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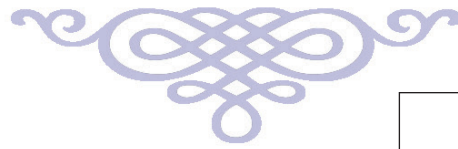
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Stately estate

This elegant, French Chateau-inspired, 18,000-square-foot home on the shore of Geneva Lake in the Town of Linn is known as Royal Oaks Estate. Built in 1992, this single-family home features 25 rooms – including nine bathrooms. It is on 3.28 acres of land, including 214 feet of level lake frontage. The stately estate is listed for sale at \$11.5 million by the Rauland Agency of Walworth.

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IT'S COMIN' UP

APRIL EVENTS

2 'Romeo and Juliette' presented by the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra and The Dance Factory, 7:30 p.m. at Elkhorn Area High School This performance will begin with Rossini's overture to the Barber of Seville, followed by the Beethoven Symphony No. 4 under the direction of David Anderson. The orchestra will be joined by members of the Dance Factory, a ballet school located in Delavan, on the second half of the program in a performance of Sergei Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2. Tickets are \$12 per person and available online at lakegenevaorchestra.org.

3 Maple Fest at Covenant Harbor, 1724 W. Main St., Lake Geneva. Maple Fest, which runs from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a family friendly event featuring breakfast, family activities, and maple syrup tours. Visitors are invited to tour the grounds and experience all that Covenant Harbor has to offer. All of the proceeds raised through this event go to reducing summer day camp costs. Advanced breakfast tickets are available at a discounted rate. Call (262) 248-3600 to purchase advanced tickets.

8-10 Lake Geneva Festival of Wine at Grand Geneva. Welcoming all wine lovers! The resort has an entire weekend of vintage entertainment planned for wine enthusiasts, from social drinkers to sommeliers. Includes Friday night wine dinners at the resort's premier restaurants to kick off the weekend and the Grand Tasting on April 9 from 2 to 9 p.m. The event includes informative seminars and overnight stay packages. Call (800) 558-3417 for information.

6, 20 Limber Timbers Square Dance Club – dancing from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Elkhorn Area Middle School, 627 E. Court St. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2 per child. (262) 275-6373 or www.limbertimbers.org

9 Bowl for Kids Sake Walworth County, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Delavan Lanes, 509 S. 7th St., Delavan. Event raises money for Big Brothers Big Sisters Club of Walworth County. (262) 728-8865 for questions and to register

10 The Dinosaur Diary of Dr. T-Rex – 3 p.m. at UW-Whitewater's Young Auditorium, 930 W. Main St., Whitewater. This show is an exciting education experience using comedy, life-size puppets, museum quality fossils, a multitude of dinosaur facts, audience participation and a little bit of magic to encourage children to continue

exploring the world of dinosaurs through reading and writing. Tickets cost \$9.50-13.50. (262) 472-2222

14 Black Point Estate beer barons dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sprecher's, 111 Center St., Lake Geneva. Funds from the dinner will be used to restore the estate's 1871 Zeller billiard table that Chicago beer baron Conrad Seipp bought. A three-course meal of beer cheese soup or house salad followed by a steak and salmon dinner served with beer cheese potatoes and chef's vegetable melody will be followed by chocolate bliss cake. Menu selections will be paired with beers from the Sprecher's line of beverages. During the dinner, Michael Rehberg, lead interpreter at Black Point Estate, will discuss the beer barons who lived along the shores of Geneva Lake. Cost is \$65 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Black Point Estate at (262) 248-1888.

16 Tea Time featuring Mary Poppins, 1 to 3 p.m. at Old World Wisconsin, W372 S9727 Highway 67, Eagle. Event features tea and snacks, make and take crafts and entertainment. Tickets are \$15 for the general public. (262) 594-2922

22 Lutherdale Fish Fry – 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Lutherdale Camp, N7891 Highway 12. Ticket cost for adults is \$12, \$7 for children 12 and younger. (262) 742-2352

23 Craft Brews and Chicago Blues Festival at the Ridge Hotel in Lake Geneva. Admission is \$45, which includes sampling of craft beer and food, a photo booth and a commemorative tasting glass. Beer will be available from 30 craft breweries from around the country, and blues music will be performed by Kevin Purcell and the Nighburners. More information can be obtained at brewsandbluesfestival.com or by calling (262) 245-1000.

23 Earth Day Celebration – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gateway Technical College, 400 Highway H, Elkhorn, featuring a recycling center, live entertainment, raffle and door prizes, child-friendly activities, indoor farmers market, workshops and demonstrations. gtc.edu/celebrate-earth-day

Although we attempt to provide accurate information regarding area events, dates and times may change or events may be canceled. We suggest you confirm events before you finalize your travel plans.

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AREA RESTAURANTS EMBRACE THE SWEET SIDE OF BUSINESS

As winter turns to spring area residents turn their thoughts from shoveling frozen stuff to savoring the sweet creaminess of frozen treats.

Whether it's ice cream or frozen custard – with a lead-in of burgers and fries, in some cases – several area restaurants and sweet shops have carved out a niche catering to the discriminating palates residing in America's Dairyland.

Some serve their treats with a slice of nostalgia delivered by a friendly carhop. Others rely on the closely held recipes and let the food do all the talking. Many of these restaurants are closed during the winter, but a few of them bravely hold onto the notion that ice cream (or frozen custard) is a treat any time of the year.

Here's a closer look at a few of these area establishments:



I can remember going (to Adrian's) with my grandparents. The memory of that cone... it brings you back."

Adrian's Frozen Custard

BURLINGTON

Adrian's Frozen Custard recently started its 42nd season in the City of Burlington. Owners Vince and Brigette Skrundz have had the stand for seven and a half years.

Both work full-time jobs, but Brigette worked there when Vince was in high school. He asked her out on a date – and they stayed friends. They got married in 2000, and had a conversation with then-owners Jim and Darlene Adrian.

"At the wedding, they said, 'Someday,

would you guys like to buy this from us?'" Vince Skrundz explained. "We're happy to carry on this tradition."

He said there are several reasons why Adrian's remains popular.

"The biggest thing when we bought it from Jim and Darlene was keeping the quality of the product," Skrundz said. "We always use the best quality ingredients."

He said the shop always tries to offer the best value for the customer's dollar as well. In 2014, custard prices "went through the roof," but Adrian's tried to maintain prices

as best it could.

"We really take pride in the fact that a small cone is only \$2," said Skrundz, adding that cones elsewhere that are anywhere from 50 cents to a dollar more expensive.

The tie of generations visiting the stand is also strong.

"I can remember going there with my grandparents," he explained. "The memory of that cone... it brings you back."

He said the appeal of frozen custard is a smoothness because of the eggs and the high butterfat content.

"It just has a unique melting point," Skrundz explained. "The flavor pops off your tongue."

Find Adrian's at 572 Bridge St., Burlington, (262) 763-8562



Jackie Budnik builds one of Adrian's specialty sundaes – a turtle with hot fudge, caramel and salted pecans.

J. Lauber's Old-Fashion Ice Cream

EAST TROY

Anyone wanting a glimpse into the past can find it at Lauber's Old Fashion Ice Cream, East Troy. The shop is an operating replica of the old drug store soda fountains that were common in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Owner John Lauber opened the ice cream shop 41 years ago in East Troy to share his love of an industry that's all but disappeared.

