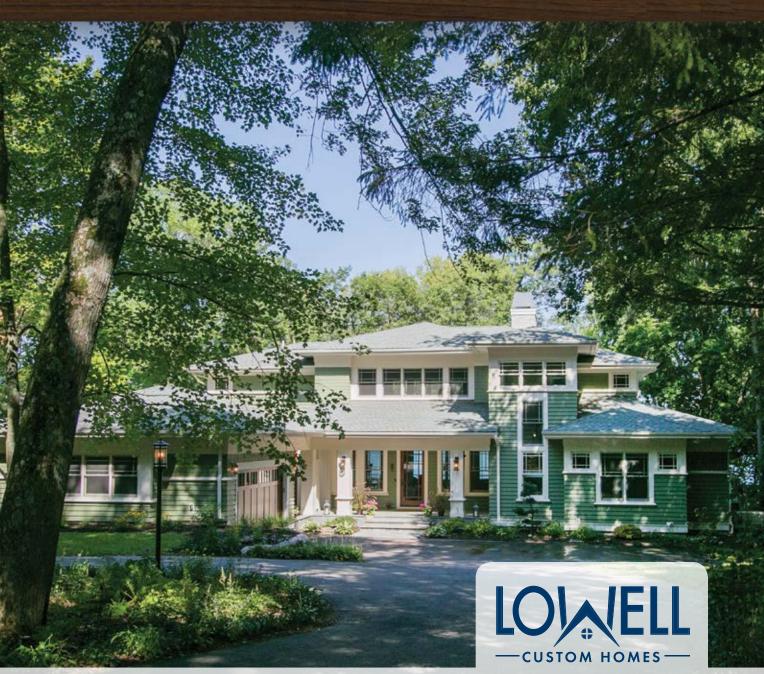


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Dear Readers,

The opportunity to tag along on photo shoots for *At The Lake* is one of the perks of this job. Typically, our photographers know the "feel" we're trying to achieve, and they do all the heavy lifting solo. On occasion, though, it's nice to be on site during these sessions. That was the case when I joined our Digital Editor Holly Leitner for a shoot with Stephanie Klett, the new president and CEO of VISIT Lake Geneva, former Wisconsin secretary of tourism and subject of our profile. (See page 34.)

Holly and I knew we needed a location that would match Stephanie's fun personality – we both were admirers of her marketing strategies for all things Wisconsin – plus the place needed to be quintessential Lake Geneva. What

could be better than enlisting the help of Lake Geneva Cruise Line? The late afternoon shoot with Stephanie at the helm of the *Polaris* was a success, and it was the perfect opportunity to meet Lake Geneva's new ambassador, a woman whose non-stop energy and zest for life can only mean great things for the region's tourism industry.

With the Riviera as our background during the photo shoot, another article in this issue came to mind. It tells the story of the iconic ballroom as a venue for legendary musicians and its days as the Top Deck bar. The Riviera pier is also a celebrated spot in Lake Geneva. It was the headquarters for the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol for many years. As the Patrol approaches its 100th anniversary in 2020, "Running the Reds," a book documenting its history will be released this fall, and we're pleased to publish an excerpt beginning on page 122.

This issue also shines a spotlight on a true gem in our area: Black Point Estate, specifically, their new Woodland Gardens – a must-see for everyone this summer. We also give you a golf industry insider's perspective on the "elite eight" golf holes in our area. And just for fun, we present a lighthearted look at wake surfing. Give it a read – it just might provide the encouragement you need to give the sport a try.

And that's just the beginning. Welcome to our summer issue and summer at the lake!

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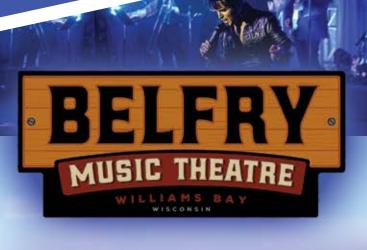
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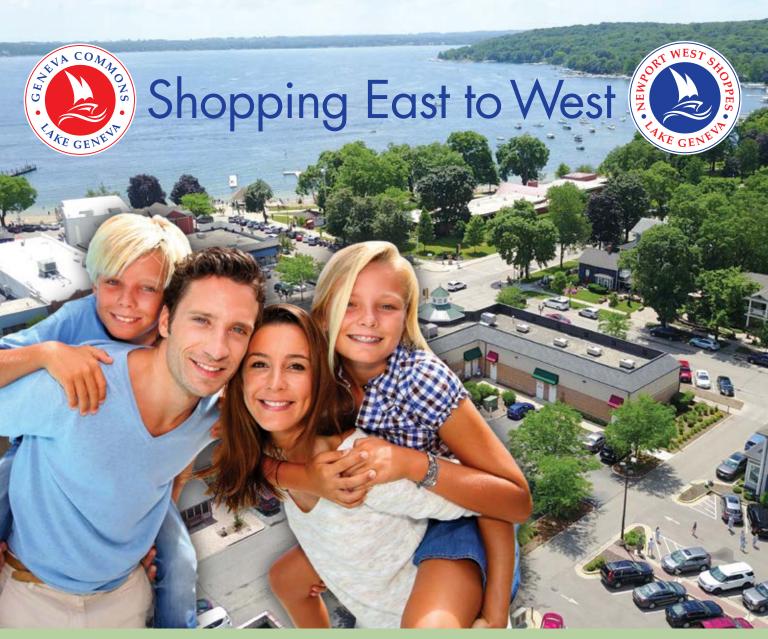
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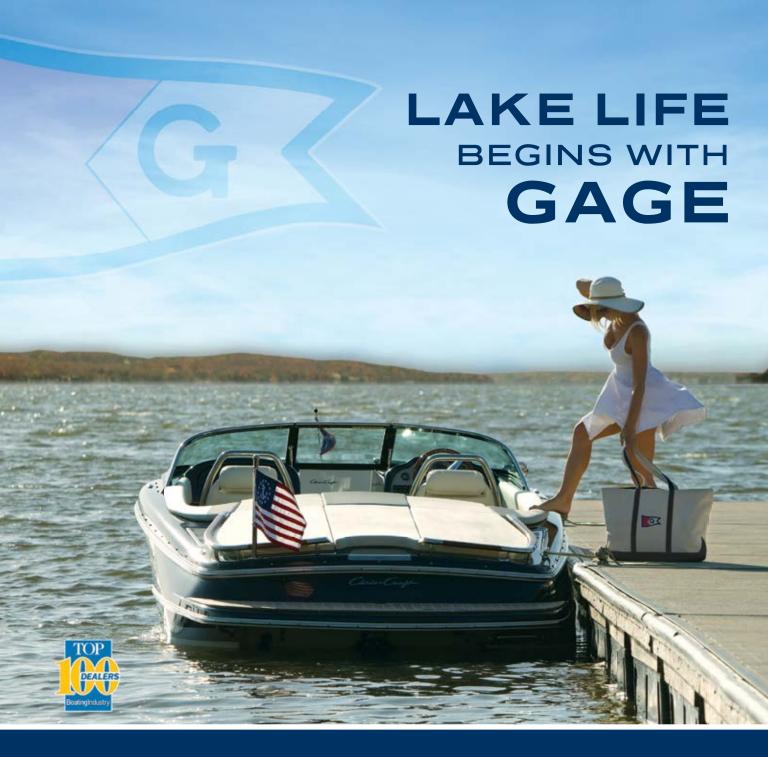
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#### RIBFEST TO BRING THE HEAT THIS JULY

Several local grill masters will compete head-to-head with some of the best barbecue vendors from across the country during the fourth annual Elkhorn Ribfest this summer.

With a unique spin on a summer celebration, the festival will take place July 11-14 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds and features live music, carnival rides, an artisan market, the Ribfest Rib Run motorcycle show and, of course, lots of food.

A panel of Kansas City Barbeque Society-certified judges awards the competitors a score on the final day of the festival. The 25 local teams aiming to earn bragging rights for the best ribs in town may not have trophy cases full of awards from national competitions, like the 12 renowned professional teams invited to Ribfest, but they sometimes receive better scores than the experts, according to Larry Gaffey, general manager of the fairgrounds.

"It's fun to have the locals come in and see how they stack up against these national teams," he says.

In brainstorming ideas to cater to the thousands of Walworth County visitors in the summer, Gaffey and his staff knew they wanted to focus on food. When they decided on barbecue, they sought advice on how to organize the event, who to invite and how to market it.

The team has been rewarded with a turnout that has increased exponentially. In 2016, the festival's first year, they drew about 25,000 attendees. "The barbecue companies that travel and do this all the time were pretty impressed with the response and how it came together," Gaffey says.

The following year, 40,000 showed up. About 60,000 people attended last year's festivities, and Gaffey says based on the number of people invited and "attending" or "interested" on Facebook, he expects the number will grow to between 80,000 and 85,000 this year.

"I think people like it because it is a very relaxed, fun environment," Gaffey says. "No. 1, it doesn't cost anything to attend, No. 2, it doesn't cost anything to park and No. 3, the music is all free — you can't get a better value than that."

Whether with food vendors or musical acts, the organizers aim for variety to draw a diverse crowd.

"We look for different styles of barbecue so there's a good mixture," says Gaffey. "There are several ways to prepare ribs, so some use more wood than others, some use no wood, some use just charcoal, while some use a dry rub and some are more sauce-based."

Although the competition exclusively features ribs, vendors offer just about anything barbecue you can think of, including chicken, pulled pork nachos or macaroni and cheese sandwiches topped with pulled pork.

Throughout the festival, about two dozens bands featuring music ranging from country and blues to rock and reggae will entertain visitors.

"What's better than spending a day outside in the summer with barbecue and music?" Gaffey says.

For more information, visit wisconsinribfest.com.

#### SOMETHING'S BREWING IN LAKE GENEVA

About seven years after the idea first blossomed, Dan Schuld is about to see his vision come to life. In collaboration with McCormack & Etten Architects, Schuld is transforming the former First Baptist Church of Lake Geneva on the corner of Broad and Geneva streets into a brewery, complete with plans

for a front deck, pergola and beer garden. If all goes according to plan, the brewery will be open by September.

Schuld, who lives in Fontana, has taken his plans to sites in Madison and Milwaukee, but he could never find the right location – until now.



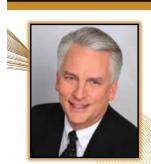


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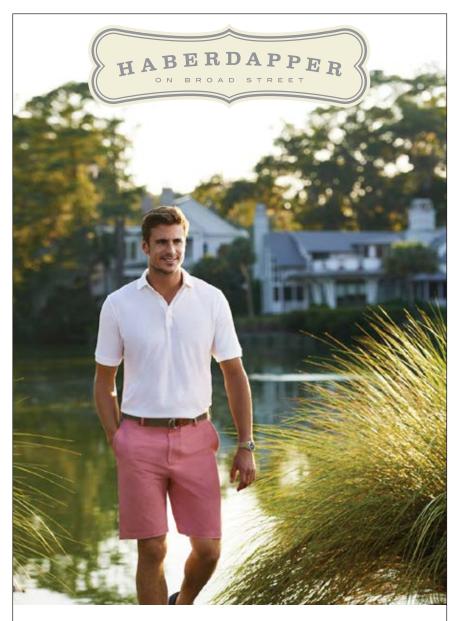




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Although details are evolving, Schuld says the business will brew beer onsite in the building's basement, which used to be a coffee shop. On the first floor, he hopes to have 12 to 16 beers on tap. The establishment won't be a brewpub, so it will not serve food, but Schuld is working with local restaurants on a concept where patrons can order meals and bring them in.

Schuld's plans emphasize his desire to bring something new to Lake Geneva. Whether offering a different style of beer weekly or wine-beer hybrids, he aims to keep the operation lively to attract new people. He's also looking forward to opportunities such as teaming up with other breweries to offer beer tour packages.

While the structure will be the same, Schuld is modernizing the floors, plumbing, roof, bathrooms, HVAC systems and more, all while working to preserve some of the building's history, like restoring doors similar to those of an earlier version of the church.

Schuld envisions the front deck as a family-oriented space where people can bring their dogs and hang out, whereas the beer garden in back would be a more private and intimate setting.

The current building houses the Lake Geneva School of Cooking and Breadloaf Book Shop, and Schuld says they are working on details to co-exist.

The developer has been involved in marketing, manufacturing and selling products his entire life, and he says maintaining a brewery will be similar. "It's about marketing and selling, and taking care of the customers, just at a different level," says Schuld.



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For longtime Geneva Lake summer resident Jack Rohner, 70 years with his late wife warranted a special remembrance.

The Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park opened last summer, transforming a vacant 5.3-acre plot of land into a vibrant park where children can fish in the creek, dig for worms, participate in storytime under the walnut tree or attend a class to learn about a variety of wildlife.

Rohner's sizable donation, coupled with contributions from about a dozen community groups such as the Williams Bay Lions Club and Lake Geneva Fishing Club, funded the development, which is adjacent to Highway 67 in Williams Bay. After some finishing touches, Phase II of the project will unveil an extended boardwalk, amphibian pond and nature center this summer.

"There is nothing like this in Lake Geneva in terms of a fishing and nature park for children," says Karen Yancey, executive director of the Geneva Lake Conservancy. "It offers a great opportunity to teach children about the natural world and have fun outdoors."

Children can play on the playground made of logs and rocks or climb through a hollow log from a tree more than 100 years old that was preserved from the Black Point Estate historic site in Lake Geneva, according to Yancey.

Helen's main goal in life was to help children. She served as a scoutmaster who often took walks in the woods, and she especially loved swimming in the lake or pool with her grandkids. Now, Rohner thinks it's pretty neat she has a lasting legacy. "I know her name will be up there for a long time," he says.

The grand opening celebration will run from 10 a.m. to noon, July 5. The Frog Lady will bring native reptiles and amphibians, and children can walk among dozens of butterflies and learn about their life cycle in a butterfly tent.

"We believe that the 12-year-old child who likes to fish in Lake Geneva and its creeks today is going to grow up to become the kind of person that will want to care for the lake in the future," Yancey says.





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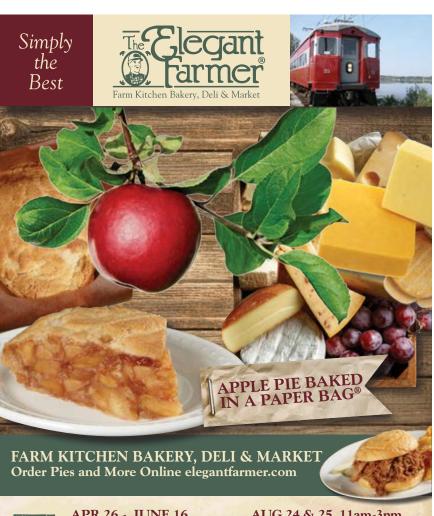
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Based largely on the Lawrie and Ed Weed collection, the exhibit features plat maps designating commercial and private residences in the city as well as Geneva Lake's early lakefront residences. In addition, hydrographic records depict everything from the depth of the lake to common fishing areas. The exhibit's earliest known map portrays the settlement of what is now the city of Lake Geneva dating back to 1840.

Various displays reflect the properties surrounding the lake and their ownership. Although some of the lakefront estates and camps still exist, others have been lost to history.

"It's probably one of the most allencompassing projects at the museum in some time," Schwinn says. "It's one single exhibit that goes from the 1840s to the current period."

The idea took shape more than a year ago after a conversation between Schwinn and his longtime friend, Ed Weed. "We came to the conclusion that it would be an excellent way to present the history of Geneva Lake," Schwinn says.

According to Janet Ewing, the museum's director of administration, the exhibit also includes relics from the "Millionaires' Special" train and the steamers that cruised Geneva Lake, but she was mum on too many details because she says they want to build excitement for the new exhibit.

Dale Buelter and the entire team involved in putting together the exhibit are eager for visitors to enjoy learning about the lake's evolution.

"They can really see the entire timeline from the beginning of Geneva Lake to today," Schwinn says.



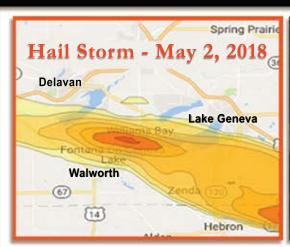


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With two counselors and six advocates on staff, the agency does everything from accompanying a victim to court to helping them file restraining orders and finding new housing options. A shelter, however, could help alleviate that problem, and it would provide another layer of protection for victims, Lloyd says. When plans for a shelter began to take shape, Heath, who is president of the Elkhorn Rotary Club, made it one of the club's priorities, and in fact, it has donated \$10,000 each of the past three years toward it.



Dawn Heath, Elkhorn; and Martha Thelan, Lake Geneva.



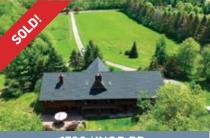
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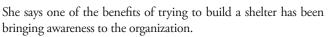
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In March, the Rotary clubs from Elkhorn, Whitewater, Delavan-Darien, Lake Geneva and Walworth-Fontana collaborated to sponsor a fundraiser with a "Dancing with the Stars" theme, where local dancers paired with a representative chosen by each Rotary club.

The event, complete with silent and live auctions, raised almost \$40,000, and the shelter gained an additional

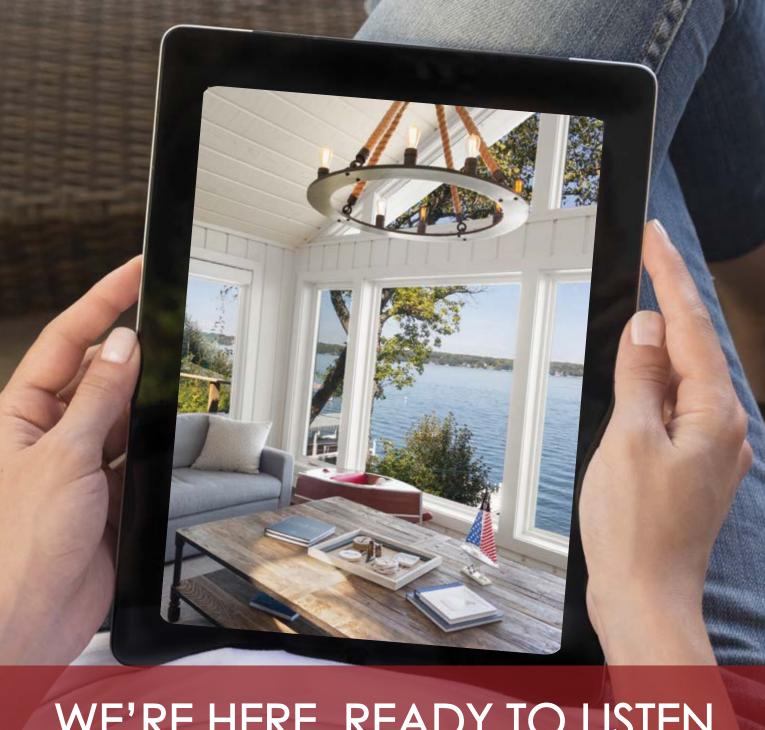


\$60,000 through private donations.

Both Lloyd and Heath say the fundraiser was wildly successful. "We had people who were 70 years old saying, 'I've been going to fundraisers all my life, and I've never gone to one this fun," Lloyd says.

New Beginnings will host the fifth annual Songs for Sally on June 7, featuring a buffet dinner and Rat Pack-era concert performed by John Ludy Puleo, son of longtime New Beginnings volunteer, the late, Sally J. Puleo. For information, visit apfywalworth.networkforgood.com.





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### Stephanie Klett, former Wisconsin tourism secretary brings energy and enthusiasm to VISIT Lake Geneva

#### BY LISA SCHMELZ

Though difficult to measure in any objective sort of way, it's quite possible that Stephanie Klett holds the title for having the most fun on the job in the state of Wisconsin. Before accepting the position as president and CEO of VISIT Lake Geneva, Klett served as the secretary of tourism under former Gov. Scott Walker. A cabinet level position, it's safe to assume she probably had more fun than all the other 16 appointed cabinet secretaries combined.

"They were all envious," says Walker on his cabinet secretaries' reaction to Klett. "They used to joke at cabinet meetings that she was the secretary of fun. It's a great job to begin with, and then you add Stephanie to it, and it's a thousand times more fun."

Did she have more fun than the governor himself? "Oh, no doubt about it," says Walker, laughing. "My most enjoyable days were the days spent with her, doing tourism things. So, the fact that she got to do that 24/7, there's no doubt she had the most fun of any of us."

It makes sense. Think about it for a moment. What's more fun? Running a state or traveling all over it, and touting its wonders and people? Equal parts cheerleader, ambassador, fun-seeker and a savvy marketing strategist, Klett always left politics at the door. In place of that which divides us, she sought to unite. Those little dots on the map of Wisconsin? They were, to her, as prominent as the big ones.

"Travel is not political," says Klett. "Travel is about having fun. Fun is the number one motivator in travel."

Crisscrossing Wisconsin for eight years as the secretary of tourism, and for nearly two decades as a host, writer and producer for "Discover Wisconsin," an award-winning television and radio series, Klett had a lot of fun in an outside-the-box way. She was our Lewis and Clark, sharing all things Wisconsin and why we needed to experience them no matter where we hailed from on this big blue marble. When she posted on social media, and it was often, tens of thousands listened. There was, some said, an Oprah-effect when she shared a photo of a place or event — particularly one we didn't know existed.

"People want to know what's off the beaten path," says Klett. "They want to travel in a way that's real and memorable."

Real, memorable and off-the-beatenpath were places like Warrens, Wisconsin, population 349. It is in Warrens that nearly 100,000 souls descend the last weekend of September to collectively honor, drum roll, please ... the cranberry.

"It's amazing," Klett reflects, "All those people in Warrens, Wisconsin, at the world's largest cranberry festival."

Klett is recalling these and other memories over afternoon appetizers at Sprecher's Restaurant & Pub, looking out on Geneva Lake. Clipped to her billowing blouse is a name tag introducing her and her latest adventure: President and CEO of VISIT Lake Geneva. The last few months, she says, have been a whirlwind and she loves where she's landed.

#### STEPHANIE KLETT BY THE NUMBERS

- O Sisters
- 9 Brothers

Almost 10 - Number of grandnieces and grandnephews

- 20 Number of nieces and nephews
- 22 Years she and Beloit Daily News Editor Bill Barth have been an item
- **65** Number of years her parents were married before her father passed away last fall
- 1992 Year she reigned as Miss Wisconsin
- 2 million Miles she traveled during her decades writing, producing and hosting *Discover Wisconsin* and as the state's tourism secretary
- \$600 million Earned media/free press the Wisconsin Department of Tourism generated under her leadership

**Unknown** - Number of Wisconsin supper clubs where she's dined. "It depends on what you call a supper club," she says. "Some people don't think it's a supper club if it serves lunch, but I've been to a lot of them There's only two in Mary Bergin's ["Wisconsin Supper Club Cookbook: Iconic Fare and Nostalgia"] book that I haven't been to."

#### KEEP KLETT

It's a given that when a governor exits office, the administration's political appointees do as well.

However, when Walker narrowly lost his re-election bid to Tony Evers, there were vocal champions to Klett's left and right, physically and politically, calling on Evers to keep Klett at the helm of tourism. Her record-breaking results, they said, spoke for themselves. Tourism revenue was at an all-time high, at nearly \$21 billion in 2017 (the most recent year figures available). That in turn generated more than \$1.5 billion in local and state revenue. Under her leadership, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism had racked up over 125 awards for marketing and public relations, beating out companies like American Airlines, Spotify and Google.

Mary Bergin is an award-winning travel writer and author based in Madison, Wisconsin. Bergin admits she voted for Walker's recall in 2012 and for his opponent in 2018. Yet in an op-ed she penned for the Wisconsin State Journal last November, she deemed keeping Klett a "no-brainer" decision for Evers.

