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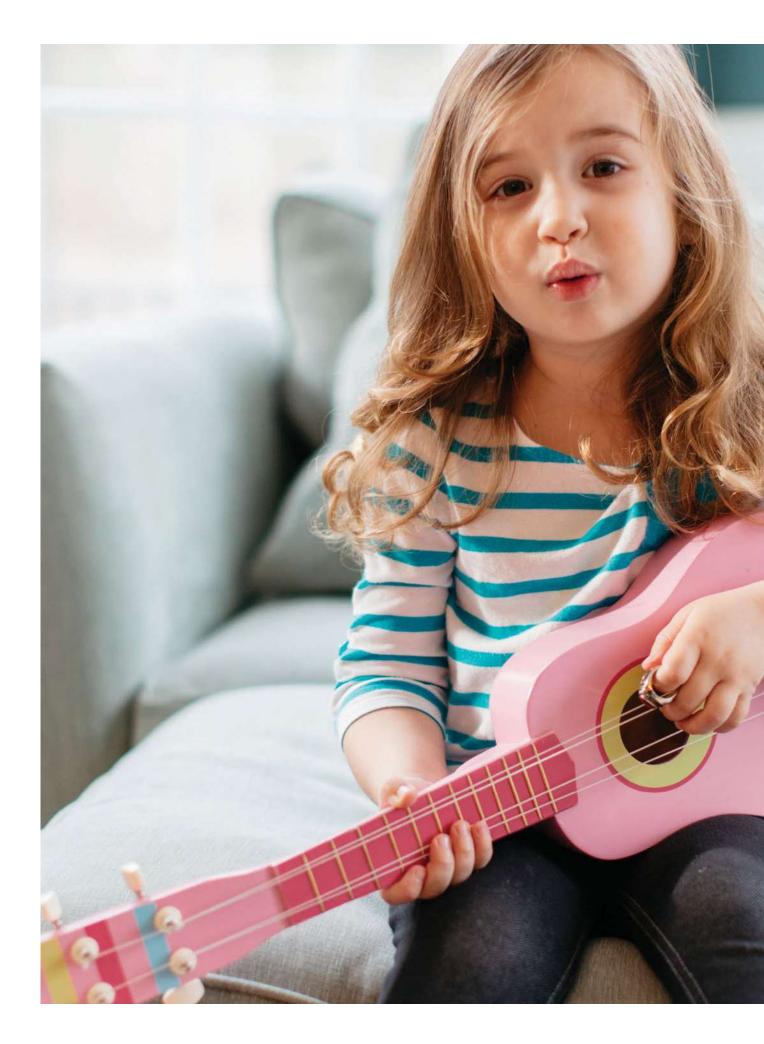








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Dear Readers,

Welcome to our autumn issue. When I reread my letter from last autumn, it produced a range of emotions. I'd written enthusiastically about our Lake Dogs portfolio, yet I also confessed that our family's beloved Golden Retriever had recently succumbed to cancer. Just weeks, though, after last autumn's issue went to press, we welcomed Gus, a Black Labrador puppy, to our home. No longer a puppy but a 65-pound lap dog, Gus isn't included in this year's sixth annual Lake Dogs portfolio, but our talented photographer Holly Leitner has once again captured a variety of lake dogs, both big and small — all doing what they do best — enjoying life at the lake.

This summer, during production of this issue, our entire staff enjoyed our annual team-building day, disconnecting from daily routines while having a little fun. This year we were treated to a variety of activities, including a movie at Emagine Geneva Lakes Theatre. Watching a movie on a big screen provides a bit of escapism, but it's the collective experience with other moviegoers that makes it special. Writer Lisa Schmelz explores what movie theaters, for decades, have brought to Walworth County communities. See her story on page 74.

On page 38 we help kick off the Williams Bay centennial celebration planned for Oct. 19, with a look back at the evolution of the village. And don't miss our story about fun fall family destinations on page 104. If you have out-of-town family and friends visiting this fall to experience some of these places, be sure to check out our piece on The Downtower, a new, funky vacation rental that's in the heart of Lake Geneva's business district.

As always, we love hearing what you, our loyal readers, think about At The Lake. What do you like, what can we improve? Are there topics you'd like to see us cover? We've designed a reader survey we'd like you to take at atthelakemagazine.com. It only takes a few minutes and once completed your name is entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from Cornerstone Shop & Gallery in Lake Geneva.

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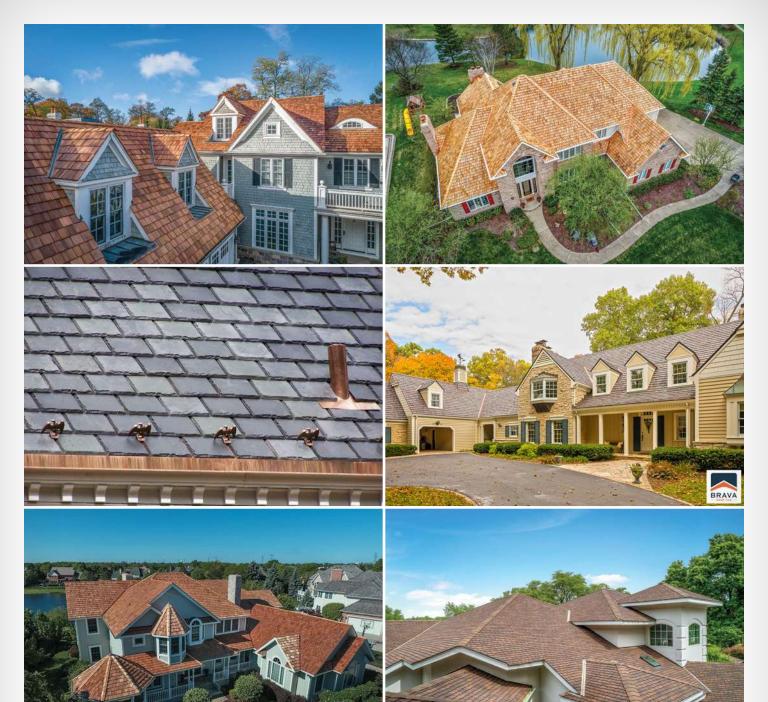
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BADGER GRAD TAKES MUSICAL CAREER ON THE ROAD

Genevieve Heyward is living her dream as a touring recording artist. The 2017 graduate of Badger High School has played gigs from California to Texas and this fall she and her band, The North, will be heading to Norway for their first tour outside the U.S.

When contacted this summer, Heyward was awaiting the release of her second album, "The River," which is following on the heels of her 2017 debut record, "It's Not Like Anyone's Listening."

Her voice, both sultry and smoky, has shades of Brandi Carlile, Stevie Nicks and Amy Winehouse, and Heyward says she strives "For a rich sound and a tone that kind of punches you in the gut — in a good way."

Her love of music and performing, she explains, started around age 6 when she would lip sync to her favorite band The Backstreet Boys. She started piano lessons at age 7 and at age 12 joined School of Rock where she learned and performed classic songs. By age 14, Heyward had picked up the guitar and started covering songs, but soon she was writing her own melodies and lyrics.

She says she "tried to do everything school had to offer when it comes to music." Those who attended musical and theater performances at Badger High School from 2013-2017 probably remember her from choir concerts, jazz band performances, talent shows and the theater program. Outside of school, she was taking vocal, guitar and dance lessons in addition to her

involvement with School of Rock. "Looking back," she says, "I wonder how I did all of that while maintaining my grades and having a social life."

After graduation, Heyward's family moved to Door County, which has been the perfect fit for her. Sturgeon Bay's Steel Bridge Songfest, she explains, "is a huge reason I'm a full-time musician." She adds, "It's a magical writing festival where 30 to 50 musicians gather for a week and write music together."

In fact, Heyward met her drummer and producer, Marcus Trana through Steel Bridge Songfest and through Trana eventually met guitarist Nick Hoover. They've both played on most of the songs on her latest record and have been with her for some of her shows.

This summer Heyward toured non-stop through northeastern Wisconsin, mostly in Door County and the Fox Valley, either solo or with The North.

So, what's ahead for this emerging star? "My long-term goals are tour, tour, tour," she says. "I'd love to release a new record in 2020, but I really want to hit all the states and play some towns, festivals and venues I've never been to. I just plan on doing what I'm doing and see where it takes me. It's a pretty spontaneous lifestyle and there's definitely a lot of ups and downs, but I love it and wouldn't have it any other way."

To listen to Heyward and see a selection of her music videos and performances, check out genevieveheyward.com or her Facebook page.



BEER & SPIRITS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

The premier beer festival in southeastern Wisconsin, Lake Geneva Beer & Spirits, is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1-5 p.m. at The Ridge Hotel.

What started as a small beer festival with just a handful of breweries has now grown to encompass 35 Midwest craft breweries and distilleries with unlimited tastings available, according to Ashley Duchemin, director of events with Nei-Turner Media Group, host of the event.

In addition to beer and spirits tastings, festival goers will be entertained by DJ Felix and enjoy a photo booth.

"Anyone who loves beer and wants to have a good time should attend the event," says Duchemin. "Even those that aren't beer savvy will have a great time, and can enjoy distilled spirits, hard sodas, malt beverages and new this year – spiked sparkling water."

Even after 10 years, Duchemin says the enthusiasm for the event is still strong. "It's fun to see the same groups of people come year after year. We love hearing from our guests that this is the festival they look forward to coming to every year!"

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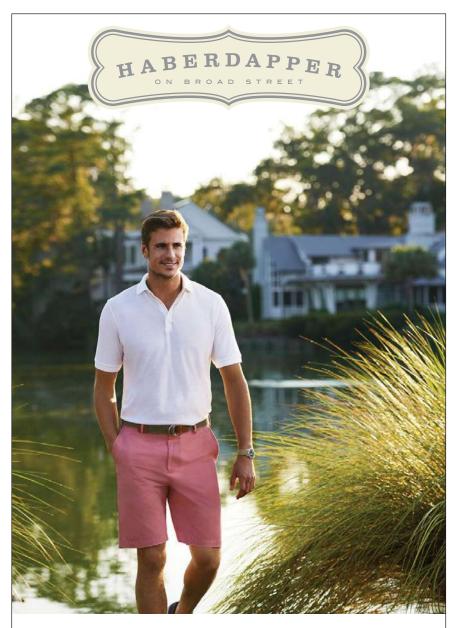




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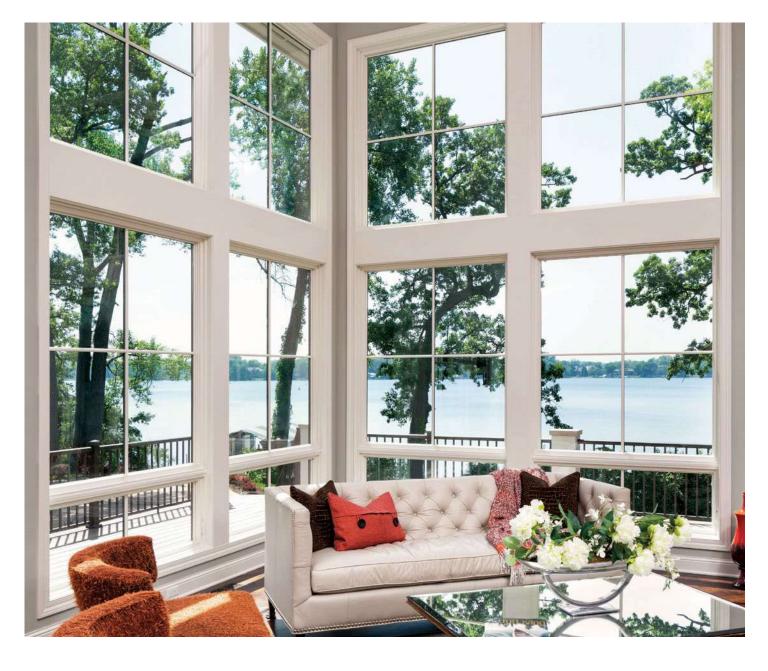
A new business in Lake Geneva's downtown district is thriving and others around it are benefitting, too. The premise of the Candle Mercantile, at 870 W. Main St., is unlike anything else in the city. Customers create a custom-scented candle and while waiting for it to cure they're encouraged to enjoy all that Lake Geneva has to offer – from shopping to dining to a boat tour on Lake Geneva Cruise Line.



Best friends for over 30 years, Leigh Ann Myers and Liz Doyle thought they had a solid business plan when they took the plunge and opened the store June 6, but they've been thrilled with the response from fellow business owners. "We've heard from so many that just say, 'thanks' for suggesting their shops and restaurants to our customers," says Myers.

Both Myers and Doyle, are veterans of corporate America and wanted to put their business expertise to work for themselves. The two had talked about several options but after Myers saw a similar business in Pittsburgh, the two decided this was the perfect venture for downtown Lake Geneva.

The Candle Mercantile is about creating candles but so much more. Its fun, interactive atmosphere encourages collaboration as customers choose from 90 fragrances — everything from sugar cookie to bacon — to create jar candles, wax tarts, body scents, room sprays or reed diffusers. And although 90 fragrance options might sound overwhelming, Myers and Doyle coach each customer as they select the scents that achieve their goal, whether it's beachy and fresh or has



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The Candle Mercantile, according to Myers and Doyle, is the perfect location for bachelorette parties, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, team building events for businesses, holiday parties and girls' night out adventures. Reservations are required for groups of five or more.

To learn more about the business and to check fall hours, visit thecandlemercantile.com.

GLWA CELEBRATES 55 YEARS OF SERVICE

Since 1964, a dedicated group of Lake Geneva area women has supported those in need through a variety of community projects. Founded as the Lake Geneva Jaycettes, the organization became the Geneva Lake Women's Association (GLWA) in 1986 and today continues its tradition of fundraising projects and volunteerism as it dedicates itself to the future of the community, according to current President Missy Sell.

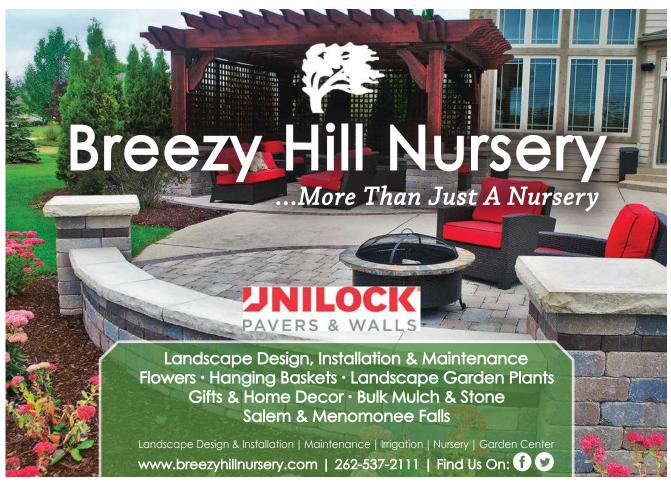
The organization, says Sell, is designed to raise funds through various committees and events that are geared to attracting a wide range of community participation.

According to Sell, the biggest fundraiser for the GLWA is its annual Ladies Day Luncheon. The 17th annual event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the grand ballroom at Geneva National Resort & Club. Following a wine reception, silent auction,

raffles and luncheon. guests will be treated to a special presentation by author and historian Leslie Goddard in "Becoming Queen Elizabeth II." Cost of the event is \$55 before Sept. 15 with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the GLWA's philanthropic fund and specifically Open Arms Free Clinic and Walworth County Food/ Diaper Bank.



GLWA Board members from left: Georgia Ichen, treasurer; Kathy Papcke, parliamentarian; Jenell Mroz, secretary; Marie Williams, vice president; and Missy Sell, president.



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According to Sell, GLWA is also involved in community service projects like Safety Town, a weeklong early childhood safety education program.

The GLWA, she explains, is active with the Walworth County Health and Human Services Adopt a Family program, in which food and gifts are provided by members to families in need. GLWA members also volunteer at the Walworth County Food and Diaper Bank, Lakeland Animal Shelter, YMCA and with Adult Special Olympics.

If you're interested in becoming a GLWA member, visit glwa.net and click on the membership tab.



KIDS EXPO COMES TO LAKE GENEVA

Although parents might not be thinking about a cure for this winter's cabin fever quite yet, Lake Geneva Kids Expo already has you covered. Scheduled for Jan. 4 from 10 a.m-4 pm. at Badger High School, this brandnew event comes on the heels of a two-week school break at the end of December.

According to event organizers there will be activities for toddlers to pre-teens with a variety of play zones set up throughout the school, including bounce houses, caricature portraits, face painting, games and more. Main stage entertainment will include interactive shows, fairytale princess sing-alongs and fun demonstrations. Parents will enjoy local vendors and businesses with child-related products such as toys and games, sports and fitness classes, learning aids, safety products and day care centers.

