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## // EDITOR'S PAGE //



Dear Readers,

I'm certainly no photographer, but I know a great picture when I see one and in each issue of *At The Lake* we strive to bring you the best shots. This issue is no different, although in the following pages, it's clearly evident that the art of photography takes center stage.

First, there's our 11th annual wedding guide, beginning on page 51, where we feature the work of two Lake Geneva photography companies who have contributed photo galleries of local weddings. After reviewing thousands of photos, we narrowed our selection to five weddings. Along with these amazing images, we're presenting each couple's list of vendor teams and complementing it all with advertising for everything from florists to spas and salons. Based on these resources, we think those planning a wedding at the lake will find the inspiration to create a truly special day.

Most photographers will tell you they like to keep a low-profile, fading into the background and letting the spotlight shine on others. But what happens when the subject is the photographer? That's what occurred when John Halverson interviewed professional photographer and Lake Geneva native Megan Bearder. See his story and some of Megan's work on page 18.

On page 38, we present the results of our first-ever photo contest. We received dozens of entries and we've selected 15 that capture the beauty of winter at the lake. Congratulations to all the cold-weather photographers who wowed us with their shots.

A good photograph is sometimes all it takes to entice us to try a new recipe. Check out those beginning on page 45, which capture one-of-a-kind holiday beverages created by Publisher Barb Krause and her friend, Sharon Annen. You can almost taste them!

We hope you enjoy this issue and its many photo-heavy features. Just maybe the next time you snap a picture with your cell phone, you'll remember a few of the images you've seen here. I know I will.

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Barb Howell, Editor



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## SANTA CAUSE MAINTAINS ITS MISSION

Santa Cause, a super charity that supports existing charities in Walworth County, has donated more than \$365,000 to those causes since its inception in 2016. Often referred to as “The Charities of Christmas,” the Santa Cause charities vary from Tree House Child and Family Center to Norman B. Barr Camp.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, Santa Cause has greatly scaled back its efforts this year with the cancellation of both Santa Cruise, a holiday favorite for families hosted by Lake Geneva Cruise Line, and the Festival of Trees, a display of Christmas trees decorated by each of the Santa Cause charities at the Boat Showroom at Pier 290.

However, according to Nancy Waspi, Santa Cause vice president, board chair and executive director, the organization will be active this holiday season to ensure the charities won't be forgotten. The group is developing an email campaign to thank all past supporters of the Santa Cause charities, plus the organization is working with some of their restaurant sponsors to create a program to engage guests in Santa Cause.

Waspi emphasizes that many of their business sponsors are feeling the effects of COVID-19 and this year the organization wants to show its appreciation for past support by keeping them at the same sponsorship level at no charge, while continuing to support them on its website.

To ensure the holiday spirit is maintained in Williams Bay, Santa Cause organizers are working with Village businesses to keep the festive lights up as well as holiday decorations placed in Edgewater Park. “We want to keep Santa Cause in front of people,” says Waspi. “We're not going anywhere. We're here and we'll come back next holiday season with a bang.”

## GALLERY 223 FEATURES UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFTS

Gallery 223 in downtown Lake Geneva is sharing holiday cheer with its annual Geneva Lake Arts Foundation Winter Art Show and accompanying Artsy Holiday Market.

The gallery features original artwork on a rotating basis from regional artists who are members of the foundation. Each show features a variety of styles and media, from traditional art such as oil paintings or photography to 3D art in the form of mosaics, ceramics and sculptures.

Now through the end of the year, the Winter Show will also include the Artsy Holiday Market, which allows artists to display an additional 10 holiday or gift-related items ranging from painted ornaments and jewelry to hand-carved wooden Santas and scarves.

“It's the perfect place to shop for truly unique gift items,” GLAF Vice President-elect and gallery director Sarah McConnell says.

Though the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated many small businesses across the country, McConnell and GLAF President Nikki Marsicano are hopeful customers will come support local artists.

“Usually this is a pretty good show and

people show up, but with COVID-19 and everything, we don't know what to expect,” says Marsicano. She explains the foundation anticipates displays from 30 to 40 artists, adding some chose not to participate in the last show because they were waiting for this one.

“In these difficult times,” McConnell adds, “customers can shop with confidence knowing that Gallery 223 follows all the CDC-recommended safety guidelines with free masks available, hand sanitizer throughout the store and a recently installed high-grade Hepa H13 air purifier.”

The foundation is celebrating its fifth year at Gallery 223, since opening in February 2016 for Winterfest. The gallery is staffed exclusively by the exhibiting artists, providing customers an opportunity to meet and talk with the creators as they view their work. Because the GLAF is an entirely volunteer not-for-profit organization, all purchases go directly toward supporting the artists, the gallery and the foundation's mission.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday and by appointment on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For information about the GLAF or Gallery 223, visit [genevalakeartsfoundation.org](http://genevalakeartsfoundation.org) or email [genevalakeartsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:genevalakeartsfoundation@gmail.com).



## TOWN OF DELAVAN POLICE OFFICER PENS SERIES OF NOVELS

In early 2020, Erik Voss, a detective sergeant for the Town of Delavan Police Department, published the final book in a three-part series based on several unsolved murders in Walworth County.

"Murder Made Casual," the first book published in 2019, adds a fictional twist to the mysterious slaying of an unknown woman whose body was found in a culvert in Delavan in 1928. Voss stumbled across the story in 2012, and his research took off. He learned the woman likely was killed in a cabin off Highway 50 between Lake Geneva and Delavan. Her body was found Aug. 23, 1928, but about a month earlier neighbors reported hearing a disturbance in the area. Because DNA testing wasn't available at the time, the case went cold.

What struck Voss was that no one ever claimed to know the woman, and nobody knew who she was or where

she came from. "She's literally lost to the ages," says Voss.

The novel allowed Voss to invent the woman's mannerisms and create a character for her. "I looked at it as a way to kind of give her a voice that she didn't have," he says.

He also thought the project may bring forth some information about the case. "A lot of times stories get passed through generations, so I was kind of hoping that by putting this out there, it would trigger someone's memory that 'my grandpa used to talk about that,'" Voss says.

"Murder Made Necessary" and "Murder Made Political," the second and third novels, respectively, feature the same two protagonists and cover unsolved murders in the area from 1930 and 1933. In each book in the series, Voss intersperses real Walworth County locations, including the Frank Lloyd Wright properties on Delavan Lake, Lake Lawn Resort and the historic Village Supper Club.



Voss grew up in Walworth and has been in law enforcement for 26 years. He also serves as a middle school substitute teacher and adjunct criminal justice professor. He had no previous writing experience and says it has been a learning process, especially the research for each book.



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The books are available on Amazon, and Voss is already working on his next project: a five-part supernatural series based in Elkhorn and inspired by his teenage daughters. To view his work online, visit [egvossauthor.weebly.com](http://egvossauthor.weebly.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/egvossauthor](https://www.facebook.com/egvossauthor) *E.G. Voss Author.*




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### ICE CASTLES PUTS SAFETY FIRST

Ice Castles, the popular wintertime attraction built by hand with thousands of icicles, is returning to Geneva National Resort & Club with changes that address public health concerns due to the pandemic.

According to Melissa Smuzynski, Ice Castles marketing and public relations representative, Ice Castles will still offer the same magical winter experience, but it will operate with a reduced capacity this season to promote social distancing. Wherever possible, tunnels and crawl spaces will be clearly marked as one-way features to limit face-to-face exposure with other guests. In addition, staff and guests older than 2 will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

"The safety of our guests and staff has always been our top priority," Ice Castles CEO Kyle Standifird says. "The new features and guidelines we have in place this season are designed to create a safe and magical environment for everyone."

In early November, crews had already arrived at the Geneva National site. As weather permits, they will begin growing and harvesting up to 10,000 icicles each day with an opening date of the icy kingdom sometime in January. For updates and ticket information, visit [icecastles.com](http://icecastles.com). 





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# EVERY PICTURE Tells a Story

From an early age, Lake Geneva native Megan Bearder has had a camera by her side, capturing life's special moments

BY JOHN HALVERSON

It's a picture-perfect fall day and Megan Bearder is sitting on a park bench outside of the Lake Geneva Public Library, retracing her life and where it's taken her.

Bearder, whose roots are in Lake Geneva, not far from that park bench, is now one of Chicago's premier photographers with a business aptly named Megan Bearder Photography.

A camera is usually part of her uniform, but on this day, she is without one, taking in the view without distraction. As her website says, "When every moment matters" — a credo for her life as well as her business.

Her curious mind flutters with creative thoughts and she has an easy smile.

Bearder's photos have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Magazine*, *Money* magazine and *Sports Illustrated*. Her photo portfolio also includes work for Fortune 100 and 500 companies and numerous public relations firms, and she has a thriving wedding photography business.

"I remember as a kid always grabbing my mom's little Kodak camera, with that spinning cube flash. That cube was really weird and fascinating," she says, explaining how she fell in love with photography. "When I was 10, I strongly requested a real camera for Christmas. My mom was always disappointed that I unwrapped it Christmas morning while she was in the kitchen."

Bearder grew up in Geneva Bay Estates. Her grandparents owned the *Lake Geneva Regional News* and Bearder's uncle ran it for years. "This is my hometown, and nobody can ever take that away from me," she says, "I'm so proud that I come from Lake Geneva."

She recalls Lake Geneva as a small town "where I knew everybody" that has grown into a much larger town with big box stores on the outskirts.

That interest in cameras with spinning cubes took a step closer to reality when she took a test in fifth grade designed to show her potential career interests. The test identified graphic arts and photography.

"I was blown away," she says. "Out of the hundreds of occupations, those sounded like the best ones. That's like getting to take an art class for a living and getting paid for it! It really felt right. Everything else sounded drab and painful, like something you have to do. Photographer, that sounded like something you get to be."