What prompted Bergin's public support of Klett? "Strong feelings about politics are increasingly dividing and alienating us," explains Bergin, reached by email for this story. "I don't consider myself an outspoken person when it comes to politics, but I felt a need to share my observations about Stephanie. She truly seems to work hard to represent Wisconsin's best, regardless of a person's or community's political affiliations, and that type of attitude is what we need more of in this world."

#### A NEW PATH

Any hope Evers would keep Wisconsin's tourism sector apolitical by keeping Klett were dashed when he tapped Sara Meaney to head up the agency. Everpoised, Klett, who reigned as Miss Wisconsin in 1992, took it in stride and wishes only the best for her successor and the state's tourism industry.

However, Wisconsin's loss turned out to be the Lake Geneva region's gain. When a VISIT Lake Geneva board member reached out to her about applying for their head-honcho gig, Klett, who said she had multiple other offers including running another state's tourism department — thought the position worth exploring. Fast forward a couple of interviews, followed by a well-deserved vacation with her mother, Joanne, 87, and she's now embracing her latest role with all the gusto she did for the entire state.

Before hitting the 16th hour mark in her new position and sitting down with At The Lake for this profile, she'd already met with dozens of stakeholders. VISIT Lake Geneva is both a chamber of commerce and an area convention and visitors bureau. Its name may feature Lake Geneva, but its membership, and the business entities it represents, stretch farther. Just as she did at the state level, Klett sees her role as shining her light, and the organization's, broadly.

"Visitors don't see town lines and they don't see county lines," she says. "They want to discover a region as much as possible and get an overview of an area." Her plans here are to put into place best-practice marketing systems and processes that enhance the visitor experience and tap into previously ignored demographics.

"I've been coming here since I was 20," she says of the area. "It has so much. The Santa Cruise. Nobody does that. It's rockin' the restaurant scene. Daddy Maxwell's is in the shape of an igloo. You don't see that everywhere. You can zip line, you can go to the beach, you can hike. It's a remarkable destination."

Klett's pace and drive are relentless and could come from growing up as the only girl in a family of 10 kids. The daughter of Joanne (Urban) and the late Frederick Klett, she grew up in Beloit.

"She was born a month early and I always said it was because she knew she had so much to do and couldn't wait to get started," says Joanne Klett of her daughter. "I don't know what it is about her, but things have always happened with her. The girl has energy and courage and is ready to take on the world."

After graduating from Beloit College with a degree in philosophy and theater arts, she put her palpable energy to work in front of and behind the camera, as a host and producer for the award-winning "Discover Wisconsin" television and radio series. Nominated for eight Emmys, she received one in 2010 for Individual Excellence in On-Camera Hosting. In 2011, Walker selected her to head up the state's tourism department.

It would be easy to assume that her newest position will allow her to exhale some. However, Klett, who also considered entering the ministry full-time following her work in state tourism, doesn't see that happening. There's a lot to do, she says, and as fun as her posts on social media make it look, the behind-the-scenes work requires constant care and feeding.

"I don't think anything is lacking [here]," she says, motioning toward the lakefront from her table inside Sprecher's. "But I think things can be positioned in a new way. And the more experiential things become, the more visitors want that experience. It's about how we position ourselves in a very noisy world of marketing."

But will that work be as much fun as she had these last eight years, covering the whole state?

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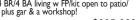


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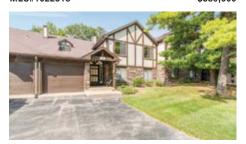
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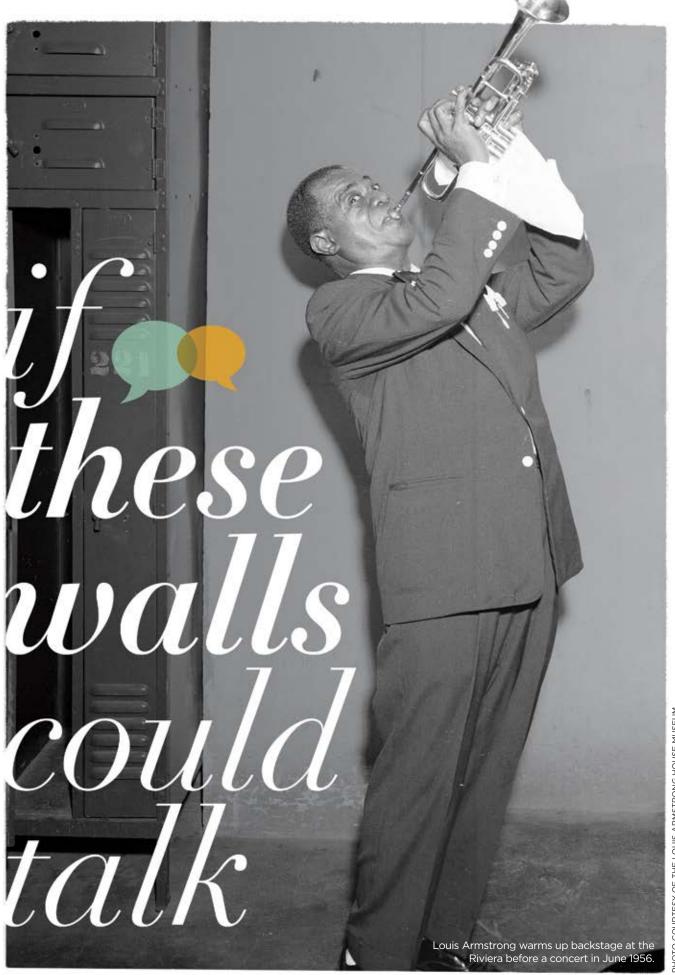


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## Once a storied ballroom

and popular night club, the Riviera hosted legendary musicians and celebrated bands for over four decades

#### BY ANNE MORRISSY

or five months, the residents of Lake Geneva had watched with riveted interest as the impressive Italianate civic building rose out of the lake. The year was 1932, one of the worst years of the Great Depression. People were out of work and eager for distraction. City leaders selected architect James Roy Allen, a Chicagoan who had relocated to Lake Geneva just a few years earlier, to design it. On the first floor of the building, Allen's original plans included stalls for shops and food stands, as well as a bathhouse with men's and women's locker rooms. Upstairs, Allen designed a large ballroom flanked by a long, west-facing loggia.

Although the Riviera would not officially open until the following year, a local "soft open" was held on September 1, 1932, with the Ralph Williams Orchestra providing the music. Newspaper accounts of the night indicate the building was "crowded to four walls." The official opening in May of 1933 featured a well-known Chicago Big Band – Wayne King and his Famous Aragon Ballroom Band. From its earliest days, Lake Geneva's public ballroom drew crowds who came to dance the night away while overlooking Geneva Bay.

#### THE BIG BAND HEYDAY

According to Dr. Mark Braden, the city began leasing the Riviera to his great-uncle, Lake Geneva businessman Ralph E. Braden, around 1935, beginning a relationship with the Braden family that would last until 1980. Ralph Braden became the public face of the Riviera, and his skills at booking bands led to several big names of the Big Band era swinging through Lake Geneva for single-night engagements.



During its big band days, the Riviera's marquee advertised upcoming shows.

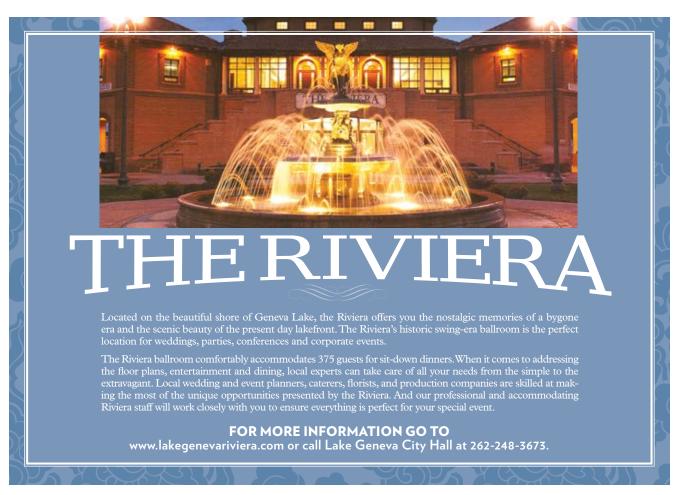
When Mark Braden's father Berwyn "Buzz" Braden got out of the service after WWII, he joined his uncle Ralph in managing the Riviera.

Williams Bay High School alum Dick Campbell worked at the Riviera as a teenager from 1949 to 1951, and he says the ballroom was a lively scene during that time.

"We'd have a Big Band every weekend in the summer," he remembers. "The place was packed. There was dancing going on the whole time. And people really got dressed up."

Beginning in the 1950s, the Riviera hit its stride as a ballroom and attracted national jazz superstars and their bands: Les Brown, Tex Beneke, Dave Brubeck, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Stan Kenton and more. Perhaps most famously, in 1954, the great Louis Armstrong gave his first performance at the Riviera, and he would return every summer for the next decade. "I remember on the nights Louis Armstrong played, you could stand at the top stairs and see people lined up two by two all the way from the entrance of the Riviera to Flat Iron Park, dressed in their tuxedos and ball gowns," Dr. Mark Braden remembers.

Many local residents have fond memories of seeing the jazz great in this relatively intimate setting, but Harold Friestad, retired manager of the Lake Geneva Cruise Line, had a particularly





memorable encounter with the great "Satchmo" around 1961. "I was driving the *Polaris* that summer and we had a record player on the boat. So, after the concert that night, I walked down and got my "Ambassador Satch" record and then came around to the side of the building, to the beach house shower rooms downstairs. Louie's in there changing and I walked right up to him and said, 'Will you please sign this for me?' He signed both sides of it."

#### THE TRANSITION TO ROCK 'N' ROLL

As the 1950s progressed, Big Band Swing started to fade from popularity as a new music genre swept the nation: rock 'n' roll. In 1955, the Bradens experimented with the lineup by scheduling a teenagers-only show featuring The Crew Cuts, who had a huge pop chart success the previous year with "Sh-Boom." Other early pop/rock acts followed in the late 1950s and early 1960s — the Noblemen, the Echoes, the Chordettes — though the summer schedule was still dominated by dance bands like the Val Eddy Orchestra and Hal Iverson Trio. However, by the 1960s, the once grand

Riviera ballroom was suffering from decades of wear and tear. In 1965, the building was in need of major repairs and renovations and a Chicago real estate developer began to float the idea of tearing it down to construct a massive convention center and parking lot in its place. (The city council never approved the plan.) Despite the Riviera's condition, top talent occasionally still stopped by on tour. In 1969, Stevie Wonder appeared at the Riviera for one night only.

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#### THE TOP DECK

Around the time of Ralph E. Braden's death in 1970, the Braden family decided to sublet the ballroom space to George Borg, former state senator and heir to the Borg-Warner fortune. Borg invested a significant sum of money to reconfigure the interior and convert it from a ballroom to a slick bar and nightclub called the Top Deck. When Borg died in a motorcycle accident the following year, Buzz Braden bought the Top Deck Corporation, just as

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Thomas "Murph" Morrissy (the author's father) worked as a bartender at the Top Deck from 1972 to 1974. "When that change went into effect, the place was packed, especially on the weekends," he remembers. "Some weekends we had 1,000 people in there. On weekend nights in the summer, we had seven bartenders on shift at once, seven different bar stations, each with our own register. On good nights, I would take in \$1,000 in a single night at my register alone."

## "It was one of the primary nightclub spots in the whole Midwest from that era."

DR. MARK BRADEN, WHOSE FAMILY OPERATED THE TOP DECK FROM 1972-1979.

Dr. Mark Braden helped his father run the Top Deck from 1972 to 1979, booking bands like Chubby Checker, Herman's Hermits, Gary Puckett & the Union Gap, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, the Ides of March and The Cryin' Shames. "It was one of the primary nightclub spots in the whole Midwest from that era," he explains. "Lake Geneva in general was the place to come back then and the Top Deck was where everyone wanted to be. That was the heyday of the Riviera for my generation. The bar was packed. We'd open at 7 p.m., and we'd have so many people that we'd have to shut the doors by 9 p.m."

According to Braden, they saw so much success with the Top Deck during the summer that his father decided to experiment by keeping the bar open on weekends into the fall. "We were just as packed after Labor Day as we were during the summer," Morrissy remembers. "[He] ended up leaving it open on Friday and Saturday nights through the whole winter, though the building was not very well insulated."

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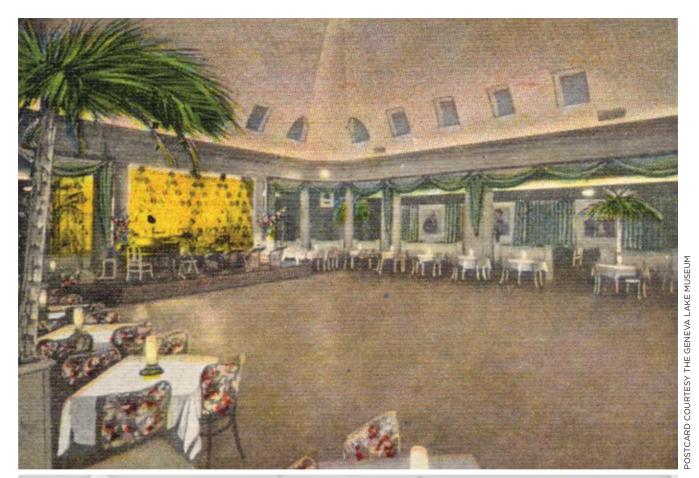




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The Riviera Ballroom with its Italianate design looks much the same as it did when it first opened in 1932 thanks to a massive renovation in 1983. In 1986, the building received landmark status and placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Recently, the Riviera has been the subject of public discussions due to the number of repairs the building once again needs.

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However, not everyone in Lake Geneva loved the Top Deck as much as the younger generation did. The bar gained a reputation as a wild place, and this created some tension among residents who felt it attracted a rowdy and disrespectful crowd to the lakefront. When the lease expired Dec. 31, 1979, the city chose to resume management of the Riviera and closed the Top Deck, bringing an era to an end.

#### A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

By 1980, though the stalls on the Riviera's first floor still housed popular shops and the pier itself was still thriving (both Gage Marine's Lake Geneva Cruise Line and the Water Safety Patrol headquarters had called the pier home for decades), the Riviera Ballroom sat effectively abandoned, an "empty shell with a very questionable and dubious future," according to one writer at the time. Ultimately, city leaders decided to invest \$350,000 in the future of the Riviera Ballroom, hiring architect Dan

Curran to oversee a massive renovation and restoration project intended to return the building to a state close to its original 1932 design. It was no small undertaking. "When I first walked in here, it looked like the place had been gutted by fire, and a bomb had gone off," Curran remembered a few years later.

Curran and city leaders reimagined the space as a civic building available to rent for private events like weddings, banquets and proms, and set about restoring the grand space for this purpose. The interior portion of the project was completed in 1983. The renovations proved extremely successful: after reopening, the building maintained a busy schedule of private events, and in 1986, the newly restored Riviera building received landmark status and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### THE RIVIERA INTO THE FUTURE

Today, 36 years after that massive renovation project, the Riviera is the subject of public discussion as the building once again needs significant repairs and renovation. According to Lake Geneva Mayor Tom Hartz, "We've made a real effort to reach out into the community and we have solicited a lot of ideas about what people remember about the Riviera, but also what they would like to see going forward." Hartz says the first phase of the repairs will be a roof replacement this fall, with other updates to follow. (Because of the landmark status, any repairs or changes must first be approved by the State Historic Preservation Office.)

Hartz is hopeful that once this round of repairs and updates is completed in the next few years, the building will be a marquis community space once again. "The folks running the city in 1932 figured out that it was important to have a publicly owned building on the lakefront that offered a place for people to enjoy the water," he said. "Most lake communities don't have that."

Friestad concurs, summing up a feeling common among many local residents: "It's such a special place." **\( \Lambda \)** 





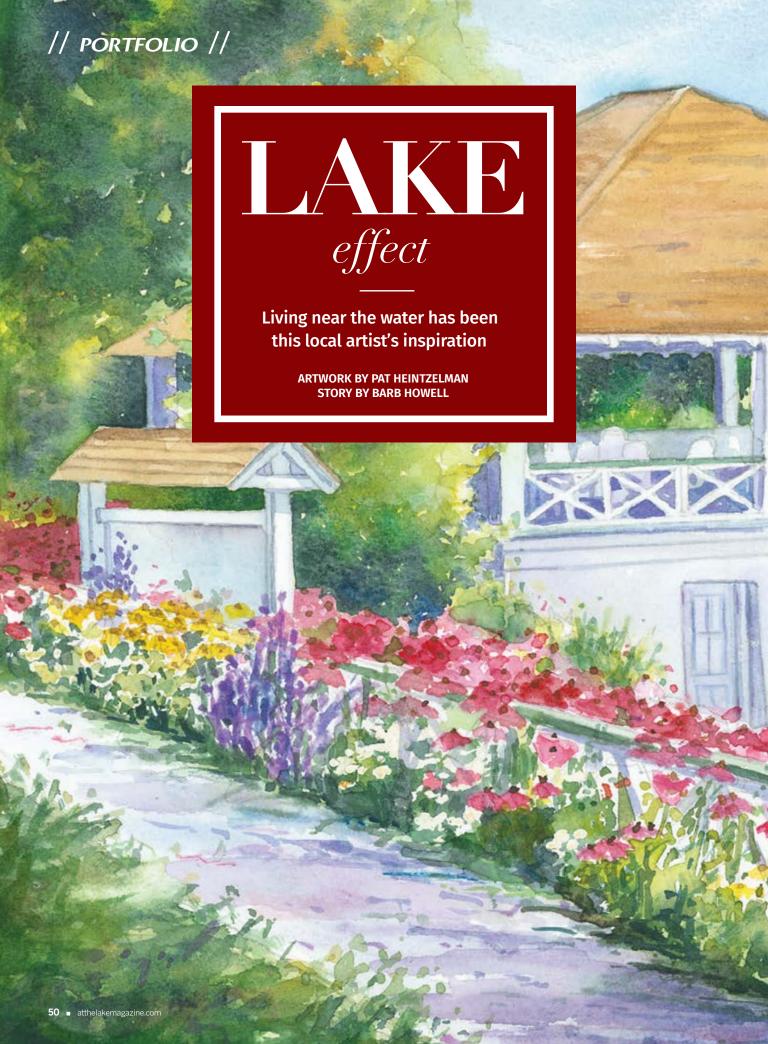
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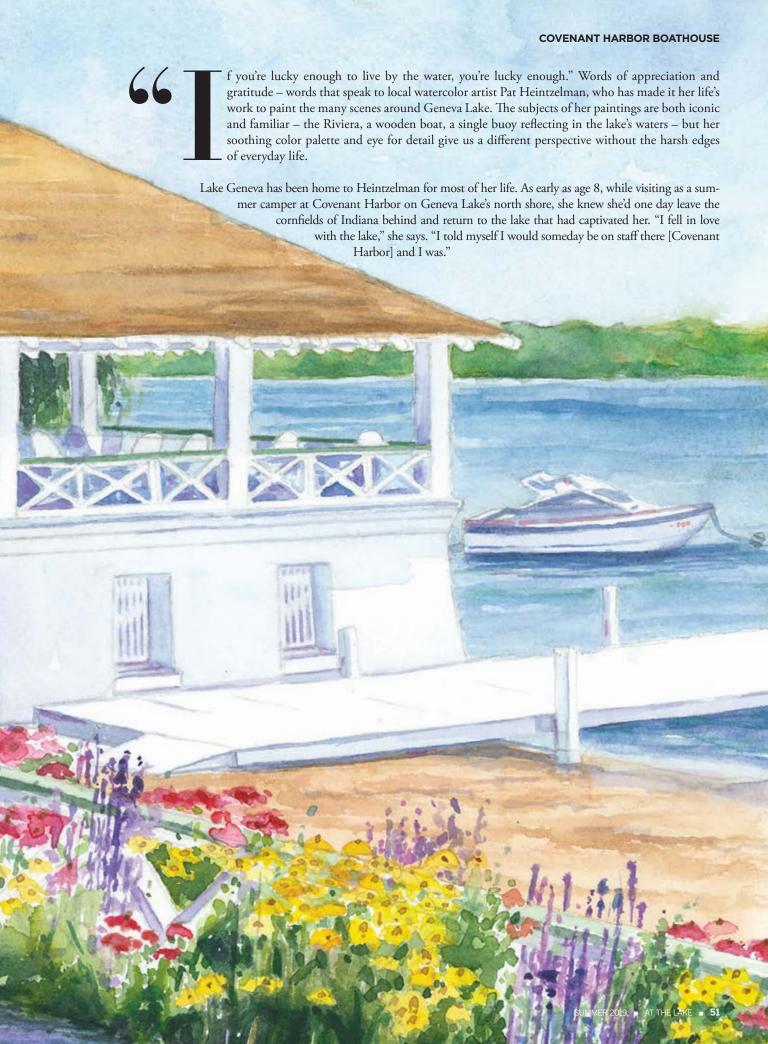
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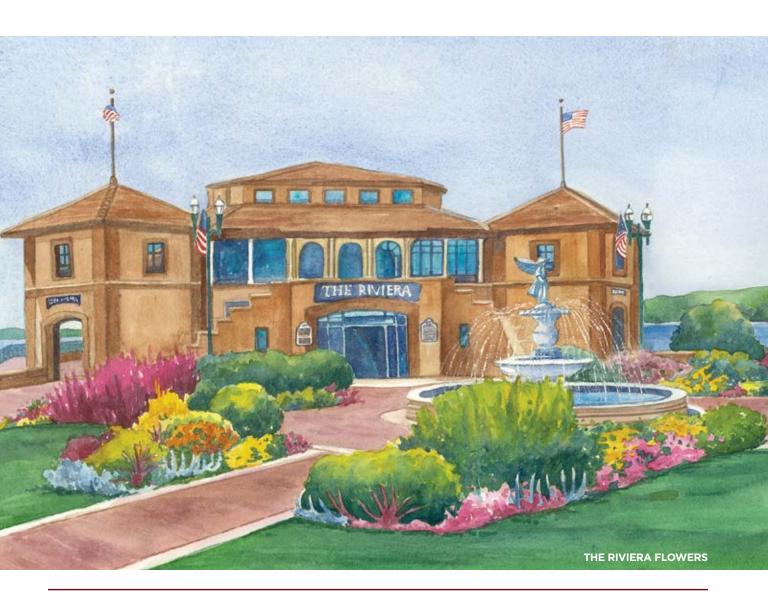














Her high school and college summers as a camp counselor only intensified her connection to the lake, and it's here where she met her husband, who would eventually become executive director of this lakeside retreat and stay in that role for 22 years. As the Heintzelman family grew to include three daughters, Pat's interest in painting increased, but it wasn't until their youngest child started school that she enrolled in watercolor classes.

"When you're an art major in college you really don't spend a lot of time on water-color and I always wanted to give it a try," she says. "I discovered there's a huge learning curve — it's almost like learning to play an instrument — it's a long process."

Years later and now an accomplished, award-winning artist, Pat says she'll never tire of painting the endless lake scenes near her Lake Geneva home. Her process is methodical, starting first by

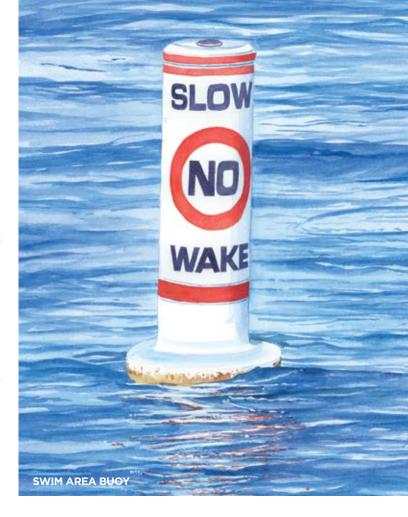


photographing her subjects and then creating a sketch to capture the detailed nuances. Sometimes, she admits, she may be working on several pieces at once. "There's a lot of thought that goes into each one and if I hit a snag, I may move on to another piece," she explains. "Sometimes I could be doing a sketch for one piece, painting another and thinking through another."