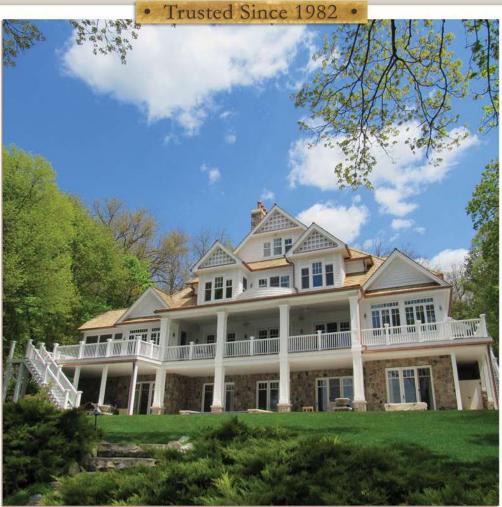
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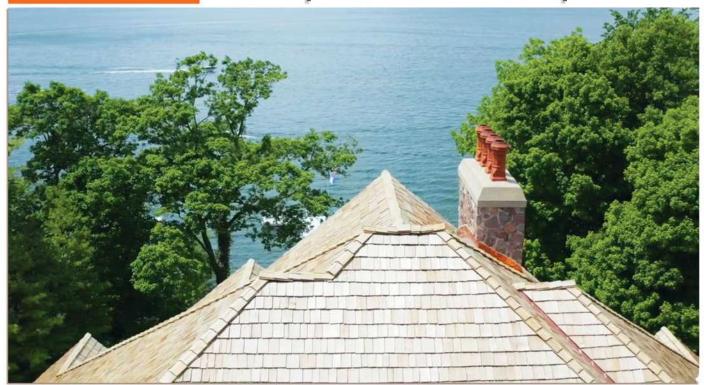


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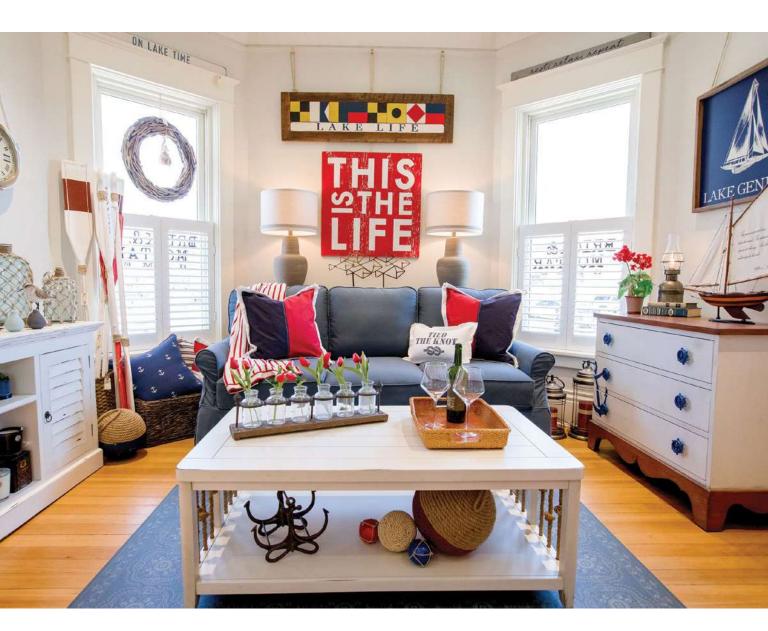








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How Dianna Colman brings people together in her efforts to give back to the community

BY IOHN HALVERSON

Dianna Colman is full of surprises.

We're in her bright, airy lake home she shares with her husband, Charles, and two black hunting dogs.

The burdens of philanthropy, fundraising and other good deeds, the latest being the resurrection of Yerkes Observatory, would weigh down most of us. Yet Dianna sits in a chair, hugging a pillow, looking surprisingly comfortable, with her lot, herself and the choices she's made.

Her life has taken interesting and surprising twists and turns. And despite coming from humble beginnings, she's Ivy League — a Harvard graduate no less. Her father, she explains, had just an eighth-grade education and her mother received her GED when Dianna was in high school.

The Colman home lies between Lake Geneva and Williams Bay. Dianna has one foot in each community — for years she was the "picture lady" at Central Dennison School in Lake Geneva, which involved showing works of art to kids and talking about both the art and the artist, and she helped raise money for the Town of Linn fireboat, one of her many fundraising projects.

Now she's on to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, the "birthplace of modern astrophysics" that's been in limbo ever since it ceased activity as an observatory more than a year ago.

Dianna is president of the Yerkes Future Foundation, the organization trying to save it. Her involvement started in April 2018 when the University of Chicago indicated they were closing the observatory. The idea shocked area residents and a community meeting was held.

Chuck Ebeling, who chaired the meeting and serves as vice president of the Yerkes Future Foundation, recalls how Dianna was moved to action. "She called me and said 'she'd been up all night' worrying about the fate of the building." Even though her plate was full of other projects, Dianna answered the call.

"She's known as the best fundraiser for non-profits on the lake," Ebeling says. "She's a master at planning and an excellent negotiator."

"It's not going to be an overnight solution," Dianna says of the Yerkes project. She acknowledges that work is needed on the structure, which was opened in 1897. "Our objective is to take something that everyone loves and respects and make it better," she adds.

For over a year, the group has been negotiating with the University of Chicago, which owns the observatory, with the goal of acquiring it for the community. It's a complex legal issue made more complex by the discovery of a document that indicates the observatory needs to revert to the Yerkes family if it ceases to be used for astronomical purposes.

"The family has been very open," Dianna says, but until that snag gets resolved, fundraising has been temporarily halted.

Asked if the Yerkes project was a challenge, Dianna says, "I prefer the word tricky," choosing a word filled with vibrancy instead of dread. "I love the process."

"We recognize that this is a treasure. It's iconic, it's beautiful and has amazing potential," she says. "But we have to own it. Ultimately, I think that will happen."

Since the reclamation project started, her group has been approached by dozens of astronomers and scientists who want to take part. "I've been touched with all the people around the nation who want to help," she says. "We owe it to the area first to save it. Then we owe it to the astronomers and scientists who have been talking to us."

Dianna steeped herself in the legal logistics surrounding Yerkes, delving into the statutes governing such projects. "This entire thing has been an incredible learning experience," she says. "There've been a lot of words I've had to look up."

Are the politics daunting? "I don't do politics," she says. "I run into it and bounce off of it."

Dianna has a vision for Yerkes that transcends the moment. "We could do exactly the same things and in four or five

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years no one would care." The real question is, "How do we make it a destination?" she asks. Then she answers her own question. Dianna visualizes working with nearby George Williams College and making Yerkes a learning place where high school and university students can take extra classes, where seminars can be held, and to make it a haven where visiting scientists can talk to each other away from the hustle and bustle of the big city.

She has some advice for Lake Geneva residents who have a reclamation project of their own in the iconic Riviera, a former venue for big bands that's fallen into disrepair. "Ask yourself how it'll function for the next generation and the generation after that. Look at it in a more flexible way, retain the grace and the ambience. But look at what it could be, too. You'll be better satisfied with the results."

HER STORY

Dianna was born in Connecticut, grew up on the East Coast and claims she was "a pain in the neck as a teenager." She came from a blue-collar environment, yet her parents insisted their children go to college. Dianna received her undergraduate degree in history — a subject that's still close to her heart and a fixture in her home library — then attended Harvard Business School for a master's degree in business. She was recruited by S.C. Johnson in 1978 with the hope of becoming a "career woman."

"One week after I started working, I ran into Charles and thought 'he's so cute." They married in 1980.

After the couple had a daughter, Dianna became the business manager for The Prairie School in Wind Point, Wisconsin, a private college-prep school started by the S.C. Johnson family. Charles was transferred to Brazil where the family lived for three years. Dianna learned Portuguese and became business manager of a school in Rio de Janeiro. When the Colmans came back to the states. Dianna went back to The Prairie School for another five years.

Dianna's involvement in the Geneva Lakes area started after the Colmans moved to their current home permanently, after several years of keeping it as a summer getaway. Dianna chose raising their

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daughter over work and wondered what else she should be doing with herself.

"I knew if all I did was sit alone in the house, I'd go crazy," she said. "I wanted to figure out where I would fit in."

A friend suggested Dianna take a look at Holiday Home Camp, which is close to the Colman home. Dianna did and she became chairperson of the camp, which fed a dual passion — children and education. During her tenure, Holiday Home tore down old cabins, built a health center and made other changes.

Dianna's plate kept filling up as she volunteered at the Central Denison Library. "It was a time to clear my head and think of something other than grocery shopping as my next project," she says.

More recently, she's been involved with raising money for the Town of Linn fireboat, a similar project in Fontana, the Lake Geneva Garden Club and the Geneva Lake Association. "I'm also helping with the Melges-Rowe 2020

Olympic Campaign. "Those boys are working so hard for their goal," she adds.

"I have to feel as if I am helpful and feel like I can be sincere and passionate," she explains. "I can't convince someone to do something if I don't have my heart in it."

Does she ever say no to a volunteer opportunity? "Yes, I do," she says with a smile. "I tell them, no offense, but I'm busy." No one can argue with that.

A LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE AREA

Dianna feels the Geneva Lakes area "is incredibly conducive to learning because people are relaxed. It's just a wonderful place to be."

As for hobbies, she and her husband are big readers. She's currently reading Doris Kearns Goodwin's book on leadership. She likes mysteries and books in the Tom Clancy vein, too. They both also have a musical bent. The Colmans and another couple bought School of Rock in Williams Bay seven years ago and turned it into Rock Central, a non-profit for kids who are interested in music but can't

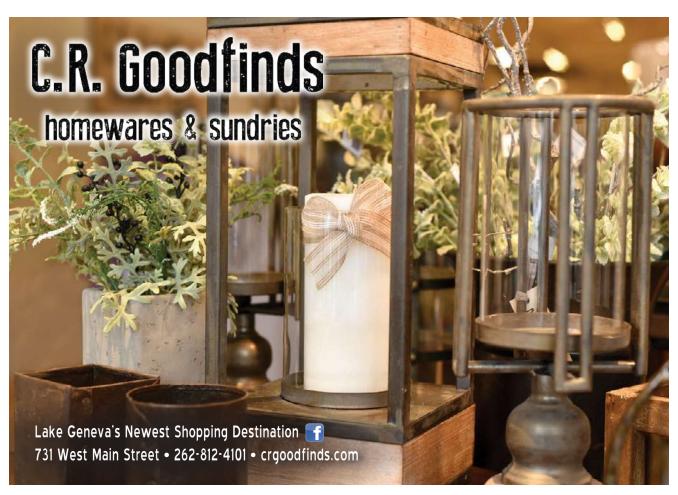
afford lessons. "Some of the kids have guitars bigger than they are," Dianna says. "Our main job is to supply Kleenex to the parents when they watch their children perform."

Their involvement led to the creation of an adult group, and now the Colmans perform in the area with ten other adult musicians; Charles plays guitar and she sings. Dianna and her sister are also big fans of NCAA basketball, including the Wisconsin Badgers. "I didn't go to Wisconsin but I love watching them play," Dianna says.

Her humble beginnings, her education, her reading and appreciation for history provide her with lessons for the present. Add in her work experience and Dianna has been able to parlay all these attributes in ways that allow her to relate to a wide spectrum of people.

"I keep asking myself," she says, "How do I bring the men at the barber shop, people at Daddy Maxwell's, the philanthropists around the lake and the scientists from NASA all together?"

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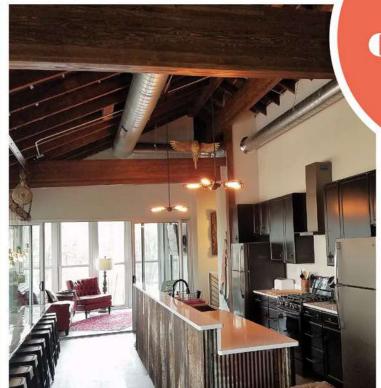


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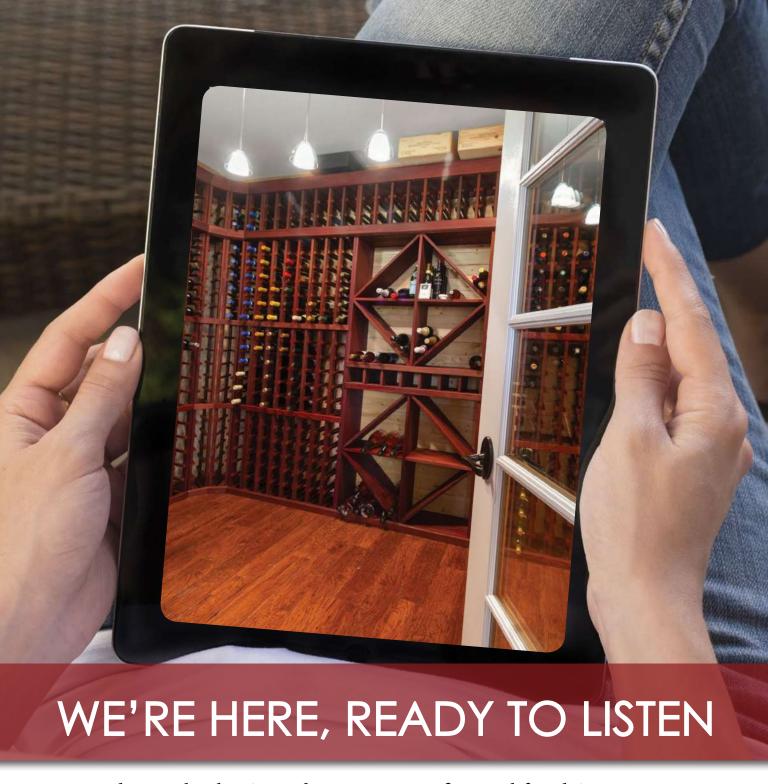
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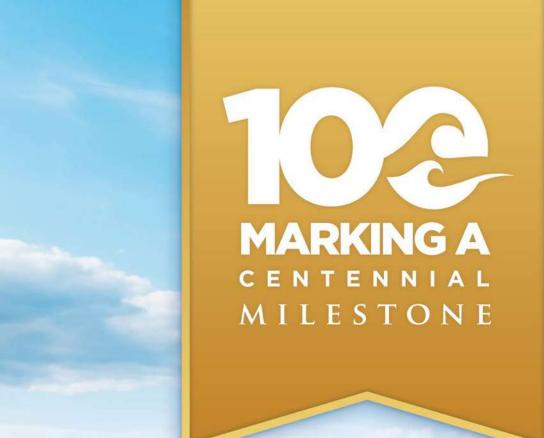
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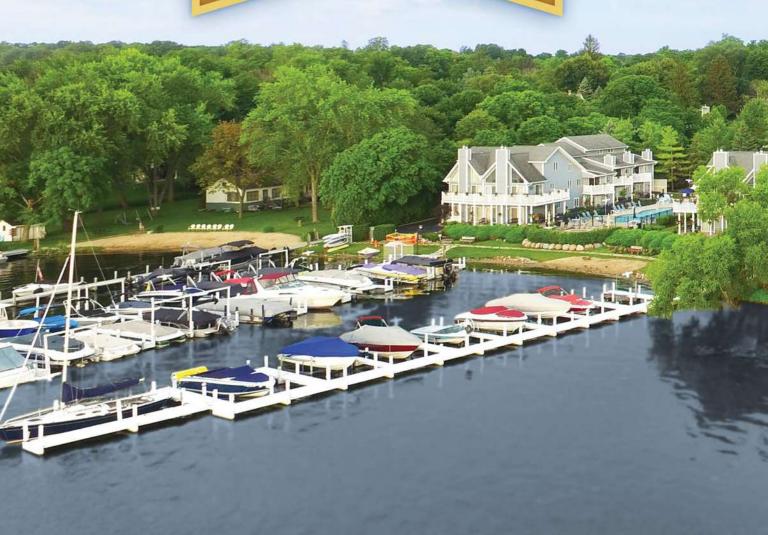


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Incorporated 100 years ago, Williams Bay will celebrate this fall by looking back on its history and reveling in its sense of community

BY ANNE MORRISSY

On Oct. 8, 1919, the residents of Williams Bay packed into the local schoolhouse to discuss a matter of great contention: whether or not to incorporate Williams Bay as a village. Those in favor of incorporation argued that since being settled by Captain Israel Williams in the 1830s, Williams Bay had flourished into a tight-knit community that aspired to the modern improvements that incorporation could provide: sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights. (At that

time, the land was officially split between the Towns of Linn and Walworth, and both townships were reluctant to invest money in civic improvements for Williams Bay.) However, according to the *Lake Geneva News*, there was also "considerable opposition" to village incorporation — "the opponents charge that there is an attempt being made to 'put one over' on the majority of the voters and that taxes will be unreasonably increased."



n a heated special election a week later, the community ultimately voted to incorporate as the Village of Williams Bay by a vote of 66 to 41. The following month, the first village government was elected: Storrs B. Barrett became the first village president, Carl Bjorge was elected the first village constable, and among the new village trustees elected was the venerated Dr. Edwin B. Frost, director of Yerkes Observatory.



At the time of its incorporation, Williams Bay had a population of more than 450 residents and an assessed valuation of \$1.8 million, making it the most highly valued village in Walworth County and one of the richest in Wisconsin at the time, according to news reports.

This October, the village will commemorate its incorporation with a centennial celebration to honor the past 100 years of Williams Bay history. A variety of displays, activities and events are planned, culminating in the official Williams Bay centennial festivities on Saturday, Oct. 19. According to LaVerne Duncan, Williams Bay Historical Society board member, "The whole focus will be on community and fun. We've got a lot of years to celebrate."