### AN EVER-EVOLVING CRAFT

Bearder's father was a photographer, too. He once hid in the trunk of his car to take photos of Mafia members, she says.

When she was 15, Bearder recalls standing on the hood of her father's Mercedes, at his behest, so she could get a better vantage point for a picture. On her website, she describes that "as my first major lesson in photography. Whatever the repair cost from the dents that day, it was far less than the value of the lesson" — which was to do whatever it takes to make a good picture.

"At that time, I didn't know I could be a photographer. What I did know was that

I wanted to make a beautiful picture," she says. "I had thought it could take a lifetime to make one."

Clearly, it didn't take that long, but at first her photos were less than satisfying. "There was a learning curve of translating what I saw through the camera and how I photographed it," she says. "Maybe that's encouragement for those who love photography but don't love their results. Keep seeing, keep photographing."

Over the years her pictures started looking as fantastic as the scene or person she was photographing and now they're often better as the examples on the next page and those on her website, [meganbearderphotography.com](http://meganbearderphotography.com), attest. Her underwater photography — "underwater muse" as she calls them — are especially striking. So are her more realistic photos — a father hugging his daughter at her wedding and exotic pictures taken in foreign lands.

She has a soft spot for veterans. She gets teary-eyed when she talks about making pictures of the last World War II

prisoners-of-war survivors of the Bataan Death March. One of her goals is to take more portraits to memorialize them. "Their stories are important to know," she says. "These men survived some of the cruelest circumstances imaginable. They are now in their late 90s and beyond. I'd like to make a difference for vets."

### "EVERYTHING WAS SO PHOTOGENIC"

Bearder went to college at Liberty University in Virginia and decided photography was her destiny. "I carried my camera with me all the time," she says. "I was always creating scenarios for my friends to partake in and photographing just the things we did — studying at Krispy Kreme, friends talking at a table in the library, hanging out at the Waffle House. Everything felt significant and everything was so photogenic to me."

Unlike most professional photographers, Bearder did not hone her skill in academia. "I never took a photography course until after I was a full-time, professional



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photographer,” she says. “I didn’t understand the value of a photography course when I was in college. I’d see those students photographing eggs and I thought that was the dumbest thing.”

In fact, she thought photography was something deeper than one could find in a class. “How can one be taught photography? It comes from inside — who someone is, what they think, what their values are,” she says. “I thought that! And hence I missed any opportunity to actually learn more technical things. Now I understand why they were photographing eggs!”

She found her way to Chicago while visiting a Lake Geneva friend during her college years. “I fell in love with Chicago in the winter,” she says, laughing at the seeming incongruity of the idea. “In fact, I wondered if Chicago even had anything going for it in the summer.”

An epiphany occurred when she was taking pictures of a friend while traipsing around Chicago, and they found themselves at the Adler Planetarium on Chicago’s lakefront. “My friend was all in white and I had asked her to bring a big piece of light white fabric or a scarf. I didn’t know what we would do with it but figured it could come in handy. I directed her to hold two corners and let the wind take the scarf. Bam! I felt the biggest rush of serendipity,” she says.

It was a moment she describes as “magic.” Bearder felt a “lightning strike of joy. I knew in that moment, and even said so out loud ‘this is what I wanted do.’ If I could do this all the time it would be so amazing. Isn’t that how one is supposed to pick a career?”

### HER POLAROID DAYS

Her first job as a professional photographer wasn’t that enjoyable but taught her a valuable lesson. She explains she was staying with a friend in Chicago and had to find some way to support herself. “I went through the yellow pages looking for photographers and called them to see if they needed an assistant,” she says. “One did. But it was with a Polaroid camera selling pictures to couples in a night club.”

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## MOMENTS IN TIME

This profile of Megan Bearder wouldn't be complete without a sampling of her work, which is wide-ranging and diverse and displays her talent for capturing special moments in time. Whether it's an editorial assignment, creating imagery for corporate clients or photographing a couple on their wedding day, her pictures are genuine, revealing true emotion and feeling.

**TOP: "Soldier Field Hockey"** This photo is one of many Bearder created for a *New York Times* story about the first hockey game ever played in Chicago's Soldier Field. "It was like being in a snow globe — they had to stop the game three times to clear the ice," she says.

**TOP RIGHT: "Wintry Wedding"** According to Bearder, this couple came from California to the Midwest in hopes of a snowy wedding day, but unfortunately there was no snow on the ground. She says, "Magically, during the ceremony, it started snowing and we were in an instant blizzard." She adds, "Incredibly, I still made my flight that night to the next photo shoot in Morocco!"

**BOTTOM: "Red Muse"** Bearder's underwater portraits are made in a pool that's 8 feet deep or in the ocean. Here, she says, "I was thinking Adam and Eve." (Note the model is holding an apple.) She says she wore lead weights on her diving belt, wore a diver's mask and held her breath as long as she and the model could.

**BOTTOM RIGHT: "Chicago Baby"** Of this picture, Bearder says, "I've been making unique family portraits for well over a decade. I have photographed some families since their engagement through a third child ... and counting." For this particular photo, she explains, "I had to crop out two people that jumped into the icy November waters of Lake Michigan while we were photographing."



Her opinion of the job was less than glamorous. "It was horrible! I hated the scene," she says, recalling how she went to the restroom and cried.

But the job taught her that she was good with people. She could walk up to someone, talk with them, and through that rapport they'd decide to have their picture taken and buy a copy.

"Being great with people I think, at least for everything I do in the realm of photography and life, is one of the most important keys for being a good photographer," she says.

This characteristic has translated into text on one of her websites, where it says: "While the work is exciting, our passion is working with people. We do our best not just to create images of people, but to make them feel special, to make them look good and to make sure they have a great experience working with us!"

When asked what she does in her spare time away from her photography

career, Bearder says with a smile, "Make pictures." She also loves skating and plays ping-pong against anyone, including professionals. She also skis, boxes and plays hockey. "But I photograph all those, too," she says.

## MORE DREAMS AND AMBITIONS

"I would love to be doing more 'A Day in the Life Of' for families, athletes, musicians and honeymooners," Bearder says. "Kids are growing every month and the silly or cute or amazing things they are doing at this moment will change. I like to pause time for people and this would be a beautiful and incredible gift to oneself and family to have these tiny and monumental moments that may be missed with the cell phone — to be permanent — printed for all time and cherished even more 5, 10 and 20 years from now."

To learn more about Bearder and see galleries of her photos, check out her websites: [meganbearderphotography.com](http://meganbearderphotography.com); [bearcoastmedia.com](http://bearcoastmedia.com); and [meganelizabethstudios.com](http://meganelizabethstudios.com). ▲



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# HIGH-SPEED THRILLS ON ICE

For over nine decades, the Geneva Lake area has remained the hub of an active iceboat racing community

BY ANNE MORRISSY

On any given winter Wednesday, a dedicated group of passionate weather-watchers might be spotted lunching in a local establishment (Chuck's Lakeshore Inn in Fontana is a favorite) and animatedly discussing that day's conditions for the sport that brings them all together: iceboating. Since 1933, members of the Skeeter Ice Boat Club have devoted themselves to the organized racing of some of the fastest, non-motorized vehicles on the planet. Given the right conditions, iceboats — sleek, aerodynamic sailboats on raised blades called “runners” — can reach speeds of almost 100 mph. “At those speeds, the sensation is awesome, because you're down within inches of the surface of the ice. No other vehicle is quite like it,” explains club member Birdell “Burleigh” Brellenthin. And Brellenthin would know — he took up competitive iceboating after returning from two tours as the navigator of a B-29 bomber in both World War II and Korea.



Skeeter Iceboats are lined up on Geneva Lake on Jan. 31, 2018, prior to the Boe-Craft Championship Regatta held Feb. 2-4.



Original Skeeters built by Beauvais, Palmer, Geneva Lake Boat Company, Mead and home builders lined up on Geneva Lake around 1935. (This is what the boats looked like when the Skeeter Ice Boat Club was founded in 1933.) The boats did not yet have springboards on the bows to provide a suspension. Note: Sail numbers were not yet used for racing, instead some racers used their initials.



Boats from the 1920s and 1930s were designed as gaff-rigged, stern-steerers. All used an angled gaff spar (pole) on the hoist of the trapezoid-shaped sail. The Skeeters have a triangular sail and are hoisted to the top of the mast without this extra spar.

However, the perfect conditions to achieve such speeds in an iceboat are often elusive. “It’s such a fluky sport,” explains longtime Skeeter Ice Boat Club member Fritz Button, going on to list the many conditions that must be met in order for iceboats to race. First, of course, there must be ice. Button says most of the iceboats racing today need a consistent thickness of around 4 inches at minimum for safe conditions. “We have what we call ice checkers,” Button continues. “They go out and walk the lake and look for seams and thin spots in the ice and holes and anything that might be a danger to an iceboat. It takes an experienced group quite a while to check it out.”

Ice formation depends both on the weather and on a lake’s overall size and depth. On smaller, shallower lakes, ice may form early in the winter, while large, deep lakes like Geneva Lake can take a long time to freeze. Because of their size, Lake Como and Delavan Lake usually freeze earlier in the season, but this leaves them vulnerable to “getting snowed out,” in iceboat parlance. The sharp runners on an iceboat can only clear a light dusting of snow, and Button says snow can easily blow and drift into frozen piles, which are very dangerous to iceboaters. Additionally, air temperature is always a concern — even at lower speeds of 30 to 40 mph, windchills can quickly lead to frostbite. “It’s an unwritten rule to not sail if it’s below 10 degrees,”



Button explains. “You can freeze your face very quickly.” And always, no matter what, iceboaters are at the mercy of wind conditions: 7 to 8 mph at minimum but no more than 25 mph or it’s too dangerous.