The arduous process of watercolor painting is based on creating shapes and layering color, she says. "You start light then progressively go darker. I start with a light wash and then keep building color – sometimes it might take six to eight different colors and washes to get the right effect." In all, from beginning to end, her paintings take from 15 to 20 hours to complete.

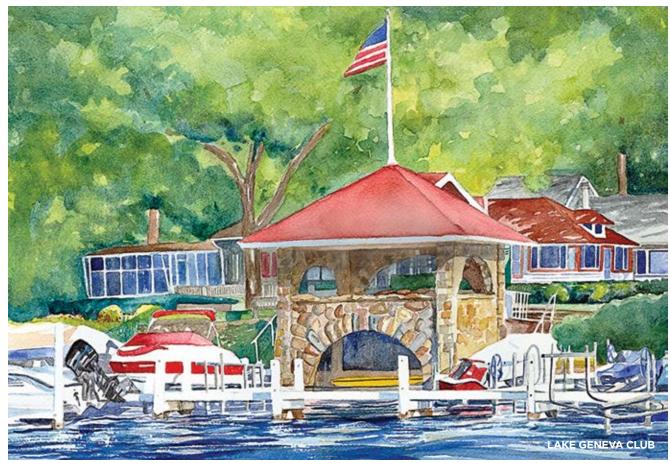
Although Pat gravitates toward painting lake scenes, she also likes to paint florals as well. In addition, her work has included commissioned paintings of lakefront homes or boats typically for Christmas or birthday gifts.

Pat will be exhibiting her artwork this summer at the Fine Art & Craft Show at Edgewater Park in Williams Bay, July 27-28, and the Kenosha Tall Ships Festival, Aug. 2-4. This fall she'll be participating in Mount Mary University's Starving Artists' Show in Milwaukee, Sept. 8, and at the Antique and Classic Boat Show at The Abbey Harbor, Sept. 28-29. You can also find her artwork at The Cornerstone Shop in Lake Geneva, Pier 290 in Williams Bay and Nick's Upholstery & Lydia Design in Fontana.









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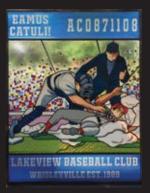
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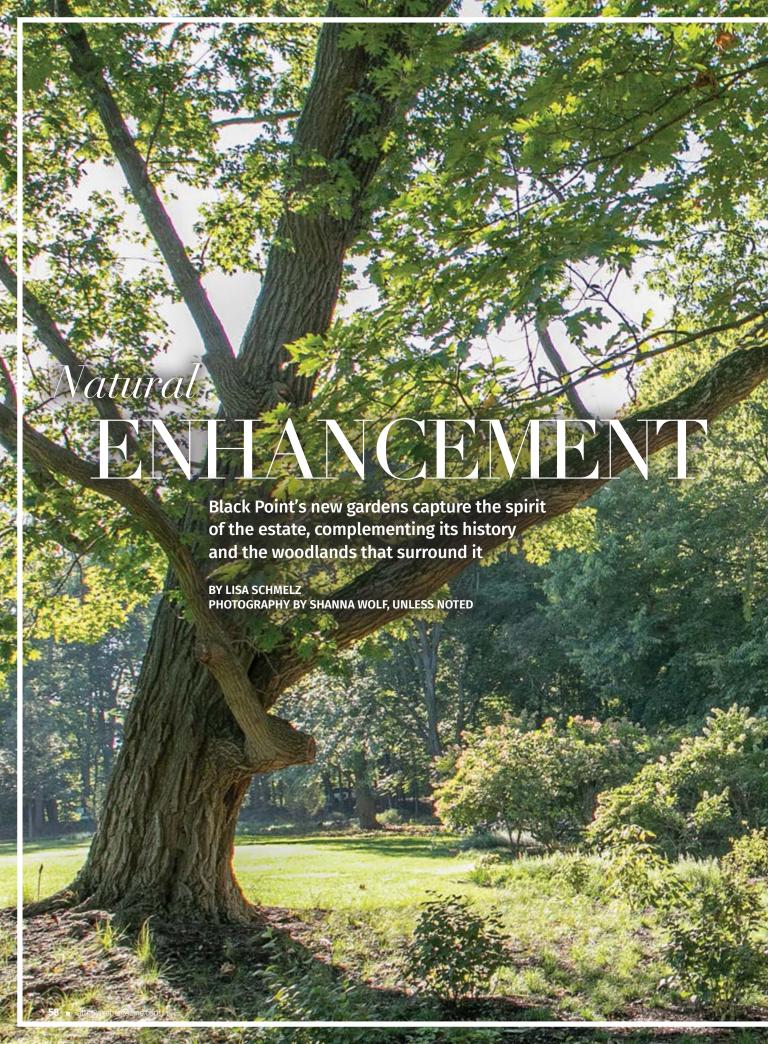


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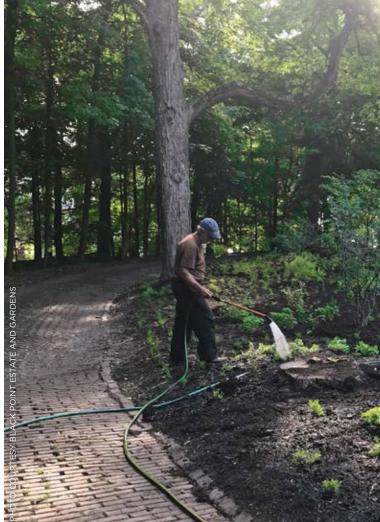












t is late in the afternoon on the second day of spring and David Desimone is walking across the great lawn at Black Point Estate and Gardens, describing what will be coming up from a ground that is only beginning to soften. In front of his boot-clad feet, small tufts of some 4,000 sedges are emerging from mud-and-leaf-caked patches of earth. At the moment, brown is the most prominent hue in this garden's palette, but Desimone insists there is a color wheel here, readying itself to be admired.









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Black Point, a 19-century Queen Anne Victorian, is a destination for nearly 10,000 tourists annually. Completed in 1888 for Chicago beer baron Conrad Seipp, it was gifted to the State of Wisconsin in 2005 by Seipp's great-grandson, William "Bill" Otto Petersen. Once a summer retreat for generations of Seipps, it is a well-preserved time capsule of a bygone era. Though the mansion has always been the focal point for modern visitors, Black Point was much more than a 13-bedroom, 8,000-square-foot "summer cottage" for the Seipp descendants, who spent the season here. Now, thanks to the efforts of many, the gardens of Black Point are also a focal point.

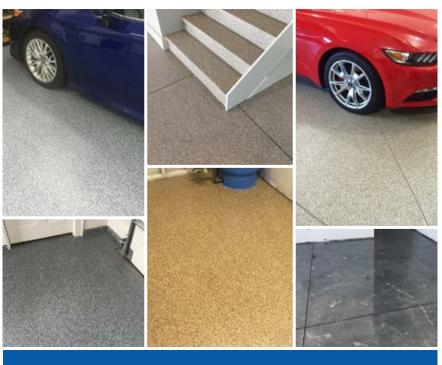
"It's not much to look at right now," says

Desimone, the site director for Black

Point, of the recently installed Woodland Garden on this 71/2-acre historic

site. "But soon, it will be."

The new Woodland Garden was opened last summer. Like the mansion, the garden, though new, is layered in history



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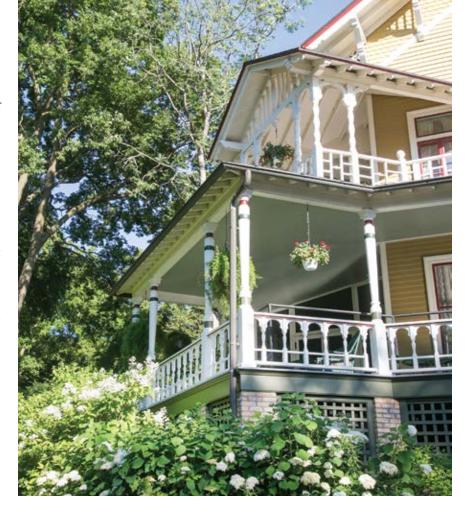


and draws inspiration from the original plans conceived around 1900 by land-scape architect Olof Benson. Masterfully, Chicago landscape architect Ted Wolff and Roy Diblik of Burlington's Northwind Perennial Farm captured the spirit of an estate that once spanned nearly 100 acres, 2,700 feet of shore line and boasted a working farm and greenhouse. The pair also created a nod to symbiosis.

"I think the availability of plants is different today and we have many, many more plants available than they did in that era. What we've done [here] is true to the feeling and emotions that were here then, and that's all that you ask from anybody in your life," says Diblik. "They built the home there because they loved the emotional feeling of being around the lake. It's a feeling of stepping into nature. You are not trying to control it, you are trying to live in it."

#### LIVING IN IT

For gardening novices, the thousands of sedges and ferns planted here last summer do more than add a textural





aesthetic. They nourish a flowering dogwood and swamp burr oak hybrid. Specifically, the garden on the great lawn now features three herbaceous plant habitats dubbed Open Meadow, Woodland Edge and Woodland. Blended together by transitional plants that are happy in shade and light, they also feature a cascade of color rotations as the summer progresses. Wolff, who has four decades of experience in landscape architecture, emphasizes that the goal was never to create the same plantings or exact arrangements the Seipps may have showcased in the early 1900s.

"Everything we've done is reversible and that's really important in historic preservation," says Wolff. "As archives become available, if they do, and reveal something not before known, you want to be able to add that at future points. But there's very little evidence in Olof Benson's plans of what was here exactly. His was a plan for the overall site. We didn't want to be specific about what might have been. What we



did want to do is develop it into something attractive and have a new element at Black Point that fit into the historic framework and add something new to the visitor experience."

What is here now is a sustainable blend of plants that exist in biological harmony. Diblik and Wolff acknowledge that wasn't typically the goal of upper-class estate owners in the Victorian era, but limited budgets of state-owned museums like Black Point don't employ the same level of staff the Seipps once did.

"We said the plants had to be shade-tolerant and native, and that is where Roy was ridiculously helpful," says Wolff. "The guy's a brilliant plantsman."

Even absent the ornate petals of the Victorian era, Desimone can envision Catharina, Conrad's wife, who took over management of the estate when he died after just his second summer here, strolling the grounds with approval. "She helped preserve this sense of place for her descendants and for all of us," says Desimone.

Family legend has it that Catharina Orb Seipp was, on first sight, overwhelmed by Black Point. Rumored to have burst into tears, she was likely sensing ties to her native Germa-

The new Woodland Garden is located to the west of the house, across the great lawn. Chicago landscape architects Ted Wolff and Roy Diblik of Burlington's Northwind Perennial Farm collaborated on the project, drawing inspiration from the original landscape plan, but without trying to recreate plantings that the Seipps might have showcased.

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ny were being further-severed. It was common back then for affluent German immigrants to build summer estates in the motherland. But Conrad, so legend goes, wanted to keep his family close. Catharina, a German immigrant like her husband, likely knew summering in Germany was off the table when she set eyes on the enormity that was Black Point. Yet it was Catharina, a prim and proper Victorian woman, who continued her husband's vision of summers on Geneva Lake after he died in 1890. Around 1900 is when Desimone estimates that she hired Benson to design the outdoor spaces of Black Point.

Much of what Benson proposed was built, in particular the large circular paver drive to the west of the house and the brick paver walkways that travel around the north and east sides of the house. But many of the winding pathway gardens Benson created were lost to time and the subdividing of property.

#### THE OUTDOORS AS A LEARNING LABORATORY

Visitors who see the wealth and splendor the Seipps had at their disposal don't always appreciate how in tune they were with







nature here. The Seipps intended the estate to be an outdoor learning laboratory for their children and heirs, a place where the young could learn and grow. Structure and carefree fun existed side by side in the form of swimming, sailing, tennis and riding. Youngsters were also expected to pick fruit, water plants and tend to the vegetable gardens in between tutoring in German and Latin.

All of the children were even tasked, at some point in their young lives, with raising their own goat on the estate's farm.

"They were very focused on outdoor activity and because they had the finances to hire a landscape architect and wanted it to be on par with the house, they had an outside that was equally as beautiful as the inside," says Desimone.

As family members set about to do chores, enjoy a variety of recreational activities, or simply stroll the estate grounds, they likely saw rhododendron, roses and azaleas, says Desimone. While none of those easily thrive in the soil here, such plantings were massively popular in the estate's heyday. While the



## TOURING Black Point Estate and Gardens

From June through September, Black Point offers one tour Monday through Thursday and two tours Friday through Sunday. Visitors access the estate and gardens by boat from the Riviera Docks in downtown Lake Geneva. The entire tour takes about 3 1/2 hours.

Wisconsin State Historical Society Members get a \$13 per ticket discount equal to one full ticket. Adults tickets are \$39. Seniors are \$37. Youth 13 - 17 are \$33. Children 4 - 12 are \$27. Purchase boat tour tickets from the Lake Geneva Cruise Line (cruiselakegeneva.com or 262-248-6206).

Black Point is located on a bluff, overlooking Geneva Lake. The first floor and estate grounds are wheelchair accessible. Garden pathways are paved with brick. There are approximately 120 steps from the pier to the house. The boat tour is not wheelchair accessible. Those with medical conditions or mobility concerns that preclude arrival by boat can make special arrangements to arrive by car. Call 262-248-1888 for more information. For tour times and additional information, visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org

Woodland Garden doesn't feature these, it still gives a sense of time and place found a century ago. Desimone explains that the Woodland Garden is the first of three phases of outdoor improvements at Black Point.

"We wanted guests to have an experience outside as well as inside," he says. "We wanted guests to experience some of what the family would have. The Seipp family wasn't coming to Black Point at the turn of the century to sit inside and watch TV or Netflix or get on the Internet. They were coming up here to recreate, to sail, to swim, to be outdoors. Most of the estates here also had gardens. And gardens became so important to the area that they gave birth to Horticultural Hall — gardens were outdoor rooms, where a lot of entertaining took place."

A Brewery Garden is planned for the summer of 2020, the 100th anniversary of the start of Prohibition, pending private funding. A third and final outdoor improvement will be the planting of tree lines between Black Point and nearby properties, providing more privacy for all. Also planned are more outdoor events and partnerships with area businesses. Already on the schedule for this summer are yoga classes on the great lawn.

"Improving the outside," says Desimone, "provides other ways the Black Point story can be shared."

#### AN IMMIGRANT'S DREAM

The Black Point story was somewhat new to Hanna Wereski. She'd toured the estate and knew something about the Seipp family. But last summer, when Wereski, a local volunteer with the University of Wisconsin Master Gardener program, started spending her Thursdays helping with whatever needed to be done in the garden, the story came alive. For Wereski, who immigrated from Poland to America in 1975, the pull to the soil here is strong.

Like the Seipps, but with far less in the bank, she says her family also grew its own food and created beauty through an intentional landscape outside of Warsaw, Poland. Her parents, she said, were avid gardeners.

"We had about nine acres and we had a big orchard with every kind of fruit that could grow in northern Europe, and we had roses," she says. "My parents loved roses."

Reflecting on Conrad Seipp's path to America, Wereski marvels at what an immigrant, whose first job here was driving a horse-drawn beer wagon, was able to accomplish. She's also grateful for the stewardship Catharina instilled in her descendants.

"We are so lucky to have this place to come to. It's an immigrant's story" says Wereski. "And the gardens, it is, to me, it is Europe. It kind of reminds me of the place and time where I grew up. It feels like home."

Desimone agrees. "It's a legacy project," he says of Black Point Estate and Gardens. "It's not a monument. It's a testament to that immigrant story that is an American story."



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# These Beauties ARE BEASTS

Golf in Lake Geneva means experiencing eight of the state's most picturesque holes

#### **BY GLEN TURK**

Spend more than five minutes browsing MSN, Google or any of the other online news sites and it's a safe bet you'll run across a story on the most beautiful cities in every state. I'm a sucker for lists of any nature, but beautiful cities are always a must read for me. Most lists are in alphabetical order, so as I scroll to view the selections for Wisconsin, I imagine five worthy candidates that might take the top spot. The winner — Lake Geneva of course! Although the description focuses on a vibrant town with a pristine lake, my thoughts immediately turn to golf, with abundant options throughout the region. As the Senior Writer/Editor of *Midwest Golfing Magazine* since 2006, I've traveled within our eight-state distribution area, but I've always found my native state as an ideal golf destination.



Then At The Lake asked me to feature the most scenic and memorable golf holes in the Geneva Lakes area, my first reaction was they might need to add more pages to accommodate this story. Lake Geneva is not only home to some of the finest golf courses in the Badger State, it is

also home to a series of memorable holes that will be etched in your mind until you play them again.

Below is my list of Elite Eight – eight stunning holes spread over five properties that are as fun to play as they are simply to admire.

#### GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA: No. 9 The Highlands, No. 17 The Brute

Hugh Hefner's former Playboy Club is home to two stunning championship layouts, The Brute and The Highlands. The older Brute is highlighted by massive bunkers and stunning elevation changes, while The Highlands offers an up north links feel thanks to a few more wide-open holes and towering pines throughout.

The ninth hole at the Highlands proves that beauty and difficulty can go hand in hand. Your 461-yard journey begins with a slightly elevated tee shot to a ribbon of a fairway below. Your proper aim point, according to Head Golf Professional Kyle Kunash, is the American flag at the top of the Mountain Top ski center.

From the sunken fairway, the golfer is faced with an uphill shot to the perched green that seems to fall away in every direction. The putting surface is surrounded by trees, making it one of the most serene places on the property. The ninth also deserves to be on this list as it is a haven for local wildlife to congregate. Expect to see birds, rabbits, squirrels and the occasional deer when traversing this gem.

The Brute, a Robert Bruce Harris designed masterpiece, was the cornerstone of the former Playboy Club from 1968-1981. Hefner wanted to make sure the first golf hole you saw on property would blow you away — and he succeeded. The downhill, 420-yard, par-4 17 features a three story drop from tee to fairway. A huge heart-shaped pond down the entire right side of the fairway means golfers have to hit a straight tee shot. A perfectly placed bunker about 150 yards from the pin is designed to catch all wayward drives down the left side. In conclusion, the 17th hole on The Brute has everything a golfer craves — an elevated, challenging tee shot followed by a gorgeous approach to a fantastic green complex.





#### GENEVA NATIONAL RESORT & GOLF CLUB:

No. 10 Player Course, No. 17 Palmer Course, No. 17 Trevino Course

Geneva National Resort & Golf Club is the only property in the world to feature courses designed by legends Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino on the same site. These three titans combined for 22 major titles and a bevy of outstanding holes on this property.

The Player Course is filled with scenic and hallmark holes, so this decision is a tough one. Fortunately, I called upon Head Golf Professional Charlie Brown for his opinion on each course's most beautiful layout. Amazingly, his top picks mirrored mine.

"On the Player Course I absolutely love the par-5 10th hole," says Brown. "This gem plays downhill all the way and offers a great birdie or possibly an eagle to start the back nine. The second shot is risk/reward to a well-guarded green with bunkers and water, short and right. And let's not forget the beautiful and historic Hunt Club Steakhouse perched majestically on the hill to the left of the green," he concludes.

The Palmer Course features a hole that is so breathtakingly memorable that it is rated as one of Palmer's personal favorites in numerous golf publications that commemorate his worldwide designs. If you have ever played the course you know the hole The King loved – the 573-yard, par-5 17. This stunner plays entirely along the left side of the shore of Lake Como and concludes with a putting surface that butts up against the water.

As Brown describes, "The 17th is almost exclusively a three-shot hole with only the longest hitters able to reach [the green] in two shots with the green sloping hard right to left towards the water. Don't get hypnotized by the beauty of this hole, even though it's hard not to."





Lee Trevino's signature course at Geneva National also features a penultimate hole for the ages – the 192-yard, par-3 17. It's the type of hole that will test all your skills as you try to finish off a stellar

round. The hole plays downhill to a narrow, well-bunkered green that is framed by tall trees. The amphitheater setting makes this lateround par-3 one of the most underrated holes at Geneva National.







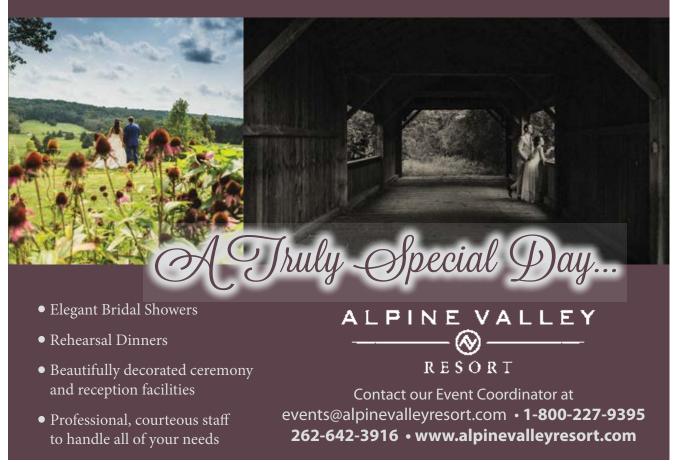
#### HAWK'S VIEW GOLF CLUB: No. 17 Como Crossing

Amazingly, the Como Crossing course at Lake Geneva's Hawk's View Golf Club also features a dynamic par-3 17th hole that will leave you wanting to play it again and again. Imagine this: a 90-170 yard shot to a postage stamp green 100 feet below you. Trees, bunkers, wind and enormous beauty on all sides will either distract you or heighten your focus. The hole also offers a true panoramic view of the area, including a direct view of Lake Como to the west.

According to Director of Golf Matt Boesch, "There is no better spot to be at sunset in the fall when the leaves are changing color and the sun is setting over the lake."

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#### ABBEY SPRINGS GOLF COURSE: No. 17

Apparently, every golf architect in the Geneva Lakes area adhered to one premise: make sure the 17th hole on your course is scenic, stunning and memorable. Abbey Springs Golf Course in nearby Fontana is brimming with signature holes, so much so their scorecard boasts as being "Wisconsin's Most Beautiful Golf Course."

But there can only be one best-of-thebest, and the plunging par-4 17th hole is the undisputed champion.

Jack Shoger, long-time director of golf at Abbey Springs, succinctly describes one of my favorite holes in the entire state. "Our 17th hole is the culmination of all the things that Abbey Springs represents. Golfers will be treated to the following when tackling this beauty: over a 100-foot elevation change from tee to green, mature oak trees that line both sides of the fairway and outstanding views of Lake Geneva that are unlike anything in the Midwest," he explains.

The 17th is the ultimate risk vs. reward proposition as the hole measures over 300 yards from the back tees but it plays closer to 250 yards thanks to the elevation

descent. You can and will try to drive the green but be prepared for the risk as hazards in the form of bunkers and outof-bounds guard the putting surface.



#### LAKE LAWN RESORT: No. 12 Majestic Oaks

The par-5 12th hole at Majestic Oaks belongs on any list of scenic courses thanks to its proximity to Delavan Lake. In fact, the 514-yard, par-5 wraps around the lake from start to finish, surprising local and traveling golfers alike.

"I don't think many people realize just how much shoreline Lake Lawn Resort has," says Director of Golf Tom Howe. "And, to be able to play this par-5 with those views provides a unique experience in our area. The ever-present thought of putting your shot in the water usually leaves people to hit their second shots way to the right, which inevitably results in being behind the wellplaced tree 50 yards short of the green, or short-siding oneself behind the deep, menacing green-side bunkers."

