There are also wine and chocolate flights where

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different chocolate truffles are offered with each wine.

Picnic platters come with freshly baked French baguette, meat, cheese, signature olive blend, dried fruits and nuts, and preserves. "We also have a charcuterie board that we do occasionally which has everything the platter has but comes with five preselected meats and cheeses," Wendy says.

The winery also hosts bachelorette parties, birthdays, weddings, showers, bus tours and corporate events.

Staller Estate Winery sells 99 percent of their wines from their in-house store. Word of mouth is their best advertising, says Wendy.

And apparently all the talking is working. Ninety-seven percent of *Trip Advisor* customers rate Staller Estate Winery excellent or very good.

## A ROADMAP TO 'THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE'

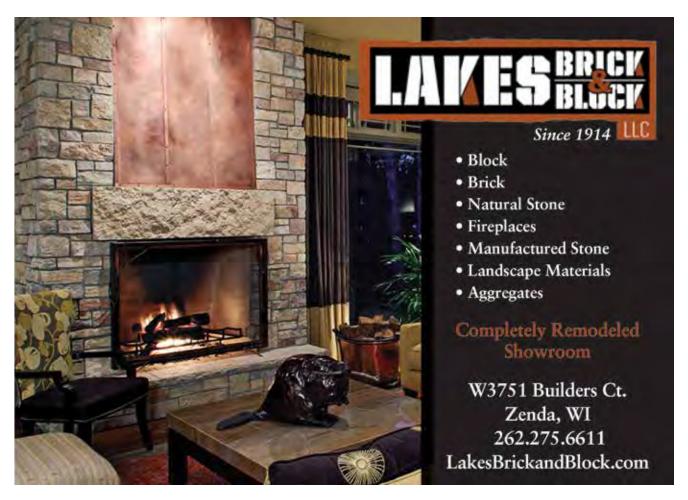
Staller Estates is not in Napa Valley nor Italy, the areas usually associated with wineries.

While it seems to be in the middle of nowhere, that's part of the appeal — a leisurely drive through the countryside that ends with a glass or two of wine.

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It turns out the key to happiness and the key to your front door is one in the same. Latest findings point to the well designed home as a significant factor in leading your best life. Home should be a sanctuary of self-care, and the team at Lowell Custom Homes has a few ideas to help you make that happen. They believe in homes that are built to save you time, encourage togetherness and provide lasting contentment.

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The current story of luxury is about time. Most of our leisure time is fragmented by interruptions from an email, text or simply caring for others. Since you cannot make more time, it makes sense to make the most of it. That's where the homes from Lowell excel. Their forward thinking floorplans and distinctive features conserve your time and energy. Known for interiors that weave spaces together seamlessly, these homes will help you move efficiently throughout the day.

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No matter where you live, your garage floor is most likely an unsightly combination of salt residue, gasoline, oil, antifreeze and everyday dirt. While some garage floors may need to be completely replaced if they are corroded, most homeowners can breathe new life into their garage floors simply and affordably. The same can be said for the floors of utility rooms, basements, screen porches or patios — anywhere that features a concrete floor — thanks to Advanced Coatings Plus. This Lake Geneva-based company repairs damaged floors and installs coating systems that will provide a new and impressive finishing that homeowners can be proud of.

Homeowners need to remember that a concrete floor is porous. For example, if a garage floor is not treated with a coating system, it will absorb greasy and oily substances

and become easily stained. Once stains like this begin to form, it is much more difficult to remove them. In addition, salt and chemicals will eat away at concrete, leading to potential costly future repairs if left unchecked. And chemicals can also create unsightly stains that can become permanently imprinted into the surface. By protecting a home's concrete floors, ongoing maintenance becomes much easier and the floor will look much better.

"Our floor coating systems hold up to anything a homeowner encounters," says Bill Grunow, owner of Advanced Coatings Plus. "The same systems we use in car dealership service areas are the same we use in residential applications. The new floor creates a bright, clean and easy-to-maintain surface. Many clients cannot believe the change in the space after we finish."

Grunow and his team at Advanced Coatings Plus take pride in their work and they select only industrial grade materials from companies that have a proven record of delivering high-quality materials that stand the test of time. "After seeing other companies' finished work, we can honestly say our floors are higher in quality and the attention to detail is superior," Grunow says.

A recent client of the company experienced the level of service and quality of work exhibited by the Advanced Coatings Plus team. "Advanced Coatings Plus did a high-

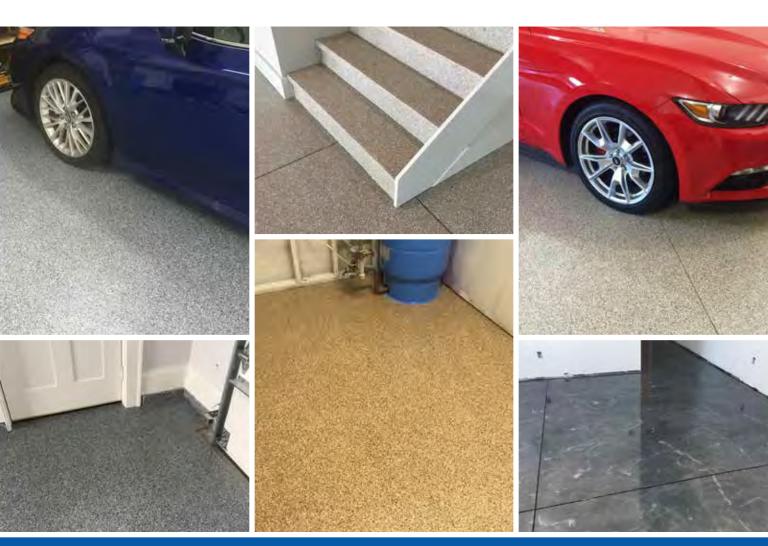
quality job. Bill was very professional and had great customer service skills. He communicated every day, showed up on schedule and cleaned up nicely after the project was completed," says Linda S.

Once a home's concrete flooring has been reconditioned and resurfaced with the myriad of coating systems offered by Advanced Coatings Plus, the ongoing maintenance of the flooring is minimal. "By using general household cleaners that any homeowner has they can wipe up oil and grease spills," Grunow says. "Washing with mild detergent and warm water will return the surface to like new condition with minimal effort."





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Since its inception, Balsitis Contracting has developed a reputation of doing quality workmanship. That's because they have a passion for creating high-quality products and offering exemplary customer service.

In fact, Balsitis Contracting prides itself on working closely with clients while being very transparent on all aspects of home design and construction. The team partners with each client, listening to their ideas and vision and developing something that goes above and beyond their expectation.

Being budget conscious is paramount in the custom home building industry. That's why Balsitis Contracting works on solutions to provide the most value for each client's budget.

And it also explains why Balsitis Contracting's "open book" process is readily embraced by

their clients. By being an "open book," the company's clients are able to see each bid and proposal the company receives. The client also approves the work, materials and pricing, and pays exactly what it costs to build their project with the only addition being the company's contractor fee, which is a percentage of the total cost.

"Our contractor fee is based on the scope of work and is set prior to beginning work on the project," Balsitis says. "The contractor fee covers all of the logistics in bringing the project to reality. There are no hidden fees or inflation in any of our pricing. We do our best to make the cost as reasonable as possible as we know that making our clients happy must come first."

"Balsitis Contracting is thriving and growing very quickly through great referrals," Balsitis says. "With each project we work on, our clients realize they get a much more personal experience and more for their money, and many have been eager to refer us to their friends and families. Referrals will keep us in business for many years to

> come, so we are an advocate for our clients and are very fair, open and honest with them from designing and planning to completion."

> To further connect with clients, the company has invested in software and an app to allow for constant communication with clients, updating them on the building process.

> "We are always growing and evolving with our clients' best interests in mind," Balsitis says. "We design and build homes that are truly custom to our clients' visions. We take their ideas, enhance them with our teams' experience, passion and knowledge and make them a reality."



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We all have our favorite stores. Some may earn that label because of value, selection and customer service. Others may be a favorite because of great products and well-organized store designs. Whatever the reason, consumers have specific qualifications that retailers need to meet to reach "favorite" status. In the heart of Lake Geneva, Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor has earned its favorite status among residents and visitors alike.

In fact, Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor is known as a destination for creative home inspiration. It's truly worth a visit, whether you are looking for an instant update, working on a design project or swinging by to pick up a hostess gift. At Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor you'll find furniture and accessories that make it easy to express your unique style and personality so you can feel at home.

Thomas George, along with his wife, Kathy, own several businesses in Lake Geneva including Bloomingbyrds, E-Street Denim, ShoShoo, Brick & Mortar Home and Brick

& Mortar Home & Outdoor. The couple believes that ideally, form should follow function in home design. In fact, Thomas and Kathy love working with customers to create spaces that are useable and beautiful. "It's all about creating beautiful, inviting spaces that you can feel comfortable really living in," Thomas says.

After Thomas and Kathy opened their Brick & Mortar Home store

(also referred to as "The House"), in a delightful 1900's brick home in Lake Geneva, they recognized the need to expand their product offerings to include outdoor furniture and accessories and opened an additional store, Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor, in 2013. As Thomas explains, more and more homeowners are creating outdoor rooms, and for good reason. Everybody needs a getaway — a private retreat for entertainment, rest and relaxation. More than simply placing some plastic chairs on a deck, today's outdoor rooms have evolved into carefully planned focal points that truly extend your living space.

With the help of Brick & Mortar's interior designers, whether combining old with new, casual with sophisticated, or color with neutrals, homeowners can mix patterns and textures, allowing for a customized look in both their interior and outdoor spaces.

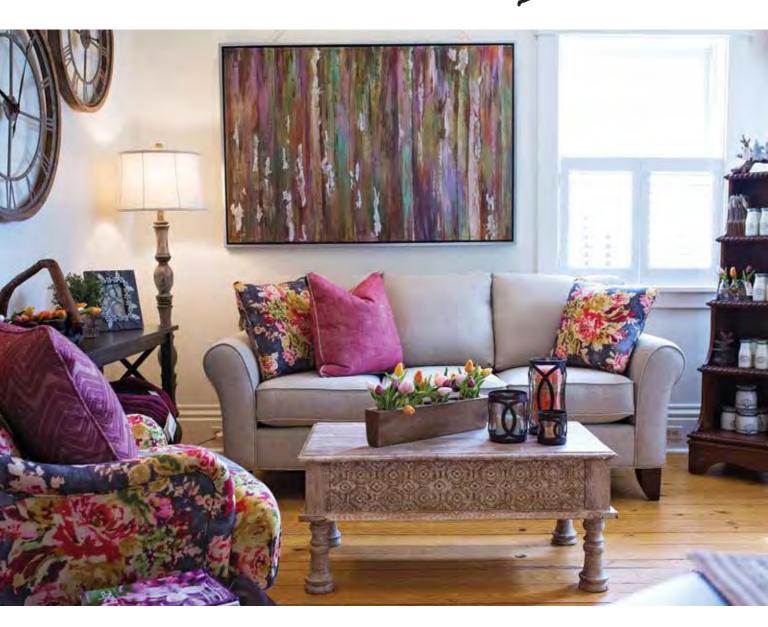
Together, at Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor, the Georges have created a suitably grand showroom for their thoughtfully eclectic

furniture and accessories for both the interior and exterior of the home.

"We want to help our customers find the perfect pieces to really enhance their homes and make it their own," Thomas says. From eclectic accessories to stunning bedding to unique outdoor sofas, Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor boasts a wide range of styles to meet the uniqueness, style and design of each customer's home.

