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I'm a cast-off from the last recession when the corporation I worked for was acquired for a second time and its offices moved once again, making my long commute even longer. So, as they say, "As one door closes, another opens." It's been a terrific change to work for a small, thriving company near my home, and a privilege to help steer the editorial direction of *At The Lake*.

Change and a fresh perspective are good things and our spring issue reflects both. There's our profile of Chef John Bogan, a fixture in our community but someone who is always striving to create a unique culinary experience for his students at the Lake Geneva School of Cooking. Our feature on Heritage Beam and Board tells the story of this local business and how they repurpose salvaged materials to create one-of-a-kind furniture and fixtures. We also take a look at the changing retail environment in Walworth County through the eyes of two women who have lived and breathed its transformation.

Finally you won't want to miss our 12th annual "At Home Section." This guide to some of the area's home improvement specialists, builders and home furnishings experts may help you freshen up your home this spring. Remember, change is good!

Enjoy our spring issue!

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Barb Howell, Editor

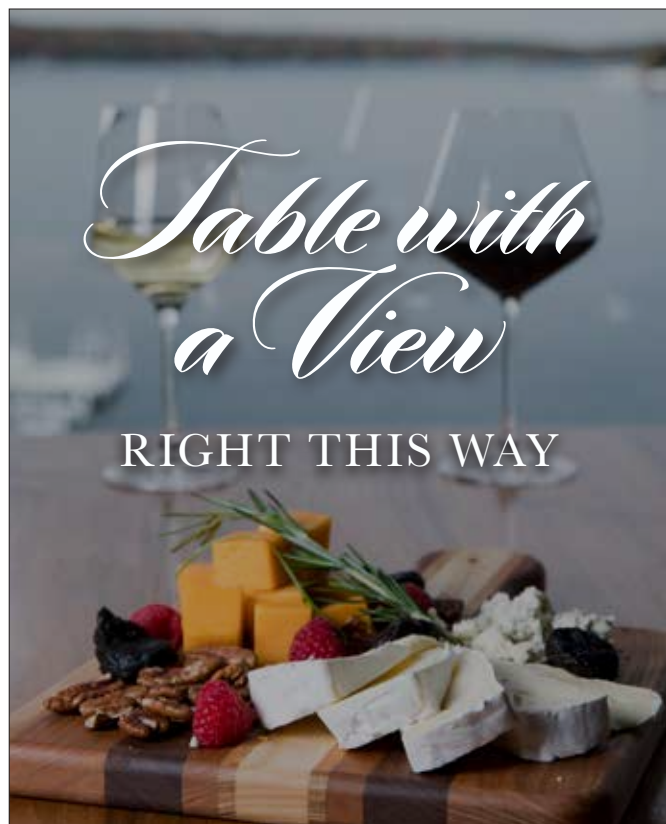


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FREDERICK TACKLES HUNGER

Big Foot High School and UW-Madison graduate Travis Frederick has made a name for himself on the football field as the starting center for the Dallas Cowboys. His reputation as one of the best linemen in the league coupled with his work off the field to combat hunger landed him a spot as one of the 32 nominees for the NFL's prestigious Walter Peyton Man of the Year Award. Although the honor went to Houston Texans' J.J. Watt, who was presented with the award on February 3, Frederick received a \$50,000 donation to further his work with his Blocking Out Hunger Foundation.

Through an email interview, Frederick told *At The Lake*, a little bit about his foundation and its mission:

"The mission of Travis Frederick's Blocking Out Hunger Foundation is to provide support for inner-city and low-income children throughout Metro Dallas who struggle with hunger," says Frederick. "In Dallas County alone, 64 percent of Dallas Public School students and 84 percent of Dallas Independent

School District students are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program. Essentially, three out of every four students rely on their schools for daily nourishment," he explains.

An important facet of the Foundation is its Nourish2Flourish Community Outreach Program which works with North Texas Food Bank to provide regular deliveries of food to kids when school is closed for summer and winter breaks. According to Frederick, hunger and malnutrition increase during these times because kids don't have access to free/reduced cost lunches. As a result of Blocking Out Hunger's efforts, during summer 2017, 200 kids received a box of food each week for 10 weeks for a total of 2,000 meals. Over the 2017 winter break, the Foundation's Nourish2Flourish Program provided three meals a day for 713 kids — a total of 30,000 meals.

In addition, the Foundation has created Travis' Food Pantry at Fort Worth-based Trinity Basin Preparatory, a public charter school serving low-income students. Every Thursday and Friday, 70 kids from

35 families are able to access canned goods and produce from the pantry.

Even though thousands have already been helped, Frederick's 2018 goal is to provide at least 80,000 meals to at-risk Dallas area children. "Another goal," he says is "for the foundation to positively impact the experiences, emotions and reactions of the children who are receiving meals and identifying the children that need the most help in terms of food assistance."

Frederick explains that growing up in Walworth County he was unaware of the real need that existed to help the hungry. "Being in school, we had several food drives for the local food pantries; however, it wasn't until I was looking for a cause to get behind that I saw how bad the hunger issue is in our country. Being in Dallas and being able to help bridge the gap between the generosity and need has been very eye opening."

For more information about Frederick's Blocking Out Hunger Foundation visit travisfrederick.org.

NEW RESCUE BOAT DEDICATED

After a multi-year fundraising campaign, the Fontana Fire Department unveiled its new rescue airboat on Saturday, Jan. 20.

“Renbo 53,” the new airboat manufactured by Midwest Rescue Boats, is able to withstand extreme conditions, making dangerous ice rescues much more possible. The boat can travel up to 100 mph through ice, snow and water. In addition, it’s equipped with sonar to see below the water’s surface and infrared equipment making search efforts possible at night.

Fundraising efforts led by the Reninger family resulted in the boat purchase after the tragic death of Mark Reninger in a snowmobile accident on February 15, 2016. Reninger, 53, was snowmobiling across frozen Geneva Lake with a friend when they hit thin ice and open water far from shore. The friend was able to pull himself out of the water and call for help on a cell phone.

According to reports, the two were at one of the farthest points from shore on



the 5,400-acre lake. The volunteer rescue department was not able to safely reach them by foot, and they did not have a safe vehicle to traverse the conditions. By the time the team made it to the location, Reninger had drowned.

After the tragic accident, Reninger’s family wanted to find a solution for Geneva Lake. The family began gathering donations to obtain a state-of-the-art rescue boat, and in just two years, with

more than \$200,000 raised, the boat was unveiled.

The Fontana Fire Department would like to thank all of those who helped with the fundraising campaign. “You see, when tragic things happen it can tear at your heart and your family,” says Fontana Fire Chief Wolfgang Nitsch. “But from those dark moments something of a miracle happens and new people unite as an entirely stronger more complex family.”

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In the past five years, students from Lake Geneva, Fontana, Reek, Sharon and Walworth schools have benefited from the Lyric Opera's educational outreach program through field trips to the opera house in Chicago. "The kids are in total awe because most of them have never been to that type of professional music performance," Lake Geneva Chapter President Vivian Fabbro Keenan says.



The Lake Geneva organization pays for buses and trains, opera tickets and a food stipend for about 450 students to take part in the trip each school year. This past year, students were treated to performances of *Rigoletto* in October, *Turandot* in January and *Faust* in March.

"We get notes from the students saying this is the best field trip they've ever attended, and that we have a great impact on them," Fabbro Keenan says. "Many students have never been on a train before, many had not been in the city of Chicago before, or seen buildings that tall, so it's really a trip of firsts for many."

Fabbro Keenan says the Lake Geneva chapter, which was founded 22 years ago, takes pride in the fact that it can provide this opportunity for so many children at such an impressionable age. "We're looking at how we can broaden their horizons to include classical musical events rather than just rock and popular music, and we have been extremely successful at that," she says.

For information about the organization, visit lakegenevalyric.com or contact Fabbro Keenan at 312-218-7095 or vfabbro@aol.com.

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Board vice president and Walworth County Fair Foundation secretary, his responsibilities for this annual, six-day event keep him busy year-round.

Thompson, who turns 73 in May, has been involved with the fair for over 60 years, and last November he was recognized with the Heritage Award by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) at its 127th Annual Convention in Las Vegas. The award, given annually, recognizes the achievements of outstanding fair volunteers.

"I was rather surprised and certainly very honored," he says of the award. "It certainly is great to be recognized by your peers for something you've done. I certainly enjoy all the things I do for the fair, but it's nice to know that other people appreciate it."

Thompson's long involvement with the Walworth County Fair began as a kid when he tagged along as his parents volunteered, and then later when he participated in 4-H and FFA events.



He continued his work through college, where he earned a degree in agriculture education before teaching horticulture at Badger High School for 20 years.

In addition, Thompson has mentored children as an FFA adviser, 4-H leader,

fair judge and Walworth County Fair FFA youth superintendent. He became a member of the fair board in 2003.

When not attending to business related to the fair, Thompson devotes his time to a number of organizations including the Geneva Area Foundation Board, the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance Board, the Wisconsin Association of Fairs and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

"Walworth County is a great place to live and has a lot of great people, and it's fun to be able to interact with those people," he says.

Thompson has helped at the Wisconsin State Fair for years, but he'll always feel a bigger connection to the county fair because it has more youth and family involvement as well as educational opportunities. "I may be a little bit biased," he says, "but I think the Walworth County Fair is the best of all."

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For nearly 40 years, Carol McLernon taught first and third grade in the Lake Geneva public schools and St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, often as a reading specialist. "I loved teaching. It was providence, I think," McLernon says. "It was meant to be."

Now living in Whitewater, McLernon began writing books near the end of her career, and she has written seven to date, including her latest title — a children's book, *Treasured Memories: World's Columbian Exposition of 1893*.

The book, which revolves around the world's fair in Chicago, was expected to be released in February with distribution on Amazon.com, at Barnes and Noble and through Archway Self-Publishing.

The idea for the book comes from a doll McLernon was given by a next-door neighbor, whose father had brought it home from the world's fair. A sewing aficionado, McLernon made hundreds of dresses for it, and even made a wedding dress for the doll's 100th "birthday." After her neighbor died, McLernon's family helped clean out the house and found boxes of old pictures, papers and journals. The new information gave McLernon more story ideas, and she began writing.

McLernon is set to appear May 1 for the Geneva Lake Museum's "Tuesdays @ 2" program, where she will speak about the 125th anniversary of the 1893 world's fair opening. "It's a coincidence that I'm speaking on the very day the fair opened, and I think it's awesome," she says. ▲

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Bon Appétit!

**CHEF JOHN BOGAN SHARES
HIS CULINARY KNOWLEDGE
AND ENSURES THE
COOKING IS ALWAYS FUN
AND THE DINING ALWAYS
DELICIOUS**

By John Halverson
Photography by Holly Leitner

It's more than a cooking class, it's a party too.

The place is rocking. Feet are tapping to pumped-in music. People are chattering, mugging for pictures, bragging about the dishes they're creating and asking the chefs for more know-how. There's even a TV set, tuned into a college football game.

It's a fun atmosphere, and at the center is the master of ceremonies, the joke-a-minute guy, the maestro, Chef John Bogan, who runs the Lake Geneva School of Cooking.

Nestled in the corner of an old church at 727 Geneva Street, in Lake Geneva, the school is composed of four rooms — two adjoining dining rooms, a kitchen where the meal preparation occurs, and a room filled with fine wines. As the French say, "mise en place" — everything in its place.

Bogan bought the school in 2008. In July he'll celebrate 10 years of operation. Before that, Bogan was the general manager and chief chef at Kirsch's at the French Country Inn, a Lake Geneva restaurant long renowned for its food.

A PASSION IS REALIZED

Born in upstate New York, Bogan was destined to be a chef from early on. "Some people are made to be football players. Some people are made to be garbage collectors," he says. "I was made to be a chef."

Growing up in a time before video games, Bogan, like all kids of that era, had to make his own fun. He found it in cooking. His early experiences in the kitchen with his grandmother led to working summers for his uncle, a former chef in New Orleans, where he worked twelve-hour days, six days a week.

"What? This is not a summer vacation," he thought. But the job grew on him. "I loved the sizzling. I loved the smells. I loved something as simple as cutting radish roses and putting

them in cold water and watching them curl," he told a reporter for a story in the *Janesville Gazette*.

The busier it got, the more he enjoyed it. He enjoyed the staff and taking care of people. "Right then, I decided I wanted to be that guy. I wanted to be a chef."

He went on to get his formal education at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, where he received an associate degree in culinary arts and a bachelor's degree in food service management.

In his professional career, he's produced a live educational culinary show and was featured chef in the official magazine of The American Culinary Federation, *The National Culinary Review*.

As he grew in his profession, his chef's hat grew along with him. Bogan's tall hat signifies his expertise — the higher the hat the more heralded the chef. "There are a lot of different hats. I don't wear a baseball hat or a bandana," he says. "I love wearing a chef's hat."

Bogan's experience eventually led him to the Midwest. He met his wife in Chicago. A Hawaiian transplant, she went there because "she wanted to see snow," he says. They have two daughters — one of whom helped Bogan this particular night — and a one-year-old grandson.

THE JOY OF COOKING

On this cold evening, personable servers meet us at the door of the Lake Geneva Cooking School with glasses of sparkling wine.

Bogan greets us in full chef regalia — the hat of course, called a toque, and a white double-breasted jacket. He knows our names. We soon find out that he knows everyone's name including those who have taken a class from him before and traveled a long way to do it again.



CLASSES FOR EVERY OCCASION

The Lake Geneva School of Cooking offers a variety of classes throughout the year as well as private events for birthdays, anniversaries, bridal showers, bachelorette and kid's parties, weddings and book clubs. They also offer classes for kids, catering and corporate team building events and classes that you normally don't equate with the culinary arts — like tailgating.

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BOGAN'S HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTION

In addition to operating the Lake Geneva School of Cooking, Bogan also works with the Badger High School culinary program and has seen many students move on to successful careers in the culinary field.

Along with Russ Tronsen, who ran the program for many years and is now Badger's principal, the culinary program is the most awarded in the state.

"I love working with Badger because they get so much confidence," Bogan said. "They won't even know how much they learned until they get out in the work field."

We're handed aprons and our own chef's hat, which is, appropriately, much smaller than Bogan's.

After washing our hands, we gather together in the kitchen. Bogan holds court, explaining that cooking starts with the best food bought from area merchants. And, he jokes, that the seafood — even the lobster — comes from the waters of Geneva Lake.

Our job is to create a four-course dinner composed of seared salmon au poivre with colossal shrimp scampi garni, black truffle onion soup, and rack of lamb with whipped potatoes and, of course, dessert.

We're at a large table in the big and roomy well-equipped kitchen where each of us receives a different part of the menu to prepare. As we start cooking, we're served smoked Gouda gougères, a French-style cheese puff, to whet our appetites.

In such close quarters you can't help but talk to the person next to you and we share years of living. The couple next to



us found love later in life. We exchange stories about children and grandchildren and work.

At another station, a group of kids — part of a family of 14 — are assigned the dessert, a Grand Marnier dark chocolate mousse. The family had been here before, returning for the fun and food and being together.

