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The magazine you currently have in your hands or open on your browser is one of my favorite publications in the whole world. Like all of you, I began as a reader, tearing through each new issue with its fascinating articles and beautiful photography. Then in 2008, I became a contributor, researching and writing about this area I have been lucky enough to call home all my life. In fact, the history of my hometown has always fascinated me. My roots run deep here: my dad's ancestors were some of the original pioneer white settlers of Walworth County in the 1830s, and my mom's family, originally from Chicago, has been spending their summers on Geneva Lake since 1946 (they had enjoyed Delavan Lake and the Lauderdale Lakes before that). To paraphrase a charming Irish saying, I've got the map of Walworth County written in my DNA.

The Autumn 2021 issue marks the latest milestone in my *At the Lake* journey — I am beyond thrilled to be taking over as Editorial Director following the retirement of my exceptional predecessor, Barb Howell. She has left some very big shoes to fill. I wish her well in her retirement and I look forward to the challenge of living up to the high standard she has set. In this issue, I hope you will find fresh ideas as well as some familiar favorites. On page 52, please enjoy our eighth annual Lake Dogs portfolio, a perennial favorite. (One of the notes I received from a reader when I first came on board — “More dogs!”) On page 36, you'll find a deep-dive history of Lake Geneva following the Great Chicago Fire, to coincide with the 150th anniversary of that influential event that made the area what it is today. And on page 80, join us as we take a tour of all the microbreweries within a one-hour drive of Lake Geneva. What better way to spend a fall weekend?

I am so honored at the opportunity to help shape the future of this wonderful magazine. I look forward to the new things I will learn, the new ideas we will explore together and the new friendships I will forge in this role. To that end, keep your eye on the *At the Lake* Facebook and Instagram accounts in the coming weeks to learn a little more about me, and please feel free to say hello any time.

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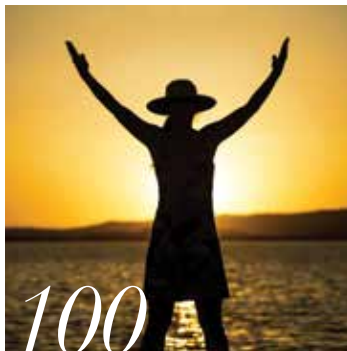


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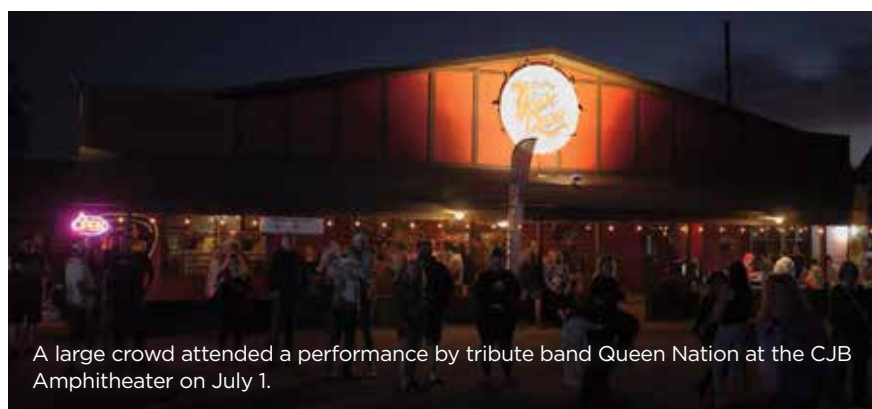
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A large crowd attended a performance by tribute band Queen Nation at the CJB Amphitheater on July 1.



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LAKE GENEVA HOUSE OF MUSIC KICKS OFF SEASON AT NEW AMPHITHEATER

Lake Geneva House of Music (LGHOM) owner Chris Buttleman has worked on world tours with bands such as the Eagles, the Beach Boys, Ozzy Osbourne and Elton John, but about 20 years ago he decided to stop traveling, settle down and plant some roots. Since opening the LGHOM, Buttleman has expanded the business to include a music school; a live concert and entertainment space; a music-themed café, coffeehouse and bar; and live event production services.

His newest addition to the LGHOM property on County Highway H near Lake Como is the CJB Amphitheater, an outdoor music venue which seats about 500 people. Buttleman says that he has long envisioned opening an amphitheater and hosting a summer concert series similar to the famous Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, Illinois. "I tell people I'm just getting started," Buttleman explains. "I'm ambitious." Buttleman says he hopes the new amphitheater fills an entertainment need in the community. "It's an amazing attraction with great

food, a great atmosphere, entertainment, convenient and free parking."

The amphitheater officially hosted its first concert in 2019 on a mobile stage, but 2021 marks its first full season following a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Buttleman says it's refreshing to see people out and enjoying live entertainment again, noting it "feels wonderful" after his business was greatly impacted by the shutdown.

This year's schedule of entertainment included a number of tribute bands, including tributes to The Who, AC/DC, Queen and Toby Keith. After years of booking shows, Buttleman says he tries to maintain high standards and be very selective in finding talent. It seems to be paying off — crowds have been plentiful, and most shows have sold out. Buttleman says he expects that trend to continue. His vision for the future of the amphitheater includes developing recently purchased land next door for camping or "glamping," and hosting weekend-long music festivals. "High-quality entertainment is what I try to strive for," he says.

COMMUNITY MOURNS LONGTIME PHILANTHROPIST JOY RASIN



With the passing of Joy Peterkin Rasin last spring at the age of 84, the Geneva Lake community lost an extraordinary supporter who had a hand in many

philanthropic efforts. Rasin, who split her time between Chicago, Lake Geneva and Naples, Florida, was heavily involved in Black Point Estate and Gardens, the Lake Geneva Garden Club and Horticultural Hall in Lake Geneva, as well as several nature conservancies.

David Desimone, site director at Black Point Estate, met Rasin as a member of the Black Point Horticulture Committee when he came on site in 2013. "She was a real gem of a person to work with," he says. According to Desimone, Rasin had an "expansive understanding of horticulture and landscaping." He says that though there was no designated leader of the group, Rasin often took

charge as the longest-tenured lake resident. Her legacy on the committee includes hiring an architect to execute Black Point's master site garden plan, Desimone says.

Rasin was also a longtime supporter of the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol. In 2020, she volunteered to host a book launch party at her home to honor the organization's 100th anniversary, for which WSP Director Ted Pankau says he is extremely grateful. According to Pankau, Rasin stressed the importance of the Water Safety Patrol's mission. "She set a good example for other people in this community in terms of her philanthropic efforts," Pankau says.

Desimone concurs; he says Rasin's absence will be strongly felt. "She was just really such a pleasure to work with, and I enjoyed getting to know her professionally and personally."



Lake Geneva's Riviera building, originally built in 1932, recently underwent extensive renovations.

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RE-DEDICATION OF LAKE GENEVA'S RIVIERA

Almost 90 years after Lake Geneva's Riviera was first built, city leaders and business owners gathered before a crowd of about 50 people in the newly renovated ballroom to re-dedicate the building following an extensive remodeling project that took place

between December 2020 and May 2021. Lake Geneva Mayor Charlene Klein thanked those who helped accomplish the massive renovation, a project which included replacing the roof; updating and replacing the plumbing, electrical, HVAC and fire safety systems; re-envisioning the first floor arcade; and replacing the terrazzo

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Mayor Charlene Klein looks on as Lake Geneva Beautification Committee President Grace Eckland delivers remarks at the re-dedication ceremony. (Right) During the event, a new historic designation plaque was unveiled.

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floor and plaster ceiling of the upstairs ballroom, among other changes.

The building, which was built in 1932, has played host to many famous performers during its time as both a premier ballroom and, later, the Top Deck nightclub. Today the ballroom space is primarily used as a wedding and event venue, while the downstairs arcade continues to host shops and food stalls. Klein said she hopes that with the latest

round of renovations, the building will be able to serve the city of Lake Geneva for many years to come.

In her remarks at the re-dedication ceremony, VISIT Lake Geneva's Executive Director Stephanie Klett summed up the building's importance to the town's identity: "Saint Louis has the Arch, New York has the Empire State Building and Lake Geneva has the Riviera."



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Last April, following a lengthy campaign by the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission, the U.S. Department of the Interior placed Lake Geneva's historic Oak Hill Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places. Patrick Quinn, local historian and longtime member of the commission, is thrilled with the designation. "To see it finally given the recognition it deserves is very satisfying," he says.

According to Quinn, the U.S. Department of the Interior considers several factors when bestowing this designation, including a cemetery's location, the site's original landscape designer and the number of significant people who are buried there. Oak Hill Cemetery was designed by landscape architect HWS Cleveland on 40 acres of land north of downtown Lake Geneva and opened in 1880. Several important historical figures with ties to Lake Geneva are buried there, including some



The Moore family monument in Lake Geneva's Oak Hill Cemetery.

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of Lake Geneva's earliest settlers and 76 Union Army Civil War veterans, as well as members of prominent Chicago families with homes on Geneva Lake — including Simeon B. Chapin, R.T. Crane, Frank and Anna Buckingham Chandler and George Sturges. Additional memorials of note at Oak Hill include the final resting place of John George Moran, son of notorious gangster George C. "Bugs" Moran, and that of Dungeons

and Dragons creator Gary Gyga.

The commission is currently working to design a plaque to post in Oak Hill Cemetery recognizing its new designation as a site of historical importance. Quinn hopes that the national recognition will raise awareness about the importance of the cemetery. "It will probably become much more well-known beyond Lake Geneva than it is now."



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Pegel on her iceboat, Calamity Jane, in the 1970s.

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WILLIAMS BAY SAILOR TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL SAILING HALL OF FAME

On Oct. 16, Williams Bay resident and sailing phenomenon Jane Wiswell Pegel will be honored with induction to the National Sailing Hall of Fame (NSHOF) in Newport, Rhode Island. The Class of 2021 will be celebrated with an induction ceremony in the newly renovated Newport Armory Building,

future home of the Sailing Museum. She is one of 10 sailors to receive the honor this year.

Pegel has a long history as a top sailor not only on Geneva Lake, but nationally as well. The granddaughter of famed boatmaker John O. Johnson (founder of Johnson Boat Works in White Bear Lake, Minnesota), Pegel was born and raised in Williams Bay. She graduated

Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1955, where she helped organize a competitive sailing team. Over her long sailing career, she has served as a council chair and member of the U.S. Sailing Board of Directors, director of the Geneva Lake Sailing School, as well as president of its Board of Directors.

On the water and on the ice, Pegel's sailing ability has earned her countless wins and accolades as one of the top sailors in the country. Pegel was named U.S. Sailing's Yachtswoman of the Year three times: in 1964, 1971 and 1972. She has won the Adams Cup twice, the North American Women's Championship twice, and has won championships in the X Class, C Scow, M Scow and DN iceboat classes.

Pegel's nomination to the Hall of Fame was reviewed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the NSHOF Board, previous inductees, the sailing media, the sailing industry, the cruising community and US Sailing. She joins just eight other women who have received the recognition since it began in 2011. 🚢

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David Barrett Williams enjoys the view in front of the Williams Bay home built in 1902 by his grandparents, Storrs B. and Ida Clark Barrett. The Barretts built the home using plans from Prairie School architect Robert Closson Spencer, Jr.

HOLLY LEITNER

Doing It JUSTICE

Looking back on a lifetime of public service, Williams Bay's David B. Williams
shares his memories and his family's deep local ties

BY ANNE MORRISSY

In Williams Bay, there is a title bestowed upon those people who complete all their years of schooling from kindergarten through high school graduation at the single-campus Williams Bay School — a “Bay Lifer.” David B. Williams is one such person, but he has taken the concept of being a Bay Lifer to new heights. Now 82 years old, he has lived in Williams Bay nearly all of his life, and served as the village's municipal judge for 36 of those years. Even that impressive run is relatively short compared to his relationship with another local organization: beginning in 1957 at the age of 17, he started working for the Geneva Lake Water Safety Patrol, today headquartered on the Williams Bay campus of George Williams College of Aurora University, and began a 60+ year tenure that has earned him the title of “longest-serving patroller.” On top of that, Williams is the owner of a nearly 120-year-old historic Williams Bay home that was first built by his grandfather at the turn of the 20th century.

Today Williams splits his time between Naples, Florida, and an apartment in Walworth, but Williams Bay will always be home. First things first, though: let's put a common misconception to rest. Despite having the same last name as Williams Bay's original village founder, David B. Williams and founder Israel Williams are not related, though he says people often make that assumption. In fact, David B. Williams is a scion of another family important to Williams Bay history. He is descended from a man whose name will sound familiar to local library-goers and astronomy buffs alike: Storrs B. Barrett.

EYES ON THE SKIES

According to Williams, his maternal grandfather Barrett first came to Williams Bay when he was a Ph.D. student in the department of astrophysics at the University of Chicago in the 1890s, studying under the guidance of Professor George Ellery Hale, now widely recognized as one of the greatest astronomers of the modern era. The University of Chicago as we know it today was a brand-new institution at the time — the first students matriculated on its Hyde Park campus in the fall of 1892. The University had persuaded Hale to accept the fledgling professorship by promising to build a large observatory for his department's use. According to Williams, Hale enlisted the help of a graduate student — Williams' grandfather Storrs Barrett — to identify and secure a site for the new observatory, the construction of which would be funded by Chicago transportation tycoon Charles T. Yerkes.

Together, Hale and Barrett recommended Williams Bay for its dark skies and its direct rail connection to Chicago, and construction began on Yerkes Observatory in 1895. The observatory they were building was the most cutting-edge facility in the world, and today still houses the world's largest refracting telescope, which was the best technology in the world at that time. “My grandfather realized that he would most likely be spending the entirety of his career at Yerkes Observatory, so he bought up all the [adjacent] land on Parkhurst down to Geneva Street and Constance Boulevard that was available at that time for residential development,” Williams explains.

Yerkes Observatory was dedicated and opened in 1897. Five years later in 1902, Barrett and his wife Ida Clark Barrett built a home a short distance away on Parkhurst Place. According to Williams, the home's design was based upon by Ida's close friendship with Frances Kinsley Hutchinson, who together with her husband Charles Hutchinson (president of the Art Institute of Chicago), maintained an estate called Wychwood on Geneva Lake. In 1901, the Hutchinsons had hired Prairie-style architect Robert Closson Spencer, Jr., to design a gatehouse for their property, and shared the plans with the Barretts. The Barretts liked the plans so much that they built a nearly identical version of it for themselves on two acres of their land closest to the Observatory. “My grandfather built the house so that he would only have to walk five minutes to work,” Williams laughs.

PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

Williams's mother Emily Barrett was born in the house in 1911, the third of three daughters born to Storrs and Ida Barrett, and it is thanks to her generational stewardship that the house has remained in Williams' family from the day it was built. Though she briefly moved away from Williams Bay to attend college and then again following her first marriage, she moved the family back to Williams Bay when Williams was around five years old. In 1952, the historic house served as the location of her second wedding when she married Williams' stepfather Mark Williams.

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Both Emily Barrett and Mark Williams shared a deep love of music — she was an accomplished musician and a graduate of the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, and he was an early director of the Music by the Lake series, which began at George Williams College in 1951. It is a passion which they passed on to their son. “I am an opera nut,” Williams says. “I’ve loved it as far back as I can remember.” Famed tenor Jussi Björling has been a lifelong favorite — Williams eventually named his beloved classic wooden boat after a Björling art song titled Till Havs. (Translated from the Swedish, “till havs” means “to the sea.”)

As a young man, his interests were not limited to music, in particular opera. In 1957 at the age of 17, Williams approached Williams Bay physical education teacher and coach Dick Scherff about a summer job with the Water Safety Patrol, which Scherff had recently been hired to direct. “I was younger than all the other guys at the time, and Dick Scherff didn’t quite know what to do with me,” Williams laughs. “So he put me on Boat #1 with him.” It turned out to be a great fit. Williams went on to work nine summers on the Boat Crew of the Water Safety Patrol, through his undergraduate years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his time in law school at the University of Chicago. Not long after receiving his J.D., he assumed the role of legal counsel for the Water Safety Patrol, a position he held for 50 years.

A JUDICIOUS APPROACH

Following his graduation from law school in 1965, Williams joined the Delavan law firm of Richardson & Hammett (later to be renamed Hammett and Williams prior to a merger with Brennan, Steil, Basting & McDougall), where he would remain throughout his long career as an attorney in Walworth County. A few years later, he met the woman who would become his wife. “I thought she was absolutely gorgeous,” he remembers. They dated casually at first but he says he knew she was the one when she agreed to attend the opera with him more than once. He and his wife Kathy were married in 1971 and went on to have two sons together.

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In 1978, Williams also ran for the position of judge for the newly created Municipal Court in Williams Bay. Winning the position, he found he enjoyed the role immensely. He went on to run 17 more times, and the voters of Williams Bay continued to vote for him every two years. "I think I was a good judge. I enjoyed doing it, I think I was fair," he says. "There are numerous decisions that I remember. In one case, a lady got arrested for having 23 or 24 cats in her house, and neighbors complained. The police charged her, and we had a trial. It was true that 24 cats were not technically prohibited in one home within the village limits. I found her not guilty. I felt sympathetic with her. I knew the village didn't want that many cats in one house. Somehow, in the course of her trial, I obtained information from her that she was planning to move out of the village anyhow, so I found her not guilty because the officers had written the ticket under the wrong ordinance. I gave this lady a break, knowing that she was going to move out." By the time he retired from the position in 2014, Williams had served 36 years as municipal judge, some of those alongside his friend and fellow Bay Lifer Harold Friestad, who served as village president from 1989 to 1996.

Now retired from all of his professional responsibilities, Williams says he enjoys the slower pace of life. Among his many other hobbies, besides opera, he has recently become an enthusiastic birder. In the summer and fall, he likes to take advantage of an honorary lifetime membership to the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, bestowed after his many years of membership and volunteer work as the Principal Race Officer for sailing races and regattas there. In fact, he is now one of the longest-serving members of the club.

Since his wife Kathy passed away in November 2020, Williams has downsized and opted to rent out the family home in Williams Bay. He hopes that one day he may be able to pass its legacy on to another generation of Barrett descendants — he is a proud grandfather of three, and he hopes that one day his grandson Storrs may get to experience life in Williams Bay as he and his children have. "It's just a great place to grow up and live," he says. "I've got great memories." ▲



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Looking back on the Great Chicago
Fire 150 years later and its effect on
the Lake Geneva of today

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The Rumsey family was one of many who made their way to Lake Geneva in the aftermath of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The Lake Geneva extension of the Chicago & Northwestern train line had been completed



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only a few months earlier. For families with financial means, the Wisconsin lake town became the perfect place to wait out the worst of the fire's damage. Many of those families would go on to establish summer residences around the lake. Today, 150 years later, the influence these wealthy "resorters" exerted on the Lake Geneva area in the aftermath of the fire lingers still, from the opulent lake homes they inspired, to the charitable organizations they founded, to the area's continued status as one of the premier resort towns in the Midwest.

A CITY ON FIRE

The Great Chicago Fire raged for three days from Oct. 8-11, 1871. It had been a hot, dry summer — Chicago received only 1.5 inches of rain from July to October. These conditions, coupled with high winds, created the perfect environment for the powerful fire, in a city made almost entirely of wooden buildings. The fire eventually become so powerful that it leapt the Chicago River not once, but twice, destroying any hope Chicagoans had of protecting the city.

As Ada Rumsey recalled in her memoir:

"The sky kept getting redder and redder; the wind, already high, was increasing with the heat, and huge burning cinders were settling in every direction... refugees loaded with goods were going north by our house; and altogether the circumstances were terrifying."

As the fire continued to move from the south to the north side, more and more families were forced to evacuate their homes. When the fire finally burned itself out on the third day, the stunned city took stock of what was left: fire had killed more than 300 people, damaged 2,000 acres of property and left one-third of Chicagoans without homes. The final tally of destruction: roughly 17,000 buildings and an estimated \$200 million lost. To many, amid all of this chaos, Lake Geneva stood like a beacon of hope.

A SAFE HAVEN

At the time of the Chicago Fire, there was just one summer estate on the lake — Maple Lawn, belonging to Chicagoan Shelton Sturges, heir to a large grain elevator fortune. He had purchased the



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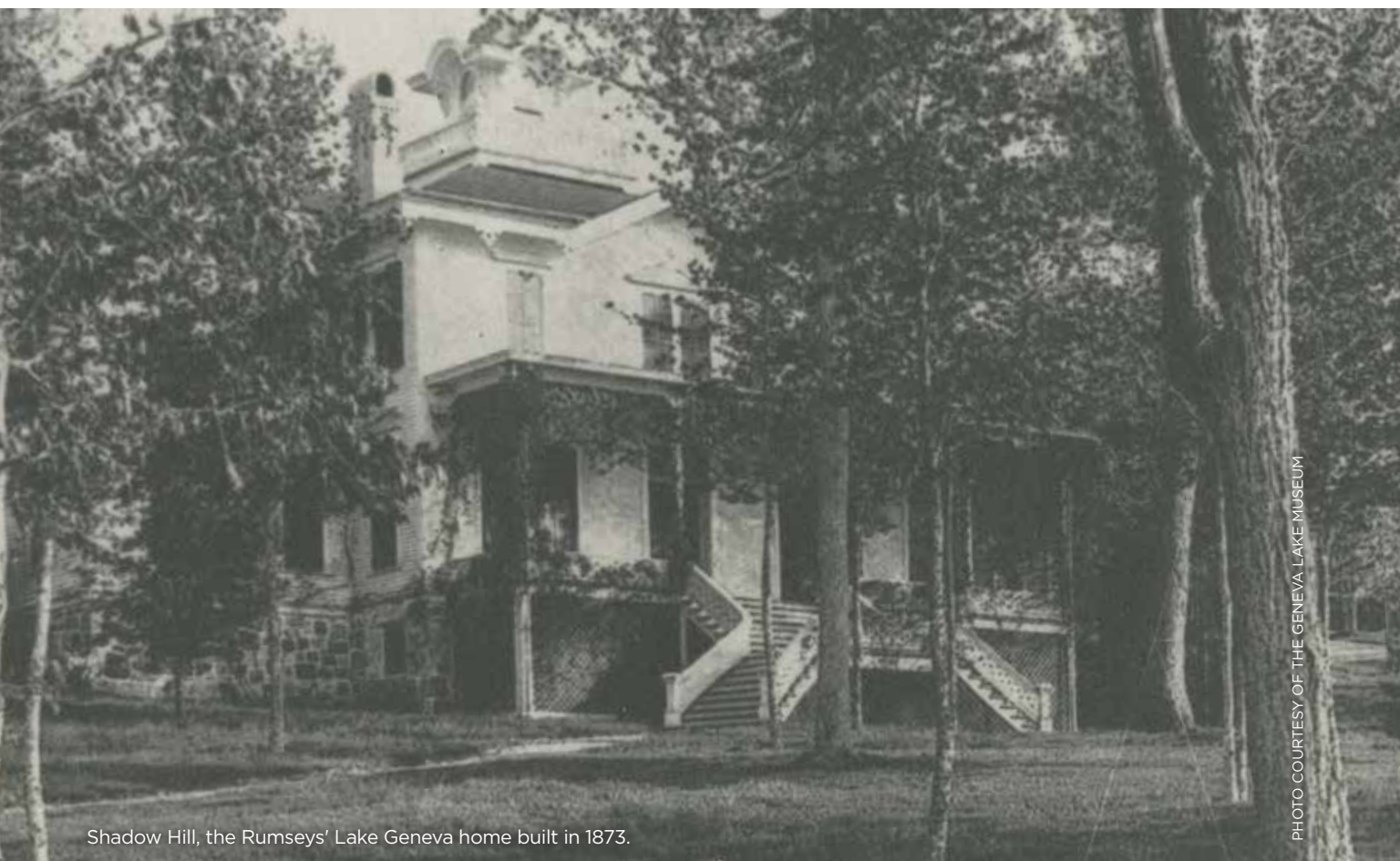
Montague Farm in 1870 and transformed the modest property, building a mansion with extensive grounds. Following its completion, Sturges made it his life's mission to recruit friends and family to join him at the lake.

In the summer of 1871, just prior to the fire, Sturges had moved his family into the main house at Maple Lawn, while his brother Buckingham took over the property's original Montague farmhouse. Their brother George and George's Chicago neighbor, Julian Rumsey, rented rooms at a boarding house in town. Thus, the very first "society season" at the lake included the Sturges and Rumsey families.

The Rumseys had only been back in the city for a few weeks when the fire destroyed their home, so it is no surprise that they viewed Lake Geneva as their logical refuge. According to Ada's memoirs, they arrived with no change of clothing, so the townspeople sewed them new clothes. The next year, the Rumseys began building their own Lake Geneva summer estate, called Shadow Hill, which they completed even before they rebuilt their Chicago home.



Maple Lawn, built by Shelton Sturges in 1871.



Shadow Hill, the Rumseys' Lake Geneva home built in 1873.

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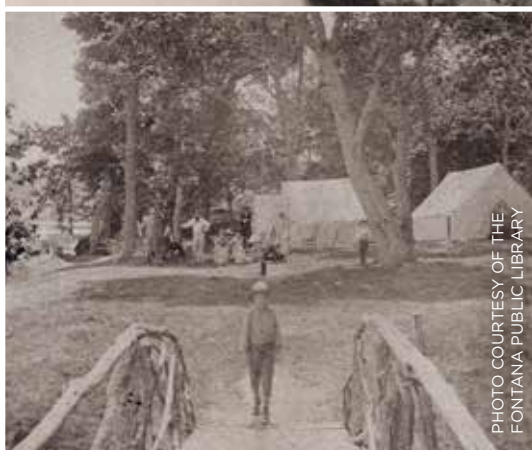


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In the early 1870s, the Geneva Lake shoreline remained largely undeveloped; visitors primarily camped in tents.

THE RUSTIC VILLAGE OF GENEVA

The Geneva Lake that greeted these refugees from the Chicago Fire was not yet an elite summer destination. It was an undeveloped, forested, pristine lake more suited to rustic camping, with a small village on the east end of the lake, a group of houses near Williams Bay and another small settlement at the lake's west end. A little more than three decades earlier, after

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the U.S. government removed the Potawatomi Indians in 1836, the first white settlers had begun to arrive in the area — mostly tradesmen and farmers. By 1838, the tiny Village of Geneva boasted two small hotels. In 1844, the village was officially incorporated and a decade later, the first newspaper was published.

Throughout the 1850s, the new settlers continued to build homes, schools and churches. However, the shoreline of the lake remained mostly undeveloped; farmers were more interested in flat, tillable land. As Mary Burns Gage and Ann Wolfmeyer have suggested in their book "Newport of the West," the lakeshore in 1870 presented a quiet scene: "mile after mile of dense woods broken only by a small cluster of homes marking Williams Bay, and the village of Geneva... with a population of barely over 1,000."

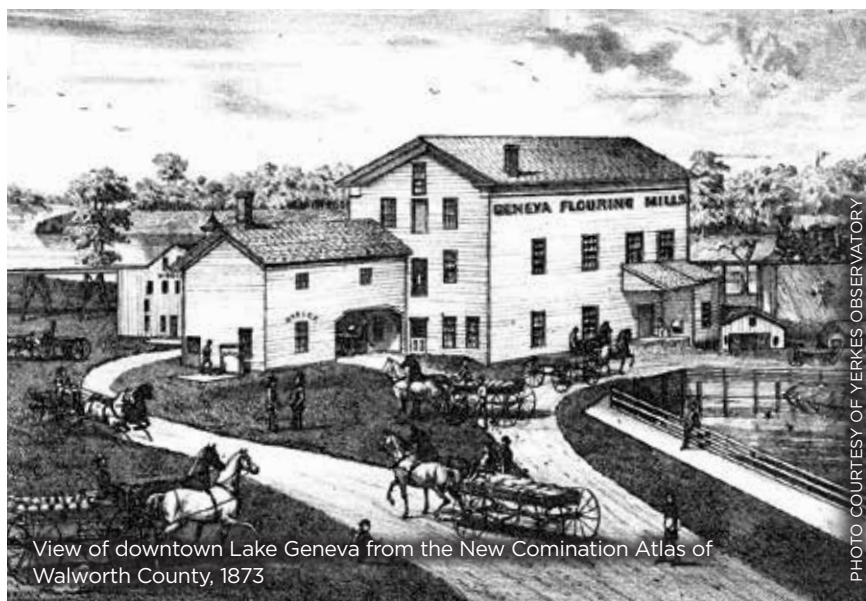
There were no paved roads around the lake, only a small number of buildings on the shoreline and few tourists, though a handful of intrepid campers made the trek to the lake for swimming, fishing and relaxation, a trend that would only increase in the years following the fire.