THE EARLY YEARS OF WILLIAMS BAY

By the time Williams Bay voted to incorporate as a village in 1919, the community already had a long history. Starting in the late 1600s, the Potawatomi Indians had used the area around the bay as a secondary village for hunting, fishing and gardening, and kept a sacred burial ground near the site of the present-day library. White settlers began arriving in the 1830s. Captain Israel Williams, the village's namesake settler, claimed land on the north side of Geneva Lake, ultimately establishing a homestead near the bay that would soon bear his name. Other homesteaders followed, most arriving from New England like Williams, though the area eventually attracted immigrants from places like Norway, Germany and Denmark.



The Chicago & North Western Railroad station was conveniently located adjacent to the lakefront so passengers could board steam yachts to their summer residences or the many camps near Williams Bay.

Following the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, Williams Bay's growth expanded. In 1874, Camp Collie (today known as Conference Point Camp) became the first camp to locate in Williams Bay, and several others followed, including George Williams College Camp in 1886, Holiday Home in 1887, Eleanor Camp (now Wesley Woods Retreat Center and Olivet Camp (now Norman B. Barr), both in 1909, and the Williams Bay Bible Camp (later Camp Willabay) in 1946.

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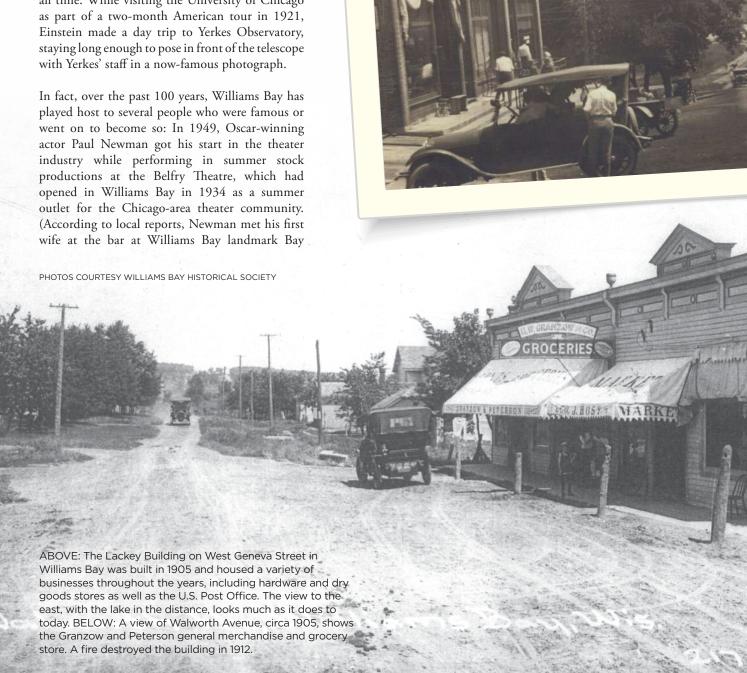
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The extension of the train line not only brought more visitors, but introduced new cultural and business opportunities to the community as well. In 1896, the University of Chicago began construction of Yerkes Observatory to house the world's largest refracting telescope, the presence of which attracted many of the top minds in astrophysics to Williams Bay. And by the 1910s, the village boasted two icecutting companies and a lumber company, as well as a growing business district that included a grocery store, general store, pharmacy, ice cream parlor and a gas station.

A VILLAGE WITH FAMOUS VISITORS

Shortly after incorporating as a village in 1919, Williams Bay received a very famous visitor: Albert Einstein, one of the greatest scientific minds of all time. While visiting the University of Chicago as part of a two-month American tour in 1921, Einstein made a day trip to Yerkes Observatory, staying long enough to pose in front of the telescope



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Throughout the years, many famous visitors have made their way to Williams Bay. Just two years after the village was incorporated, Albert Einstein made a day-trip from Chicago to Yerkes Observatory.



Shore Lodge that summer.) Within five years, Newman would go on to star on Broadway and was signed to a multi-picture contract with Warner Brothers. He was eventually nominated for 10 Academy Awards, winning for best actor in 1986 for "The Color of Money."

Another famous actor to get his start in Williams Bay was Harrison Ford, who worked as a carpenter and actor at the Belfry during the summer of 1964 before going on to enormous acting success. Beginning in 1977, Ford starred in two of the highest-grossing film franchises of the 20th century: Star Wars and Indiana Jones. In 1986, he was nominated for an Academy Award for best actor for his work in Witness. The Belfry Theatre continued to operate as a summer stock venue through the 1970s, training

generations of actors, directors, and theater crews. Today it is the Belfry Music Theatre and hosts a busy schedule of music performances throughout the year.

HONORING A RICH HISTORY

In 1929, just 10 years after incorporating as a village, the leaders of the community welcomed another visitor of great importance: Simon Khaquados, then the legal head chief of the Wisconsin Potawatomi. His grandmother had been a member of the local tribe headed by Chief Maunk-suck (Big Foot.) He came to Williams Bay to participate in a dedication ceremony of the native burial ground, where oral tradition indicates that two of Chief Big Foot's wives and one of his children are buried. A bronze plaque commemorating the site still stands on Elm Street.



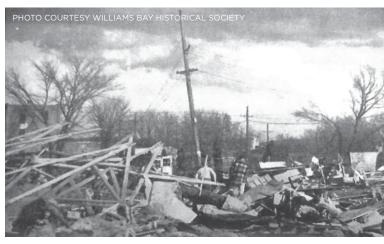


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THE POWER OF NATURE

Just before the end of train service to the area, on April 11, 1965, a powerful F1 tornado made a direct hit on Williams Bay, destroying \$500,000 worth of property and injuring a handful of residents. The funnel cloud that hit Williams Bay that day was part of a much larger storm system which spawned a total of 47 tornadoes across the Midwest. It would come to be known as the Palm Sunday Tornado Outbreak. In Williams Bay, the twister narrowly missed Yerkes Observatory before cutting through the residential area near Sherwood Rest Home (later Williams Bay Care Center) and eventually made a path across Highway 67, seriously damaging several businesses there.



Some of the damage from the April 11, 1965 tornado that tore through Williams Bay.

According to Debra Soplanda, a founding member of both the Williams Bay Historical Society and the Walworth County Genealogical Society, as well as the History Club Adviser and the History Bowl Team Adviser at Williams Bay High School, "The Palm Sunday tornado showed the true meaning of Williams Bay residents caring for their neighbors, as well as the assistance of neighboring communities, immediately following the crisis."

The tornado exited the village through what is now Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy (KNC). At the time, the land was still owned by the railroad, but less than a



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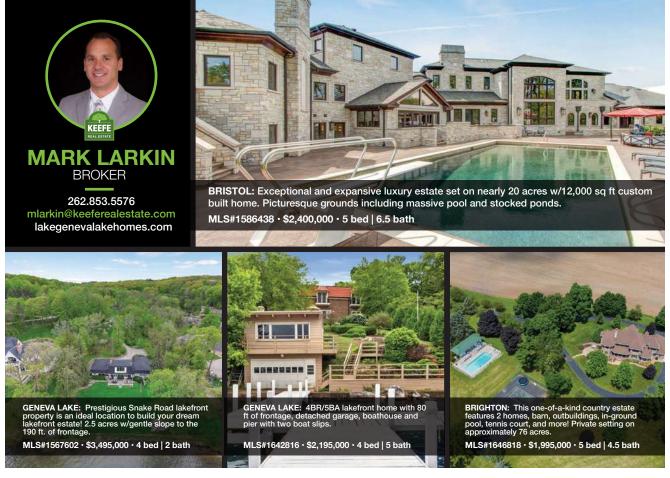
Just as it is today, Williams Bay was a popular vacation getaway, especially after the rail line was extended from Lake Geneva. Many resorts and inns dotted the lake shore, including the Ferndale Inn, shown in this circa 1920 photo.

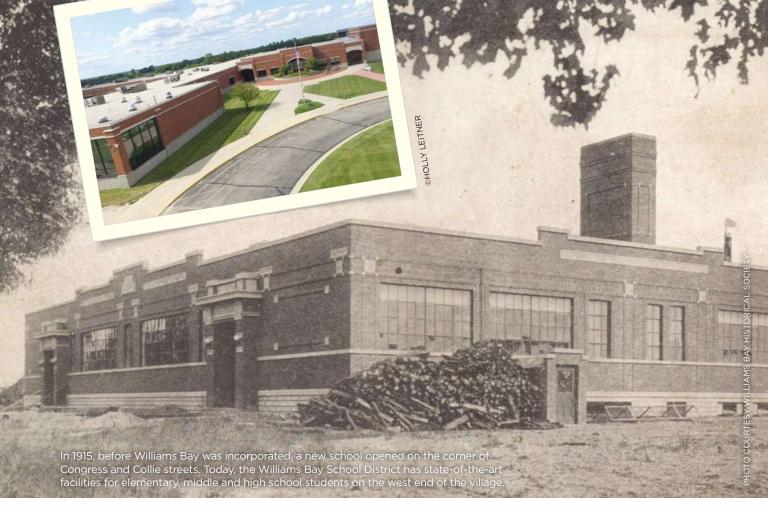
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THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The upcoming village events surrounding the centennial will celebrate remarkable events like these, as well as many more moments from Williams Bay's history. Beginning in September, the Williams Bay Historical Society will sponsor a temporary display at the Barrett Memorial Library covering the past 100 years of village history.

Society President Pat Grove says that a centerpiece of their collection will be the newly restored 1906 Chicago & North Western Railroad map of the area recently donated to the society by Chris Pauley. "It was in poor condition [when we received it], so we've had the map restored and framed and we eventually hope to have it on permanent display in the Village Hall," she explains. Also in September, the Williams Bay Business

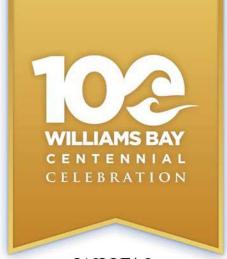






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Antique and classic car displays

Children's bike parade

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Community-wide raffle

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Boat tours of Williams Bay sponsored by Lake Geneva Cruise Line

The celebration also coincides with Williams Bay High School's homecoming weekend and Calvary Community Church's annual Harvest Festival. Association is planning a community open house event to showcase local businesses.

The main centennial celebration will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Edgewater Park and other locations throughout the village, and will feature a collaborative, community-wide roster of events.

According to Duncan, the collaborative nature of the events will highlight Williams Bay's tight-knit sense of community. "That's kind of what the Bay is," she explains.

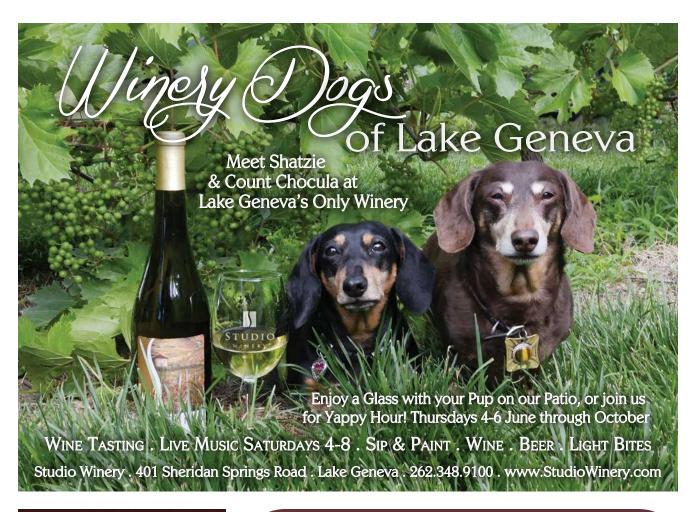
Soplanda agrees. "Williams Bay people care and share," she adds. "The pioneering mentality that you 'help your neighbor, and he'll help you' stands as true today as it did 100 years ago."

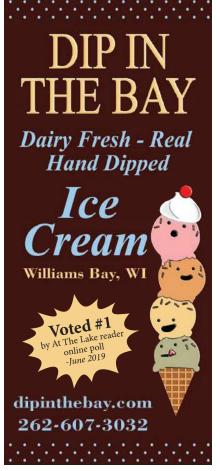
For more information on the history of Williams Bay, pick up "A Pictorial History of Williams Bay, Wisconsin on Beautiful Geneva Lake: 1836-1939," published by the Williams Bay Historical Society.



Fresh air and clean water brought many to the recreational and religious camps in Williams Bay beginning in the 19th century.



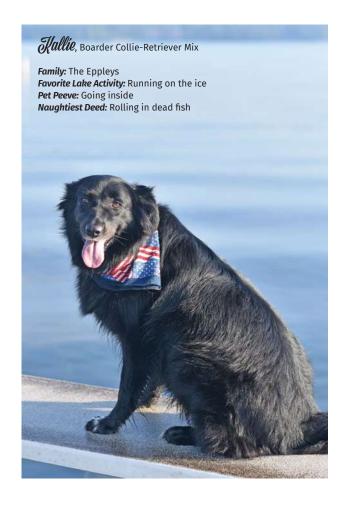




















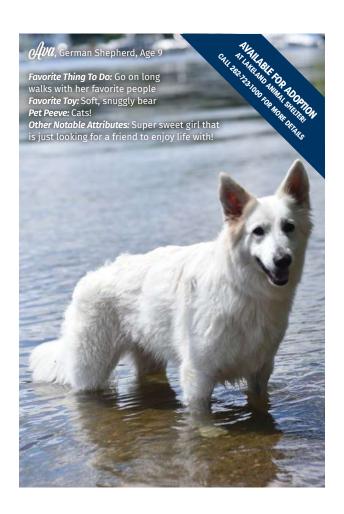






















Maggie, Golden Retriever

Family: The O'Briens - Matt, Karen, Carly, Katelyn and Lauren Favorite Lake Activity: Playing fetch in the lake in Williams Bay Pet Peeve: Waiting for sweet potatoes to come out of the oven Naughtiest Deed: Stealing socks and all the cozy spots on the sofa

Cooper, Golden Retriever

Family: Kim Schaid and Andy Oja Favorite Lake Activities: Swimming after his floaty toy, paddle boarding and boating

Pet Peeve: Walking on a leash to get to the lake. (Sprinting off leash towards the water is more his style.)
Naughtiest Deed: Stealing socks









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The Lake Geneva Experience

A one-time office building is reimagined as a downtown Lake Geneva vacation home brimming with funky vintage décor BY SHELBY DEERING PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHANNA WOLF





Tisha Erdman's focus has been in retail for nearly two decades. While her husband, a real estate developer, restored and revived parts of his native Fort Atkinson, Tisha put her energy into creating shopping destinations with a vintage, funky vibe — hence the name of her retail venture, I Love Funky's. Tisha first opened a location in Fort Atkinson that included a restaurant and then opened a second shop in Lake Geneva. Both boutiques were famous for their offbeat, quirky antique pieces.

When business slowed after the recession, the couple decided they needed a change of pace. Over time, they closed the doors on their shops and the restaurant. Ever the go-getters, the two decided to pursue a new career together: creating, designing and overseeing vacation rentals.

Since the couple had always loved Lake Geneva, they decided to purchase a local property that included an adjacent building. Tisha says, "It was just my husband and me. Our kids are grown, and we didn't know what to do with that garage. That's when I said, 'You know, there's this new thing called Airbnb.'"

They converted the garage into two apartments, but the couple wanted to explore other possibilities. They sold that property with the hopes of discovering properties that better fit their personalities and goals.

That's when they bought Roses Bed & Breakfast on South Lake Shore Drive. Located only three blocks from downtown, the historic dwelling is now called South Shore House. In 2016, the home was completely renovated





and overflows with Tisha's flair for eyecatching, vintage décor.

The vacation rental bug had clearly bitten Tisha and Doug. Shortly after launching South Shore House, they began searching for a commercial building. Tisha says they spotted a "dilapidated office building" in the downtown business district and couldn't get over its ideal location. "We thought, 'Oh my gosh. How great would this be to put something right downtown where nobody has to drive?' That's how it started."

RISING ABOVE CHALLENGES

The Erdmans knew that restoring the downtown building wasn't going to be a walk in the park. Over the winter, the heat had been shut off, which resulted in frozen pipes and flooding. There were partitions and dropped ceilings since it had once been an office building. "It was really a mess," Tisha says.

Architect Ryan Schultz of Madison's OpeningDesign admits that it probably would have been easier to tear the building down. But there were parts of the structure that were worth keeping, like the striking ceiling rafters and sturdy iron beams. Tisha says, "We wanted to try to keep some of the history of the building. I think that's a cool part of the story."

From the initial design to the last nail, the renovation process took 1½ years. Construction started in May 2017, and the team, which included several local tradesmen, knew they were in for some heavy lifting.

With an objective to maintain the footprint of the 4,000-square-foot structure, Schultz explains that they removed the south, east and north exterior walls and replaced them with heavy timbers. The siding was removed and swapped with a layer of ash siding that created subtle patterning.

Walls were knocked down inside, transforming the interior from a utilitarian office setting to a more open floor plan befitting a vacation rental. One of Tisha's goals was to have a living room and kitchen on the second floor so



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guests could enjoy views of the Samuel Donian Wetland Preserve and the White River, which they made a reality.

The team also wanted to create interiors that would lend themselves to Tisha's style and décor choices. According to Schultz, this was achieved by contrasting the modern exterior with the "salvaged chic" interior.

He adds, "I wanted to create a modern tapestry of sorts, to highlight Tisha's talent for interior design and her sensitive curation of salvaged goods."