The meal-making takes place under the watchful eye of Bogan, and his assistants who are always willing to answer questions. When Bogan shows us how to

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properly slice and dice some fresh herbs and we try to be too exact with the measurements, he picks up a portion between his fingers and deems it exact enough. "That's how grandmother used to do it," he says confirming that cooking is an art as much as a science.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Bogan insists that a meal is a communal activity best served with family and friends. "The breaking of bread" together being as old as cooking itself. As for the TV and party-like atmosphere, Bogan says, "I teach the cooking like you cook at home."

When the meal is prepared, we gather in the dining room. The family of 14 sit at one long table. There are ten of us at another.

We sit with two women, who are long-time friends, who worked together in New Guinea. They regale us with stories of warring factions on either side of their compound who greeted the women as they went off to fight each other.

Each group is asked to step into the kitchen, fill each plate with the food they prepared and serve the guests "from the left" as instructed by Bogan.

Before each item is served, two members of the team are asked to name and describe the dish they created. At the end of the explanation, Bogan points to a sign on the wall. "What does it say?" he asks, and the presenter answers "Bon Appétit!"

A prize is traditionally given to the best dish of the night. On this night, Bogan takes the prerogative of naming us all winners.

And on this particular evening, long before spring, before the end of winter is in sight, there's a chill in the air. We're celebrating New Year's Eve with party hats and noise-makers and, of course, sparking wine. It is a few days before the actual event, not unlike the season that is almost upon us. But at the Lake Geneva School of Cooking, there's always an excuse for a party. ▲

BOGAN AND THE BURGER THROWDOWN

Bogan assists with organizing the Annual Burger Throwdown which is a competition between area chefs to see who can make the best hamburger.

The seventh annual event will take place from 12:30 - 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Ridge Hotel, W4240 Hwy. 50, Lake Geneva.

Samples are served from more than a dozen area restaurants. Participants then vote on which restaurant had the best burger. Proceeds go to the Badger Culinary ProStart Program.

General admission for ages 6 and up is \$20 for entry at 12:30 p.m. VIP tickets, which allow you to get in an hour earlier are \$35. The entry fee includes unlimited burger samples while they last. Soft drinks, a cash bar and other food is available as well as live entertainment. For tickets visit Eventbrite.com and search Geneva Lakes Burger Throwdown.



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HOWARD VAN DOREN SHAW'S
GENEVA LAKE HOMES STAND
THE TEST OF TIME

By Anne Morrissy



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Passengers on Lake Geneva Cruise Line's popular boat tours get a waters-edge view of some of the most opulent homes in Wisconsin, and nearly everyone comes away with a favorite. For those who appreciate historic estates with a genteel classical influence, the Lake Geneva homes designed by the Chicago architect Howard Van Doren Shaw may prove to be the ones that truly steal their hearts.

Shaw's designs date to the first quarter of the 20th century, and yet they have unquestionably stood the test of time. The homes he designed on Geneva Lake for wealthy Chicagoans have remained remarkably resistant to the wrecking

ball, despite changing tastes and the logistical challenges of transitioning an older home into the modern era. In 2015, Chicago architect Stuart Cohen of Stuart Cohen and Julie Hacker Architects wrote *Inventing the New American Home*, a book about Shaw's work, and he attributes this timelessness to Shaw's design sensibility. "The period around 1900 was a period of enormous social change [in America] with the rapid growth of the American middle class," Cohen explains. "And so the kinds of houses that even very wealthy people wanted reflected a greater informality and a more relaxed lifestyle, particularly in their country homes."

SOCIALITE ARCHITECT OF PRAIRIE AVENUE

Howard Van Doren Shaw was born in 1869 in Chicago, making him one of the few Chicago architects of his era to claim native status. Shaw was born into the upper elite of Chicago society: his father Theodore was a successful

dry goods merchant who served on the planning committee of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, and his mother was a Van Doren (of the prominent old New York family) and a trained painter who attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and exhibited her work throughout the country during her lifetime. Shaw grew up on Calumet Avenue in the fashionable Prairie Avenue District, and attended the Harvard School for Boys in Hyde Park before heading to the East Coast to attend college at Yale University.

Following his graduation from Yale in 1890, Shaw enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the few schools in the country at the time to offer a degree in architecture. The program at MIT emphasized the aesthetic of the École des Beaux-Arts, an influential Parisian school which favors classical arts and architecture from Ancient Greek and Roman influences. Shaw's designs



Far left: Architect Howard Van Doren Shaw circa 1920. Right: Aloha Lodge, built in 1901 for Chicago hotelier Tracy Drake, was Shaw's first commission on Geneva Lake. Above: The Southern Colonial-inspired home with its signature columns and symmetrical façade has been drastically increased in size over the years and is an imposing sight on Geneva Lake's south shore.



demonstrated this training throughout his career. However, Cohen feels Shaw was able to transcend his classical influences to create something new in home design. "Shaw was happy to work with traditional forms," he explains. "But one of the arguments that I make in my book is that while Shaw never tried to invent a new vocabulary of architecture, he was part of a group of architects who were in fact transforming the American house."

After receiving his architecture degree, Shaw traveled extensively in Europe, where he was greatly influenced by the new Arts and Crafts movement emerging from England, particularly the work of architect Edwin Lutyens. Although Shaw's own summer home in Lake Forest demonstrated his clear preference

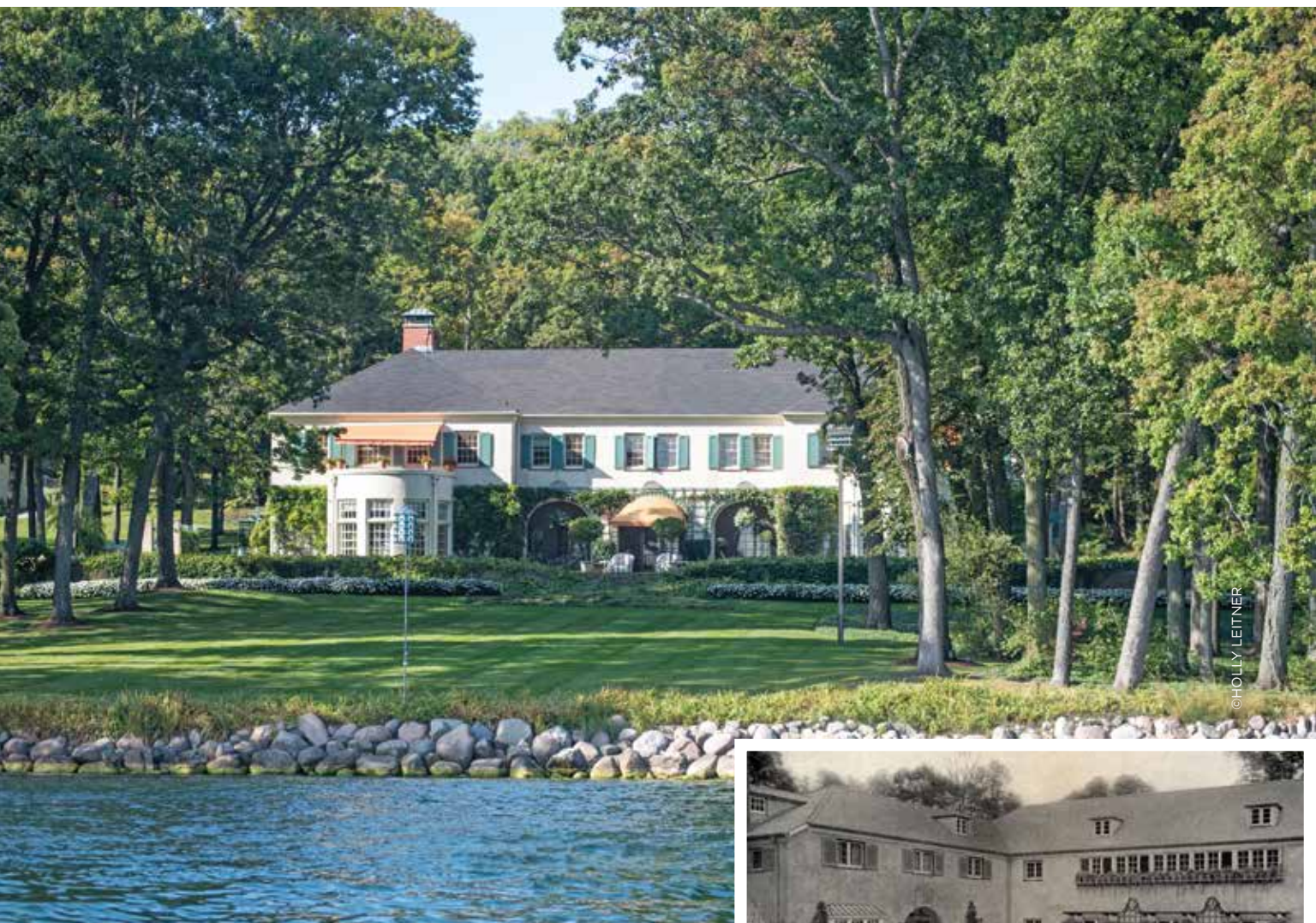
for the English Arts and Crafts style, his exceptional training allowed him to excel in a variety of architectural styles, as dictated by the preference of the client. Shaw apprenticed with venerable Chicago architecture firm Jenney and Mundie before establishing his own firm in 1894.

During his more than three decades of work, Shaw proved to be an extremely prolific architect, working on residential, commercial and civic projects. Before he passed away in 1926, the American Institute of Architects awarded Shaw a Gold Medal, its highest award, recognizing him for his exemplary achievements in architectural design. Unfortunately, following Shaw's death, many of his office files were lost and no complete record of his work exists to this

day. Historians like Cohen have worked to assemble records from homeowners, collaborators and museum collections to create as comprehensive a list of Shaw's work as possible. Based on this research, we know that Shaw designed at least six homes on Geneva Lake, five of which still stand today. (Hubbard Carpenter's Rehoboth has been demolished.)

SHAW'S FIRST LAKE GENEVA COMMISSION: ALOHA LODGE

At the turn of the 20th century, Tracy C. Drake of the prominent Chicago hotelier family hired Shaw to design a country home on Geneva Lake's South Shore for him to enjoy with his wife, Annie Daughaday Drake, and their two young sons. Drake requested a Southern Colonial-inspired home from Shaw, which he named Aloha



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House in the Woods on the north shore of Geneva Lake is defined by large arched bay windows on the front of the house and the use of triple archways that would appear on subsequent homes Shaw designed around the lake. The U-shaped home was designed with a terrace and courtyard at the rear of house, creating a welcoming entrance for guests.

Lodge after the family returned from a formative trip to Hawaii where they befriended the deposed Queen Liliuokalani. A large veranda facing the lake was supported by imposing, 25-foot-tall Ionic columns, demonstrating Shaw's Beaux-Arts training, though the overall effect of the home is described in a 1939 *Chicago Tribune* article as "pure American in type."

Inside, Shaw's signature open-plan design surprised the article's author, who remarked, "In the lodge, no space has been wasted on halls or walls. One enters the wide door... and comes directly into the large living room, 24 feet wide by 44 feet long. Across the room from the carriage driveway door is another door, a long glass door that opens upon the wide veranda." The article goes on to praise everything from the Colonial-style

fireplace to the mahogany balustrade on the staircase. The semicircular dining room ("a charming room") featured white paneled walls and French windows that also opened on to the veranda.

Shaw was famous for demanding top-quality workmanship in all of the homes he designed. Although he was not a trained craftsman himself, he acquired enough on-the-job knowledge of masonry, roofing, carpentry and painting that he would occasionally pick up tools and do the work himself during the construction of his homes. "There are stories about Shaw telling workmen on his jobs to rip out work that he found unacceptable," explains Cohen. "Even to extent of taking tools away from workmen and saying, 'That's not how

you do it, let me show you.' Shaw built very solid homes."

HOUSE IN THE WOODS

In 1905 (around the same time he was designing Hubbard Carpenter's Rehoboth on the north side of Geneva Bay), Shaw designed another elegant summer home for Geneva Lake. Chicago businessman and Director of the University of Chicago Adolphus Clay Bartlett commissioned an architecturally unique home he named House in the Woods. Bartlett's son Frederic Clay Bartlett, an accomplished painter and muralist, collaborated closely with Shaw to design what Clay later explained was a whimsical take on country living.



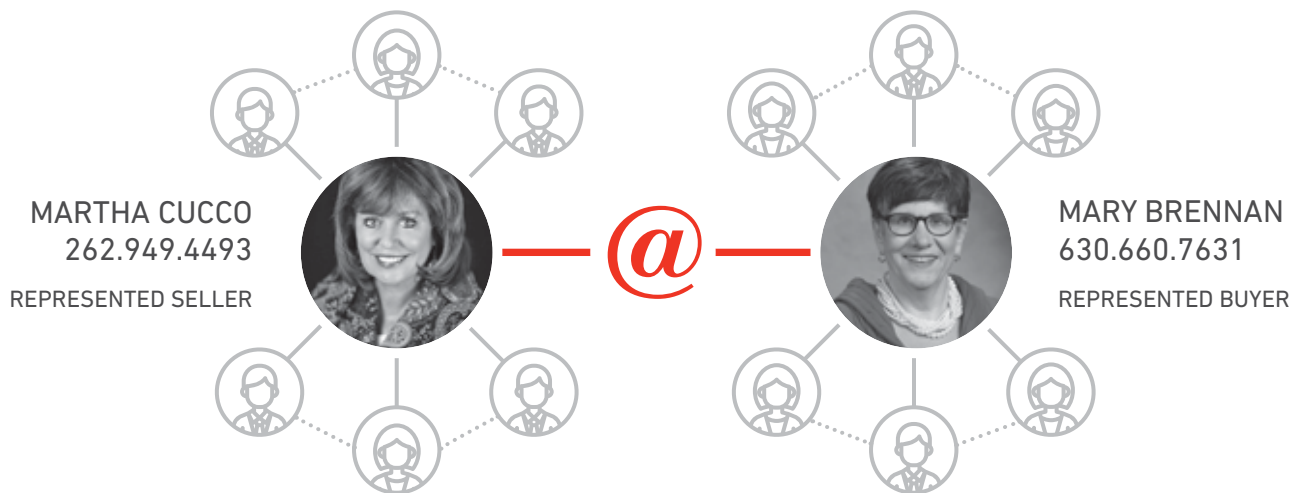
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“Most people take their country house entirely too seriously,” he told a reporter for *Country Life in America*.)

House in the Woods included a painting studio for Frederic Clay Bartlett, separated from the main residence by a loggia, a terrace and a courtyard containing a fountain and an original Clay mural. According to Cohen, the detailing of both buildings — particularly the trellising of the walls — was reminiscent of the Viennese Secessionist movement and combined elements of the Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau movements. At House in the Woods, Shaw made liberal use of the triple archways that would appear on subsequent homes he designed on Geneva Lake. The front of the house was defined by arched bay windows in the living and dining room.

Cohen particularly admires the way the home’s original design created a sense of drama for the arriving guest. “You used to drive through the woods and come to a turnaround in front of the house... and you walked through a big entryway, and the entrance to the house was in that covered space,” he explains. “On the other side you had a wall with three sets of French doors that opened to a hallway... which then opened to a screened porch/loggia. So instead of walking in and seeing straight to the lake, you’d have an entry sequence that carefully... channeled the views out to the lake.”