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CAMPS BEFORE COUNTRY CLUBS

It's important to note that despite his relatively early arrival, Sturges did not discover a lake entirely devoid of tourists. Before the millionaires arrived, Geneva Lake played host to an active camp scene. As early as the 1860s, numerous groups began traveling to Geneva Lake to camp and fish. Finding they enjoyed their summer nights spent on the shores of the lake in tents, these groups began buying plots of land to establish more



View of downtown Lake Geneva from the New Combination Atlas of Walworth County, 1873

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Campers pose in front of a tent at Harvard Camp on the south shore.

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permanent campgrounds. Early examples include Camp Collie (now Conference Point Camp), the Lakeside Park Club of Elgin (now Elgin Club), Belvidere Camp (now Belvidere Park) and Harvard Camp (now Harvard Club).

These communities began as sites for modest tent camping — initially no one was looking to build an expensive summer home. Even the relatively glamorous Buena Vista community in Fontana (which at one point contained two elaborate fountains) began in 1875 as a rugged campsite called Porter's Park. At Elgin Club, a small group of fishermen



Porter's Park in Fontana featured tent camping and a main hall for gathering.

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happily spent their summer nights camping in tents until 1874, when they replaced their tents with cottages around a central dining house, a practice that was repeated at many of the camps over the years.

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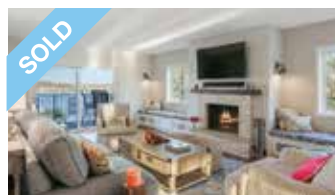
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Kayes' Park Hotel.

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Even the large and well-known 19th century resort Kaye's Park (now the South Shore Club) began in 1873 as a campground. Originally the site held one cottage for proprietor Arthur Kaye and his family, and tents for the guests. Over the next two decades, Kaye would transform the property into a glamorous resort with multiple lodging options, an elegant dining room, a racetrack, zoo and museum.

FAMOUS VISITORS

It's hard to say exactly what changed the farming and camping community of Lake Geneva into a luxurious resort town. Was it the completion of the train line, bringing countless visitors from Chicago? Was it the Great Chicago Fire, which sent both rich and poor in search of lodgings, first temporary and then more permanent? Or was it Shelton Sturges, the first millionaire to build a mansion at the lake? It was likely a combination of all three — with a bit of help from celebrity visits.

In May 1872, the Lake Geneva Herald reported, "Our hotels receive guests almost every day and our streets are made more lively and agreeable by the presence of constantly increasing



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(Top) Kaye's Park Resort as it appeared at the height of its popularity in the 1880s and 1890s. (Inset) Proprietors Arthur and Anna Kaye opened the resort in 1873 with one cabin for themselves and tents for guests. (Above) The resort eventually expanded to include multiple lodging options, an elegant dining room, a racetrack and Wyant's Museum of Natural History.

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Geneva Flouting Mills on Mill and Main Streets in downtown Lake Geneva, circa 1880s.



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The Lake House Hotel at the intersection of Main and Broad Streets in downtown Lake Geneva. One of the oldest hotels in town, Mary Todd Lincoln was a guest in 1872 when it was known as Colton's Exchange.

numbers of Chicago friends.” It was the summer after the Chicago Fire, and many visitors returned to the lake for fresh air and a change of scenery. In August, former First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln stayed at Colton's Exchange, a Lake Geneva hotel, adding to the air of excitement.

The following summer saw a visit from another Civil War-era icon: General Philip Sheridan. He had taken command of Chicago in the weeks after the Great Fire, overseeing a period of martial law. Because of this, he achieved a level of local celebrity that made both tourists and locals excited to meet him. During his visit, Sheridan stayed in the private home of Dr. Philip Maxwell (today the Maxwell Mansion) and viewed a regatta held in his honor by the Lake Geneva Yacht Club. The Sheridan Cup race is still held annually.

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Not far from Dr. Maxwell's private home, the Whiting House Hotel opened its doors in 1873, offering the first luxury hotel accommodations at Geneva Lake. (The site today contains the

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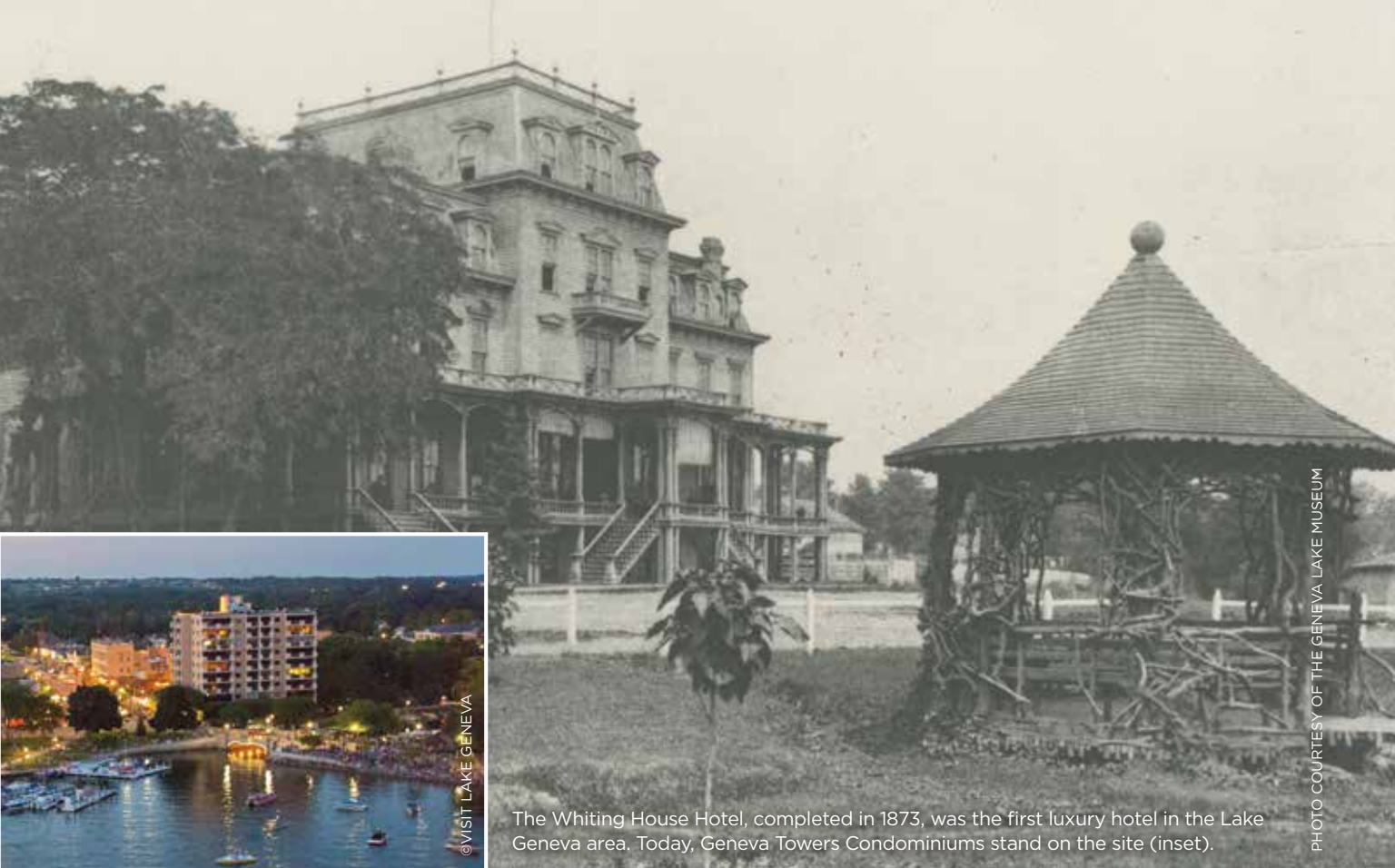
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The Whiting House Hotel, completed in 1873, was the first luxury hotel in the Lake Geneva area. Today, Geneva Towers Condominiums stand on the site (inset).

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Butternuts, originally built in 1874 by N.K. Fairbank and family. The home was rebuilt in 1875 following a fire.

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Oak Lodge, built around 1873 by A. C. Calkins, contained 10 rooms.

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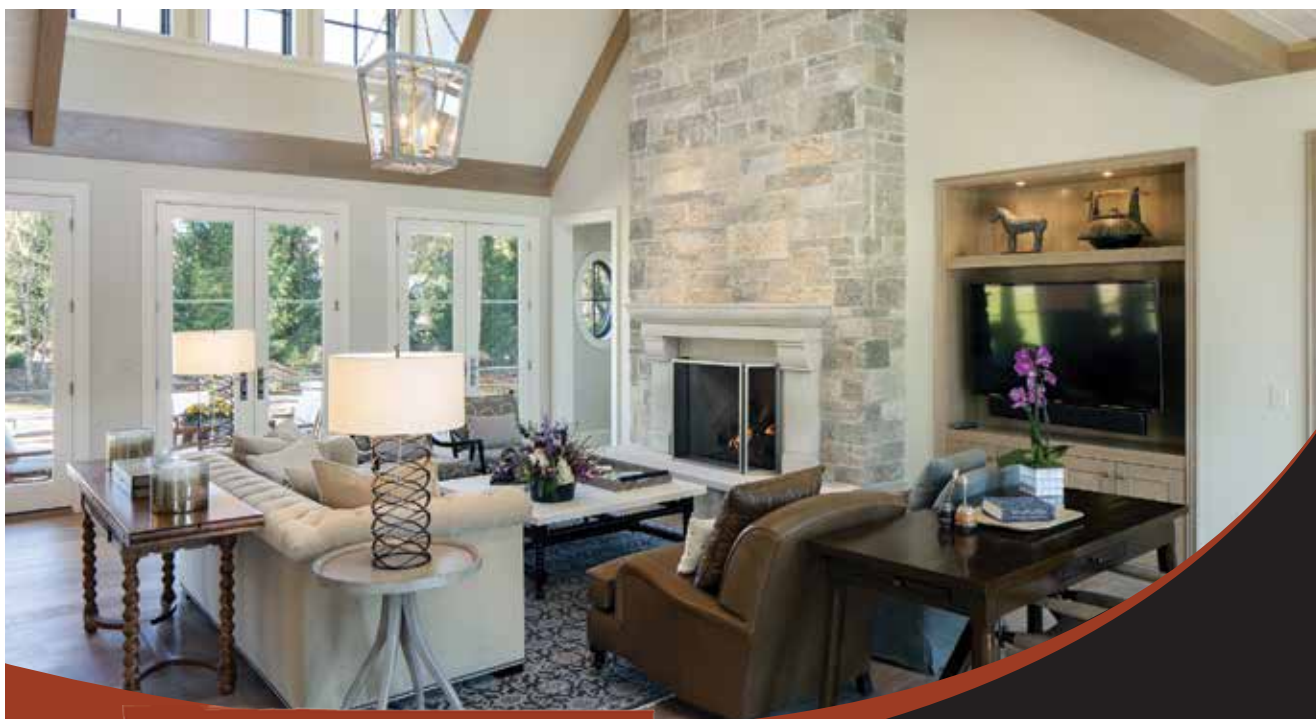
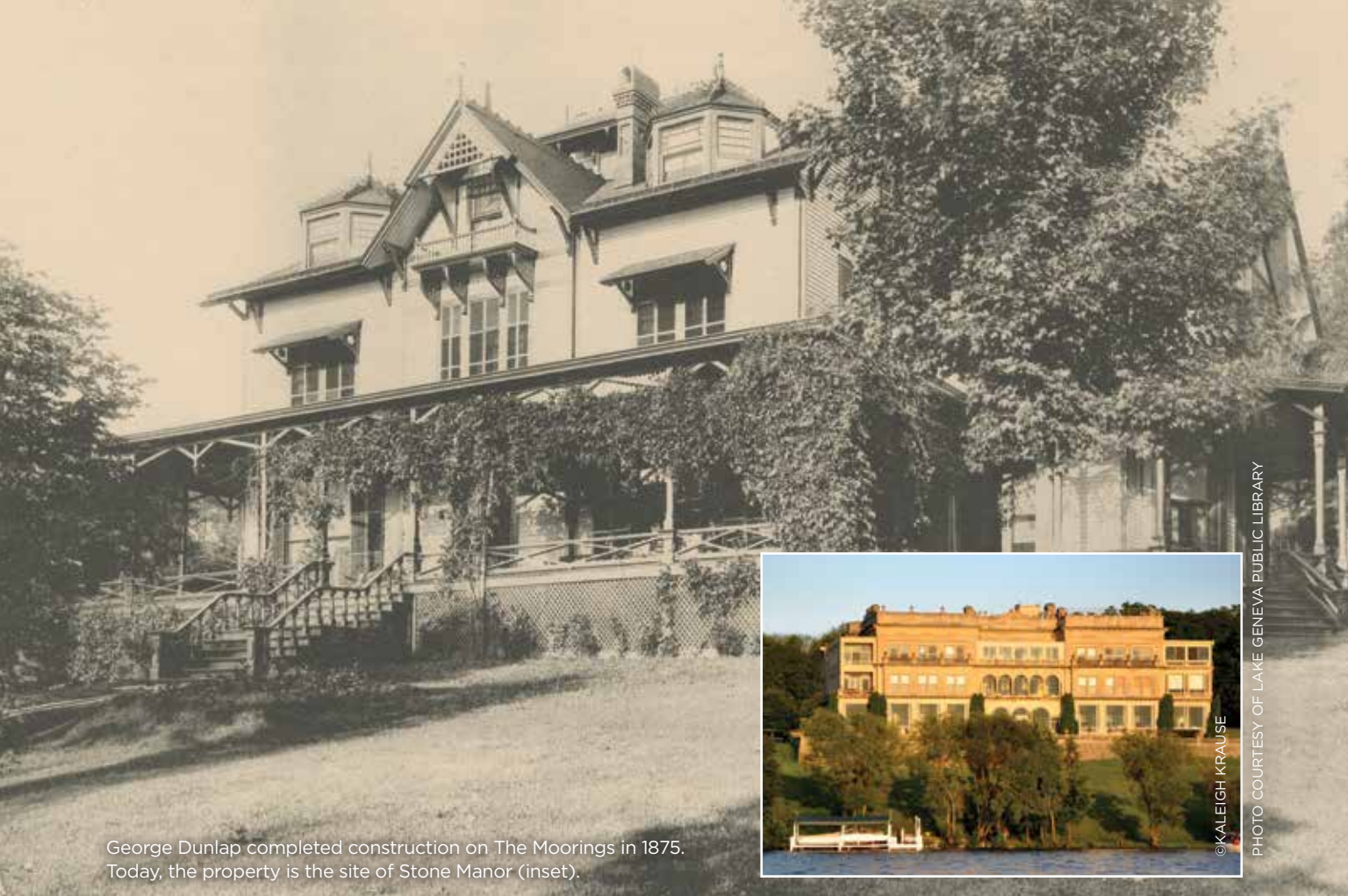
The current home on the site, still called Oak Lodge, is significantly larger.