"I remember going to the old drug store soda fountains as a kid and I just loved them," he said.

Lauber, who is one of the founders of the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum, said having his dream ice cream store in the area was a natural progression.

Situated next to the Railroad Museum, the ice cream shop attracts visitors from all over who ride the trains from East Troy to Mukwonago.

Joe Boehnlein – who runs Milwaukee's Raasch-Raetz Funeral Home, Inc., with Lauber and is involved with the ice cream shop – said as a result, the ice cream shop remains a seasonal business

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Above: Customers gather outside Lauber's to enjoy a cold treat and look at the classic cars, which the ice cream shop hosted in September 2014. At right: John Lauber (right) and Miles Kilpin prepare treats for customers at Lauber's Old Fashion Ice Cream parlor in 2015. Kilpin is a second-generation employee; his father Rick was one of Lauber's employees in the 1970s.



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that runs in conjunction with the trolley's season.

Boehnlein said the busy summer season is supplemented by people from Chicago and elsewhere who have summer homes on Lake Beulah and in the surrounding area.

"They are the bread and butter for the entire East Troy community," he said.

Boehnlein said, however, their reasoning for being in East Troy isn't necessarily to make money, but more importantly, to be a part of the trolley museum. He said they don't do it for the money, but for the love of it.

Lauber said it's the regulars who frequent the store that makes it worthwhile. Some of them stop by every week and others travel from outside the area on a regular basis just for the ice cream and atmosphere.

Lauber said most of the items used in the

shop are from the Milwaukee area with a few smaller things picked up here and there over the years to outfit the shop. He has walls of antique soda fountain equipment, old-fashioned wood booths, an ice cream bar and a "penny" candy counter where children can spend their coins on things like candy dots and lollipops.

Lauber has employed many of the area's teenagers over the years, taking pride that he is now experiencing second-generation helpers behind the counter.

"I would probably have even more of them, but some of the families have moved away," he said.

The ice cream parlor is closed during the

colder months, though a phone call to the business relays that with "the snow piles finally gone," and "the sun even coming out at times," it will reopen at noon on May 2.

The ice cream parlor is open through the end of October. Hours are weekdays from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

Find J. Lauber's Old Fashion Ice Cream at 2010 Church St., East Troy, (262) 642-3679.

Dairy Queen BURLINGTON

Steve Nelson has owned Burlington's Dairy Queen since 1987.



Hand-scooped custard is dished up nearly every day of the year at Uncle Harry's Ice Cream and Custard, Waterford. Jessica Carlson serves a turtle sundae in the shop's quaint dining area in the spring of 2015.

"I was a construction mechanic for 12 years. I got hurt on the job," he said. "I had to look for another opportunity ... so we took a stab."

He said ice cream is a comfort food that has spanned generations. "They can sit and relax," Nelson explained. "It brings back memories. It's just a good atmosphere to be around."

"Ice cream's good any time of year, any kind of weather."

Find Dairy Queen at 324 S. Pine St., Burlington, (262) 763-9385.

Uncle Harry's Ice Cream and Custard WATERFORD

Award-winning custard and other ice cream-related treats are scooped up 363 days of the year at Uncle Harry's Ice Cream and Custard in Waterford, which closes only for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Besides their award-winning sweet treats, the shop's owners are also currently offering a sweet investment opportunity.

While the Uncle Harry's business is not for sale, the property that houses Uncle Harry's and a next-door bakery is up for sale, covering a city block along busy highways 20/83 in downtown Waterford.

Sue and Bill Lindbloom, Waterford, and their daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Michael Artery, own both the business and property.

They are the shop's fourth owners, starting their 15th year of maintaining recipes that have won State Fair awards for 17 of the shop's flavors.



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I remember going to the old drug store soda fountains as a kid and I just loved them.”

Uncle Harry’s also has the distinction of being considered the smallest dairy in Wisconsin.

An old-fashioned turtle sundae is Uncle Harry’s signature dish – a sweet and salty concoction of vanilla custard, crunchy nuts, drizzled caramel and hot fudge, topped with whipped cream and a maraschino cherry.

“We’re very famous for it,” said Sue Lindbloom with a smile.

Besides making and scooping up sweet treats in the retail shop, Uncle Harry’s formerly did a wholesale business, making custard sold in markets and other businesses around the greater Milwaukee area, including the Elegant Farmer in East Troy.

That side of the business is no longer active.

“We’ve pulled the reins in and concentrate now on the retail store and special events,” explained Bill Lindbloom.

Uncle Harry’s Fair Trailer is a popular stop for visitors to area county fairs and Waterford’s popular Balloonfest.

Besides dozens of flavors of custard, ice cream, frozen yogurt and Italian ice, Uncle Harry’s also has frozen cakes and pies that can be special ordered or selected from an assortment in the shop.

Find Uncle Harry’s at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, Waterford, (262) 534-4757.

Southern Lakes Newspapers staff writers, Jennifer Eisenbart, Kellen Olshefski and Tracy Ouellette, and former staff member Patricia Bogumil contributed to this story.



JENNIFER EISENBART *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

Julie Nelson, who owns the Burlington Dairy Queen with her husband, Steve, draws a soft-serve cone.

Ice cream or frozen custard?

CREAMINESS IS A MATTER OF PREFERENCE

by **Heather Ruenz**

STAFF WRITER

Ice cream and frozen custard are both popular treats for many, particularly in America’s Dairyland.

While the two are similar, a person’s preference often hinges on one simple factor: the amount of creaminess.

According to the International Dairy Food Association, ice cream – including regular and low-fat varieties are indeed what we scream for the most, counting for 87

percent of all frozen dessert sales, a \$25 billion market in America.

Ice cream, by United States Department of Agriculture standards, needs to contain at least 20 percent milk solids and 10 percent milk fat by weight.

Premium brands typically have 14 to 18 percent milk fat.

Frozen custard is distinguished from ice cream by a touch of egg yolk, with only 1.4 percent required by weight though some brands contain more. The lecithin in the yolk serves as a natural emulsifier, resulting in a richer, creamier texture.

Milk fats are responsible for the creamy smoothness, while proteins add firmness and chewy texture, according to www.recipes.com. Both supply richness and body.

Sweeteners turn the dairy products into dessert and contribute to texture with sugar and corn syrup being the most common types used.

Stabilizers, with less than 1 percent used, help keep frozen desserts frozen and if they weren’t used, ice crystals would grow each time the product thaws and refreezes, making for a gritty texture.

Emulsifiers keep the milk fat evenly distributed among the liquid and airy portion of frozen desserts, important because water makes up the greatest part of desserts by weight while air is whipped in for texture and consistency.

Many purists side with ice cream for its fluffy and airy sweetness while others side with the dense and rich creaminess of frozen custard, according to www.chefs.com.

Ice cream, the site reports, has a much longer history dating back to





... (frozen custard and ice cream contain a) good amount of calcium, a mineral that does much more than benefit your teeth and bones.”

the late 1600s, while frozen custard was invented in 1919 by two brothers, Archie and Elton Kohr.