Due to these limitations, there are relatively few places on earth suited to a competitive iceboating season. Scandinavia is one of them, New England is another; so are parts of Canada. But historically, the sport has been particularly active right here in the Upper Midwest, and for much of the past nine decades, the Geneva Lake area has served as an epicenter of the sport, thanks in no small part to the Skeeter Ice Boat Club.

### BUILD A BETTER ICEBOAT

The earliest known iceboats were invented in the Netherlands in the 17th century for use as work boats along the frozen canals. By the late 1700s, iceboats began appearing on the Hudson River in upstate New York as a hobby sport for wealthy farmers to pass the time during the long, cold winters. In the 19th century, iceboating spread to the Midwest — their earliest mention in *The Lake Geneva Herald* dates to the 1870s.

At that time, all iceboats were “stern-steerers,” large boats with the steering mechanism located at the back of the boat, similar to a traditional sailboat. However, due to the design and the extreme speeds these iceboats achieved, stern-steerers proved difficult to control. So around 1930, a Fontana boatbuilder named Walter Beauvais set out to build a better iceboat. To create more stability, he moved the steering mechanism to the bow, and simplified the boat’s design in order to use a single, 75-square-foot sail. He named his new model the “Beau-Skeeter.”

According to Harry “Buddy” Melges Jr., a multi-decade iceboat racing champion and two-time Olympic sailor whose father, Harry Melges, worked with Beauvais on the front-steering design, the invention of the Beau-Skeeter revolutionized the sport of iceboating by offering racers a relatively standardized, affordable and more stable boat. “The front-steering

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boats are under much better control than the stern-steering,” he explains.

Not long after inventing the Beau-Skeeter, Beauvais bought a boat company in Williams Bay, where he produced his new model amid increasing competition from a handful of other boat companies who recognized the new design’s benefits and began producing their own Skeeter versions.

## THE SKEETER ICE BOAT CLUB

In March 1933, a group of iceboating enthusiasts, including Beauvais and Melges’s father, met at the home of F. Arthur Andersen in Williams Bay and formed the Beau-Skeeter Ice Boat Club. According to the bylaws devised that day, they formed the club to “encourage ice yachting, to promote the social interest and good fellowship of all persons interested in ice yachting and to stimulate and promote races under reasonable and uniform rules.”

The group adopted the racing rules of the larger, regional Northwest Ice

“The people who were members of the Ice Boat Club at that time — many of them original club founders — were very generous and helped me become accustomed to what the differences are between the sailboat and the iceboat.”

—JANE PEGEL, PAST COMMODORE OF  
THE SKEETER ICE BOAT CLUB

Yachting Association. Five years later, as members of the group purchased iceboats from a variety of boatbuilders, the club voted to change its name simply to the Skeeter Ice Boat Club.

According to Jane Pegel, racing champion and a past commodore of the Skeeter Ice Boat Club, the original members of the club worked hard to make the sport accessible to all, keeping the dues low and implementing both men’s and women’s racing. Pegel took up the sport as a high school student in

the late 1940s and says that joining the club helped her learn how to translate her skills as a “soft-water sailor” to the ice. “The people who were members of the Ice Boat Club at that time — many of them original club founders —were very generous and helped me become accustomed to what the differences are between the sailboat and the iceboat,” she says.

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Photo taken about 1950 shows a regatta on Geneva Lake. Current Skeeter Ice Boat Fleet Captain Steve Schalk was able to identify the following boats: I 169 - Jane Wiswell (later Pegel), Williams Bay; I 186 - Sylvester Beers, Fontana; I 5 - Tom Jones, Fontana; IOU sail - Bill Perrigo, Pewaukee; and F 43 - F.A. Brown, Fox Lake, IL.



Williams Bay shop and other local boat companies like the Palmer Boat Company in Fontana, the Geneva Lake area had already earned a reputation as a hub of commercial iceboat building dating back to the 1930s. Although Beauvais' shop closed in the 1940s, a boatbuilder named Bill Boehmke joined the cottage industry in the 1950s and began building Skeeters, eventually moving his operation to Fontana and extending the iceboat-building tradition here.

By the 1970s, many people involved in the sport began sailing vintage Skeeters that they worked to keep competitive on the ice through extensive upkeep and maintenance, even disassembling and rebuilding the boats when necessary. "Over the years, there have been very few professional builders of iceboats," explains current Fleet Captain Steve Schalk. "Since most of those builders went away [in the 1970s], you can't just go order an iceboat anymore. You virtually have to build your own. The large majority of people who get involved in iceboating now will buy a vintage boat and fix it up."

For more than three decades, Pegel and her late husband, Bob (another avid iceboater and member of the Skeeter Ice Boat Club), ran a full-service shop in Williams Bay called Sailing Specialists Inc., which excelled at the optimization of vintage iceboats. "We would repair boats or rebuild



Photos from the 1940s show the popularity of iceboating on Geneva Lake, and Williams Bay as its hub. Eventually, the Village would earn the nickname "Iceboat Center of the World."





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—SKEETER ICE BOAT FLEET CAPTAIN STEVE SCHALK

boats that people sailed all over the area,” she says, explaining that many iceboaters will travel from Minnesota to northeastern Wisconsin to Madison to Geneva Lake to Michigan and beyond, chasing regattas and the right ice conditions on any given weekend.

Pegel says that the combination of these elements — weather conditions, the area’s lakes of various sizes and depths, the presence of so many boatbuilders and repair specialists, the active iceboating community — earned the Geneva Lake

area, and more specifically Williams Bay itself, the nickname “Iceboat Center of the World.” It is a moniker that dates back at least as far as January 1966, when the camera crew from the nationally televised “ABC’s Wide World of Sports” arrived in the area to film the Northwest Ice Yachting Association’s annual regatta, bringing national attention to the sport. In the 1990s, village signs designed by Williams Bay artist and Skeeter Ice Boat Club member LaMarr “Sparky” Lundberg proudly included the phrase as well.



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The second race on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, during the Boe-Craft Championship Regatta on Geneva Lake. The race and this particular boat class are named after Bill Boehmke, who built Skeeters in Fontana, beginning in the 1950s. The champion after six races was Rick Pappas in boat I 270. In the foreground is I 109, Sparky Lundberg.





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Rick Pappas after racing had been completed for the Boe-Craft Championship Regatta, Friday, Feb. 2, 2018. Pappas would win the Championship the next day.

## ICEBOATING TODAY

Today, 87 years after its founding, the Skeeter Ice Boat Club remains an active racing group in the Geneva Lakes area. However, as with many cold-weather sports, warming winters have taken a toll. “With the climate warming, it seems to be getting harder,” Button says. “When I was a kid, some years we used to be able to get out on Lake Como even before Thanksgiving. That just doesn’t happen anymore.”

Schalk agrees. “People who believe that climate change isn’t real aren’t iceboaters,” he says.

In order to complete a regulation racing season and award trophies, including the humorous “Oh No” trophy for the club member who has “gotten the wettest,” according to Brellenthin, the club requires a minimum of five races for each series, and in recent years they have only just cleared the minimum. “Some of the older members will tell you that they remember years when we

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—BIRDELL “BURLEIGH” BRELLENTHIN,  
LONGTIME SKEETER ICE BOAT  
CLUB MEMBER

got in more than 30 races in a season,” Schalk adds.

Despite the challenges, optimism prevails for those who love the sport. “We’re not giving up yet,” Schalk says.

Brellenthin, now 95, no longer races competitively, though he was able to get out for a ride last winter and hopes to do so again this year. When asked what keeps him coming back winter after winter, he says, “The competition, the thrill, the camaraderie. I would never leave in the winter to go to Florida or anywhere else because of the iceboating. It’s been a tremendous part of my life.”

Button agrees: “They say it’s the closest thing to flying.” 🛥

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**F**irst we advertised it on Facebook, then we told you about it in our fall issue — a chance to have your photographs published in *At The Lake*. Our goal: We wanted to be wowed by the best winter landscape shots of our own backyard — the lakes area — when Mother Nature's work is most dramatic, intensifying the beauty that surrounds us.

We received dozens of entries and we selected 15 spectacular photos that we're presenting on the next six pages. For their efforts, the photographers who submitted winning entries will receive a copy of our "Geneva Lake: Stories From the Shore," which documents the rich history of the lake from prehistoric discoveries to contemporary life.

Walworth County, and particularly the lakes area, is a favorite for professional and amateur photographers alike, especially on warm summer days or during autumn when fall foliage lights up the countryside. It's the hardy souls, however, who on sub-zero days, hike the Shore Path, venture onto ice-covered lakes, rise before dawn or wait for the moments before sunset to get the right shot.

So, thank you to all the cold-weather photographers who shared their photos with us, and congratulations to the winners!

**The Riviera, Lake Geneva**  
Chris Kayser





**TOP TO BOTTOM:** Central-Denison Elementary School, Lake Geneva - Kelly Peters; Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy, Williams Bay - Chris Kayser; Geneva Lake Shore Path, East Side of Geneva Lake - Kelly Peters; North Shore Drive, Delavan - Lori Johnson



**Delavan Lake at View  
Crest Association Beach**  
Lori Johnson



**LEFT TO RIGHT: White River, Lake Geneva - Kelly Peters; Geneva Lake Shore Path, North Side of Geneva Lake - Kelly Peters; Geneva Lake Shore Path, North Side of Geneva Lake - Kelly Peters**





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**Williams Bay**  
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**The North Side of Geneva  
Lake at The Narrows**  
Evan Elsner





**The Riviera with Full Moon**  
Kelly Peters



**LEFT TO RIGHT: Library Park, Lake Geneva - Kelly Peters; The Riviera at Dawn - Martha Cucco**



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# IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRITS

A bit of this, a tad of that – the key to creating unexpected yet unmistakably delicious drinks

BY BARB KRAUSE AND SHARON ANNEN

PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHANNA WOLF

If you're lucky, someone you know at the lake happens to be a natural mixologist, taking bottles of whatever you have in your liquor cabinet, combining one or two of them with a splash of this or that, and handing you a beverage that is perfectly delicious and just the right amount of festive.