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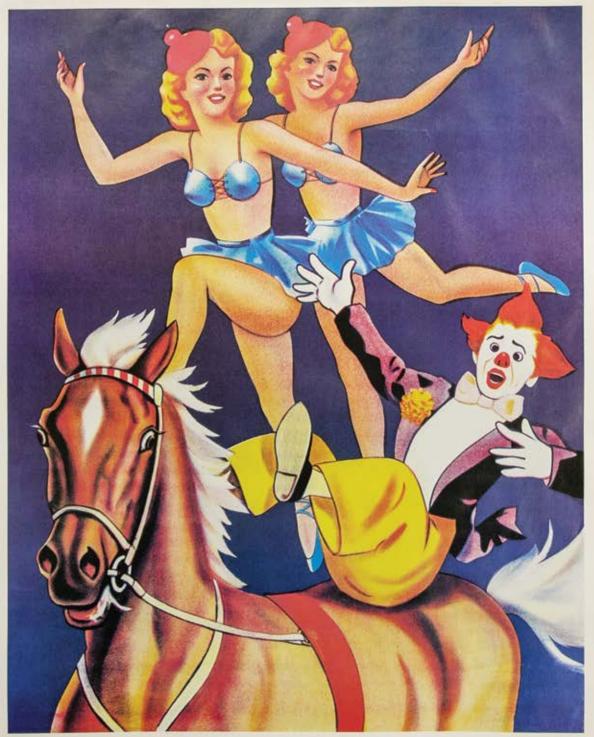


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## P.T. Barnum, the Mabie Brothers and other amazing circus acts got their start in Delavan

**BY SARAH T. LAHEY** 

The circus is not dead. Just look at the box office earnings for the 2017 hit film, "The Greatest Showman," which chronicles the life of P. T. Barnum, or check ticket prices for Cirque de Solei in Las Vegas (there are six different shows, performed every evening!). Even "Disney on Ice" gives a nod to the circus, since

it is owned and operated by the same company that ran the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey shows. The circus remains in our hearts and minds as an awe-inspiring spectacle that has the power to transport audiences to an imaginary world – a world that was firmly entrenched, oddly enough, at Delavan Lake.

hile the birthplace of the American circus technically is located in Somers, New York, this eastern locale soon lost its sway to Delavan, Wisconsin, once known as the "19th Century Circus Capital." From 1847 to 1894, performers from more than 26 different circuses called Delavan home – that is, when they were not on the road.

Delavan became the winter site for these shows, a place where they could rest their animals, store their equipment, and develop new acts.

Over time, Wisconsin became a kind of circus "incubator." According to Peter Shrake, archivist at Circus World Museum, more than 100 circuses had their start in Wisconsin. The Ringling Brothers began their show in Baraboo, while the renowned P.T. Barnum founded his circus in Delavan. Before

the state of Wisconsin even

Edmund Mabie

had a constitution, it laid claim to the nation's most famous circus performers.

#### THE MABIE BROTHERS - VISIONARY FOUNDERS

Delavan's circus history properly begins with the Mabie brothers. Edmund and Jeremiah Mabie grew up on a family farm in New York State, where they began developing a circus act in 1840. By 1847, they ran the largest circus in the nation, complete with 27 wagons, 125 horses and eight elephants. Their biggest elephant, Romeo, stood nearly 20 feet high and weighed 10,500 pounds. The Mabie Brothers Circus normally toured the Midwest and returned to New York in the winter, but something changed in 1847.

As local legend has it, the Mabie brothers – en route from Milwaukee to Janesville – stopped at Delavan to hunt prairie chickens and promptly fell in love with the area. Local historian Patti Marsicano notes that Delavan Lake, "lush in its primitive state," provided the perfect spot for animals

to thrive during the winter. Animal feed was important, considering that circus elephants consume up to 200 pounds of hay and 50 gallons of water per day. Marsicano adds that Delavan gave the Mabie Brothers Circus a head start over east-coast competitors who traveled to the Midwest when the season began.

After the arrival of the Mabie brothers, Delavan became a magnet for other shows. By 1858, four circus acts had followed the Mabies to Delavan. This doesn't even take into account the "spin off" shows created locally. H. Buckley, for example, was a talented bareback rider with the Mabie brothers who soon formed his own show, called the "Grand Consolidated Circus and Menagerie." The Holland and Dockrill families likewise came to Delavan with the Mabie brothers and then formed their own acts. This "snowball effect" led to a booming Delavan economy and a growing population.

#### SNAKE OIL AND SCANDAL

Not all inhabitants of Delavan, though, were pleased with the change. Delavan began as a temperance colony, founded by Samuel and Henry Phoenix, who were both

devout Christians. Their Temperance Inn on Walworth Avenue, for example, allowed only "strict" Christians to stay overnight. When the temperance colony dissolved in 1845, few residents expected the arrival of a circus three years later. This abrupt shift in the town's purpose upset long-time residents.

The real problem was reputation. By and large, circus shows attracted the wrong type of people. Marsicano explains that "snake oil salesmen," looking to dupe the crowd or sell fake goods, often followed circus wagon trains. Long-time Delavan historian Gordon Yadon wrote that "con men and drifters" attached themselves to the circus, despite the best efforts of owners to keep them away. As the hub of 26 circuses over a span of 50 years, Delavan saw its fair share of con men. By the end of the 19th century, Delavan was dubbed not only the "circus capital of the nation," but also "the wickedest city in Wisconsin."

#### MABIE BROTHERS AS CIVIC LEADERS

The Mabie brothers, however, tried to run an honest show. They also put extensive time and money into the village of Delavan, purchasing the local gristmill and establishing permanent homes in the area. They bought 400 acres on Delavan Lake, which gradually expanded into 1,000 acres, all on the site of today's Lake Lawn Resort.

Edmund Mabie went even further. He joined the Delavan Congregational Church, served as village president and contributed to public works. He ensured the completion of a 60-mile plank road from Racine to Janesville, which improved transportation through Delavan. Marsicano adds that both brothers "saw to the completion of the Racine-Mississippi railroad," which ran through Delavan starting in 1856. The Mabie brothers, in short, put this Wisconsin town on the map.

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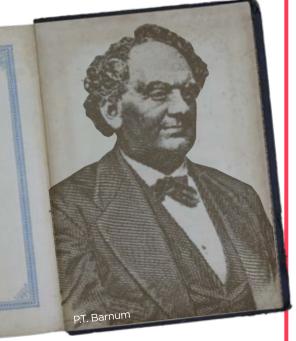


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#### P. T. BARNUM GETS HIS START

More than 20 years after the arrival of the Mabies, the biggest names in the circus business were still hanging around Delavan. One such gentleman was William C. Coup, who has been called the "greatest circus genius who ever lived." Coup was an innovator, a visionary and a retired circus manager with time on his hands.



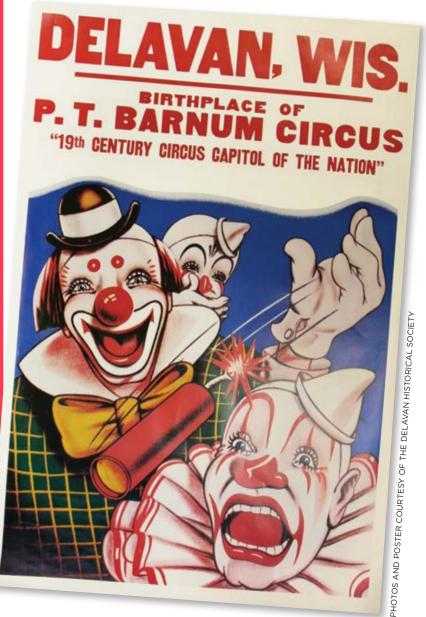


According to several sources, including the Wisconsin Magazine of History, Coup met P.T. Barnum in Delavan in 1870, and convinced Barnum to use his reputation as founder of the American Museum, in Brooklyn, New York, to create his own circus. Barnum was skeptical at first, but Coup – along with partner Dan Costello convinced Barnum to try the venture.

Coup knew the tricks of the trade, but wanted to try something new. Specifically, he wanted to transport Barnum's Circus by rail instead of wagon – a decision that would change the industry forever. In the spring of 1871, P.T. Barnum's first circus show left Delavan by railcar. It was headed to Brooklyn, New York, where Barnum would base his new act.

Historian Gordon Yadon's research, however, shows that Barnum merely loaned his name to the show. He was a retired museum owner by 1870, with little experience in live entertainment. As scholar A. Davies insists, "It was Coup who put the first circus on its own railroad train. It was Coup who introduced the second and third rings. Coup, not Barnum, was the real founder of the Greatest Show on Earth."

During five years of business partnership, Barnum and Coup ran a successful show and established the "Great Roman Hippodrome" in New York, an outdoor arena that eventually became Madison Square Garden. James A. Bailey joined the venture in 1888, creating the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Meanwhile, Coup was edged out and died penniless in Florida, while Barnum reaped the rewards. William C. Coup's dying wish was to be returned to Delavan for burial, where his gravestone can still be viewed in Spring Grove cemetery.





#### THE HOLLAND FAMILY LEGACY

If the departure of Barnum's circus left a hole in Delavan's economy, it was filled by the Holland family. The Holland family did not merely train or rest their animals in Delavan. They

hosted Delavan's longest-performing circus, with shows starting in

the 1850s and continuing until 1894.

John Holland was a talented equestrian who came to town with the Mabie brothers. He and his wife, Honora, soon started their own show, known for its acrobatics. Numerous versions of the Holland family circus followed, spanning several generations. John and Honora's grandson, George E. Holland, became a world-class equestrian who, according to Yadon, once completed "54 consecutive backward somersaults on a galloping horse." George's wife, Rose Dockrill, rivaled him in talent as a bareback rider. They performed together for more than 40 years.

As late as 1935, descendants of John Holland were still practicing in the old family barn. They no longer performed in Delavan, but continued their act on the road. Marsicano states that, in total, the Holland family circus

> "spanned three generations and 109 years." It is not surprising, then, that the Holland Family was inducted into the International Circus Hall of Fame in 1980.



Rose Dockrill, a part of the Holland family, was a talented equestrian, who made a name for herself performing for more than 40 years.

#### 120 YEARS OF **DELAVAN'S MEMORABLE CIRCUS MILESTONES**

**1847** Mabie brothers arrive in Delavan with 27 wagons and eight elephants

1858 Four more circuses call Delavan home, including the Holland Family Circus

1864 Mabie brothers sell their circus, which moves to Chicago

1870 P.T. Barnum (led by William C. Coup) founds his circus at Delavan

1880s Circus "colony" at Delavan reaches its peak

1894 Holland family and other circuses closed their tents and Delavan's circus era concludes

1948 Wisconsin Circus Centennial held in Delavan

1966 The American Circus commemorative stamp is initiated in Delavan

1970 Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailev Circus returns to Delavan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Barnum's circus

Honora and John Holland

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#### THE GREAT VAN AMBURGH SHOW

A final show of note in Delavan was the Van Amburgh Show, owned jointly by the Holland family and James B. Sturtevant. The latter was a prominent Delavan citizen, serving on the city council and running the local grocery store.

An 1891 poster for this circus, shown above, reveals the pros and cons of circus performance. It shows, for instance, an advertisement for "African Pigmies in America" as well as a group of "Wambuti dwarves." The disturbing nature of this image, with its overt racism and hints of Social Darwinism,

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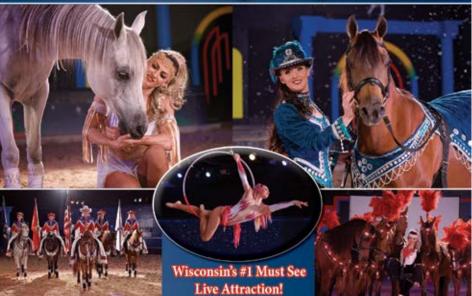
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showcases the underbelly of the circus world: the way in which the circus exploited people of various shapes, sizes, and colors for financial profit.

At the same time, the poster highlights a great equestrian, Miss Julia Lowande, along with a bounding jockey and elevated stages. This level of talent also epitomizes the 19th century circus: it was an artistic spectacle and a feat of human ability.

The Van Amburgh Show was one of the last to be created in Delavan. As rail travel became more popular, travel routes changed, and Delavan faded as a hub of activity. By 1894, Delavan had no active circuses in town. A generation later, most remnants of the circus were gone.



On Oct. 31, 1969, Wisconsin Gov. Warren Knowles issued a proclamation, outlining Delavan's important role in the nation's circus history, and proclaimed January 1 - June 30, 1970, as P.T. Barnum Centennial Time in Wisconsin.

#### **CELEBRATING DELAVAN'S PAST**

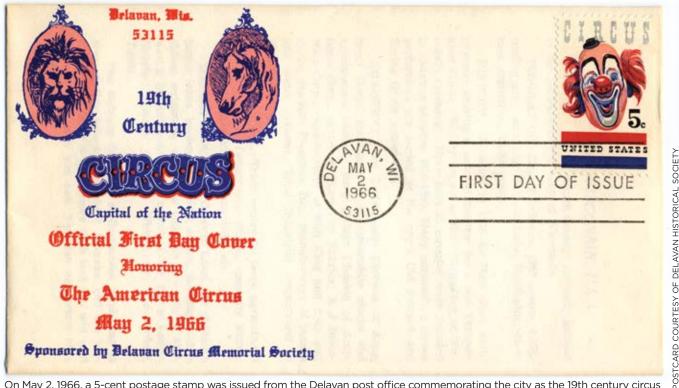
There remain, however, a few reminders of Delavan's historic role in the American circus. More than 130 persons affiliated with the circus are buried in Spring Grove and St. Andrew Parish cemeteries, both located in Delavan. Spring Grove features the graves of George Holland and his wife, Rose Dockrill, as well as circus owner George Middleton, whose body rests in a large mausoleum on the cemetery grounds.

Delavan also boasts several historical markers, including three fiberglass sculptures of a giraffe, elephant and clown in Tower Park. In 2015, the City of Delavan added to these commemorative efforts with a series of historic murals, one depicting a clown and honoring the "great circus stamp controversy" of 1966. This refers to an argument between folks in Somers, New York, and Delavan, Wisconsin, over who would issue the first-ever "American Circus commemorative stamp." Delavan won the argument and initiated the historic, five-cent stamp featuring the star clown of the Ringling Brothers' show.

Last but not least, Delavan has hosted iconic events over the years. In 1948, the Wisconsin Circus Centennial took place in Delavan as part of the celebrations for 100 years of statehood. Several decades later, Delavan hosted yet another centennial party for the Barnum & Bailey Circus. Countless train cars, elephants, and performers came back to town, recalling that moment in 1870 when Coup and Costello convinced Barnum to try his hand at the circus.

Whether it was the Mabie brothers, the Holland family or P.T. Barnum himself, circus "greats" did not merely spend their

winter months at Delavan. Many lived and died here, serving as politicians and grocers, shop-owners and church-goers, not to mention local performers. They called Delavan their home and changed the town's history forever.



On May 2, 1966, a 5-cent postage stamp was issued from the Delavan post office commemorating the city as the 19th century circus capital of the nation.





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# A retreat established for one family's enjoyment now also offers respite for those who've served

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There are some places that feel as if they're a million miles away from reality, where people can live in the moment, feel worries melt away and simply have fun. This may sound like a remote, tropical island, but it's actually a locale that's a lot closer than you think. Situated near the Bloomfield Wildlife Area and south of Lake Geneva, a sprawling estate boasts a family compound, a private golf course and an oasis for veterans and their families.

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#### A FAMILY RETREAT

The family who owns the estate has a connection to the Geneva Lakes area that dates back nearly 100 years. The homeowners reminisce about a family member who was known to frequent the Riviera ballroom in the 1930s for lively dance-a-thons. And they talk fondly of aunts and uncles who resided on the lake, and of days spent boating and hitting the slopes at Majestic Ski Hill.

In the 1980s, the family began to feel a pull toward creating a private hideaway for themselves near Lake Geneva. A pristine, 330-acre parcel was purchased in 1988 for the eventual purpose of transforming it into a family retreat. As the family explains, "We had six buildings 30 years ago when we bought the land. Over the years, several were renovated into various homes, including a 5,000-square-foot main home, which was once an old barn."

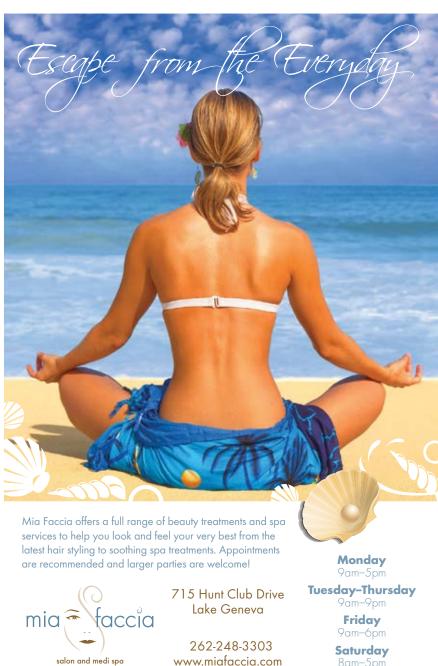
In 2009, they enlisted Lowell Custom Homes and their dream of a new family home began to take shape. The original main home was torn down and replaced with the current 9,300square-foot dwelling "in preparation of grandchildren."

Today, the entire family, which includes five adult children and six grandchildren, are living out the original vision for this property, which included plenty of room for fun and recreation. On the 75-acre private lake (unofficially dubbed "Lake Tranquility"), everyone water skis, sails and takes carefree spins on WaveRunners. The family also treasures their time spent horseback-riding on the property.

When the sun begins to set, and the horses are tucked away in their stables, spirited family dinners and gatherings ensue, whether that's inside, gathered in the outdoor kitchen, around the swimming pool or beside the firepit on cool summer evenings. When the weather turns warm, the large patio doors in the living room are often opened, setting the scene for casual get-togethers enjoyed by friends and family alike.

The festivities can easily travel inside and out thanks to features that adapt to the seasons. For example, the outdoor





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kitchen, a three-sided structure tucked next to the house, is hidden behind an aluminum garage door that protects it from the elements. With just a push of a button, the door ascends to reveal a full kitchen for use year-round. Just some of its amenities include a large grill, warming drawers, exhaust hood and wine cooler.

In addition to the main house, there's a nearby lighthouse which is frequently used as an "entertainment house." The property's private golf course with clubhouse is ideally suited for parties and gatherings as well.

All of that entertaining requires ambiance, something that's achieved in spades through the eclectic artwork and striking design accents witnessed within the interiors.

#### STRONG DESIGN DETAILS

Throughout the house there's something that's guaranteed to grab your attention. With its four bedrooms and six baths, the main house effortlessly mixes together



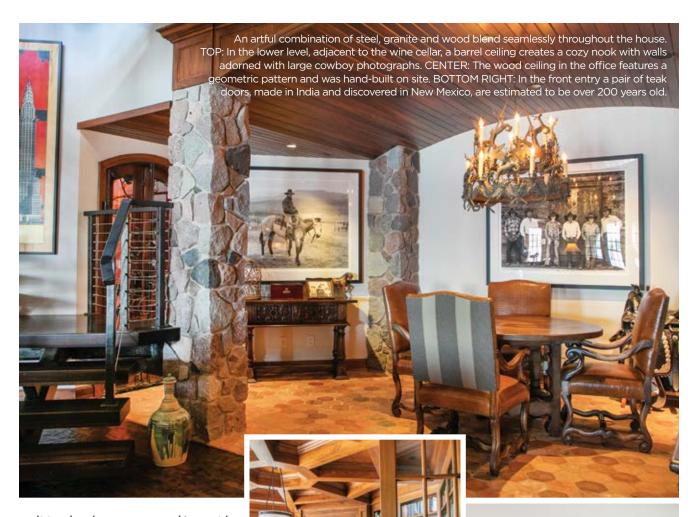


The master bath is flooded with light and offers spectacular views of the property. A large walk-in closet adjacent to the master bedroom offers plenty of storage space with custom cabinetry and granite-topped dressers.









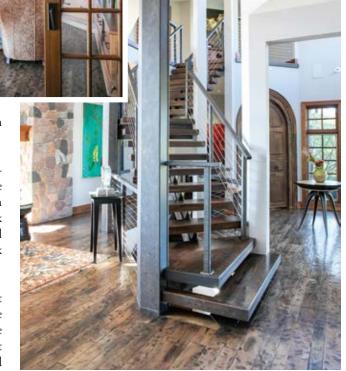
traditional and contemporary décor, with a few surprises for good measure.

The goal was to create a home that showcased an artful combination of wood, stone and steel. Family members desired a feeling of warmth in the home, but they also envisioned distinctive and unexpected touches. They wanted every guest who entered the home to immediately take in the view that can be seen through the living room's oversized wall of windows, something that the open floor plan easily

allows. And they pictured a spaciousness, which is exhibited in the 40-foot-high vaulted living room ceiling.

The bones of the home display what can be called masculine-meets-modern design details. The homeowners acknowledge its sturdy structure is made up of a lot of solid granite, which was mined in northern Wisconsin. The several-feet-thick granite walls match up flawlessly with the equally stoic steel staircase, a design choice that helps to create a modern look in the foyer.

Wood also permeates this home. Gorgeous polished walnut envelops the interior offering a warm, natural feel, from the staircase to the distressed floors to the doors and even the custom millwork. The office sports what is potentially the most stunning use of walnut in the home, with wood detailing and



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Continuing the solid appeal of this home, wrought iron crafted by a local blacksmith weaves its way throughout the spaces, such as the kitchen and wine cellar.

The family wanted to carefully choose décor that would mesh well with the robust architectural details, and so they looked to unpredicted sources—salvage yards and their travels.

#### **ARTISTIC TOUCHES**

An artistic vibe is conveyed everywhere in the house. For example, on the first floor, a set of remarkable wooden doors which clearly weren't made in modern times are simply stunning.

Rendered in teak, the doors were discovered at a salvage yard in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Originally made in India, they're estimated to be over 200 years old and ended up serving as the main piece of inspiration for the home's design. "The joke," family members say, "was that we found the doors first and then built the house around them."

The powder room sink is like a piece of art in itself. Made to look like a fanciful tree, a local blacksmith created the ornate trunk that serves as a base. It was completed with an onyx top which mirrors the onyx seen in the walls and flooring.

Even the wine cellar has an imaginative look. Opulently displaying custom millwork in African mahogany, the cellar holds a collection of predominantly French wines purchased at auctions. The flooring in the cellar echoes the age of the wine within. Comprised of 200-year-old terra cotta, the tiles were salvaged from a home in London that was scheduled to be torn down, and then shipped to the United States. The hardware and chandelier were handmade by artisans, tying into the other custom-built fixtures seen in the rest of the home.

And then there's the actual artwork throughout the home, which is an









TOP: The wine cellar combines doors with intricate wrought iron, African mahogany millwork and 200-year-old terra cotta tiles. Bottom: An eclectic mix of artwork is found throughout the home, including a glass polar bear in the foyer and a stunning sink in the powder room with custom-crafted base and onyx top.

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Spurred on by this moving story, the family is starting the next chapter for their property — a compound specially created for those who've served our country. They've renamed their private golf course Lakewood WWV Camp Inc. to reflect their charity status, and they're working with Waukesha-based Wisconsin Hero Outdoors, an organization that links families to the property for much-needed getaways. Funds for the charity are supplied through donations by family and friends.

A series of cabins under construction on the estate will become available this fall for deserving veterans, gold star families and first responders. While staying at the camp, family members can enjoy golf, fishing and unwinding on long walks on this idyllic property.



impressive collection reminiscent of a modern art museum. Before they began gathering art pieces, family members called upon the talents of a pair of curators who put together the entire McDonald's corporate art collection, comprised of over 4,000 works and famously displayed in McDonald's corporate offices around the world.