DÉCOR WITH A STORY

With a total of nine bedrooms and 3,500 square feet of finished space, Tisha had her work cut out for her when she set out to style The Downtowner. As the owner of I Love Funky's, she knew where to score the best vintage around and successfully decorated the vacation rental top-to-bottom with eclectic finds.

"We incorporated a lot of fun and funky antiques," Tisha says. "We wanted to keep it really humorous and light."

The result is a decorative mix that delights the eye, a blend of what Tisha calls "urban industrial" and "cozy and fun." She adds that the furnishings and antiques help to soften the industrial feel of the interiors.

She elaborates, saying, "I'm always most comfortable doing things that are funky. I think that a funky mix of antiques is a great contrast to the industrial, hardedged interior."

It's likely that guests book The Downtowner for its convenient location and its charming décor. Ornate oil paintings grace the walls alongside stainless-steel heat ducts and original wood beams. Well-loved vintage signs act as artwork. And the light fixtures, a combination of modern and retro, steal the show.

Each bedroom has its own distinct atmosphere. Although Tisha says she's not big on theming, she wanted to give the bedrooms their own personalities, something that clearly shines through with one-of-a-kind headboards. To make them look offbeat and visually-appealing,

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she gathered atypical materials, such as gaudy, groovy records; boat oars; an antique fence; 1940's linoleum flooring; and even a bygone sporting clays sign.

Tisha uncovered many pieces of décor for the vacation rental at the Elkhorn Flea Market as well as Lake Geneva's 281 Sheridan Springs, an estate consignment liquidator, that is a another vintage treasure trove.

Tisha and Doug were extremely inventive when it came to finding unexpected accents to bring into The Downtowner. For instance, the industrial light fixture above the dining room table was a DIY creation made by Doug using a hook he found near a barn and additional pieces discovered in the field of an industrial park. It hangs over a 16-foot-long table that Tisha covered with pennies.

BELLS AND WHISTLES

The Downtowner is geared toward large groups with something to celebrate. It

can sleep up to 20 people, which is ideal for family reunions, corporate meetings, birthdays, weddings, and anniversary parties.

"I would say that 50% of our guests book The Downtowner for family reunions," Tisha shares. Guests have been known to travel from New York, California and even Switzerland to stay at the vacation rental.

There are several amenities that create a comfortable experience for guests. Nearly every bedroom has a bathroom, a rarity in the vacation rental world. Showers are outfitted with luxe rain shower heads. Plus each bedroom has a flat-screen TV. There's a full-service kitchen outfitted with two refrigerators, something that Tisha says is "really helpful for large groups of people." In addition, you'll find essentials like air conditioning, provided linens, wireless Internet, and a washer and dryer. The property is also pet-friendly.









The Downtowner's location is ideal, to say the least. Situated within walking distance of the lake and West Main Street shopping, it's just over a five-minute walk to The Riviera, a popular wedding destination. Guests find that they infrequently need to use their cars during their stay.

Visitors also soak up the outdoors while staying at The Downtowner. The White River runs alongside the vacation rental while the nearby wetland preserve is within eyeshot. A patio complete with colorful chairs and a grill was made for balmy summer nights.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

As the owners of two vacation homes, the Erdmans have now set their sights on a third rental located on Highway 50 — the one-time White Swan Inn. With its serene, wooded surroundings, this vacation rental has a different feel from The Downtowner and will feature 11 bedrooms and 11 bathrooms. Its official opening is set for spring 2020.

The couple is currently living in the inn as renovations are underway. They don't have any plans to open additional vacation rentals, and they are enjoying their new lives in Lake Geneva. "We'd like to plant our feet here. This is going to be our future," Tisha says.

She goes on to say that she's very proud of The Downtowner and everything that was accomplished through the project. She reflects on the vacation home, saying, "There just aren't that many properties where you can sleep 20 people, and you can walk everywhere. The little creek that runs behind the building is really beautiful, too. It truly is a great place to spend a vacation." \blacktriangle





Back in the day, thousands flocked to Walworth County movies theaters

BY LISA SCHMELZ



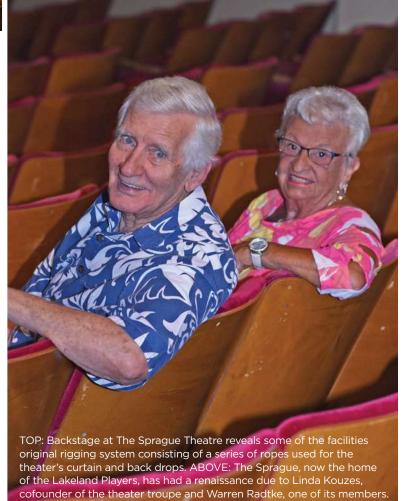


Radtke and Kouzes, seated in the lobby, nodded and smiled. Dugan reverently walked past and into the 240-seat theater. She returned awash in nostalgia.

"Every Friday night, I came to a movie here," she says softly, as though in a church. "We used to see movies here, musicals sometimes, and the next morning, my sister and I would sing all the songs. It was in the '60s and '70s. I'm pretty old, but I remember it so clearly."

Dugan is not alone. Our memories of motion pictures we viewed in old theaters like this are powerful. Locally, there was no shortage of places to take in a movie from the late 1920s through the 1980s. East Troy, Elkhorn, Delavan, Lake Geneva and Walworth all had their own movie houses, many with their roots as opera houses or vaudeville stages. Delavan even had a drive-in on the east side of town.

As time marched on, however, it took with it most historic movie theaters. Now, just three in the lakes area remain standing, and only one, the Geneva Theater, still shows motion pictures. So, join us as we raise the curtain on the history of local theaters. We can't serve you popcorn, and this is by no means the complete story, but we hope you'll enjoy these reels of the past.























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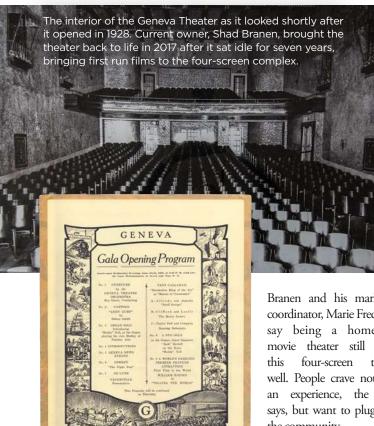






THE GENEVA THEATER

Movie stars often say they were in the right place at the right time when they were discovered and went on to make it big. The same could be said for the Geneva Theater and its longevity as a cinema. The only historic movie house in Walworth county still showing movies, its location, boosted by year-round tourism, proves ideal. Opened in 1928, it is owned today by Shad Branen, who also owns the Plaza Theater in nearby Burlington.



When he purchased the long-neglected Geneva in 2016, Branen had his work cut out for him. The roof was leaking. The seats were prone to dropping to the floor. The grand vaudeville stage, which once hosted acts from around the country, needed shoring up. Still, Branen saw a happy ending in an era when many get their movie-fixes online.

"We're having a banner year," he says in his lobby. "It's a record year in the industry."

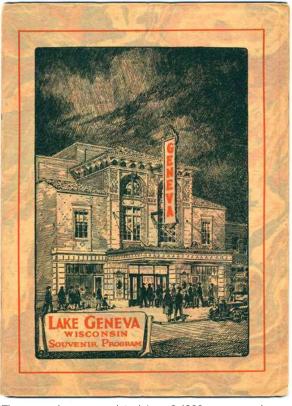
Why is that? "The same reason that people want to go out to eat, it's about going and being among people. It's an experience. Millennials and young families, they want an experience. You can't beat the experience of sitting down in our theater one, in our 1928 theater, and seeing a movie on that big screen."

Branen and his marketing coordinator, Marie Frederick, say being a hometown movie theater still serves well. People crave not only an experience, the duo says, but want to plug into the community.

To that end, they sometimes host movie tie-in scavenger hunts. When the Lego movie came out, they had a Lego-build. Trivia games

before a movie aren't uncommon here, nor are nationally touring comedians seen on major cable networks. "We want to involve the community. We want to bring people up on stage and introduce them," says Branen. "That's what it means to be a hometown theater."

To mark its 30th anniversary, the Geneva Theater enlisted the help of Hollywood celebrities to write congratulatory telegrams and send autographed photos. In this photo sent to Russell Wolter, the theater's general manager, actress Sandra Dee poses with a copy of the Lake Geneva Regional News.



The souvenir program dated June 6, 1928, announced "two De Luxe Performances at Seven and Nine P.M." Prior to the premiere showing of the film "Telling The World" starring William Haines, the evening's festivities included an overture by the Geneva Theatre Orchestra, an Andy Gump cartoon by Sidney Smith, an organ solo, a vaudeville presentation and a performance by the "Harmonica King of the Air," Vent Callahan.







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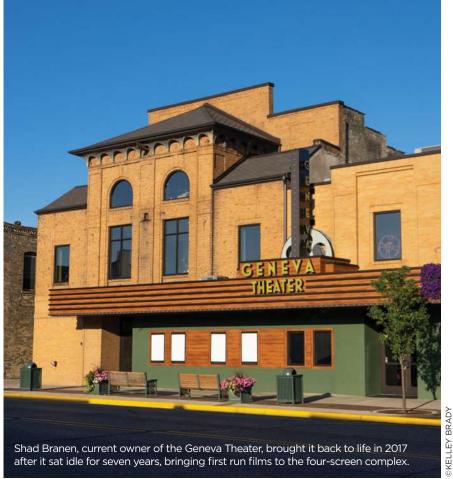


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Later this year, the theatre will be home to a 1927 pipe organ. Once a music bed for silent films, the organ is being restored and installed by the nonprofit Dairyland Theater Organ Society. "It will be such a wonderful addition when it's here and installed," says Frederick. "It gives them a venue to play concerts and us a connection to what was once here."



THE SPRAGUE

When the Sprague Opera House in Elkhorn burned down in 1925, businessman Dan Kelliher saw an opportunity and commissioned a 400-seat theater with architect Alex Baur and designer John Yonk. Kelliher invited Edward Sprague to speak at the May 31, 1928, grand opening of the theater bearing his name. Less than a year later, Kelliher invested \$6,000 in new "talking picture equipment." On May 7, 1929, Elkhorn hosted its first talking picture, "Broadway Melody."

Linda Kouzes, 82, wasn't around then, but she did start teaching physical education at the high school in Elkhorn in 1958 and recalled The Sprague was always more than a movie house. "He [Kelliher] always opened the theater for Halloween for free for the kids," she says. "He was a real giver."

Today, the Sprague Theatre is home to the Lakeland Players. The projection booth is still accessible by a steep set of stairs, but now the show is live theater. Actors for the four shows annually are tapped through open-to-all auditions.

What does Kouzes, a movie usher in her teens, miss most about the movies once shown here? "Movies used to be happier," she says. "I used to go once a week. "You felt better when you left. You were happy. And the other thing nowadays is the price. They charge more for refreshments than they do for the movie."



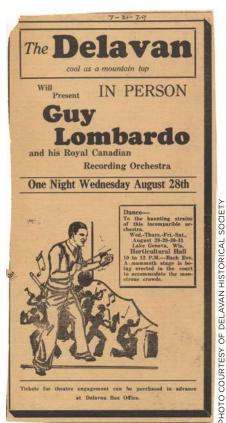
The Sprague Theatre opened in 1928, but it wasn't until 1929 when new equipment was installed to permit showing new "talking pictures" or "talkies" as they were called. Today, the Lakeland Players perform four shows a year in the old theater.

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The Delavan Theater was the city's entertainment center during the 1930s-1950s, with two nightly features and matinees. The theater also hosted shows that drew performers such as Guy Lombardo and his orchestra. During World War II, the theater was a popular location to hold war bond drives. Note the marquee in the photo, above, advertising the 1942 classic "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire.



THE DELAVAN THEATER

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The theater appears to have ceased showing movies to the public in 1999. In 2006, it became the home of The River Church after members of the congregation, who had been meeting in a local school, decided to investigate the empty theater for their use. Five couples in the congregation purchased the Delavan Theater and the church moved in, leasing the space from the owners. The congregation recently moved to Community Park on Delavan Lake.









That means this 9,000+-square-foot, 239-seat theater, with original dressing rooms, fly system for scene backdrops and orchestra pit, needs a third act. Joan Kost is one of the 10 owners.

"I'd love to see it show movies again or performances," she says. "The projection room is still up there, there's a stage. It would be such a wonderful asset to the community."









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THE LAKES OUTDOOR THEATER

This classic drive-in, located between Delavan and Williams Bay, opened in 1954 and hosted up to 800 cars and countless movie fans a night in the spring and summer. Just don't go looking for photos of this place or an exact closing date. We searched high and low for this story and came up with just a handful of poor-quality images from old newspapers and no specific last film date. Movies were shown here through at least the 1970s, and some residents think possibly the early '80s. Like drive-ins around the country, The Lakes Outdoor Theater fell victim to the modernization of indoor theaters.

Though the paper trail on The Lakes, as locals called it, is scant, the best archival material we found comes from former *Chicago Tribune* film critic Michael Wilmington. His ode to the drive-in theater of his youth was titled "Empty

Field of Dreams." Published May 10, 1998, in the *Chicago Tribune*, Wilmington offered these words as a eulogy:

"The other day, I heard from an old friend that last remnants of The Lakes Outdoor Theater, where I saw hundreds of movies in my youth, had been torn down and the whole area turned into a compost plant... I felt a twinge. Somehow, I still see it there: that huge unmarred white square rising out of the fields and farmland all around it, shining in the night with its gigantic images of John Wayne and Jimmy Stewart in cowboy outfits or Cary Grant ogling Marilyn Monroe, visible for miles around in every direction, just as it was when I was 12."

Yes, the once popular drive-in on Theater Road is the stuff of movie legends. If you spent any time at The Lakes, taking in its double features, and want to relive that, go online and search for Wilmington's column. Or talk with a local like Ron Deschner. A retired builder, and current member of the Delavan-Darien School Board, he remembers it like it was yesterday.

The first time he was there, he thinks he was 7- or 8-years-old. His folks popped their own corn, he says, and loaded the family up in their '37 Chevrolet. As a teen, he drove himself.

"We used to put a couple of people in the trunk," he says. "We would pay for two and get four in. It was usually half to three-fourths full out there. You'd pull up to your spot, and it was ramped, just gravel, but ramped so you had a better view, and you got your speaker onto your window. We loved sitting out there. It was wonderful. Sometimes, we even sat there in the rain. We didn't care. It was terrific."



THE WALWORTH THEATER & SHOWETTE

Nancy Lehman is the president of the Historical Society of Walworth and Big Foot Prairie. Her memory of the past is razor-sharp and objective. Recalling The Walworth Theatre & Showette, however, her recollections tilt heavily toward wistful. The movie house in this village, she explains, was on the southern end of the village square, next to Walls Department Store. Today, it is a vacant lot.

"We went usually on Saturday night, sometimes Friday," she recalls. "That was the big thing. And then we'd have popcorn."

Does she have a favorite movie? "Oh, I don't know. I saw them all," she says. "It was the best theater in the area. Very modern."

As theaters went, this one came later to the game in Walworth

County. Opened on April 25, 1947, its seats "pushed back," offering a more comfortable viewing experience. Built by Constantine Papas of New York, the theater was managed by Thomas Finn from 1948 to 1974. The Showette side, next to the lobby, was open for refreshments to moviegoers and those just hankering for something to eat.

Like many historic theaters, The Walworth Theater & Showette fell victim to new ways people could view motion pictures in their own homes. Operated successfully until about 1979, according to archives at the Historical Society of Walworth and Big Foot Prairie, the theatre gradually fell into disrepair. Following a roof collapse, it was razed.

"It was such a great thing to have in our community, and it was beautiful," says Lehman. "We were lucky to have it as long as we did." **\(\Lambda \)**







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MOM AND ME

When assigned this story, I was asked if I wanted someone to go along to share the experience. My first choice was my mom, who has always had a slightly adventurous side. For example, she wants to go tubing again this summer — an activity she thoroughly enjoys. She also repeatedly watches "The Hangover" and once loved watching "Jackass." Some might say these are both irreverent selections for a middle-age woman, but that's my mom. She's got a quick wit and likes to take jabs at people in a fun way.

Yet most days she's busy taking care of her extended family and spending time as a go-to volunteer in the Geneva Lakes area. This little adventure, I thought, just might be perfect for her.

When I asked her to go, she was thrilled, bragging to all her friends about how she was going zip-lining! The morning I picked her up, she was outfitted with modern-day camo clothes, a fresh water bottle and a big smile.

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 Choose the long course. It takes a while to get into the "swing" of things, so give yourself time to really enjoy it.



are the first challenge and we breeze down them surprisingly no worse for wear.

"Ankles crossed," the guides say. "Remember to push on the line to slow down and try not to think of anything else." This is the mantra repeating in my head. Except this is my biggest challenge. As it is for many of us, our always-connected, digital world designed to make life easier has made our minds more pre-occupied. The more we multi-task, the more our brains churn and the harder it is to turn off the "worry and to-do lists center." But this is the time to ditch the to-do list for the bucket list, or else I might just miss out on the thrill and sights of this amazing experience.

LETTING THE EXPERIENCE TAKE OVER

Now that the two short lines are behind us, we're on to "Espresso" — aptly named because it's fast, long and designed to wake you up. That it did, and I finally managed to look around and down at everything I was flying over. A natural smile appeared on my face and stayed. I was ready for more.