For me, that someone is my friend Sharon Annen. There are those who might be able to make the best martini or craft a mean Old-Fashioned, but give Sharon any type of liquor, and she'll produce a tasty libation every time.

For this issue, Sharon and I invited a handful of friends over and taste-tested a round of alcoholic drinks especially ideal for the upcoming holiday season. The five featured in our pages are the unanimous winners.

SEE PAGE 46 FOR  
THE RECIPE FOR  
THIS GRAPEFRUIT  
GIN COCKTAIL.



## APRÈS SKI BRANDY APPLE CIDER

Let this hot drink simmer in your crock pot all day and serve it up to sip after a brisk day on the slopes (or on the trails).

### *Ingredients:*

6 cups apple cider  
¼ cup simple syrup  
1 lemon, sliced  
1 orange, sliced  
2 cinnamon sticks plus more for garnish  
8 whole cloves  
1½ cups brandy

### *Directions:*

Add all ingredients except brandy to a slow cooker and mix together. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours. Stir in brandy and reduce heat to warm. Ladle into mugs and garnish with a cinnamon stick.



## CHOCOLATE MARTINI

This martini is a fan favorite of the *At The Lake* staff and was derived from the chocolate martini recipe served at the Del Bar in Wisconsin Dells. It's especially delicious during the holidays, when a sweet chocolate drink after a sumptuous feast seems like a logical next step.

### *Ingredients:*

2 oz. vanilla vodka  
2 oz. Godiva liqueur  
2 oz. Bailey's/any Irish cream liqueur  
Hershey's syrup for rimming the glasses

### *Directions:*

Combine all ingredients in a martini shaker filled with ice. Pour into a martini glass rimmed with Hershey's syrup.



## GRAPEFRUIT GIN COCKTAIL

We love this cocktail as a brunch option — the grapefruit juice sets the scene and gin takes a backseat to the aromatic rosemary simple syrup.

### *Ingredients:*

3 oz. grapefruit juice  
3 oz. gin  
½ oz. rosemary simple syrup

### *Directions:*

Combine cocktail ingredients into a martini shaker with ice. Shake to combine and strain into an ice-filled rocks glass.

To make the rosemary simple syrup, bring 1 cup water, 1 cup sugar and 4-5 sprigs of rosemary to a boil. Remove from heat, cover and let sit for 10 minutes. Pour into container, removing used rosemary sprigs but adding 1-2 fresh sprigs to the container. Store in the refrigerator for up to one month.



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## HOLIDAY CHEERMEISTER BOURBON PUNCH

Who doesn't love a little bourbon punch? This simple recipe for a small get-together will fit into your New Year's plans nicely.


### *Ingredients:*

½ cup bourbon  
1 cup pomegranate juice  
Zest of 1 orange  
½ cup freshly squeezed orange juice  
1 (750 ml) bottle Prosecco or sparkling wine, chilled



### *Directions:*

In a large pitcher, combine the bourbon, pomegranate juice, orange zest and orange juice. Chill until ready to serve. Just before serving, add ice to the pitcher and pour over the Prosecco and top with pomegranates.

To make festive ice cubes, place fresh cranberries and rosemary sprigs in an ice cube tray. Fill with water and freeze until solid.



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## SHARON'S MERRY MARGARITA MULE

This never-before-published holiday cocktail is a happy accident created by Sharon when she added ginger beer to the holiday margarita we were working on. It's delightful when served on the rocks, really for any occasion.

### *Ingredients:*

1 oz. tequila  
2 oz. cranberry juice  
1 oz. PAMA pomegranate-flavored liqueur  
1 lime, juiced  
Optional: ½ oz. simple syrup (if you want it a little sweeter)  
Ginger beer

### *Directions:*

Combine ingredients in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Strain and pour into a glass filled with ice until two-thirds full. Top with ginger beer. If desired, garnish with lime, fresh cranberries and pomegranate seeds.

*PS:* If you fall in love with PAMA like we did, you can also try 2 ounces of it with an equal amount of vodka and 1 ounce of Cointreau, served on the rocks. ▲



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***11th Annual Special Wedding Guide***

# *It's All in the Details*



*From photos to florals and place settings to transportation, we present ideas and inspiration for getting married at the lake*

**L**et's face it, planning a wedding is a huge undertaking — no matter how organized you are. Even if your wedding day won't include hundreds of guests, your to-do list still will be long, after all, you're hosting the most important party of your life! First, you'll need to decide on the overall theme you want to achieve — casual, classic, boho, rustic — there are dozens of possibilities. Then you'll need to select a venue and maybe a caterer. And that's just the beginning. Invitations need to be chosen, guest accommodations reserved and so much more.

That's why we think our 11th annual Wedding Section will be a go-to-guide if getting married in the lakes area is in your future. With the help of two local photography companies, you'll get a glimpse of five weddings that occurred here during the last year. You'll see a variety of

color palettes, styles and unique touches that just might give you a few ideas for your own special day.

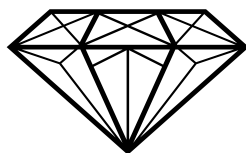
To help you build your vendor team, we asked each couple for a list of the industry professionals they turned to — everything from makeup artists to entertainment options. In addition, we've included complementary display advertising throughout this section to provide you with even more local resources to consider. We know your to-do list may seem a little daunting as you begin this journey, so we've included a handy checklist on pages 54 and 56, which will serve as an essential resource in your wedding planning toolkit.

The Geneva Lakes area, with its gorgeous scenery and spectacular venues, is the ideal place to say, "I Do." We hope the next 25 pages will help you plan the perfect day at the lake!



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### ONE YEAR

- \_\_\_ Create your budget.
- \_\_\_ Begin researching wedding vendors.
- \_\_\_ Choose a date and time for your ceremony and reception.
- \_\_\_ Select and book your ceremony location and reception venue.
- \_\_\_ Choose your attendants.
- \_\_\_ Begin wedding dress shopping.
- \_\_\_ Decide on an officiant, and meet with him or her to learn about any premarital requirements.
- \_\_\_ Begin planning the guest list to get a rough idea of head count.
- \_\_\_ Determine your wedding theme, colors and décor.

### TEN TO TWELVE MONTHS

- \_\_\_ Finalize your guest list.
- \_\_\_ Mail save-the-dates, if you are having a destination or holiday wedding.
- \_\_\_ Choose your dress and accessories, and schedule the delivery date and fitting(s).
- \_\_\_ Select dresses for bridal attendants.
- \_\_\_ Meet with and make final decisions on your team of vendors: wedding planner, stationer, floral and décor provider, caterer, musicians, photographer, videographer, transportation vendor, etc.
- \_\_\_ Get a facial and start your pre-wedding skincare routine.
- \_\_\_ Get engagement photos taken.

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Mail your invitations two months before your wedding so you have enough time to collect the RSVPs, follow up with stragglers, then tabulate the responses to deliver a final guest headcount to your vendors two weeks prior to the big day.



## NINE MONTHS

- \_\_\_ Begin to plan groom's and groom's attendants' attire.
- \_\_\_ Register for gifts.
- \_\_\_ Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- \_\_\_ Reserve any rental equipment, such as tables, chairs and tent (if necessary).
- \_\_\_ Choose a cake designer for your wedding cake and groom's cake.
- \_\_\_ Select hair and makeup vendors.

## SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS

- \_\_\_ Mail your save-the-dates.
- \_\_\_ Start planning your rehearsal dinner.
- \_\_\_ Choose wedding favors for your guests.
- \_\_\_ Meet with your officiant to plan ceremony details.
- \_\_\_ Start planning your honeymoon (obtain passports/visas if necessary).
- \_\_\_ Secure transportation to and from the ceremony and reception.
- \_\_\_ Purchase wedding bands and arrange for engraving.
- \_\_\_ Reserve groom's and groom's attendants' attire.
- \_\_\_ Schedule hair and makeup trials.

## THREE TO FIVE MONTHS

- \_\_\_ Meet with your caterer to discuss menu details.
- \_\_\_ Plan welcome bags for out-of-town guests.
- \_\_\_ Choose the ceremony music, and discuss reception music with your band or DJ.
- \_\_\_ Confirm out-of-town guest accommodations.

## TWO MONTHS

- \_\_\_ Mail your invitations.
- \_\_\_ Develop a system for organizing RSVPs.
- \_\_\_ Begin to write wedding vows.
- \_\_\_ Prep for bachelor and bachelorette parties.
- \_\_\_ Confirm details for rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception.

## ONE MONTH

- \_\_\_ Pick up rings and check engraving.
- \_\_\_ Research local marriage license and name change requirements.
- \_\_\_ Have your final dress fitting.
- \_\_\_ Confirm details with the florist, caterer, entertainers and officiant.
- \_\_\_ Have a trial run for full hair and makeup.
- \_\_\_ Purchase gifts for attendants, flower girl, ring bearer, fiancé, parents and anyone else who helped make your wedding extra special.
- \_\_\_ Attend bachelor and bachelorette parties.
- \_\_\_ Plan for floral and dress preservation.
- \_\_\_ Decide who will do readings and toasts.
- \_\_\_ Finalize wedding vows.

## TWO WEEKS

- \_\_\_ Finalize seating arrangements.
- \_\_\_ Give your caterer and venue a final guest count.
- \_\_\_ Break in your wedding shoes.
- \_\_\_ Get your last pre-wedding haircut and color.
- \_\_\_ Practice your wedding vows.