VILLA HORTENSIA

The following year, Edward Foster Swift, son of meatpacking scion Gustavus Swift, commissioned Shaw to design his country home on the north shore of Geneva Lake. Villa Hortensia, named in honor of Swift’s wife Hortense, bore a slight resemblance to House in the Woods, though in his book, Cohen describes Villa Hortensia as “vaguely Mediterranean [in] style” with Arts and Crafts details “on a grander scale.”

The driveway entrance featured a covered entry porch with three arched doors supported by classical Doric columns. Shaw repeated this arrangement on the lake façade in the three arched French doors leading to the front patio and the lawn and lake beyond, a connection between the house and the landscape that was a hallmark of Shaw’s designs. Shaw collaborated with famed landscape

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The grand, forty-room home known as Villa Hortensia was built for Edward Swift, of the Swift meatpacking company. Although the home has had many owners since being built in 1906, its façade has remained relatively unchanged.

architect Jens Jensen on several projects, including Villa Hortensia, ensuring that the home's interior spaces would flow easily into the landscape. The front patio ran the entire length of the house and provided the liminal space between the inside and

the outside. According to Cohen, the design of Villa Hortensia "is an idea about connecting the house to the landscape that's often linked to the Prairie School, but Shaw was doing it with a different set of architectural forms. The connection of

inside to outside was something that Shaw felt very strongly about."

Inside, Shaw's design for Villa Hortensia included a large vaulted gallery, a guest suite, a spacious sunken living room, a reception hall with a fountain and ceramic pool, and a circular staircase to the second floor gallery and bedrooms, among many other elegant aspects.

ALTA VISTA

It would be more than a decade before Shaw designed another home on Geneva Lake. In 1919, Colonel William Nelson Pelouze and his wife purchased Alta Vista on Geneva Lake's north shore, but they only spent one summer in the grand Victorian-style home before it burned to the ground that fall. Pelouze and his wife Helen wasted no time in hiring Shaw to design its replacement. Of all of Shaw's homes on Geneva Lake, Alta Vista perhaps best demonstrates Shaw's European training. A *Chicago Tribune* article from 1939 described the home as "similar to



COURTESY OF PEG WILLIAMS



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To the west of Villa Hortensia on the north shore is Alta Vista, thought to best demonstrate Shaw's European design influence. It was built in 1920 for Colonel William Nelson Pelouze after the grand Victorian-style home on the property, below, burned to the ground.

those surrounding many Italian lakes."

Like House in the Woods, Shaw put careful thought into the approach to the house from the road. A circular Italian-style garden containing carefully manicured hedges and evergreens, marble benches and balustrades, and a fountain and fish pool welcomed guests to the entry. On the inside of the home, Shaw designed a vaulted loggia running the entire length of the home on the lake side. Small, Italian-style balconies adorned the windows of the second-floor bedrooms.

The current homeowners bought Alta Vista more than 15 years ago and say that Shaw's design is what initially drew them to the house. "We loved that every bedroom has a view of the lake, and that [the home] was open-floor-plan before open-floor-plan was even a thing," explains the wife. "We love that we can be in the kitchen and see kids playing in the family room and everybody still feels like they're part of the same house and party."

ALLEGHENY

Just a few years before his death at the age of 57, Shaw completed what would turn out to be his final commission on Geneva Lake. In the late 1910s, Lewis E. Myers purchased a portion of the massive former Loramoor

estate and in 1924 he built Allegheny, named for his birthplace near Pittsburgh. Allegheny was a Shaw-designed Colonial home remarkably similar in appearance to Shaw's first Geneva Lake commission, Aloha Lodge. Myers owned a Chicago



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COURTESY OF GENEVA LAKE MUSEUM

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Allegheny was Shaw's last commission on Geneva Lake and it's just to the west of his first commission, Aloha Lodge. Both homes were designed with a distinct Colonial style unlike the three commissions on the north shore that were infused with more European influences.

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construction firm and served as president of the Southern Electric Company, which provided electricity to the Lake Geneva area from 1916 to 1929 before being purchased by Wisconsin Power and Light. He was also an avid orchidist, and raised hundreds of varieties of the exotic flowers in his greenhouses on the property.

Like all of Shaw's homes on Geneva Lake, Allegheny's design featured a massive open living room at the center of the house. A 1943 *Chicago Tribune* article estimated it to be 60 feet by 35 feet, and described the room's French doors leading to the pillared portico on the front of the house, "giving a vista of the lawn and lake that at first sight seems to be part of the room." The refined, traditional living room — complete with painted mural wallpaper — contrasted with the informality of the wood-paneled card room next to it. The formal dining room featured arched built-in bookcases flanking another set of French doors.

Cohen points out that the style of both Aloha Lodge and Allegheny were unusual for Shaw. "The Colonial houses with the colonnaded porches, those houses are totally atypical of Shaw's work," he explains. In fact, when looking at the body of Shaw's work, most of the homes he designed on Geneva Lake demonstrate a divergence from Shaw's personal preferences and suggest significant input from their owners. But as Cohen points out, "Shaw was very a popular architect and I assume he got that way by pleasing clients."

SHAW'S HOMES TODAY

Although most have been altered slightly, all five of Shaw's homes that remain on Geneva Lake today are still under private ownership, enjoyed by a new generation of families who choose to spend their summers here. The timeless grace of these homes ensures that they are still admired by the area's tourists, and their continued presence connects the history of the early 20th century to the modern Lake Geneva of today. This is due in no small part to the sensibility of their architect, Howard Van Doren Shaw. "There was a sense of scale to [Shaw's houses]," Cohen says. "Even the grand houses had a sense of comfort and intimacy that you don't get in any of the really big, palatial places of the era. Shaw's houses just felt comfortable." ▲

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Early morning light filters through the trees along the Geneva Lake Shore Path just east of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club.



Walking in History's FOOTSTEPS

By Barb Howell | Photography by Holly Leitner

The Geneva Lake Shore Path, especially when the weather begins to warm and the smell of freshly cut grass hangs in the air, has a timeless feel about it. Along the water's edge, its landmarks, whether a familiar footbridge, limestone walkway or hundred-year-old-oak greet those who pass year after year.

For generations, as springtime emerges, hikers begin to reappear on the path. On one side, Geneva Lake's crystal clear waters shimmer in the sunshine; on the other, manicured lawns and gardens meet stately mansions and lake homes.

There are those who are in deep thought, hiking to find solitude and peace. Others walk in groups and are in animated conversation as their voices echo across the lake. But all seem to understand one thing: this ancient path is a window to the past. Some stop for a moment to reflect, some perhaps to consider who came before them on this journey around the lake.

It's believed as early as 2500 BC, the lakeside path was used by Native American tribes. The Potawatomi, who, until 1836, lived along Geneva Lake — then known as Kishwaukee, traversed the path from their villages near present-day Fontana, Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. The shoreline of Geneva Lake, however, soon began to change after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. The grand and historic estates, some of which still stand, were built by some of the most influential Chicago families, and the shore path became the route used by those working at these "summer cottages."

As remarkable as it seems, early settlers recognized the importance of this age-old trail and ensured that 20 feet from the shoreline should be preserved as public domain. This alone makes the path unique, but another aspect, the requirement by landowners to maintain the path through their properties guarantees hikers will have a clear walkway and vistas of unmatched beauty.

The Path's 21.5 miles takes most eight to 10 hours to walk, but many have favorite segments that don't require as much commitment of time and energy — Lake Geneva to Chapin Road, Williams Bay to Fontana, Shadow Lane to Big Foot Beach, or places in between. Whatever portion they choose, hikers recognize the rare nature of this public access lakeshore path that is centuries-old, yet discovered anew each spring. ▲



TOP: A sure sign of spring – the lilac trees in full bloom along the Shore Path adjacent to Lake Geneva’s Library Park. BOTTOM: A portion of the Path on the south shore near Fontana is paved in flagstone and landscaped with a rock wall and a bed of irises. RIGHT: A peaceful setting that evokes thoughts of lazy afternoons at the lake greets those walking the Shore Path near Conference Point in Williams Bay.





TOP: The Shore Path winds its way along the water's edge bordering Harvard Club, a picturesque combination of lake homes and open space established in 1875 on Geneva Lake's south shore. BOTTOM: Flora and fauna is in abundance along the entire length of the Shore Path. This section near Buena Vista Club is particularly colorful when summer's flowers are in full bloom. RIGHT: The Shore Path north of Fontana features dappled sunlight yet a mixture of plants and flowers to enjoy.







Pizza Night!

EAST TROY ELECTRIC RAILROAD SERVES UP PIZZA AND SO MUCH MORE

By Barb Krause

I'm not sure what's more exciting for a child: a train ride with a pizza and soda, or the ice cream cone promised afterwards. My daughters, ages 10 and nine, eagerly jumped in the car one Saturday afternoon in May for the 20-minute drive from Lake Geneva to the East Troy Electric Railroad. My husband and I had never visited the railroad before, or downtown East Troy, so this was a new experience for our entire family.

We arrived with ample time to explore the depot before the Pizza Train was scheduled to depart. The historic East Troy Electric Railroad depot consists of a ticketing area, small museum and green space outside with picnic tables. The museum portion of the building offers a lot to read about local railroad history, vintage photos, memorabilia and interactive displays.

We ventured outside so we could watch the train arrive at the depot, with much fanfare from the groups ready to board and a conductor waving from outside the front car. We boarded and were directed to two tables for two on one side of the train, so that each of us had a window seat. Tables big enough for four were available on the other side of the aisle.

The conductor made announcements and our drink order was taken. Kids receive unlimited soda (if you want to go down that sugary path) and for adults, there's a bar service. The train started its journey right away, chugging along through the greenery of rural Wisconsin.

Dinner included garlic knot rolls, which were delicious, and a pizza for each table (several topping options are available). We were served quickly and enjoyed watching the scenery go by out the window as we ate.

... each rider receives a free ice cream cone at J. Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor

A little more than a half hour into our journey, the train slowed to a stop at Byrnes Park, a pretty trackside park with a play area. Everyone got off the train and enjoyed the late spring sunshine and the playground. Many groups took photos in front of a huge lilac bush. Then the conductor signaled that it was time to hop back on for the ride home.

The East Troy Electric Railroad is the last remnant of the Milwaukee Electric Railroad & Light Company's interurban rail system, which once operated over 130 miles of track in southeastern Wisconsin.

Riding the Rails



Young and old alike — adventure seekers or railroad buffs shouldn't pass up the chance to take a trip on the East Troy Electric Railroad. The 14-mile roundtrip journey between East Troy and Mukwonago offers a glimpse of the early days of interurban rail system in Wisconsin. An all-volunteer crew operates the trains and the museum, which features 32 pieces of "rolling stock," including street cars from Milwaukee and Minneapolis, plus interurban cars from Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad and Sheboygan Light Power & Railway.

The railroad runs regularly scheduled trains from April through November and offers a number of fun options in addition to the pizza train. You can board the train in East Troy and take a ride to Mukwonago's Elegant Farmer, enjoy a themed dinner train, take a journey on the bunny train at Easter or board the Christmas train for a family-fun adventure.

The railroad welcomes charter trips for birthday parties or other special events, and encourages families to check out their membership opportunities. For more information visit easttroyrr.org.

On the way back to East Troy, the conductor entertained the kids by handing out coloring sheets and telling us more about the railroad and other special train rides offered during the year. He also explained that each rider receives a free ice cream cone at J. Lauber's Ice Cream Parlor located across the tracks from the depot.

J. Lauber's is a treat in itself: it's a 1920's-era old-fashioned ice cream shop with candies we recognized from our childhood and plenty of ice cream flavors to choose from. The owner, John Lauber, is one of the founders of the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum and has operated the ice cream shop for more than 40 years.

Needless to say, the kids had a hard time deciding on an ice cream flavor, but it gave the adults plenty of time to reminisce about all of the old candies on display. We enjoyed our cones outside and the girls asked if we could do it all again some time. Maybe we could try the burger train next time, we all agreed ... and definitely more ice cream. 🍦