We kept soaring above the trees, and then the journey took us to another challenge. We encountered Swiss Family Robinson-style bridges and tree

ZIP-LINING AND SO MUCH MORE:

IN ADDITION TO ZIP-LINING, LGCT OFFERS:

- + High Ropes Course. The property has 16 challenging obstacles at 18-32 feet above the ground. For ages 7 and above.
- + Hiking. Over 12 miles of trails.

- Mountain Biking. Single track mountain biking for beginner through expert levels. Trails on the intermediate and expert level routes feature jumps, switchbacks and ladders.
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JUST THE FACTS ABOUT LGCT:

Acres: 100

Number of Zip Lines: 9
(You can do all nine, or the 4-line tour.)

Longest Zip Line: 841 FEET

Highest Speed: 45 MPH

Number of SkyBridges: 5

Number of Spiral Stairways: 4

Number of Platforms: 18

Longest SkyBridge: 240 FEET

Height of One-of-a-Kind Double Helix Stairway: 40 FEET

Duration of Canopy Tour: 2-2 1/2 HOURS

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

You can zip-line in the winter as well

forts, albeit a bit more solidly constructed with chains and cables. Yet trust me, you probably won't get too comfortable. The 240-foot sky bridge has just enough give to keep you honest.

Since the beginning of our adventure, almost two hours of cell phone-free, checklist-free bliss have lapsed and I'm loving the rush of air as I fly through the treetops. The last ride is a fast one: 45 mph as you descend to earth with Lake Como in the distance. I've decided this is one of the best ways to start the day in the Geneva Lakes area.

So, zip-lining may or may not be on your bucket list. You may think you're too old, too out of shape, too busy, too ... whatever. But give it a try. It's an adventure you'll never forget.

As for my mom, the experience was a bit more intense than she thought it would be. I'm not sure she'll try it again, but at least she can brag to her friends that she's a ziplining veteran.



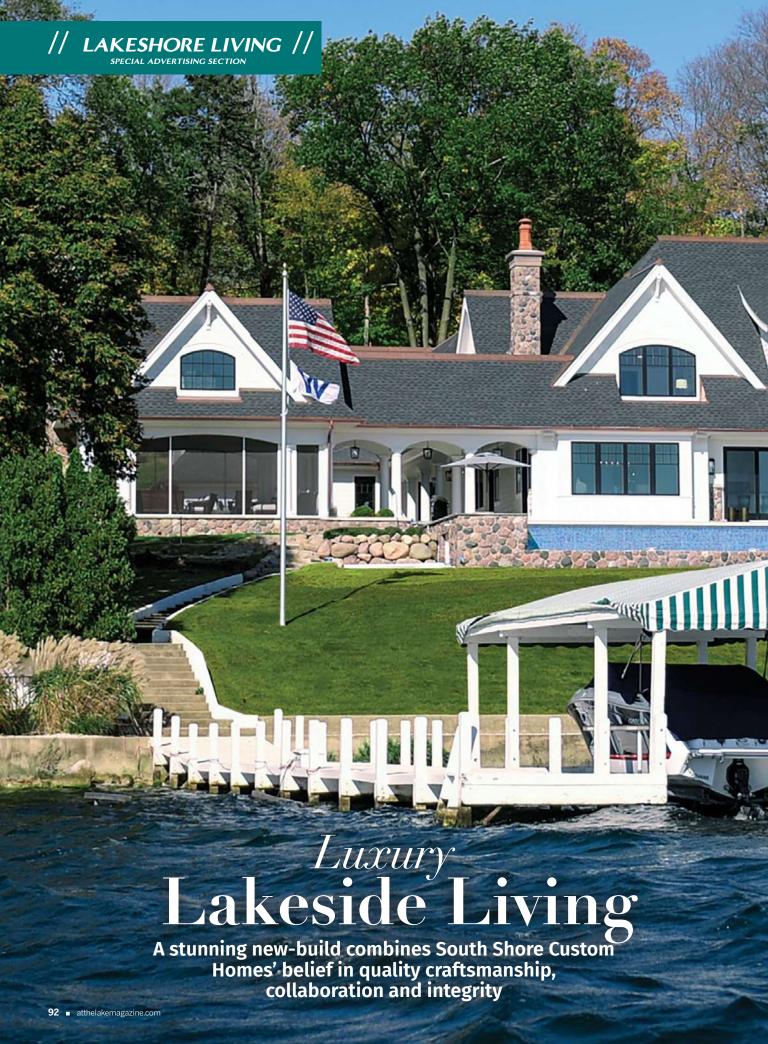
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For more than 20 years, Tony Osnacz, president of South Shore Custom Homes, has made a name for himself and his company in the luxury home building industry in Lake Geneva and the greater Chicagoland area. When Tony established his first home design and construction firm with another partner, called Platinum Development Group, in Bannockburn, Illinois, he earned multiple awards for his work, including Gold and Crystal Keys from the Builders Association of Greater Chicago — the award given to the single best new home in the greater Chicagoland area. In 2010, Tony moved his young family to Wisconsin and founded his own firm, South Shore Custom Homes, with a simple objective in mind: to focus on building a small number of truly extraordinary custom homes each year. And that's exactly what he and his team have accomplished.

"We try to maintain integrity in both our business and personal lives, delivering on the promises that we make — promises like sincerity, stewardship, honesty, integrity, craftsmanship and teamwork," says Troy Wise, project manager at South Shore Custom Homes. "We expect each of these promises to be held by every one of the hundreds of people whose skilled hands, thoughtful ideas and sweat go into creating a masterful home as part of the South Shore Custom Homes team."

GRAND YET CASUAL

One of South Shore's newest creations is a stunning 12,000-square-foot, shingle-

style luxury gem, designed and built with an eye toward casual livability and entertainment on a grand scale. Simple, rather than ostentatious, this home reflects its owners' warm, inviting and comfortable style.

In creating this home, South Shore Custom Homes partnered with Jason Bernard of Lake Geneva Architects, and Scott Price and Kathleen Peacock from Toms-Price Home Furnishings to create a home that met all of the clients' visions.

"With input from so many others along the way, this home exemplifies our team approach to all of our projects: from the client and architect to the final cleaning, every one of the hundreds of people involved in delivering one of our homes is empowered to suggest improvements to the home and quality to the process," Wise says. "This is part of what sets our homes apart from so many others."

THE ULTIMATE LAKE HOME

The approach to this luxury property is impressive and welcoming as guests are ushered through a custom-designed gate that reflects the home's architectural highlights, including delightful gas lamps. The driveway







passes through a verdant meadow, while a row of trees along a hillside leads to the elevated site and a dramatic reveal of the home.

As you enter the home, the towering great room ceiling soars high above the expansive windows, which capture stunning lake views.

Four bedrooms, a bunkroom and six-and-a-half baths, four fireplaces and a separate guest suite on the first floor, provide ample space to relax and unwind. Teeming with amenities aplenty, including an expansive stone patio with an infinity edge pool and gas firepit, the house seamlessly extends its outdoor living space. Another option for outdoor entertainment during the warmer months is a large, semi-attached screened porch.

The home's finishes are truly one of a kind and include copper architectural details, custom doors, glasswork and iron railings, and 10 inch white oak flooring by Martin & Blum. Wisconsin split-faced granite, natural limestone and bluestone patios grace the home's exterior.

"As a designer and builder of custom homes that also works with architectural firms, we recognize that building a truly outstanding home takes a team of people who are dedicated to something more than just assembling sticks and bricks into a structure," Wise says. "We recognize a fundamental difference between technical competency and craftsmanship.

"We also believe in empowering everyone involved in building a home — from the homeowners who spend time putting together their wish list, to the design phase, right through the building process and down to the cleaning crew — to take ownership and to have a voice in the project."

So, what does this mean in practical terms?

"When our clients contract with us, we see it as an invitation to become part of their lives. Building a home is an inherently intimate process, and treating them not as a contract but as people — no, more than that, as family — means that our team thinks seriously about each decision that goes into







a home," Wise says. "We pride ourselves on receiving hugs years after we've built a home. We pride ourselves on building inspectors asking to be put on our reference list. We pride ourselves on clients becoming friends for life. To us, that's the difference between building houses and helping people create homes: when they honor us by starting as clients and finishing up as friends."

And the homeowner of this luxury property concurs. "The team at South Shore made the home building experience enjoyable and we are very pleased with the finished product. Every day we enjoy the lake experience created and built by these skilled and wonderful people. How many people say that about their builders?"









THE BOAT HOUSE BAR & GRILL

CUISINE: American pub food and healthier options.

SETTING: Best sunset views on Geneva Lake featuring a patio that's family-friendly, biker-friendly, dog-friendly, cyclist-friendly, and in full sun in the afternoon but with umbrellas at nearly every table. Boat slips provide easy access by water. Live music on the weekends. Fire pits.

KIDS MENU: Chicken tenders, mac & cheese, grilled cheese, popcorn shrimp, kid's cheeseburger. All served with fruit and choice of side.

PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS: Private room upstairs overlooking Geneva Lake available this fall.

PARKING: 80-car parking lot and piers with three boat slips.

SPECIALS: Happy hour Monday - Friday 2 - 5 p.m. \$3 Domestics, \$4 Taps, \$5 Rail Doubles, \$6 Deep Eddy Doubles, Friday fish fry featuring blue gill, perch and cod.



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ON THE MENU

STARTERS

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

CHEF SPECIALTIES

BEET SALAD: House roasted in citrus and herbs, served with a housemade blood orange vinaigrette.

SPICY THAI SALAD: Fresh greens with peanut sauced linguini, crispy wontons, and a chili garlic sauce.

N2062 S. Lake Shore Dr., Lake Geneva

Open daily 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

262-812-4126

CHAMPS SPORTS BAR & GRILL

CUISINE: Burgers, sandwiches, gluten-free options

SETTING: Family-friendly, fun environment, regulation basketball indoor and outside, award-winning beer garden.

KIDS MENU: Yes.

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

PARKING: Street parking, back lot.

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



ON THE MENU

STARTERS

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

CHEF SPECIALTIES

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

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

747 W. Main St., Lake Geneva

Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-2 a.m.

262-248-6008

ON THE MENU

STARTERS

Homemade chili and soup in the cooler months.

CHEF SPECIALTIES

CHUCK'S CHEESEBURGER: Handmade beef patty grilled on a flat top grill that has decades of good seasoning cooked into it. Served on a bakery bun.

SOGGIES: Think Italian beef without the meat and all the good au jus.

Top it with cheese and peppers —

it's a one of a kind treat!

352 Lake St., Fontana

11 a.m. - 2 a.m. (2:30 a.m. on Fri. and Sat.) | Kitchen: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. (pizza served all night)

262-275-3222

CHUCK'S LAKESHORE INN





CUISINE: Burgers, sandwiches, salads, vegetarian and gluten-free options.

SETTING: Family-friendly (under 21 must be accompanied by a parent) bar and grill by day, and the place to hang out and have fun for the-over-21-crowd by night. Outdoor seating.

KIDS MENU: Kid-favorite foods with chips or fries, plus mac & cheese, ice cream sandwiches and more.

PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS: The second floor Lakeshore Room offers a space with amazing lake views for your rehearsal dinner, family gathering, corporate outing — whatever the occasion, we are happy to help you plan the perfect event.

PARKING: Public parking access for cars and boats.

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

ON THE MENU

CHEF SPECIALTIES

Chef Jonathan takes everyday ingredients to create one-of-a kind culinary masterpieces.

Breakfast:

Fiddlesticks donuts, Fat Elvis crepes, French toast, garden fresh omelet, American classic omelet, traditional eggs Benedict, chorizo eggs Benedict, quiche, steak and eggs.

Lunch:

Starters - Crawfish wontons, Fiddlestix, roasted olives, fried goat cheese Salads - Fiddlesticks salad, avocado chicken salad Sandwiches - Pulled pork, turkey BLT, adult grilled cheese.

Dinner:

Starters - Cheese board, Fiddlestix, fried goat cheese

Salads - Bistro Salad, butter lettuce Caesar salad

Entrees – Salmon, duck, scallops, filet, ribs, wild boar chops, surf & turf Desserts – House made selections.

FIDDLESTICKS BISTRO







CUISINE: American Bistro with worldly influences.

SETTING: Comfortable, casual environment.

FULL BAR: Yes.

KIDS MENU: Yes.

PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS: Yes.

PARKING: Free public parking.

101 W. Evergreen Parkway,
Suite 7, Elkhorn
Breakfast and Lunch: Monday Tuesday 7:03 a.m. - 3:03 p.m. and
Thursday - Sunday 7:03 a.m. - 3:03 p.m.
Dinner: Monday-Tuesday
4:33 p.m. - 8:03 p.m. and
Thursday - Saturday
4:33 p.m. - 8:33 p.m.

262-743-2233



ON THE MENU

STARTERS

Hill Valley Dairy beer-battered cheese curds, smoked shrimp cocktail, grilled brie, brat pops.

CHEF SPECIALTIES

THE WISCONSINNER:

8 oz. Wisconsin Meadows grass-fed beef, Hill Valley Dairy griddle-fried cheese curds, buttermilk-fried onions strings and Hometown Sausage Kitchen bacon on a toasted pretzel bun.

TOMAHAWK PORK CHOP:
Duroc Truebridge tomahawk pork
chop served on a bed of Yukon Gold
fried potato salad with Hometown
Sausage Kitchen bacon, pickled
onions and cracked mustard sauce.

SALMON BAHN MI:

Verlasso salmon with ginger honey soy glaze, Simple Bakery & Market French bread, superfood coleslaw, cucumbers, cilantro, pickled red onions and jalapeño aioli.





CUISINE: Farm-to-table casual dining.

SETTING: Located in the heart of downtown Lake Geneva, just north of Flat Iron Park. Eclectic dining room featuring a 24-tap beer system built from a repurposed Case tractor grill, plus mounted antique motorcycles and local art and furniture made by the owner.

KIDS MENU: Yes.

PRIVATE PARTIES: Yes.

ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music Weekly.

PARKING: Street.

SPECIAL EVENTS: "Meet the Makers Beer & Wine Dinners," which feature one-night only menus highlighting the various products local vendors produce.

150 Center St., Lake Geneva 262-812-4064

Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 pm. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Closed Monday

ON THE MENU

STARTERS

Homemade mozzarella and spinach sticks, fried calamari, chicken wings.

CHEF SPECIALTIES

Deep dish and thin crust pizza, salads, pasta, appetizers and sandwiches and gluten-free options.

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GINO'S EAST



CUISINE: Italian specialties.

SETTING: Family-friendly, outdoor seating, full lake view dining.

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

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

PARKING: On-site and street parking.

SPECIALS: Daily happy hour and appetizer specials.



ON THE MENU

CHEF SPECIALTIES

Known for the best views on Geneva Lake. The Grandview restaurant offers a truly memorable dining experience. Our menus are designed to echo the magnificence of the lake with simple, fresh ingredients that have been elevated to excite our diners' palates. Whether you're in the mood for an intimate evening out or a casual brunch, we'll satisfy any appetite.

> N2009 S. Lake Shore Dr., Lake Geneva

Open Daily for Breakfast. Lunch & Dinner Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Small Plates: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Dinner: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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THE GRANDVIEW RESTAURANT





CUISINE: Our seasonally inspired menus feature prime steaks, fresh seafood, and classic Wisconsin favorites. Now serving brunch 7 days a week!

SETTING: Relaxed, elegant service with a view of the lake that is second to none!

PARKING: On-site.

SPECIALS: Happy hour daily from 5-6 p.m. Five classic cocktails for \$5.

ENTERTAINMENT: The Grandview hosts a variety of events throughout the year. Visit our website to learn more about our next wine dinner, cocktail workshop or live music events at genevainn.com/events.

ON THE MENU

STARTERS

Charcuterie, ahi tuna tartare, flatbreads, ceviche, spinach artichoke dip.

CHEF SPECIALTIES

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

FRIDAY FISH FRY: North Atlantic Cod or Fresh Midwest Blueaill. Served with Chef's tasty potato pancakes or home-made fries, tartar sauce, applesauce, coleslaw.

PESTO PASTA: Asparagus, sun-dried and cherry tomatoes, roasted garlic mushrooms, zucchini and yellow squash. Served with pappardelle pasta and pesto sauce.

SALMON: Pan seared 8 oz. Norwegian salmon with vegetable couscous and a citrus vinaigrette.

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CUISINE: American

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

KIDS MENU: Yes.

PRIVATE ROOM OPTIONS: Yes.

ENTERTAINMENT: Live music Friday through Monday.

PARKING: On-site, street parking, valet.

1 Liechty Dr., Williams Bay

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Four fun family destinations

Autumn afternoons are some of the best of the year. There's a bite in the air, trees are ablaze with color, there are crisp apples and hayrides to enjoy plus there's that perfect pumpkin to find, and luckily, there are multiple destinations in and near Walworth County for families to find fall fun. So here are four popular options to consider this season — check

them out – and happy fall!

to visit this fall

AMANDA N. WEGNER





THE ELEGANT FARMER

Whether you're continuing a family tradition or starting a new one this fall, The Elegant Farmer near Mukwonago offers a family fun farm experience.

Home of the Smilin' Barn, The Elegant Farmer invites visitors to its annual Autumn Harvest Fest, held Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 7-Oct. 26, when the orchard is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the market is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Everyone is welcome to the orchard to pick from our 12 varieties of apples right from the tree or choose the perfect pumpkin from the patch," says Penny Molina, who represents The Elegant Farmer.