The healthier debate

“Custard and ice cream are creamy sweet treats that both contain a number of nutrients but are also high in fat and sugar,” Sara Ipatenco wrote in an article explaining nutritional comparisons on www.livestrong.com.

The first thing Ipatenco pointed out is that the serving size is a

half cup with custard coming in around 147 calories and just over 6 grams of fat, and vanilla ice cream, 137 calories and just over 7 grams of fat.

“Added sugars increase the calorie count of food without providing any nutrients,” Ipatenco wrote. For example, the half-cup servings of frozen custard and ice cream contain 15.51 and 14.01 grams of sugar, respectively.

On a positive note, both choices also contain a “good amount of calcium, a mineral that does much more than benefit your teeth and bones,” she wrote. “It is essential for your muscles, nerves and hormone systems as well.”

Ipatenco recommends sticking to the 1/2-cup serving size and add healthy toppings including fresh fruit or even a teaspoon of chocolate chips to satisfy the craving.

Clearly, there is not a one-size-fits-all choice, especially when considering all of the options... super premium, premium, regular, reduced fat and non-fat labels.

“Reduced fat contains at least 25 percent less fat than its counterpart. Light and low fat has less than 30 percent of calories from fat or no more than 3 grams of fat in a half-cup serving. Non-fat has less than 0.5 grams,” according to an article on the difference between the varieties on weightwatchers.com.

“Always check the nutrition facts,” the site recommended, because some regular versions of brands may be better options than the light variety of a super premium brand.

Weight Watchers described slow-churned, cold-churned and double-churned as “three names for the same thing... a new process that disperses the tiny globules of milk fat more thoroughly,” resulting in products that can “offer the satisfaction of premium ice cream with far less fat and calories.”

More options

Some frozen dessert options other than ice cream and custard include:

- Frozen yogurt – a blending of yogurt with an ice cream base of milk, cream and sweetener with a taste similar to light ice cream;
- Gelato – made almost entirely of milk with little or no cream that is churned with relatively little added air and a texture similar to soft serve that offers more intense flavor;
- Sherbet – contains less milkfat so is often considered a lighter, healthier option though it has more sugar;
- Sorbet – is described as “more icy,” has no dairy at all and is usually fat free but also has a higher sugar content.

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Classic cars line the parking lot of Annie's Burger Town in Elkhorn during the spring of 2014, with the drive-in's sign indicating carhop service has returned for the summer months.

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SERVING UP THE '50s ALL YEAR LONG

Elkhorn drive-in features carhops delivering nostalgia

by **Kellen Olshefski**
STAFF WRITER

While some operate only seasonally, Jeff Halpin, who owns Annie's Burger Town in Elkhorn with his wife, said the decision to keep their drive-in open year-round is driven by many factors.

Closing in the winter gave the family an opportunity to travel, Halpin said. Now, with their children being involved in school activities, they decided they might as well be open year-round.

"A little bit coming in is better than nothing coming in," he said.

The Halpins have owned Annie's Burger Town for 23 years. It was previously owned by Annie and Dan Harkness, who ran it for about 17 years,

according to Halpin. He said the restaurant has been a staple of the community, originally opening as a Dogs 'n' Suds around 1958.

"We've been here for a long time, I feel like we're pretty rooted in Elkhorn," he said. "As far as history and small-town appeal, we're that."

The business remains family owned, with Halpin having most of his children work there, with the exception of their 3-year-old daughter.

On surviving as a drive-in through the winter months, Halpin said Annie's Burger Town has turned to delivery and even catering, noting Thursday morning they catered to a group at the Dancing Horse's Theatre just outside of Delavan on Highway 50.

"We deliver and we do some catering, so that

keeps us going," he said.

However, Halpin said, catering isn't just a solution for the winter months either, noting they cater numerous outside events and even take their pizza wagon to the fair and flea markets.

"That's where we've been able to grow more business," he said. "But it feels like the restaurant can't push too much more out of here on some days."

Halpin said he and his wife – who came from a restaurant background – like the drive-in style setup and Annie's Burger Town offered them something a little bit different.

"It wasn't a breakfast crowd, it wasn't a lot of indoor seating, it was more fun," he said.

"It's fast-paced, that's for sure, but it's a little bit more laid back."

When it comes to the summer months, Halpin said they're typically five to 10 times busier. The carhops have been a huge draw for their business.

"Once we get the carhops going, that seems to be the draw," he said. "It's nostalgic and everybody likes that."

Halpin said he's often thought about offering drive-through service – something that would help them in the winter months – but fears it would detract from the carhops in the summer.

"In the summer, that's our thing, and that's why we've always stuck to it and promoted it."

Halpin said the drive-in typically starts carhop service around May, when extra help is available from local high school and college students.

He said they get a lot of people coming in from area lakes during the summer.

"It's fun to see... I have people coming in that worked for me as kids bring their kids in," he said.

Halpin said they also get a fair amount of walk-in traffic and crowds coming from events such as baseball games.

Halpin said the business has stuck with a traditional American-style drive-in menu, selling ice cream, various sundaes, shakes, malts and even continuing to make it's own root beer. With prices of food rising and quality seeming to drop, the Halpins are taking more control, roasting and slicing their own Italian beef, smoking their own pulled-pork barbecue and even using their own homemade breading on onion rings and chicken strips, for example, Halpin said.

"So we've taken control of our selling more," he said.

With peoples' eating habits changing the drive-in has also adapted by adding healthier alternatives, such as salads and wraps, to the menu.

"But in the summers we have run some specials and we've done like a grilled salmon, or a grilled tuna wrap, we roast our own turkey so we do a turkey wrap and a club wrap," he said.

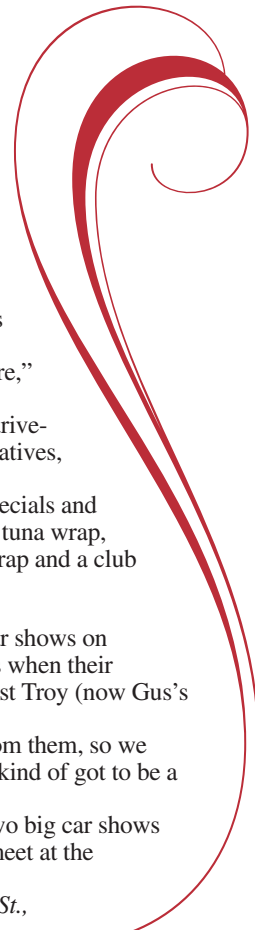
"We try to provide other options."

Halpin said Annie's used to host classic car shows on Sunday nights, straying away from Saturdays when their friends, who owned Michael's Drive-in in East Troy (now Gus's Drive-in) hosted classic cars.

"We didn't want to take anything away from them, so we were Sunday nights, and then Sunday nights kind of got to be a rougher night to do things," he said.

Halpin said he now tries to focus one or two big car shows each year, pairing with the classic car swap meet at the fairgrounds and the high school auto club.

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Black Point recruiting volunteers



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Black Point Estate is recruiting volunteers for the 2016 season. The historic museum on Geneva Lake is open for tours during the summer season.

Black Point Estate, the historic house museum on Geneva Lake, is recruiting volunteers for the 2016 season.