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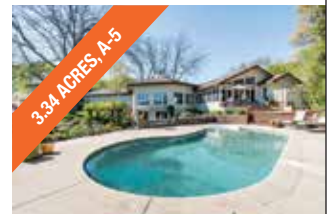
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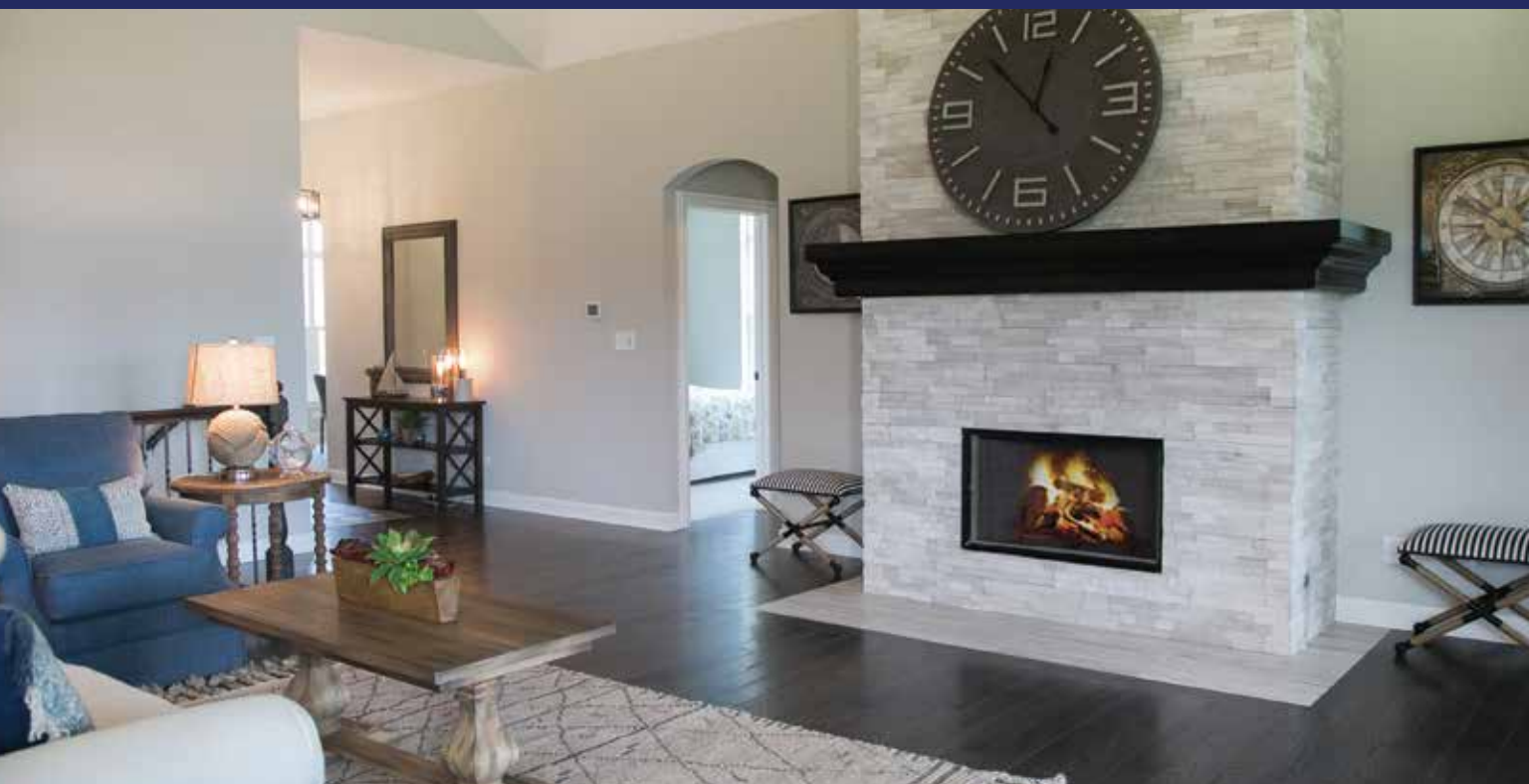
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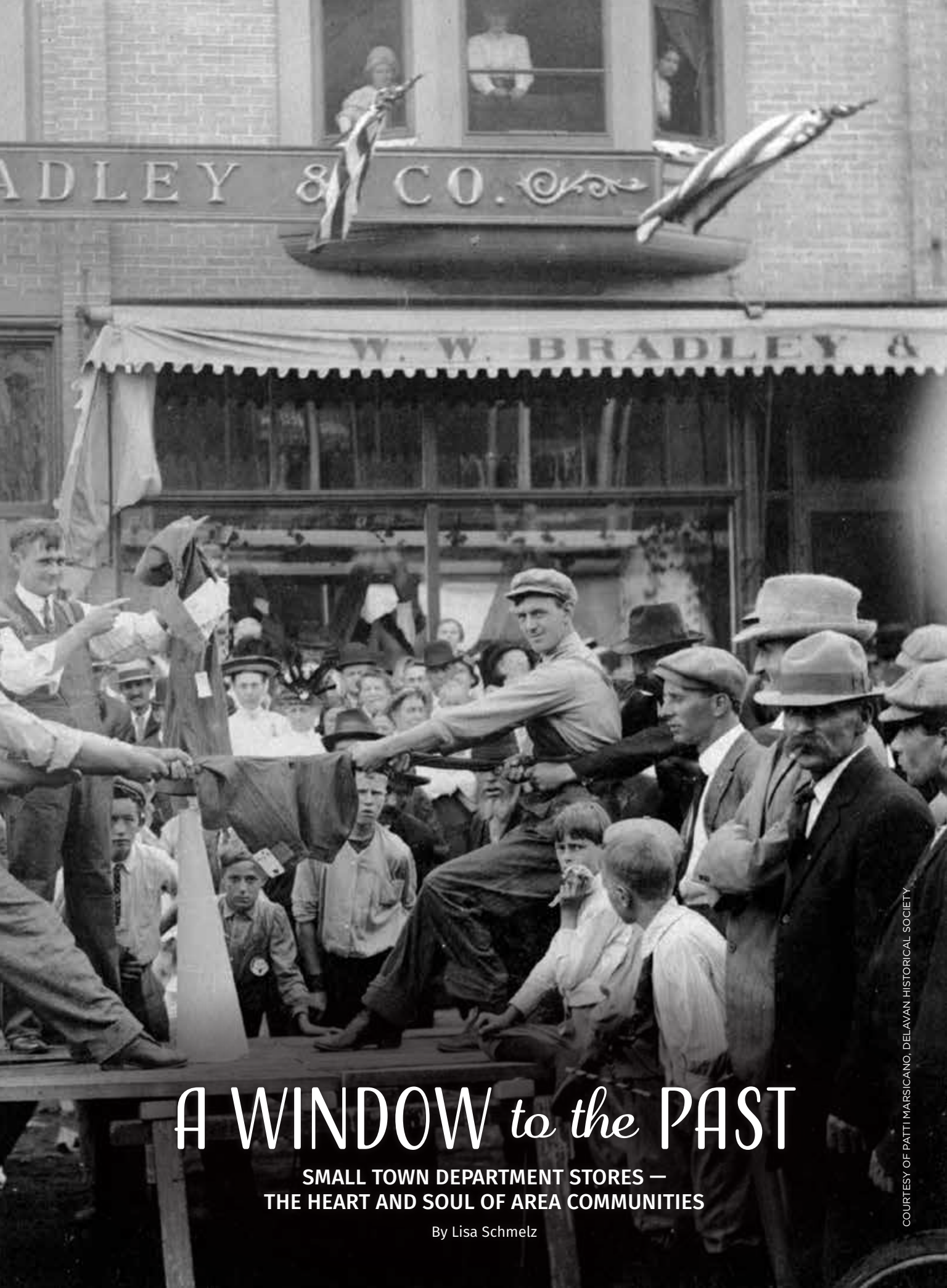


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W.W. Bradley & Company, a fixture in downtown Delavan for generations, was the site of this unconventional marketing exhibition by the Sweet-Orr Company in about 1910. The clothing manufacturer, a precursor to Levi Strauss, touted the strength of its jeans with a tug-of-war demonstration and offered to give a free pair of pants to any six men who could successfully rip them apart. In 1880, the company adopted the "tug-of-war" image as its official logo.



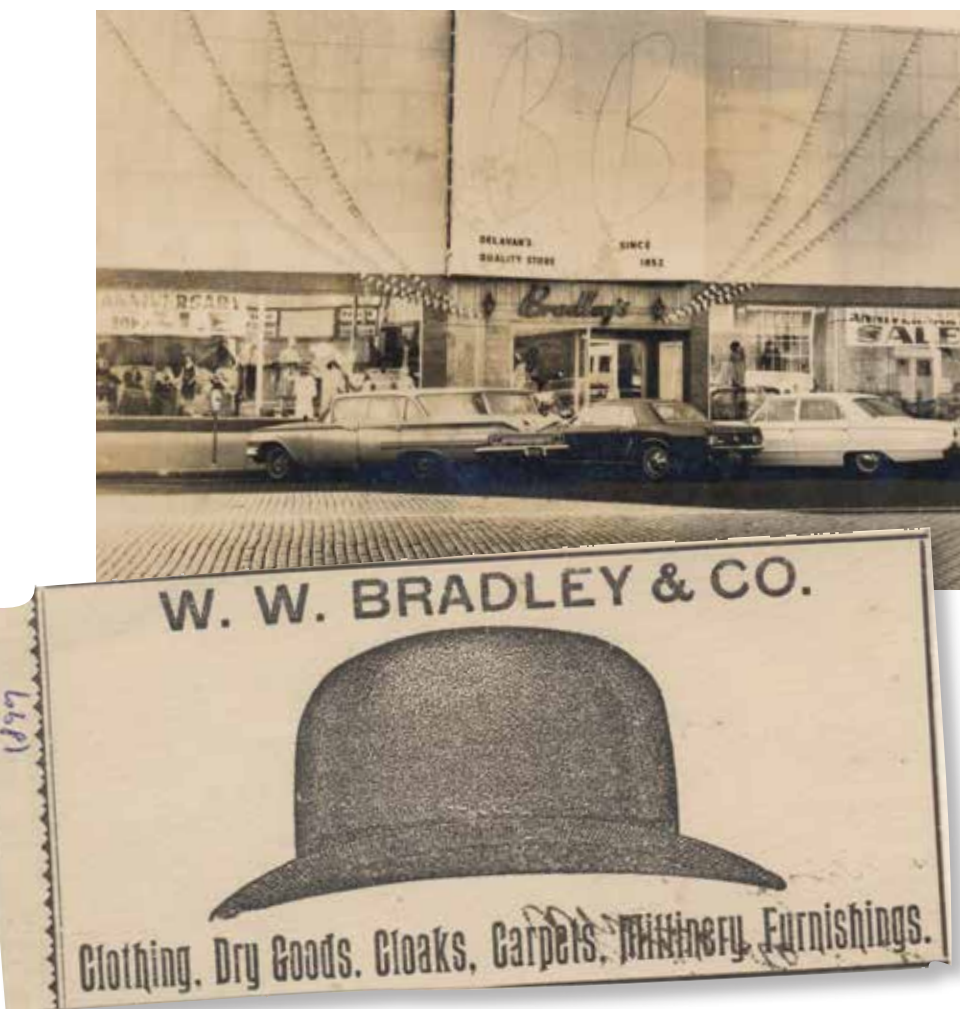
A WINDOW *to the* PAST

SMALL TOWN DEPARTMENT STORES —
THE HEART AND SOUL OF AREA COMMUNITIES

By Lisa Schmelz



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Bradley's Department Store has been in business for 166 years in Delavan. A large part of its early history includes the company's ownership of Bradley Knitting Co. which was one of the world's largest makers of knitted garments, including sweaters, dresses and swimsuits.



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ABOVE: Current Bradley's owner Lois Stritt feels strongly about the store's history and displays several pieces of memorabilia inside its entrance, including stylish sweater and skirt sets made by the Bradley Knitting Company. BELOW: A catalog of Bradley Knit Wear for 1923-1924. LEFT: The centerpiece of the store's history display is an original Bradley's Knitting Company sweater. The same sweater is featured in the adjacent framed ad that appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* on Sept. 11, 1926.

The first department store I ever entered alone was in Winters, California, a sleepy railroad town 70 miles northeast of San Francisco, where we visited my great-grandparents on weekends. One Saturday, I skipped the grocery store and took my allowance to Greenwood's Department Store, crossing the threshold into what seemed a very grown-up place. Inside, wood floors creaked and racks of men's, women's and children's clothing towered over me. Just one story, there was nothing here my quarter could buy. Even in 1973, embroidered handkerchiefs were forty cents. Still, that didn't stop the clerk from offering me a warm greeting and I lingered because I felt welcome.

That a sales clerk would treat a seven-year-old with the same courtesy as adult customers doesn't surprise Kelly Freeman or Lois Stritt. Both have extensive roots in small town department stores. Freeman's closed in 1996 and Stritt's is in its 166th year. Unlike the big box stores that have transformed the off-ramps of America into a sea of sameness, a small

town department store's mission extends beyond a homogenized bottom line.

"We've been here since 1852," says Stritt. "Anyone who walks in becomes a friend. Our customers are our friends."



Once upon a time, small town department stores were as much a gathering place as they were a retail establishment. An anchor before the term "anchor store" was coined, their presence paved the way for other businesses in historic downtown districts.

"We had some people who came in every day. It was sort of like people who visit a library," recalls Freeman, whose grandfather started Waals Department Store in Walworth. "They feel they're at home. They know the employees and its generations after generations, who keep coming back. It was wonderful while it lasted."

What lasted for Freeman's family was impressive. Her grandfather, Myer Cohn, immigrated to America from Lithuania, where he had studied to be a rabbi. With a \$50 loan from his brother in Crystal Lake, Illinois, he sold housewares door-to-door in the Village of Walworth. By 1900, he'd saved up enough to rent a storefront. His dreams were bigger, though, and he always wanted his own store. In 1914, and after some difficulty securing backers,



The three-story, 30,000-square-foot Waals Department Store once stood on the south side of Walworth's village square. At its peak, the store offered merchandise that ranged from clothing and housewares to carpet and furniture.

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Why would a Wisconsin college, with roots in the Seventh Day Baptist faith, back a Jewish retailer still new to America?

His granddaughter doesn't hesitate with her reply: "I guess they thought it was a good investment," says Freeman.

A good investment would be an understatement. By the time Waals Department Store closed, the regional retail icon was four years shy of the century mark.

Over in Delavan, Bradley's Department Store, which was founded in 1852 and has been in its current location since 1887, is one of the oldest, continuously operating department stores in the country. Today, it's owned and run by Stritt, a pint-sized-powerhouse who bought the store after losing her husband of 51 years, Jack, in 2010.

I have interviewed Stritt many times over the years, and buy most of my husband's clothing from her. When I am in need of a simple black dress or something quietly chic, Bradley's never disappoints. Like any good business owner, she knows the names of her customers and uses them frequently when conversing.

"I love this store, Lisa," she says, seated on a chair in the center of the men's department. "I don't want to be the one who turns the lights out here. I don't have any grandchildren, so I call this my grandbaby. If I had a grandchild, I wouldn't be doing this. When my sons came home for their father's funeral, I told them 'I bought myself a grandbaby since nobody gave me one.'"

As soon as she finishes that sentence, her attention focuses on a customer.

"That jacket is so cute," she offers. "Every year, Keren Hart does a new jacket. Pull it down in the back. Yes, I like it. That's nice on you."

Then, because she is not a pushy saleswoman, Stritt leaves her customer in peace.

"I just love coming to work, Lisa. I just love it. I can't imagine not being here."

WAALS — A DESTINATION FOR GENERATIONS

Kelly Freeman also loved going to work. Waals Department Store in Walworth, on the south side of the town square, was more than a beacon for customers. It was Freeman's childhood home. When Freeman was born, her grandfather, Myer, was no longer alive and her father, Sam, was running the store with her grandmother, Dora Cohn. The family lived on the top floor.

"I arrived there when I was six-weeks-old," recalls Freeman. "They were very happy memories and I loved it. And our employees over the years, it was an extended family. Two of our employees worked for us for over 50 years."

At its peak, Waals covered three stories and 30,000 square feet. Early ads,



Kelly Freeman, the granddaughter of Myer Cohn, the founder of Waals Department Store says when she and her husband, Richard, operated the store their customer base included loyal locals as well as many who had summer homes in the area.



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which featured the moniker Myer Cohn General Merchandise before the name was changed to Waals, boasted clothing, shoes, rugs, linoleum, groceries, furniture, wallpaper, paint and china.

"It was interesting how it worked. This was the beauty of having a department store. When one department was doing really well, another wasn't," says Freeman. "The departments carried each other."

Freeman and her husband, Richard, who assumed ownership in 1962, furthered the store's reach by tapping into the wealthy Chicagoans who summered here.

"The '70s and '80s were wonderful," Freeman says. "We largely depended on tourism and Lake Geneva is a wonderful destination. Many people who had summer homes up here, we furnished them and outfitted their children to go back to school. And we had local customers, too, through the year."

Among those loyal locals was Nancy Lehman.

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"When we had Waals Department Store, my house had their carpeting, their fabrics and we had their clothing," says Lehman, a board member with the Historical Society of Walworth and Big Foot Prairie. "People came from all over Lake Geneva, Elkhorn, Harvard and other towns to shop at Waals. It was a destination."

Then came the '90s. Online commerce was in its infancy, but giving brick and mortar something to fret about. Big box stores were expanding into smaller communities. Kohl's and Walmart didn't open in Delavan until 2002 and 2003 respectively, but their interest was known.

"I have strong emotional ties to the store," Freeman says. "It was a hard decision to

make, but our children were not going to be involved. And with the advent of the big box stores, we could see what was around us. So we made the decision to close. In the end, you are running a business and you have to make decisions based on that."

For a while, the building operated as an antique store. In 2015, it was torn down to widen traffic lanes around the town square — all physical traces of Waals Department Store gone forever.

PERSONAL SERVICE IS THEIR FORTE

Small town department stores aren't the only ones struggling today. The sun seems to be setting on large department stores, too.

In 2016, department stores had \$155.5 billion in total sales, down from \$230 billion in 1999, according to *Fortune* magazine. Economists blame too many stores, the shift to online shopping, and demands for extreme discounts.

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have half the energy Lois Stritt of Bradley's has, they might survive. In her eighth decade of life, Stritt was a homemaker for most of it. When her husband, Jack, sold his paint manufacturing business in 2002 and retired, she needed some time away from all that togetherness. So she started working at Bradley's for then-owners Bill and Diane McKoy. When the McKoys wanted to sell, she purchased the store with her husband's blessing. He died five days before she signed the final papers.