Enjoy beautiful fall colors aboard a tractor-pulled hayride, pony ride or train ride, try the five-acre farm scene corn maze, or jump on the East Troy Electric Railroad's historic trolleys or interurban railcars, which depart from and return to The Elegant Farmer Depot.

Of course, no visit to The Elegant Farmer would be complete without an award-winning apple pie in a bag. Named "best pie in America" by the *The Wall Street Journal, Gourmet* magazine, *Milwaukee Magazine*, Food Network and generations of happy customers, the Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag® features mounds of fresh, juicy, sweet-tart Ida Red apples.

"The method of baking in a paper bag creates a unique, crunchy, sugar cookie-like top crust and a light, flaky, old-fashioned bottom crust," says Molina. "This all combines to make this nationally acclaimed classic pie a taste treat."

Another don't-miss treat is The Elegant Farmer's ever-popular cider donut, made fresh in the Donut Shack on Saturdays and Sundays.

1545 Main St., Mukwonago 262-363-6770 | elegantfarmer.com













PEARCE'S FARM STAND

Pearce's Farm Stand, near Fontana, provides the opportunity to buy the very best locally grown produce and other goods. This season, notes Karen Pearce, that includes but is not limited to pumpkins; squash; potatoes; peppers of all types and colors; sweet corn; popcorn; jams and jellies; maple syrup; fall mums and other fall decorations; cheesy beer dip; and much, much more!

But Pearce's is much more than a farm stand. The property features a 13-acre corn maze, free hayrides to the pumpkin patch on the weekends and plenty of free activities for children, including the chance to check out a real John Deere combine, human hamster wheel and tube rollers. And they certainly won't want to miss Pearce's famous "jumping bales" – a series of hay bales that kids can jump and play on.

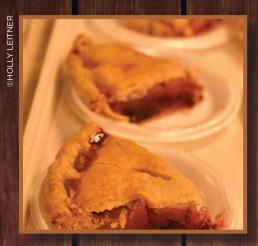
"We have music on weekends. Come enjoy a free hayride to the pumpkin patch with a cup of hot cider or hot chocolate, then enjoy the music while the kids are playing on the jumping bales or finding their way through the corn maze," says Pearce, who helps run the farm stand with a number of other family members.

To fuel all the activity, Pearce's offers its popular concession stand, which features brats and hot dogs, hot cappuccino, hot and cold apple cider and hot apple cider donuts. They also offer a variety of baked goods and other sweets. Make sure to try Pearce's famous cranberry nut crunch cookies and don't leave without a caramel apple, made by scratch in a copper kettle.

Pearce's premier annual event is its Customer Appreciation Weekend, Sept. 14-15, which includes live music and dancers, plus free cooked sweet corn on Sunday.

In addition, Pearce's is hosting two events featuring one of the most recognizable names in Wisconsin agriculture: Alice in Dairyland. Pearce's will host an Alice in Dairyland farm-to-table dinner fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 22 (tickets required), and Alice will visit the farm during Pumpkin Fest, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 19.

5740 N. Walworth Rd., Walworth 262-275-3783 | pearcefarms.com



ROYAL OAK FARM

Tucked just over the state line, Royal Oak Farm Orchard, near Harvard, Illinois, offers a little something for everyone. "Our farm is a fourth-generation, family run farm that really focuses on giving families the ability to grow their own memories here," says coowner Sarah Bell. "Our desire is for this to be a place where families can come to get away from the business of life, spend quality time together and enjoy the beauty of creation."

For children, the farm offers a free playground and petting zoo. There is also a train and carousel to keep kids occupied with rides just \$3 each.

Royal Oak is also home to the country's only apple tree maze, Amaze 'N Apples. "Enjoy adventuring through three miles of trails planted entirely in apple trees and even pluck two apples to enjoy while you're walking through," says Bell. "Full of games, photo ops, and a climbing tower, this is a great family activity."

For those who prefer shopping, there are three retail stores, including two that house fun food products such as delicious apples, cider and pumpkins. This year, adds Bell, Royal Oak is offering a new Sparkling Honeycrisp Cider and a new Apple Cider Vinegar produced from the farm's cider.

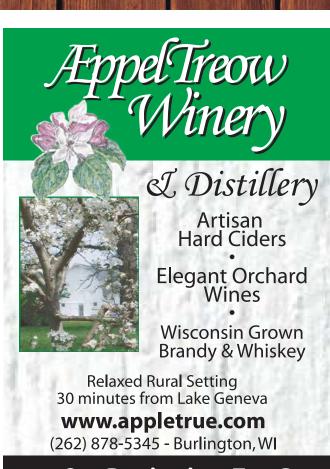
A gift shop and bakery offer fun for all ages with great shopping, smells and eats. An on-site restaurant, known for its down-home country cooking and chicken pot pies, serves lunch daily.

If that wasn't enough, the grounds are impeccable, studded with more than 20,000 trees offering 30 varieties of apples, including Honeycrisp, along with other new and heirloom varieties. "The orchard is beautiful. It's very scenic here," says Bell. "The orchard itself is gorgeous, but the grounds are full of rolling hills, open space, oak groves and gorgeous color in the fall."

In addition to other harvest produce, Royal Oak also offers a pumpkin patch in October.

"There is so much to do, it's hard to pack it into an afternoon," says Bell, "but it makes for a fun trip for sure."

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One Destination - Two Great Orchard Tasting Experiences





APPLE BARN WINERY & ORCHARD

Want a little fruit with that wine? Apple Barn Winery & Orchard near Elkhorn can accommodate both tastes with their abundance of apples and their varietals of wine. "Customers love our award-winning fruit wines made on site," says Judy Jacobson, who owns the winery and orchard with her husband, Steve.

"They also love the taste and smell of cider donuts in the fall. And we have great tasting caramel apples made with our very own Holiday Apple," says Jacobson. "Plus, families love our fresh apple cider ... and there's so much more to experience!"

Apple Barn offers pick-your-own apples on the weekends during the fall, with tractor rides through the orchard. Some great tasting apples to try, says Jacobson, are the Jona Gold, Autumn Gala, Holiday or Ginger Gold, in addition to the standard varieties such as McIntosh, Cortland, Honeycrisp and Ida Red.

While Apple Fest is held annually the last weekend of September, each weekend offers some sort of fall activity or event, says Jacobson. As an added bonus, entertainment is free, and the business doesn't charge an admission or parking fee.

You can also pair your orchard visit with wine tastings, which are offered at scheduled times in the fall and can be found on the Apple Barn website. If you need a little more sustenance, Jacobson encourages visitors to stop by the new Duesterbeck Brewing Co., which just opened a "stone's throw" from the orchard. "We will be working together to offer visitors a 'Taste of Wisconsin,'" she says.

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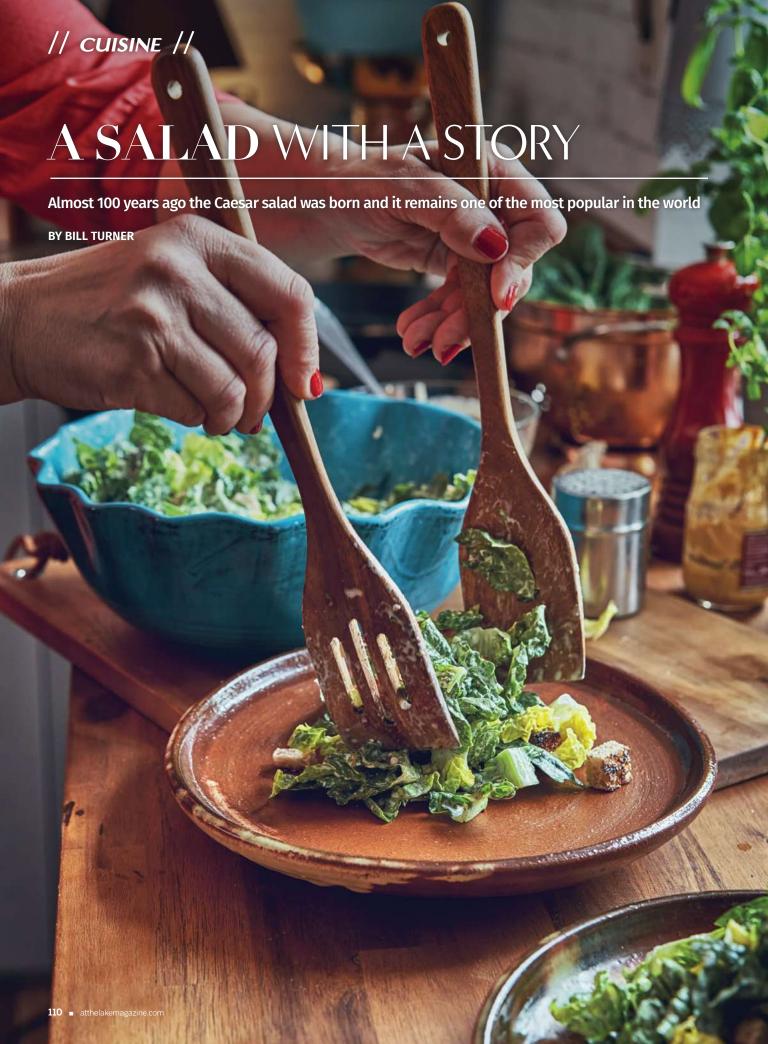


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fter WWI a young Italian named Caesar Cardini emigrated to America and settled in San Diego. He worked in hotels while he learned English. However, like many Italians, Cardini's love for food prompted him to get into the restaurant business, so he opened his own establishment in San Diego in 1923. The restaurant business wasn't easy in those days. Lest we forget, in January 1920, the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution had taken effect and the country entered the era of Prohibition. Young Caesar wisely spotted this as an opportunity and he opened another restaurant in Tijuana, Mexico, just 15 miles south of San Diego, where there were no restrictions about serving alcohol. Caesar's Place opened in 1924 and later Caesar's Café and finally Hotel Caesar's, which still exists today.

INGENUITY AT ITS FINEST

There is a great story about how this recipe came into being. Supposedly, on July 4, 1924, Caesar's Place was packed all day and they started running out of food. Salad is an important part of Italian cuisine and Cardini's vendors had failed to make deliveries. He was down to some romaine lettuce — no tomatoes, celery, peppers or anything resembling salad ingredients. But, in true "never say die" spirit, he quickly invented his "special salad" using the few things that he did have. He prepared the dish at tableside with great flair and nobody noticed the paucity of traditional salad materials. And now, 95 years later, it is the most served salad in the whole world. Don't you love it?!

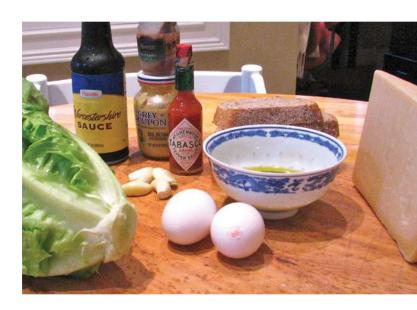
MAKE IT FROM SCRATCH

If you think about it, Caesar salad is incredibly simple in terms of the basic ingredients – lettuce, olive oil, garlic, eggs, toasted bread croutons and Parmesan cheese. Add some anchovies and a few spices and you have a dish that is on everyone's list of classic salads.

While there are certainly some restaurants that make a Caesar salad from scratch, they are few and far between. Make the true authentic recipe at home for some special friends and you will be amazed at how good it tastes and the accolades you will receive.

The prep work – cleaning and breaking the lettuce, grating cheese, making homemade croutons – can all be done ahead of time. Take the time to make your own croutons – they will be fresh and warm, and everyone will ask how you did it.

Be true to tradition and make the salad at tableside in front of your guests while you recount the story of a young Italian immigrant who was resourceful and inventive during the Prohibition era. I think there is something magical about telling stories about the history of classic dishes – maybe it's a placebo effect, but the food tastes better to everyone.



Time Required: One hour of prep time and 10 minutes tableside | Servings: 8

Ingredients:

3 heads of Romaine lettuce

3/4 cup of Extra Virgin Olive Oil (1/4 cup for the croutons and 1/2 cup for the dressing)

6 cloves of garlic

6 slices of bread - preferably a heavy, whole-grain bread

1 lemon

4 anchovy filets, rinsed and chopped finely

1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard (brown mustard with white wine)

2 eggs

11/2 cups of grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

Tabasco sauce

Worcestershire sauce

Salt

Pepper

Directions:

The Croutons:

- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Smash two of the garlic cloves, put them in a small bowl and add ¼ cup olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 15 minutes. You will use this to baste the croutons.
- Take the smashed garlic cloves and rub on a baking sheet. Add some of the basting oil so it is well greased.
- Cut the bread into 1/2" cubes and put them on the baking sheet. If the crust is too heavy, remove before cutting the cubes.
- Using a brush, baste the bread cubes with the olive oil.
- Bake for 12 minutes or until toasty brown.







CARDINI'S LEGACY

Caesar's Place and later Caesar's Restaurant and Hotel Caesar's were frequented by many well-known American movie stars, and even Julia Child, who grew up in Southern California. She was taken there by her parents as a birthday present when she turned 12 in August 1924. Even at that young age, she told her parents that she had to try "that salad."

Caesar died in 1956 and the hotel limped along and was completely closed down due to drug-related violence in Mexico. As part of then President Felipe Calderón's anti-drug war, Tijuana and its famous tourist spot, Avenida Revolución, were rejuvenated and Hotel Caesar's was rehabilitated and re-opened in 2010 by the Plascencia family.

The Lettuce:

- Break apart the leaves of the Romaine lettuce, wash and let dry in a dish drainer. You should be able to easily stack the leaves vertically.
- When dry, break the leaves into bite-size pieces, discarding the thick spines.
- Put into an open plastic bag or other container and keep in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Prepping the Sauce:

- Finely mince the remaining four garlic cloves and put them in a container and add ½ cup olive oil. Cover and let sit until you are ready to serve the salad.
- Just before serving, coddle (put in boiling water) the two eggs for exactly one minute.

Tableside:

- Make sure you have a large, round, deep, wooden salad bowl and all of the ingredients on hand. You will also need a fork, a whisk and salad mixing/ serving spoons.
- Put the mustard and chopped anchovies in the salad bowl and mash well with a fork to create a paste.
 Take your time — tell everyone this is a slow, precise



process — tell everyone the story of Caesar Cardini and that fateful Fourth of July.

- Add the olive oil and garlic mixture, the two coddled eggs and the Parmesan cheese, saving about ½ cup of cheese for the final topping. Whisk well until the mixture is very creamy — about thirty seconds.
- Cut the lemon in half, insert the fork into each half, twist and squeeze the juice out. This should be done with some degree of flair.
- Add 1 tsp. of Worcestershire sauce and three or four dashes of Tabasco sauce. Throw in a good pinch of salt and some ground black pepper. Whisk the sauce well.
- Add the Romaine lettuce and the croutons and toss well. (Don't forget the croutons!)
- Plate and add a spoonful of Parmesan cheese to each serving. Pass and enjoy.

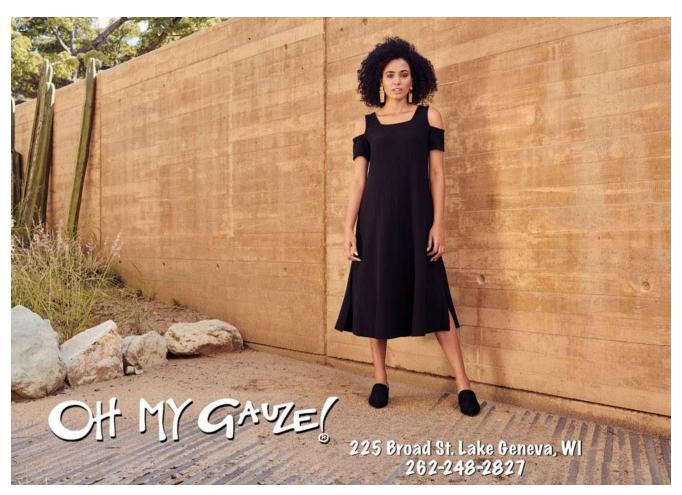


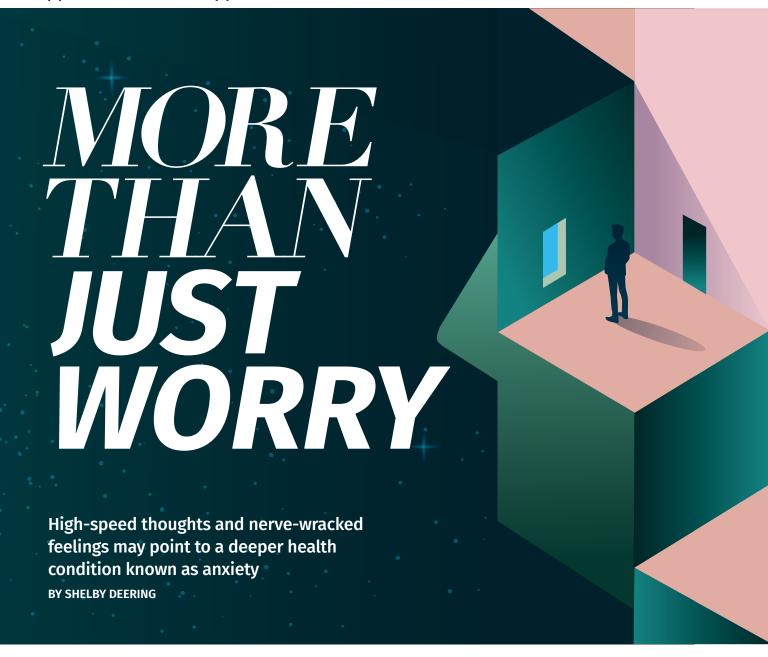
I know you have had this dish in the past in restaurants, but it is nothing compared to this authentic, homemade version. There is also something magical about preparing the dish at tableside, just like Caesar Cardini himself.