## ONE WEEK

- \_\_\_ Give assignments to your wedding party members and remind them of rehearsal details.
- \_\_\_ Obtain your marriage license.
- \_\_\_ Confirm timelines and details with all vendors.
- \_\_\_ Assign an attendant to collect gifts and cards.
- \_\_\_ Prepare tip envelopes for vendors and arrange for someone to distribute them the day of the wedding.
- \_\_\_ Perfect your wedding vows.

## ONE DAY

- \_\_\_ Get a manicure and pedicure.
- \_\_\_ Arrange to have welcome bags delivered to hotel rooms.
- \_\_\_ Host rehearsal dinner and hand out special gifts to the wedding party.
- \_\_\_ Ensure dress, shoes, jewelry and accessories are all ready to go.
- \_\_\_ Pack overnight bag if you are staying at a hotel the night of your wedding.

## WEDDING DAY

- \_\_\_ Arrange to get checked in and have luggage delivered to your hotel.
- \_\_\_ Relax and enjoy the day!





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## ***Christine + Nolan***

SEPTEMBER 5, 2020







## The Details

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** *Ideal Impressions Photography, Lake Geneva - Ryan and Krista Bensheimer*

**REHEARSAL DINNER:** *Sprecher's, Lake Geneva*

**CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE:** *Rosewood, Delavan*

**OFFICIANT:** *Mindi Huebner, Happily Ever After Inspirational Weddings, Lake Geneva*

**WEDDING PLANNER:** *Jo Hodgins, Rosewood*

**FLORAL, DESIGN & DÉCOR:** *Petals & Promises, Jo Hodgins, Rosewood*

**JEWELER:** *Genesis Diamonds, Nashville, TN*

**GOWN:** *The Crystal Bride, Geneva, IL*

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** *Azazie.com*

**BEAUTY (MAKEUP/HAIR):** *Black Orchid Beauty, Milwaukee*

**CATERER:** *Chef John Schnupp and son, Jesse Schnupp, with Fire2Fork restaurant, located at Rosewood, Delavan*

**CAKE/DESSERTS:** *Lorelei Bittner's Bakery, Lake Geneva*

**ENTERTAINMENT:** *AV Tech Team, Rosewood*

**EQUIPMENT RENTALS:** *Rosewood*

**GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS:** *Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan*

*It wasn't quite the wedding day Christine and Nolan had imagined, but their downsized celebration due to the pandemic was still filled with love, laughter, family and friends. As a nurse at Madison's St. Mary's Hospital, with strict safety protocols to follow, Christine found Rosewood's "one-stop wedding shop" was the perfect fit. The seamless planning process was due in large part to the venue's menu of services from an in-house florist to incredible farm-to-table cuisine. And although her beloved grandmother wasn't able to attend, Christine kept her close with cherished keepsakes like a special locket and her wedding day garter. During the ceremony, the couple blended soil from their childhood homes with a jade plant grown from cuttings given to them by Christine's grandmother. The original plant stood throughout her grandparents' marriage, and to Christine and Nolan it represents life, love and longevity.*







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## *Chelsea + Joe*

SEPTEMBER 4, 2020







## The Details

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ideal Impressions Photography, Lake Geneva - Ryan Bensheimer and Kevin Scott

**REHEARSAL DINNER:** The Cottages at Geneva National Resort & Club, Lake Geneva

**REHEARSAL DINNER CATERER:** Holli Cannoli, Elkhorn

**CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE:** Geneva National Resort & Club, Lake Geneva

**OFFICIANT:** Rev. Mark Danczyk, St. Benedict Catholic Church, Fontana

**WEDDING COORDINATOR:** Geneva National Team

**FLORAL DESIGNER:** Bouquet for bride, bridesmaids, mother of bride and groom - Frontier Flowers, Fontana; remaining florals - Chelsea's mom

**JEWELER:** Jack Lewis Jewelers, Bloomington IL

**GOWN:** Simply Elegant By Cheri, Lincoln, IL

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES:** Simply Elegant By Cheri, Lincoln, IL

**BEAUTY (MAKEUP/HAIR):** Jillian Niemann Makeup and Hair, Lake Geneva

**CAKE/DESSERT:** Sweet Discoveries, Antioch, IL

**ENTERTAINMENT:** 2ProDJs, Chicago, IL

**GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Cottages and The Suites, Geneva National Resort & Club, Lake Geneva; The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva

Chelsea and Joe grew up together playing junior golf at Bloomington (Illinois) Country Club, but their paths didn't cross again until years and dozens of rounds later — she played in college, he was playing in regional amateur events. But both reluctantly agreed to participate in a golf outing near their hometown and it's after this chance meeting (and a victory by Chelsea's group), the couple rekindled their friendship that revealed their longstanding mutual love of the game. As planning for their wedding got underway, Geneva National, with its championship courses, was the perfect setting for their golf-themed celebration. Creative touches like golf tees in the guy's boutonnieres, an archway formed with golf clubs and table centerpieces featuring flags from popular PGA events guaranteed this would be a day that even non-golfers would remember for years to come.







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## ***Jenna + Liam***

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019







## The Details

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Matt Mason Photography, Lake Geneva - Ben Hanson and Sarah Mack

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** Amanda Mae Visuals, Chicago, IL

**REHEARSAL DINNER:** Chuck's Lakeshore Inn, Fontana

**CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE:** The Abbey Resort, Fontana

**OFFICIANT:** Tom Duggan, Uncle of the Groom

**WEDDING VENUE PLANNER:** Emily Held, The Abbey Resort, Fontana

**FLORAL DESIGNER:** Forget-Me-Not Flower Market, Walworth

**JEWELERS:** Martin & Martin Inc. Jewelers, Chicago, IL and New York Jewelers, Chicago, IL

**GOWN:** Wolsfelt's Bridal, Montgomery, IL

**BEAUTY (MAKEUP/HAIR):** Denise Ferguson, Chicago, IL (makeup) and MARLO salon, Chicago, IL (hair)

**CAKE/DESSERTS:** Lake Geneva Pie Company, Lake Geneva

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Bluewater Kings band, Chicago, IL

**GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Abbey Resort, Fontana

When Chicagoans Jenna and Liam were engaged, they knew immediately a wedding at the lake was a must. Over the years, Jenna had spent countless sun-splashed days at her parent's Fontana lake house, but Geneva Lake has been more than just a vacation getaway for her — it's family, friendship, love and home. And as Liam was introduced to the area, his love for lake life grew as well. So, it was only fitting that their rehearsal dinner was held in the Lakeshore Room at Chuck's and their wedding and reception at The Abbey Resort. Although rain fell the day Jenna and Liam were married, nothing could dampen their spirits or those of the 250 friends and family members in attendance. Guests enjoyed fun, Wisconsin-themed appetizers and New Glarus Spotted Cow Beer before a sumptuous dinner, and then danced the night away to the tunes of an eight-piece band complete with full horn section.





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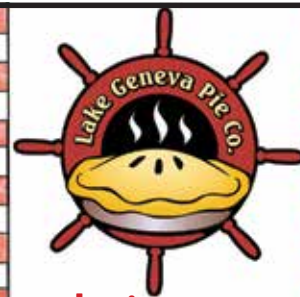


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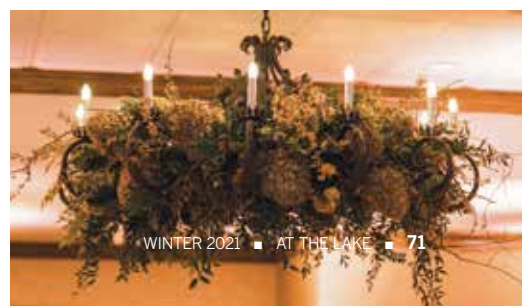
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**GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS:** Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

Deemed the destination daters, Annie and Kris traveled the world and with each new adventure they fell more in love. Their wedding, planned as a mini-destination weekend in Lake Geneva, was action-packed from start to finish. On Thursday evening, Annie's parents hosted a welcome dinner at their home for family and friends arriving from Kris's hometown of Seattle. Once settled at Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, guests enjoyed golf, pickleball, spa treatments, gym workouts and more. Friday's rehearsal dinner gave visitors a tour of Geneva Lake from the Walworth, one of Lake Geneva Cruise Line's vessels, and Saturday dawned with gorgeous blue skies and fall foliage at its peak, which served as the perfect backdrop to a beautiful ceremony and a magical evening.







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***Cortney + Nick***  
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When they were dating, Nick loved to surprise Cortney with adventures to new places and road trips to Lake Geneva soon became one of their favorite getaways. Fun times spent walking by the lake, exploring downtown shops, relaxing on a Lake Geneva Cruise Line tour, dining at Gino's East or enjoying a glass of wine while wearing silly hats at The Baker House, nurtured their love for the area and each other. When Nick decided to propose, he chose an October day in 2018 at the Samuel Donian Wetland Preserve in the heart of the city, and the couple was married at The Ridge Hotel on a perfect June day 20 months later. Their outdoor ceremony, under an arbor adorned with an exquisite floral swag and overlooking the surrounding countryside, perfectly captured the beauty of the lakes area the couple had discovered years before.