In 2015, about 7,500 people attended programs at the estate, which is owned by the State of Wisconsin and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

"Attendance to this lovely estate has steadily increased since we've opened. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteer support but we are always seeking additional help," said Black Point Director David Desimone. "Welcoming visitors to the historic property is a lot like having company on a daily basis. There is a never-ending list of chores and tasks that need completed.

"We anticipate another very busy year and hope to recruit additional volunteers so that we can provide the best possible visitor experience."

Volunteers at Black Point can learn about the history of the region, make new friends and give back to the community.

Multiple opportunities are available to volunteers including giving tours and arranging flowers. New volunteer training will begin in April. Registration is open now.

Black Point volunteers said the history and the visitors are among the perks of volunteering at the

estate.

"The people are so nice and it is a wonderful experience greeting the many visitors each day" said Lois O'Brien, Black Point's resident piano player.

"Working with the other staff members and researching the rich history of the Seipp family and Geneva Lake creates a strong feeling of friendship in the support of keeping history alive," said Burlington resident Tom Yoder.

Volunteer Jan Palzkill said she looks forward to each day at Black Point because she learns something new every time.

Retired teacher Diane Thompson said volunteering allows her to share her knowledge.

"I am still teaching only this time with different material and to a variety of people," she said. "Not only is giving a tour rewarding, but getting to know the staff and volunteers has been fun. We have researched various topics, formed a book club and often gone on historical outings, which have strengthened our friendships. I would encourage anyone to become a docent and discover a new world."

Volunteers can register by contacting volunteer coordinator Jill Westberg at (262) 248-1888 to learn more.

'QUILTS OF SPRING' EXHIBIT AT GALLERY

The Good Earth Church of the Divine's spring art exhibition, titled "Sacred Earth: The Quilts of Spring" runs through June 16 at Michael Fields Agricultural Institute Gallery, W2493 Highway ES, East Troy.

The exhibit is open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday morning by appointment.

Area quilter Kathi West, of Williams Bay, is the founder of The Williams Bay Scrapper's Guild, and will be one of the artists displaying quilts at the exhibit. West has been quilting for 33 years, starting with lessons and gaining experience at the Sinissippi Quilters Guild in Rockford, Ill.

By 1993, West said, she was ready to start a quilt guild based in Williams Bay, where she resided with her publisher husband, their children and a number of cats. Twenty-one quilters gathered in 1993 and the guild grew to 60 members at one time, meeting in the Lions Field House in Williams Bay. "I can lose myself and all sense of time while I'm quilting," West said. "And the learning possibilities are truly endless. Through the guild we can invite guest speakers and teachers to share their skills and experience with

us; we can participate in quilt shows; we can help each other learn, even as we can support each other on our life journeys."

West said the group members travel together to hear speakers and exhibit their work as a group.

"For example in April we will learn about quilted doll patterns in three sizes including life-sized quilted dolls," she said.

"And we will be taking a bus trip to Nancy's Notions in Beaver Dam. Guild fees are usually modest and so are our travel expenses, but it is all such fun."

Lona Paul, of Delavan, is the president of the Williams Bay Scrapers.

All sales of artwork are direct to the artist.

For more information, visit www.goodearthchurchofthedivine.org.

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Bay art fest seeks exhibitors

The Williams Bay Cultural Art Alliance and the Williams Bay Recreation Department are seeking artists to display their works at the 40th Annual Williams Bay Fine Art and Craft Fest.

The 2016 event will be held July 30 and 31.

The juried exhibition is limited to 60 exhibitors. All works must be original in concept and design.

The event will remain open until all 60 spots are filled. However, priority will be given to applications received by April 16.

The exhibit features cash awards in two categories – fine art and fine craft.

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These days, landscapers are creating backyard living spaces

A decade or two ago, residential landscaping was a simple proposition. Most homes had a few rectangular squares of neatly trimmed lawn, some shrubs around the foundation and maybe a flowerbed or vegetable garden.

Outdoor entertaining was conducted on a poured concrete patio – or perhaps a wooden deck – and whatever grass covered the backyard.

Today homeowners are creating elaborate backyard living spaces complete with ponds, waterfalls and gardens that years earlier could only be found in magazines.

Here's a look at what some of the area's landscapers are up to:

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Breezy Hill Nursery's outdoor garden center provides a variety of annuals and perennials to enhance residential landscapes.

Breezy Hill, Salem

After 35 years in business, Breezy Hill Nursery, along Highway 50 in Salem, Western Kenosha County, has become known throughout the area as a premier design and build landscape and nursery business.

Owners Jerry and Colleen Epping have maintained the original family business atmosphere through Breezy Hill's regular expansions.

It started with just three employees, two wheelbarrows, a dump truck, and a dream. Today, Breezy Hill is a diverse landscape and nursery business with multiple services offered at multiple locations.

Breezy Hill now owns two satellite facilities. The newest is in Menomonee Falls just west of Highway 45 on County Line Road, and 680 acres of prime farmland, which the Eppings bought in Clinton in 2003.

These two business satellites allow Breezy Hill to serve the Janesville, Rockford and Milwaukee areas in addition to southeast Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. Container-grown perennials and flowering shrubs are cultivated on the Salem property. Balled and burlapped nursery stock is harvested from the Clinton farm as well as from other holdings. The locally grown flora has helped Breezy Hill build a reputation for providing hardy stock.

"Jerry and Colleen have evolved their business to meet the needs of their customers," said Cathy Seitz, horticulturist and manager of Breezy Hill's Garden Center, a division the owners launched in 1997. "There are many different services available at Breezy Hill."

Currently, there are nursery, garden center, landscape design and build, irrigation, maintenance, snow plowing, and lighting divisions. The company acts as the general contractor for any landscape-related work a homeowner or business needs. All labor is performed by Breezy Hill staff.

"Our company has the capacity to not only design a landscape, but build it and maintain it as well. There's no need to hire multiple companies to coordinate the services. Breezy Hill does it all." Seitz said.

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Yardscapes like this retaining wall with a waterfall at Breezy Hill Nursery, Salem, are becoming more commonplace at area homes as homeowners turn backyards into living spaces.



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much to offer visitors needing an unusual gift, or those who want to find the designs and colors currently in vogue for sun rooms, gazebos, screened porches, and family rooms. An eclectic array of glassware and outdoor pottery is available.

Various bulk bark and stone mulches are available for pick up or delivery. Gardening gloves, resin garden plaques, tools, outdoor statuary, jewelry, custom floral arrangements and other are also available.

Hill Country Market was another expansion of the retail business at Breezy Hill. The Eppings envisioned a deli and coffee/tea bar linked to a European-style market with a decided country flair. The market features local craft beers, cheeses, wine, sausage, crackers, and specialty items such as homemade soups, fresh produce, and baked goods. Paninis and deli-style sandwiches dominate the menu.

Hill Country Market and Breezy Hill Garden Center have an entire calendar of special events planned, such as wine, cheese, and beer tastings as well as gardening workshops. Some are free and others require a small fee.

Another business settled on the Breezy Hill property is the WildRoots Salon and Spa, one door west of Hill Country Market.

Haircuts, coloring, perms, and more are available. The WildRoots team also offers massage sessions and an exercise studio dedicated to yoga and Pilates classes.