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Today's interior designs represent a curious amalgam of styles. As a result, more and more people are turning to interior designers to draw out a style that reflects what they're about and makes perfect design sense, both visually and functionally. While interior designers hone in on a client's stylistic instincts, they also introduce ideas that they may never have considered.

Garrett Cheyne, owner of Curate Interior Design LLC in Delavan, is an interior designer who eloquently weaves into spaces the proper styles, patterns, and colors of furniture and accessories that work in the architecture of a space.

Curate was formed in October 2016 and opened its current design studio in a charming old red brick building in downtown Delavan in 2018. Cheyne embraces the adage, "Be bold, but use restraint in design."

"I don't stick with one look or trend," Cheyne says. "We all have our own 'touch' that we put on everything, but the evolution of our design is what sets us apart. You have to be a chameleon of sorts. Constantly searching the world for items that you can't find just anywhere is most important. This is where the 'bold' comes in to play."

Cheyne also steps back from his designs and edits with a critical eye. "I ask myself all the time, 'What's the purpose of the piece, and does it make sense?' If I can't answer my own question, it shouldn't be proposed to a client," Cheyne says. "I'm not just here to

make beautiful spaces; the space has to be functional and fit the needs and taste of a client."

Curate's clients learn quickly that Cheyne and his team don't deliver the norm. Rather, their goal with design is to show clients something they likely wouldn't have thought of on their own.

"Isn't that the whole point of design?" Cheyne says. "We can really take any style of design and blend it seamlessly into a residential or commercial space. I personally prefer to add in a modern edge to everything that I do, whether that is a bold lighting fixture to top off a space, or something as simple as a beautifully hand-blown vase. Simple applications of modern design can go a long way in keeping various design styles relevant."

Cheyne also spends time staying ahead of the design curve and industry trends. In doing so, Cheyne studies the trends and forecasts for upcoming seasons, and what is happening around the globe in terms of design. He also works diligently to understand what each client is drawn to.

"You can't just walk into a client's home or business and say, 'this is what we are going to do,'" Cheyne says. "You need to figure out how the space is going to function for the client and their needs. And you need to be able to look at it all with a constructive eye and help them visualize what it can become."



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When it comes to understanding the exterior aesthetics of lakeside living, House Shampoo excels at revitalizing and restoring a home's exterior. With more than 40 years of expertise in the exterior trades before moving into the exterior cleaning business six years ago, House Shampoo has made a name for itself among property owners looking to make their homes truly shine.

"We understand all elements of a home's exterior which allows us to clean and revitalize every type of roofing

and siding, including more delicate specialized components such as dryvit," says Gary Rogers, general manager of House Shampoo. House Shampoo also maintains and restores a variety of hardscape elements that grace large estate homes — from limestone balusters to walkway pavers to architectural details that may appear dull, dirty or stained over time. In addition, the company handles the exterior maintenance of boat houses, decks and piers, ensuring these lakeside accoutrements match the luster and shine of the main home.

House Shampoo's gentle, thorough proprietary solution cleaning process allows the company to formulate the perfect customized level of product for each home's maintenance needs. It is four to five times more effective with none of the risk for damage common with pressure washing.

It's important for lake homeowners to understand that fungus and mold are not just an aesthetics issue. "Rather, homes located on or near lakes experience various problems especially with algae, mildew, mold, lichen, pollutants and moss. These elements can be tracked into a home's interior. Our solution and cleaning techniques bring a home's exterior back to looking like new and help protect the home's interior from these pollutants as well," Rogers says.

For those lake homeowners who simply want to relax and unwind each weekend, rather than being tasked with ongoing exterior maintenance projects, House Shampoo can clean and maintain a home's exterior during the week, allowing

the homeowner to arrive to enjoy their lakeside respite each weekend. And when it comes time to sell, House Shampoo can ensure the exterior of a home and its architectural detailing continues to shine.

Rather than simply being an exterior home cleaner, House Shampoo is a home detailer, offering four decades of expertise that focuses on the importance of maintaining a home's exterior to prolong and preserve the structure, improve curb appeal and increase a homeowner's enjoyment of the property for years to come.



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"The excitement of working with a contractor or homeowner on their dream home is not lost on us at Lake Geneva Window & Door," says Ackman. "Our significant investment and constant updating of our showroom allows us to have the homeowner or contractor see firsthand the latest Marvin products."

"Catalogs are great for ideas, but being able to open and close the window and door and feel the quality of the hardware that you will live with can only be accomplished in our showroom," she explains.

Lake Geneva Window & Door is a division of Ackman Glass which will celebrate its 42nd anniversary this year. In July 1977, Dick and Katie Ackman relocated from Illinois to start Ackman Glass, and today a third generation is operating the business. Their three grandchildren: Rick, Jennifer and Peter Ackman would make their grandparents proud due to their dedication to running the family business as well as transforming it into the well-respected and diversified company it is today.

Lake Geneva Window & Door has partnered with the Marvin companies to supply its customers with the highest quality products available today. Marvin's industry leading innovations and quality control along with its timely service make them the perfect partner for Lake Geneva Window & Door.

"We're only as good as our suppliers," says Ackman, "but our relationship with Marvin takes all the guess work out of it."

Lake Geneva Window & Door also has the ability to replace

your existing windows using the Marvin or Integrity brands.

"Our in-house carpenters will take your replacement job from start to finish, including the measuring of your custom windows to factory prefinishing to match your existing trim," says Ackman.

Putting customer's needs above all else is an integral part of the success of Lake Geneva Window & Door. It's the driving force behind the company, according to Ackman. And as stewards of the family business that their grandparents started over 40 years ago, they know the company's long-standing tradition of excellence is their mission to continue.













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Interior designers are dream weavers. They're farsighted professionals who gather our visions, along with the collections and objects we hold dear, mixing them into a setting that we can call our own. Lidia Pastiu, owner of Lidia Design, has a passion and desire to design homes that make sense for the lifestyles of today's customers — all done with function, practicality and style.

Drawing on her knowledge and over 20 years of interior design and architectural experience, Pastiu creates not only functional and stylish but comfortable and inspiring interiors. Her designs tell the stories of those who live there, representing their individuality and the personal expressions of their own unique styles.

"While it's common for some designers to repeat the same style interiors, I like to challenge myself and come up with something new and exciting with each customer — not imposing styles on them that don't make sense for their homes," she says.

Pastiu is recognized by her clients for her knowledge, experience, professionalism and attention to detail. She listens to the needs and wants of her clients and translates their desires into an integrated and functional design plan. Her abilities exceed those of most designers due to her experience working for an architect on Chicago's North Shore.

"My approach on projects is from an entirely different perspective," she says. "A designer's job is more than just selecting paint colors, furnishings and fabrics. It is for a designer to be involved on the project from the early stages of planning through construction."

Pastiu enjoys working closely with architects and contractors from the beginning of the process, so that all areas of the home, including furniture layouts, are taken into consideration from the beginning.

With successful businesses in Highland Park, Illinois, Lidia and her husband, Nick, of Nick's Upholstery Inc., decided to open a second location a few years ago in Fontana.

"We were doing work in the area for many customers, so it just seemed like the right thing to do," she explains. After much research the couple purchased the old Army and Navy Store located on Highway 67, along with the Fontana Frog landmark, known to many as Frog Hollow Miniature Golf Course.

Their store is designed with an open concept, set up as a home displaying vignettes of different furniture groupings and home accessories, with unique styles and upholstery chosen by the couple.



"We try to represent current trends and styles through what is offered in the store, keeping quality and practicality in mind," Lidia says. You will find a fully-equipped kitchen designed by Lidia, and new furniture designed by Lidia and custombuilt by Nick — all of which illustrate the craftsmanship and quality that you can't easily find in todays' retail stores.

"Everything on the floor is for sale," Lidia says. "Stop by to take a look and grab something for your home. You will surely be amazed!"

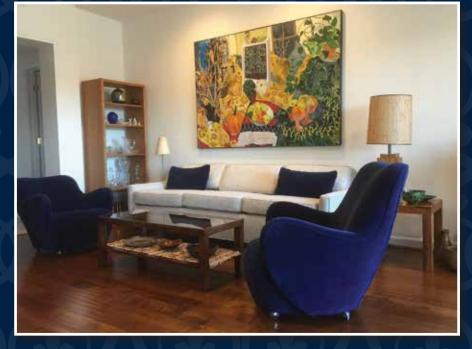
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Today's basements are much more than the dark, dingy spaces or rec rooms of years ago. Because homeowners are spending more time in them, basements have evolved into lower levels with distinctive spaces, complete with stone and marble fireplaces, sitting areas, coffee and wine bars, home theaters, oversized guest suites and bathrooms that rival some of the most luxurious resort accommodations.

Stebnitz Builders, a company dedicated to full-service, design-build home remodeling, recently completed a wonderful transformation of a lower level that needed updating to meet the homeowners' needs.

Gracing the lakeshore of Lake Beulah, the home's lower level presents a beautiful opening to the deck and offers dynamic lake views. To take advantage of the home's placement, the homeowner wanted to enhance the lower level and provide a more rustic feel to match the home's main level, while making the space more functional for boating equipment and easy access to the pier and lakefront.

When Stebnitz Builders started the design process, the lower level was finished with a slightly outdated kitchenette and a beautiful stone fireplace. Thanks to advancements in technology and home automation, Stebnitz incorporated some of the most innovative amenities available into this space.

The wide-open space offered a plethora of entertainment opportunities, so to make the lower level functional and fun, Stebnitz Builders designed the seating area to transform into a theatre room with a touch

of a button. A hidden screen descends from the ceiling, offering a perfect place to relax after a day on the lake.

The Stebnitz team worked with a local company that supplies reclaimed barn board to add to the decor and finish of the new space. Using salvaged wood from a corn crib located in nearby Delavan, Stebnitz designed a charming area near the patio door that features two closets behind sliding barn doors and a bench nestled between the closets, providing an ideal spot to hang wet towels and store flip flops after a day of boating. The reclaimed barn board was also incorporated into built-in shelving alongside the fireplace and an accent wall in the updated kitchenette.

The lower level transformation is a strong example of the ingenuity and design expertise of Stebnitz Builders. A family-run business since 1972, the company has completed hundreds of unique remodeling projects, earning the company awards and accolades. Delivering great client service and an exceptional client experience is evident by reading what their clients have

said. One such platform is Guild Quality, a third-party survey firm that contacts clients after project completion for an in-depth, detailed survey/report about their remodeling experience. Their 99 percent approval rating from those client surveys has earned Stebnitz Builders a fifth consecutive *Excellence in Customer Service*.

As a result of Stebnitz Builders' tremendous experience and industry know-how, customers have learned to trust in the company's focus and acute attention to detail.



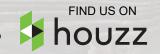


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"Every project we accept is designed specifically for the home it is to be installed on," says Jeremey Bates, owner of the company's Lake Geneva office. "Before our skilled installers can perform their craft, it is necessary for us to study the unique characteristics of the property to create a personalized design that complements the home's aesthetics."

Tim and Kelly Carden, founders of the company, see the Style

Exteriors team as a collaborator on each home project and recognize that the company's most important goal for every customer is to meet their expectations, and in most cases, exceed them.

"We go the extra mile by providing reliable performance and craftsmanship, and courteous trained team members dedicated to each and every project," Bates says.

So what makes Style Exteriors truly shine? Depending on the roofing system chosen to crown your home, the company has the ability to offer manufacturers' warranties that 99 percent of contractors in North America can't provide.

In addition, Style Exteriors has recently earned preferred installer status with Brava Roof Tile (bravarooftile.com). As Bates explains, after doing extensive research into the composite shake and tile market, and reviewing what choices are available, the Style Exteriors team concluded that the Brava Roof Tile is the best choice for clients.