Many of the artists spotlighted in the McDonald's collection are also exhibited in this home. There's the Mark McDowell pencil-sketched work "Fire and Ice" that hangs in the foyer, a playful display of ice cream and flames. Nearby, a glass polar bear adds to the whimsical feel, a piece the family uncovered during a ski trip to Aspen, Colorado.

Near the wine cellar, large black-and-white prints of cowboys photographed by Jay Dusard grace the walls. The dwelling also houses vibrant oil paintings created by Valentina DuBasky, organic acrylics crafted by Chicago painter Robert Gadornski and modern sculptures constructed by Robert Winslow. These works can be appreciated in nearly every corner of this home, capturing the color and life that can also be seen throughout the property.

#### A PICTURESQUE PIECE OF LAND

The beauty of the land is evident everywhere you look, and it's the perfect setting for the estate's private, 120-acre golf course.

Once known as Lakewood Estates, the 22-year-old private golf course has evolved into a non-profit organization. It was originally founded to be simply enjoyed among close friends and family members, and then it was opened up to limited memberships. Currently, the golf course serves as a 501(c)(3), with donations going directly to providing military families with fun-filled retreats spent on the property (see sidebar).

Golfers revel in the 18-hole, par-72 course that contains undulating topography that's a challenge for all skill levels. Add in the wetlands, floating wooden bridges and lakeside views, and the setting is sure to be just as gratifying as your golf game.





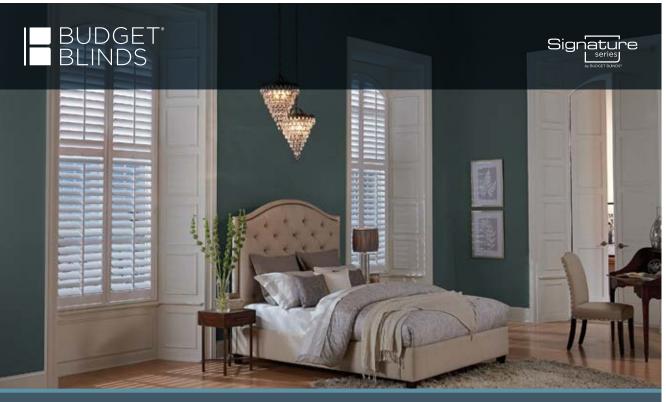


Since it's close to a wildlife area, it's no surprise that this golf course brims with animals like deer, coyotes, beavers and an abundance of birds. If you're golfing, you also might catch a glimpse of the family's beloved Great Pyrenees, Jellybean, who the family calls "the golf course mascot."

Family members believe they've chosen the perfect location for their retreat because Lake Geneva offers "wonderful growth, year-round activities and all the different seasons." The house and its land are a direct reflection of the area's natural beauty and a place this family and their guests will enjoy for years. **\( \Lambda \)** 







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# CATCHING AVAVE

A rookie wake surfer gives us the inside track to tips, tricks and techniques for success on the water

BY MATT CROSS | PHOTOGRAPHY BY HOLLY LEITNER

For most of my life, my experience with water sports has involved drinking cold beer as a passenger in a pontoon boat or the occasional attempt at tubing, which has always resulted in sore limbs and a sunburn. This lackluster effort changed last summer, however, as I was approached with the opportunity of a lifetime – or at least a summertime – when I was invited to step up my game and learn how to wake surf on the beautiful waters of Geneva Lake.

The day was perfect. Although we were approaching the end of the summer, it was warm, and the sun was shining brightly. The boat traffic was sparse not like a typical day on the lake, but school was back in session and many summer residents had headed back to the city. Holly Leitner, *At The Lake's* digital editor, had arranged this adventure and we arrived at one of the many piers near downtown Lake Geneva to await our ride. The men on board were long-time friends who were fun and

easy-going. Jokes and verbal jabs flew between them as we enjoyed the tunes of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and cruised the surprisingly quiet waters of Geneva Lake.

I won't lie and say I wasn't nervous about what was ahead - I was. The guys on board had done this hundreds of times; one of them had even crafted boards professionally, so obviously he knew the tricks, techniques and skills, and probably could have made surfing a career! My strategy, though, was to go first, so I could try and grasp some of their pointers before inevitably embarrassing myself in front of them.

#### WAKE SURFING 101

The key to success seemed simple enough: get in the water, rest the heels of your feet on the rubber portion of the board, line up the handle and rope between your feet and sit in the water



I was trying my best to remember the instructions and seem calm and nonchalant – in reality I thought this could end badly. (As in drowning.) In full disclosure, I'm a pretty athletic guy and I've played organized sports much of my life, but when I eased into the lake and immediately began choking on water from the boat's wake, I figured that for sure, I was in trouble. At this point, though, there was no turning back. My eyes were on the boat and I uttered an uneasy, "I'm ready." Next, all I remember is the sound of the boat's engines kicking into gear and thinking, "Here goes nothing!"

To my surprise and to those in the boat, my first attempt at getting up onto my feet was a success. That lasted all of about with wild applause by everyone in the boat and Pete Greenley, the boat's owner, yelling, "You're one of the few newbies we've taken out who has actually gotten up on his first try!"

His words immediately inflated my ego and created such a sense of false confidence that I was feeling pretty invincible. This didn't last long – my new attitude was squelched almost instantly. I'm guessing you probably know what happened. My next five or six tries were disastrous with all of them ending with my face hitting the unforgiving surface of the lake. Ouch! Wake surfing had swallowed me up and spit me right back out, again and again.



#### IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED ...

I knew, though, I wasn't going to be deterred. I kept asking questions and challenging myself to get this right no matter how humiliating. Eventually, things clicked, and I mastered the skill of getting upright on the board.

What I learned after taking a few spills and becoming more familiar with the technique is that wake boarding isn't that difficult — it's mostly just repetitions of movements or muscle memory. One essential tip is to keep your knees bent, and like my coaching staff kept telling me, let the natural momentum of the boat pull you up. For what seemed like hours, I tried time and time again, eventually gaining enough know-how to carve in and out of the waves, impressing the group on board with every near tumble.

At this point I was having a blast. The company was great, the music playing on the boat's sound system was my favorite, and the day was one of summer's finest. Even though Geneva Lake had given me fits on that wake board, the peacefulness of its waters as we took in the scenery was simply fantastic. This was a day worth taking in whole-heartedly and experiencing to the fullest.

So, as we cruised a bit more, my self-assurance increased as did my desire to attempt more challenging stunts, including trying to wake surf without the rope as I had seen the others do. I discovered this wasn't such an easy task, and honestly, I never seriously mastered this skill during the entire time out on the water that afternoon.

#### THE SECRET TO SURFING WITHOUT THE ROPE

From what I gathered, if you're going to wake surf without the rope, you have to find the "sweet spot." This is the part of the wave that is just right: not too close to the boat, where you feel you'll need to bail for fear of banging your face into the stern, but not too far back, where you'll lose the momentum the wave is providing to continue your run. You can shift back and forth on the wave by transferring your weight on the board from your front foot to your back foot. Transferring your weight to your front foot gets you closer to the boat and transferring it to your back foot shifts you farther away. This technique is achievable when you have a rope to help support your balance, but when you are without the rope, it's not as easy. Multiple times I tried, and multiple times I failed. The most frustrating part was having a











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Wake surfing coaches Pete Greenley and Dan Pether provide encouragement to their student.

lengthy and successful run, only to have it end with my body, and the board beneath it, sink lazily into the water.

As the afternoon progressed, I finally felt I was becoming a somewhat respectable wake surfer. What I didn't anticipate, and what didn't cross my mind during all the successes and failures, was how exhausted I was! Once the adrenaline high started to wear off, it hit me hard and I was done.

The opportunity I was given that afternoon was one that is sure to stay with me for a long time. There are few things in life more enjoyable than gliding across a picturesque lake on a perfect day. But what amazes me is that a group of strangers were willing to spend an entire afternoon teaching a rookie like me something that I will always remember and hopefully do again, at the lake.

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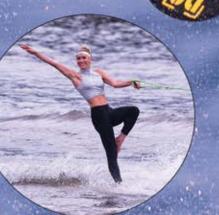
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ixology is about putting art and science to work. It's a delicate dance that commands a knowledge of spirits and flavor pairings. From charcoal to cherries, sea salt to rose vodka and jalapeños, the mixologists of Lake Geneva are all about changing up summer's go-to drink from a hum-drum gin and tonic to something more exotic. They shop farmers' markets for innovative ingredients, dream up cocktail and food pairings, and once they start crafting drinks – the magic really happens.

We checked in with a handful of local mixologists in the area to hear what inspires them, and then sampled their summertime concoctions. The resounding result for each drink – fresh is best.

#### Chaz T. Wagner

**BAR:** Maxwell Mansion

**BARTENDING SINCE:** Approximately 2013

I KNEW I WANTED TO WORK BEHIND A BAR WHEN: I always thought the profession looked interesting and fun. Since I started bartending, I have been passionate about learning as much as possible. I FIND INSPIRATION IN: Creating a unique one-of-a-kind cocktail. I love asking a guest a few simple questions to find out what it is they love and hate in a drink. This process is not always a home run, but more often than not the guest is enjoying the end product and is thirsty for more.

CAN'T MIX DRINKS WITHOUT: I feel comfortable mixing drinks with odds and ends that I can find at anyone's house, and many times I do. Once you bartend for a while, your "MacGyver instincts" come into play.

IF I WAS A FLAVOR I'D BE: Gin, because it can be super simple or extremely complex. It can be the star of the show or just blend right in seamlessly.

**DESERT-ISLAND DRINK:** Overproof rum that I would cut 50/50 with coconut water and sip away.

IF MY BARTENDING STYLE HAD A THEME SONG IT'D BE: "Classic Man" by Jidenna

STOP BY AND TRY: Raspberry Mojito (house-made raspberry compote | fresh mint | rum )











#### Larry Carmichael

BAR: Café Calamari

BARTENDING SINCE: 2008, when I first had the chance.

I've been working at Café since May 2015.

I KNEW I WANTED TO WORK BEHIND A BAR WHEN:

I was asked to fill-in last minute for a Fat Tire event. I knew I was going to be busy. What I didn't know was that I'd enjoy the madness so much.

I FIND INSPIRATION IN: My friends. I have friends all across the country who have such passion for this industry. I always love getting a message that says, "Try this!"

CAN'T MIX DRINKS WITHOUT: The right tools. I'd be lost without a sturdy wine key, muddler, and a solid set of shakers.

IF I WAS A FLAVOR I'D BE: Chocolate

**DESERT-ISLAND DRINK:** Captain and Coke

IF MY BARTENDING STYLE HAD A THEME SONG IT'D

BE: "Trouble" by Cage the Elephant. It reminds me to not sweat the small stuff.

STOP BY AND TRY: June & July (basil | lime | gin | Elderflower)



#### Jim Black

BAR: The Grandview at Geneva Inn BARTENDING SINCE: College and full-time since 1992.

I KNEW I WANTED TO WORK BEHIND A BAR WHEN: I discovered I could meet women and later when I discovered wine.

I FIND INSPIRATION IN: The ever-changing world of wines.

CAN'T MIX DRINKS WITHOUT: A shaker and cocktail spoon.

IF I WAS A FLAVOR, I'D BE: Scotch Bonnet

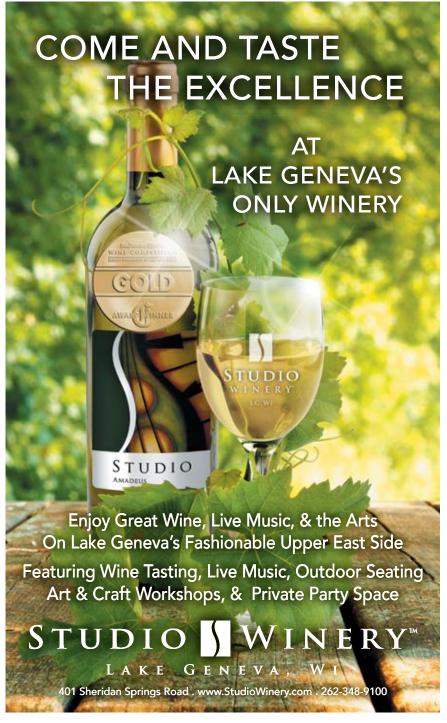
DESERT-ISLAND DRINK: White rum and any fresh fruit juice

IF MY BARTENDING STYLE HAD A THEME SONG, IT'D BE: "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" by Billy Joel.

STOP BY AND TRY: Cherry Phosphate (Door County cherry vodka | house-made cherry juice | Luxardo cherries)



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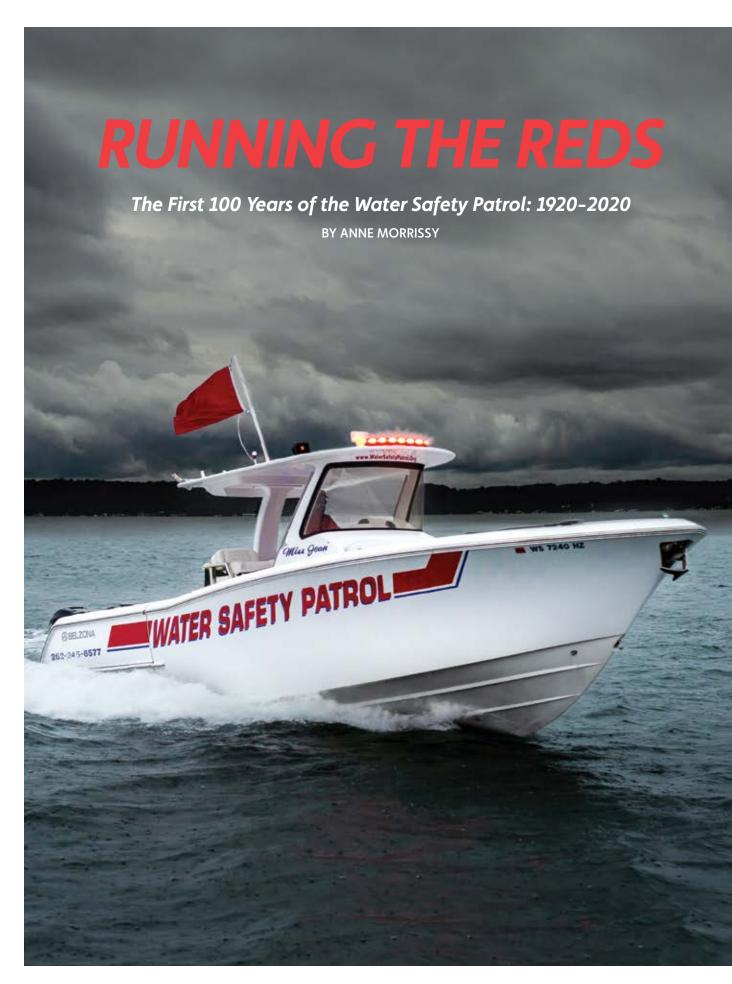
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Enjoy excerpts from the soon-to-be released title, which offers a glimpse into the vital work of this Geneva Lake institution

The idea of documenting the history of the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol and the stories of its many dedicated employees is one that has been discussed for years. Patrollers, as they're called, are a tight-knit group, many of whom consider themselves "lifers" in the organization. For many of those lifers, reminiscing about the summers of their youth inevitably returned time and time again to writing a book. It wasn't until the approaching 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization, to be marked next year, however, that a committee of Patrollers was formed to turn this idea into reality. Book committee members Tara Schreiner, Maggie Cambria, Ted Pankau, Leigh Otzen, Kelly Otzen and Sean Slattery enlisted the help of writer Anne Morrissy to create the only comprehensive overiew of the history of this one-of-a-kind institution. The book features interviews with more than 50 current and former Patrollers as well as hundreds of never-before-seen photographs.

At The Lake is pleased to present excerpts from the book which is scheduled to be released Oct. 12, 2019. It will be available through the Water Safety Patrol and from a variety of local retailers. As the release date approaches, purchasing details will be available at WaterSafetyPatrol.org.



#### CHAPTER 2

#### Waterproof Geneva Lake

The Founding of the Water Safety Patrol and its Early History: 1920-1940

#### BY 1920, THE LAKE GENEVA AREA HAD EVOLVED

into an established and trendy summer haven for wealthy families from nearby cities like Chicago, Milwaukee, Rockford and Madison, earning it the nickname "Newport of the West."

At the same time, the introduction of the automobile and the proliferation of paved roads ushered in a new kind of vacation — the "road trip" — and more and more day trippers and short-term vacationers came to the area to enjoy the lake's natural amenities, with more hotels springing up to accommodate them. The most famous of these, the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Geneva Hotel, had opened in downtown Lake Geneva in 1911. The public beaches in Lake Geneva, Williams Bay, Fontana and Buttons Bay were busier than ever before.

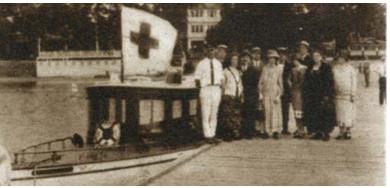
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On the lake itself, the combination of more speedboats and more visitors using the lake made the environment ripe for tragedy. In 1920, recognizing the dangers of the lake, Chicago stockbroker and philanthropist Simeon B. Chapin

devised a solution to combat these mounting water safety challenges. Chapin had lived with his family at his Lake Geneva summer home, Flowerside Farm, for more than 20 years. He also served on the board of trustees at George Williams College Camp in Williams Bay and was a strong supporter of the Lake Geneva YMCA. The drowning death of a young man visiting George Williams that summer surely weighed on his conscience as he set out to improve the level of water safety awareness around Geneva Lake. Gathering a group of like-minded lake residents, Chapin solicited private donations to form a new local organization to promote water safety awareness and rescue: the Water Safety Patrol was born.

The group started as an extension of the Lake Geneva chapter of the American Red Cross, which had been founded in 1916 to promote war preparedness prior to America's entry into WWI. When the war ended, the chapter turned its attention to domestic projects, embracing water safety and education. Because of this, the Patrol's original name was the Water Safety

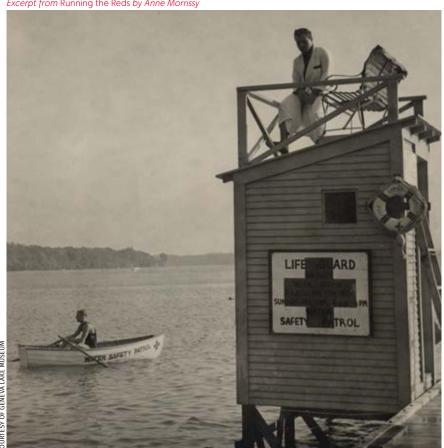




**TOP:** The Chicago & North Western Railway extended service to the Williams Bay lakefront in 1888. To reach other points on the west end of the lake, visitors would transfer from the train station to coaches, carriages and even their own private steam yachts. **BOTTOM:** Through his connections at Northwestern Naval & Military Academy, founder Simeon B. Chapin arranged for the Water Safety Patrol to obtain use of the first Patrol boat in 1925.







Committee of the Red Cross, though from the earliest days, it was more commonly referred to as the Water Safety Patrol. The new group's first efforts focused on public education and awareness. They funded the printing of water safety posters to be displayed at various piers and camps around the lake and used the remaining funds to hire one full-time lifeguard for the beach in Lake Geneva, purchasing a rowboat to assist him in deep-water rescues.

But Chapin and the other early benefactors proved to be forward-thinking leaders, on the cutting edge of a movement that was quickly gaining steam in the Midwest. In 1924, a newspaper item from Oshkosh mentions a "water safety program" that drew participants from around the state to the Lake Geneva area for a three-week training course. The following year, the Annual Red Cross Institute met at Conference Point Camp in Williams Bay and this jump-started efforts to expand the Water Safety Patrol. Following that meeting, the Water Safety Patrol board hired the organization's first director, Wendell Berger, and worked out a loan arrangement with Northwestern Naval and Military Academy







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to acquire use of the first Patrol boat. That year, the Patrol also expanded to 12 full-time lifeguards, as well as a growing stable of volunteer "lifeguard assistants,"

all of whom were required to pass the newly established American Red Cross lifesaving test. At the end of the 1925 season, the board prepared a report on the Patrol's activity: 724 students participated in swimming lessons, seven water safety demonstrations reached an audience of 1,450 people and Patrol lifeguards provided 2,000 hours of coverage at a total of 15 sites around the lake. "Many lives are reported as having been actually saved," Bonnie Burton Denison, the report's author, added. She goes on to add that the National Red Cross headquarters in St. Louis was so impressed by the work of the Water Safety Patrol that they released the report to newspapers and university publications throughout the Midwest in the hope that other lakes would establish similar organizations...

TOP: The new Boat #1 goes into use for the first time during the 1966 season. ABOVE LEFT: In the 1950s, the WSP boats were painted white for the first time **ABOVE RIGHT:** Joan (Donahue) Ostrander on Beach #3 in 1943. Ostrander responded to a WSP ad seeking female lifeguards during WWII BOTTOM **INSET:** The Water Safety Patrol of 1936



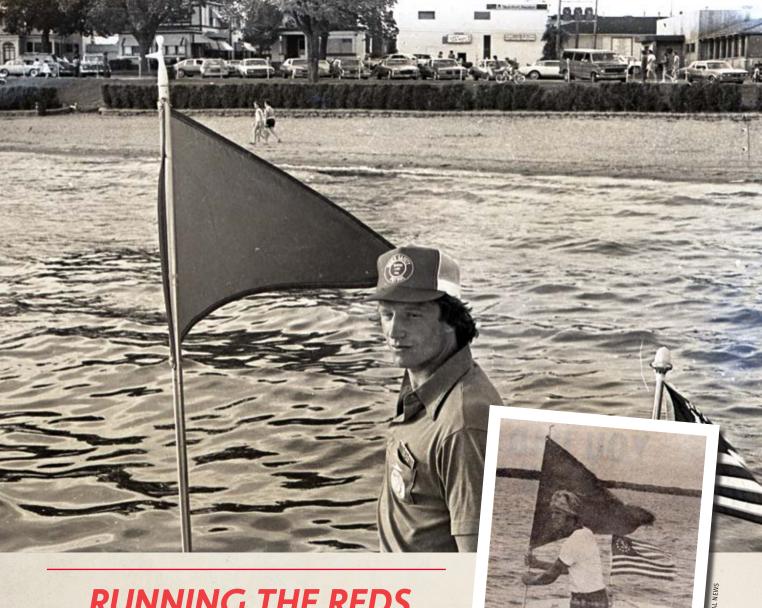
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#### **RUNNING THE REDS**

BEGINNING IN THE 1950s, the Water Safety Patrol introduced the protocol of flying a red flag to warn of storms in the area. For the first few years the strategy was implemented, Mavis McGhye, dispatcher/ secretary in Patrol headquarters, would telephone a list of homes, camps

and businesses around the lake, each of which would then fly a large, red flag from the end

of their piers to warn boaters and swimmers of the imminence of a storm. But in 1954, Board Member George F. Getz, Jr., suggested flying the red flags from the Patrol boat itself as the boat made a warning lap around the lake. Thus began a tradition that continues to this day.

WATER SAFETY PATROL member Mike Bona adjusts the patrol's red flag, which warns boaters that a dangerous storm is

and ride around the lake telling craft owners to get off the lake

The sight of a Patrol boat zipping by with red flag flying and red lights flashing has become a much-appreciated local service and has prevented countless hazardous situations by encouraging boaters and swimmers to clear the lake as quickly as possible. Among the Patrol, the activity is known as "Running the Reds." Former Boat Crew member and current Board President Leigh Otzen described the sense of duty and adrenaline surrounding a storm: "Running the Reds was one of my favorite things we got to do on the Boat Crew," he explained. "You would see the dark storm clouds on the horizon, and you knew. You were just waiting for Headquarters to make the call. In the meantime, the crew would get things ready, and put on their rain gear. Suddenly the wind would shift and pick up in velocity, and the temperature would drop 10 or 15 degrees. It was only a matter of time until you heard the dispatcher or Ted make the call: 'Run the Reds!'"