"He knew I would be OK because I'd have the store," she says.

Bradley's was founded in 1852 by William Wallace Bradley. Born in New York, Bradley apprenticed as a tailor in Kenosha. His first solo proprietorship was a men's clothing shop across from the water tower in downtown Delavan. The present-day store was built in 1887 and featured men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, and housewares. It became well-known for its knitted clothing.

Stritt is Bradley's fifth owner. She closed the children's department when Kohl's came to town. But even in an era when drones can drop off packages at our doorsteps, she believes Bradley's has a part to play.

"Overall, it's OK," she says of business today. "It's not like it used to be. But we have loyal customers and we offer personal service ... I still think there's a place for that."

Then, as if on cue but clearly not, a man strolls into the store and the octogenarian retailer leaps from her chair and literally runs to greet him.

"Frank!" she shouts, throwing her arms around him. "It's so good to see you."

After pleasantries are exchanged, Frank is taken under the wing of Linda Rayfield, a clerk at Bradley's for the last 37 years, and Stritt returns to her seat.

So who's Frank?

"Oh, Frank, he's a great customer," says Stritt. "He found us not too long ago. He buys stuff for his wife here. He's such a nice man." ▲

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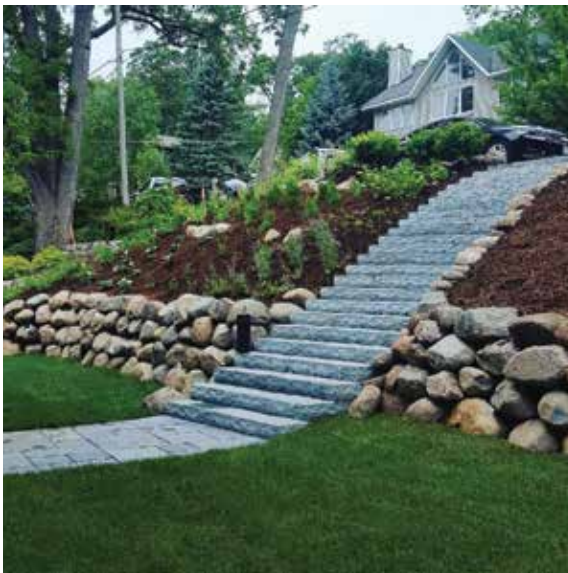
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Emily Krauklis arranges wood samples in the showroom at Heritage Beam and Board.

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With a tagline of "We Continue the Story," it's not surprising that Heritage

Beam and Board has an interesting story of their own, one that started when Hanson and his best friend Adam Krauklis met as kids. They've been inseparable ever since, sharing a passion for building and restoring.

The turning point for them was in 2009 when the two approached a farmer about

taking down his barn to salvage wood for their own home projects. Hanson was working as a general contractor, while Krauklis owned a drywall business. As the two began discovering more and more barns, they launched a full-fledged business in 2011. As the pace picked up, Hanson says that "we more or less needed to focus on the business and give it the respect due," so Hanson made the decision to go full-time. That's when Krauklis' wife Emily stepped in, taking over for Adam.

The real turning point for Emily was when the company started building furniture from salvaged materials, that's when she lightheartedly said, "I wanna play." She had been working as freelance graphic designer, creating visuals for educational publishing companies and a ministry. She also designed Heritage Beam and Board's logo.

Now as a co-owner, Krauklis calls upon her creativity and design background to consult with customers and guide the process of constructing one-of-a-kind



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fixtures and pieces. The showroom, a fascinating assemblage of found treasures—cavalcades of pulleys, vintage signs and examples of their work—is open by appointment only. To craft a custom piece, customers take part in a consultation that consists of viewing materials, sketching and brainstorming.

Once a piece is approved, it goes to production—also known as where the magic happens.

PIECES WITH A PAST

In a workroom where sawdust flies, furniture and installations are handcrafted from old-growth materials. Hanson clarifies this term, saying, “Old growth means trees that were left to grow naturally in their place. They grew to be nice, big trees that weren’t farmed to grow as fast as possible.”

Midwestern farmers and building owners call Heritage Beam and Board to demolish structures that have lived out their lives but still brim with high-quality, usable materials. Wood from a barn once used as a hideout by gangster

Meyer Lansky was turned into a bar and purchased by Terry Bradshaw, former NFL quarterback and longtime TV sports analyst. Waals Department Store was gleaned of its floor joists, which now reside in booths at Harpoon Willies in Williams Bay. The materials of old barns have found their way into wine cellars, great rooms and businesses from Lake Geneva to Chicago.

Hanson says, “Instead of growing a new tree and cutting it down as fast as possible to grow another, we’re utilizing beams and boards and all kinds of fun

things that represent old-growth forests from up north. We’re talking 300-year-old trees that were cut and made into beams and stood for 150 years as a barn.”

He also loves that each piece of material has a story to tell. “The material has markings on it from hoof marks or whatever it went through. Each board has a story. Utilizing new materials is fine, too, but boy, what a unique thing it is that each board has the story that it has. You can bang up new wood [to make it look old], but it’s just banged-up wood.”

A FAMILY FOUNDATION

While Heritage Beam and Board decidedly has its roots in the past and historic materials, it’s equally rooted in the importance of family.

With a business model focused on a simple phrase—“Every day, do your best”—Krauklis and Hanson lead a team of six employees, a few of whom are connected by family ties. Two carpenters are brothers. Hanson’s brother Ben does the company’s photography. Emily’s



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brother-in-law Chris has been with them since the beginning. The headquarters are situated on the Hanson family's land.

Hanson says that if you were to ask the team, they would say that "it's a Heritage family." Even if they're not related by blood, the carpenters, bookkeeper, business coach, accountant and freelance finishers and carpenters feel as though they're part of the lineage, too.

"It's just a great team of people that are all looking to do something cool together," Hanson says.

And cool it certainly is. Krauklis says, "It's pretty masterful carpentry. It takes a certain temperament to do this. It takes persistence, and it's a little bit cowboy-ish because these materials will make you angry and you have to wrestle them a little bit. You have to be able to power through and get to the level that we require. They're tough guys is what they are."

It's a dedication that translates into every piece that leaves Heritage Beam and Board's workroom.




Krauklis says, "We aim to do a really great job in everything. It's what we do every day. We just want to do our best every day in whatever arena we're in."

HISTORY MEETS THE FUTURE

As Krauklis and Hanson look at the future of their business, they see growth, even to the point of moving into a new location, located less than a mile from their current facility.

They see a heightened commitment to making pieces that will last for decades, especially as consumers continue to buy items with a short shelf life. And they'll remain faithful to the customers who Krauklis describes as "excited about the story."

"It seems like everybody's quick to grab something new and move along from it," Hanson says. "We want to build things that will stand the test of time. We encourage people to look underneath the table and not just look at the top, because underneath, it's not pressboard. It's the real-deal, solid stuff." ▲

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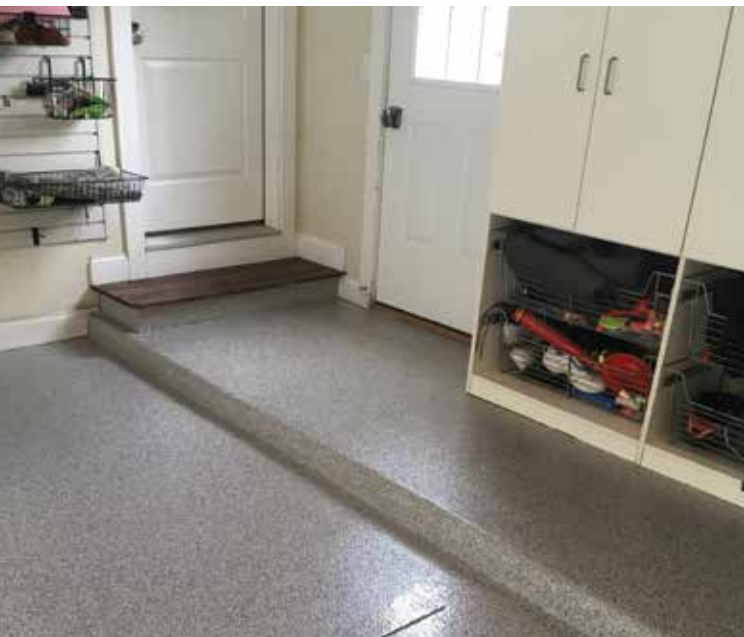
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"We pay attention to the details of each job," Grunow says. "A lot of people can install epoxy flooring, but it's really our attention to the details that make our work stand out from others."

Grunow attributes his background in various construction projects as well as the demand for a company that offers restoration services for concrete floors as a perfect fit. According to Grunow, Advanced Coatings Plus can increase the value of any home. From garages to utility rooms to in-home recreation centers, the company takes floor re-surfacing and repair to a new level.

Homeowners who want to spruce up floors of an older home now have somewhere to turn. "It's almost like a brand-new space once we're done," Grunow says.

That was the case for Nancy Snidtker Baldwin, who bought a Williams Bay home that was built in 1959. She wasn't anticipating asbestos or uneven floor tiles in the walkout basement.

"After talking to various flooring contractors and looking at different products, I realized Advanced Coatings Plus was really the only

option," she says. "Bill did exactly what he said he was going to do and better. He made an old house's basement work," Snidtker Baldwin says. "It looks elegant — it almost looks like textured carpet."

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This "professional, detailed work" is the company's staple, Grunow states.

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Kathy and Thomas George have one focus — the customer. The owners of Brick & Mortar Home aim to foster a relationship with the local community, which means getting to know every person who visits their stores in downtown Lake Geneva.

Since opening Brick & Mortar Home at 832 Geneva St. in 2009, the Georges have worked to provide excellence not only in customer service but in the quality of the merchandise they sell.

Most of the pieces featured at Brick & Mortar Home — as well as their second store, Brick & Mortar Home and Outdoor, which opened in 2013 at 222 Center St. — come from buying trips to furniture markets in North Carolina, Las Vegas or Atlanta. The couple travels about three or four times a year to look for new treasures, so there's always something fresh and unique to offer customers.

"I don't think customers need to go anywhere else for the type of product that we carry," Kathy says. "Anything to do with their home décor, we fit the bill, and we have price points that are attainable."

From sofas, chairs and lamps to dishes, towels and rugs, Brick & Mortar fulfills all needs for home essentials. But other downtown shops complement what their stores provide, Kathy says, and that's why shopping locally is so important.

The Georges coined the idea "shop the street" and "shop the streets of Lake Geneva" on a 30-foot billboard on Interstate 94 and a 15-

foot billboard on Highway 50.

"Thomas and I are really all about the community," Kathy says, "and we want to portray downtown Lake Geneva as a great place to come and spend your day. From great shopping to terrific dining, we really do offer so much."

Despite the competition, the couple wants all local retail shops to flourish because they have the common goal of bringing together the community. "If we work on trying to build everybody up, we all win," Kathy says.

She says the couple has built their stores on a foundation of teamwork, and that extends beyond them, starting with their employees. Staff at the Brick & Mortar Home stores, who all live in the area, go to great lengths to make shopping locally a warm, inviting experience.

"They bring the energy and focus, and have the ability to impart, embrace and bring in the warm and fuzzy feeling when you walk in the stores," Kathy says.

Employees even visit customers' homes to assist with making their dreams of a remodel, new build or even just a room makeover an easy experience.

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He took his proposal for an age-targeted community to the Lake Geneva City Council who overwhelmingly approved his idea for Symphony Bay, the active adult community set for a spring 2018 grand opening.

“Lake Geneva is a destination area,” Pollard says. “People are looking for full-time homes, and we thought this would be a perfect opportunity to put a project like this in the Lake Geneva area.”

Although it’s not restricted, Pollard developed Symphony Bay as a community targeting the 55 and older crowd. Presales are expected to begin in March.

When it’s complete, the property will have 427 single-family and attached single-family homes that range in size from 1,350 to 2,300 square feet. Pollard expects units to run from the mid-\$250,000 range and up.

The development will include a clubhouse on-site with a fitness center, kitchen area, family room and pool available to residents. Pollard also anticipates having a clubhouse on the lake for residents to use at their leisure, along with a boat club.

Symphony Bay will offer 2 miles of walking trails, plus near-maintenance-free living with an association that will handle grass cutting and snow removal.

“I think Lake Geneva is a great place to live all year-round,” Pollard says. “It’s convenient to travel to Chicago and Milwaukee, yet you’ve got such a great quality of life in this area.”

Pollard, whose grandfather was born in Lake Geneva in 1896, sees value in making a home here. He spent summers in the area with dreams of someday moving, and he finally made that happen in 1993, with the founding of FairWyn the same year.

FairWyn, a construction, development and real estate company, has primarily developed custom homes around Geneva Lake in Fontana, Williams Bay and Lake Geneva, and Pollard plans to continue to do so.

“This project is literally across the street from my office [on East Townline Road],” he says. “I live in Lake Geneva, I work in Lake Geneva — what we do is very important. We try to be community responsible and sensitive to what we’re doing and who we’re working with.”

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



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Based in Brookfield, Illinois, Patio Partner is the powder coating division that focuses on all aspects of metal outdoor furniture and décor. This includes refinishing metal furniture, welding repairs, plus replacing fabric slings, vinyl straps, furniture leg glides, and more.

“For a lot of people, their patio furniture is an investment,” Krissy says. She explains that many people think they need to get rid of it as it starts to age. “If you still love your set, a better option is to have it refinished. In most cases, it is less costly than buying new, and it’s better for the environment because you’re not discarding perfectly good furniture,” she says.

She adds whether you want hot pink with green stripes or a simple black finish, Patio Partner can help transform an old set into something practically new. The company even offers pickup and delivery services.

The refinishing process is environmentally safe and includes sandblasting to the bare metal to remove existing paint or rust and completing a chemical steam cleaning. After that, two layers of powder are applied — a primer and a top coat color before curing in the oven for a super durable finish.



The couple takes on thousands of pieces each year. During the “offseason,” from November to March, the Dziejwiors continue with their busy repair and refinishing schedule, plus they store furniture for customers so it’s ready for use in the spring.

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She says the unique mix of projects they’re asked to handle makes each job interesting. “It’s the variety of work that comes in,” she says. “Every day seems different.”

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Lynn and Brady Carter bought their house on Whitewater Lake 22 years ago, but it wasn't until recently that they decided to make significant changes to this weekend getaway and vacation spot. When the couple retired three years ago, these Chicago South Siders decided to start by remodeling the kitchen, which still was equipped with 1960s linoleum floors and Formica countertops.

As she obsessively scrolled through pages of kitchen remodels on Houzz — a website dedicated to sharing photos, articles and recommendations for architectural designs and décor — Lynn came across a stunning transformation and looked more closely.

"I saw a kitchen I really liked and I clicked on the photos," she says. "I was amazed to see that the builder was in Elkhorn, Wisconsin."

That company was Stebnitz Builders, and as they say, the rest is history. The Carters' main objective was creating more free space, so the Stebnitz team removed a wall between the kitchen and living room. They also opened up the ceiling and added beams to create a cathedral ceiling.

Design consultant Barney Brugger says the open concept is very popular across Stebnitz remodels. "Open concept is so popular because it can make the smallest space feel bigger and brighter. That is exactly what we did with the Carters' lake home."