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Geneva Towers condominiums.) David T. Whiting built the 60-room hotel to “accommodate Chicago’s finest guests,” and it offered stunning lake views as well as a world-class ballroom. Beginning in 1875, visitors to the area would have seen the first *Lady of the Lake*, a double-decker steamer capable of carrying 200 passengers, docked not far from the Whiting House Hotel.

On rides aboard the *Lady of the Lake*, visitors would have enjoyed gossiping about the new mansions springing up on the shoreline. Following the Chicago Fire, several wealthy Chicagoans built estates around the lake, following in Sturges’ lead. The Rumsey family was one of them. Other early lakefront property owners included Allen C. Calkins, a former Chicago alderman who built a 10-room cottage called Oak Lodge on Geneva Bay in 1873, N.K. Fairbank who built Butternuts in 1874 (and then rebuilt it the following year after it burned to the ground), and George L. Dunlap, who built the Moorings on the site of today’s Stone Manor in 1875.

In August 1875, a “special correspondent” for the Chicago Tribune



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Today, 150 years after the fire, downtown Lake Geneva is one of the most popular resort destinations in the Midwest.

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wrote an article on the transformation of Lake Geneva. The article described how “a staid, quiet little village has already been metamorphosed into a metropolitan resort.” The correspondent named the Sturges family as “pioneers” of this change and further dubbed Lake Geneva the “Saratoga of the West” after the popular resort town in upstate New York. Later, Lake Geneva would earn the nickname “Newport of the West,” in reference to the East Coast’s most elite summer resort area.

A TOWN TRANSFORMED

On April 29, 1874, Rumsey met with Calkins, Fairbank and Dunlap at the Whiting House Hotel to establish the Geneva Lake Yacht Club. They created the club’s bylaws, set rules for boat races and elected Fairbank the club’s first commodore. Here were some of Chicago’s top businessmen and political leaders, gathered at the newly built Lake Geneva hotel to determine how best to race their new yachts. This meeting, in many ways, marked the moment that the area transformed from a small farming community into a luxury resort, a transformation which had its beginnings in a massive conflagration.

Looking out at the flames approaching her home in 1871, Ada Rumsey could have had no way of envisioning the impact the devastating fire would have on the rural Wisconsin lake town where her family had just spent a relaxing summer. But in the aftermath of the tragedy, her family’s decision to make Lake Geneva their summer home, a decision echoed by many of the elite families of Chicago, would ultimately mold the area into the world-class resort town it remains to this day. 🚤



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Bingo, 8-year-old Border Collie mix

Family: Katie Cardelli & Bob Mayer

Personality Trait: Nosy

Favorite Lake Activities: Fetching sticks

Pet Peeve: Squirrels and delivery trucks

Naughtiest Deed: Looking for snacks on the counter

Lake Dogs

PHOTOS BY HOLLY LEITNER

Many things may have changed in the world since last fall, but one thing has not changed: now, perhaps more than ever, we love our dogs. Back for the eighth consecutive year, we are happy to present our Lake Dogs portfolio — where we pay homage to our four-legged friends who are happiest when “at the lake.”

The past year has been a challenging one, and for many of us, our furry friends have often provided the devotion, unconditional love and comic relief we have needed. When summer finally rolled around again, our constant companions were thrilled to be back in, on and near the lake, and who could blame them? This year’s cohort of Lake

Dogs embrace everything lake life has to offer: from lounging on a pier to riding in a boat to fishing for a mid-afternoon snack. So let’s learn from their wise ways, enjoy their silly antics and join them in living every day to the fullest.

The 22 dogs photographed this year represent a wide variety of breeds and sizes, from Dutchess, a regal Great Dane, to Madison, an adventurous Cavachon with a big personality. If you’re looking for even more cuteness, be sure to check out our book “Lake Dogs,” featuring over 100 full-color photographs of dogs who call Geneva Lake home. Visit atthelakemagazine.com for more information and to order your copy.



Diamond, 8-year-old Black Lab/Coonhound mix

Family: Chad J. Karl, daughter Ella J. Karl and son Sam R. Karl

Personality Trait: Docile

Favorite Lake Activities: Chasing the muskrat

Pet Peeve: Other dogs

Naughtiest Deed: Bringing sand into the house with her dirty lake paws



Pearl, 2-year-old Goldendoodle

Family: Renée Young

Nickname: Pearl girl, Pearlesque, pp nu nu

Personality Trait: Chill. Rarely ever barks — even when deer pass by in close proximity. Loves to be center of attention and hops into anyone's lap.

Favorite Lake Activities: Walking (prancing) to the beach. Observes all the deer, bunnies, squirrels, chipmunks, ducks and crows.

Pet Peeve: When Mom runs the vacuum

Naughtiest Deed: Stealing butter off the counter



Madison, 2-year-old Cavachon

Family: The Monge family

Nickname: Mads

Personality Trait: Adventurous! A big-dog personality trapped in a small-dog body

Favorite Lake Activities: Running the shore path all year long and paddle boarding

Pet Peeve: When other dogs don't notice her

Naughtiest Deed: Chasing squirrels



Skylar (left), 4-year-old European Snow-White Teddybear Goldendoodle

Family: Lisa, Andrew, Ava and Elisabeth Geiger

Personality Traits: Spirited

Favorite Lake Activities: Loves to swim, but her humans don't like when she gets her blow-out all messed up

Pet Peeve: Non-squeaking toys, missing out on anything

Naughtiest Deed: Ran through a sliding screen door because Lambeau was outside

Lambeau (right), 7-year-old European Snow-White Teddybear Goldendoodle

Family: Lisa, Andrew, Ava and Elisabeth Geiger

Personality Traits: Chill

Favorite Lake Activities: Loves the water, but prefers a boat ride so he doesn't mess up his hair

Pet Peeve: Life jackets, when someone takes away a toy (especially a tennis ball) and when the Green Bay Packers lose (on occasion)

Naughtiest Deed: Consumed thousands of socks, eating an entire rotisserie chicken and honey baked ham (including the bones) in seconds



Arthur, 3-year-old Golden Retriever

Family: Alexa Condos

Personality Trait: Spunky

Favorite Lake Activities: Swimming and eating sticks

Pet Peeve: When other dogs want attention from his mama

Naughtiest Deed: Pooped in Home Depot once

Molly, 8-year-old Miniature Schnauzer

Family: Mary and Mark Lahey

Personality Trait: Lover; she loves everyone and thinks everyone loves her

Favorite Lake Activities: Barking at the walkers on the shore path

Pet Peeve: Not being the center of attention. She will grab a toy and bark with it in her mouth to alert her humans "it's time to play!"

Naughtiest Deed: Likes to run away when you try to get her ready for a walk



Nevo, 18-month-old Cane Corso (Italian Mastiff)

Family: The Soga-Pagone Family

Nickname: Inspector Slippers

Personality Traits: Spirited, Mr. Grumpy Pants

Favorite Lake Activities: Watching boats from his favorite bench on the Delavan Viewcrest Association Beach

Pet Peeve: Being woken up from a nap

Naughtiest Deed: Digging holes in the backyard



Madison, 15½-year-old Yorkshire Terrier

Family: Stacia Hahn and Eric Haas

Full Name: Madison Rae Hahn

Personality Trait: Warrior

Favorite Lake Activities: Going on the boat!

Pet Peeve: Not getting what she wants EXACTLY when she wants it

Naughtiest Deed: Ignoring her mother



Marvin, 2-year-old mixed breed

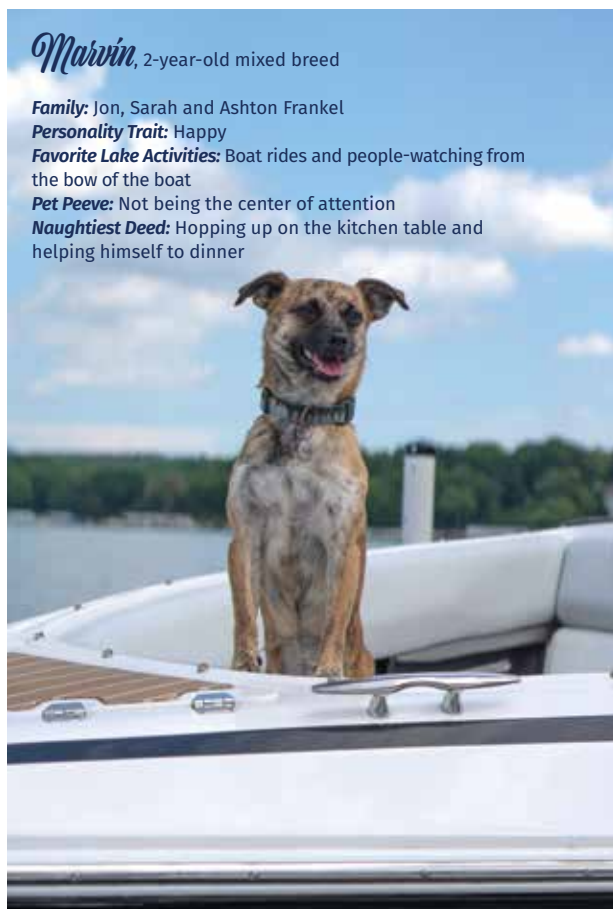
Family: Jon, Sarah and Ashton Frankel

Personality Trait: Happy

Favorite Lake Activities: Boat rides and people-watching from the bow of the boat

Pet Peeve: Not being the center of attention

Naughtiest Deed: Hopping up on the kitchen table and helping himself to dinner





Hazel Grace, 4½-year-old
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

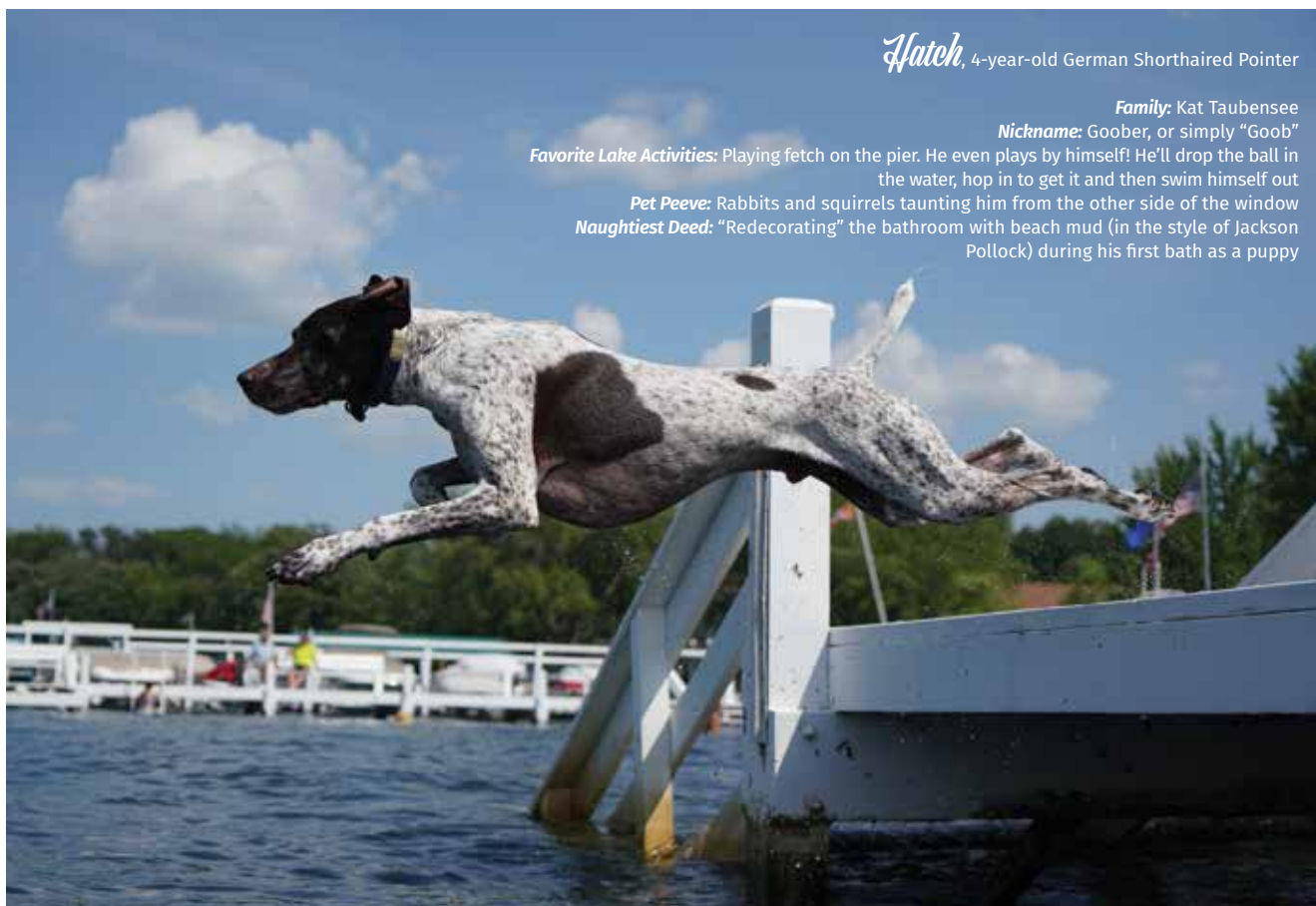
Family: Dan and Peggy Schuld

Personality Trait: Magnetic — attaches herself to anyone who comes over

Favorite Lake Activities: Walking the Abbey Harbor

Pet Peeve: Other dogs — she only has time for people

Naughtiest Deed: Wanting to be carried after her daily Abbey Harbor walk is finished; squeals like a toddler waiting to be picked up



Hatch, 4-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer

Family: Kat Taubensee

Nickname: Goober, or simply "Goob"

Favorite Lake Activities: Playing fetch on the pier. He even plays by himself! He'll drop the ball in the water, hop in to get it and then swim himself out

Pet Peeve: Rabbits and squirrels taunting him from the other side of the window

Naughtiest Deed: "Redecorating" the bathroom with beach mud (in the style of Jackson Pollock) during his first bath as a puppy

Amos (front), 13-year-old Golden Retriever

Family: Andy Kubicsko and Robin Randolph

Personality Trait: Very sweet and loving

Favorite Lake Activities: Snoozing on the pier. He retired from jumping off the pier last summer at the age of 12

Pet Peeve: Getting left behind when the boat leaves the pier

Naughtiest Deed: Brought home an entire deer leg (twice)

Truman (back), 5-year-old Golden Retriever

Family: Andy Kubicsko and Robin Randolph

Personality Trait: Very sweet and loving

Favorite Lake Activities: Jumping in the lake off the pier, swimming back to shore, repeat...