"Brava's materials have the most realistic look and feel of a hand-split cedar shake, which makes it very difficult to tell the difference between a cedar shake roof and a Brava Roof Tile," Bates says. "The diversity in color of Brava's tile is unmatched and unlike most of the manufacturers in the composite market, Brava Roof Tile does not absorb moisture, so they are not susceptible to color change or algae growth." For clients that are looking for a beautiful, long lasting, authentic roof with no maintenance, the Style Exteriors team believes Brava is the supreme choice, which makes Brava the company's preferred manufacturer for composite material.

Because of Style Exterior's consistency in quality of craftsmanship, quality of products offered and exceptional customer service, the company has earned accolades aplenty from customers and industry professionals alike.

"Entering into our 16th year of business has taught us that consistency is the key to growing our company's prestigious reputation in the region," Bates says. "We understand our client's needs and execute on these standards. We treat our customers as family and their homes as our own."







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Close your eyes and imagine the ideal living space: beautiful furnishings, exquisite architectural accents, and the perfect place for relaxation or entertaining may come to mind. Creating such living spaces is the core of Philip Sassano's mission at The Design Coach.

Originally founded in 1998 as a high-end decorative contracting company in Chicago, under the name Philip Sassano Design Inc., the firm has been transformed over the years into The Design Coach and has expanded its services to include interior decorating and furniture selection. In 2009, Sassano opened a design and retail office in downtown Lake Geneva to complement the larger remodeling projects clients were asking the firm to design and manage.

"This past year marks our 20th year in business, and to this day, we still use our in-house creative workshop to craft one-of-kind interior elements for our valued clients in the Midwest and beyond," Sassano says. In January 2019, the firm expanded once again by maintaining a workshop in Lake Geneva and moving its design office and creative studio to the lofts of the Starline Factory Building in Harvard, Illinois. At this new location, The Design Coach is looking to elevate even further the overall creative experience for their clients and team.

"We believe we design for people, not their projects, so client relationships are very important to us," Sassano says. "Maintaining the client's trust, both creatively and financially, is one of our highest priorities."

Sassano also considers his firm to be a triple threat when it comes to interior design. First, their artistic roots drive every design and they're always looking to invent one-of-kind elements for each project that capture the spirit of the client and the environment they're looking to create. Second, their contracting experience allows them to seamlessly integrate the lifestyle preferences of the client into the design and decoration of each project. And third, the main goals of The Design Coach's unique approach are to help the client find their visual voice and to create interiors that will facilitate the moments and memories only THE best interiors can.



"We primarily see our role as one of style matchmakers, continually looking to help the client achieve their own look — not ours," Sassano says. "We seem to have a knack for dialing in quickly to the visual wants and functional needs of the client and their project. We really want to understand how our clients live, or would like to live, so we can craft interiors that suit them on an extremely personal and intimate level."

Sassano and his team always look at the possibilities of a space and look to overcome its physical limitations. "A creative mindset that is always optimistic breeds ideas and inspiration that negativity never will," Sassano says. "Problem-solving with style is the way you make every square foot matter."





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## MEDITERRANEAN CLASSICS

Two salads native to the French Riviera and southern Italy make for spectacular lunch entrées

BY BILL TURNER

ometimes I look at people on the street and think that each one has a story—what do they do, who or what do they like or dislike, have they had great happiness or great sadness. I find myself wanting to know their stories. Weird as it may sound, the same thing happens to me with recipes, especially with the classic dishes. I want to know their histories. When I do learn them, they're typically interesting. In this issue we'll look at two of the most famous salads in the world.



## **NIÇOISE SALAD**

The Niçoise salad originated in Nice, a beautiful city on the southeast coast of France on the Mediterranean Sea, known for its mild climate, beach resorts, thriving arts scene as well as this salad. All the famous chefs have given their own twist to this dish and some, like Gordon Ramsey, have called it the greatest of all salads. The three key ingredients are anchovies, tuna and olives. Nice is famous for all three of these, especially Niçoise olives, a highly prized, small fruity variety. Many good supermarkets with olive bars will have Niçoise olives, so try to get the real thing. Some people will object to the anchovies, so serve those on the side.

Prepping the ingredients is the major hurdle in this salad, but it goes fairly quickly if you have four saucepans, one each for the eggs, the potatoes, the green beans and the beets.

#### Time Required: 45 minutes | Servings: 6

A Tip Before You Start: To achieve perfect hard-boiled eggs, follow these directions. Remove eggs from the fridge and let them get to room temperature. This will help prevent them from cracking. Bring water to a rolling boil and gently drop eggs in with a large spoon — don't drop them in. After 10 minutes, use the same spoon to remove them and place them in a bowl filled with cold water. After about two minutes, gently tap and crack the shell on all sides. Start at the pointed end and peel the eggs under running water. The water will get between the shell and the egg and make peeling easy.

## Dressing and Salad Ingredients:

#### The Dressing

- 2 cloves garlic, chopped finely
- ½ tsp. sea salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

#### The Salad

- 1 lb. small new potatoes, peeled, sliced about ½ inch thick and boiled in salted water until tender, about 12 minutes.
- 1 can (14 oz.) beets or 1 lb. of fresh beets. If fresh, cut off stems and boil with skins intact for 35 minutes or until soft. Let cool and squeeze the inside out. The skin should come off cleanly.
- ½ lb. green beans, ideally French green beans (haricot vert), which are thinner and more tender, blanched for 5 minutes.
- 1 lb. cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced
- 6 radishes, sliced
- 1 bunch of lettuce any kind will do
- 1/2 cup black Niçoise olives
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- ½ cup basil leaves, coarsely chopped
- 8-10 anchovy filets, salt packed if possible or canned in olive oil. Wash and dry with a paper towel.
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, cut in halves or quarters

• 3 (4 oz.) cans oil-packed tuna with excess oil drained off, or 1 ½ lbs. of fresh tuna

#### Directions:

- 1. Prep all ingredients per instructions above.
- Whisk together all of the ingredients for the dressing and set aside.
- Put some leaves of lettuce on the plate and then use your creative artistry to arrange the salad. Usually the tuna is in the middle, the veggies around the tuna and the eggs (cut in half), around the edge. Garnish with the basil.
- 4. Pour the dressing over the top and serve, preferably al fresco with a bottle of crisp white wine. I like a cold Viognier.

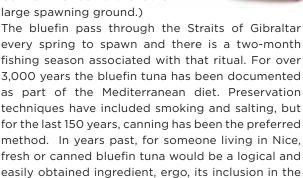
If you are using fresh tuna, season with salt and pepper and sear in a pan with 2 Tbsp. of olive oil. Try this trick to satisfy everyone's "doneness" requirements. Buy the tuna in three ½ pound pieces. Sear the first one for four minutes each side, the second piece for three minutes and the third for two minutes. You can let everyone choose their favorite.

## BLUEFIN TUNA

IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Mediterranean has always been the major spawning ground for the Atlantic bluefin tuna. (The Gulf of Mexico is the other large spawning ground.)

Niçoise salad.



After World War II the Japanese fell in love with bluefin tuna for sushi, and by 2012 they were consuming over 80 percent of the total catch according to the PEW Environment Group. The love affair has had a strong impact on bluefin availability, which fell 60 percent between 1970 and 2008. Quotas have now been imposed and there has been some stabilization, but this once inexpensive and commonplace ingredient is now a luxury. Canned Mediterranean bluefin tuna, with which most French and Italians grew up with, now costs upwards of \$100 per pound and is largely a thing of the past, being replaced by the more plentiful but less tasty albacore tuna.



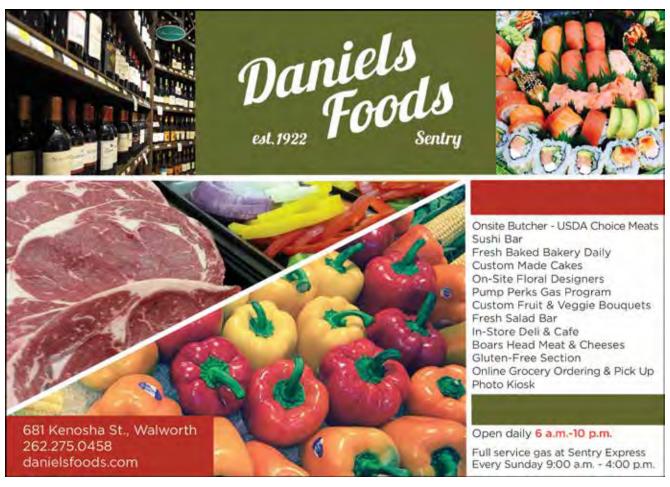
They're everywhere! We pass over Naples heading south, nearly crash into Mt. Vesuvius and then come to Sorrento (sounds like a song title). And right off the Sorrento peninsula we see the famous Isle of Capri, where our salad was supposedly invented.

I suspect there is no specific reason that the dish was named after the Isle of Capri, but there is a definite reason that it would logically originate in the Campania region of Italy. The two most important products of the area are the unbelievable buffalo mozzarella cheese and San Marzano plum tomatoes grown in the volcanic soils at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius. In both cases, you can't find better examples of these ingredients anywhere in the world.

#### **CAPRESE SALAD**

To understand the caprese salad, which appears on the majority of menus in Italian restaurants, we need to think of ourselves floating over southern Italy in the Compania region, a good 150 miles south of Rome. Think of sunshine, warmth, field after field of ripe tomatoes and — wait a minute — water buffalo. Where did these guys come from?

Buffalo mozzarella can be hard to find and is often very expensive. However, Whole Foods and Trader Joe's now carry these glorious delicacies at reasonable prices, and most supermarkets will get them for you if you ask. It is a world apart from regular fresh mozzarella. As the Italians say, "Buffalo mozzarella is not a cheese. It's a religion."



#### Time Required: 15 minutes | Servings: 6

#### Ingredients:

- 6 small ripe tomatoes
- 1 lb. buffalo mozzarella
- Good quality extra virgin olive oil
- Good quality balsamic vinegar
- Handful of basil leaves
- Salt and pepper

#### Directions:

- 1. Slice the mozzarella as thinly as possible.
- 2. Cut the tomatoes into normal slices.
- 3. Arrange alternate slices of tomato and mozzarella on the serving plate.
- 4. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 5. Tear the basil leaves into about four or five pieces and sprinkle on top of the salad.
- 6. When ready to serve AND NOT BEFORE, add a few dashes of balsamic vinegar and about 2 Tbsp. of olive oil.

Make sure you get the right ingredients, add a bottle of chardonnay or sauvignon blanc to the agenda, and you have everything you need for a spectacular lunch for the special people in your life. You will set the stage for a wonderful afternoon.

#### ITALY'S WATER BUFFALO

Nobody knows how the water buffalo got to southern Italy. Some say they arrived from Mesopotamia at the dawn of civilization. They only thing we know is that they have been there for over 1,000 years, constitute the backbone of the dairy herds of the region and have made Italy the world's largest producer of buffalo mozzarella.

This cheese is vastly superior to mozzarella made with cow's milk and there is a reason. Buffalo milk has 7.5 percent milkfat, while whole cow's milk has only 3.25 percent. It takes five gallons of buffalo milk to make a pound of cheese while it takes eight gallons of cow's milk. Buffalo mozzarella is an incredibly creamy fresh cheese that, once tried, makes you wonder why anyone would use anything else in a caprese salad.





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# The two are more closely linked than you may think BY AMANDA N. WEGNER

Can your food affect your mood? Absolutely. In the most basic terms, food is fuel, and the quality of the food that you use to fuel your body matters. More specifically, as one expert wrote on the Harvard Health Blog: "Like an expensive car, your brain functions best when it gets only premium fuel."