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#### CHAPTER 7

#### A Monumental Job

#### Spotlight on the Boat Crew

#### SINCE THE WATER SAFETY PATROL

added its first boat to the fleet in 1925, the
Boat Crew has been the backbone of the
organization and arguably its most visible
branch. First and foremost, the Boat Crew acts
as a safety and prevention unit, stopping boats
on the lake when necessary and educating
drivers about a variety of dangerous activities:
overloading of passengers, water-skiing
without a spotter, driving in designated swim
areas... the list is lengthy.



TOP: WSP lifeguards diligently watch over the busy lake. LEFT INSET: A Patrol boat rescues passengers and patrols the perimeter of a Cobalt that has burst into flames. RIGHT INSET: One of the major duties of the Boat Crew is to perform rescues and recover distressed boats.

In addition to routine patrolling activity, the Boat Crew also serves as a mobile emergency response unit, trained in everything from emergency boat tow procedures to lifesaving skills. In any boating accident on Geneva Lake between Memorial Day

and Labor Day, the Water Safety Patrol's Boat Crew is often the first responder on the scene, frequently arriving within minutes of an accident or injury. Once they arrive on the scene, the Boat Crew uses their skills and knowledge to triage and treat the victims according to injury, and they often radio in a request for an ambulance to meet them at a designated pier, transporting victims to shore for further medical help.

Even more commonly, the Boat Crew responds to calls regarding distressed boats: overturned or turtled sailboats, speedboats whose engines have died. Veteran Boat Crew members pride themselves on their ability to maneuver a distressed boat under tow into even the tightest, hardest-to-reach boat slips on the lake. They also stop runaway boats, assist the Fire Boat in putting out boat fires and provide assistance at the beaches when drownings or medical emergencies happen.

As a result of this high level of activity, the Boat Crew



depends heavily on their own fleet of Water Safety Patrol boats. These boats must be unusually durable and able to withstand a wide variety of conditions. Throughout its 100-year history, the Water Safety Patrol has cycled through dozens of boats in its fleet, each with its own set of strengths. The longest-serving of these boats is the current Boat #1, the *Richard W. Scherff*, which has been in active service since 1966. Today, in addition to Boat #1, the Water Safety Patrol maintains five more boats, according to director Ted Pankau, most of which were custom-built specifically for the needs of the organization...











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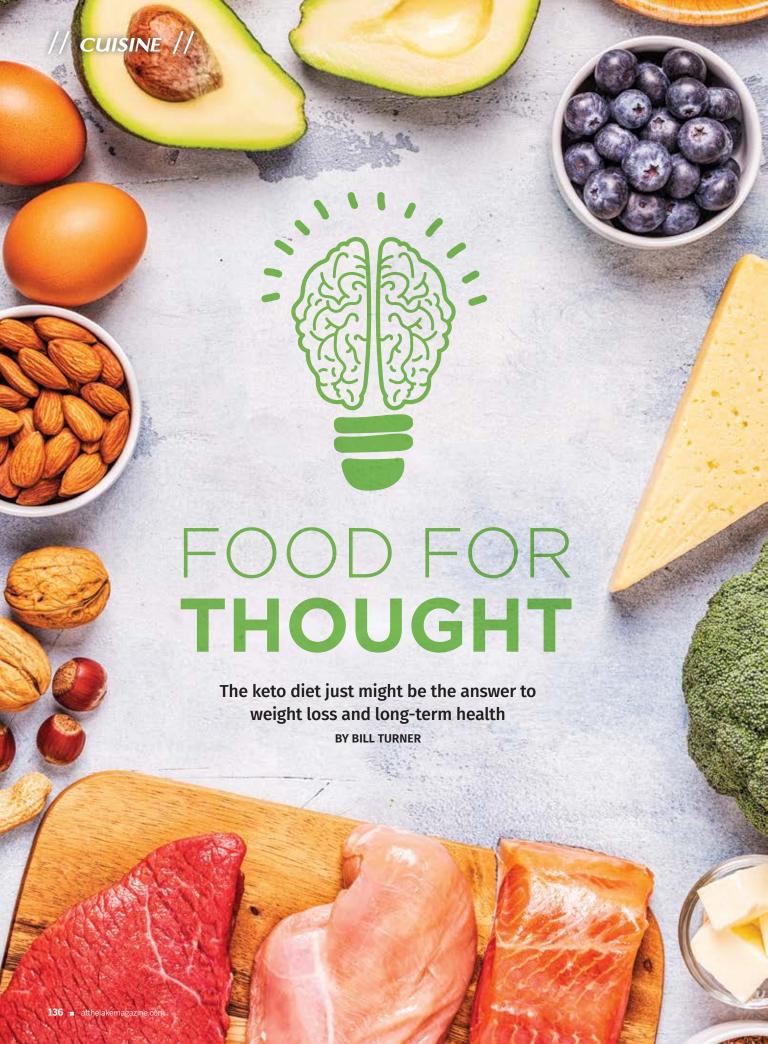
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It seems like every time you turn around, there is a new diet to try. It's like a trip down memory lane remembering all the weight loss plans of the last 20 years – Atkins, Paleo, South Beach, Mediterranean, Weight Watchers, Zone, DASH, fasting, etc. It never stops and now we have to come to terms with the latest one: the ketogenic diet, or keto, which is the new low-carb, high-fat fad.

Let me start by cutting to the bottom line: This is a compelling program that is worth trying.

#### SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

Since the 1960s when the FDA began promoting low-fat diets, Americans have been eating too many carbohydrates, especially processed ones with high glycemic indexes, which lead to sugar spikes in the bloodstream. Too many carbs signals our pancreas to produce insulin to decrease blood sugar levels, but that also produces renewed hunger pangs and the need for a quick fix with more carbohydrates. This is a truly vicious circle leading not only to obesity, but also to diabetes, as the insulin system "wears out." This is the well-documented "carbohydrate-insulin," model of obesity and diabetes.

The data is terrifying: "In 1960, 31% of U.S. adults were overweight and 13% were obese. Today, a whopping 70% are overweight — and more than a third fall into the obese category, where the risks of weight-related health problems are the most dire," according to Dr. Josh Axe, author of "Keto Diet: Your 30-Day Plan to Lose Weight, Balance Hormones, Boost Brain Health and Reverse Disease."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than 100 million Americans have diabetes or prediabetes.

Most importantly, a study in the renowned medical journal *The Lancet*, looked at more than 135,000 adults in 18 countries and found that a high-carb diet was associated with a higher risk of mortality, whereas a high-fat diet was associated with lower death rates.

Somebody at the FDA must be saying "oops!"

The '60s must have been the era of "fake nutrition science" because the FDA, while promoting carbohydrate consumption, also demonized fats, especially saturated fats, and dietary cholesterol, such as eggs. We now know that the FDA got it wrong in both cases.

Two mega-studies in 2016 and 2017 through the National Institutes of Health showed no relationship between consumption of saturated fat and heart disease. The FDA is expected to soon reverse its position on saturated fats. Large studies have also shown that dietary cholesterol doesn't matter. If you consume more dietary cholesterol, for example, eat more eggs, your body produces less cholesterol and vice versa. The FDA has now officially said that dietary cholesterol is not a health factor. (We have written on this topic in past issues of this magazine: "The Resurgent Egg" – Spring 2018, *At The Lake* and "KISS Ribs" – Summer 2018, *At The Lake*.)

The ketogenic or keto diet has digested (pun intended) all of the recent nutrition information and come up with a low-carb, high-fat program that is very similar to the Atkins diet. Atkins was developed in the 1960s and struggled to gain popularity due to concerns about fat and dietary cholesterol, which we now know are unfounded. The keto diet is a new generation of the Atkins diet, like a new generation of the Ford Mustang.

The keto diet has two goals. The first is to help you lose weight. The second is to get you off the carbohydrate bandwagon for good before it kills you.

#### LOSING WEIGHT

Here's how the proponents say that the keto diet helps you lose weight. Your body is designed to process carbs first. This is the easy fuel. So, getting back to Dr. Josh Axe and his best-selling book on the keto diet, he makes this analogy: "You can think of carbs as kindling for a fire; they catch quickly (leading to blood sugar spikes) but also disappear just as quickly (producing hunger pangs). If your diet fare consists of a high percentage of carbs, you will have trouble making it between meals and likely fall off the wagon."

On the other hand, it is easier to diet, so the keto and Atkins gurus say, if your food source is mainly fat and protein. These are slower burning fuels — think of them as lumps of coal — harder to light but longer lasting with no blood sugar spikes. If you are going to diet, throw in a lump of coal, in other words: fat, not a stack of kindling (carbs) and you have a better chance of staying on your diet. Add in some high-quality fats and proteins, like grass-fed beef, organic foods, wild salmon, avocados, coconut oil and you will get more vitamins, minerals and

phytonutrients, which may lead to a variety of health benefits in addition to weight loss.

When there are no carbs around, your multipurpose liver will begin to convert fat that is stored or consumed into fatty acids, called ketones, via a process called ketosis, which is the source of the diet's name. If you are consuming mostly fat and protein, you can keep the "ketosis engine" running most of the time. Reduce your caloric intake and the body will find it easy to attack the fat in your "love handles." This is the basic theory of the keto diet in terms of losing weight.

#### GETTING OFF THE CARBOHYDRATE BANDWAGON

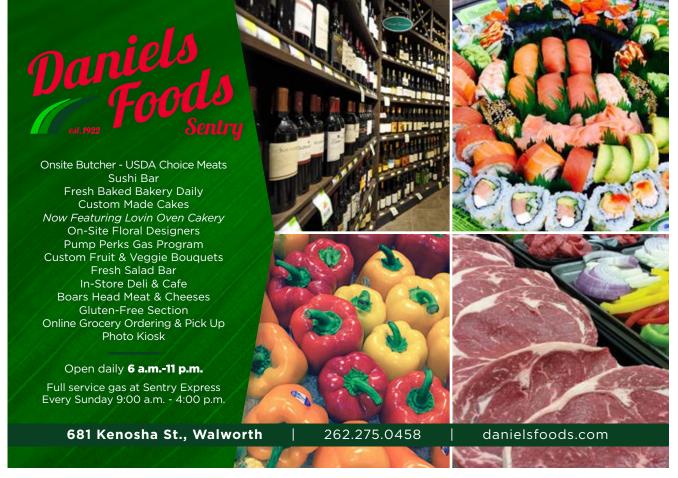
Probably the most compelling aspect of the keto diet is its basic proposition that we need to change the structure of the American diet away from carbohydrates and toward high-quality fats and proteins. In this way, you will give your pancreas and insulin system a break, help avoid diabetes and keep your weight in check.

The average American diet today consists of 50-60% carbohydrates. The keto diet

proponents say that should be 5-10% during the initial weight loss period and 10-20% during the maintenance period. While the weight loss period can be a little tough, we can envision life at 10-20% carbs. That means a serving of pasta in the evening as long as we skimp on carbs for breakfast and lunch.

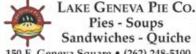
Note that neither the keto diet nor any diet says that you can eat as much as you want. Calories do count and always will. Diets really only differ in what you eat, not how much. The keto diet greatly reduces all carbs, especially processed and high glycemic foods. It pushes you to eat more nutrient-rich and high-energy foods and the proponents say that the plan is built around delicious foods that melt off fat, reduce your sugar cravings and help you feel mentally sharp, energetic and sated.

The keto diet gurus will claim "promising studies" showing that the diet lowers cholesterol, fights heart disease and cancer, reduces inflammation and improves brain function. All of that is still in the to-bedetermined stage. What we do know is that the keto diet is reportedly easy to follow





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since the dieter feels more satiated and is less likely to break protocol. We also know that moving away from carbs will probably help us avoid diabetes and improve general health. That's enough for me! So, let's see how we begin.

#### **AVOID THESE FOODS**

- Grains: wheat, corn, rice and cereals like oats
- Sugars: honey, agave, maple syrup, white or brown sugar
- High-carb fruits: apples, bananas, oranges, grapefruit
- Tubers: potato and yams

#### **EAT THESE FOODS**

- Meats: fish, beef, lamb, poultry, eggs and organ meats (chopped liver)
- Low-carb vegetables: spinach, kale, broccoli and cruciferous veggies
- High-fat dairy: hard cheeses, high-fat cream, butter, whole milk yogurt
- Nuts and seeds: macadamias, walnuts, sunflower seeds, peanuts, almonds
- Avocados and berries: raspberries, blackberries, blueberries
- Sweeteners: stevia, erythritol

 Fats: coconut oil, high-fat salad dressing, saturated fats

#### **GETTING STARTED**

The easiest way to get started with a keto diet is to review what you ate the previous day and see what carbs you can eliminate and what fats and proteins, if any, you can add. For example, I recently had ham and eggs for breakfast with two pieces of toast and orange juice. Easy, eliminate the toast and orange juice and add some avocado slices and a glass of whole milk.

For lunch, I had my usual turkey and cheese sandwich and a nice pile of Cape Cod potato chips. So, I can chop up the turkey and cheese, add some spinach, nuts, berries and salad dressing and ditch the bread and chips. Not so tough.

For dinner, I had prepared a really nice Indian meal with chicken curry, rice, naan flatbread, asparagus and broccoli. The keto revised meal would eliminate the rice and naan, which seems a little draconian, until I tried it the following day and still had a very enjoyable experience.

After a quick check, I realized that the carbs accounted for about 1,000 calories of the total 2,000 consumed, very close to the national average. I probably added back about 500 calories in keto-friendly food, but that is still a reduction of 500 calories. Since one pound is equal to 3,500 calories, I would lose a pound a week on this plan.

I think that I can do this!

#### MORE INFORMATION AND RECIPES

If you want more information on the keto diet, I highly recommend Dr. Josh Axe's book: "Keto Diet: Your 30-Day Plan to Lose Weight, Balance Hormones, Boost Brain Health and Reverse Disease," Little, Brown and Company, 2018. His website lists the best and worst foods to eat on a keto diet: draxe.com/keto-diet-food-list.

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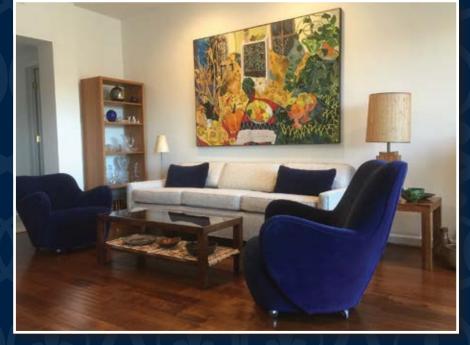
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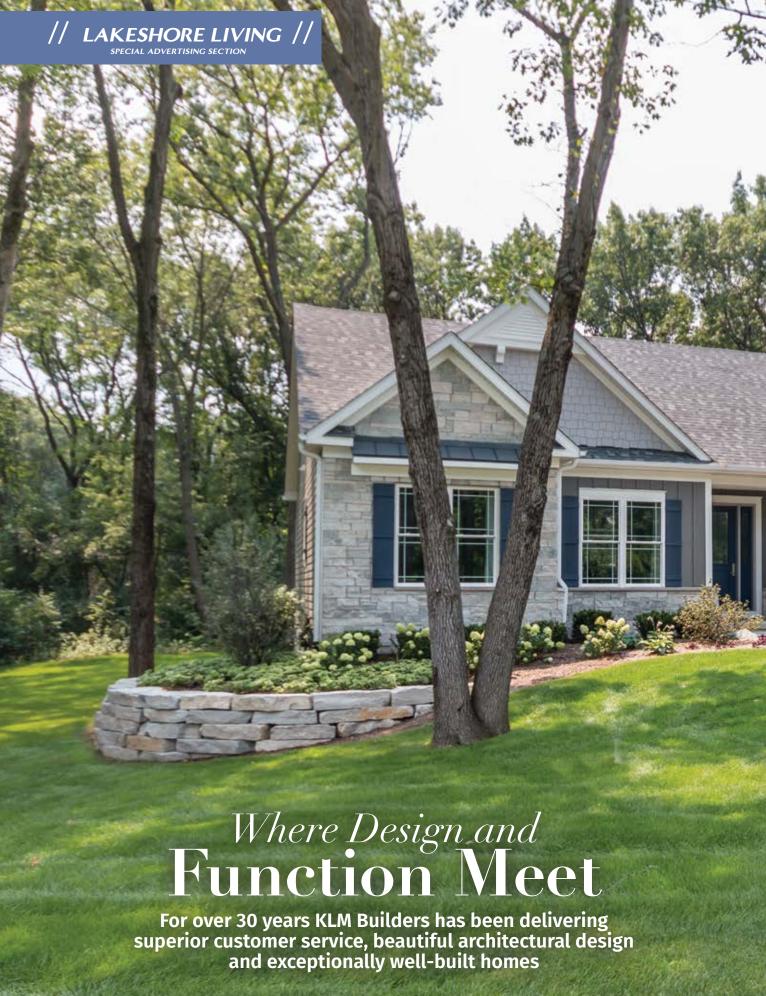




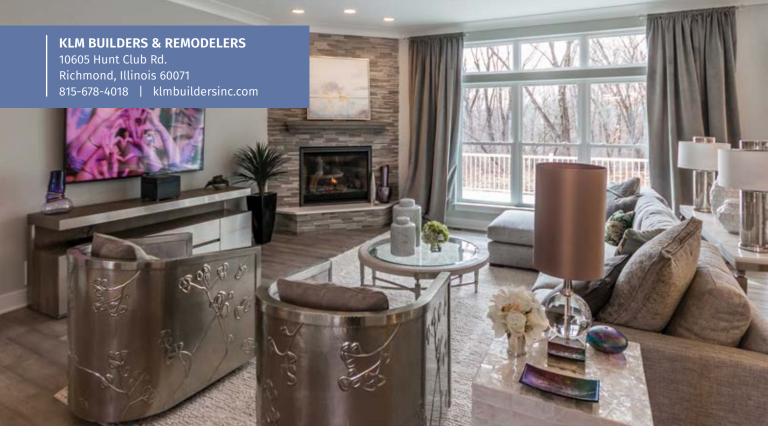












It takes a plethora of experience and expertise to hone the fine art of custom home building. And KLM Builders has done just that. Founded by Kim Meier in 1987, KLM Builders has a rich history providing homeowners with custom building options. From an in-house team of architects to certified interior designers to knowledgeable construction managers, the team at KLM offers a seamless home design and construction experience.

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looking to combine the ease of living with exceptional design and that's where KLM's Coronado model home comes in.

What makes the Coronado model truly different is the unique architectural detailing found throughout the home. This ranch-style gem offers accessibility and

elegance at every turn. Towering coffered ceilings, oversized doors and columned room entryways add a distinctive flair to the contemporary design. The large windows and simple natural accents further celebrate the home's exquisite design.





"We think about the quality throughout all facets of our homes, so that includes using the highest-quality finishes and an abundance of windows throughout the home to take advantage of the views," Meier says.

With nearly 2,400 square feet of living space, this beautiful home offers ample room for casual living and entertaining. An open floor plan combines simple, yet classic architecture and the accourtements of the 21st century.

The ease and accessibility of the main level is felt in the spectacular master suite located on one side of the home, with two additional guest bedrooms situated on the opposite side of the main floor. The sophisticated master bedroom retreat boasts a stunning architecturally designed ceiling. The master bath boasts a freestanding deep soaking tub and an expansive walk-in shower, all of which are surrounded by beautiful European porcelain tile throughout.

#### THE HEART OF THE HOME

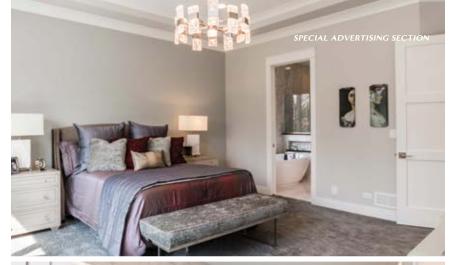
The hub of the Coronado is the large kitchen. It's here where style and function truly shine, and it offers the ideal space for a homeowner who likes to be near guests while entertaining. By enveloping the kitchen in diverse material palettes, including woods, stainless steel and natural stone accents, the kitchen is filled with visually balanced textures and tones.

Convenience is paramount to this cook's kitchen and it includes amenities like dual ovens, a drawer microwave, deep-set cabinetry and a wine refrigerator tucked near the adjacent pantry.

Complete with a massive quartz center island and charming breakfast nook, the kitchen boasts beautiful 10-foot ceilings, wood flooring and glazed cabinetry with soft-close features — all of which reflect the architectural details found throughout the house. A large deck, adjacent to the breakfast nook, adds to the kitchen's open entertaining space. And while the kitchen may be the casual hub of the home, the living room and dining room offer a more traditional approach to entertaining.

## BEAUTIFUL FINISHES AND CUSTOM FEATURES

KLM's affinity for beautiful trim work and furniture style cabinetry is obvious







throughout this four-bedroom, threeand-a-half bath home, which features an expansive finished lower level, threecar garage and generous flex room. The finished lower level is teeming with unique elements including a great room with media center and adjacent kitchen area.

The Coronado, like many of KLM's other home designs, is configured and

customized for each client — resulting in a home that is as unique as its homeowners. Meier, along with his team of architects, craftsman and designers, believe building a custom home is all about the client — their family, their taste, their comfort and their budget. The result is that KLM Builders delivers superior customer service, beautiful architectural designs and exceptionally well-built homes.





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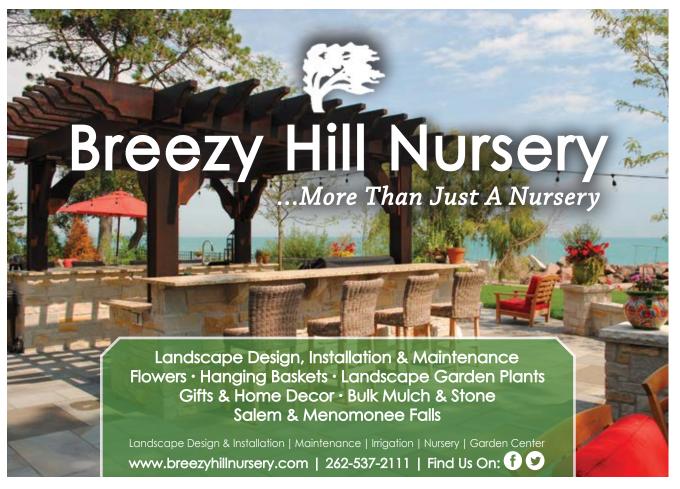
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My mother tells me that as soon as I could walk, I could run. One of my earliest memories is running through blades of bright green grass, hearing the swishing sound as my little feet moved and the wind blew through my hair.

Now that I'm in my thirties, that feeling really hasn't changed, and I'm still running to this day. I began running recreationally in high school, logging miles on the Geneva Lake Shore Path, which continues to be my absolute favorite place to run. During my freshman year of college, I joined the track team, only to become injured at my first meet and ending my short-lived track career (you can blame overzealous training for that one). But I continued running in my spare time, racking up a half marathon here, several 5K races there and coaching young girls through a program called Girls on the Run.

A lot of things have sidelined me over the years, including a cracked femur that resulted in two months on crutches, but I still return to running again and again. I love the physical benefits of running, but more than anything, it's a regular practice that clears my head. Simply put, running makes me feel free.

Maybe you're someone who wants to experience that sensation of freedom, too, and improve your health in the process. If the thought of starting a running program sounds daunting, never fear—I talked to three area running experts who have broken everything down into easy-to-digest tips and tricks so you, too, can discover a love for running.

#### THE BENEFITS OF RUNNING

Jeffrey Miller is the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Head Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track and Field Coach (coaching mid-distance/distance runners). As a runner, competitor and coach for the past 37 years, he can personally attest to the physical benefits of running.