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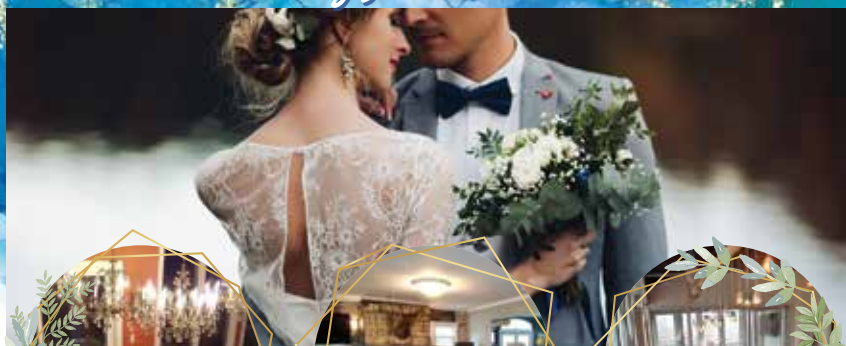
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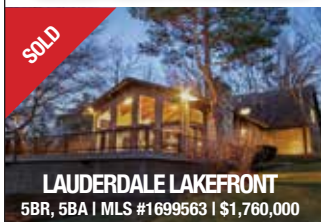
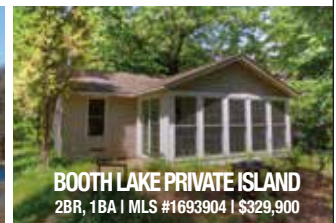
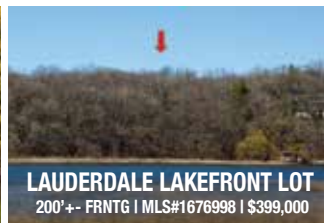
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One aspect of this whole-house remodel included transforming the dark, closed-in second floor to an open concept design featuring a wall of windows that takes advantage of expansive views of Geneva Lake. The new living space incorporates a dedicated bar complete with beverage center. The home's new fourth-story addition with bunkroom and bathroom achieves the homeowners' need for more sleeping space for guests.





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Originally designed as a three-story, lakefront vacation home, this house was in need of both exterior and interior updating. When the homeowners turned to Stebnitz Builders, discussions focused on the development of a detailed plan for their home, which also revealed their sophisticated taste and style. This helped set the course for the entire project and resulted in a creative and collaborative relationship between the Stebnitz team and their clients.

The first priority for the homeowners was a full-house exterior makeover to ensure their time at the lake would not include endless upkeep. The solution included maintenance-free materials like LP Smartside engineered wood siding and trim, a standing seam metal

roof and composite decking materials and cable railing.

The homeowners also challenged the Stebnitz team to add square footage to the home to make it more comfortable for family and friends to gather. Crucial to attaining this goal was to find a way to add more sleeping space for overnight guests — no small task when the home's footprint had to be maintained due to current lakefront property building codes and setbacks.

To achieve this objective — one of the most important aspects of this remodel — the Stebnitz team added a fourth-story loft to the existing home. The light and airy bunkroom, with its own bathroom, easily accommodates three twin beds and two full-size beds, adding ample sleeping quarters without compromising any space in the rest of the home, which now encompasses nearly 4,500 square feet.

The home's primary entertaining space, on the main floor, was completely revamped as well. Its original dark, closed-off floor plan with limited lake views has been transformed into an open-concept living area with larger windows and patio doors, not only capturing the lake view, but making it almost immediately visible when entering the home.



The home's sleek, new kitchen with white cabinets and complementary quartz countertops includes a prep island and attached dining table, which efficiently uses space and accommodates large gatherings. The kitchen opens up to a bright and airy living area with adjacent dining space. Due to the addition of the fourth story, the home now boasts nearly 4,500 square feet, including the new sleeping loft plus five bedrooms and five bathrooms.



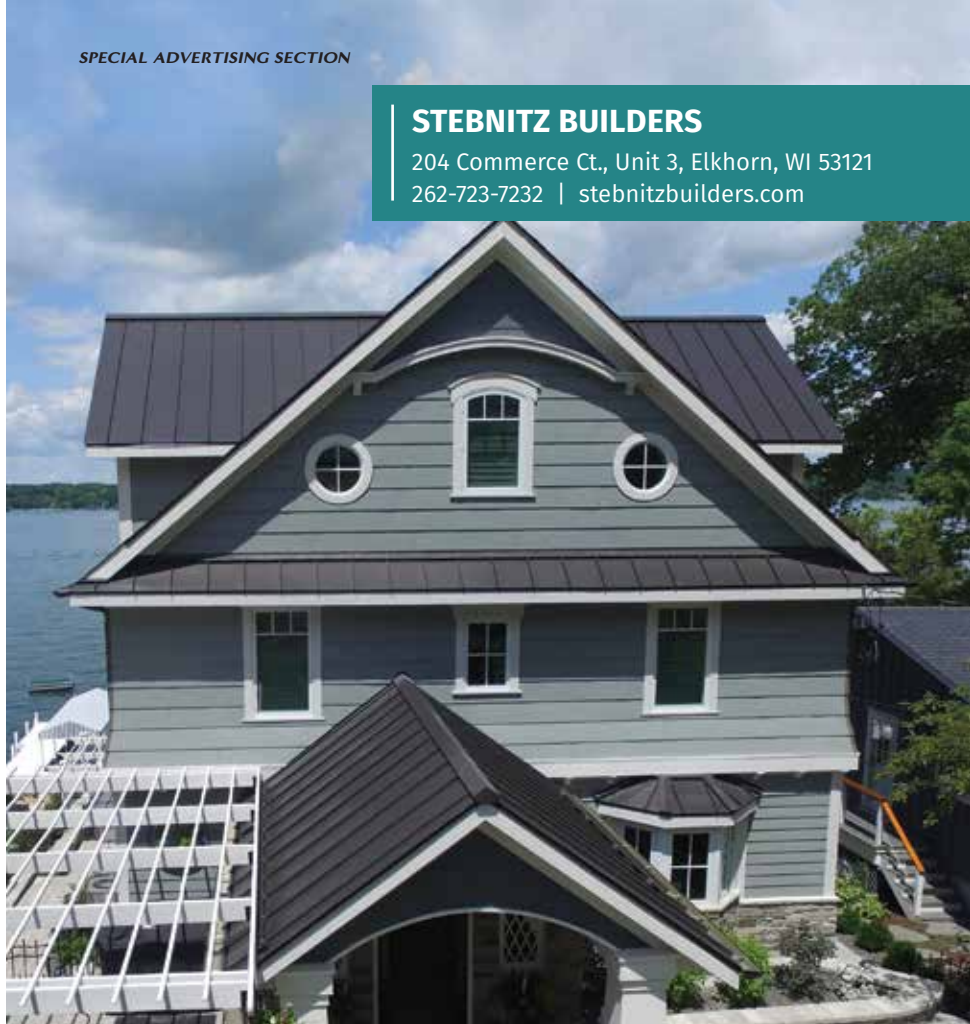


The home on Geneva Lake's south shore is situated on a lot that did not allow expansion of its footprint. Instead of adding width to the house, Stebnitz Builders went up, adding a fourth-story addition. The entire home's exterior was reimagined with a new look featuring new siding and windows. The lakeside elevation includes a new composite deck and screen room with adjacent hot tub. When entering the home from the driveway, a covered porch welcomes guests, and a patio with pergola and fire pit provides another inviting entertainment space.

To create the home's expansive open floor plan with dedicated entertaining space, the Stebnitz Builders' team removed the walls of the client's former home office and added cabinetry, countertops, an ice maker and a beverage center. The result? An open, inviting living space complete with a functional, modern bar area to entertain guests, while enjoying the magnificent views.

Creativity is at the forefront of all Stebnitz Builders' projects and this remodel was no exception. Attention to exterior detail was paramount. For example, on the third floor, the Stebnitz team added a deck adjacent to the master bedroom, allowing the clients a serene, private space conveniently located outside their bedroom to enjoy the view of the lake. And on the first floor, a new screened room allows the homeowners and their guests a space to enjoy the outdoors while retaining some privacy from the Geneva Lake Shore Path that runs between the house and shoreline.

Although structural changes and additions can significantly impact a home's overall design and functionality, the finishing touches used within can also greatly impact a home's overall look and feel. For that reason, Stebnitz Builders used striking marble flooring in the foyer and master bathroom. In the kitchen, white cabinetry with Marbella quartz countertops and backsplash adds to the home's clean, modern look. In the bar area, with input from the clients, the team incorporated sage-colored cabinets with Montclair white quartz countertops and an antique, mirrored



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glass subway tile as a backsplash, creating a feeling of warmth in the inviting space.

And while the home's interior expansion and open floor plan was the cornerstone of this particular remodeling project, Stebnitz Builders never lost sight of architecturally important aspects of the home's exterior, adding details such as leading-edge composite decking with a cable railing that provides the home's lakeside elevation with a modern, sophisticated look. In addition, the

WeatherMaster vinyl enclosure system completes the first floor's screen room, which is offset by the inviting, adjacent hot tub.

When the project was completed, all of the clients' dreams for their home had been realized. The elegant, yet modern, design gives them the perfect place to entertain their friends and family year-round, allowing them to comfortably bring more people into their beautiful home and celebrate lake living. ▲





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# A Tradition for the Ages: **HUNGARIAN GOULASH**





Budapest, Hungary's capital and largest city, traces its roots to the Roman era. Today, it's a highly popular European tourist destination, attracting about 12 million visitors per year.



On a cold winter night serve this hearty stew, a symbol of this central European country

BY BILL TURNER

Hungary is a small country — its population just 9.6 million — located due east of Austria. Just 31 years ago, the country was still under the control of the Soviet Union, with Russian troops stationed there beginning in 1945 after the end of World War II. The Hungarians were always rebellious and some of us can still remember seeing Soviet tanks rolling into Budapest in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution as a nationwide uprising occurred against Soviet-imposed policies. When the Iron Curtain fell in 1989, the country, then extremely poor, blossomed. GDP per capita has increased over five-fold and Budapest is now one of the most popular tourist spots on the planet.