This is the stuff of nutritional psychiatry, a relatively young but fascinating field of study that examines how diet quality and nutritional deficiencies affect one's mood and, more globally, mental health issues, including depression and anxiety, ADHD, bipolar disorder and more.

The culprit is that many people do not eat enough or the right nutrients that are essential for good brain health, instead opting for a diet of heavily processed food containing artificial additives and sugar. That is, the nutritional quality of the "fuel" from a convenience store burger and fries pales in comparison to the quality of grilled salmon on a bed of mixed greens with a homemade vinaigrette.

"Over the past several years, research studies reveal some foods can help improve your mood while others may make it worse," says Nina Brkovic, MS, RDN, a clinical dietician who practices at Mercyhealth's Lake Geneva and Janesville locations. "Diets that are energy-dense, highly processed, high in pro-inflammatory fats and lacking in fiber — Western-style dietary patterns — have been linked to increased prevalence of depression."

While she notes that further research and larger clinical trials are still needed to clarify the mechanism linking food to mood, in her practice, Brkovic says that a majority of people she has encountered that lack psychological and emotional stability are lacking adequate nutrition as well.

#### FIGHTING INFLAMMATION

What is it about not-so-good-for-us food that makes it even worse for our brains? It all boils down to inflammation. Research has found that many mental health conditions are caused by inflammation in the brain, but the inflammatory response actually starts in our gut.

"A person's diet is one of the major epigenetic influences on inflammation," says Samantha (Sam) Schleiger, MS, RDN, CD, an integrative registered dietitian nutritionist in private practice and owner of The Simple Dietitian, Elkhorn. "That said, inflammation is an essential physiological process that supports healing in the event of toxin exposure, injury, infection or other trauma. Generally, it is a short-lived, regenerative process. However, if inflammation is sustained beyond what is actually needed for the repair of bodily tissues and shifts to more of a chronic state — chronic

inflammation — the brain and nervous system can be negatively impacted."

In her private practice focused on "whole food as medicine," Schleiger begins investigating the cause of one's inflammation by looking first to the gastrointestinal tract. "Science points us to the individual's digestive system and microbiome because disruptions here can contribute to neuroinflammation. That said, the microbiota-brain-gut axis has recently become one of the most talked about topics. Although this may seem new to the public, groundbreaking medical theories and practices in the 19th and 20th centuries linked microbes to mood disorders."

Several dietary components can fuel or suppress inflammation, says Schleiger, including excess calories, refined sugars and low omega-3 fatty acid intake. Additionally, intolerance to ingredients such as gluten, casein or other food chemicals may contribute to an individual's inflammatory response.

#### **BEYOND INFLAMMATION**

The inflammatory response that starts in the gut can be associated, in part, with a lack of nutrients from our food such as magnesium, omega-3 fatty acids, probiotics, vitamins and minerals, all of which are essential to help keep our bodies functioning at an optimal level. "Diets lacking in essential vitamins and minerals may cause depression, inability to concentrate and fatigue," says Brkovic. "Eating many processed foods can leave you feeling sluggish. Skipping meals or cutting calories significantly, may make you feel foggy and tired."

Research shows there are a number of important vitamins and minerals needed for physical, mental and emotional health. A few of the more critical include:

- Magnesium is one of most important minerals for optimal health, yet it is often lacking in modern diets. In fact, the current recommended daily allowance for adults is 320 mg to 420 mg daily, but most of us average just 250 mg daily. Called "nature's chill pill," the correlation between magnesium and depression and anxiety is strong. One study found that a daily magnesium citrate supplement led to a significant improvement in depression and anxiety, regardless of age, gender or severity of depression.
- Omega-3 fatty acids are critical for the development and function of the central nervous system, having a hand in everything from gene expression to cerebral blood flow to the production of neurons. A lack of omega-3s has been associated with low mood, cognitive decline and poor comprehension.
  - Vitamin B complex and zinc are other supplements found to reduce the symptoms of anxiety and depression.

If you are curious about nutrient deficiencies, Schleiger recommends seeking out a provider who can order these lab tests.

#### A LIFELONG EATING PLAN

The good news is that better nutrition and in turn, better mental health, doesn't require a prescription or a hefty price tag. Whether you're struggling with issues on a more day-to-day or situational basis like mental clarity or a foul mood, or

something more serious and systemic like depression and anxiety, filling your plate and your belly with healthful, nutrient-dense foods provides lifelong benefits. "I would suggest aiming for a balanced diet. The most effective diets incorporate foods from all food groups, such as lean protein, whole grain, dairy and plenty of fruits and vegetables," says Brkovic. "Aim for portion control and think of your diet as a lifestyle change. A diet with a restrictive food plan such as a low-carb diet isn't sustainable long-term... A well-balanced diet with moderate portions from all of the food groups is a better option for long-term weight loss and for your mood."

Schleiger adds some additional tips for healthful eating:

- Start shopping the perimeter of the grocery store for fresh produce, highquality meats, seafood and poultry, fullfat dairy and ethically sourced foods. Hit up the bulk section for raw nuts and seeds, unsweetened dried fruit and the like.
- Incorporate more raw fruits and vegetables into your diet, including those with deep pigments and a variety of colors.
- Decrease processed food and refined sugar intake. Schleiger waves a flag of caution here, these refined sugars can be found in many foods on the shelves!
- Use a keen eye when reading nutrition and food labels. "Just because it's labeled 'natural' or 'organic' doesn't necessarily mean it has the best ingredients," she says.
- Generally speaking, she says, it is ideal to transition your diet by incorporating better food choices versus counting calories, weighing foods and guessing on food labels. Keep the majority of your diet derived from fresh foods and ethically sourced protein sources.
- Drink more water! Cut out sugary, sweetened beverages such as soda, sweetened fruit drinks, sports drinks, etc. Instead, go with non-sweetened beverages, including water (the top choice), unsweetened tea or fruitinfused water.
- Incorporate fermented foods into your diet, such as kombucha, kimchi, sauerkraut, kefir, yogurt and pickled vegetables. Fermented foods are chockfull of beneficial prebiotics and probiotics, which assist in maintaining a healthy digestive system.





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# A NOBLE CALLING

# The need for volunteer firefighters is ever-growing

#### PHOTOGRAPHY AND STORY BY HOLLY LEITNER

It's a brisk morning in Kansasville, Wisconsin. A thin frost dusts the ground, a winter wind funnels through the open land and a large sign reads, "Looking for Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs."

I'm at the Kansasville Fire House, on the western edge of Racine County. This hub also doubles as the hands-on school for Gateway Technical College's Firefighter 1 class, the required course for all statecertified career and volunteer firefighters.

The students here today are just two classes and two exams shy of completing the 96-hour course. They come from Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties and include a high school senior, a full-time physician and other aspiring firefighters from all walks of life.

According to John Dahms, Gateway's Fire Program Coordinator, roughly 150 people complete the class each year — 60 percent of those are pursuing a career in firefighting and 40 percent

are becoming volunteers for community fire departments.

One such student on the volunteer track is Dr. Sean Marquis, EMS physician and associate EMS medical director for Mercyhealth. In order to complete the course, he has crawled through blazes that reach 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, climbed three stories with equipment on his back, while carrying a 16-foot-ladder, and spent many hours studying fire science and hazardous materials operations.

"I've always felt a sense of duty to respond when people are in need," says Marquis. "It's been an important goal of mine to join the front lines of fire service since my college days, and technical rescue has been a part of my professional EMS career all along."

Marquis approached the Fontana Fire Department last year about joining their ranks and he's been a probationary member for the past 11 months, a trial period that all new recruits must complete. After this certification he will join the nearly 100 percent volunteer, 25-person crew in Fontana comprised of a local construction worker, boat mechanic, industrial kitchen cook, bartender, nurse, police officer, public works employee and financial consultants, among others.

# THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING TRADITION

Volunteer firefighting is a tradition, whose history dates back generations. From the earliest colonial days, it was a common practice that all able-bodied adults would come together to fight fires that threatened their towns by filling buckets from a water source and passing them along a line of volunteers to the fire. These groups grew into "Fire Clubs" and later, The Union Fire Company of Philadelphia formed by Benjamin Franklin in 1736.

Today, nearly 70 percent of the fire departments in the country are still led by volunteers, according to the National Fire Council. In rural Walworth County there are roughly 15 fire departments. Only one is staffed with full-time, paid personnel available around the clock;

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the remaining departments are run by volunteers. Some towns have been forced to turn to paid personnel simply because they lack the volunteer base that once was available.

"Society is changing as a whole — it takes two bread winners to make a house run today. People just don't volunteer much anymore," says Fire Chief Wolfgang Nitsch of the Fontana Fire Department. "Other civic organizations are saying the same thing, there's just not a lot of time, everybody is just busier in general."

Fire Chief Nitsch started with the department in 1978, and during that time, he's described the participation as being up and down, but generally down since the '90s. Today, the Fontana Department is staffed by two full-time paid personnel and supplemental, paid on-call staff.

Jack Jasperson, the full-time faculty lead for the Firefighter 1 class, agrees that the biggest challenge of fire departments around the country is finding volunteers, and that's partially due to changing communities. "There used to be a nucleus of people in a community, many that owned businesses, and everybody could leave work to help the town," says Jasperson. "It's kind of changed with the loss of brick and mortar stores. Daytime availability is gone."

If it's not a longer commute or business travel to contend with, it's family commitments like running kids to extracurricular activities and taking care of elderly parents. For most people there is so little unscheduled time for volunteering for causes like hometown fire departments, making it less a priority than it used to be.

In addition, firefighting takes an incredible amount of courage. It's demanding, dangerous and unpredictable. With every call, the firefighter puts himself in harm's way to help those in need. All while balancing the demands of their daily jobs.



Students of the Fire 1 class gather in the Kansasville Fire House to continue their hands-on training. The course is required for all state-certified career and volunteer firefighters.



So ... why do it? For some, like Marquis, there is still a sense of civic duty to give back to their community. "It gets back to helping neighbors, being of service and reconnecting with your community. It's about those moments when time stands still — and the moments you can define your life by. Imagine being able to say, 'I helped saved their son, the family dog or the priceless family heirloom from turning to ashes.' It's at these moments where life comes clearly into focus when so much of our time is taken by unessential distractions."

"Fire service is its own community, a noble one with dedicated people," adds Marquis. "The level of teamwork and trust required in it is unlike most other organizations."

#### **HOW TO VOLUNTEER**

If you're interested in volunteering, the best place to start is to visit your local fire department. First, there are varying degrees of volunteering. Fire departments have adapted to the changing society —

offering different options of service. One can choose to be on the second or third string of calls with varying degrees of commitment. Local first responder teams are looking for EMTs, rescue divers, non-responding fire corps, volunteers and youth fire explorers.

"Our doors are always open," says Delavan Fire Chief Tim O'Neill. "We're eager to accept. You just have to live within the response area and go through the training." The Delavan department, like other departments, will pick up the cost of training for any firefighter.

All firefighters must go through a Firefighter 1 class, such as the one taught at Gateway Technical College, within the first year on the department in order to enter live fires. This class covers handson training, preparation for certifications and assistance with locating volunteer opportunities, and is taught by currently employed, certified staff. In addition, most departments require attendance at monthly meetings.



# Q&A GARRETT CHEYNE

To coincide with this issue's At Home Section, our Q&A is with Garrett Cheyne, who recently opened a stunning design studio in an old brick building in downtown Delavan. Cheyne started Curate Interior Design LLC to pursue his dream of creating his own business for residential and hospitality design. With 18 years of interior design experience under his belt, Garrett's portfolio encompasses local projects as well as those spread across the country. Hisworkranges from small and large lake homes, modern mountain retreats and new builds to boutique hotels and restaurants.

# WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY SERVICES CURATE INTERIOR DESIGN OFFERS?

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# WHAT DOES YOUR WEBSITE TAG LINE, "LIVE LIFE BOLDLY," MEAN?

I am a bold person, so when we were deciding on our tag line I knew it needed to make a statement! I live for the abstract, the loud, the bold, the one of a kind. Why not live life boldly? I don't like to settle, why should you?

# DO YOU GRAVITATE TOWARD RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL DESIGN PROJECTS?

My passion is interior design in any capacity. I have worked in countless homes — from a small, simple project to new builds. With residential work, it is always personal to me. You really get to know the family that you are working with. We have a designer dedicated to residential design, and as for contract work, that's where I have been focused the past handful of years. I have had the chance to work with an amazing designer, Susan Griffin, with Hendricks Commercial Properties in Beloit, Wisconsin. Sue and her team have pushed me to become the designer that I am today. With hotels and restaurants moving to more of a boutique vibe, the designs can be simple to overthe-top. Don't get me wrong, I still love working in residential, but I would prefer to design a space that all walks of life can share in.

# HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGN PHILOSOPHY?

Live life boldly! I say the bigger, the better when it comes to a lot of pieces you are putting in your home or business. A monster piece of artwork in your entryway will come off as a "WOW" moment. Not every single piece needs to be overly large ... just a handful of pieces. These statement pieces set my work apart from others.



# WHAT ARE SOME OF THE LATEST DESIGN TRENDS FOR HOMES?

One of this year's biggest trends is Modern Mountain. It has elements of modern, rustic and a touch of industrial vibe. All of these styles have been around for a long time, but when we meld them together we get a casualness I think a lot of people will relate to. Another trend is the continuation of neutral spaces with texture on top of texture on top of more texture! The layering process of the neutral interior is a balancing act of tone, texture and scale, with the occasional pop of color. This style lends itself to be easily refreshed. I always tell my clients when they want a pop of color, use it in a pillow or a piece of artwork.

#### ANY SIMPLE DESIGN TIPS YOU CAN OFFER?

One of the easiest things you can do in your space is to repaint. Try sticking with one color for all over. Accent walls are a thing of the past. Consider painting older, built-in cabinetry the same color as the walls. This creates an updated space almost instantly. Another simple thing you can do is to rearrange your space. Empty out your room of literally everything and then bring it back in piece by piece. If your room is large enough, float your furniture. There is no reason to push it all up against the walls. By floating your furniture, you create a sense of intimacy. My last tip would be ....if you love it, just do it! You are the one who lives there, why not smile when you walk into a room?

### // DINING DIRECTORY //











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# AMERICAN / CONTEMPORARY

ALPINE VALLEY RESORT W2501 County Road D, Elkhorn; 262-642-7374. alpinevalleyresort. com. Full menu in the Alpine Dining Room; sandwiches in the Valley View Lounge. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. Ţ♪ ◆ ⊕ PR

B.J. WENTKER'S 230 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-767-1514. *bjwentkers.com*. Innovative menu. Extensive wine list. Bar open past 10 p.m. Closed Sun. L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$. ₹♪\$-⊕©

THE BLACK SHEEP 210 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, 262-458-4751; eatatblacksheep. com. Menu and specials are updated regularly to incorporate fresh, in-season, local foods presented in a delicious new way. Poultry, fish, pork, lamb, gluten-free, and vegetarian entrées. Closed Sun. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹ €

CLUBHOUSE SPORTS BAR & GRILL Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St. (State Rd. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. *lakelawnresort.com*. Offering picturesque views of our golf course, and serving a classic bar and grill menu in a cozy and relaxed atmosphere. B, L, D, \$.

CRAFTED AMERICANA The Ridge Hotel, W4240 State Road 50, Lake Geneva; 262-249-3832, craftedamericana.com. Contemporary menu incorporates premium, locally sourced ingredients. B, L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$. T& -@

THE DUCK INN N6214 Hwy. 89 (intersection of County Rd. A and Hwy 89), Delavan; 608-883-6988. duckinndelavan.com. Roast duck, filets, ribs. Closed Tues. D, \$\$-\$\$\$. ₹�-⊕

**EGG HARBOR CAFÉ** 827 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1207. *eggharborcafe.com*. Gourmet breakfast and lunch creations served from 6:30 a.m. daily. B, L, \$.

FORK IN THE ROAD 215 N. Rochester St., Mukwonago; 262-363-7849. forkintheroad restaurant.com. A unique twist on American cuisine. Closed Sundays. L, D, \$-\$\$ ☼ ₹�-ⓒ

FRONTIER RESTAURANT Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St. (State Hwy. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. *lakelawnresort.com*. Innovative American Heartland Cuisine served in the style of New American Cooking, which takes familiar comfort foods and adds sophisticated culinary twists. Our menu features only the finest regional ingredients from local Wisconsin farms including our own homegrown herbs and fresh honey. L, D, Br (Sunday only), \$-\$\$\$.

THE GENEVA INN N2009 S. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-5690. genevainn.com. Enjoy lakeside dining and spectacular sunsets. Offering perfectly prepared seafood, beef, poultry and pasta entrées. Menus are subject to change based on product availability and seasonality. B, BR, L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$. \$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}

THE GRAND CAFÉ Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. grandgeneva.com. Contemporary American cuisine in a casual setting. Breakfast buffet seasonally; Fri. & Sat. night prime rib and seafood buffet. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. \$\(\frac{T}{\pi}\)\ PR

NOVAK'S RESTAURANT 158 Fontana Blvd., Fontana; 262-275-1400. Our goal is to provide healthy, hearty, homemade food to our neighbors, family and friends. B, BR, L, \$. @ 🔆

PIER 290 1 Liechty Dr., Williams Bay; 262-245-2100. pier290.com. We focus on clean flavors and fresh ingredients. Heated indoor and outdoor bar. Accessible by land and water. Boat parking available. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹♪◎ ② ﴾ ▲※PR

RED GERANIUM RESTAURANT 393 N. Edwards Blvd. (State Road 50 and N. Edwards Blvd.), Lake Geneva; 262-248-3637. redgeraniumrestaurant.com. Extensive wine list. Br, L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$, dressy casual attire. ₹ ♣-♠ ♠ PR

SIMPLE CAFÉ 525 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-3556. simplelakegeneva.com. Fresh farm-to-table food. B, L, \$-\$\$.∰⊙

SOMEPLACE ELSE 1 W. Walworth St., Elkhorn; 262-723-3111. someplaceelserestaurant.com. Fresh seafood, sandwiches, soups. Closed Sun. L, D, \$. ₹ ♦- ⊕ PR

SOPRA: AN AMERICAN BISTRO 724 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-0800. soprabistrocom. Contemporary American twist on Bistro classics. D, \$\$-\$\$\$. 7

STEFANA'S LAKESIDE DINING Located at the French Country Inn, W4190 West End Rd. Lake Geneva; 262-374-5999. Steak, Seafood, Pasta. D, \$\$-\$\$\$, ₹♪⊕&

TUSCAN TAVERN AND GRILL 430 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-0888. thetus-cantavernandgrill.com. Specializing in Italian classics, mouth-watering charbroiled steaks and artisan brick oven pizzas. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹⊚ **©PR** 

240° WEST The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana; 262-275-9034. *theabbeyresort.com/dining*. From small plates packed with flavor to unexpected entrées with an unexpected twist. B, D, Br on Sunday, \$\$-\$\$\$. T&)

THE WATERFRONT The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd, Fontana; 262-275-9034. theabbeyresort.com/dining. Casual/Burgers, BBQ. Call for hours. L, D, \$-\$\$. 4

YE OLDE HOTEL BAR & RESTAURANT 6070 S. Railroad St., Lyons; 262-763-2701. yeolde hotel.com. Traditional American. Extensive wine list. D, \$-\$\$. ₹ �- ②PR

#### ASIAN

**BEIJING GARDEN** 464 S. Pine St., Burlington; 262-767-1188. Chinese. Closed Monday. L, D, \$. ⊕

CHINA GARDEN 136 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan; 262-728-8818. L, D, \$, beer and wine. Closed Monday. ⊕ PR

**CHINA HOUSE** 1128 W. Main St., Whitewater; 262-749-3111. Chinese cuisine. L, D, NC, \$.

CHONG YANG CHINESE RESTAURANT 541 Kenosha St., Walworth; 262-275-5200. Chinese. L, D, \$.

**DRAGON CITY** 98 E. Geneva Square, Lake Geneva; 262-249-8867. Eat-in or take-out Chinese cuisine. L, D, \$.

**GOLDEN DRAGON** 2763 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-5518. L,D, \$.₹

**HAPPY CAFÉ** 526 S. Wells St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-8181. Chinese and American. B, L, D, \$, beer and wine. \$-•

MOY'S RESTAURANT 3 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn; 262-723-3993. *moysrestuarant.com.* Authentic Chinese cuisine. Dine-in and carryout. L, D, \$. ₹⊙ ) **(PR** 

SABAI, SABAI 306 Center St., Lake Geneva; 262-812-4114. Authentic Thai food. L, D, \$\$. Beer and wine.

**SU-WING'S CHINESE RESTAURANT** 743 North St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1178. L, D, \$-\$\$, cocktails. © **PR** 

**TWO SISTERS THAI RESTAURANT** 207 N. Main St., Walworth; 262-394-5700. Tues.-Fri. lunch specials. L, D, \$.

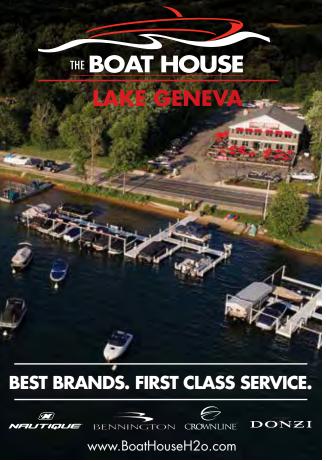
YO-SHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 1823 E. Geneva St. (State Road 50), Delavan; 262-740-2223. Hibachi cooking, sushi bar. Beer and wine. Closed Sun. L, D, \$\$.

#### **BARBECUE**

**CASUAL JOE'S** 319 W. James St., Whitewater; 262-458-4751. *casualjoes.com*. Farm to table dining featuring meats smoked onsite along with homemade barbecue sauces. L, D, \$. ₹







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LD'S BBQ 2511 Main St., East Troy; 414-610-7675. Idsbbg.com. Roadside BBQ featuring slow smoked meats, including ribs, brisket, pulled pork, smoked sausage, chicken. Carry-out only. Open Wed.- Sun. \$-\$\$.

NEXT DOOR PUB 411 Interchange North (Hwy. 120), Lake Geneva; 262-248-9551. nextdoorpub. com. Pizza, burgers, sandwiches, salads, soups, pastas. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. L, D, \$. ₹⊙ )

PAPA'S BBQ PIT STOP 502 Borg Rd., Delavan; 262-725-2389. papasbbgpit.com. Apple and cherry wood smoked BBQ available for pickup, delivery or catering. Open L, D, \$-\$\$.

SMOKEY'S BAR-B-QUE HOUSE Timber Ridge Lodge at Grand Geneva, State Rd. 50, Lake Geneva; 262-249-3400. grandgeneva.com. B, L, D (hours vary throughout the year), \$-\$\$. ₹⊙

#### CASUAL/BURGERS

ALE STATION FOOD & BREW 2645 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-2739. alestation.com. (Formerly the Grist Mill.) Pub food with 32 beers on tap. L, D, \$-\$\$. 🕈 🧈 🚳

ANNIE'S BURGER TOWN 645 N. Lincoln St., Elkhorn; 262-723-3250. anniesburgertown.com. Burgers, salads, sandwiches, appetizers, soups, ice cream. Local delivery. L, D, \$. . .