Two of Jerry and Colleen Epping's children and their spouses have joined them working at Breezy Hill, or one of its sister businesses. Their son, Bradd, is a landscape architect. His wife, Megan, takes care of payroll. The Eppings' daughter, Carli, is the owner of Wild Roots. She is a certified

exercise therapist in yoga and Pilates, and also a hairstylist. Carli is married to Joe Schmaling, who serves Breezy Hill as assistant manager.

The company is perhaps best-known for its showcase waterfall on the north side of Highway 50. The waterfall and pond are accented by mature trees, shrubs and flowers that Jerry Epping and his landscaping crew built in front of the Epping residence.

Breezy Hill Nursery is at 7530 288th Ave, Salem, (262) 537-2111.

High Prairie Landscaping, Genoa City

"Before beginning any major landscape project, spend some time researching what you like," advised Dennis Habernicht of High Prairie Landscaping, a company based in Genoa City that provides landscaping construction products to both contractors and homeowners.

According to Habernicht many of the materials used today in outdoor landscaping are far different from those previously used. Pavers are no longer the fragile stones found in the past. Today they are often made of face mix in which an extra durable surface allows a clear color finish that won't fade.

"Today's customers want a great look but at the same time want easy installation and low maintenance," Habernicht said. "So many of our customers are replacing their natural wood decks either with synthetic wood products or with pavers or flagstone to make maintenance easier."

Picking out a new landscaping design, is a time consuming project. Habernicht advises people start by looking at magazines and pull

out photos of what goes along with the look they desire. Then with a file of ideas, visit some local landscape businesses that have materials, which allows customers to see what things really look like. The next step is to meet with a contractor who will look at the site and ideas and work to determine what will fit with your site and budget.

Most important, Habernicht said, is to pick a contractor who has been in business long enough to have a good record of satisfied customers. A good contractor will do the work correctly starting with good base work, which is the key to a good installation.

High Prairie Landscaping is at W363 Walworth St., Genoa City, (262) 279-6500.

All Seasons Lawn and Landscaping, Burlington

Today's homeowners are limited only by space and budget, according to Tom Schaeffer of All Seasons Landscaping, Burlington.

There is one thing, however, all homeowners seem to want no matter how elaborate their landscaping.

"Everybody says low maintenance," said Schaeffer. "Everybody says it, and I kind of chuckle to myself. People want to hire people so they plant the right stuff."

Schaeffer has been in the business for 18 years. His affinity began with mowing lawns as a youngster, and then working for a landscaping business as a summer job.

"My heart always longed to get back into it," he said. "I always liked mowing grass as a kid, building stuff, playing in the dirt."



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This patio, complete with meandering waterfall and an outdoor fireplace, was created by All Seasons Landscaping of Burlington.

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Schaeffer calls his business a “one-stop shop.” He does everything from building landscape lighting, mowing, building waterfalls – and planting everything from flowers to trees.

And, of course, Schaeffer also keeps busy plowing in the winter.

“We do 20-something commercial locations and like 35 driveways,” Schaeffer said.

This time of year, it isn’t always about the new business. Because of the frequent rain, Schaeffer has been insanely busy mowing lawns, but also freshening up landscaping for completed projects.

“Freshening up the landscape keeps me so busy ... I can’t even tell you how busy it is with that kind of stuff,” he said.

But for people wanting to start something new, he also has to set aside time. Waterfalls, he explained, are big-ticket items. He installs perhaps one to three per year.

Everything else is making things look right.

“People don’t care what it’s called. They want to see what it looks like,” Schaeffer said.

Trust is also a key factor, and finding someone to work with who can guide a buyer in the right direction.

“Then it’s just a matter of talking to them a little bit and going to town and making it happen,” he added.

As for going to a landscaper? Schaeffer

said there is a list of reasons.

“A lot of times, people just don’t do it right,” he explained.

Schaeffer said mistakes range from grading the land wrong to picking the wrong plants. He said he has gotten phone calls where people are honest about not hiring, but just want advice – and he’s answered the questions.

“I wouldn’t plumb my own house, or do my own wiring,” he said. “People can do it themselves, but sometimes things go awry.

Outside of the planning process, though, the other major change Schaeffer has seen involves the workforce.

“It’s hard to find anyone who wants to work,” he said. “We’ve got more than enough work. I can’t find the people to fill the positions.”

People want to hire for landscape renovation, to mow lawns – to design and change up what is actually in their yards.

It’s finding the people to do all of that.

“People nowadays don’t want to work outside,” Schaeffer said.

He also pointed out that the job involves layoffs at the end of one season until snow plowing starts – and then until the landscaping picks up in the spring.

“Everyone struggles with the transition,” Schaeffer said.

All Seasons Lawn and Landscaping is at 30625 Running Fox Trail, Burlington, (262) 763-8867

Woodhill Farms, Lake Geneva

Owner Cully Pillman, describes Woodhill Farms as a one-stop shop for landscape products. Pillman and his staff help customers choose nursery stock that is disease resistant or work with customers on landscaping projects, such as waterfalls, paver bricks, and retaining or decorative walls.

“Trees have taken a beating the past few years,” Pillman said. “The emerald ash borers have wiped out a large majority of the ash trees and most likely all of the ash trees in the area will be gone in five years.”

Pillman advised planting Maple trees because they are not susceptible to any known disease.

Deer remain a problem in Wisconsin as they are always looking for “a new place to eat dinner” and if they find the plants and trees they love they will become repeat customers. Yews are one of their favorites so Pillman recommends replacing any yews with boxwood.

“They remain green all year thus giving a nice look to your yard during the bleaker winter months.”

Mulching for decorative looks or to help keep the soil moist gives a nice finished look to a landscape and a very individual look.

“Mulch has changed,” Pillman said.

“No longer are the traditional brown or red mulches available but new types of mulch are here. A triple-shredded mulch made of hardwoods has a unique look as the various hardwoods lend their own color and texture. Black mulches are also popular. Leaf composts without sticks and debris will also produce a great look.”

Woodhill Farms is at N1445 Highway 120, Lake Geneva, (262) 248-9876.

Paul Swartz Nursery, Wilmot

Paul Swartz Nursery is just two miles north of Wilmot and is now owned by Ross Swartz, son of the original owner. Ross has been vice president of the Wisconsin Nursery and Landscape Association and a board member of the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation.

Here in Wisconsin because of the

prevalence of deer, it is important to choose plants that are deer resistant to prevent them from using your landscaping as their feeding grounds.

“Surprisingly, alum plants – which are ornamental green onions – are deer resistant. Hostas, which have been so popular with homeowners the past several years, are like lettuce to the deer,” Ross Swartz said.

In spite of this homeowners love hostas, especially the big leaf hostas.

Diversity is important when choosing plants and trees. “Plants will be healthier when they are not competing for the same nutrients,” according to Swartz. The variety also gives the property a more appealing look. And if one species of tree is attacked all is not lost.

In addition to plants, a well-designed outdoor landscape gives an impressive look. Bringing in a variety of materials that work together are important. No longer is the plain wood deck the optimum look in backyard

landscaping. Natural stone walkways, patios, stairways add a more finished look to outdoor décor. Retaining walls and freestanding walls of brick and boulders and terraced flowerbeds are just some of the possibilities.