Follow this up with a spaghetti alla carbonara or pasta Bolognese and you will really have a winner.

A SMALL TWIST ON THE ORIGINAL

A Caesar Salad is almost a meal in itself. Add a grilled chicken tender or a small piece of grilled tuna and open a nice bottle of Sancerre. You won't need anything more.





Why is my heart racing? What's wrong with me? Why are my palms sweating? Am I ever going to be OK?

These might seem like alarming, or even dire, questions. But for the person with an anxiety disorder, questions like these move through the brain as quickly and frequently as cars on a well-traveled highway.

We all worry. We wrestle with the thought that perhaps a door was left unlocked or an appliance left on after leaving the house. We wring our hands over our children's grades. Work may continually course through a troubled mind.

But there is a distinct difference between run-of-the-mill worry and a state of being that can be classified as an anxiety disorder.

Anxiety is more common than you may think and has become especially prevalent in today's always-connected, faster-than-the-speed-of-Facebook world. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 19% of adults in the United States have dealt with an anxiety disorder in the past year.

Anxiety is more widespread among women — they experience it twice as often as men — which could be due to hormone imbalances or women's tendencies to be more open with their feelings. An estimated 31% of U.S. adults will face anxiety at some point in their lives.

Adults aren't the only ones with anxiety. Around 32% of adolescents have had an anxiety disorder.

If you feel that your worries and racing thoughts have begun to interfere with your life, it might be time to seek help and a diagnosis for a potential anxiety disorder.



Anxiety is far from a universal condition. According to the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM–5), there are nine mental disorders that can be classified as anxiety disorders. They can range from generalized anxiety disorder to separation anxiety to social anxiety, and they all follow similar, yet very different patterns of symptoms. The level of severity can vary from person to person as well.

"Mental health disorders are not diagnosed based on a 'feel' a healthcare provider gets about what disorder a person may have," says Erri Hewitt, PhD, Assistant Professor, Clinical Track, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Psychiatry. "Rather, diagnoses are based on very specific clusters of symptoms people have to have in order to get an anxiety disorder diagnosis."

Hewitt provides a broader definition of anxiety, saying, "Anxiety disorders are common conditions that cause significant distress and dysfunction. They are generally characterized by excessive or irrational fear or worry."

Joseph Fairbanks, MS, LPC, NCC, an Outpatient Lead Psychotherapist at Elkhorn's Aurora Behavioral Health Center, shares the standard symptoms of anxiety. He says that these can include worry, restlessness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, irritability, muscle tension, sleep disturbances, distress and the inability to function.

He says, "Generally, the body reacts to anxiety — or induces anxiety at times — through rapid heart rate, racing thoughts, sweating, tense muscles and quick, shallow breathing."

Fairbanks recommends seeking treatment when the symptoms hinder your ability to function at home, in the community or at work.

A MYRIAD OF CAUSES

The sources of anxiety can be varied. Although Fairbanks says it's not uncommon for anxiety disorders to "run in the family," they can also be caused by health conditions. He lists thyroid issues, heart problems, diabetes, COPD and asthma as potential anxiety triggers. Anxiety can also be a byproduct of other mental health conditions, such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and Depression.

The National Institute of Mental Health lists environmental factors that can contribute to anxiety in adulthood. They include temperamental traits, shyness, and stressful or negative life events experienced during childhood.

Anxiety can be generated by several outside causes as well. Hewitt explains, "Some substances can cause anxiety while they are being taken, while

others cause anxiety when people withdraw from them." Caffeine, alcohol and certain medications, such as specific asthma medications, steroids, thyroid medications, stimulants and decongestants, can lead to anxious feelings.

Lastly, a fast-paced, continually-connected lifestyle can contribute to anxiety.

Fairbanks says, "There is no doubt that being always connected contributes to and exacerbates mental health problems such as anxiety and depression. Anxiety serves a purpose in keeping us safe from dangerous situations. Stimulating the brain can simulate the feeling that one needs to face a challenge immediately, escape the difficulty or freeze in place until the situation is passed by or resolved on its own."

He adds, "It is not entirely clear if anxiety is more common now than in the past, though it seems that it is according to different polls."

Hewitt shares an example of when our digital culture can spark feelings of anxiety, which can lie in conditioned, unhealthy responses. She says, "A cell phone itself may or may not trigger anxiety depending on how a person thinks about it and responds to it. If a person thinks every time their cell phone registers an email, call or text that it could be an emergency and they have to check the phone immediately, they will likely behave in ways that trigger feelings of anxiety."

She says, "This is why it's important to talk with a healthcare provider to better understand the causes of the anxiety so that treatment can be most effectively tailored to the specific type of anxiety one is experiencing," Hewitt notes.

HOW TO SOOTHE THE SYMPTOMS

When anxiety has begun to disrupt your life, it's time to head to your primary care doctor. You may then be referred to a psychiatrist or another mental health professional for additional assistance.

Medication is a viable solution to those who struggle with daily anxiety.

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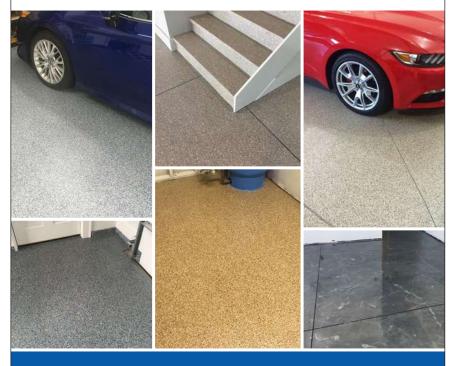
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Hewitt says that anxiety disorders are most often treated with a combination of medication and psychotherapy — specifically, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), also known as "talk therapy." Fairbanks adds that this form of therapy is considered the "standard approach of psychotherapy for mood disorders."

CBT fosters practical skills and allows anxiety sufferers to release their thoughts and feelings with a therapist. In fact, the Department of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill cites that 60% of those who engage in CBT see a noticeable improvement in their anxiety symptoms.

There are also plenty of homeopathic ways to combat anxiety. Fairbanks recommends regular exercise, spending time outdoors, sufficient sleep, meditation, healthy eating, disconnecting from technology and a good social support network. He also advises avoiding alcohol, caffeine, nicotine and other stimulants.

He says, "The best ways to treat anxiety are to prevent it. It's also important to practice these good habits when one is not feeling anxious in order to obtain the greatest benefit in the moment and to prepare for moments when anxiety does occur."

"Anxiety is common," Hewitt says. "When anxiety gets to the point that it interferes with a person's daily life activities, which include work, relationships and hobbies, they should seek consultation with a healthcare professional such as a primary care physician or a mental health provider. Anxiety is treatable and there are a range of treatments that include medications, talk therapies, exercise and mindfulness activities. And people can work with their healthcare providers to tailor these treatments to their individual situations: their lifestyle, their available time and their values." A





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[CREATING connections TO A BETTER] WALVORTH COUNTY

Volunteer Connection helps match volunteers and organizations in need

BY AMANDA N. WEGNER

Volunteering is not confined to a handful of "dogooders." Instead, it is a massive force that is helping to build a better world, a better Wisconsin and a better Walworth County. In fact, according to Corporation for National and Community Service, Wisconsin has the third-highest volunteer rate in the nation, with more than 35% of residents committing 169 million hours of service annually.

In Walworth County, a portion of those hours are contributed through Volunteer Connection Inc., a nonprofit charitable organization that matches and supports volunteers with local nonprofit organizations throughout Walworth County. Since its founding, the organization's volunteers have provided over 352,000 hours of service.

Volunteer Connection was established in July 2010, explains Executive Director Patti O'Brien, when the federal funding for RSVP, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, for Walworth County went away. "The organizations we serve are nonprofit organizations," says O'Brien. "The people we serve are Walworth County low-income residents. Many are seniors and veterans that cannot find help elsewhere."

Most importantly, Volunteer Connection serves volunteers. As the Volunteer Connection website states: "Our community needs volunteers to share

their experience, time and talents with others. By volunteering, you are sharing a precious gift — yourself! Volunteer Connection exists to serve you, its volunteers. Through your volunteer activities, you are joining other caring individuals throughout Walworth County. Together we can work to build a better life for our community."

THE VALUE OF GIVING

Volunteer Connection has served approximately 100 organizations in Walworth County. To put a monetary value on the organization's impact, Wisconsin volunteers in 2018 were valued at \$25.18 per hour, according to Independent Sector, an organization that serves the charitable community. "If you average \$20 per hour for 352,000 hours, that comes out to over \$7 million contributed to Walworth County," says O'Brien. And in that time, over 600 volunteers have provided essential services to 50,000 residents at no charge.

Retired Lt. Col. Nathan M. Bond, the Walworth County Veterans Service Officer, relies on Volunteer Connection to help his office fulfill its mission of providing assistance, advice and advocacy for the veterans of Walworth County and their children, spouses and survivors.

"Without Volunteer Connection of Walworth County, it would be extremely difficult to







Volunteer Connection hosts an annual Day of Action in which Elkhorn Area High School students engage in activities to assist area nonprofits as well as seniors in healthcare facilities. Shown above are students at Kindred Hearts Senior Living Center, Lutherdale Ministries and Lakeland Health Care Center.

fulfill my agency's mission. Rides to and from the VA and civilian facility medical appointments, small household — and sometimes not so small — maintenance jobs, and all sorts of other situations where a helping hand is required are provided by Patti O'Brien and her crew of volunteers," says Bond. "Even the veteran service organizations like the VFW and the American Legion depend on Patti to connect them with community projects and members of the community where they can lend a hand."

Adds Jean Raidl, president of the Elkhorn Food Pantry: "Volunteer Connection Inc. is very valuable to our Walworth County community. [Patti] helps the Elkhorn Food Pantry in many ways. She supplies volunteers to us and helps us whenever we need an extra hand."

By connecting with so many organizations, Volunteer Connection offers a variety of options for volunteers of all ages, skills and abilities. "We want the volunteer to take pride in their experience and have fun, so we leave it up to them as to what time they have available and what they want to do," says O'Brien. "Some volunteers want to do something one day each week on the same day at the same time. Some want to only help with Toys for Tots, which would be a few weeks [each year] of picking up toys, organizing them and handing them out."

While some organizations reach out to Volunteer Connection for assistance, Volunteer Connection also contacts organizations if it hears they are in need of volunteers.

In addition to providing volunteers for organizations, Volunteer Connection offers other opportunities as well. For instance, the organization has two groups of TeleCare volunteers that make daily wellness telephone calls to individuals in need to make sure they are OK.

The organization also runs a Quality of Life program that O'Brien and her board are proud of, as it has a direct impact on low-income seniors, veterans and disabled Walworth County residents. Some examples of recent projects completed through the Quality of Life program include replacing a storm door for an elderly veteran in the winter; moving mailboxes for residents who had become disabled; installing insulation, drywall after pipes burst in a verteran's home; assembling baby furniture for a family whose apartment had a fire; and more. Many different talents are needed for Volunteer Connection's Quality of Life program. Referrals for this program, says O'Brien, come from nonprofit and governmental agencies when people need extra help in their homes.

The organization also organizes the annual Day of Action, which is scheduled for September 14 this year. With the assistance of Elkhorn Area High School sports teams and coaches, volunteers complete projects around the county. For instance, some healthcare facilities will have a 'spa day,' where residents receive hand and arm massages, get their nails painted, hair combed and play games like bingo. Some volunteers will help tidy up the inside and outside of organizations, helping with chores such as landscaping, painting and more.



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"We do as much as we can, depending on the number of volunteers that we get signed up," says O'Brien.

GETTING INVOLVED

Time, talent and experience are important things we all have that we can share with our neighbors. "I guarantee volunteers will discover that while community service improves the lives and the community around them, the greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring them, how good it will make them feel that they're helping people and organizations that need them," says O'Brien.

"Research has proven that volunteers enjoy better health and make new friends when they stay active and involved in their communities," she adds.

To volunteer with Volunteer Connection, an application is required, which can be found on the organization's website. In turn for volunteering with Volunteer Connection, the organization provides accident, liability and excess automobile insurance while volunteering and traveling to and from a volunteer assignment at no cost. (Some limitations apply.)

Volunteers also get individual preference on assignments. "It is important that you are comfortable with your volunteer assignment," says O'Brien. "We are flexible and can make changes to accommodate your needs as a volunteer."

Volunteers are required to submit their hours as proof of their service and to help assess Volunteer Connection's performance.

In addition to time, talent and experience, Volunteer Connection accepts tax-deductible financial gifts to support its work, which is vital to many in Walworth County. "We care about them all — the individual as well as the organizations," says O'Brien of the value Volunteer Connection Inc. brings to the community. "If we don't do it, who will?"

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Q&A TOM KWIATKOWSKI

This year, WLKG-FM 96.1, Lake Geneva's award-winning radio station, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. To recognize this on-air achievement, At The Lake caught up with Tom Kwiatkowski, the station's founder, owner and president to get his thoughts on the station's success as well as his many career achievements.

Kwiatkowski grew up on Chicago's south side and is quick to point out the area's industrial and blue-collar personality. He graduated from St. Rita High School, Chicago State University and received his master's degree from Loyola University.

Kwiatkowski started teaching in Burbank, Illinois, in 1968, but was a summer resident of Lake Geneva beginning in 1955. He started dating his wife, Barbara, in 1967 and the couple was married in 1970. They have three married daughters and five grandchildren. His teaching career in Lake Geneva began in 1970 at Eastview Elementary School and he served as principal of Star Center School from 1974-1994. In 1994 he started WLKG-FM 96.1 and continues to play an active role in the station's success.

YOUR EARLY CAREER WAS IN EDUCATION. WHAT MADE YOU TAKE THE LEAP INTO RADIO?

I loved education, but to make money you really have to move to bigger school districts with bigger budgets and that means moving around the country. I was very content to live in Lake Geneva with an established family. One way to grow financially is to own a successful business. I met with Skip Bliss of Bliss Communications in 1990 and he and his team encouraged me to pursue radio license 96.1 FM with an assignment to Lake Geneva. The new business would allow me to stay in Lake Geneva, and in a way, still be in the education business through radio.

WLKG IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS ON THE AIR. WHAT DOES THIS MILESTONE MEAN?

Barb and I are coming up on 49 years of marriage and we were reflecting on all the Lake Geneva businesses that we've frequented that no longer exist. WLKG-FM's sales in the first 15 months were pretty skimpy. We made changes and grew into success. Twenty-five years is a long time, and Barb and I are proud to have a business that has served Walworth and the surrounding counties, not only with music, but with news, weather, sports and information for a quarter century.

WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE WLKG'S MOST RECENT RECOGNITION BY THE WBA AS THE BEST MUSIC RADIO STATION OF THE YEAR?

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WHAT'S THE SECRET TO YOUR SUCCESS AS A BUSINESSMAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER?

There is no secret to success. You just work more hours than you thought and you spend more money than you thought. I've been fortunate to find a passion and desire in everything I have done. I loved teaching, I loved managing a school, I loved managing the Water Safety Patrol and love being in radio. None of my success would be possible without the help of hundreds of people over the years. The most important person has been my wife, Barbara, who is the wind beneath my wings. **\(\Lambda \)**

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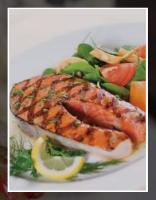
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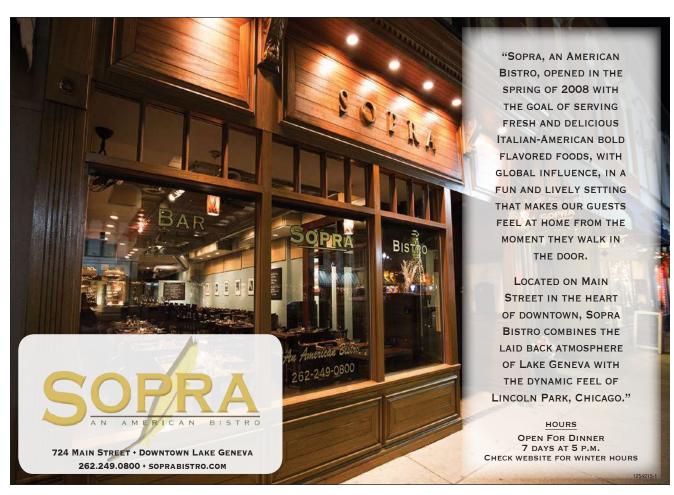
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ONGOING EVENTS

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Every weekend from Sept. 7-Oct. 26 enjoy a fun farm experience in the apple orchard, pumpkin patch, on a hayride or in the farm kitchen bakery, deli and market, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

FALL FUN ON THE FARM

Share traditions of autumn, including harvesting and preserving the bounty of the summer. Every weekend, Sept. 7–Oct. 13, Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

BELFRY MUSIC THEATRE

Enjoy a full line-up of tribute bands and performers every weekend through Oct. 26 plus special holiday performances beginning Dec. 5 at the Belfry Music Theatre located between Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. To purchase tickets, visit belfrymusictheatre.com.