For a small country, Hungary has produced some real talent — composer and musician Frans Liszt, illusionist Harry Houdini and publisher Joseph Pulitzer, to name a few. And don't forget Hungarian-born actress Zsa Zsa Gabor and actresses Goldie Hawn and Drew Barrymore, who each boast a rich Hungarian heritage.

On the culinary front, just remember one thing — paprika. The Hungarians use this spice in everything, and most notably in their national dish, Hungarian goulash. The red peppers to make paprika originally came from the New World through Spain. From the beginning, the Spanish always roasted the peppers over oak fires and we still find smoked paprika on grocery store shelves today.

The peppers were introduced to Hungary in the 1500s, where they found a perfect climate with a long, cool growing season. The Hungarians quickly discovered a way to preserve the peppers as paprika and to incorporate it into their stews. Hungary is now renowned as the best producer of red peppers and paprika.

Paprika takes center stage in Hungarian goulash. This is a soupy stew with meat, onions, tomato sauce and paprika as the prime ingredients. There are endless variations with carrots, peas and potatoes often added to the mix. It is a perfect winter dish that can be served with rice, pasta, egg noodles or just eaten as a soup.

The recipe on the following page is less complicated than many and closer to the original recipes of 500 years ago. It is also easy and quick to make.





## HUNGARIAN GOULASH RECIPE

**Time Required:** 30-45 minutes prep and 2 hours simmering on stovetop.

**Servings:** 8-10

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup olive oil
- 4 yellow onions, sliced as thin as possible  
(Use a mandolin if available.)
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ¼ cup of Hungarian sweet paprika
- 3 lbs. of stew meat, cut into ½" squares  
(Talk to your butcher for a good cut of meat.)
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. caraway seed
- 1 bay leaf
- 1, 14 oz. can peeled tomatoes
- 1 cup beef or chicken broth
- 8 oz. sour cream

### Directions:

- Put the olive oil, onions, garlic and paprika in a 5-qt. pot or sauté pan and cook over medium high heat, stirring to completely coat the onions and until the onions soften, about 4-5 minutes.

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## HUNGARIAN RED PEPPERS

Hungarian paprika, which is recognized as the best and most flavorful, is made from a variety of red peppers, some mild and some hot. The peppers are roasted, the skin is removed, and they are oven dried and then crushed. Although there are 17 varieties available in Hungary, only two types are generally sold in the U.S., sweet and half-sharp (a euphemism for “really hot”). The sweet variety is really quite mild and can generally be found in good supermarkets. Both varieties can be found at Penzeys.com, that wonderful Wisconsin purveyor of spices.

- Add the meat, salt and pepper and cook for another 4-5 minutes until the meat is browned.
- Add the caraway seed, bay leaf, tomatoes and broth, and bring to a boil.
- Turn heat to low, cover and simmer for 2 hours until meat is tender.

While the goulash is cooking, prepare rice, egg noodles or a shaped pasta like penne or farfalle to serve with the goulash. Add a dollop of sour cream when serving.

When you get ready to enjoy this great dish, either alone or with friends, ask your local sommelier if they have any Tokaji wines from Hungary, which are generally available. The Tokaj region in northeastern Hungary is the country’s equivalent of California’s Napa Valley. Then, go to YouTube and search for Liszt’s “Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.” It’s the perfect background music for this classic Hungarian dinner. Enjoy! 🍷



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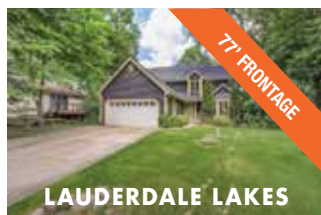
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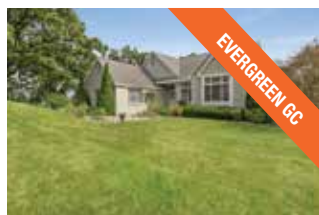
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# HOME IS WHERE THE WORKOUT IS

Miles from the gym? No problem — experience the benefits of exercise in the comfort of your home

BY SHELBY DEERING

If you're accustomed to sweating it out on a treadmill or attending an exercise class with friends, your workout schedule might look a little different these days. Whether your gym continues to be closed due to COVID-19, its hours and classes are limited or perhaps you're not feeling quite ready to join your fellow fitness enthusiasts, you can take comfort in the fact that you can still achieve a high-quality workout right in your own home.

Even if your desire to work out at home isn't related to the pandemic — maybe you'd just prefer to skip driving to the gym in inclement winter weather — you can still feel the burn without getting in the car.

"No matter the space, equipment or time you have, you can still get a good workout in," says Emily Thielsen, fitness director of Geneva Lakes Family YMCA.

## THE BENEFITS OF HOME WORKOUTS

There is one major similarity between home workouts and gym workouts — they share the same brain and body benefits.

If you're experiencing more stress than usual these days (And let's be honest, who isn't?), getting in a workout at home can be extremely helpful.

"Exercise, in my opinion, is probably the best way to combat stress," says Joe Schiessl, director of sports performance at Elkhorn's GTS Performance and Fitness. "A lot of things happen in the brain during and after exercise. In relation to combating stress, a number of endorphins are released that can regulate mood for the better."



It's also a way to ease Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a type of depression that takes place during the winter due to less sunlight and a disruption in one's circadian rhythm. Whether you're dealing with SAD or a touch of the winter blues, Schiessl says that exercise releases good brain chemicals that improve mood. "Depression is all about brain chemistry, and our environment can affect this," he adds.

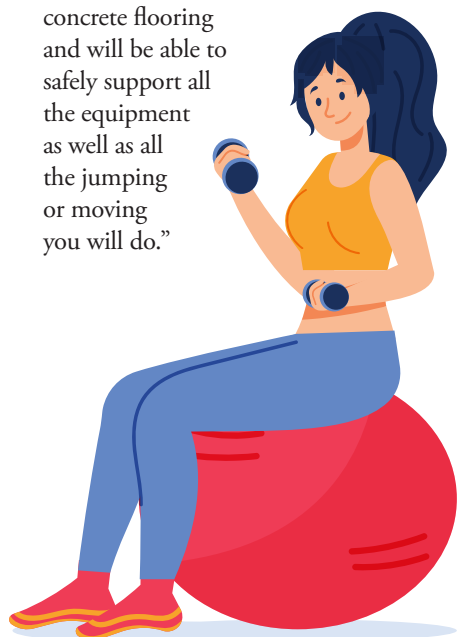
## GETTING SET UP

If you've been on the fence about working out at home, perhaps these benefits have convinced you that you don't necessarily need to head to the gym to accomplish a quality workout. In fact, by getting creative with your space and purchasing a few pieces of equipment, you can create your own home gym in no time.

"It's surprisingly easy because you only need as much space as your movement will take up," explains Laura Hotopp, fitness director of the Aurora Wellness Center in Burlington. She says that it's as simple as finding a space that's "big enough for your legs and arms to extend in all directions," which is good news for those who live in small homes or apartments.

Thielsen says that a basement or garage can certainly double as a home gym.

"Those two spaces typically have concrete flooring and will be able to safely support all the equipment as well as all the jumping or moving you will do."



Although, Schiessl adds that if you're only looking to do straightforward bodyweight exercises without sizable equipment, such as a treadmill, a 6-by-6-foot space will absolutely suffice. This means that a diminutive bedroom or living room could act as your workout studio.

When it comes to equipment, what you choose, Hotopp says, depends on the type of workout you'd like to do.

"If you want to strength train, you'll need some weights," she says. And even if you don't have weights on hand, she lists plenty of at-home alternatives, adding, "If you don't have weights, you can use water bottles or canned goods, milk jugs filled with water or even a small backpack or purse filled with anything to weigh it down. A bag of flour can be a substitute for a kettlebell."

Thielsen recommends purchasing a mat, and if you want to focus on strength training, you can buy a couple sets of dumbbells, a bench and an Olympic bar, which will allow you to bench press along with other simple lifts. If you're aiming for balance and flexibility, she advises looking to stability balls, yoga blocks, straps and a BOSU ball as essentials.

Maybe you're leaning toward skipping

equipment altogether, at least until you get the hang of working out at home. In this case, Hotopp suggests bodyweight exercises, which use the weight of your own body to provide resistance against gravity, or cardio workouts, either of which can be done without equipment.

## GO VIRTUAL

During the pandemic, more and more exercise enthusiasts have turned to virtual classes to get their sweat on. This is a great option if you're used to having an instructor lead your workouts.

"There are a lot of virtual classes available to stream, so you don't have to miss out on your favorite classes," Thielsen says, noting that Geneva Lakes Family YMCA offers quite a few virtual classes. "If there is a specific class that you are missing, call your local fitness club and see if you can join the class virtually," she suggests.

Many fitness classes are offered through Zoom or Facebook Live. As Schiessl notes, "Typically, they keep the same energy in the workouts even though they are virtual. It's just a matter of finding the right fit for you and what you like."

## CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Although many bodyweight workouts,



"A lot of things happen in the brain during and after exercise. In relation to combating stress, a number of endorphins are released that can regulate mood for the better."

—JOE SCHIESSL, DIRECTOR OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE, GTS PERFORMANCE, ELKHORN

such as Yoga, Zumba, Pilates and High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), are available virtually through classes or personal trainers, there are dozens of other exercises in this category that are ideal for small spaces.

"The bodyweight workout uses the weight of your own body and it can be surprisingly effective," Hotopp observes. "Bodyweight exercise can work nearly every muscle in your body." She recommends some tried-and-true bodyweight moves, like push-ups, planks, squats, crunches, glute bridges and lunges.

To get your heart pumping, Hotopp adds, you can incorporate some cardio into the bodyweight moves. "You can choose to ramp up the intensity if you're looking for cardio. For example, instead of holding a plank, you can step or run some mountain climbers to get that heart rate up. Jacks, burpees and lunges are examples of bodyweight exercises that can be performed at high speed or moderate speed."