One of the popular items being installed in back yards is a fire pit. Paul Swartz Nursery offers the latest in fire pits and how to fit one into a landscape design. Sitting by the fire on a spring, summer, or fall evening is the perfect way to end the day. For the hardy Wisconsin resident, sitting by the fire pit in winter is also a great experience.

Planning is most important to provide a finished professional look and the best way to achieve that look is to visit a professional landscape company.

Paul Swartz Nursery is at 30728 93rd St., Burlington, (262) 889-4301.

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Sprecher's to host beer barons dinner

Black Point Estate and Sprecher's Restaurant and Pub will have a beer barons dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. April 14 at Sprecher's, 111 Center St., Lake Geneva.

Cost is \$65 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Black Point Estate at (262) 248-1888.

Funds from the dinner will be used to restore the estate's 1871 Zeller billiard table that Chicago beer baron Conrad Seipp bought. The Seipps initially used the table to entertain guests at their Chicago home and then moved the table to their summer cottage on Geneva Lake.

Zeller tables of this age are considered rare and unrivaled in workmanship, said Black Point Director Dave Desimone.

"Our table looks pretty good for being nearly 150 years old but can use a little tender love and care to bring it back to its former splendor," Desimone said. "We searched for quite some time in order to find the right company to handle the job. The search led us to Chicago, then to New York, then finally to Derrick Tiers' Billiard Restoration Service of Clay Center, Kansas."

Tiers inspected the table in mid-November and was really impressed with the quality of the table and accompanying cue rack, noting that Zeller tables of this caliber are few and far between, Desimone said. Tiers will dismantle the table and restore it in his shop in Kanas. Work to be done includes light restoration work on the wood finishes, repair loose or damaged veneer, replace cushions, nickel plate pocket irons and rail bolts, knit pockets and leather components and replace bed and rail cloth.

"It is our goal that once fully restored, to actually allow guests to use the billiard



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The billiards room at Black Point Estate boasts an 1871 Zeller billiards table, which is considered rare and unrivaled in workmanship.

table from time to time," Desimone said. "To play a game of billiards on a 1870s table at a beer baron's summer cottage would be a very memorable experience."

A three-course meal of beer cheese soup or house salad followed by a steak and salmon dinner served with beer cheese potatoes and chef's vegetable melody will be followed by chocolate bliss cake. Menu selections will be paired with beers from the Sprecher's line of beverages.

During the dinner, Michael Rehberg,

lead interpreter at Black Point Estate, will discuss the beer barons who lived along the shores of Geneva Lake. Colin Cummings, assistant general manager at Sprecher's, will be on hand to discuss the beers being sampled. Both Rehberg and Cummings are year-round residents of the area and are experts in their respective fields.

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Outdoor permits down at county park

by **Kellen Olshefski**

STAFF WRITER

Hunting and trapping permits pulled in Walworth County to hunt in Walworth County's White River Park dropped significantly in 2015, falling far below sales levels of 2014.

Walworth County Director of Central Services Eric Nitschke said during the Walworth County Parks Committee meeting on Feb. 15 he thinks while there was a lot of interest initially for supporting hunting in the area, it has dropped because of hunting game and wildlife in the park.

According to a report provided to the committee, though deer archery permits remained fairly steady last year, with the county selling 26 permits in 2015, only one less from the previous year, gun deer was a bit of a different story, with only eight permits being sold in 2015, compared to 21 in 2014.



In 2014, six permits were sold for the deer muzzleloader season, 12 were sold for the deer holiday hunt, 17 were sold for the fall turkey season, 10 waterfowl permits were sold, 13 trapping permits were sold and 11 small game permits were sold. A stark contrast in 2015, zero were sold among all six categories.

In total, 119 permits were sold in 2014, with only 38 being sold in 2015.

However, Nitschke said he thinks what the county saw in 2015 is fairly standard for what they'd see in a park of similar size.

Nitschke said in the past, the previous owner would allow residents to hunt the property. However, with it now being open to the public, 48 to 50 permits means a lot of hunters on a piece of property of its size.

White River Trail passes

As for the White River State Trail, in 2015 Walworth County sold a total of 685 annual trail passes and 1,515 daily trail passes, according to information included in the committee's packet.

Six area vendors sell trail passes, the Pedal and Cup in Springfield being the only vendors which sells both annual and daily passes and is allowed to keep 10 percent of the money received per their sub-vendor agreement with the county. There are additionally five self-registration stations in parking lots along the trail.

A total of 303 annual passes were sold by the six vendors, with the remaining 382 annual passes being sold at self-registration stations or directly by the Walworth County Public Works Department.

Of the 1,515 daily passes sold, 507 were sold by Pedal and Cup, the remained being sold from self-registration stations.

County Board Chairwoman Nancy Russell said funds are supposed to be used for the maintenance of the trail. Russell said of the annual passes sold in Walworth County, she believes the county receives 70 percent of the revenue from the sales.



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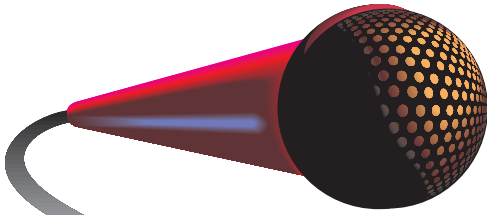
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MAN *behind the* MIC



Area man learned about music, life as he piled up 200 performances in 2015

by **Jennifer Eisenbart**

STAFF WRITER

Music is, without a doubt, an art form with many different takes and styles – an open exploration, if you will, of expression and emotion.

It follows, then, that open mic nights – a group of musicians who gather to perform whatever appeals to them on that given day – somehow manage to spin two to three hours of widely disparate music into an evening of magic.

“It’s nirvana for a musician,” explained Erik Erickson, who runs the weekly event at the Coffee House at Chestnut and Pine in Burlington. “(It’s) showing their most intimate parts of themselves musically.”

That concept is something one area man has used to examine his life in a new way over the last few years – and to change it as well.

On Dec. 26, Tim Mocarski completed his 200th open mic event of the year for 2015. His trek took him all over southeastern Wisconsin, as well as various sites in the west as he and his significant other, Susan Haugland, took a meandering summer vacation.

The original goal, Mocarski stated, was 183 open mics – performing, in essence, every other day.

By the time he got to early December, though, Mocarski realized that he was just shy of 200.

He proceeded to pack 14 open mic nights into 20 days, the last of which was at the Coffee House at Chestnut and Pine. A regular at that event since its inception, the performance was fitting for Mocarski.

“If he wasn’t there, I imagine him to be



Former Burlington High School teacher Tim Mocarski completed 200 open mic night performances across southeast Wisconsin – and in the country – in 2015.

JENNIFER EISENBART *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

there in spirit,” said Erickson of the few Thursday nights Mocarski doesn’t make it to Burlington. “If he’s anywhere within one state away, he’ll be there on Thursdays.”

A new take on life

Mocarski has been “making music” – his words – for about 40 years. In most of that time, though, he was also an English teacher at Burlington High School and a devoted husband to his wife, Cathie.

With Wisconsin public education going through a change in 2011 due to Act 10, Mocarski made the decision to retire. His wife, meanwhile, became progressively disabled due to an autoimmune disorder – and Mocarski became her primary caregiver.

Cathie died in early 2013, and Mocarski found himself gravitating back to his music. With the Thursday open mic night set up at the Coffee House, he took his first step on stage there.