BAR 55 The Ridge Hotel, W4240 State Hwy. 50, Lake Geneva; 262-249-3800. ridgelakegeneva.com. Outdoor restaurant with fire feature overlooking Lake Como. Specialty sandwiches, appetizers, salads, Live entertainment on weekends. L, D, \$-\$\$. 🗞 🕸 🐒

BAR WEST The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana; 262-275-9034. theabbeyresort.com/dining. Featuring small plates, cocktails and musical entertainment Wed.-Sun. D, \$-\$\$. \$1)

BARLEY'S HOPS AND MALTS N8720 County Road N, East Troy; 262-642-7811. Sandwiches, pizza. Open daily. L, D, \$. ₹ 5- ⊙ )

THE BIG HOUSE BAR AND GRILL N1320 S. Lake Shore Dr., Genoa City; 262-279-5700. thebighouselakegeneva.com. Burgers, wings, Italian beefs and more. L, D, \$. ₹♪ )

THE BOAT HOUSE BAR & GRILL 2062 S. Lakeshore Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-812-4126. theboathouselakegeneva.com. Classic American dishes including burgers, pizzas, wraps, salads and more. Wrap-around deck and boat access. \$\$, 🕸 🕈 各 💿

BRASS RAIL 130 W. Main St., Whitewater; 262-473-4038. Bar and grill. L, D, NC, ATM, \$. \$ \$-

BRUISER'S 689 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-763-6008. Subs, pizza, salads. L, D, NC, \$.49-

CARVETTI'S 642 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-9752. carvettis.com. L, D, \$. ₹⊙ ) 🕸

CHAMPS SPORTS BAR AND GRILL 747 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-6008. champslake geneva.com. L, D, \$. ₹�-) ॐ

THE CHARCOAL GRILL AND ROTISSERIE 580 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-767-0000. charcoalgrill.com. L, D, \$. ₹ \$- 1 PR

CHUCK'S LAKESHORE INN 352 Lake St., Fontana; 262-275-3222. chuckslakeshoreinn. com. Open daily. Burgers and sandwiches.

Live entertainment some weekends, L. D. \$. \$ ( O-12 1/2)

COFFEE CUP CAFE 192 Baldwin St., Sharon: 262-736-4060. Broad menu, daily specials. B, L, D \$ 4-0

THE CORNER KITCHEN 100 Lake St., Twin Lakes; 262-877-2456. B, L, D, \$. 5-0

COUNTRYSIDE W9695 Hwy. 14, Darien; 262-882-3224. B, L, D (Fri. only), \$. 5-

CRUISE-IN BAR & GRILL 107 Kenosha St., Walworth; 262-275-9191. Sandwiches, pizza. L, D, \$. \(\frac{1}{2} \overline{2} \)

DELAVAN FAMILY RESTAURANT 505 S. 7th St., Delavan; 262-728-1715. B, L, D, \$. 9-10

DJ'S IN THE DRINK W3860 North Lake Shore Dr., Lake Como; 262-248-8855. View of Lake Como. L, D, Visa or Cash accepted, \$. ATM, 75-0)&

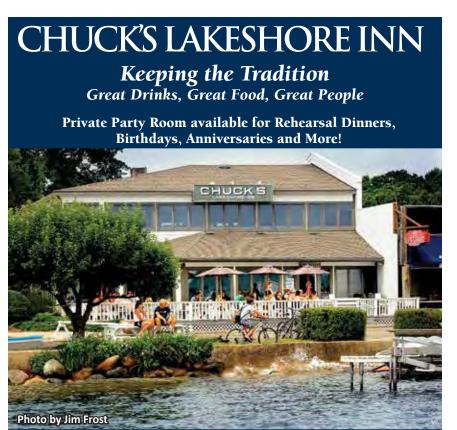
841 BREW HOUSE 841 E. Milwaukee St., Whitewater; 262-473-8000. 841brewhouse. com. Full microbrewery. Open daily \$-\$\$. ₹*\$*-(€)PR

ELK RESTAURANT 13 W. Walworth St., Elkhorn; 262-723-4220, elkrestaurant.com, B. L. D. \$. ...

THE END ZONE BAR & GRILL 4112 Blue Gill Rd., Delavan; 262-728-2420. Appetizers, burgers, sandwiches. L, D, \$. ₹♪�-)

EVERGREEN GOLF CLUB N6246 U.S. Hwv. 12. Elkhorn; 262-723-5722. Steaks, burgers, ribs. L, D, \$-\$\$.7 - 0

FIDDLESTICKS CAFE 101 Evergreen Pkwy, Suite 7, Elkhorn; 262-743-2233. B,L, \$. 5- 6 4



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FLAT IRON TAP 150 Center St., Lake Geneva; 262-812-4064. flatirontaplg.com. Gourmet burgers, specialty sandwiches, soups and salads, over 100 beer and wine selections. Closed Mondays. L, D, \$-\$\$ ① )

**FLIPPY'S** 401 N. Pine St., Burlington; 262-763-6754. *flippysfastfood.com.* Casual fast food. L, D, \$. \$\sigma\_{-\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\overline{\o

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GABBY'S PALACE 356 N. Pine St., Burlington; 262-763-4363. Sandwiches, daily specials. NC, \$. ₹. ♦- ⊕ PR

GORDY'S BOAT HOUSE 336 Lake Ave., Fontana; 262-275-6800. gordysboats.com. Casual dining, Geneva Lake view. Steaks, pizza, seafood, sandwiches. Weekend Bloody Mary bar. Boat dock, valet parking. L, D, \$-\$\$.Ţ♪ ♣-ᡚ ★PR

**THE GRAND CAFÉ** Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. *grandgeneva.com.*Contemporary American cuisine in a casual setting. Breakfast buffet seasonally; Fri. & Sat. night prime rib and seafood buffet. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. **TO PR** 

**GREENIE'S CLUBHOUSE** 700 S. 2nd St., Delavan at Delbrook Golf Course; 262-728-1339. *greeniesclubhouse.com.* Pasta, steaks and sandwiches. \$.₹.

HARBORSIDE CAFE 100 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-3835. Late night happy hour. B, L, D, \$\$. ₹ ♣- ❖ &

HARPOON WILLIE'S PUB & EATERY 10 E. Geneva St., Williams Bay; 262-245-6906. harpoonwillies.com. Sandwiches, salads and house-smoked meats. L, D, \$ず) &

HAWK'S VIEW GOLF CLUB W7377 Krueger Rd., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9900. hawksviewgolf club.com. Sandwiches, homemade soups. L, D, \$-\$\$.

HEART & SÓL CAFÉ 264 Center St., Lake Geneva; 262-812-4035. Specializes in organic, non-GMO, locally sourced food, drinks and smoothies. L., \$-\$\$.

**HOGS AND KISSES** 149 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-7447. *hogsandkisses.com*. D.J. and dancing. Closed Mon. L, D, \$. ₹ ② **)** 

INN BETWEEN 1522 Beckman Dr., Delavan; 262-728-9824. Open until 8 p.m. daily. L, \$.₹⊙ & △∷

ISLE OF CAPRI CAFÉ Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St., (State Hwy. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. lakelawnresort.com. Choose from a variety of items including espresso drinks and made-from-scratch breakfast sandwiches in the morning, to gelato, Italian-inspired grilled sandwiches and sophisticated wood-fire pizzas into the evening. B, L, D. \$.

JACKSON'S HOLE 1798 Genesee Rd., Springfield; 262-248-1995. Pizza, sandwiches, appetizers, entrées. L, D, NC, ATM, \$. ₹ �-⊕ ) PR

JO JO'S PIZZA & PASTA 308 State Road 50, Delavan; 262-728-5656. jojospizzadelavan.com L, D, \$-\$\$.

**LAGRANGE GENERAL STORE** W6098 U.S. Hwy. 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 am. daily. L, D, \$-\$\$.

**LEFTY'S CHICAGO-STYLE HOT DOGS** N7033 U.S. Hwy. 12, Elkhorn; 262-215-8266. Hot dogs, beef, brats. Carry-out. L, D, NC, \$.

LINDEY'S ON BEULAH W1340 Beach Rd., East Troy; 262-642-2600. Pub fare. D, \$.₹♪�-ⓒ��\* PR

LOOKOUT BAR & EATERY Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St. (State Hwy. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. lakelawnresort.com. Offering picturesque views of the lakefront, and serving classic pub fare in a relaxed atmosphere. L. p. \$-\$\$. ₹ ♣-♠ ) &

LOPEZ'S ANCHOR INN 1325 Racine St., Delavan; 262-728-2391. Burgers, Mexican food, ice cream. Carry-out only. L., D, NC, \$.\$\text{\$\text{\$\sigma}\$}-\$

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, \$-\$\$. ₹�-ⓒ&

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, \$-\$\$. ₹♪◆ & 蘂





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OAKFIRE RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA 831 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1111. oakfirelakegeneva. com. Specializing in wood-fired Napoletana-style pizza. Also serving paninis, flatbreads and salads. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. ☼ ♣₹⊙

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RED DOGS 99 N. Walworth Ave., Williams Bay; 262-245-1330. Chicago style sandwich shop that is dog friendly — even offering a dog menu so your pet can eat with you on the deck. Open Wed-Sun 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. \$

SAMMY'S ON THE SQUARE 105 Madison St., Walworth: 

SECOND SALEM BREWING COMPANY 111 W Whitewater St., Whitewater; 262-473-2920, secondsalem.com. Brewery, full menu of appetizers and brew-house favorites. L, D, \$. \( \frac{1}{2} \)

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. Steaks, sandwiches, salads, pastas. Happy hour specials. L, D, \$-\$\$.₹௸⊙**② ) &PR** 

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. \$ ₹PR

2894 ON MAIN 2894 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-9600. 2894onmain.com. Farm-to-fork café. Also offers take out. B, L, D, \$-\$\$.₹

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, \$. 75-)&

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#### COFFEE HOUSE

AVANT BICYCLE & CAFÉ 234 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-203-5141. Coffee bar with bakery items plus full-service boutique bicycle shop. Open daily, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. \$.

BEAN & VINE COFFEE BAR The Ridge Hotel, W4240 State Hwy. 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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GROUNDED 116 N. Dodge St., Burlington; 262-763-8261. Coffee drinks, espressos, lattes & cappuccinos. \$.

PEDAL AND CUP 1722 N. State 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, \$-\$.

REMEMBER WHEN COFFEE BAR 313 F Walworth Ave., Delavan; 262-728-8670. rememberwhenllc.com. Serving coffee drinks, espressos, lattes & cappuccinos. Closed Wed. \$.

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

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DADDY MAXWELL'S 150 Elkhorn Rd., State 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

GUS'S DRIVE-IN 3131 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-2929. gussdrivein.com. Cruise night with classic cars. L, D, \$.