However, one unique component of the 1960s Whitewater home

was a "breezeway" from the garage entrance. Brugger suggested opening that space by incorporating it into the kitchen.

The breezeway work wasn't originally included in remodeling plans, but opening it up allowed for an additional five feet for the kitchen, and Lynn was pleased with the results. "That was a really, really great suggestion ... because that, in turn, gave us enough space to put in the eating nook, which I really wanted," she says.

The project also incorporated the installation of five additional windows to allow more natural light and create spectacular views of the lake. "All these changes make the house feel much bigger," Brugger says.

The Carters appreciated the responsiveness of the Stebnitz crew, which was one of their main concerns going into the project. Stebnitz workers showed up at 6:59 a.m. every day, and the project stayed on schedule, Lynn says.

For that, she says she would recommend Stebnitz to anyone.

In fact, she already knows who she's calling once she's ready to rebuild their screen porch and redo flooring on the lower level.

"We are so happy with the project," Lynn says. "When you're just looking at drawings, you never really know for sure if it's going to be what you want in the end, but it turned out to be everything we wanted. It was a fabulous transformation, and we're really happy with it." ▲





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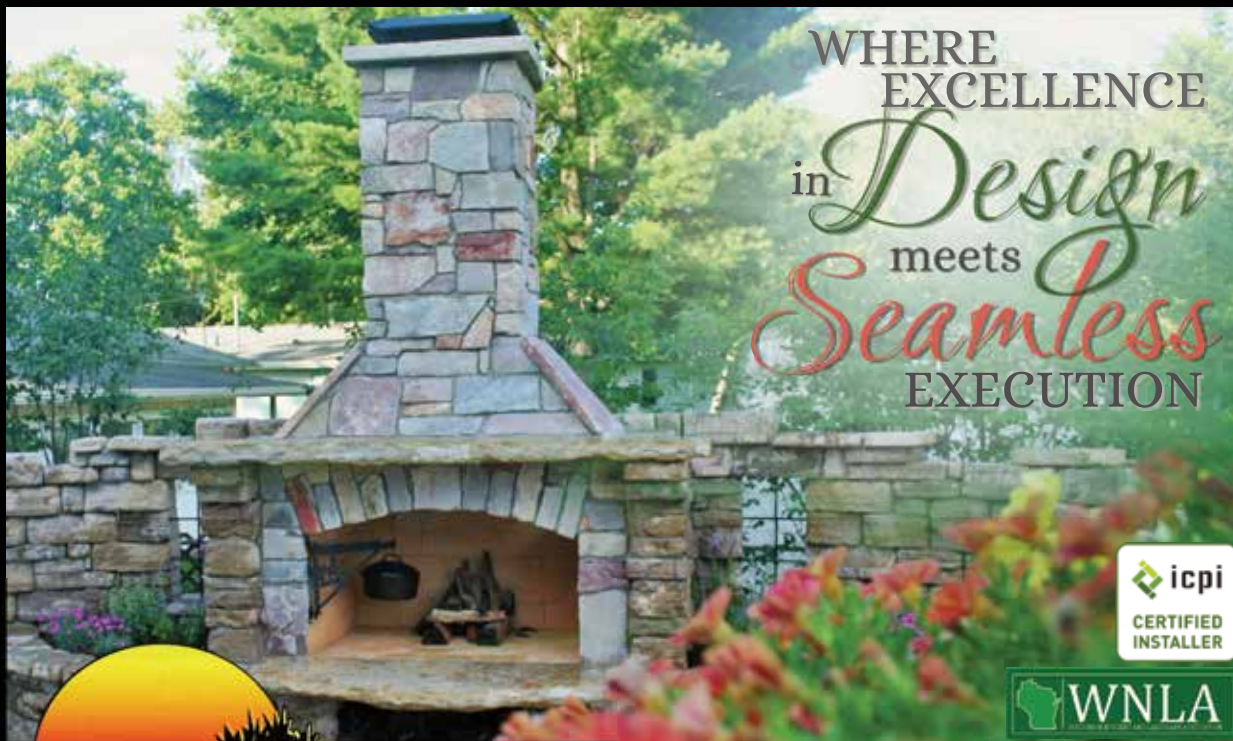


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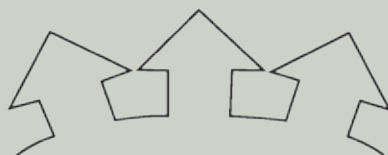


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How Do You Like Your Eggs?

RESEARCH SUPPORTS ADDING EGGS TO YOUR DIET IS A GOOD THING

By Bill Turner

Sometimes you wonder why it takes so long to get things straight. In 1961, the FDA announced that excess cholesterol in the bloodstream was a health hazard.

The scientists and nutritionists then, by extrapolation, said that we had better stop eating things with high levels of cholesterol. The consumption of eggs, which have a large amount of cholesterol, fell by 30 percent in the U.S. Farmers suffered and, health wise, we all suffered for no good reason.

By 2015, the data showed something very interesting. Your body, as you probably know, makes cholesterol. The studies showed that if you reduce the intake of dietary

cholesterol, your body increases production. If you increase consumption, the body makes less. The human body seeks a certain level of cholesterol and what you eat has little to do with it. Holy cow, the farmers have been taking it in the ear for 54 years; half of us have been eating egg white omelets, and now they tell us “Oops!” The 2015 FDA Food Guidelines rectified the problem and stated that dietary cholesterol is “not considered a nutrient of concern.”

So, it's now time to revisit eggs, which are truly a superfood. First, they are a dieter's friend. Two eggs are a mere 150 calories. Add a piece of buttered toast, a cup of coffee and you have a great breakfast with only 250 calories. Secondly, they have a lot of protein — 7 grams per egg, which is more than most “protein bars” and equal to meat or fish on a calorie for calorie basis. Eggs are also loaded with vitamins and nutrients. They even have a “secret weapon” to help

Good vs. Bad Fats: What You Need to Know

The human body cannot make two types of Essential Fatty Acids or EFAs, which are called, in shorthand, Omega-3 and Omega-6. These EFAs are needed by the body to produce a host of enzymes and proteins. We would die without these fats. Good levels of Omega 3 fats have been shown to help regulate blood pressure, lower cholesterol, improve mood and brain function and even boost immunity, to mention a few of its health benefits. However, modern diets are generally deficient in Omega-3 fats and contain an excess of Omega-6 fats. The excess of Omega-6 fats is associated with a host of health problems including arthritis, inflammation, and cancer. Generally, we should be increasing Omega-3 fats in our diet and decreasing Omega-6 fats. Good sources of Omega-3 are eggs, fish oil, salmon, grass-fed beef, sardines and walnuts.



with weight loss: eggs contain Leucine, an amino acid which helps you maintain muscle mass when dieting. Finally, they are inexpensive — anywhere from \$0.20 to \$0.40 each.

Eggs are also now healthier for you as producers change to higher quality feed to get eggs with a higher level of Omega-3 fats (the good guys) and less Omega-6 fats (the bad guys). If you feed flax seed to chickens, they double the production of Omega-3 fats, so look for the eggs that say Omega-3 on the carton.

EASY WAYS TO ENJOY EGGS

Scrambled eggs: Go back to the old standard. Skip the bacon, sausage and potatoes.

Whisk the eggs and add the salt and pepper before cooking. Don't add milk. Melt a little butter in a hot pan, add the eggs. Remove the pan from the heat while the eggs are still wet and let them finish cooking but not get too dry. If you want to be more ambitious, sauté some onion and red pepper and add them to the eggs. Needless to say, this can also

lead you into omelets and frittatas.

Eggy Pancake Batter: You can double or triple the amount of eggs in a pancake recipe and the results are more like crepes, and more nutritious. This is a good way to get the kids to eat more eggs. As long as they get butter and syrup on top, they don't care.

Breakfast casserole: Make this the night before when you have a group to feed. It is wonderful and easy and it serves 8-12.

Ingredients:

12 eggs
8 cups (one large loaf) challah or egg bread, cut into ¾-inch cubes.
1 lb. ham (thickly sliced), diced
3 cups whole milk
2 cups grated Gruyère cheese (about 8 oz.)
3 Tbsp. olive oil
3 onions, thinly sliced
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. sugar
1 tsp. dry mustard
½ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg
4 tsp. fresh thyme leaves

Directions:

1. Grease a large 10" x 14" baking dish and add the cubed challah.
2. Heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium to low heat. Add the onions, salt, and sugar. Sauté until they are lightly caramelized (a medium golden-brown color), about 15 minutes.
3. Add the ham and cook about 5 minutes
4. Whisk together the eggs, milk, dry mustard, nutmeg, and thyme. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Sprinkle onion and ham over the bread cubes. Sprinkle grated Gruyère on top, and then pour the egg mixture over the entire thing.
6. Press down on the top gently with a spatula, so that all the bread cubes get soaked with the egg mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
7. In the morning, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Take the casserole out of




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the fridge while the oven is preheating. Bake, uncovered, for 30-35 minutes, or until the edges are bubbling and the top begins to brown.

If you are hosting brunch, serve with a green salad, some asparagus, and a tall V-8 or Bloody Mary. Cut the recipe in half for a smaller group and use an 8" x 8" pan.

DEVILED EGGS: THE GO-TO APPETIZER

You'll never go wrong with deviled eggs for cocktail hour or for a party where you want to show off your culinary skills. There are endless variations. To start, boil six eggs for 10 minutes, cool in cold water, peel under running water and cut in half lengthwise. Carefully extract the yolks and mash together in a mixing bowl with two tablespoons of olive oil. You are now ready to get creative.

You can basically add anything you like to the mixture. Here is one of my favorites from the great Marcella Hazan:

Green Eggs: Start with the yolks and olive oil as described above and add the



following ingredients:

Ingredients:

½ Tbsp. capers – drained and washed
1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
3 anchovy filets – washed and finely chopped
½ tsp. garlic – finely chopped
¼ tsp. Dijon mustard
1 pinch of salt
2 Tbsp. red pepper – finely chopped

Directions:

1. Mix all the ingredients except the red pepper and spoon back into the whites.
2. Garnish with the red pepper.

Avocado Eggs: Add the following to the yolks and olive oil:

Ingredients:

1 ripe avocado – diced
2 Tbsp. lime juice
1 Tbsp. jalapeño pepper – seeded and finely diced
3 Tbsp. fresh cilantro – finely chopped
2 Tbsp. red pepper – finely chopped

Directions:

Mix all the ingredients except the red pepper and spoon back into the whites. Garnish with the red pepper.

Dollop Eggs: Add these ingredients to the yolk and olive oil mixture.

Ingredients:

Pinch of salt
½ tsp. finely chopped garlic

Directions:

Mix well and spoon back into the whites. Now you can simply add a dollop of some exotic ingredient and serve. Some of my favorites are chutney, caviar, bacon bits or mint jelly. Let yourself go wild! ▲

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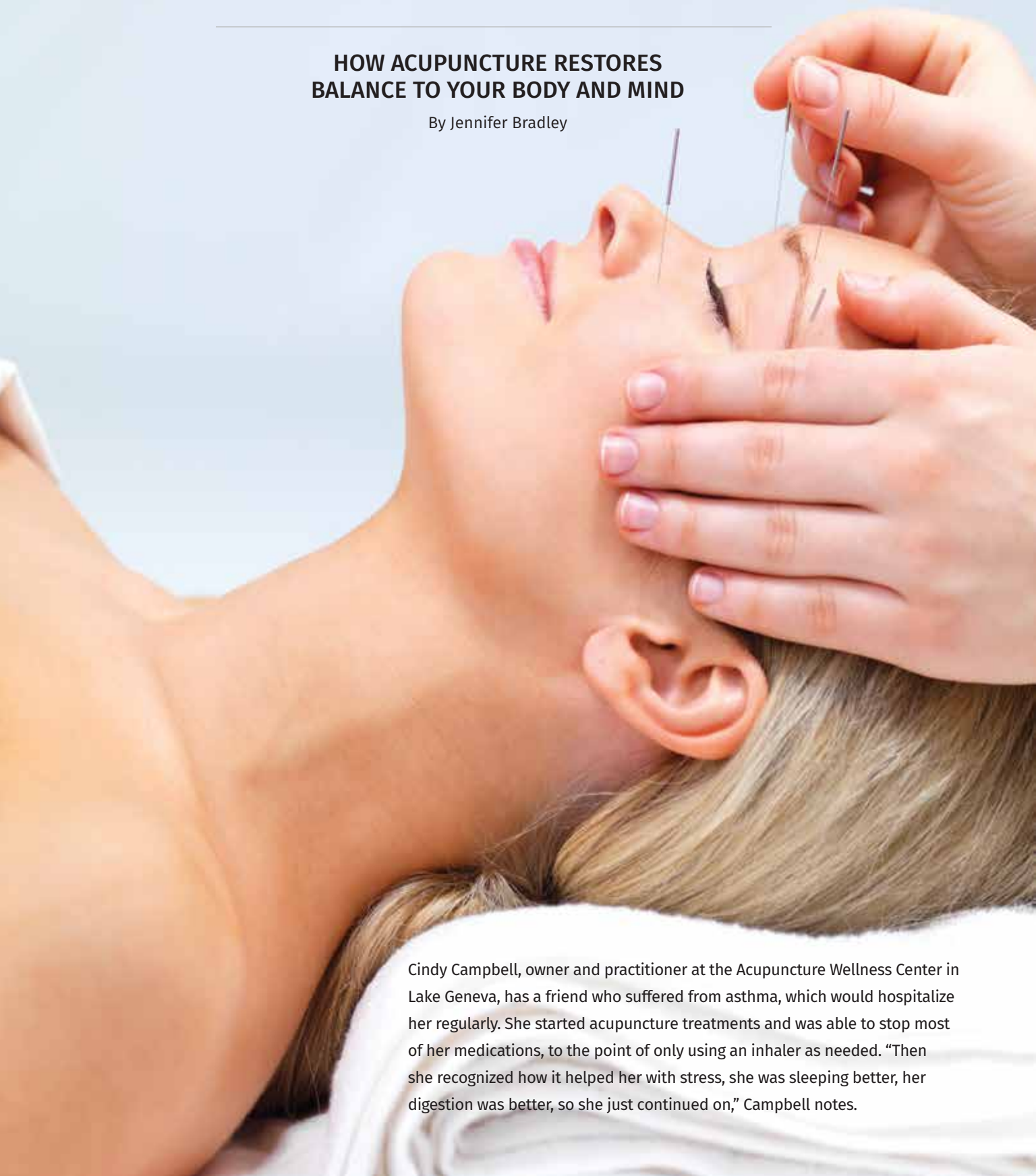
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Holistic Healing and Prevention

HOW ACUPUNCTURE RESTORES BALANCE TO YOUR BODY AND MIND

By Jennifer Bradley



Cindy Campbell, owner and practitioner at the Acupuncture Wellness Center in Lake Geneva, has a friend who suffered from asthma, which would hospitalize her regularly. She started acupuncture treatments and was able to stop most of her medications, to the point of only using an inhaler as needed. "Then she recognized how it helped her with stress, she was sleeping better, her digestion was better, so she just continued on," Campbell notes.

Brandon LaGreca, owner of East Troy Acupuncture has numerous patient success stories as well, and points to the long history of this form of holistic healing. LaGreca says that formal Chinese medicine has been in practice for more than 3,000 years and the use of acupuncture may be even older.