If it's muscle you're after, Schiessl says that you can always add dumbbells to these classic bodyweight exercises.

Another factor to consider for your at-home workouts is how much time you want to devote to exercising. "I would say that the easiest exercises for people to do at home are the workouts that require the least amount of equipment or are under an hour in time," Thielsen says. "Sometimes, with workouts that require or advise the use of specific equipment, it can then take more time out of your day to set up and rearrange your space in your home."

If you'd like to take in some scenery beyond your living room, remember that you can always head outdoors for your workouts, something that can alleviate winter depression. "Outdoor exercises are always a great option," Hotopp says. "Walking, running and bicycling are examples. Exercise comes in all shapes and forms, so give yourself credit for getting up and moving in any capacity." ▲



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# Making the Case for **TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

How these two-year institutions have evolved and are changing the landscape of postsecondary education

BY AMANDA N. WEGNER

If you want to quickly join the workforce with a family-supporting career after high school, it pays to look at technical colleges. "Technical colleges provide individuals with access to high-quality education and training that leads immediately to satisfying jobs," says Dr. Tim Casper, executive vice president - student affairs and institutional effectiveness at Madison College.

Technical colleges offer great value, but when it comes time for high school seniors to choose their next life step each fall, about two-thirds choose undergraduate enrollment at a four-year institution over two years at a technical college.





What drives this uneven split between four-year and two-year institutions and what are the benefits to pursuing a technical college education? Two experts, Casper of Madison College and Zina Haywood, executive president and provost of Gateway Technical College, talk about what students, young and old, are missing by overlooking the value of technical colleges.

## RISING RANK

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in every year from 2000-2018, a higher percentage of high school graduates enrolled in four-year institutions compared to two-year institutions. Over that same time period, the percentage of high school graduates enrolling in two-year institutions, including technical colleges, increased, from 21% in 2000 to 25% in 2018.

"I think there had historically been a lack of understanding of what tech colleges can provide to graduates, that going to a technical college is your second choice as a young person," says Casper.

There are several reasons why more people, both recent high school graduates

and returning adults looking to upskill, reskill or pursue a new field, are looking to technical colleges. One reason is that the schools have advanced with the times to provide the education that employers need now and tomorrow. "We aren't your grandmother's tech college," says Haywood of Gateway, which was Wisconsin's first technical school, founded in 1911. "We add new programs each year and our technology and facilities are updated regularly."

Wisconsin's technical, vocational and adult education schools came together in 1994 as one technical college system. Since then, Wisconsin's technical schools have evolved and risen in rank in the state. They also have received greater support from government, business and education.

In the past decade, explains Casper, the state of Wisconsin has put an increased emphasis on the value of a technical college education. This has included support from the governor's office, both former Gov. Scott Walker and current Gov. Tony Evers, major business and industry organizations, K-12 education partners and others.

"We've worked hard to show the value of technical college, and that it's a choice you can feel good about," says Casper.

In addition to support from the state, Wisconsin's technical colleges are investing time and effort into sharing their institutions' value proposition by engaging prospective students with recruiters and through increased marketing, says Casper.

Some schools, such as Gateway, are also offering programs to help students make their college dreams a reality. Through the Gateway Promise program, eligible high school seniors can attend Gateway tuition-free. The program helps fill the gap between financial aid and the cost of Gateway's tuition and fees for students who meet certain eligibility requirements. There is a similar program, Promise 2 Finish, for adult learners 23 and older who have earned some college credits, but have not completed their degree. "At technical colleges, we make life changing education opportunities a reality," says Haywood.

## REDEFINING TECHNICAL

One challenge to elevating technical colleges has been clarifying what "technical" means.

"Some don't understand what 'technical' means. It's long been thought of as the trades: welding, building, plumbing, CNC machining. But it's also criminal justice, childcare, civil, electrical and biomedical engineering, and health care," says Haywood.

Technical colleges also offer programs in automotive technologies. "Automotive is not what it used to be," says Haywood. "Cars are now computers on wheels, and skills required are not what they were even five to 10 years ago."

They also offer advanced manufacturing. "Manufacturing today goes beyond production. It includes automation and robotics," notes Haywood. She explains how advanced manufacturing processes are using smart technologies, which have evolved into the fourth industrial revolution. "Industry 4.0 is a lot more intricate than what many people think it is," she says.

Technical colleges also offer a wealth of high-tech programs in information technology, programming, cybersecurity, networking, data analytics and the like. "Today, every business is a technology business, and they need people with these skills to keep their businesses running and secure," says Casper.

What truly sets a technical college education apart from a more traditional four-year program is the applied nature of the education. "Our courses and programs are really industry-focused," says Haywood. "Each has an advisory committee of business and industry leaders who tell us the skills students need now and in the future — the cutting-edge technology they'll use. Students will have the learning experiences that they will see on the job."

## MISCONCEPTIONS

While technical colleges are better positioned in the marketplace today than they were a decade ago, they still face some

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continued challenges and misconceptions. One such misconception is that technical college is a destination only for those with less-than-great grades. "Technical college is not a second choice just because you didn't have great marks," says Casper. "You could have really great marks, and a tech college might be a great place to get an education in an industry you're personally passionate about."

Another misconception is that technical colleges aren't held to the same standards as four-year institutions, but they are, says Haywood. "One thing people don't realize is that we are accredited by the same entity as UW system schools and all private colleges and universities," she says. "We all have to have the same standards."

Similarly, instructors are held to high standards, too. "The quality and education level of our faculty is bar none," says Haywood. "Over two-thirds have a master's degree or higher."

In addition, most have industry experience, says Casper, which is critical

in the technical college setting. "These instructors have experience in industry, not just academics. They have done the work, for some period of time, in the same industry space they are teaching in."

There is also a false belief that technical colleges don't yield well-paying jobs, says Haywood. The average salary for a graduate with an associate of applied science degree is \$45,000 per year. For a one-year diploma or certificate program, it is \$38,000. "These are good jobs that our students are getting," she adds.

Another falsehood is technical colleges offer no access to financial aid. However, students can apply for state and federal financial aid for technical college. At Gateway, nearly 60% of students get some sort of financial aid.

And finally, contrary to belief, technical colleges offer robust opportunities for student life with co-curricular and extracurricular programs and clubs, sports, service-learning opportunities, even study abroad experiences. In addition, student

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support services and academic and career counseling are available.

"We offer excellent educational experiences within the technical college system," says Casper. "You're going to learn the skills you need, as well as some things you might not have thought about the job. You'll get to learn what employers expect and the competencies required. You'll learn how to engage with coworkers or customers. The things you're going to get exposed to at a technical college will help you be satisfied and successful in your career." 🚤



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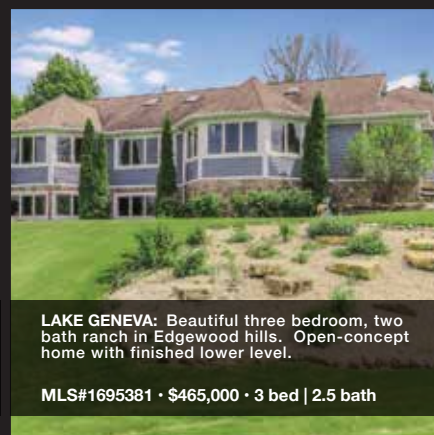
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[lakehouseelkhorn.com](http://lakehouseelkhorn.com). Closed Tues. B, L, D,  
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**NEXT DOOR PUB** 411 Interchange North (State Hwy. 120), Lake Geneva; 262-248-9551. [nextdoorpub.com](http://nextdoorpub.com). Pizza, burgers, sandwiches, salads, soups, pastas. Dine-in, carryout, delivery. L, D, \$.

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**SPRECHER'S RESTAURANT & PUB** 111 Center St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-7047. [sprecherspub.com](http://sprecherspub.com). Steaks, sandwiches, salads, pastas. Happy hour specials. L, D, \$-\$\$\$.

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**2894 ON MAIN** 2894 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-9600. [2894onmain.com](http://2894onmain.com). Farm-to-fork café. Also offers take out. B, L, D, \$-\$\$\$.

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**PEDAL AND CUP** 1722 N. State Hwy. 120, Springfield; 262-249-1111. [pedalandcup.com](http://pedalandcup.com). Coffee, smoothies, beer, snacks. Bicycle rental. L, \$.

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

**REMEMBER WHEN COFFEE BAR** 313 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan; 262-728-8670. [rememberwhenllc.com](http://rememberwhenllc.com). Serving coffee drinks, espressos, lattes & cappuccinos. Closed Wed. \$.

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

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**LUCKY STAR PUB AND EATERY** 864 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-763-2155. [eatatluckystar.com](http://eatatluckystar.com). American, Tex-Mex, Mexican and Italian food. B, L, D, \$-\$. ☺☺☺☺

**OLYMPIC RESTAURANT** 748 W. Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-6541. [olympicrestaurantlakegeneva.com](http://olympicrestaurantlakegeneva.com). Open 24 hours Friday and Saturday. B, L, D, \$, ☺☺

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**PIZZA RANCH** 28 W. Hidden Trail, Elkhorn; 262-723-7880. [pizzaranch.com](http://pizzaranch.com). Our menu includes pizza, fried chicken, and a full buffet. L, D, \$.

**RIGA-TONY'S** 5576 State Hwy. 50, Delavan; 262-740-2540. [rigatonydelavan.com](http://rigatonydelavan.com). Pasta, sandwiches, soups, breads and desserts. Deli. Open Wed.-Sun. L, D, \$.

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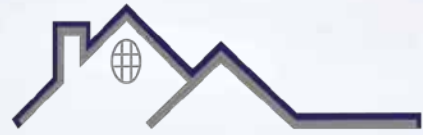
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