HARRY'S CAFE & PLACE 808 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-3494. B, L, D (Fri.-Sat. only), \$. T. 5-

JESSICA'S FAMILY RESTAURANT 140 W. Main St., Whitewater; 262-473-9890. Breakfast all day, daily specials. B, L, D, \$. 🦫 💿

LAKE AIRE RESTAURANT 804 W Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-9913. Breakfast all day. Beer and wine, good selection of desserts. L, D, \$. 4.5

JONI'S DINER 111 Wells St., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9565. jonisdiner.com. Full breakfast menu plus soups, salads, sandwiches and burgers. B, 1. \$. 🙃

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

OLYMPIC RESTAURANT 748 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-6541. Open 24 hours Friday and Saturday. B, L, D, \$. 🜮 💿

PRINCESS CAFÉ 2695 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-5905. B, L, D, \$, beer and wine. 5-3)

#### 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, \$\$. ₹

#### ICE CREAM/ FROZEN TREATS

ADRIAN'S FROZEN CUSTARD 572 Bridge St., Burlington; 262-763-8562. Homemade custard since 1974. Hot dogs, desserts. Carry-out. L, D, NC. \$.45

COLD STONE CREAMERY 859 W. Main St., Lake Geneva: 262-248-4900. coldstonecreamery.com. Ice cream, ice cream cakes, shakes and smoothies. \$.

DIP IN THE BAY 105 N. Walworth Ave., Williams Bay; 262-607-3032. dipinthebay.com. Offering over 25 dairy fresh real hand-dipped ice cream flavors, \$.

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248-4400. kilwins.com/lakegeneva. Homemade fudge, candies and ice cream. Open

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FOLEY'S W3905 State Hwy. 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

BIG AL'S PIZZA 316 N. Lake Ave., Twin Lakes; 262-877-4655. Pizza, sandwiches. Carryout and delivery. Open at 4 p.m. daily.

CAFE CALAMARI 10 E. Geneva St., Williams Bay; 262-245-9665. cafecalamari.com. Upscale Italian, Extensive wine list, D. \$\$-\$\$\$. dressy casual attire requested. ₹ € &

CALI RISTORANTE ITALIANO 10 W. Evergreen Parkway, Elkhorn; 262-723-1430. caliristorante. wixsite.com. Traditional Italian cuisine. D, \$-\$\$

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GINO'S EAST 300 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-2525. ginoseastlakegeneva.com. Chicago's original deep dish pizza, Italian sandwiches, salads and entrées. L, D, \$-\$\$. 🛚 🕭 🕸

GUS' PIZZA PALACE 139 W. Center, Whitewater; 262-473-3562. Pizza, chicken, gyros. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. D, \$-\$\$.

HOLI CANNOLI N7065 U.S. State Hwy 12, Elkhorn; 262-742-2500. holicannoli.com. Homemade, gourmet, Italian cuisine, brick oven pizza. Closed Tues, D. \$-\$\$, ₹

LANCELOT PIZZA 116 Lance Dr., Twin Lakes; 262-877-9597. Pizza, sandwiches, salads, pasta. Delivery. D, \$. )

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

LUIS'S PIZZA W3410 S. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6810. luisspizza.com. Carryout or delivery of pizza, Italian beef, burgers, wings, and more. Open 7 days a week. (Hours may vary in winter.) L, D. \$-\$\$

MAMA CIMINO'S 131 N. Wells St., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9077. mamaciminos.net. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches and wings. L, D, \$-\$\$. )

NAPOLI'S RESTAURANT 132 N. Pine St., Burlington; 262-763-8390. napoliburlington.com. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. L (Wed.- Fri.), D, \$-\$\$. \(\frac{4}{2}\)-\(\overline{0}\) \(\overline{0}\)

NEXT DOOR PUB 411 Interchange North (Hwy. 120), Lake Geneva; 262-248-9551. nextdoorpub. com. Pizza, burgers, sandwiches, salads, soups, pastas. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. L, D, \$. ₹⊙ )

OAKFIRE RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA 831 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1111. oakfirelakegeneva.com. Specializing in woodfired Napoletana-style pizza. Also serving paninis, flatbreads and salads. B, L, D, \$-\$\$. \$ ₹ 🕏 ₹ 🙃

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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 Hwy. 50, Delavan; 262-740-2540. rigatonysdelavan.com. Pasta, sandwiches, soups, breads and desserts. Deli. Open Tues.-Sun. L. D. \$.

RISTORANTÉ BRISSAGO Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. grandgeneva.com. Upscale Italian. Extensive wine list. Open Tues-Sat. D, \$\$-\$\$\$. ₹⊙ © PR

ROMA'S RISTORANTÉ N8416 County Rd. ES, East Troy; 262-642-5353. romaswi.com. Pizza and pastas. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹�-) ⊙ ॐ 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 \$\$ ₹25

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

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#### TUSCAN TAVERN AND GRILL

430 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-0888. thetuscantavernandgrill.com. Specializing in Italian classics, mouth-watering charbroiled steaks and artisan brick oven pizzas. L, D, \$-\$\$. ₹⊙ **(?)PR** 

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, \$-\$\$. ₹⊙

#### MEDITERRANEAN

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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DOS AMIGOS 2 2678 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-6446. Southwestern, Mexican. Margaritas and beer. L, D, \$.@

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

LOS COMPADRES 725 N. Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-763-6018. loscompadresburlington.net. Mexican cuisine. L, D, \$.⊕ 🕸 PR

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, \$. ₹-\$



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NC: No Credit Cards Accepted

PR: Private Room ©: Reservations Requested &: Lake View <a>: Outdoor Dining <a>: Kids' Menu</a>

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

#### SPECIALTY

BARRIQUE WINE & BREW BAR 835 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1948. barriquewinebar.com. Specializing in wines, appetizers, soups, salads, flatbreads, desserts. Dog-friendly. D, \$-\$\$.

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.

BODI'S BAKE SHOP 306 E. Main St., Twin Lakes; 262-877-8090. Specialty cakes, full service bakery. Open daily until 3 p.m.

THE BOTTLE SHOP 617 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9463. thebottleshoplakegeneva.com. Wine, craft beer and spirits store carries a selection of over 400 unique wines from over 20 different countries, casual tastings on Saturday afternoons, wine bar offers a selection of wines available by the glass or bottle. Closed Mon. and Tues. 14

**ELEGANT FARMER** 1545 Main St., Mukwonago; 262-363-6770. elegantfarmer.com. Home of the award-winning Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag. Offering a wide variety of baked goods, deli items and fresh cider. \$.

GREEN GROCER 24 W. Geneva St., Williams Bay; 262-245-9077. greengrocergenevalake. com. Deli menu, dinners to go, catering, boutique wines and beer. L, D, \$.

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. lakelandbakerv.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. \$.

RIVER VALLEY RANCH 39900 W. 60th St., Burlington (State Rd 50 and County P); 888-711-7476. rivervalleykitchens.com. Pickled mushrooms, specialty sauces, and produce. Open daily.

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

THYME ON GENEVA LAKE 106 W. Main St., Fontana; 262-394-5292. thymeonthelake.com. Offering order-ahead, hassle-free complete meals ready to pick up. Call for our weekly menu, Closed Sun, and Mon.

WISCONSIN KRINGLE COMPANY W4724 S. Lakeshore Dr., Fontana; 262-394-5888. welovekringle.com. Bakery and carry-out restaurant featuring homemade baked goods and smoothies plus pizza, burgers, paninis, fresh salads. steaks and seafood. B, L, D, carryout or delivery, \$\$

#### STEAKHOUSE

ANTHONY'S STEAK AND SEAFOOD

HOUSE W3354 State Hwy 50, Lake Geneva; 262-248-1818. D, \$\$\$. 🗹 🦫 🕤 PR

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

STEFANA'S LAKESIDE DINING Located at the French Country Inn, W4190 West End Rd., Lake Geneva; 262-374-5999. Steak, Seafood, Pasta. D, \$\$-\$\$\$, ₹♪⊕&

THE HUNT CLUB STEAKHOUSE AT GENEVA NATIONAL 555 Hunt Club Court, Lake Geneva; 262-245-7200. huntclubsteakhouse.com. Steaks, chops, seafood, award-winning cuisine, fresh pheasant, duck, salmon. D, \$\$\$. ₹⊕ PR€

THE VILLAGE SUPPER CLUB 1725 S. Shore Dr., Delavan: 262-728-6360, villagesupperclubdelavan.com. Italian, steaks, chops. L, D, \$\$-\$\$\$. ₹**}.⊘-⊙ ) ⊘**&\\ PR

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, \$\$-\$\$\$. ₹&♪

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#### ONGOING EVENTS

#### GENEVA LAKE AREA MUSEUM

Explore the history of the Geneva Lake area at this informative museum. Open Friday-Sunday and Tuesday through April; also Monday starting in May. For more information and museum hours, visit genevalakemuseum.org or call 262-248-6060.

#### TRISTAN CRIST MAGIC SHOW

Tristian Crist, master illusionist, performs a 60-minute show featuring live magic, comedy and illusions. Tristan Crist Magic Theatre, Lake Geneva; 262-248-0505 or lakegenevamagic.com.

#### TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAMS

Interesting and informative programs based on the local history of the Geneva Lakes area. Held each Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Geneva Lake Museum, Lake Geneva. For topics and reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

#### WHITEWATER INDOOR MARKET

Weekly markets offer everything from locally grown micro greens, fresh-baked bread, cheese and local eggs, honey, and a variety of meats and granola. Plus you'll find handmade cards, jewelry, quick breads, cookies, jams, award-winning gourmet popcorn and a twice-a-month fish vendor. Every Saturday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. through April, Community Room of the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library, Whitewater; 262-473-0530.

#### WINE & DESIGN WORKSHOP

Enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soda while you dive into your creative side with the help of award-winning artist, Kathy Jackson. Contact or visit Studio Winery, Lake Geneva; 262-348-9100 or studiowinery.com.

#### WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

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

#### MARCH

# [2] CHEESE TASTING AT HIGHFIELD FARM

Explore the world of cheese from the cheesemaking process to tasting and pairing cheeses with appetizers. Participants may bring their own wine to enjoy and all will take appetizer recipes home. 6:30 p.m., Highfield Farm Creamery. For more information visit bigfootrecreation.org.

# [2] KASHMIR: THE LED ZEPPELIN SHOW

Led Zeppelin Tribute – Kashmir presented by Coors Light and Lake 96.1 WLKG Radio, 6-10 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 262-723-3228 or email office@walworthcountyfair.com.

#### [2] SUCCULENT PLANTER WORKSHOP

Combine Echevaria and other succulents in a 6" decorative planter to brighten up your home or office, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center. For reservations call 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

# [3] CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES - RISE UP, O MEN

The latest installment of the Church Basement Ladies musical comedy series gives the gents a chance to shine in this brand-new production. 3 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

#### [3] EAST TROY BAND-O-RAMA & ART SHOW

Celebration of arts with performances of bands in grades 5-12 plus student artwork on display, 2-5 p.m. East Troy High School; 262-642-6760 or easttroy.org.

#### [3-4] BRIDAL SHOW

Visit over 30 wedding vendors and enjoy a bridal fashion show, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan; 262-728-7950 or lakelawnresort.com.

#### [5] POTTERY WORKSHOP

Create decorative and functional projects from raw clay with hand building and wheel techniques. Each participant will be required to purchase clay for the projects from the instructor. 5-7 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootrecreation.org.

# [7] BOTANICAL WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Artist Belinda Abendschein will lead this watercolor class where participants paint a 5" x 7" leaf chosen from available greenhouse plants, 6 p.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington. For reservations call 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

# [9] JAZZ MEETS BROADWAY & THE CINEMA

Talented Chicago Philharmonic musicians perform hip renditions of the popular show tunes and movie themes you know. 7 – 8:30 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootfinearts.org.

#### [9-10] DELAVAN TRAIN SHOW

A family-fun weekend full of train exhibits and rides. Layouts exhibited in many stores and buildings throughout downtown Delavan; call 262-728-5095 or visit delavanwi.org for more information.