BLACK POINT NOOKS & 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 9:30 a.m. every Friday from Aug. 30–Oct. 25. For tickets visit blackpointestate wisconsinhistory.org or call 262-248-1888.

DINNER TRAIN

Sept. 14 and 28 and Oct. 5, 19, 26. Two-hour dinner tour on East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroynorg for details.

GENEVA LAKE AREA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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

HISTORIC BEER BREWING

The following Saturdays: Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28 and Oct. 12 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, Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay; kishwauketoe.org.

LAKE GENEVA AREA GOLF TRAIL Enjoy more than 240 holes at 19 courses located on nine golf clubs throughout Walworth County. Golf Trail Passports include golf deals as well as special offers for lodging, dining, shopping, and attractions. Visit lakegenevagolftrail.com.

LIVE MAGIC SHOWS

Enjoy 60 minutes of world-class magic, comedy and illusion at the Tristan Crist Magic Theatre in downtown Lake Geneva. Call 262-325-5567 or visit lakegenevamagic.com.

TUESDAYS @ TWO PROGRAMS

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

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

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

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., 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.

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: Tuesday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., through October. Historic Woodstock Square, Woodstock, IL; woodstockfarmersmarket.org.

WATER SKI SHOWS

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: Elkhom 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.

AUGUST

[23-25] MAXWELL STREET DAYS Sales, food and crafts in downtown Lake Geneva; 800-345-1020 or visitlakegeneva.com.

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

Award-winning cheeses from the state fair available to taste and buy. 11 a.m.—3 p.m., The Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

[24, SEPT. 14] LEGENDS & LANDMARKS: WALKING TOUR

A 90-minute walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and the historic Maple Park neighborhoods departs from the Riviera at 11:30 a.m. For tickets, call 262-248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[25] TREADFAST

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

[28-SEPT. 2] WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR

Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn; 262-723-3288 or walworthcountyfair.com.

[30] SYMPLI TRUNK SHOW

Meet a representative of Sympli, the beautiful, packable clothing line designed for effortless fashion, Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

[31] PLEIN AIR INVITATIONAL

Stroll the gardens and watch artists as they create new works of art, then relax on the veranda and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and live music, 4–8 p.m., Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva; blackpointestate. wisconsinhistory.org or 262-248-1888.

[31] STATELINE FARM CRAWL

Learn about sustainable farming practices at Highfield Farm, where they make cave-aged cheeses from milk from their grass-fed Jersey cows and Alden Hills Organic Farm, where they raise grass-fed beef, chicken and laying hens. Both farms will have products available for purchase. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit highfieldfarm.com or aldenhillsorganicfarms.com.

SEPTEMBER

[6-8] DARIEN CORNFEST

Celebration of the super starch and all things corn, Darien; dariencomfest.us.

[7] BEER TRAIN

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

[7-8] AUTUMN ART TOUR

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

[7-8] EAST TROY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The 26th annual event will feature top Bluegrass bands, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and guitar competitions plus food and craft vendors. East Troy village square, East Troy; easttroy.org.

[8] THE WHO: MOVING ON TOUR Hall of fame rock band is including East Troy as part of its 2019 North America "Moving On" tour, 7:30 p.m., Alpine Valley Music Theater. East Troy; visit livenation.com or easttroy.org.

[14] FAT TIRE MEMORIAL RIDE

Bicycle tour on 21.5 miles of paved roads around Geneva Lake with rest stops at taverns throughout the course. To register, visit fattireride.com.

[14] MAPLE PARK LANTERN TOUR

Stroll through Lake Geneva's Maple Park neighborhood and learn why it's on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour departs at 5:30 p.m. from the historic Steppingstone, 817 Wisconsin St., Lake Geneva. For information and tickets, call 262-248-1888.

[14] SCARECROW FEST

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



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[14-15] PEARCE'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAYS

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

[15] JON MEACHAM-SUNDAYS AT 4 Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prizewinning author speaks about his book, "Destiny And Power: Lessons in Global Leadership from the Life of George W. Bush," 4 p.m., Ferro Pavilion, George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or sundaysat4.org.

[20] DEREK BYRNE AND PADDYGRASS

Some of Wisconsin's best Irish musicians take the stage with an energetic mix of Irish, Bluegrass and Gospel music. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[21] BOOK SIGNING

In conjunction with the Lake Geneva's Walk to End Alzheimer's, authors Deborah Harwood and Regina Olson will be signing their book "Losing Mother Twice: Facing the Alzheimer's Journey," Cornerstone Shop & Gallery, Lake Geneva; 262-248-6988 or cornerstoneshoppe.com.

[21] FONTANA TRIATHLON ON GENEVA LAKE

Two-day event will consist of pre-race activities, course talks and optional pasta dinner on Friday, followed by the sprint distance and Olympic distance races on Saturday. For information, visit fontanatriathlon.com.

[21] MILWAUKEE DAY

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

[21] THE JIMMYS

This seven-piece band has been ripping up stages with their blend of blues, soul, funk and R&B for nearly 10 years, and they've just been named a "Best in Madison 2019" winner in the Blues category, 7 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; 262-275-2117 or bigfootfinearts.org.

[21] WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS

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

[23] YOGA AT BLACK POINT

Celebrate the autumnal equinox with a yoga session while watching the sunset, 5-8 p.m., Black Point Estate and Gardens, Lake Geneva. Class is limited to 40 and reservations required. Visit blackpointestate. wisconsinhistory.org or call 262-248-1888.

[25] GENEVA LAKE CONSERVANCY FALL EVENT

A Geneva Lake Estate with a conservation easement will host this event where guests can stroll the grounds, enjoy dinner and learn about sandhill cranes from Buddy Huffaker of the Aldo Leopold Foundation. For more information, call 262-275-5700.

[25] HIPLET BALLERINAS

Hiplet fuses classical pointe technique with African, Latin, hip-hop and urban dance styles. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or

[28] WHISKER WALK

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

[28-29] ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

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

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



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

[29] DISCOVER LAKE GENEVA BRIDAL SHOWCASE

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

[29] MCHENRY COUNTY FARM STROLL

Visit 12 diverse family-owned farms, including Highfield Farm Creamery south of Walworth, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information, visit mchenrycfb.org or call 815-338-1520.

OCTOBER

[4-5, 11-12] WHEN ANGELS CARRIED THEM AWAY

A presentation about Victorian funeral and mourning customs, a first floor house tour of Black Point Estate and a narrated Lake Geneva Cruise Line boat tour of maritime mishaps on Geneva Lake, 5:30-8:30 p.m. For reservations, call Lake Geneva Cruise Line, 262-248-6206 or visit cruiselakegeneva.com.

[5] TRUCKS & TREATS AT KNC Food trucks, live entertainment, bonfire, guided KNC hikes, 3-7 p.m., Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay; kishwauketoe.org.

[5, 12, 19] OAK HILL CEMETERY WALK This walking tour will highlight some of the notable Lake Geneva residents interred in this beautiful cemetery, and guests will learn about cemetery designer Horace W.S. Cleveland, 5-6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Cemetery, Lake Geneva. For tickets call 262-248-1888 or visit blackpointestate. wisconsinhistory.org.

[5, 12, 19] SORDID AND SCANDALOUS: A WALKING TOUR OF LAKE GENEVA

Hear the historic gossip of Lake Geneva, including its 1950's bank robbery, the town's tie to prohibition gangsters, tales of the Lake Geneva sea serpent and more. Tours depart from the Riviera at 11 a.m. For tickets, call 262-248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[8] RHAPSODIE QUARTET

More than a string quartet, this ensemble from the Madison Symphony Orchestra represents award-winning musicians who bring a fusion of talent, passion and heart to their performances. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[10-13, 17-20] NEVERMORE

The Haylofters present this unique and wildly theatrical musical that combines haunting music and poetic storytelling to chronicle the fascinating life of iconic American writer Edgar Allan Poe. Malt House Theater, Burlington; 262-763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[11-13, 18-20] EVITA

The Tony Award-winning performance by the Lakeland Players features the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Walworth County Performing Arts Center, Elkhorn; 262-728-5578 or lakeland-players.org.

[12-13] LAKE GENEVA OKTOBERFEST Family fall festival includes music, food, craft booths, restaurant and shopping specials, wagon hayrides, pony rides, and more.

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[13] THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Not too scary for kindergarteners, but still fun for older children, this performance is one the whole family can enjoy. 3 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[15] SHAUN BOOTH: THE UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY SERIES

This musical project celebrates the world's greatest cultural icons through biographical hip-hop songs. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.





[17] SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUPPER Enjoy dinner out while helping raise funds for Walworth County Special Olympics. Three seatings: 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., Simple Café, 535 Broad St., Lake Geneva. For more information, call 262-248-3034.

[18-19, 25-26] HALLOWEEN LEGENDS AND LORE

Supernatural tales brought to Wisconsin over the generations come to life as you explore the Crossroads Village after dark. 5:30–9:30 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or visit oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org.

[19] ANIMAL QUEST

Get up-close and personal with some of nature's most amazing creatures in this hands-on animal experience. 3 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

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

[19] ELKHORN OCTOBERFEST Featuring wine and beer tasting, chili cook-off, crafts, car show and other activities, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Veterans and Pocket Parks, Elkhorn; 262-723-5788 or elkhornchamber.com.

[19] MILES FOR SMILES BENEFIT 5K WALK RUN

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

[19] WILLIAMS BAY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Celebrate Williams Bay's 100th birthday with Oktoberfest-style food, music, antique and classic cars, boat tours and more, Edgewater Park, Williams Bay; williamsbay.org

[22] LADIES DAY LUNCHEON Geneva Lakes Women's Association 17th annual luncheon featuring silent auction, raffle followed by author and historian Leslie Goddard in "Becoming Queen Elizabeth II," Geneva National Resort & Club; Lake Geneva. For information, visit glwa.net.

[22] SOUTH CHICAGO DANCE THEATRE

Through elements of contemporary dance and theater, this immersive performance explores themes of comedy, loss, beauty, and memory. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[25-26] BOO IN THE BAY EVENTS Annual Halloween celebration in Williams Bay featuring enchanted and spooky walks on Friday night and pumpkin races on Saturday. For more information, call 262-245-2720 or visit wbrecdept.com.

[26] 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.

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

[27] HAUNTED HALLOWEEN BALL/ TRICK OR TREAT FOR HUNGER

Enjoy cocktails, dinner and dancing at Geneva National Resort & Club. Silent auction, treat or treat raffle and so much more. A \$250 prize will be awarded for the best costume (costumes are not required). Tickets \$75 and proceeds to benefit the Walworth County Food Pantry and Diaper Bank. Visit walworthcountyfoodpantry.org or 262-581-3389.

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

[31-DECEMBER 22] A CHRISTMAS STORY

This musical adaptation of the classic 1983 movie is sure to delight children and grown-ups alike. Performance dates and show times vary, Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson; 800-477-9505 or firesidetheatre.com.

NOVEMBER

[1] THE ROOSEVELTS

Adam Lindquist, as Teddy Roosevelt, is back by popular demand along with Gary Stamm portraying Franklin D. Roosevelt. Learn what made these fifth cousins tick, their similarities and their differences, and their styles of governing as our 26th and 32nd presidents, 7 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; 262-275-2117 or bigfootfinearts.org.

[1-10] DINE AROUND THE LAKES The Walworth County restaurant week features prix fixe three course menus at participating area restaurants. Call 262-728-6000 or visit dinearoundthelakes.com.

[2] PAM TILLIS ACOUSTIC TRIO Enjoy an intimate acoustic performance by country music superstar Pam Tillis. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[2-3, 9-10] HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Don't miss the Cornerstone Shop & Gallery's biggest event of the year, the annual Holiday Open House, featuring holiday décor, giveaways, treats and special guests on both weekends. Call 262-248-6988 or visit cornerstoneshoppe.com for details.

[6] 1984 - AQUILA THEATRE COMPANY

George Orwell's science fiction classic "1984" is explored by one of the nation's premier theatre companies. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[9] HOLIDAY AFFAIR CRAFT FAIR "Round robin" craft show featuring over 250 crafters, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at six locations in Elkhorn; 262-723-3228 or elkhornchamber.com.

[9-10] HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Lake Geneva's downtown stores will have festive treats plus music and holiday offerings to kick off the holiday season. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com.

[15] JUDY MOODY AND STINK In this new musical, Judy Moody and Stink, a dynamic sister and brother duo, take audiences on a hilarious adventure. 7 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu.

[16] LAKE GENEVA BEER & SPIRITS FESTIVAL

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[17-DEC. 31] CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

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[24] O SOLE TRIO-SUNDAYS AT 4 Classical cross-over ensemble breathes new life into familiar favorites with their unique and innovative arrangements, 4 p.m., Ferro Pavilion, George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or sundaysat4.org.

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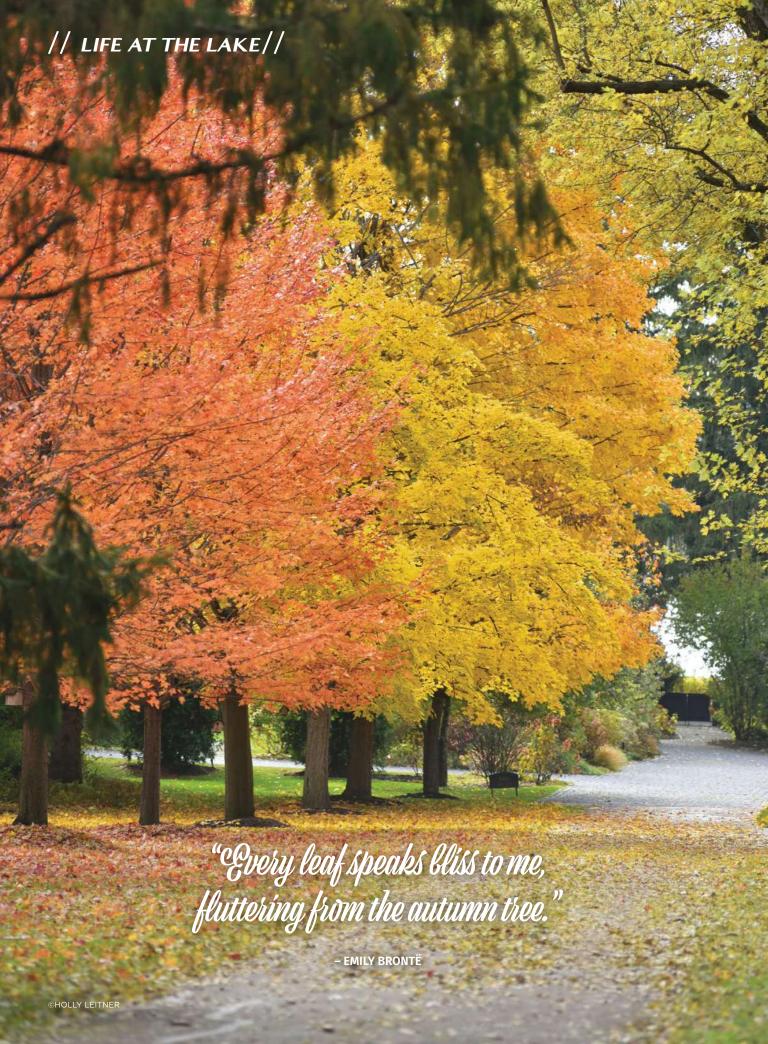
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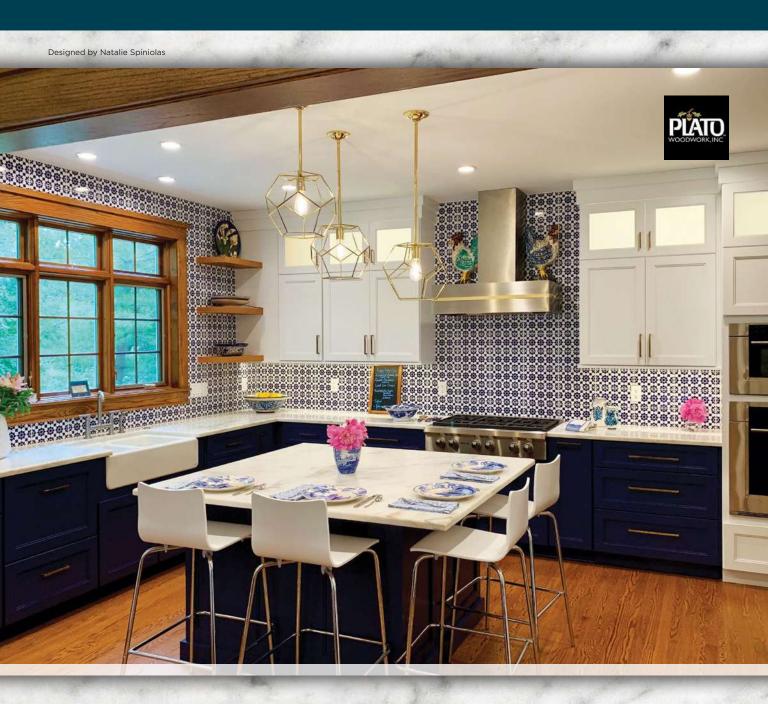
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