Campbell says education is key to helping the community understand that the heart of the acupuncture model is about health prevention. She truly believes people need both Western and Eastern medicinal approaches. "But if you look at the first model, it's doesn't work unless you're sick," she says. "Eastern medicine focuses on keeping people well. In ancient China, if acupuncturists detected a slight shift in their patients' energy systems, that person was to be treated immediately. The whole theory of this medicine is based on prevention."

LaGreca agrees. "Chinese medicine uses a variety of techniques that restore balance to the body, mind, and emotions," he adds. "The therapies used are individualized, addressing the root cause of disease instead of suppressing symptoms."

It does this by releasing endorphins, which make patients feel good, says Campbell. Acupuncture also releases the natural opiates of the body that reduce pain, and releases neurotransmitters affecting the central nervous system. This in turn, boosts a person's immune system.

"Acupuncture works whether or not you think it will," LaGreca adds. "Acupuncture is used successfully on animals and children. They do not understand or believe in the process, yet they often get better results than adults. A positive attitude helps with any type of therapy."

ACUPUNCTURE 101

"Acupuncture improves the body's functions and really promotes the natural, self-healing process," Campbell continues. She says the practice does this by stimulating specific anatomical sites, the acupuncture points, which are located on a grid system of energy. These energy points can become blocked through illness or stress, trauma or disease.

"When the energy is blocked, that's where

the disease process starts," she adds.

Each energy pathway through the body (meridian), correlates with an organ. There are 14 meridians in the human body, which run along the arms, hands, feet, legs and torso, then connect with the organs. Campbell explains the overall health goal for anyone is achieving a balance within that entire system.

She says that many Americans are multitaskers and live lifestyles not designed for optimal health. "Here in the U.S., the liver meridian will generally be unbalanced, but in other countries, you would not see that pattern," Campbell notes.

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LaGreca explains that the acupuncture pins are small, hair-thin and made from surgical stainless steel. They're not hollow as other medical needles are, and only used once, eliminating the risk of infection.

When asked, "Does it hurt?" LaGreca offers these thoughts:

"People experience acupuncture differently," he says. "Performed by a well-trained practitioner, acupuncture is

rarely described as painful. Once the pins are inserted they may be manipulated to obtain a mild Qi sensation, often described as warm, heavy or achy."

Campbell agrees, saying that patients may feel a quick pinch, heat or itching or pressure at the site of the needle.

LaGreca explains that the pins remain in place for 15 to 45 minutes, depending on the treatment and the patient's comfort level. Often, this is a very relaxed time for an acupuncture patient and they fall asleep.

He says patients generally begin to feel the benefits of acupuncture treatments in two to three visits. With acute problems, significant improvement can be seen in just one, and may require only three to five treatments to fully resolve the issue. Chronic health issues will take longer to see lasting results.

Campbell says she wants patients to feel some level of shift on day one, so they will walk out and feel that they have hope through the acupuncture treatments. "I'm always honest with people," she adds. "This isn't going to be a one-time shot. Sometimes we're lucky, but for the most part it will take a series of sessions."

WHO BENEFITS FROM ACUPUNCTURE?

Women with hormonal, menstrual or fertility issues are now looking to acupuncture for help. "If women are doing IVF [in vitro fertilization], they really love acupuncture because it supports that, as well as increases the chances of a positive IVF outcome," says Campbell.

She adds that back pain, sciatica issues as well as headaches, hypertension and knee pain are common reasons people will come for an acupuncture treatment. Both she and LaGreca have a list of common ailments they treat with acupuncture, as well as success stories on their websites. Campbell's is acupuncture4allages.com, while LaGreca's is easttroyacupuncture.com.

Campbell says that maintenance acupuncture treatments are very common, where someone comes regularly for a tune up. "They love it," Campbell says. "The comment I get a lot from people is they



"Patients are encouraged to pay what they can afford within a fee range, and budget themselves for a series of treatments," he explains. "Aside from the catch of having to be treated alongside other people, the benefits of accessibility far outweigh the occasional snoring patient."

WEIGHING THE OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

The United States has the highest health-care spending at 17 percent of its gross domestic product, nearly twice as much as other developed countries, explains LaGreca. "Given the current economic climate, we need to ask some difficult questions to evaluate whether our chosen system to deliver healthcare provides value, equity, and compassionate care to all recipients."

don't get sick. They don't get the flu. They don't get colds. They love it and it's worth it to them to just stay with that protocol."

At East Troy Acupuncture, LaGreca offers what he calls a "community clinic" model of treatment, which is available after a patient's original treatment. He says this offers affordable, individualized care in a group setting, and is an ideal way to treat pain and stress on a maintenance basis.

Campbell agrees wholeheartedly. She says while insurance companies are beginning to recognize acupuncture more, the cost is still mostly out-of-pocket for patients. She believes that once Medicare recognizes acupuncture on its list of covered benefits, a big shift

will begin with other companies and plans. Until then, she strives to help people understand the preventative benefits of this natural healing method.

Both of these acupuncture professionals have a common goal: improve the overall health for their communities, and know that it can only begin with a personal choice. "Any time your body takes a big hit, it weakens and begins a horrible pattern. If you can prevent it, to me that would be worth everything," says Campbell. "I always tell people that you'll take care of your car and keep it running. We have one body! Acupuncture helps you take care of it."

"What we can do is make individual choices that bring that vision, and therefore that world, into being," concludes LaGreca. "The change must begin within our collective consciousness. For my part, I wake up every day knowing that I am taking an active role in making holistic healthcare accessible to as wide a segment of the population as I can." ▲



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Dental Care *on the Move*

SEAL-A-SMILE PROGRAM BRINGS
DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
TO STUDENTS IN THEIR SCHOOLS

By Amanda N. Wegner



Taking care of your teeth and gums isn't just important for a healthy mouth and welcoming smile; more and more research suggests that the health of one's mouth mirrors their overall health. For instance, research indicates that keeping your mouth, teeth and gums healthy can help decrease your chance of serious medical issues down the road, including heart attack, stroke and diabetes.

Though these may seem like far-off issues, especially for school-aged children, the work of keeping your mouth healthy starts early. Two easy yet effective ways to help children maintain their oral health is with the use of sealants and the application of fluoride. And while these are a reliable and effective line of defense in the fight for oral health, these preventative treatments are out of reach for many families who don't have access to dental care or have limited dental insurance. But not in Walworth County, which participates in the Seal-A-Smile program.

A collaborative effort between Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Delta Dental of Wisconsin, the Seal-A-Smile program provides oral health education, screening, sealant placement and fluoride varnish application free of charge to elementary school students. For almost 10 years, the Walworth County Public Health Department has partnered with Registered Dental Hygienists to bring these services to county schools.

"This program is so important for our students and families," says Chiper Tennesen, principal of Star Center Elementary School in Lake Geneva. "Many would not have access to these kinds of dental care services without Seal-A-Smile."

Adds Laurie Knepper, a health aide at the school: "The program has definitely helped our students. I see fewer coming in now with mouth or teeth pain, which can affect how they eat, sleep and perform in school. It really is a great program."

A FIRST DENTAL EXPERIENCE

Tooth decay is one of the most common health problems in children. Kids are drinking more sugary beverages, and the sugar and acid in these drinks can break down tooth enamel and form cavities. Because it is difficult for toothbrushes to reach the back teeth, plaque and food can hide in the teeth's grooves, causing decay.

Thankfully, tooth decay is preventable thanks to sealants, which help keep plaque and food out of the teeth's grooves, and fluoride, which helps prevent early decay. Sealants and fluoride offer a one-two punch by keeping teeth healthy and strong while preventing the need for unnecessary fillings and other dental procedures. In fact, according to Oral Health America, approximately 75 percent of teeth sealed

remain cavity free. By comparison, less than one-third of teeth that are not sealed remain free of cavities.

In Walworth County, the Seal-A-Smile program serves children in 4- and 5-year-old kindergarten, second grade and fifth grade, with retention appointments for students in third and sixth grade, explains Chase Wolff, RDH, a registered dental hygienist and the county's coordinator for the program.

Because most students don't yet have their permanent molars, children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten who participate in the program receive a screening and fluoride treatment.

Through the course of the program, children receive two fluoride treatments, which is especially important for students in Walworth County. "Very few of the municipal water systems have community fluoridated water," says Erica Bergstrom, Walworth County public health officer. "These fluoride supplements are really able to help protect teeth."

For those few kindergartners who may have their molars, says Wolff, sealants are applied, but certainly by the second-grade visit, students receive sealants on their first molars. In fifth grade, students whose second molars have come in receive another sealant treatment on their new molars.

Education is another important piece of the program. "We do chairside education with each child," says Wolff. "We use a disclosing solution and give brushing instructions. Each student goes home with a toothbrush, toothpaste, information on why baby teeth are important, sugary drinks and preventing decay, and general information on sealants and the benefits of them."

"For many, the Seal-a-Smile program is their first dental experience," says Wendy Zimmerman, MSN, BSN, RN, CSN, Elkhorn Area School District nurse/supervisor. "They climb into the portable dental chair and are amazed they can see the plaque after the dye is applied. They learn the toothpaste isn't magical, but the toothbrush is. They watch in the mirror as the plaque disappears when they make tiny circles with their free toothbrush. Many of the students will dress up for the day of the visit and almost all say "thank you" to the registered dental hygienist."

Teeth cleaning is not provided as part of the Seal-



A-Smile program, and children who are found to need further dental care are referred to area dental clinics.

A COMMUNITY NEED

The need for an oral care program in the county was identified nearly 10 years ago by Zimmerman as she was working on a capstone project for her master's degree. Through annual health screenings, she found many children had dental issues and began seeking ways to address this local health concern. Then she found the state's Seal-A-Smile program.

"Initially, the program involved a significant amount of time reaching out to parents to explain the program," says Zimmerman. "Parents needed reassurance a registered dental hygienist would be performing the educational program and they wanted to make sure there were no hidden fees. Today, we have parents calling the school to make sure their children are able to participate and thanking us for having the program in the school."

From a pilot program serving 107

students in two Elkhorn schools during the 2009-2010 school year, Walworth County's Seal-A-Smile program has grown substantially, now serving 27 schools and nearly 3,000 participants. It is available to schools with 35 percent or higher participation in the free and reduced meal program, with all students in qualifying schools eligible to participate.

Not only did Zimmerman identify in-school dental care services as a critical need for the county, but improved dental health has long been—and continues to be—a priority of the Walworth County Public Health Department as well.

"Dental health continues to be a huge priority in our community," says Bergstrom. "Every five years, Public Health conducts a community health assessment, and it continues to show the county is underserved per population. We have about 2,000 residents for every dentist and many people, of all ages, are going without basic dental care."

"The Seal-a-Smile program is important

for Walworth County because it is a dental education program that improves the health and well-being of the whole family," says Zimmerman. "Many families have sought out a dentist to call their 'own' after their child returned home and shared what they learned from the registered dental hygienist. They are teaching their parents, grandparents and younger siblings that healthy teeth mean healthier bodies and that a dental chair isn't scary."

"Healthy teeth improve one's appearance, speech, breath, and total body health," Zimmerman adds. "Let's be honest: If you have dental decay, bad breath, and are frequently ill it is harder to obtain and keep a job. The Seal-a-Smile program, along with routine dental visits, promotes healthier and more employable people and that is good for everyone."

For more information about Seal-A-Smile, contact the Walworth County Public Health Department at 262-741-3140. ▲



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Q & A

THOMAS & KATHY
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Entrepreneurs Thomas and Kathy George find their greatest joy is ensuring the happiness and satisfaction of their customers. Although it's a simple concept, it's one the couple has tapped as their guiding star since beginning their retail journey and attaining success over the last 25 years in the premium denim world. Today, in addition to their E-Street Denim Stores on Chicago's North Shore, their downtown Lake Geneva clothing boutiques include E-Street Denim, Bloomingbyrds and ShoShoo. Their home goods outlets, Brick & Mortar and Brick & Mortar Home & Outdoor; according to the couple, represent furnishings that emphasize the importance of "slowing down and smelling the roses." Their philosophy, Thomas adds, is that "Home is not about trend or the right stuff; it's our lives and where we choose to live them. It's casual, but with purpose — stylish, but with taste." To celebrate our 12th annual "At Home" section, At The Lake turned to this down-to-earth couple for their thoughts on home furnishings, design and décor.

YOUR STORES OFFER WONDERFUL VIGNETTES OF FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES. CAN YOU ASSOCIATE ANY PARTICULAR DESIGN STYLE TO THE DÉCOR THAT'S FEATURED?

Design style is so personal to each individual and labels such as traditional, farmhouse, mid-century modern, etc. don't truly exist in full décor anymore. We are known for mixing the styles and creating a beautiful, eclectic look.

WHAT TYPES OF DESIGN TRENDS ARE YOU SEEING FOR 2018?

Color trends are still greys and blues with pops of color, including lime green and red. Textures are soft in nature, providing comfort and making your home inviting. There is a "high" design trend of elegance and glitz of gold in the market which is not our customer base, but we have brought some gold tones to our mix with other trends and style.

DOES YOUR PERSONAL DESIGN STYLE CORRELATE WITH WHAT'S FEATURED IN YOUR STORES?

Our personal style is not necessarily our stores' style. We have a very simple beach style with white and wood tones and pops of red that lend itself to an easy lifestyle. White slipcovered furniture and beautiful, warm wood tone tables are a central focus. Our house gets a little bit of a lift usually in the spring, fall and then for the holidays. Changing up flowers, pillows, wall art and sometimes rugs and throws gives us a different look into each season.

IS THERE ONE PIECE OF FURNITURE YOU SHOULDN'T SKIMP ON?

You should never skimp on your sofa or your dining table and



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chairs. These are the most used items in the house, and where you entertain and socialize with family and friends.

WHAT ARE A FEW DESIGN IDEAS TO USE TO FRESHEN UP AN AREA OF YOUR HOME?

Freshening up your home is as easy as changing a wall color, pillows, wall art and rugs. These simple, cost effective things can give you the much needed change you may need.

HOW BIG AN IMPACT DO YOU THINK SHOWS ON HGTV HAVE HAD ON THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST IN HOME IMPROVEMENT AND DESIGN?

HGTV has impacted a great deal of people in that they feel they can do it all. The reality is that these shows are subsidized and the cost [for updates and furniture] they show you is not reality. We love Chip and Joanna [of the show *Fixer Upper*], but their costs do not include her designer pieces that she places in homes. If the client wants to keep any of it, it's all extra. For *Flip or Flop*, the costs are cut because the vendors give deals for being on the show. It's best to just sit back and enjoy what they are showing and if you think you can do it ... really do your homework and find out costs for your budget.

WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE TO YOUR DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING SUCCESS?