Pet Peeve: Getting left behind when the boat leaves the pier

Naughtiest Deed: Running down the shore path to play with all of the neighbor kids



Dutchess, 8-year-old Great Dane

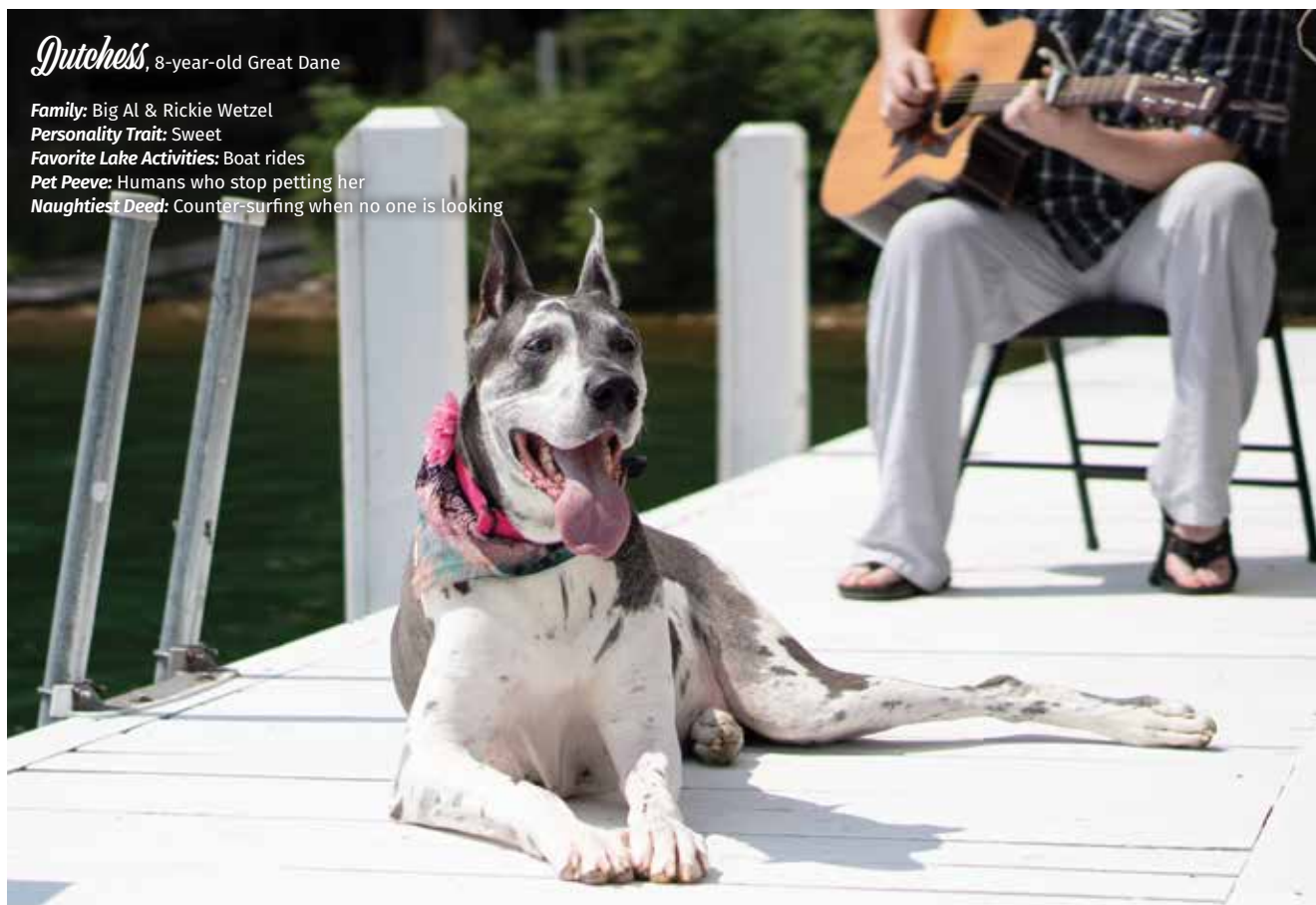
Family: Big Al & Rickie Wetzel

Personality Trait: Sweet

Favorite Lake Activities: Boat rides

Pet Peeve: Humans who stop petting her

Naughtiest Deed: Counter-surfing when no one is looking





Lucy, 3-year-old Collie mix

Family: Steve and Bridget Mandarino

Personality Trait: Sophisticated

Favorite Lake Activities: Lake path strolls

Pet Peeve: Getting caught in the rain

Naughtiest Deed: Hogging the bed

George, 4-year-old Irish Setter

Full Name: Gen. George Washington

Family: John Cordes Kirchhoefer

Personality Trait: Rollicking

Favorite Lake Activities: Chasing turkeys

Pet Peeve: English Setters

Naughtiest Deed: Steals and hides John's left shoe every morning so he can't leave the house





Tuesday (back left), 11-year-old Hungarian Vizsla

Family: Erik and Jaime

Personality Traits: Stoic

Favorite Lake Activities: Retrieving dead fish and chasing the ducks

Pet Peeve: When her puppy siblings play near her when she's tired and doesn't want to play

Naughtiest Deed: Stealing food from the neighbors

Stussy (front left), 6-month-old Hungarian Vizsla

Family: Erik and Jaime

Personality Traits: Spitfire

Favorite Lake Activities: Hunting bees, running along the lakeshore path and visiting with all the people walking

Pet Peeve: Not getting outside to run with the joggers on the shore path

Naughtiest Deed: Opens doors when the humans leave

Odin (right), 1-year-old Hungarian Vizsla

Family: Erik and Jaime

Personality Traits: Contemplative

Favorite Lake Activities: Visiting other people's piers and hopping on the boat for a ride

Pet Peeve: When his humans don't bring him down to the lake

Naughtiest Deed: Breaks through screen doors, including the pantry

Jeak, 7-year-old Rottweiler

Family: Nicole Pease

Personality Trait: Human-like

Favorite Lake Activities: Fishing! She loves to scan the shoreline for fish. Once she spots one, she stands very still until it's close enough and then dives in

Pet Peeve: Aggressive animals "in" TV. She's an avid television watcher and has been known to watch entire movies including "Jurassic Park," "Marley & Me" and "Beethoven"

Naughtiest Deed: Pre-rinsing the dishes while in the dishwasher



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IN A GOOD *Light*

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(Left) The dramatic underlighting on the stairs is both aesthetically beautiful and makes the stairs safer for the Johnsons' two young children. (Right) Wooden beams on the vaulted ceiling of the formal dining room reflect the color of the walnut floors.



For homeowners Phil Johnson and his wife, Emily Soley-Johnson, the first glimmers of what would become their Lake Geneva dream home started with an impulse buy intended to while away a long flight. “We bought an architecture magazine at the airport one year when flying out of Chicago,” Johnson says. “We spotted a modern farmhouse style we loved. This was just before the style became so popular.” Johnson, an electrical contractor and owner of Lake Geneva’s Foremost Electric, has worked on many of the area’s most luxurious homes, so when the couple found the architectural style they liked, they had plenty of ideas about how to turn their dream into reality.

They broke ground on the house in 2018, just three years after the fateful magazine purchase, and moved into the home in January of 2019. Nestled on South Lake Shore Drive just north of downtown



(Top) Johnson and his wife were inspired by the modern farmhouse aesthetic and opted for a crisp black-and-white exterior. (Right Page) Large windows in the office let in plenty of natural light. (Below) A guest room with built-in bunk beds is popular with the Johnsons' daughters for sleepovers.

Lake Geneva, the 3,600-square-foot home boasts three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, with an option to finish the basement for additional guest space in the future. The Johnsons designed the home to live in with their two daughters — 6-year-old Hazel and 3-year-old Ruby.

LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD

The Johnsons' home is full of personalized details. It's a year-round oasis of glowing light, from the multiple gas and electric fireplaces to the backlit built-ins to the stylish light fixtures. A lighting scheme of this magnitude requires a wise, professional eye, which makes perfect sense here given Johnson's profession. And he didn't just install all of those lights — he also served as the general contractor on the project. "I wanted to be part of each step of the building process," he explains. "We had a vision for every square foot of this house, and by leading the process, the final product feels so fulfilling."

Although Johnson admits that he didn't have a great deal of building experience





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(Top left) Modern sconces flank the bed in the primary bedroom. (Top right) Double vanities in a soothing ocean blue enhance the en-suite bathroom. (Bottom left) The freestanding soaking tub with its aluminum exterior brings a hint of shine to the primary bathroom. (Bottom right) A built-in electric fireplace in the primary bedroom can provide heat, light and even faux smoke for ambiance.





A chair rail and shiplap bring texture to a cozy nook in the upstairs hallway.

prior to serving as the GC for his home build project, he says he had picked up knowledge from “being in the trades” and “being around it for years.” According to Johnson, it helped that everyone they hired for the building process were “tradesmen we knew and trusted.”

MODERN DESIGN, WARM FINISHES

The home features an open floor plan, a perfect choice for an active and busy family like the Johnsons. “We like to have space for guests and children to spread out,” he says. “We found that most times, everyone congregates around the kitchen, so we just expanded that space to flow through our main area.” Because of this, they designed the living room to flow seamlessly into the kitchen, allowing for sizeable gatherings. The spaces are tied together with thoughtful design choices, like the rich walnut flooring throughout and the wood ceiling accents. Even the bedrooms and utilitarian spaces like the office and mud room also feel open and spacious due to the high ceilings and exceptional lighting.

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Warm wood accents are a theme throughout the house, from the flooring and railings to the ceilings, beams and even some countertops. “[My wife and I] both grew up in northern Minnesota and love the warm feel of the woods,” Johnson explains. The floors throughout the home are walnut, special-ordered to include “extra sap,” which provides the unique look of lighter wood mixed with the walnut’s natural dark hues. “We also carried the walnut into the ceiling, beamwork and fireplace surrounds throughout our house for additional character,” he adds.

PERSONALIZED TOUCHES THROUGHOUT

Another large part of the inspiration for the home came from their surroundings and Johnson’s experience as an electrical contractor. “We definitely have some Lake Geneva inspiration,” Johnson says. “Being an electrical contractor in the area has allowed me to be part of so many beautiful lake homes. With this opportunity, I have seen many creative and new ideas over the years to draw inspiration from.” Johnson says it wasn’t



(Left) The open-plan living area connects the entry with the kitchen and dining spaces. (Top) The living room’s coffered ceilings reverse the traditional color contrast — lighting is provided by both can lights and flush mount fixtures.

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(Top) Shiplap walls in the primary bedroom hallway provide the perfect backdrop for lake-inspired art. (Right) The main-floor powder room features dramatic black-and-white Moroccan tile.




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(Top) Johnson says the seating area just off the kitchen and dining room is a favorite spot to relax with a glass of wine in front of the fireplace. (Right) Lighted displays in the formal dining room highlight the couple's robust wine collection. (Below) A three-sided fireplace creates definition in the space.



difficult to arrive at their final design choices since they'd long had "a clear picture for every detail," spending several years dreaming and planning.

For the Johnsons, part of this vision included showing off their personalities and tastes — they even dedicated space in the home to their shared love of wine. As self-described wine enthusiasts, Johnson says that this space was a must-have. "Not only do we have the beautiful wine storage cabinet, but we have the area by the three-sided fireplace to sit and enjoy a glass [of wine] with friends and family."

The warmth shared by this family is evident throughout the house, aided by the perfect lighting in every room. In fact, according to Johnson, it was the lighting that "really finished the home," a project that was a labor of love from start to finish. "In the end, we'll enjoy our efforts for many years," he says. "Every day, I look around and think about how lucky I am to live in this great community." 🍷

How to Get the Look

As the owner of Foremost Electric, Johnson emphasized impressive electrical features throughout his home. To capture these well-lit looks, Johnson shares his tips and tricks.

GLOWING STAIRS

Johnson says, "The lights on the stairs are one of my favorite lighting features in the home. This detail was achieved through LED ribbons being installed in a diffused channel on the overhang of the treads. We had many hours of prepping wires and planning with our stair builder."

LIT-UP KITCHEN CABINETS

"Kitchens need a lot of light, and accent lighting adds to the look," Johnson notes. "The under-cabinet LED lights add great task lighting, while the upper cabinet puck lights showcase display items."

PRIMARY BEDROOM FIREPLACE

As a new product on the market, Johnson immediately loved this modern fireplace. To capture this cozy yet current feel in your own home, skip the gas and instead, turn to a fully electric fireplace that uses water to make steam, creating a realistic smoke effect.

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When you think of beautifully, custom crafted homes, what comes to mind? Exquisite, carefully considered details? Exceptional and expert craftsmanship? Distinctive, unique finishes? For Bryan and Douglas Jorndt, and Dan Fahey, and their team at Jorndt Fahey LLC, it is all of these things and more. For this trio, luxury home building is the epitome of distinctive living in the Lake Geneva area and beyond.



For several years, Bryan and Douglas Jorndt, originally of Jorndt Builders, had established themselves as quality custom home builders. As Jorndt Builders' client base continued to grow, it became very obvious to the brothers that there was a need for a renovation company that could function like a custom home builder does. That's where Dan Fahey comes in. In March of 2003, Bryan and Douglas combined forces with Dan Fahey to create Jorndt Fahey Remodeling. In 2012, the two companies merged to form Jorndt Fahey LLC.

For Bryan, Douglas and Dan, one of the most important aspects of being a custom home builder is providing exceptional field supervision of all elements of the job, insisting on no shortcuts or compromises in the quality of materials or workmanship. As Fahey explains, ensuring a satisfied customer base is an integral

component of Jorndt Fahey LLC's building philosophy and serves as one of the company's core mantras. That means they believe in promises kept, timelines honored and individual needs met.

"We build and renovate beautiful homes that satisfy the individual needs of our clients," Fahey says. This means that consistent communication from start to finish on every project allows the Jorndt

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Fahey team to provide a personalized experience, and more importantly, results that exceed expectations. “Every home construction project we work on is meticulously managed to ensure that deadlines are met, budgets are efficiently used and craftsmanship exceeds the highest standards for quality,” Dan says.