“I remember being very nervous,”

Mocarski recalled. “I thought I was Leo Kottke (a famous acoustic guitarist), and I soon discovered that the only connection between me and him was that I have shaky leg syndrome.

“I was nervous,” he added. “But that nervousness has gone away over the time.”

Making his voice heard

Perhaps ironically, Mocarski never directly put together the link between being an English teacher and his habit of sketching out songs and lyrics.

“I suppose there is one,” Mocarski said. “Writers, musicians, indeed all artists, see the world and try to get those experiencing the art to see it the same way.

“If that makes sense,” he added.

Mocarski uses real life to inspire his music – both what he takes the time to write himself, and what he performs at any number of open mic events throughout the area.

A typical evening at an open mic night



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for him might include a song by artists ranging from Pete Seeger to Van Morrison, as well as an original song.

The original music, Mocarski said, is influenced by “what is affecting me at the time.”

Mocarski has written songs after his wife died, based on topical events in the news, and even songs based on another performer. He started seriously exploring writing his own music after he retired in 2011.

Of course, Mocarski’s music wouldn’t be complete without mentioning his love for baseball. While many Wisconsinites talk about the Green Bay Packers during fall and winter, Mocarski frequently posts the days until spring training begins.

Is it any wonder, then, that one of his favorite original pieces is, “If They Don’t Have Baseball in Heaven, I’m Not Going”?

Expanding his life

Over the last few years, Mocarski’s musical exploits have widened. The 2015 goal was just an example of how much he has stepped into his own music, though he joked, “I had nothing better to do.”

But performers like Mocarski – now performing most often with Haugland, who he calls “my happy” and with whom he’s formed the musical group “Wattle and Daub” – are the backbone of open mic nights, according to Erickson.

“You have a certain group of people you can count on to come in week after week,” Erickson said. “With that, there is a promise

of making it to the next week.”

And as Mocarski has grown on the stage with Haugland joining him, Erickson has seen an evolution.

“He’s like a rock, and she’s right there with him,” Erickson explained. “They are, actually, kind of a delightful couple. They play off each other quite well, and it’s kind of infectious.”

Of course, the two writing and performing songs together hasn’t hurt. Songs like “The Luckiest One,” “We Carry On,” and “The Road Trip” have worked their way onto the stage.

The two also worked their way out west over the summer, adding a few unusual stops to the open mic tour – and picking up their “name.” Passing by The Cataldo Mission and doing some research on the church that was built there, the two chose the building method that employs woven lattice (wattle) packed with mud (daub) as their name.

“And we said, ‘that’s a band name,’” Mocarski said. “That’s OUR band name.”

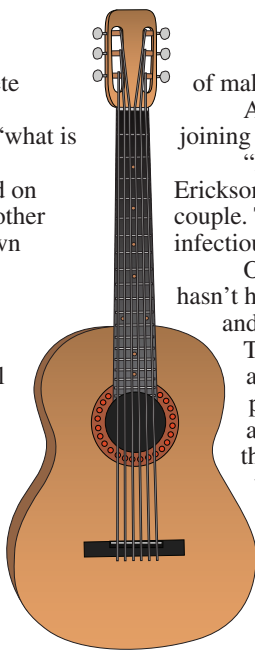
Added Haugland, “Building a foundation.”

Milestones hit – and set

Mocarski made no secret the last open mic of 2015 should be in Burlington.

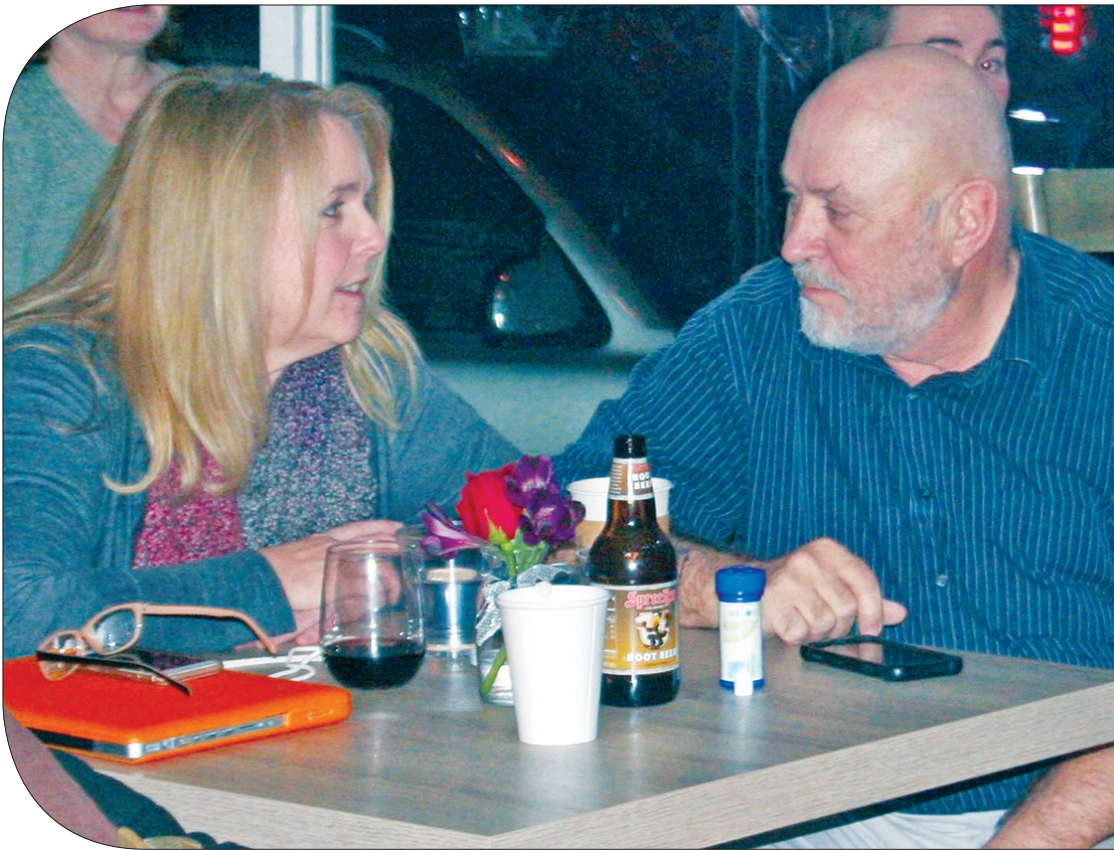
“I wanted it to be here,” he said. “The Coffee House is just such a welcoming place.”

The circuit of open mics – which includes TG’s and Sazzy B in Kenosha – has taught Mocarski a lot about music, and himself.



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Susan Haugland (left) and Tim Mocarski are regulars at Burlington’s Coffee House at Chestnut and Pine for open mic night on Thursdays.



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Susan Haugland (left) and Tim Mocarski have grown into a relationship with each other, both on and off the stage.

"I've learned, first of all, you don't make money," he said. "But I never expected to. I've learned that there are a great number of very talented musicians in southeast Wisconsin that will, unfortunately, never become world famous.

"I've met a lot of interesting people," he added. "I've found out that every open mic is different, but the people that attend them...tend to have the same characters. Just different names."