He says, "The obvious benefit is a strong cardiovascular system for endurance. Running develops stronger muscles, particularly in the legs and core region, as well as a stronger skeletal system from weight-bearing."

Emily Fischer, fitness director at the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, serves as co-

leader of a program called Couchbusters that helps members prepare for the annual Sprint For Spring 5K at the Y. She sings the praises of the mental health benefits of running, saying, "The 30 minutes or more of clearing your head and focusing inward on yourself is sometimes all a runner needs to reset, recharge and get back to their day."

Alicia Valleskey, ACSM-CPT and PN1 coach, works as a personal trainer and group instructor at the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA and also leads the Couchbusters program. She believes in the therapeutic benefits of running, and says, "Running requires a certain mindset — the outward activity is highly repetitive and simplistic. You are really just putting one foot in front of the other. However, the transformative power lies within the mind and mentality of the person. In this way, it can be similar to meditation and works as stress relief."

#### **HOW TO GET STARTED**

The bottom line is that we all have our reasons for starting a running routine. Once you find your "why," it's time to get started. Instead of starting with the physical aspects of running, begin by working on your mentality.

Fischer reminds beginners to only take "one step at a time" and "don't try to accomplish a marathon all at once." Once you accept that you won't be a world champion runner your first day out, you can put your energy into just trying your best and taking things slow, and that means beginning with short distances and intervals.

"Intervals are your best friend," Valleskey says, which is a combination of walking and running.

Miller says, "Start with shorter runs with short walking breaks between. For example, you can run for three minutes, then walk for one to two minutes, and so on. This will make it a bit easy to go for a longer total time and distance."

Miller adds that when you first start running, aim for getting out there every other day or three times a week, and then try to increase it to five to seven days a week depending on your schedule. He stresses doing some simple stretching as a warm-up and cooldown for your workouts, being consistent with your workout time so it becomes part



# STANDOUT ROUTES

## These are the experts' favorite local running routes:

- White River State Trail
- Big Foot Beach State Park trails
- Geneva Lake Shore Path
- Sidewalks in downtown Lake Geneva

of your regular routine and running on soft surfaces like grass and dirt trails so you can be kind to your body and joints.

#### SHOES AND HYDRATION

I can personally vouch for a good pair of running shoes. In the past, when I've purchased a pair of shoes because they were on sale or skipped the research, I've regretted it, and I've had the blisters to prove it. When I've taken my time with researching and choosing my shoes based on my foot type, the miles definitely feel more effortless.

Miller says that starting with "good shoes" is key, and Fischer agrees. She believes that it's best to go to a dedicated store to get properly fitted. She says, "Seek the professionals. Go to a local running store or shoe store. Many of these locations will analyze your gait and give you suggestions on shoes."

If you already have a pair of athletic shoes on hand, Miller recommends bringing in your old athletic shoes when you go to the store "so they can see the type of wear pattern you have and can recommend the shoes you should be looking at and those you should avoid."

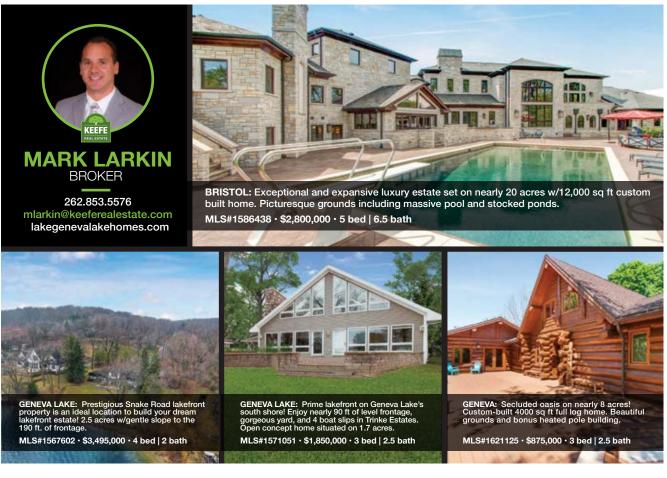
Hydrating properly is just as important as your shoes — it's the fuel that allows your body to run efficiently and safely. Valleskey advises boosting your overall hydration instead of chugging water an hour before your run, and to carry a water bottle with you everywhere as a constant reminder. "Consider drinking one to two glasses of water with each meal and snack," she says.

#### **PACE YOURSELF**

When you first start running, try not to focus on speed. Valleskey says that she typically doesn't focus on pace until an individual can comfortably run one mile. Miller explains that once a person has established a base level of fitness, he or she can begin to run faster for shorter distances or vary the pace during a run. I know from experience that pacing comes from listening to your body, and Fischer echoes this idea.

She says, "Once you have been running and you find it to be easy or boring, try to pick up speed. How much to pick up speed? That depends on how your body is feeling. If your legs are 'screaming at you' or you can't catch your breath, try to find a pace that's a bit slower."

Even on days when I know I'm not running fast, a slow and steady pace still does wonders for my mind, body and soul. My advice is this—focus on the smell of the air, the wind moving through your hair and the feeling of your feet moving, one in front of the other. The rest will take care of itself.





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## A local family's ordeal spurs the creation of a foundation to help others BY JOHN HALVERSON



The Deneckes were a typical family with four kids. Busy but not as busy as they would become. Touched by emotion but not nearly as touched

as they would be. Giving but not nearly as giving as they would become.

Then, in 2013, their 7-year-old daughter, Keegan, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Keegan's in remission today, but her ordeal led to the creation of Kisses from Keegan, a charity that has helped hundreds of other families facing pediatric cancer. "We feel like we took something awful and turned it into something good," says Carey, Keegan's mother.

"While Keegan was in treatment, we were fortunate enough to meet some other amazing cancer warriors and their families," says Keegan's father, Paul. "We were able to witness a few fighters ring the bell, signifying the end of treatment, but we've also become friends with some families whose child lost their battle."

#### THE BACKSTORY

Keegan woke up one morning and said her neck hurt. Carey, noting that Keegan was prone to dramatics, thought her daughter just didn't want to go to school. "So, I tough-loved it and told her she had to go," Carey recalls. "I thought it was drama."

But the school nurse called three times and made a makeshift sling for the girl. Finally, Keegan was sent home where Carey put her down for a nap. When they had a hard time waking her for dinner, they knew Keegan was really suffering. "She couldn't even sit up," Carey explains.

There was no trauma, no reason for this unusual behavior. They took Keegan to the walk-in clinic at Aurora Health Center in Lake Geneva, where she had a blood test done. She was put on antibiotics. The next day the pediatrician called. "It's never a good thing when a doctor calls your house," Carey says.

The doctor said he needed to see Keegan "within the hour." The test showed 24% of her blood was made up of cancer cells. They went to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee the next morning. "We still thought we were going there to rule cancer out," Carey says.

Little did they know that Children's Hospital would become their home away from home for three years as they went back and forth for treatment.

"In the beginning it was a whirlwind," Paul explains. "The doctor there said I know you're not going to understand anything. I know you're in a fog. If you have a question and you ask it a thousand times and still don't get it, ask it a thousand more."

What are the odds of meeting professionals who've also had cancer in their background? Pretty high apparently. From the nurse

they met on one of their first visits who lived through leukemia to many others along the way, "There are a lot of people with connections like that," Carey remembers.

During her treatment, Keegan went from 40 to 59 pounds in a month from the effects of steroids. She had 19 spinal taps. She had to learn how to walk again. She had blood clots, kidney stones and a seizure. At one point, Keegan gave herself shots, "so she felt she had control over something," Carey says.

Paul recalled that the hospital gave them a list of side effects listing them in categories from minor to rare, but serious. The doctor told Keegan, "You don't have to get all the serious ones."

The journey was made all the more difficult because Paul's mother and brother-in-law also had cancer during that period. Since then, they both died.

Paul's brother-in-law and Keegan bonded. They called each other "chemo buddies."

"My brother-in-law said Keegan was a source of strength for him," says Paul. But her chemo buddy succumbed to the disease.

When Keegan's grandmother died, Keegan asked a natural question. "You told me that the cancer I had they could get rid of," Keegan asked. "Why couldn't they get rid of grandmother's?"

Keegan didn't talk about the possibility of her own death until much later during a conversation with her mother, then she confessed, "I sometimes was afraid I might die but I didn't want to tell you," Keegan said.

After 2½ years of treatment, Keegan no longer makes regular trips to Children's Hospital as a patient. Now, Keegan and her parents go there to help others.

As for the future of Kisses from Keegan, "We want to remain grassroots," Paul says. "This is us. We don't need a lot of fancy dressing."

**GIVING BACK** 

small gesture sparked something in Carey and Paul. "I thought when we get in a position to give back, we would," Paul says.

They started small. "Our oldest raised money and did a lot of stuff at school," Paul explains. Then Paul, who coaches youth football, brought in that community. "The football community was amazing." he adds

He tapped friends, old and new, and expanded Kisses from Keegan from the Genoa City area, where the Deneckes live, to all of southeast Wisconsin. They've helped hundreds of families in a variety of ways since. They've even helped with home projects. "We're not pigeonholed to one thing," Paul says. "We help in different ways. Sometimes it's just a shoulder to cry on."

Often times it's a trip. They've sent families to places like Chicago and Wisconsin Dells. Once, the foundation arranged a hunting trip for a father and his son. "We want to make sure the whole family is involved because we know it involves the whole family,"

says Paul.

They make frequent trips to Children's Hospital to bring toys and other gifts. "When you get there it's a place you don't want to be," Carey says, recalling Keegan's time in the hospital. "But you meet these people and they become your family."

They fund the foundation through fundraisers. They've had traditional

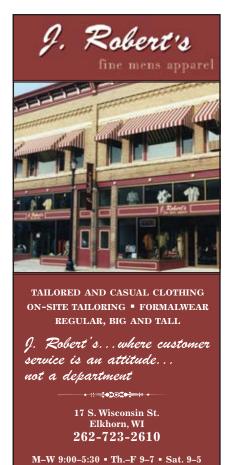






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fundraisers like one at Culver's in Lake Geneva and fundraisers as diverse as an event hosted by the American Firefighters Motorcycle club.

Kisses from Keegan won \$5,000 from a promotion put on as part of Restaurant Week in Lake Geneva last year. They competed with other charities for the award. "I'm still shaking. Every charity was deserving," Paul says of the charity check.

"It's nice to see how much good is out there," Carey adds. "You don't always see that."

#### A CHANCE MEETING

When Keegan started treatment, she made a comment that was both touching and humorous. "At least I don't have hair cancer," she said, thinking the treatments that cause patients to go bald is a cancer itself.

Eventually, Keegan lost her hair, too, but it set up a beautiful moment when they were eating at a restaurant and people were staring at her bald head. Carey comforted her. "They're not staring at you because you don't look pretty," she said. "It's because it breaks their heart to see."

An elderly woman walked up to them and gave Keegan a pair of earrings, saying, "I just finished my fight."

When they were to ready to leave and were about to pay, the waitress said, "Your meal has been taken care of."

"The whole experience changes you," Paul says. "We'll never be the same. I wouldn't want to be the same."

Some people just want to "burn the records," Paul adds. "I get that. But for me, I don't know how you couldn't do something."

How will Keegan do in life? Paul told the *Lake Geneva Regional News* in 2017, "We saw how strong she is, and what she's capable of, because she's been to hell and back."

"She's a redhead," Carey adds. "She has fire in her veins. She's very determined. She's going to do great things."

For more information, upcoming fundraising events and other news about the foundation, visit kissesfromkeegan.org.

## Q&A NELLY BULEJE

Nelly Buleje brings worldly experiences back home to Lake Geneva as Grand Geneva Resort & Spa's executive chef. After starting his culinary career cooking room service orders and slicing the weekend prime rib buffet at Grand Geneva 17 years ago, Chef Nelly has fast-tracked to executive chef after traveling the world in search of learning about regional foods. Not afraid to experience new things, Nelly has traveled from the Philippines to Peru and throughout Central America. He's returned home with a refined palate, ready to inspire diners with a memorable experience and friendly demeanor they'll never forget.

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RETURN TO YOUR HOMETOWN AND BE NAMED THE EXECUTIVE CHEF AT ONE OF THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER RESORTS?

I came home with great pride and excitement to bring new energy back to Lake Geneva. We're going to cultivate the culinary scene, drawing people to Lake Geneva because it's the best food scene between Chicago and Milwaukee, not just a summer getaway. I look forward to collaborating with local chefs to bring out the best we all have to offer.

## WERE THERE EARLY INFLUENCES AND MENTORS WHO SHAPED WHO YOU ARE AS A CHEF?

Grand Geneva Executive Chef Robert Fedorko gave me my first job as a cook at Grand Geneva. He has truly helped shape my entire career, advising me, challenging me and inviting me to collaborate on projects. My natural attraction to adventure took me around the world and I learned so much from culinary experts in their field, watching the purveyors grow and harvest their bounty and how those seasonal ingredients build a cultural identity. I take all that back and channel it into my kitchen.

## WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY ALL GREAT CHEFS POSSESS?

All chefs must be passionate about creating experiences for their guests. Without passion, food falls flat. Keeping yourself inspired and excited about the craft you do every day drives energy into your meals. That will always translate to the person enjoying your meal. Passion has the ability to transform a regular experience into a memorable one.

#### **HOW WILL YOU INSPIRE YOUR TEAM?**

I create a culinary vision and give them ownership to carry out the purpose of what we're doing here. Each chef on my team puts a spin on their dishes, keeping them vested in work they're passionate about. I also encourage them to continue their education, whether it's becoming a certified pickling expert or traveling to Italy to better understand why pasta is a course and not an entrée. Learning firsthand is really important and I want our team to feel as confident as I do in the process of creating a memorable experience for our guests.



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#### ARE YOU INTRODUCING NEW MENU ITEMS?

We're working on a 70% menu overhaul in all restaurants. Come visit this summer to try our new dishes! Everything from plating food to working with purveyors to make sure the food they're giving us is as fresh as possible has been revamped. The new menus reflect the tastes and flavors of our team.

#### **HOW DO YOU DIFFERNTIATE YOUR MENU?**

Finding balance is the most important thing I look for. The art of cooking is varying textures with balanced flavors. Every dish I create has a focal point. For example, when I was building the new branzino (Mediterranean sea bass) dish on Ristorante Brissago's menu, I thought about the natural flavor components and texture of the branzino. What was going to enhance and highlight the fish itself? With a fish that's sweet and mild in flavor, I add fried artichokes for texture with a tang and creamy marbled potatoes tossed with a fresh lemon thyme vinaigrette and pecorino Romano cheese. To put the dish over the top with freshness, I add castelvetrano olives to bring in tender, crispy and almost fruit-like flavor.

#### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT COOKING?

Everything about cooking is an experience. It's so hands on. Cooking takes all of your senses to do. The world disappears when I cook. It's the only time I'm quiet because I'm zoned in. I'm listening, smelling, watching, feeling. My senses bring me back memories to where I discovered the flavors I'm working with. It's the best thing in the world.

## FOR THE NOVICE, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ADVICE FOR PREPARING A GREAT MEAL?

Attempt to cook in-season. Using fresh ingredients always renders the best results. It's as simple as finding a recipe and using it as a guide. Enjoy the experience of cooking and always remember there's carryout if it doesn't work.

### // DINING DIRECTORY //











Restaurants are listed by category. Information is subject to change. Please contact individual restaurants for hours of operation. Inclusion in this directory should not be considered an unqualified endorsement by At The Lake. Visit atthelakemagazine.com to browse this directory online, and to view locator maps for each restaurant.

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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, \$-\$\$. ₹♪�-⊕ 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, \$-\$\$ ∰₹♣-⊚

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, \$\$-\$\$\$.

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, \$-\$\$. ₹⊚ PR

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, \$-\$\$. ₹♪@৫ ) ₩ ♣ ※ 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. \$\(\mathref{P}\) \(\overline{\mathref{O}}\) (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. soprabistro. com. Contemporary American twist on Bistro classics. D, \$\$-\$\$\$. ₹❖

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

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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, \$.

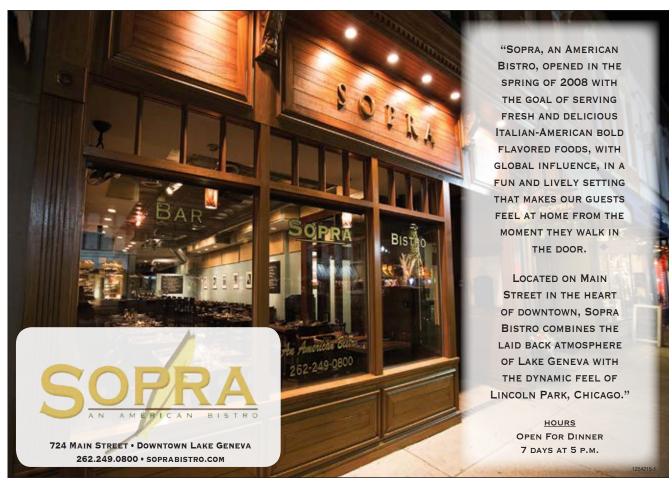
YO-SHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 1823 E. Geneva St. (State Road 50), Delavan; 262-740-2223. Hibachi cooking, sushi bar. Beer and wine. Closed Sun. L, D, \$\$.

#### **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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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, \$. ₹⊙ )

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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), \$-\$\$. ₹ ⊚

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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, \$.♣-⊙

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**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, \$. ₹ ♣- ) ❖

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

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**COFFEE CUP CAFE** 192 Baldwin St., Sharon; 262-736-4060. Broad menu, daily specials. B, L, D. \$. \$\varphi - \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{B}}}} - \text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tin\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi\

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

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

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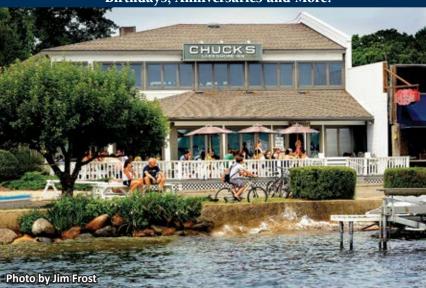
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#### DINER

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, \$. ①

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

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

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

**JONI'S DINER** 111 Wells St., Lake Geneva; 262-348-9565. *jonisdiner.com*. Full breakfast menu

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

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

#### **FRENCH**

SOPRA: AN AMERICAN BISTRO 724 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-0800. soprabistro.com. French, Italian and Spanish cuisine with the occasional Asian influence. D, NS, \$\$. \$\(\frac{\pi}{4}\)\$

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#### 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.

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**GENOA PIZZA** 2678 E. Main St., East Troy; 262-642-9775. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. L, D, \$. )

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. \$-\$\$. ₹♣☼





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**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, \$. )

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

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, \$. ₹⊙ )

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**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. *grand-geneva.com*. Upscale Italian. Extensive wine list. Open Tues-Sat. D, \$\$-\$\$\$. \$ ① PR

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

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

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

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

**SWEET AROMA RISTORANTÉ** W7404 County Rd. X, Delavan; 262-728-6878. Authentic Italian cuisine. Closed Mon.-Tues., D, \$\$-\$\$\$. **②**▼

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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. \$-\$\$(のす)

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

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LOS 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, \$\$ @ \$\footnote{T}\$

LUCKE'S CANTINA 220 Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay; 262-245-6666. *luckescantina.com*. Mexican cuisine. B, L, D, \$. T

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

#### **SPECIALTY**

BARRIQUE WINE & BREW BAR 835 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1948. barriquewinebarcom. 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.

**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, \$.

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

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. simplebakeryandmar-ket.com. Fresh food and baked goods made with ingredients from local farmers. B. I. \$. @

**THYME ON GENEVA LAKE** 106 W. Main St., Fontana; 262-394-5292. *thymeonthelake.com.* 

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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, \$\$\$. T. PR

**GENEVA CHOPHOUSE** Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. *chophouse411com/geneva*. Seafood, chops and steak. Br., D, \$\$\$. ₹€

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

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#### ONGOING EVENTS

BELFRY MUSIC THEATRE Enjoy a full line-up of tribute bands and performers every weekend June 7–Oct. 26 at the Belfry Music Theatre located between Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. To purchase tickets, call 262-394-6460 or visit belfrymusictheatre.com.

BIG FOOT SUMMER DAY CAMPS Weekly themes, beach days and field trips for kids in grades 1-8. Camps are held June 18 - August 13, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fontana Elementary School. Visit bigfootrecreation.org or call 262-275-2117.

BLACK POINT ESTATE & GARDEN TOURS Explore the elegant Victorian estate built by Chicago beer baron Conrad Seipp, now a historic site owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. Tours depart daily from the Riviera Dock in Lake Geneva. For tickets, visit cruiselakegeneva.com or call 262-248-6206.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK Every Thursday June 20–Aug. 8, with the exception of July 4, in Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva; 800-345-1020 or visitlakegeneva.com.

DAY CAMP OR OVERNIGHT CAMP Various camps throughout the summer include swimming, boating, zip lining, archery, arts and crafts and more. Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva; 262-248-3600 or covenantharbor.org.

FREE HOLTON BAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Friday nights June 21–July 26, 7:30 p.m.,
Sunset Park, Elkhorn; 262-723-5788.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS Every weekend at Phoenix Park, Delavan. Visit phoenixparkbandshell.com. GENEVA LAKE MUSEUM Open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Sunday. Lake Geneva, 262-248-6060 or genevalakemuseum.org.

HISTORIC BREWING DEMONSTRATION Every other Saturday, June 1–Aug. 24, learn about the 19th century beer brewing process. 11 a.m.—3 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org.

KNC WALKS WITH HAROLD Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy Chairman Harold Friestad is your guide. 9 a.m., every Friday through October, Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay; kishwauketoe.org.

LEGENDS AND LANDMARKS: A WALKING TOUR OF LAKE GENEVA Learn about Lake Geneva buildings designed by famous architects Daniel Burnham, Frank Lloyd Wright and William Le Baron Jenny as well as the colorful past of the downtown district and the historic Maple Park neighborhood. Departs from the Riviera, 11–12:30 p.m. on select Saturdays during the summer. For tickets visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org or call 262-248-1888.

LIVE MAGIC SHOWS
Enjoy 60 minutes of world-class magic, comedy and illusion at Lake Geneva's Tristan Crist Magic Theatre. Visit lakegenevamagic.com or call 262-248-0505.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS Every other Friday night at dusk beginning June 14 and running through Aug. 23 at Fontana Beach. Visit bigfootrecreation.org. MOONLIGHT MOVIES ON THE BEACH Enjoy movies on the Riviera Beach in Lake Geneva on three Wednesdays this summer: June 12, July 10 and Aug. 7. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com.

#### MUSIC BY THE LAKE

Enjoy an open-air musical experience with breathtaking views of the Geneva Lake. Performances run throughout the summer. Visit musicbythelake.com or call 262-245-8501.

#### OLD WORLD WISCONSIN

Return to Wisconsin of the late 19th century and the working farmsteads and settlements established by European immigrants.

Special events throughout the summer. Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin,wisconsinhistory.org.

#### SOCIAL PADDLE CLUB

Organized kayaking/paddleboarding outings with rentals available. Sponsored by Big Foot Recreation District. Visit facebook.com/socialpaddle, bigfootrecreation.org or call 262-275-2117.

#### SUMMER NATURE CLASSES

Summer fishing lessons, story times and special nature classes, plus kids can dig for worms, fish in the creek or look for frogs and toads in the amphibian pond. Helen Rohner Fishing Pond, Williams Bay. To register for classes, call 262-275-5700 or visit genevalakeconservancy.com.

THURSDAY NIGHTS ON THE SQUARE Performances by the East Troy Community Band or various guest groups. 7:30 p.m., June 20 to Aug. 1, East Troy Village Square; 262-642-3770 or etband.com.

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

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

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

#### FARMER'S MARKETS

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

DELAVAN: Thursdays, 3–7 p.m., June through September. Tower Park, Delavan; 262-728-6000 or visitdelavan.com.