In addition to managing each project as general contractors, Bryan, Douglas and Dan are also day-to-day job site supervisors.

This means that each client receives the hands-on oversight and management needed to not only save money, but also to increase the efficiency of each building project. “We believe that there is no reason that building your dream home should not be an enjoyable experience,” Dan says. “We have many clients talk about their previous homebuilding or renovation experience and that it was ‘painful.’ We will not allow your experience to ever become ‘painful.’”

Jorndt Fahey focuses on custom new-home builds and custom home renovations, all of which boast the highest level of architectural skill, design details and craftsmanship the area has to offer. At its core, Jorndt Fahey strives to provide the highest level of care and craftsmanship to clients. “We treat our clients like we would treat our own families,” Dan says.

One recent project that exudes the



company's commitment to providing the utmost in custom home designs is a home located in Fontana on a gracefully beautiful bluff overlooking Geneva Lake, Fontana and the Abbey Harbor.

The existing structure was torn down in July 2019 and the homeowners turned to Jorndt Fahey LLC and McCormack & Etten Architects LLP in Lake Geneva to build a fun, contemporary vacation home that would take advantage of the breathtaking views of the area. Building a home on the side of a steep hill proved challenging, but Jorndt Fahey worked with the design and architecture teams to build a home that exceeded the clients' expectations. "It sounds contradictory, but our client really wanted a cozy, spacious retreat," Fahey says. "The main purpose of the rebuild was driven by the desire to give friends and family ample privacy and separation of space while also offering bright, open, warm and inviting common areas for gatherings. So we had to strike a balance. We worked closely with the owners to bring to life a home that thoughtfully incorporated materials, textures and colors that evoke joy and comfort."

The result? An exquisitely beautiful home that celebrates the surrounding area with an incredible outdoor space, complete with an expansive screened porch, deck, grilling area, patios, bocce ball court and an awe-inspiring pool with a 55-foot water slide.

On the home's interior the Jorndt Fahey team worked to bring the homeowners' vision to life. Their primary residence is a beautiful traditional home, so the homeowners set their sights on creating a whimsical, fun vacation home to delight all who visit. "What makes this project so interesting is





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the combination of multiple ‘wow’ factors in every room,” Dan explains. “In this case we had to thoughtfully coordinate our clients’ efforts to create awe-inspiring spaces nearly everywhere you turn. If it didn’t exist, we built it: A custom-crafted tigerwood kitchen island; reclaimed, fire-torched wood beams; curved-metal staircase banisters; nautically themed, built-in bunk beds; turquoise lacquered cabinetry...”

The Jorndt Fahey team prides themselves on delivering what each client envisions for their custom home or custom renovation, which is not always an easy thing to do. “It starts with the ability to truly listen and communicate,” Dan says. “We take a lot of time getting to know our clients and understanding who they are and how to make their personalities come out through our work. I truly believe our combined efforts created a one-of-a-kind home that’s airy, welcoming, peaceful and most importantly, according to the client, fun!” ▲







GOOD THINGS BREWING, *On Tap*

Local microbreweries offer a wide
array of flavors and stories

STORY BY MARY BERGIN | PHOTOGRAPHY BY HOLLY LEITNER

When done right, properly fermented beer produced in small batches goes beyond quenching the thirst. It piques the imagination, expands the palate and evokes a sense of place, too. In the area's microbreweries, the flavor is truly local — from the beer recipes' backstories to the unique character of the brewpubs themselves.

The popularity of microbreweries has grown quickly in southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, and behind each new brew is a unique story. While it's true that all beer contains grain, hops, yeast and water, what happens from there is a mix of skill,

patience and ingenuity, often in a setting that encourages visitors to linger over a pint and return for more.

Beer names might be both playful and pertinent, enhanced with artistic label designs. Brewmasters might be self-taught or educated internationally (or a combination of the two). Taprooms are located anywhere beer lovers can find them — on farms or in downtowns, in strip malls or even industrial parks. At microbreweries, it's the beer that is paramount, but some taprooms also offer snacks, a meal menu or live music to add to the experience.

TOPSY TURVY BREWERY, LAKE GENEVA

Dan Schuld of Topsy Turvy Brewery in downtown Lake Geneva balances fun with reverence for his microbrewery's location: a century-old, Neo Gothic, former Baptist church that features the original stained-glass windows. Depending on the month, brewmaster Justin Kirsch's 20 on-tap choices might include Sweet Jesus Zachy Stout (made with Ecuadorian chocolate) or Sinful Holy Water (a deep cherry seltzer).

"Justin approaches his work like an artist designing a stained-glass

window," Schuld says of his colleague's brewing. "We craft our beer in small, precise batches with the finest ingredients." Kirsch started as a home brewer before working at Chicagoland breweries and taking brewing classes in Belgium, eventually finding his way to Lake Geneva.

Why call the Lake Geneva endeavor Topsy Turvy? "It's a 16th century expression and literally means upside down," Schuld says. "That's our philosophy: We are rooted in experimentation and pushing the boundaries." As part of this philosophy, they develop new versions of beer weekly.



Topsy Turvy Brewery



Above left: Ashleigh Balsley and Dan Schuld (and Hazel Grace!) of Topsy Turvy Brewery.



Duesterbeck's Brewing Company



Look for brews (and their Dive line of hard seltzers) named after “local inventions, historical sites and tourist attractions.” Examples: Blonde ales Geneva Beach and Lake Path, and New England IPA Mailboat Hopper.

DUESTERBECK'S BREWING COMPANY, ELKHORN

Rare is the microbrewery that is based on a Wisconsin farm. Near Elkhorn, on a fifth-generation family farm, is Duesterbeck's Brewing Company, open since 2019 in a gorgeously renovated red barn on the property.

“With the farm buildings deteriorating, we needed to redefine our terms of agriculture,” explains Laura Johnson, who co-owns Duesterbeck's with her brewmaster husband Ben (he holds degrees in bacteriology and dentistry as well). In addition to the taproom/bar space, the family added a roomy outdoor patio, an outdoor stage for live music and an additional outdoor bar, completely

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rebuilding a former pig barn to use for events and additional outdoor seating.

“Ben’s specialty as a brewer is making such a wide variety of styles that there is always something for everyone,” Laura says. Their most popular beer? That’s a toss-up between Crop Duester (a cream ale) and Nutty Bill’s Peanut Butter Porter.

KISHWAUKEE BREWING COMPANY, WOODSTOCK, ILL.

Just across the state line in Woodstock, Illinois is the edgy, industrial vibe of Kishwaukee Brewing Company. Owner Dan Payson is an architect who began brewing beer professionally during the Great Recession of 2008.

Brewery construction began “on the day before the country shut down” due to COVID-19 in spring 2020. A few months later, the 10,000-square-foot building that fills much of an industrial park field opened for business. Next to the brewhouse, the property boasts an outdoor beer garden, the site of



Kristina Manion of Duesterbeck's serves up a pint.





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creative events like a Monday night yoga class that includes a pint of beer. Sometimes food trucks sell tacos, burgers, pastries or pasta, the perfect complements to Kishwaukee's popular beers.

Less than one mile away is "The Kish" — the Kishwaukee River, a migration point for sandhill cranes and other regional birds. Payson is sensitive to the environmental impact of his work: the spent grain from the brewing process goes to local farms, where it is used to feed cattle and poultry. His asymmetrical design of the brewhouse roof will make it easier to add solar panels, a goal for the future.

And the beer? "We brew traditional beers, made as close to style as possible," Payson says. Don't expect flashy names: Lager, Pilsner, Gose (a sour German brew) and Marzen (a seasonal Bavarian lager) are among the choices.

"I call it what it is," Payson says. Each beer bottle label features a crisp work of art that acknowledges local flora and fauna. "We want this to be a destination," Payson says of his brewery. "It's quiet, off the beaten path, a place to take a deep breath and relax."

HOLZLAGER BREWING COMPANY, WOODSTOCK, ILL.

Experimentation is key at another Woodstock craft brewery, Holzlager Brewing Company, where three friends — all engineers — took over a former hardware store in a strip mall and gave it a new purpose in 2019. The vibe is fun and intense: Anchoring the company logo is an owl with piercing eyes and antlers.

The flagship beer is Clown Hammer, an IPA that was one of the first products the trio sold. According to co-owner Mario Cortez, El Heffe is their riff on a Mexican dark lager, served with a zesty Mexican Bloody Mary mix, made locally.

Customers bring their own food or munch on Champion Pizza (locals' favorite) or Craft Beer Jerky (beef jerky marinated with craft beer). Last summer, the brewery began experimenting with





Second Salem Brewing Company

hard seltzers. Normally, traditional seltzers are clear, but not here: A new blueberry seltzer was deliberately made an eye-catching purple. Another flavor they're working on, inspired by county fairs, is cotton candy.

Good news for homebodies: a recent addition of canning equipment means Holzlager beer is easier to find at grocery stores in northern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin.

SECOND SALEM BREWING COMPANY, WHITEWATER

In Whitewater, Second Salem Brewing Company offers a small, artisanal approach to microbrewing. Brewmaster Christ Christon (he's also a jiu jitsu teacher and volunteer firefighter) explains it is technically a nanobrewery,



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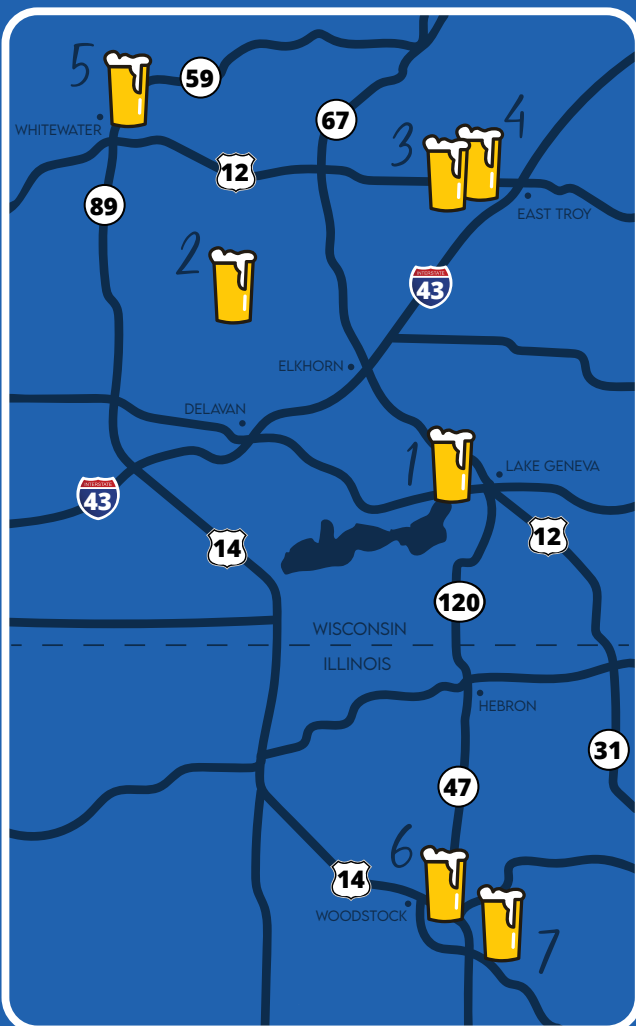
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Second Salem sets itself apart from many microbreweries by presenting a casual but robust food menu in addition to its beer, served on a patio overlooking Cravath Lake. Many of the menu items are rooted in local lore about witches, hauntings, mythical creatures and spooky events. One example is the Witch Hunter burger, dressed with gouda, bacon, greens, tomatoes, red onion, roasted red pepper and minced garlic.

Award-winning beers include Beast of Bray, an amber ale named after an Elkhorn road of the same name where a werewolf-like creature was allegedly spotted in the 1990s. On one wall of the taproom is an artist's rendition of the mythical beast. Other beer names and labels play up Whitewater's spookier side: Bone Orchard, an IPA; The Reaper, a pale wheat; and Witchtower Pale Ale.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SECOND SALEM BREWING COMPANY



EAST TROY BREWERY, EAST TROY

East Troy Brewery, located on East Troy's village square, has been brewing since 2018, when Ann and Ted Zess converted an historic bank building into a brewpub. The project helped



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to reinvigorate the community while preserving East Troy's history. That focus on the community extends to the beer itself: Brewmaster Shay Leamon has apprenticed with some of the best-trained brewmasters in Wisconsin and says she tries to use local and regional ingredients in her beers, including Wisconsin-grown malts, hops from providers including the Wisconsin Hop Exchange and Breiss in Chilton, Wisconsin and locally grown, organic corn.

East Troy Brewery chef Ashley Turner makes everything on the extensive menu from scratch, working with local farmers to source key ingredients for her dishes. Visitors enjoy a rotating assortment of beers on tap to pair with menu items like sweet chile pork tacos, white truffle pear pizza, and burrata with smoked peach and tomato salad. And the beers people can't seem to get enough of? Leamon says three popular options are the Hippy Dippie Organic Golden Ale, Because... Dinosaurs Hazy IPA and Helles of Troy, a crisp lager.



East Troy offers two microbrewery options: East Troy Brewery (above) and The Hive Taproom, a meadery (below).

THE HIVE TAPROOM, EAST TROY

Just outside of downtown East Troy is The Hive Taproom, where owners Tim and Ayla Guild specialize in brewing their own session mead. What is mead? Technically it is a honey wine, but it's







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The Hive Taproom



Meadkeeper Lydia Davis offers up a sample.

brewed like beer and tastes more like a cider or a champagne. Husband-and-wife team Tim (the brewer) and Ayla (the beekeeper) were inspired to open The Hive when they noticed a need for a high-quality, gluten-free beverage experience in the area.

The Hive Taproom combines the energy of a fun, laid-back craft brewery and the comforts of a winery. Visitors often stop by with kids and pets in tow, ready to choose from 14 different meads on tap, as well as house-made soda and a hopped honey kombucha on tap. Food options include snacks and small plates — gluten-free flatbreads sourced from Cranky Al's in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin are a favorite. For mead connoisseurs, there's a quarterly membership program that comes with a one-of-a-kind honey tumbler and an invitation to the Members' Night mixer.