Being in fashion for as long as we have, you learn color and form quickly. We believe it is either in you or not. Our team at Brick & Mortar are very talented and they are the reason for the success. We are very lucky to have everyone that has such a love for what they do. ▲



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B: Breakfast Br: Brunch L: Lunch D: Dinner NC: No Credit Cards Accepted \$: Mostly Under \$10
 \$\$: Mostly Under \$20 \$\$\$: Mostly Under \$30 Ƨ: Full Bar Ƨ: Entertainment Ƨ: Fish Fry Ƨ: Late Night (10 P.M. & later)
 PR: Private Room Ƨ: Reservations Requested Ƨ: Lake View Ƨ: Outdoor Dining Ƨ: Kids' Menu

AMERICAN / CONTEMPORARY

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

THE BAKER HOUSE 327 Wrigley Drive, downtown Lake Geneva; 262-248-4700. historichotel-soflakegeneva.com. Lakeside dining and sunset cocktails on the wrap-around veranda. Enjoy the piano bar, have tea in the garden or sip vintage cocktails in our old world bar. Closed Mon. D, \$\$. Ƨ Ƨ Ƨ Ƨ PR

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

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

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

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

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

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

FORK IN THE ROAD 215 N. Rochester St., Mukwonago; 262-363-7849. forkintheroadrestaurant.com. A unique twist on American cuisine. Closed Sundays. L, D, \$-\$\$\$ Ƨ Ƨ Ƨ

FRONTIER RESTAURANT Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St., (State Rd. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. lakelawnresort.com. Innovative American Heartland Cuisine served in the style of New American Cooking, which takes familiar

comfort foods and adds sophisticated culinary twists. Our menu features only the finest regional ingredients from local Wisconsin farms including our own homegrown herbs and fresh honey. L, D, Br (Sunday only), \$-\$\$\$\$. Ƨ Ƨ Ƨ Ƨ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ASIAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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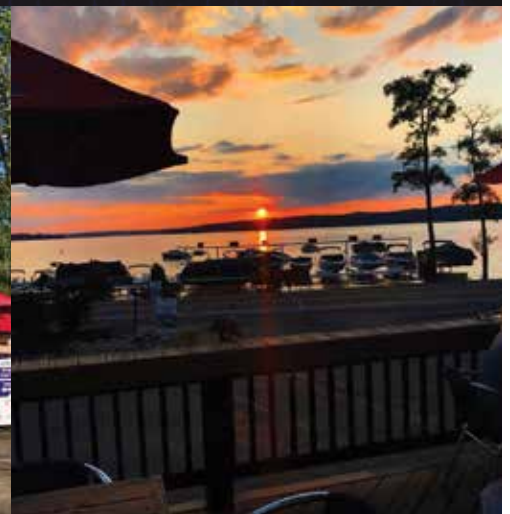
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GENEVA LAKE AREA MUSEUM

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

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

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

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

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Tours available weekdays and Saturdays of the historic observatory with the largest lens-type telescope in the world. Williams Bay. For more information, call 262-245-5555 or visit astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes.

MARCH**[3] SHRED FEST AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP**

Be a part of the fun and excitement with ski contests and races all day long. Proceeds benefit Chill Chicago, a youth development program that uses snowboarding to teach life skills and increase self-esteem. Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva; 800-558-3417 or grandgeneva.com.

[3] RING OF KERRY

This group of Irish musicians has a repertoire that ranges from pub band sing-alongs to melodic Celtic music. 7 – 9 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootfinearts.org.

[3] THINK SPRING SHOPPING EXPO & CRAFT SHOW

Artists, garden items, jewelry, skin care, candles, and more plus food and beverage available, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva; 262-348-9900 or hawkviewgolfclub.com.

[4] BRIDAL SHOW

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

[4] EAST TROY BAND-O-RAMA & ART SHOW

Celebration of arts with band performances by students in grades 5-12 plus student artwork on display, 2 – 4 p.m. East Troy High School; 262-642-6760 or easttroy.org.

[4] RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA

The Tony Award®-winning Broadway musical offers a contemporary take on the classic tale. 7 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uw.edu/youngauditorium.

[6] BIRKEBEINER SKI RACE -TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

Journalist Sandra Machaj tells the story of the nation's largest cross-country ski race. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[7] QUILTING CLUB

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



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[10] CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Come taste and watch delicious chocolate competitions or register one of your creations such as cakes, pies, cookies or more to win a prize, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Burlington High School, Burlington; 262-763-6044 or burlingtonchamber.org.

[10] CULTIVATING YOUR SOIL

Ways to improve soil structure and the best tools for cultivating your garden. 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

[10] HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Held in conjunction with the Chocolate Extravaganza, event features indoor and outdoor living, home entertainment, roofing, heating/cooling and plumbing, kitchen and bath, doors and windows, contractors and remodelers and more. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Burlington High School. Call 262-763-6044 or burlingtonchamber.org for more information.

[10-11] DELAVAN TRAIN SHOW

A family filled weekend full of train exhibits and rides. American Legion Hall, Delavan; call 262-728-5095 or visit delavanwi.org for more information.

[13] TAMING OF THE SHREW

The American Shakespeare Center delivers one of Shakespeare's most compelling and controversial comedies with a distinct performance style blending renaissance era stage craft with modern sensibility. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

[13] VETERAN'S MUSEUM OF ELKHORN - TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

James Boardman will speak about the Veteran's Museum and its expansion. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[14] MACBETH

The dark tale of murder and betrayal performed by the American Shakespeare Center company, which brings its unique brand of storytelling to one of the bard's fiercest tragedies. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

[14] MAD FOR CHEESE

Discover and taste cheeses from around the world at Highfield Farm Creamery, where you'll get a tour of the facility and learn about cheesemaking and their use of milk from the farm's small herd of grass-fed Jersey cows. 6:30 p.m. For more information visit bigfootrecreation.org.

[16-18] AMSOIL SNOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top professional snowmobile racers will compete in the annual season-ending event. Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva; 800-558-3417, grandgeneva.com and snocross.com.

[17] EQUESTRIAN SEMINAR & TACK SALE

Third annual event will include guest speakers covering a range of topics from "Saddle Fitting" to "Getting Fit for Riding." Tack sale follows. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., SMILES, N2666 County Rd. K, Darien; 262-882-3470 or smilestherapeuticriding.org.

[17] LET'S TALK VEGGIES

Learn vegetable growing tips from the basics to organic practices, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

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[18] MAPLE FEST AT COVENANT HARBOR

Annual event begins with an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast, followed by family activities, maple syrup tours, and much more. 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Covenant Harbor Camp, Lake Geneva; 262-248-3600 or covenantharbor.org.

[18] SUNDAYS AT 4: CLARA BARTON: PATRIOT ANGEL

Actor, writer and storyteller Susan Marie Frontczak portrays Clara Barton, a pioneer nurse and founder of the American Red Cross, in this one-woman drama. Performance at 4 p.m. in the Seabury Room, Beasley Campus Center, George Williams College, Williams Bay; 262-245-8501 or gwc.aurora.edu.

[18] TEA WITH CORDELIA HARVEY

Join Jessica Michna as Cordelia Harvey, the widow of Wisconsin's seventh governor as she sets aside the grief of losing her husband to become a nurse to those injured during the Civil War and an advocate for Wisconsin Union soldiers. 2 p.m., Old World Wisconsin, Eagle. Visit oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org and call 262-594-2922 for reservations.

[20] IROQUIS THEATER FIRE OF 1903 – TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

Bob McCormick presents a program about this epic Chicago tragedy. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[23-24] WOMEN'S RESOURCE FAIR

In its 13th year, this two-day event will feature over 60 exhibiting practitioners, organizations and businesses and over 20 educational lectures in the areas of alternative health and wellness, holistic products, organic foods, nutrition and more. 1 – 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva. For more information visit womensresourcefair.org or call 262-215-0991.

[24] BARNYARD BARGAIN BONANZA

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[24] TRENDY PERENNIALS FOR HIP GARDENS

A discussion of new perennials that thrive in our area as well as a few oldies that are great performers, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

[24-25, 31] BUNNY TRAIN

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

[24-25, 31] CHEEP, CHEEP EASTER CELEBRATION

Free family event features the Easter Bunny and a 4-H menagerie of bunnies in costume, baby chicks, guinea pigs and more, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; 262-363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

[25] LGSO CHAMBER CONCERT

Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra concert, 3 p.m., Holy Communion Church, Lake Geneva; 262-359-9072 or lakegenevaorchestra.org.

[27] HISTORY OF INSPIRATION MINISTRIES - TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

Director David Dryer will tell the story of this Williams Bay, faith-based residential provider dedicated to serving adults with disabilities. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[30] EASTER PHOTOS WITH BUNNIES

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

APRIL

[7] MCHENRY COUNTY GARDENFEST

Workshops for novice or experienced gardeners, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, Illinois; 815-455-8764 or mchenry.edu/gardenfest.

[8] THE CAT IN THE HAT

The whole family is sure to enjoy this adaptation of the classic Dr. Seuss book. 3 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

[10] LAKE GENEVA YACHT CLUB'S HISTORY - TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

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[14] LGSO ORCHESTRA CONCERT
Elgar's *Enigma Variations* featuring seven Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra soloists, 7:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, Williams Bay; 262-359-9072 or lakegenevaorchestra.org.

[14] SPRING GARDEN MOOT
The garden moot is a gathering of gardeners and this special day will feature seminars, door prizes, refreshments and more, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

[17] TO SLEEP WITH ANGELS - TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM
Helen Brandt tells the harrowing tale of the 1958 fire that destroyed Chicago's Our Lady of Angels Elementary School. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

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

[21] BREWS & BLUES FESTIVAL
Visit Lake Geneva for the ultimate beer tasting and music event. Featuring unlimited sampling of craft beer from around the United States while enjoying live music from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva. For more information call 262-729-4471 or visit brewsandbluesfestival.com.

[21] SPRING BIRDING TALK
In this free seminar you'll learn how to prepare your yard to attract hummingbirds, orioles, and other song birds, 10 a.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

[21-22] EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
Celebrate Earth Day with a clean burning, highly-fragrant all soy candle from 1803 Soy Candles made here in the Midwest, and found at Lake Geneva's Cornerstone Shop & Gallery. Proceeds from purchases of candles to benefit Geneva Lakes Conservancy. Call 262-248-6988 or visit cornerstoneshoppe.com for information.

[24] THE GREAT HOUSE, SECRETS AND SONETTE - TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM
A discussion of the sequel of *The Great House* of Raul Rodriguez by local author Sonette Tippens. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum.

For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[26] DAVID THORSON PRESENTATION
Accomplished photographer and storyteller known for documentary films and presentations explores major environmental issues, such as climate change, ocean acidification, plastics in the ocean, arctic ice loss, energy and resource development. 7 – 9 p.m., Big Foot High School, Walworth; bigfootfinearts.org.

[27] MOON MOUSE: A SPACE ODYSSEY
Lightwire Theatre's unique use of electroluminescent, glow-in-the-dark technology helps tell the story of Marvin the mouse as he embarks on the space adventure of a lifetime. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium, UW-Whitewater; 262-472-2222 or uww.edu/youngauditorium.

[27-29] 12TH ANNUAL LAKE GENEVA WOMEN'S WEEKEND
Are you in need of a girls get-away? During Lake Geneva's Women's Weekend you will enjoy an exciting weekend of shopping and activities. For more information call 262-374-5912 or visit lakegenevawomensweekend.com.

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[28] MAY BASKET WORKSHOP

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

[28] VALLEY OF THE KINGS TOUR

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

MAY

[1] THE WORLD'S COLUMBIA EXPOSITION -TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

Local educator Carol McLernon shares her new children's book, *Treasured Memories: World's Columbian Exposition of 1893* on the 125th anniversary of the opening of the world's fair. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[3] LAKE GENEVA FARMER'S MARKET

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

[3, 17] FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP

Create a miniature garden for indoors or outside, 6:30 p.m., Burlington Garden Center, Burlington; 262-763-2153 or info@burlingtongardencenter.com for reservations.

[4-5] LAKE GEVENA FESTIVAL OF WINE

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

[4-6] MOMS & DAUGHTERS RETREAT

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

[5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26, 27] SPRING INTO SUMMER

Celebrate the 42nd season of this interactive outdoor museum that honors the lives and times of rural 19th-century pioneers and immigrants. Guests can check out the newest additions to the flock, watch the sheep shearing, prepare gardens for the growing season and see what's cooking in the kitchen. Girl Scouts in uniform are admitted free May 5-6. Old World Wisconsin, Eagle; 262-594-6301 or oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

[10-13, 17-20] ON GOLDEN POND

The love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer, who return to their summer home on Golden Pond for the 48th year and the ensuing adventures that unfold. Presented by the Haylofters, Burlington; 262-763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[12] CORNERSTONE TEA PARTY

Treat mom, grandma and all the important ladies in your life to a Mother's Day tea sampling and tasting at Cornerstone Shop & Gallery. Rishi Teas supplied by Rishi and Avant Bicycle & Café will be served, plus a "swag bag" of gifts will be given with purchase during the event. Call 262-248-6988 or visit cornerstoneshoppe.com for information.

[12] PIZZA TRAIN

Enjoy a pizza dinner on a relaxing train ride, 5 p.m., East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrr.org.

[14] REMARKABLE WOMEN OF LAKE GENEVA

Narrated boat cruise and tour of Black Point Estate will focus on the remarkable women who lived along the shores of Geneva Lake as well as those of Black Point. 2 – 5 p.m., Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva. For tickets, visit cruiselakegeneva.com or call 262-248-6206.



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[16] ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & STEAK COOKOUT

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[19] BURGER TRAIN

Build your own ½ pound Angus burger meal while enjoying a leisurely train ride. East Troy Electric Railroad, East Troy; 262-642-3263 or easttroyrr.org.

[19] LGSO CONCERT

The LGSO performs Beethoven, *Symphony No. 5*, 7:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, Hwy. 50, Williams Bay; 262-359-9072 or lakegenevaorchestra.org.

[20] ELKHORN ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET

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

[22] LAKE GENEVA'S "DOLLAR PRINCESS" – TUESDAY @ TWO PROGRAM

Pat Cramer presents the story of Mary Leiter Curzon, the daughter of Levi Leiter, co-founder of Marshall Field & Co. As Vicereine of India, Mary held the highest ranking royal title in the Indian Empire that a woman, let alone a woman from the U.S., could hold. 2 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum. For reservations call 262-248-6060 or email staff@genevalakemuseum.org.

[25-27] COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

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

[25-28] CHOCOLATEFEST

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

[25-28] 42ND ANNUAL CORN AND BRAT ROAST

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

[26] THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE: GARDEN SALE

A variety of garden vendors will sell art, unique shrubs and trees, books and more, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Congdon Gardens, Delavan; visitdelavan.com or congdongardens3@gmail.com.

[26-28, JUNE 2-3] HOSTA FEST

17TH annual perennial plant sale featuring over 450 Hosta varieties, including large and mature specimen plants. Al's Auto Body & Arboretum, W6866 North Walworth Rd., Walworth; 262-275-2800 or alsautobodyandarboretum.com. 🚧



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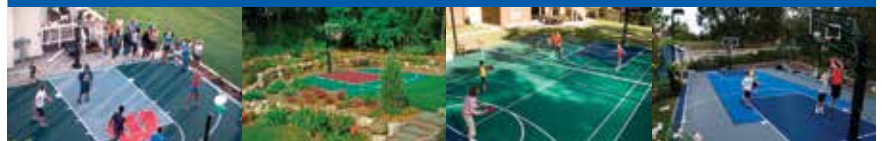
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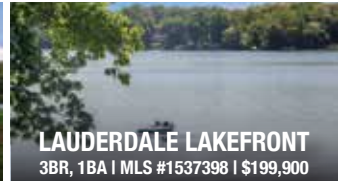
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