#### [12] THE WINTER'S TALE

American Shakespeare Center performs this play that takes audiences on a roller-coaster ride from romance to tragedy to comedy and finally to a place of great beauty. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

#### [13] QUILTING CLUB

Beginners will learn basic quilting skills needed to make a small project, focusing on patchwork piecing, applique, binding and simple machine quilting techniques. For advanced quilters, this is a great time for working on projects. Bring your own materials or for an added \$15 materials will be provided. Class is \$35 per person plus materials if needed, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootrecreation.org.

#### [13] THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

Two long-separated twins, their two tricky servants (also twins), a jealous wife, and her lovelorn sister romp through this fast-paced comedy performed by the American Shakespeare Center. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

# [15-17] AMSOIL SNOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top professional snowmobile racers will compete in the annual season-ending event, Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva; 800-558-341, grandgeneva.com and snocross.com.

#### [16] CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Come taste and watch delicious chocolate competitions or register one of your own chocolate creations to win a prize, 8-10:30 a.m., Burlington High School, Burlington; 262-763-6044 or burlingtonchamber.org.

# [16] DIFFICULT TO GROW PLANTS

Learn ways to successfully grow rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias in southern Wisconsin's alkaline soil, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center. For reservations call 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

#### [16] EQUINE SEMINAR & TACK SALE

The annual event will include guest speakers covering a range of topics followed by a tack sale. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., SMILES, N2666 Cty. Rd. K, Darien; 262-882-3470 or smilestherapeuticriding.org.

#### [16] HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Held in conjunction with the Chocolate Extravaganza, event features indoor and

outdoor living, home entertainment, roofing, heating/cooling and plumbing, kitchen and bath, doors and windows, contractors and remodelers and more. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Burlington High School. Call 262-763-6044 or burlingtonchamber. org for more information.

#### [16] LGSO CONCERT

The Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra culminates its nine-year "Beethoven Project" with a performance of the Ninth Symphony, complete with chorus and soloists. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

#### [16] SAUSAGE MAKING APPRENTICESHIP

See how sausage gets made – from grinding the meat, creating the perfect spice blend, to working with natural casings. You'll take home approximately 5 pounds of fresh sausage along with recipes. 12 – 3 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

# [17] MAPLE FEST AT COVENANT HARBOR

Annual event begins with an all-you-careto-eat pancake breakfast, followed by family activities, maple syrup tours, and



much more. 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Covenant Harbor Camp, Lake Geneva; 262-248-3600 or covenantharbor.org.

#### [19] MAYUMANA: CURRENTS

Cutting-edge Israeli music and dance troupe MAYUMANA presents *Currents*, a spectacular visual and auditory experience, originally created for the Jerusalem Light Festival. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

#### [23] BARNYARD BARGAIN BONANZA

Awesome treasures, delicious treats and friendly vendors, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 262-723-3228 or walworthcountyfair.com.

# [23] FERMENTATION APPRENTICESHIP

Make your own sauerkraut while also learning the science and history behind fermented cabbage around the world! 1 – 3 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org

#### [23] HERBS FOR YOUR HEALTH

Learn about herbs medicinal and other health benefits, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center. For reservations call 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

#### [23] RUMMAGE SALE

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Come check out the treasures that local vendors have to offer, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva; 262-348-9900 or hawksviewgolfclub.com.

#### [23] SPRING COMEDY DINNER

Enjoy appetizers, a buffet dinner and a comedy show with featured comedians Paul Farahvar, and Greg Schwem. 5 – 9:30 p.m., Evergreen Country Club, Elkhorn; 262-723-5722 or evergreengolf.com.

# [23-31] SKILL TOYS ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Hands-on fun for the entire family with yo-yo's, kendamas, diabolos, juggling, paddleballs and more. Check out demonstrations, challenges, contests, and win prizes! Spinning Top & Yo-Yo Museum, Burlington. Check topmuseum.org for times.

# [24] JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Aurora University's musical production of this classic story based on the coat of many colours with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Performance at 4 p.m. in the Seabury Room, Beasley Campus Center, George Williams College, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or gwc.aurora.edu.

# [30] BLACKSMITHING APPRENTICESHIP

In the warmth of the historic forge you will learn how to heat and work steel, and work on projects to take home, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

#### [30] GARDENING FOR WELLNESS

Your vegetable garden offers so many benefits, but now you can learn practical ways to garden for wellness, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center. For reservations call 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

#### APRIL

# [5-7] LAKE GEVENA FESTIVAL OF WINE

Events for social wine drinkers to sommeliers, including the Grand Tasting on Saturday at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva; 800-558-3417 or grandgeneva.com.

#### [6] COUNTRY ROYALTY TRIBUTE

Two of country music's biggest legends appear on the same stage at the same time when Obie award winners, Jason Petty and Katie Deal, pay tribute to Hank Williams and Patsy Cline. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

# [6] MCHENRY COUNTY GARDENFEST

Workshops for novice or experienced gardeners, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, Illinois; 815-479-7570 or mchenry.edu/gardenfest.

#### [6] ORGANIC GARDENING

Learn how to grow vegetables organically, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center. For reservations call 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

#### [12] THE JAZZ CONSORTIUM

Enjoy a swinging, rocking, roaring 17-piece Chicago big band that celebrates the best Swing and Jazz-Rock music, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootfinearts.org.

# [13] BLACK POINT SERIES: WHEN ANGELS CARRIED THEM AWAY

This program will feature a presentation about elaborate Victorian funeral rituals and mourning customs during the era, 1876-1915. 6 – 7 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootrecreation.org.

#### [13] CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Workshops and demonstrations, recycling center, indoor farmers market, child-friendly activities, live entertainment and more,

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Gateway Technical College, Elkhom; gtc.edu/celebrate-earth-day.

#### [13] SPRING GARDEN MOOT

The garden moot is a gathering of gardeners and this special day will feature speakers, door prizes, refreshments and more, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@ burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

## [13] THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS: LOST IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

This entertaining family-friendly production explores what happens during a field trip when the planetarium is closed and the Magic School Bus blasts off into outer space! 3 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

#### [13-14, 20] BUNNY TRAIN

Climb aboard the Bunny Train in East Troy for an adventure-filled ride to meet the Easter Bunny at the Elegant Farmer. All child ticket holders will receive a stuffed bunny on the return trip and jelly beans for all! East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyr.org.

#### [13-14, 20] CHEEP, CHEEP EASTER CELEBRATION

Free family event features the Easter Bunny plus Easter specialty foods including cider-baked ham, fresh breads, Easter basket candies and more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

#### [19] EASTER PHOTOS WITH BUNNIES

A professional photographer will capture photos of kids with a live bunny just in time for Easter, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com.

#### [20] EASTER PANSY WORKSHOP

Create a centerpiece for your Easter table or to give as a hostess gift, 11 a.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

#### [26-28] 13th ANNUAL LAKE GENEVA WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Are you in need of a girls get-away? During Lake Geneva's Women's Weekend you will enjoy an exciting weekend of shopping and activities. For more information call 262-374-5912 or visit lakegenevawomensweekend.com.

#### [27] COLOR STREET NAILS

A rep from Color Street Nails, the 100 percent nail polish strips, will help you select original nail art designs, glitters, solids, even a French manicure, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

#### [27] MAY BASKET WORKSHOP

In celebration of May Day, kids of all ages are invited to plant a basket of flowers to give to someone special, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter. com for reservations.

#### [27] RENT: 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

The Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award®-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th anniversary touring production. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

#### MAY

#### [2] LAKE GENEVA FARMER'S MARKET

The opening day for this year's farmer's market held each Thursday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Horticultural Hall, Lake Geneva.

#### [2-5, 9-12] NANA'S NAUGHTY KNICKERS

A granddaughter's summer stay with her grandmother has an unexpected twist when she learns sweet nana is running an illegal boutique, selling handmade naughty knickers to senior citizens in New York's five boroughs. Presented by the Haylofters, Burlington; 262-763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

#### [3-5] MOMS & DAUGHTERS RETREAT

Grow your mother-daughter bond at this retreat with activities, workshops, new friends and more. Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva; 262-248-3600 or visit covenantharbor.org.

#### [4-5] CINCO DE MAYO FEST

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at a fun festival featuring arts and crafts, food vendors offering traditional Mexican cuisine, entertainment, a jalapeno eating contest, car show and more, Phoenix Park, Delavan; 262-728-6000 or visitdelavan.com.

#### [4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26] SPRING INTO THE PAST

Celebrate the 43rd season of this interactive outdoor museum that honors the lives and times of rural 19th-century pioneers and immigrants. Guests can check out the newest additions to the flock, watch sheep shearing, prepare gardens for the growing season and see what's cooking in the kitchen. Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

# [5] CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Fiestaware and authentic Mexican and Latin-themed or produced merchandise will be highlighted, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

## [5] GENEVA LAKES BURGER THROWDOWN

Come and enjoy burger samples from over a dozen of the area's best restaurants and chefs as well as live entertainment,12:30-3 p.m., The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva. Tickets sold online through eventbrite.com. Search Geneva Lakes Burger Throwdown.

#### [10-12, 17-19] 45 YEARS: ALIVE AND STILL KICK'N

Celebrate Lakeland Players' 45th season with this fun performance directed by David Whitney, Sprague Theater, Elkhorn; 262-728-5578 or lakeland-players.org.

#### [12] REMARKABLE WOMEN OF LAKE GENEVA

Narrated boat cruise and tour of Black Point Estate will focus on the remarkable women who lived along the shores of Geneva Lake as well as those of Black Point. 12:30 – 4 p.m., Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva. For more information call 262-248-1888 or blackpointestate@wisconsinhistory.org.

#### [15] ANNUAL ELKHORN CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

Enjoy a fun-filled day of golf, laughs and networking. Four person scramble sponsored by the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Center will take place at Evergreen Golf Club, Elkhorn. For more information, call 262-723-5788 or visit elkhornchamber.com.

#### [18] BURGER TRAIN

Build your own half-pound Angus burger meal while enjoying a leisurely train ride. East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrr.org.

#### [18] LGSO CONCERT

The LGSO performs Rossini, Dana Wilson, Semtana and Bizet plus the 2018 Young Artist Competition winner Matthew Lian joins the orchestra for the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto. 7:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, Hwy. 50, Williams Bay; 262-359-9072 or lakegenevaorchestra.org.

#### [19] ELKHORN ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET

7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn.

# [24-26] COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

 $27^{TH}$  annual event, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., East Troy; 262-642-3770 or easttroy.org.

#### [24-27] CHOCOLATEFEST

Got chocolate? Burlington brings visitors and community members together to experience a weekend of fun, games, rides, cooking demonstrations and of course chocolate! Visit chocolatefest.com..

#### [24-27] 43rd ANNUAL CORN AND BRAT ROAST

Roasted sweet corn, brats, burgers, music, and beer, what more do you need? East Troy Village Square, East Troy; 262-642-3770 or easttroy.org.

#### [25] BEER TASTING TRAIN

Enjoy the 14-mile trip through the countryside, while tasting a variety of brews. East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrr.org.

#### [25] VALLEY OF THE KINGS TOUR

Tour the private sanctuary that houses lions, tigers, wolves and other animals, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., W7593 Townhall Rd., Sharon. Visit bigfootrecreation.org for more information.

#### [25-27, JUNE 1-2] HOSTA FEST

18<sup>™</sup> annual perennial plant sale featuring over 450 Hosta varieties, including large and mature specimen plants, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Al's Auto Body & Arboretum, W6866 N. Walworth Rd., Walworth; 262-275-2800 or alsautobodyandarboretum.com.

#### [26] EAST TROY BREW FEST

Enjoy unlimited samples of over 75 craft beers and micro brews from area breweries, 3-6 p.m., East Troy Village Square; 262-642-3770 or easttroy.org. ▲



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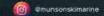
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