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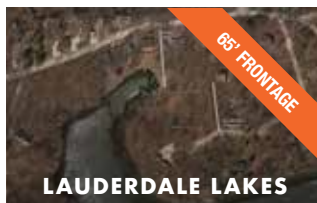
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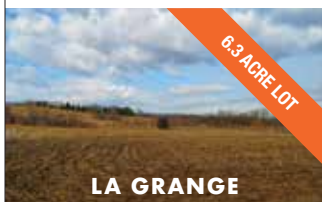
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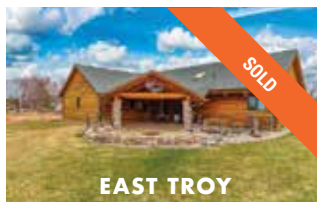
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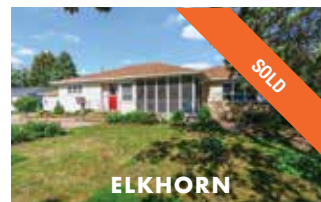
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Feeling stressed-out and stuck? Life coaching could boost your physical, emotional and mental wellness and lead you down a new path.

BY SHELBY DEERING



IT'S A FACT: life can get downright tricky. Almost universally, life became more stressful during the pandemic, which has left people reeling in its wake. For many, this past year has inspired a reevaluating of life choices. Do I want to return to the office or quit my job? Am I really happy in this marriage? How can I make a more positive impact in the world?

Luckily, there are experts called life coaches who specialize in guiding individuals through difficult decisions just like these. But what is life coaching? And can it benefit you?

WHAT IS LIFE COACHING?

Life coaching is a customized, personal experience which will vary by coach as well as client, with no two sessions being exactly the same. Lake Geneva's Katey Collins, whose business is Tri Life Coach, says that life coaching is like having your own personal mentor, cheerleader and teacher who holds you accountable to your goals.

Megan Colleen Johnson, a life coach and self-reclamation guide also based in Lake Geneva, expands on that. "Life coaching is a broad title for wellness practitioners who are trained to support folks as they self-actualize, move toward their goals and ultimately thrive," she says. She notes that generally, coaches want to empower their clients to discover their own answers through "powerful questioning" and "talk modalities."

While there are many life coaches who have completed a certification program, this is not required by law. However, for best results, it does matter that they've undergone training or apprenticed with

another life coach. You can look on a coach's website or ask a prospective coach about the training they've completed.

"I believe training is imperative," Johnson says. "You can quickly tell whether a life coach has training or not through booking a consultation with them and watching for these key indicators — do they guide the conversation well? Can they clearly articulate how they will support you? When asked, do they have certifications and mentorship experience that will be helpful when coaching you specifically? Do they listen and truly hear what you are saying?"

WHAT DOES THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

The life-coaching process varies from coach to coach. When Johnson works with clients, she begins by helping the client set a goal. Sometimes this goal can be general: "I want to wake up feeling fully alive each morning," or, "I want to be the most confident I've ever been." In other cases, the client may have one

On the Right Path

Three area life coaches talk about what has inspired them.

"Prior to life coaching, I worked as a digital marketer and graphic designer. However, due to a life crisis, I reached out to a life coach to help me navigate the waters. During that time, my eyes were opened to the harmful tendencies I adhered to. This experience was life-changing and led me to a place of profound freedom. Having the desire to guide others to this freedom is what caused me to pursue becoming a life coach myself."

– **Megan Colleen Johnson**, megscolleen.com



"I have molded my expertise as a licensed clinician, lifelong athlete, mother, wife and professional. I pull from my master's level training and incorporate an approach that focuses on self-care, wellness and mindset. My experience as an adult endurance athlete partially shapes my approach when working with clients."

– **Katey Collins**, lifecoachkatey.com



"I have two English degrees, and although I enjoy teaching, after a year in the classroom, I had zero interest in teaching in a traditional school setting. In the late 1990s, I trained trainers in the continuing education department of a large consulting firm. Even though I loved working with colleagues from all over the world, something was missing. It was then that I was introduced to [life coaching certification program] Co-Active Coaching."

– **Julie Ford**, julzoflife.com



specific goal or a set of two to three goals to work toward.

Johnson speaks with her clients regularly over a period of several months. "During each session, we discuss what is going well, where they are feeling stuck and, utilizing coaching techniques, we navigate those sticky spaces together," she says. "As we work through the sticky spaces, a session can hold major 'aha' moments where the client experiences a breakthrough in what they thought was possible or how they view the world."

Similarly, Collins supports her clients in a variety of ways throughout a six-month program. This includes hour-long weekly sessions in her office; outdoor sessions walking along the lakeshore path, virtual "Zoom" meetings; or phone calls. Collins also has a Facebook group in which her clients encourage one another, and she offers local events. She points out that many circumstances inspire people to seek out life coaching — they may be contemplating career transitions, or trying to improve their physical and/or mental health. They may need help with navigating complicated relationships or want to learn better communication strategies and overcome mindset barriers.

It's important to recognize that life coaching differs from traditional therapy. "Life coaches will not provide a mental health diagnosis for clients," Collins says. "They do not bill insurance companies or treat trauma from a therapeutic level."

In some cases, a life coach may determine that a traditional therapist is a better fit for that client. "If a client is depressed or stuck in a way that seems unaffected by working through common blocks, I refer them to a therapist," Ford explains.

Katie, a client of Johnson's, sought out coaching when she felt that "there was more out there." She says she greatly benefited from coaching. "I think we so often get stuck in spots and feel like we have to stay there. If we can't fix a sink, we don't just think, 'Eh, it'll be stuck like this forever.' No, you either learn the skills to fix the sink or hire someone who can fix it so you can keep on using it,"

she explains. “I was able to learn so many tools to help me problem-solve sticky situations.”

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS?

Collins describes life coaching as a process and a journey. She points out that individual results vary depending on the length of time working with a coach and the amount of work put in.

If you'd like to experience mental-health benefits, for example, you might participate in daily practices that are suggested by your life coach, such as writing, meditation, intentional breathing techniques and more. “Building these habits in a coaching relationship helps them [the habits] become the norm,” Ford says.

Johnson's client Katie says she has reaped many benefits from life coaching. She says that in addition to improving her work-life balance and further developing her creativity, she was able to rise as her most confident and empowered self. “I was able to regain connection with

my voice, deeply rooting myself in my values, while growing,” she says. And the self-improvement didn't just stop there. Katie says that in every way, her entire circle has benefited from her life-coaching experience, whether directly or indirectly. “Not just me personally, but my husband, my daughters, my family, my co-workers, my students, my ministry — I could go on and on.”

CAN IT HELP YOU?

According to the coaches, you'll likely be a great fit for life coaching if you answer yes to these questions:

- Do you have a specific desire or goal you wish to achieve?

“As we work through the sticky spaces, a session can hold major ‘aha’ moments where the client experiences a breakthrough in what they thought was possible or how they view the world.”

– Megan Colleen Johnson

- Do you have the drive to work toward it?
- Have you been trying to make changes without success?
- Are you willing to examine your habits, routines, beliefs and lifestyle?
- Are you open to new strategies and skills?

If these questions stir your soul, life coaching could provide the direction needed to begin your journey of self-improvement. “Life coaching can profoundly impact one's mental health, physical health and relationships,” Johnson says. “It's about giving yourself permission to be the human you desire to be in the world, and helping you get there.” ▲



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The Phoenix Park Bandshell, completed in 2007, was designed by the Mayo Corporation of Madison.

The Phoenix Park Bandshell is a musical gathering spot for Delavan and beyond

BY AMANDA N. WEGNER



HOLLY LEITNER

Delavan's Phoenix Park Bandshell is celebrating 15 years of offering free music to area residents, but the history of this beloved bandshell goes back further than that. Much, much further.

"Our bandshell has had quite the history," says Al Buchholz, vice president of the Friends of the Phoenix Park Bandshell. "Now it's a cherished part of the community that has regrown from humble beginnings."

DELANAV'S EARLIEST DAYS

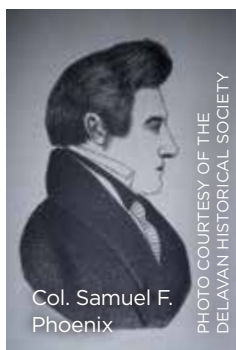
In 1838, shortly after the first white settlers arrived in Walworth County, Delavan founders Col. Samuel F.

and brother Henry Phoenix donated a 3.28-acre parcel of land to what was then the small village. In addition to the land donation, the brothers also gifted the four adjacent sides of the parcel, which were designated for use by houses of worship; at one time, the park was surrounded by Episcopalian, Methodist, United Church of Christ and Baptist churches. After Delavan's first public school was built on one side of the park in 1845, locals began calling it School Park.

Around 1870, the village paid \$175 to Charles Blair to build a gazebo-style bandshell at the north-central end of the park, the perfect spot to host Delavan's city band as well as numerous community events, concerts and meetings. Perhaps the most famous person to speak from its stage was William Jennings Bryan, three-time Democratic presidential candidate and Secretary of State under President Woodrow Wilson. Bryan made several trips to the area in the early 20th century and spoke before a crowd of 1,500 people at the Delavan Bandshell in July of 1921, just a few years before his death.

Despite attracting national speakers, the bandshell suffered from damage, disrepair and vandalism over the next few decades. In 1926, pranksters set off a charge of dynamite under the building, badly damaging the structure. For the next 20 years, it would continue to stand as a dilapidated backdrop to the park.

In 1930, city leaders rededicated and renamed it Phoenix Park, in honor of the town's founders. Despite the eyesore that the bandshell had become, the park itself continued to thrive, hosting picnics, public events and programs. In the 1930s and 1940s, Phoenix Park became a haven for ice skating in the winter, and with funding received from the Works Progress Administration in 1935, shuffleboard and tennis courts were added. By contrast, the bandshell was falling down, so in 1948, the city razed the structure on a cold day in mid-December. "It was so damaged and vandalized," says Buchholz. "It had to go. And that spot sat empty for nearly 50 years."



Col. Samuel F. Phoenix

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A meeting of the First Baptist Church at the original Delavan Bandshell in 1878.

In the mid-1990s, public interest in a new bandshell at Phoenix Park was revived when park neighbors began advocating for a revitalization of the area. "There were a couple visionaries who wanted to do something different with the park; it had become underutilized," says Buchholz. "Then it was a matter of putting heads together — what can we do to make better use of the space and be better for the community?"

He adds that some city officials were aware of the park's history. "There was a thought that maybe we can do something similar [to what was done in the past] and be successful again," he says. "So far, that seems to be the case." Through those (sometimes heated) discussions between the neighbors and the city, the new bandshell was completed in 2007, a unique wood-sided, timber-frame structure that is a monument to Delavan's history as well as a beloved community gathering spot for a new generation.

A HUB FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Shortly after the new bandshell was built in 2007, a nonprofit organization called the Friends of the Phoenix Park Bandshell formed to assume the task of filling the bandshell's music calendar. This group of volunteers works diligently to provide the community with a wide variety of free, high-quality musical performances across an array of genres throughout the summer season. "It gives us, as a community, a place to gather and enjoy music," says Buchholz. "We've grown from humble beginnings in the first few years to really something really amazing."

In past years, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Phoenix Park Bandshell

hosted 25 to 40 concerts per year, providing free music to more than 16,000 people. In the summer of 2021, nearly 10,000 guests had enjoyed concerts at the bandshell by the Fourth of July, says Buchholz, which shows how hungry people are for live music and a sense of community.

“To me, it’s a little hidden gem,” adds Mel Davis, the organization’s volunteer coordinator. “More and more people know about it now. It’s growing and getting bigger, because it offers such a great musical experience and atmosphere. You might go to another community and pay a charge to see the same band you can see here for free. It’s incredible.”

This focus on music also connects to interesting area history. In the 1930s and 1940s, Delavan was once a ballroom mecca, with multiple ballrooms hosting Big Bands for dancing, led by bandleader legends like Lawrence Welk. “There is a musical history we are contributing to with this,” says Buchholz. “Historically, Delavan is very artistic and very musical. We’re just trying to keep that going as best we can.”



To help keep that tradition alive, a dance floor was added in front of the bandshell about 10 years ago, which allows people to not only listen to the music but get up and dance.

The group also works with other organizations in town to promote cultural events and to help increase tourism to Delavan. Additional events at the bandshell and the park include dance groups, car shows, heritage festivals and more.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Now in its 15th year, what makes the

Friends of the Phoenix Park Bandshell organization successful and allows the bandshell to thrive is the support it receives from the community. The organization is completely run by volunteers, and covers its operational costs through sponsorships, concession sales and donations. “It’s supported by everyone in town and is a family-oriented deal,” says Buchholz. “It’s a great place where everyone gathers and gets together, enjoys the wonderful summer weather, and becomes a part of a community event that they can feel very comfortable at.” Adds Davis: “When you



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go to the bandshell and see [everyone from] seniors to small children, that shows the sense of community and purpose we have in our city and that this place brings.”

The word is getting out, and visitors from beyond Delavan are now flocking to the bandshell as well. “It is successful beyond what I had visioned, and I’m ever so grateful for the support of the people,” says Buchholz. “Apparently, they like it, because they open their pocketbooks to help and are attending and bringing friends and neighbors. I’m happy other communities are looking at it and seeing the success. The bigger we make the pie, the more everyone shares. The more, the merrier.”

Davis believes that the park will only get better in the coming years thanks to ongoing support from the city. “The city is invested in improving Phoenix Park, which is an awesome park to begin with,” he explains. “They see how successful this is, and what it does for the community. It’s already amazing, and it’s only going to get better.” ▲

FEST, FRAUD AND FUSION: THE BANDSHELL’S SIGNATURE FALL EVENT

While June through August is the Phoenix Park Bandshell’s prime season, it also hosts a special show in September in conjunction with Delavan’s Scarecrow Fest. Now in its 21st year, Scarecrow Fest features guided walking tours, scarecrow kits, free pumpkins for kids, food trucks and

more... including a laser light show at the bandshell. “It’s not only an audio experience, but a visual experience,” explains Buchholz. “The lasers are coordinated to the music from one of our top bands. It’s been such a big show the last few years, and will be again this year.”



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Every weekend from Sept. 11 to Oct. 12, enjoy a fun farm experience in the apple orchard, pumpkin patch, on a hayride or in the farm kitchen bakery, deli and market. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Elegant Farmer, Mukwonago; (262) 363-6770 or elegantfarmer.com.

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Enjoy a full line-up of live music and performers every weekend through Nov. 20, plus special holiday performances at the Belfry Music Theatre, located between Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. To purchase tickets, visit belfrymusictheatre.com.

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BURLINGTON: Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 30; Thursdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. from Oct. 7 through Oct. 21. Wemhoff Square, Burlington; (262) 210-6360 or burlingtonWIfarmersmarket.com.