EAST TROY: Fridays, 2–6 p.m., through Oct. 4. East Troy Village Square, East Troy; 262-642-3770 or easttroy.org.

ELKHORN: Saturdays on the Square, featuring local handmade products, fresh locally grown produce and food vendors, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., through Oct. 12. Veteran's Park, Elkhorn; elkhornchamber.com.

FONTANA: Saturdays, 8 a.m.—12 p.m., June through September. Porter Court Plaza, Fontana; 262-275-0040. LAKE GENEVA: Thursdays, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., through Oct. 24. Horticultural Hall; 262-745-9341 or horticulturalhall.com.

WHITEWATER: Tuesdays, 4–7 p.m., through October Historic Train Depot, Whitewater; downtownwhitewater.com.

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

#### WATER SKI SHOWS

Memorial Day through Labor Day

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

SOUTHERN WAKES UNITED: SWU is a merger of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers and the Whitewater Lake Sports Club (Minneiska). Performance sites: Elkhorn Lake, Whitewater Lake and Middle Lake. Visit southernwakesunited.com for show times and locations.

TWIN LAKES AQUANUTS: Every Wednesday and Saturday, 6 p.m., Twin Lakes. Viewing from Lance Memorial Park, Twin Lakes; aquanutwatershows.com.

#### MAY

[24-27] CHOCOLATEFEST

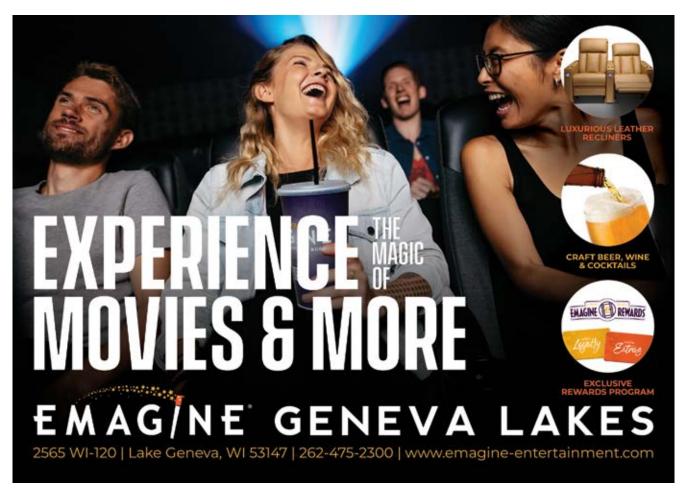
Got chocolate? Burlington brings visitors and community members together to experience a weekend of fun, games, rides, cooking demonstrations and of course chocolate! Burlington Festival Park, Burlington; 262-763-3300 or visit chocolatefest.com.

[24-27] 43rd ANNUAL EAST TROY CORN & BRAT ROAST East Troy Village Square; 262-642-3770 or easttroywi.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 easttroyrt.org.

[25-27, JUNE 1-2] HOSTA FEST 18th annual perennial plant sale featuring several hundred Hosta varieties, including large and mature specimens. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Al's Auto Body & Arboretum, Walworth; 262-275-2800 or alsautobodyandarboretum.com.

[26] EAST TROY BREWFEST Unlimited samples of over 45 craft beers and micro brews from area breweries, East Troy Village Square Park; 262-642-3770, easttroywi.org.



## [30-JUNE 1] HEALTH AND WELLNESS FORUM

Explore best-in-class practices for integrating wellness into meetings, Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan. For more information, visit meetinghealthy.com.

#### JUNE

#### [1] DINNER TRAIN

Enjoy gourmet mac-n-cheese on a two-hour train ride. East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroym.org.

#### [1] SUMMER LAKEFEST

Community Park, Delavan; 262-728-3471 or townofdelavan.com.

#### [1-9] LAKE GENEVA RESTAURANT WEEK

Welcome summer with eight days of delicious dining. Enjoy prix fixe menus plus lodging packages and events throughout the week. 800-345-1020 or visitlakegeneva.com.

#### [2] MODEL 'A' DAY

Enjoy antique Model A's, a variety of vendors, live music and a pig roast. 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Sharon; 262-736-6246 or historicdowntownsharon com

#### [4] OPEN ARMS FREE CLINIC GOLF AND DINNER OUTING Golf or dine only event. 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva; 262-379-1401 or openarmsfreeclinic.org.

#### [7] EAST TROY'S FIRST FRIDAYS FOOD TRUCK FEST

Come tempt your taste buds with this mix of the area's best food trucks and restaurant vendors, 5-8 p.m., East Troy Village Square Park; easttroy.org.

#### [8] EAST TROY ART AND ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

The 44th annual event features pottery, wood items, jewelry, fabric arts, painting and photography and more. 9 a.m.—3 p.m., East Troy Village Square; 262-642-2326.

#### [8] PARTY WITH THE PERENNIALS Fundraiser for Kettle Moraine Land Trust will feature live music, food and beverage, silent auction, raffle and tours of amazing perennial

auction, raffle and tours of amazing perennia gardens. 5:30–8 p.m., Northwind Perennial Farm, 7047 Hospital Road, Burlington; 262-949-7211 or kmlandtrust.org.

#### [8] RESTAURANT WEEK-MAKER FEST Browse local food vendors, enjoy cooking demonstrations and enjoy tasty samples, while perusing cookbooks to check out, Lake

perusing cookbooks to check out, Lake Geneva Public Library, Lake Geneva; 262-249-5299 or lakegeneva.lib.wi.us.

#### [8] WISCONSIN CHEESEMAKERS' AND WINE TRAIN

Sample fine wines and cheeses on this ride aboard the East Troy Electric Railroad. 1–3 p.m., departs from The Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770, elegantfarmer.com.

[8-9] BLUE RIBBON CHEESE FEST Taste award-winning cheeses. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., The Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

#### [14-15] ELKHORN CITYWIDE RUMMAGE SALE

8 a.m.-5 p.m. both days, Elkhorn; 262-723-5788 or visit elkhornchamber.com.

[14, JULY 12, AUG. 9] NIGHT ON THE VINE Exclusive wine tasting event featuring a variety of vintages. 6-7:30 p.m., Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva. Call 262-248-8811 for reservations or visit grandgeneva.com.

# [14, AUG. 30] NOOKS AND CRANNIES TOUR View areas of Black Point Estate which are normally off-limits, including the basement, third floor, root cellar and more. Tours depart from Grand Geneva Resort at 11 a.m. For tickets visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory. org or call 262-248-1888.

[15] FATHER'S DAY DINNER TRAIN Indulge a four-course dinner on a 2 ½-hour train ride. 5:30 p.m., East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrr.org.

## [15] WALWORTH COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

Includes a breakfast, craft fair, small animal display, coffee cake contest and more. 6 a.m.–10:30 a.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhom; 262-723-2613.



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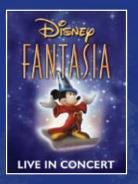
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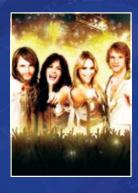
#### Saturday, July 13 | 7:30 p.m. AN EVENING WITH JUDY COLLINS

Known for her soothing vocals and seamless guitar playing, the folk, country, and rock 'n' roll singer-songwriter boasts an iconic 55-album body of work, including numerous gold and platinum-selling records.



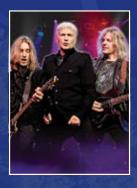
## Saturday, June 29 | 7:30 p.m. THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

One of country music's legendary acts brings 50 years of tradition that have garnered Grammy, Country Music Association, and Academy of Country Music awards with hits, such as "Elvira," and "Bobbie Sue."



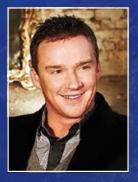
## Sunday, July 28 | 4 p.m. ARRIVAL FROM SWEDEN: THE MUSIC OF ABBA

Back by popular demand, one of the world's most popular and best-selling 12-piece ABBA tribute bands returns with their uncanny voices to perform hits, such as "Dancing Queen" and "Waterloo."



Saturday, July 6 | 7:30 p.m. DENNIS DEYOUNG AND THE MUSIC OF STYX

Founding member and lead singer of Styx showcases the group's greatest hits with a six-piece band, including "Lady," "Babe," "Come Sail Away," "Mr. Roboto," "Renegade," and more.



# Saturday, August 10 | 7:30 p.m. A SPECIAL EVENING WITH RUSSELL WATSON AND THE CHICAGO PHILHARMONIC

UK's best-selling classical artist makes his Midwest debut, performing favorites as "Nessun Dorma" from *Turandot*, "Somewhere" from *West Side Story*, as well as songs from *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

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#### [15, JULY 20, AUG. 17] BEER BARONS OF LAKE GENEVA

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#### [19, JULY 17, AUG. 31] LITTLE HOUSE ADVENTURE

Kid's entering grade 6 through grade 8 can step into the life of Wisconsin's own Laura Ingalls. 9 a.m. –2 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org.

[21] EAST TROY CYCLING CLASSIC The largest competitive cycling event in the U.S. will stop in East Troy on its tour of the Dairyland; 262-642-3770 or visit easttroy.org.

#### [21] JOSEPH MEDEIROS JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

Discover handmade jewelry by artisan Joseph Medeiros, Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

## [21] YOGA: SUMMER SOLSTICE SESSIONS

Celebrate the summer solstice with a morning or evening Yoga session on the veranda at Black Point. Guests must preregister and a portion of the tickets sold will benefit the estate. For more information, call 262-248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[21-22] JOSEPH RIBKOFF TRUNK SHOW See the latest summer fashions from Joseph Ribkoff, including the latest in denim and new handbags, Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

[22] RAILFAN DAY East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrr.org.

[23] DISNEY FANTASIA IN CONCERT The Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra accompanies scenes from this Disney classic. A Music by the Lake performance. 4 p.m., George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or musicbythelake.com.

[28] STAR SPANGLED CELEBRATION Enjoy fireworks at dusk. Includes snacks, live music and kids' activities. 5 p.m., Sunset Park, Elkhom; 262-723-5788 or elkhomchamber.com.

#### [28-30, July 12-14, 26-28, Aug. 9-11] APPRENTICE CAMPS

Dressed in historic clothes, campers will bring history to life as they work side-by-side with staff portraying school teachers, blacksmiths, bakers and other professions. Open to kids entering eighth grade in 2018 through grade 12. Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

## [29] AN EVENING WITH AGATHA CHRISTIE

Agatha Christie is brought to life by local historian and actress Chris Brookes, who will discuss Christie's literary career while you enjoy a glass of wine. 6–7:30 p.m., Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva; 262-248-1888 or blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[29] 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION 2 -11 p.m., with fireworks at 9 p.m., Community Park, Delavan; 262-728-3471 or townofdelavan.com.

#### [29] LIBERTYFEST

Parade at 11 a.m. followed by food, beverages, DJ, Aquanut Ski Show and fireworks, Lance Park, Twin Lakes; 262-877-2220 or twinlakeschamber.com.

[29] THE OAK RIDGE BOYS
A Music by the Lake performance. 7:30 p.m.,
George Williams College of Aurora University,
Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or
musicbythelake.com.

[30] ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET Featuring more than 500 dealers. 7 a.m.–3 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhom; 414-525-0820 or nlpromotionsllc.com.

#### JULY

[3] INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Food, drink and games available for purchase, fireworks at dusk. Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-248-8811 or grandgeneva.com.

## [3-7] WHITEWATER 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Carnival, car show, food, live music, parade and fireworks. Whitewater; ww4th.com.

[4] ARTIST WILLIAM NELSON Meet renowned artist William Nelson who has captured the beauty of Lake Geneva through his paintings, Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

## [4] FONTANA 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES Food festivities and frequency at the

Food, festivities and fireworks at the lakefront sponsored by The Big Foot Lions Club, Fontana; bigfootlions@gmail.com.

## [4] INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Celebrate Independence Day with 19th-century activities like ice cream-making, pie eating contest, games and a parade. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org.

#### [4] JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Barbecue, music and kids' activities beginning at 5 p.m., fireworks at dusk, Geneva National Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-245-7000 or genevanationalresort.com.

#### [4] LET FREEDOM RING

Parade, activities and fireworks, Veterans Memorial Park, Delavan; 262-728-6000 or visitdelavan com

[4] PARADE AND CELEBRATION 4th of July parade, fireworks and other activities, Goodland Park, Sharon; 262-736-4888.

#### [4-7] EAST TROY LIONS CLUB JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Carnival on the midway, beer tent, live music, food stands, classic car show, kiddie parade plus fireworks on July 6, Rossmiller Sports Complex and Skate Park, East Troy; visit easttroylions.org.

[5] AMPHIBIAN POND OPENING Join the Frog Lady for the dedication of the new amphibian pond at the Helen Rohner Children's Fishing Park. 10 a.m., 159 Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay; genevalakeconservancy.org.

## [5] EAST TROY'S FIRST FRIDAYS SPLASH INTO SUMMER

Dive into summer with a party featuring inflatables, a DJ, yard games and kids' water fun zone. 5-8 pm, East Troy Village Square Park; easttroy.org.

[5-6] DAVE MATTHEWS BAND 8 p.m., Alpine Valley Music Theatre, East Troy; visit livenation.com or easttroy.org.

## [6] DENNIS DEYOUNG AND THE MUSIC OF STYX

A Music by the Lake performance. 7:30 p.m., George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or musicbythelake.com.

[6] KNC 5K RUN/WALK

7:30 a.m. registration, Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay; kishwauketoe.org.

[6] LIONS PANCAKE DAY Edgewater Park, Williams Bay; 262-949-8509.

[6] SURF & TURF DINNER TRAIN Indulge in a gourmet dinner on a 2 ½-hour train ride. 5:30 p.m., East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyn.org.

#### [6] VENETIAN NIGHT

Boat parade, water ski show and fireworks at dusk, Browns Lake, Burlington; 262-763-8325.

#### [11-14] RIBFEST

A National Rib Competition with live entertainment, beer garden, vendor alley and more, Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 262-723-3228 or wisconsintiblest.com.

#### [12-14] PHISH

7 p.m., Alpine Valley Music Theatre, East Troy; visit livenation.com or easttroy.org.

[13] AN EVENING WITH JUDY COLLINS A Music by the Lake performance. 7:30 p.m., George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or music by the lake.com.

[13] BEACHSIDE AUTHORFEST Annual gathering of local authors for signings, book sales and more. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Lake Geneva Public Library; Lake Geneva; 262-249-5299 or lakegeneva.lib.wi.us.

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[18-21] COUNTRY THUNDER Performances by top country artists including Chris Stapleton, Tim McGraw, Ashley McBryde, Trace Adkins and more, Twin Lakes; 866-388-0007 or countrythunder.com.

#### [19-21, 26-28] MAMMA MIA THE MUSICAL

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs presented by The Haylofters. Malt House Theater, Burlington; 262-763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

#### [20] FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN ROAST

12–7 p.m., Edgewater Park, Williams Bay; williamsbay.org.

#### [20] JIMMY BUFFETT

8 p.m., Alpine Valley Music Theatre, East Troy; visit livenation.com or easttroy.org.

[20, AUG. 17] FAMILY PASTA NIGHT Enjoy Italian cuisine on a 2 ½-hour train ride. 5:30 p.m., East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyn:org.

## [22] CHIPPIN' FOR CHILDREN GOLF OUTING

Together, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Geneva National Foundation have teamed up for this golf outing to raise awareness and funding for the children and families of Wisconsin. Geneva National Golf Club, Lake Geneva; 262-245-7310 or genevanationalfoundation.org.

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[27] DINNER WITH CONRAD SEIPP Enjoy a catered dinner in the Black Point Estate dining room and conversation with Conrad Seipp, Chicago beer baron and the original owner of the estate. Seipp is brought to life by Randy Witt, local historian and member of the Black Point staff. 6-9 p.m., Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva; 262-248-1888 or blackpointestate. wisconsinhistory.org.

[27-28] FINE ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW Edgewater Park, Williams Bay; 262-245-2720 or williamsbay.org.

#### [28] ARRIVAL FROM SWEDEN: THE MUSIC OF ABBA

One of the world's most popular 12-piece ABBA tribute bands is back by popular demand. A Music by the Lake performance. 4 p.m., George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or musicbythelake.com.

#### **AUGUST**

#### [3] EAST TROY'S FIRST FRIDAYS SQUARE FEST

Live music, food vendors, beer tent, kids' crafts. 5-8 p.m., East Troy Village Square Park; easttroy.org.

#### [3] PICNIC TRAIN

Enjoy hot dogs, popcorn and bottomless soda on a two-hour train ride. East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyr.org.

[3-4] CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET Show will feature hundreds of show vehicles and more than 1,300 car part vendors, 8 a.m. both days. Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 608-244-8416 or madisonclassics.com.

[3-4] CORN & BRAT DAYS-ELKHORN 11 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday, downtown Elkhom; 262-723-5788 or elkhornchamber.org.

[4] SWIM FOR FREEDOM Swim the 3 miles from Williams Bay to Fontana to raise money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. swim4freedom.org.

[9-11] LIONS CORN AND BRAT ROAST Edgewater Park, Williams Bay; visit williamsbaylions.org.

## [10] LUTHERDALE QUILT FEST/AUCTION

Silent and live auctions, fresh baked goods, garden produce, crafts, kids' activities and more. Lutherdale Ministries, Elkhorn; 262-742-2352 or lutherdale.org.

## [10] PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

Fun-filled day begins at 7 a.m. with the Friends of the East Troy Airport's open house and pancake breakfast fly-in featuring vintage, homebuilt and certified aircraft and a car show. Next, East Troy Fire Department's open house will have demos, games, food and firetruck rides; then explore antique trolleys and interurban coaches at the East Troy Electric Railroad; finish the day with vintage and muscle cars at Gus's Drive-In Cruise Night. For more information, visit easttroy.org.

[10] RUSSELL WATSON AND THE CHICAGO PHILHARMONIC
The U.K.'s best-selling classical artist in a Music by the Lake performance. 7:30 p.m., George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or musicbythelake.com.

### [10-11] ART IN THE PARK

Celebrating the 37th annual event, this juried art show will feature 80 exhibitors. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday. Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva; 262-249-7988 or genevalakeartsfoundation.org.

#### [10-11] BOOK SALE

Browse a huge collection of bargain books for sale, Lake Geneva Public Library; 262-249-5299 or lakegenevalib.wi.us.

[11] ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET Featuring more than 500 dealers. 7 a.m.—3 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 414-525-0820 or nlpromotionsllc.com.

[14-18] VENETIAN FESTIVAL Five-day festival features a carnival, craft fair, entertainment and food. Waterski show, lighted boat parade and fireworks on Sunday. Flat Iron, Seminary and Library parks, Lake Geneva; lakegenevajaycees.org.

[19-21] WISCONSIN STATE OPEN The state's top professionals and amateur golfers will compete in the 99th annual event, the oldest and largest of Wisconsin's PGA events, Geneva National Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-245-7000 or genevanationalresort.com.

[23] HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH: GROUP THERAPY TOUR.

7:30 p.m., Alpine Valley Music Theatre, East Troy; visit livenation.com.

[23-25] MAXWELL STREET DAYS Weekend event featuring deals and discounts at downtown Lake Geneva stores. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com.

#### [24] ROUN' DA MANURE CYCLING TOUR

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## [24-25] SIMPLY THE BEST CHEESE TASTING AND SALE

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[28-SEPT. 2] WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 262-723-3288 or walworthcountyfair.com.

[30-31] SYMPLI TRUNK SHOW Explore the Sympli women's clothing collection focused on simplicity and an honest fit, Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

[31] PLEIN AIR INVITATIONAL
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\*All times and details subject to change.

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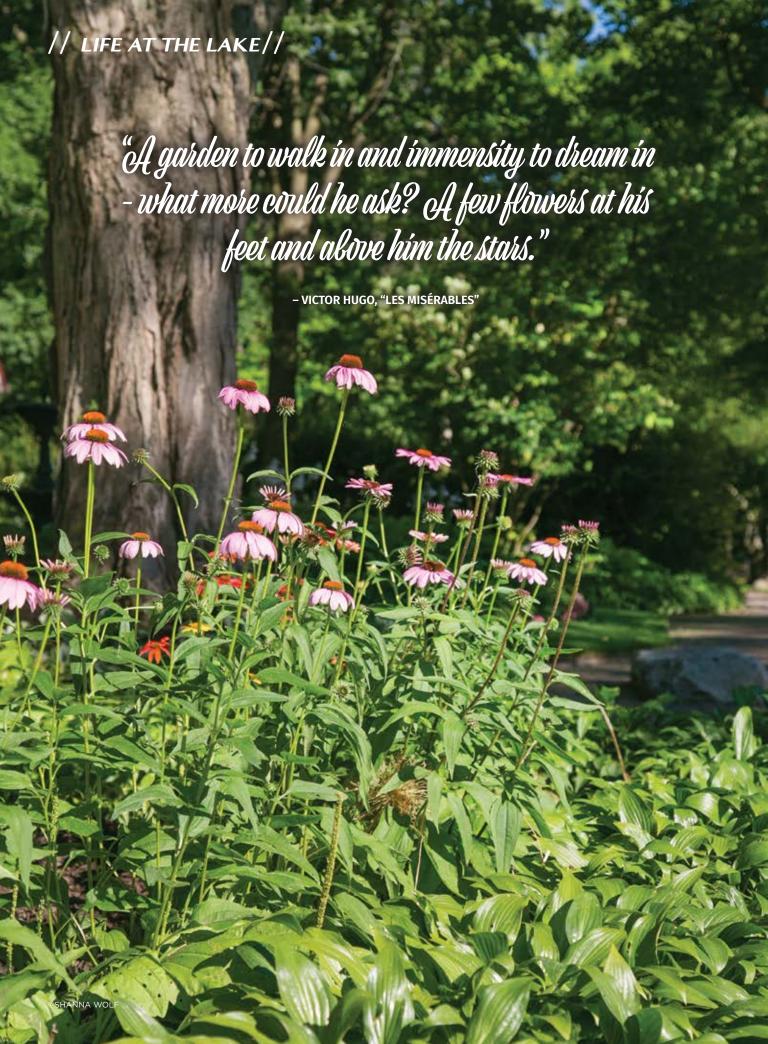
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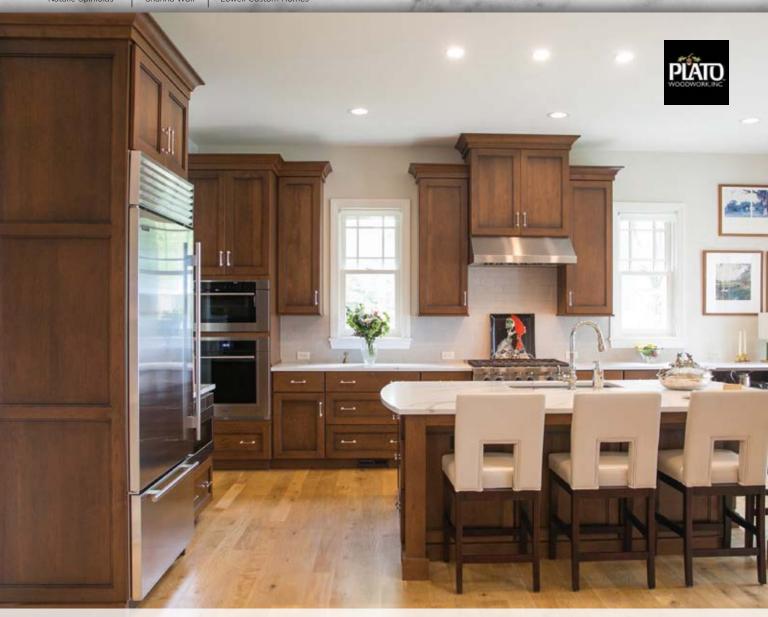
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