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Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Sept. 16. Historic Downtown Delavan; (262) 728-5095 or visitdelavan.com

EAST TROY: Fridays, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 3. The Hive Taproom, East Troy. Visit easttroy.org.

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GENEVA OUTDOOR MARKET:

Farm-fresh produce and handcrafted gifts and crafts. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 2. 3252 County Road H, Lake Geneva; (262) 215-6139 or genevaoutdoormarket.com.

LAKE GENEVA: Local farmers and vendors offer local produce, flowers and goods. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 28. Horticultural Hall; (262) 745-9341 or horticulturalhall.com.

WHITEWATER CITY MARKET:

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

WILLIAMS BAY: Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Sept. 10. Edgewater Park; (262) 475-6333.

WOODSTOCK: A producers-only market, everything available for sale is grown or produced directly by the vendor. Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September; and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October. Historic Woodstock Square, Woodstock, Ill.; woodstockfarmersmarket.org.

WATER SKI SHOWS

(Through Labor Day)

BROWN'S LAKE AQUADUCKS:

Thursday, Aug. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 4, beginning with the junior show at 4:30 p.m., followed by the main show at 6 p.m. Brown's Lake. Viewing from Fischer Park, Burlington; aquaducks.org.

SOUTHERN WAKES UNITED:

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

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

AUGUST

[27-29] **MAXWELL STREET DAYS**
Sales, food and crafts in downtown Lake Geneva. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com for more info.

[28] **"A STRING OF PEARLS" GALA**
featuring the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Ticket proceeds benefit the Lake Geneva Fire & Police First Responders Fund. 5 p.m. cocktails, 6:15 p.m. dinner, dancing until 10 p.m. Riviera Ballroom, Lake Geneva. For tickets, visit rivieragala.eventbrite.com.

SEPTEMBER

[1-6] **WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR**
Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn. One of the largest county fairs in Wisconsin. Live music, demolition derby, carnival midway and livestock exhibits. (262) 723-3288 or walworthcountyfair.com

[4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 24, OCT. 28, NOV. 18, 26] **WORKSHOPS AT BELLA BOTANICA**
1787 Walworth St., Springfield. Sign up for individual workshops including Journaling for Transformation, Fall Floral Pumpkin Arrangement and Holiday Wreath Making. 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For more info or to register, call (262) 379-8786.

[10-12] **DARIEN CORNFEST**
A community-wide celebration of the super starch featuring fireworks, a parade and live music throughout downtown Darien. For more info, visit dariencomfest.us.

[11] 25TH ANNUAL FAT TIRE RIDE FOR CHARITY

This 21-mile, ride-at-your-own-pace bicycle ride on paved roads around Geneva Lake is sponsored by local bars and restaurants that serve as "rest stops" along the route. Registered riders receive a map of the route, a pig roast dinner ticket and a raffle ticket. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. To register, visit fattiride.com.

[11-12] WOODSTOCK AREA AUTUMN ART TOUR

Artists and fine craftsmen will be opening their studios and homes to display and sell their work. The self-guided tour is free to the public; maps available at Material Things Artisan Market on the Woodstock Square and wpbw.org. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Woodstock, Ill.

[11-12] MAPLE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING TOUR

A 90-minute walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and the historic Maple Park neighborhood. For tickets, call (262) 248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[12] A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

This benefit supporting the Walworth County Food and Diaper Bank will feature beer and wine, appetizers, dinner and live music, as well as a treasure hunt and raffle. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Geneva Lake Museum, Lake Geneva. For tickets, visit walworthcountyfoodpantry.org or call (262) 581-3524.

[12] LAKE GENEVA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"From Stage to Screen and Everything in Between: A Celebration of Orchestral Music." Part of the "Sundays at 4" series at George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay. 4 p.m. Visit gwc.aurora.edu to register.

[12] MALTHOUSE SIT & SIP CONCERT SERIES, "TICKET TO RIDE"

Enjoy this musical tribute to The Beatles, presented by the Haylofters. Malt House Theater, Burlington. (262) 763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[13] LADIES' DAY LUNCHEON


Geneva Lakes Women's Association annual luncheon featuring silent auction, raffle, followed by author Leslie Goddard on the colorful history of the little black dress. Geneva National Resort & Club, Lake Geneva. For information, visit glwa.net.

[18] FONTANA TRIATHLON ON GENEVA LAKE

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



[18] WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Raising awareness and funds to enhance Alzheimer's care and support. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., ceremony at 9:40 a.m., walk begins at 10 a.m., Library Park, Lake Geneva. (414) 775-7583 or act.alz.org.



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[18] DELAVAN SCARECROW FEST. Scarecrow building, pumpkin decorating, live music, food. Throughout downtown Delavan. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pink Fraud with Laser Fusion show at the Phoenix Park Bandshell at 7 p.m. For more info, visit delavan.com.

[18-19] PEARCE'S FARM STAND CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEKEND Live music, corn maze, human hamster wheel, lookout tower and famous jumping bales with slides and tubes. Concessions available. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit pearcesfarms.com.

[19] DISCOVER WHITEWATER 5K AND HALF MARATHON Highlighting downtown Whitewater, the course begins at Whitewater High School and continues through the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus and Fairhaven's Prairie Village, among other locations. To register, visit runwhitewater.com.

[19] GENEVA LAKE MUSEUM FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Hawk's View Golf Club, Lake Geneva. Charity golf outing benefiting the local museum. (262) 248-6060 or genevalakemuseum.org.

[20] FULL MOON RIDE East Troy Railroad Museum. Depart from the East Troy Depot on an historic 1908 Sheboygan Interurban Car and arrive at Indianhead Park in Mukwonago in time for sunset. Then watch as a full moon begins to rise. For tickets, visit easttroyrr.org/full-moon-ride.html

[24-26, OCT. 1-3] ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE The Lakeland Players will perform this biographical musical about the life of singer Patsy Cline. Walworth County Performing Arts Center, Elkhorn. (262) 728-5578 or lakeland-players.org.

[25] LEGENDS & LANDMARKS WALKING TOUR A 90-minute walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and the historic Maple Park neighborhood departs from the Riviera at 6 p.m. For tickets, call (262) 248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[26] ELKHORN ANTIQUE & FLEA MARKET Walworth County Fairgrounds. Over 500 vendors make this one of the largest antique markets in the Midwest. Free parking, admission is \$5. (414) 525-0820 or elkhornantiquefleamarket.com.

[26] DISCOVER LAKE GENEVA BRIDAL SHOWCASE Step aboard Lake Geneva Cruise Line yachts decorated by top wedding professionals. Premier vendors will be on hand, including caterers, florists, photographers, musicians, bridal wear, stationers, salon services and more. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., leaving from the Riviera Dock, Lake Geneva. For more info, visit cruiselakegeneva.com/bridal-showcase or call (262) 248-6206.

[26] SUSAN MARIE FRONTCAK ON "ERMA BOMBECK - BY YOUR SIDE" Part of the "Sundays at 4" series at George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay. 4 p.m. Visit gwc.aurora.edu to register.

[26-OCT. 10] SCARECROW STROLL Vote for your favorite decorated scarecrows as you stroll through downtown Lake Geneva. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com for more info.

OCTOBER

[2] ROAD RALLY AND PICNIC WITH THE GENEVA LAKE CONSERVANCY Visit genevalakeconservancy.com or call (262) 275-5700.

[2, 9, 16] SORDID & SCANDALOUS WALKING TOUR A 90-minute walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva – focusing on mysteries and scandals – departs from the Riviera. For tickets, call (262) 248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[2, 9, 16] OAK HILL CEMETERY WALKING TOUR A 90-minute walking tour of Lake Geneva's historic Oak Hill cemetery. 6 p.m. For tickets, call (262) 248-1888 or visit blackpointestate.wisconsinhistory.org.

[8] PAMELA WELCOME IS HARRIET TUBMAN A heart-rending, emotional performance that engages audiences of all ages. 7 p.m., Big Foot Auditorium, Walworth. For tickets, visit bigfootfinearts.com or call (262) 275-2117.

[9-10] LAKE GENEVA OKTOBERFEST Family fall festival includes music, food, craft booths, restaurant and shopping specials, wagon hayrides, pony rides and more. Downtown Lake Geneva. Visit streetsoflakegeneva.com for more info.

[15-16, 22-23] LEGENDS AND LORE AT OLD WORLD WISCONSIN, EAGLE Troves of supernatural tales brought to the state over the generations come to life at this always spooky Halloween event. Visit oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org.

[21-24, 28-31] DEATH BY CHOCOLATE The Haylofters present this wacky murder mystery. Malt House Theater, Burlington. (262) 763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[23] AN EVENING WITH AGATHA CHRISTIE Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva. Local historian Chris Brookes brings the best-selling author of all time, Agatha Christie, back to life for an intimate evening of mystery and conversation. For tickets, call (608) 264-4848.

NOVEMBER

[6] COMEDIAN CHARLIE BERENS Wisconsin comedian and viral sensation Charlie Berens, host of the wildly popular YouTube series Manitowoc Minute, will perform his stand-up comedy routine. 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium at UW-Whitewater. For tickets, visit www.edu/youngauditorium.

[7] MALTHOUSE SIT & SIP CONCERT SERIES, "YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND" Enjoy this musical tribute, presented by the Haylofters. Malt House Theater, Burlington. (262) 763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[12-14] HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT BELLA BOTANICA 1787 Walworth St., Springfield. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy festive old-world ambiance in a historic church setting. Holiday gifts, decor, handmade wreaths and more. (262) 379-8786.

[13] SHOUT SECTION BIG BAND Big Foot Auditorium, Walworth. 7 p.m. For tickets, visit bigfootfinearts.com or call (262) 275-2117.

[21] TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT GRAND GENEVA RESORT & SPA Grand Geneva Main Lodge, Lake Geneva. Kick off Christmas in the Country with the resort's official tree lighting ceremony; explore the illuminated light displays and holiday decor. Visit grandgeneva.com.

[21-JAN. 5] PARADE OF TREES Bring a donation for the Walworth County Food Pantry or Lakeland Animal Shelter and receive \$1 off adult museum admission. Geneva Lake Museum, Lake Geneva. genevalakemuseum.org/parade-of-trees.

[26-28, DEC. 3-5, 10-12, 17-19] CHRISTMAS TRAIN East Troy Railroad Museum. Trips leave from the East Troy Railroad Depot on Fridays at 4 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., and Sundays at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Online advanced reservations required; visit easttroyrr.org/christmas-train.html.

[26-JAN. 2] SANTA CRUISE Embark on a magical Christmas cruise to Santa's North Pole Hideaway. Along your lake tour, enjoy the twinkling lights and displays along the shoreline of Geneva Lake. Cruises run every evening with the exception of Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. Lake Geneva Cruise Line, Gage Marine Winter Harbor, Williams Bay; (262) 248-6206 or santacruzlakegeneva.com.

DECEMBER

[3-5] GOOD OLD COUNTRY REDNECK CHRISTMAS Presented by the Haylofters. Malt House Theater, Burlington. (262) 763-9873 or thehaylofters.com.

[4] CHRISTMAS PARADE TRAIN Mukwonago to East Troy. A holiday tradition dating back to 1972 — spectators can catch a glimpse of Santa safely from inside their heated vehicle along County Road ES. The parade train departs from the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago at 5:30 p.m. and continues non-stop until arriving at the East Troy Railroad Depot at approximately 6:30 p.m. Visit easttroyrr.org/christmas-parade-train.html for more info.

[10-12, 17-19] ELF, THE MUSICAL The Lakeland Players will perform this musical version of the beloved Christmas movie. Walworth County Performing Arts Center, Elkhorn. (262) 728-5578 or lakeland-players.org. ▲



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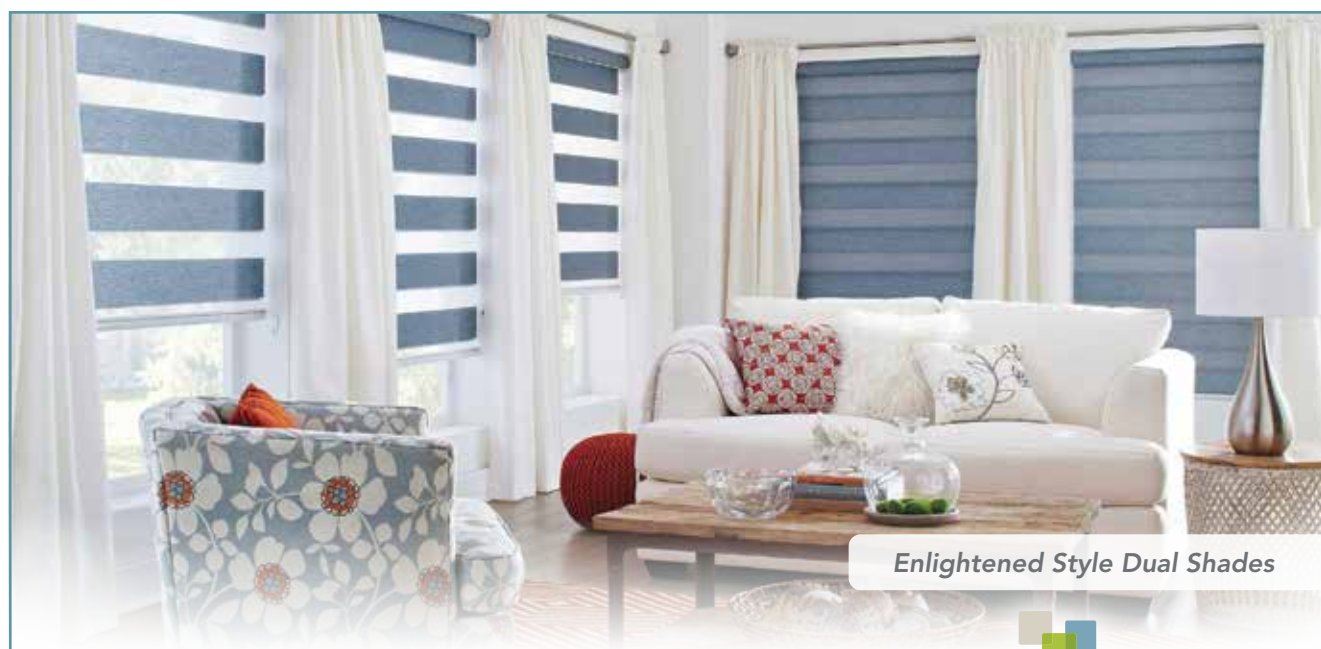
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