And the goal for 2016? Expanding the horizons to meet more of those people. Now Mocarski is aiming for 75 different venues in one year – and has already been to at least 12 spots.



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hether standing majestically on a bluff overlooking the lake or hugging

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CORRESPONDENT

the shoreline at water level, the beauty of lakefront property cannot be denied. Nowhere are lake homes more enticing than those found in the Geneva Lakes area.

On Geneva Lake there is a fine combination of historical homes, the summer estates of wealthy barons of industry from Chicago, and newer homes that have been built on vacant land or replaced some of the older homes. Many of the massive summer estates were a

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The Lady of the Lake brings a party of guests to a private pier during tours of Geneva Lake. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, guests often arrived at lakeside mansions by boat.

haven to escape the heat of the city. The custom of spending summers on not only Geneva Lake, but other smaller lakes in the southern lakes region continues to this day.

Waterfront property continues to be highly sought after – from the high-end properties found on Geneva Lake to the properties available on other lakes in the area.

How to find the correct house for a family's needs, in the right location, and at the right price, requires time, patience, and knowledge of the properties currently on the market, according to area real estate professionals.

So where does one begin in the search for the perfect lake house? A good start is by contacting the Realtors in the area who are knowledgeable and experienced about high-end lake property.

Steve Beers, president of Keefe Realty in Lake Geneva and Robert Rauland, President of Rauland Agency in Walworth, shared their knowledge and experience on finding and successfully purchasing high-end lake property. Mickey Horgan of Keller Williams Realty in Twin Lakes, who has spent 31 years working with buyers and sellers of lake property in the Twin Lakes area, also offered her insight.

The big one

Geneva Lake is a spring-fed lake and is the second largest inland lake in Wisconsin. Lake Geneva, Fontana, and Williams Bay attract a large number of visitors who come to the area for the recreational opportunities available. Visitors enjoy the sandy beaches, boating and water sports and it is often after spending time here that visitors begin to entertain the idea of purchasing a summer residence in the area.

That's when the real work begins. The first step is determining a price range.

"That price point may determine where the property will be purchased," Beers said. "The budget may not be large enough to purchase one of the multi-million dollar properties on Lake Geneva but may be more suitable for one of the many other

smaller lakes in the area.”

Areas such as Delavan Lake, Twin Lakes (lakes Mary and Elizabeth), and the Lauderdale Lakes chain provide a different environment and a lower price tag.

Rauland recalls how sales have changed since the 1950s. “Back then everything was done person to person,” he said. “In the days before fax machines, cell phones, computers, realtors presented their offers face to face.”

He recalled driving to Chicago to present offers and to get signatures on contracts. Now everything is done instantly, using

technology. “But it is in knowing the prospective buyer and listening to discover what is important to them that will result in happy clients who end up with the lake property appropriate for their needs,” he said.

Sometimes, the decision may be to purchase a property on a smaller lake and then trade up in a few years.

“Long-term rentals have become another way to have the property one desires without investing a large amount of capitol in the property,” Beers said. “This method is sometimes used by those who are still

waiting for complete recovery from the financial losses of the early part of this century.”

Today’s buyers often come to the Realtor with more knowledge than they did years ago. They have spent time online checking out properties and have a better idea of what is available and the price range for that area.

But the information they find online may be inaccurate or incomplete. Some of the properties may have sold and so the house they thought would be perfect is not available. Seeing a Realtor who is



Majesty of Royal Oaks

Above: This elegant French Chateau inspired 18,000 sq. ft. home on the shore of Geneva Lake is known as Royal Oaks Estate. Built in 1992, this single family home is located on 3.28 acres of land including 214 feet of level lake frontage.

At right: The estate features a three-bedroom guest home complete with 2.5 bathrooms and a three-car garage for guests to allow for privacy.

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knowledgeable and up to date about lake properties available can lead to finding the perfect fit.

On a tour

Beers graciously took me on a tour of a beautiful property on the Geneva Lake shore. Here we met Bob Webster, the listing agent for the home. Webster pointed out some of the beautiful features of the home, which is listed for \$2.2 million. Cooking here would be a pleasure in the all-white kitchen with stainless steel appliances and hardwood floors and windows looking out to the lake view.

“Today's buyers are mostly looking for move-in ready. They do not want to have to update or replace items,” Webster said.

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The extra large kitchen at Royal Oaks Estate allows for casual entertaining. The high-end oversize cabinets provide plenty of storage space and the decorative beamed ceiling provides a finished look to the room.

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another home of 4,000 square feet is available. While not on the shore, it does have lake rights and is listed for \$699,000. Moving just a short distance off the lakefront where you may still have a lake view and lake rights saves a significant amount of money.

As Realtors often say, “location, location, location” is most important when choosing a property. Houses can be remodeled or enlarged, but the location especially the lakefront footage cannot be changed. When considering lake property, buyers must decide how important being on the lake is as opposed to a lake view.

Chris Horgan, an assistant to Mickey Horgan, said that choosing a lake view location will reduce the cost of the house as compared to a lakefront property.

The number of feet of lake frontage also factors heavily into the cost of the property. Fifty feet of lakefront on Geneva Lake will probably run into the \$1 million to \$1.5 million range although that cost could be much higher depending on the type of home on the property. Quality of lakefront also factors into the cost.

For families interested in boating, a deeper shoreline may be the choice. Those with small children, however, might prefer a shallow beach area where the children can swim.

Decisions, decisions

Buyers must also decide if they prefer to be directly on the shore or up on a bluff with steps down to the shore. Some families will spend years before the property for them comes on the market. Others have been known to come and look

at a property, fall in love with it and make an offer that very day.

When it comes to lake property, Rauland recommends making the very best offer that you can when seeking a home.

“Sometimes people try to make a low offer, much lower than they are willing to pay and much lower than the property is worth, only to have the offer rejected and the seller is no longer willing to negotiate with them. The best chance of having an offer accepted is on the first try.”

There was a time when lakefront properties generally were passed down from one generation to another. Today people often sell their lake houses to move up to a bigger property or to downsize once they are empty nesters, only to upsize again when the grandchildren arrive.

Sometimes family homes are sold because there is a divided opinion among siblings on whether to hold onto the home once they inherit it. In other cases the children may live too far away to be able to enjoy the property on a regular basis. And then of course there are taxes. With taxes ranging from \$40,000 to \$85,000 or more – depending on the size of the property – the heirs are often unable to afford the home.

What's available?

The reasons why lake homes come up for sale are as many as the people who own them.

Rauland tells the story of a home in Linn on the Geneva Lake shore that is known as Royal Oaks Estates – a custom-built Chateau style home with seven bedrooms, nine full baths and a kitchen that measures 44 feet by 22 feet. The main house is



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Families looking for a lake home in a more moderate price range can find properties in the \$400,000 to \$2.5 million on some of the other lakes and may even find homes less than \$300,000 just off the lake.

Chris Horgan mentioned a lake view property in Twin Lakes, which was not on the lakefront but across the street, and had a sale price less than \$300,000. Nearby homes on the lakefront were listed at \$800,000 and \$1 million, respectively. So even though the price of the lake view property was

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- Consider the type of property you are seeking whether condominium or single-family home, or grand estate.
- Set your budget. If you have an idea of what you want and can afford your Realtor is better able to steer you in the right direction.
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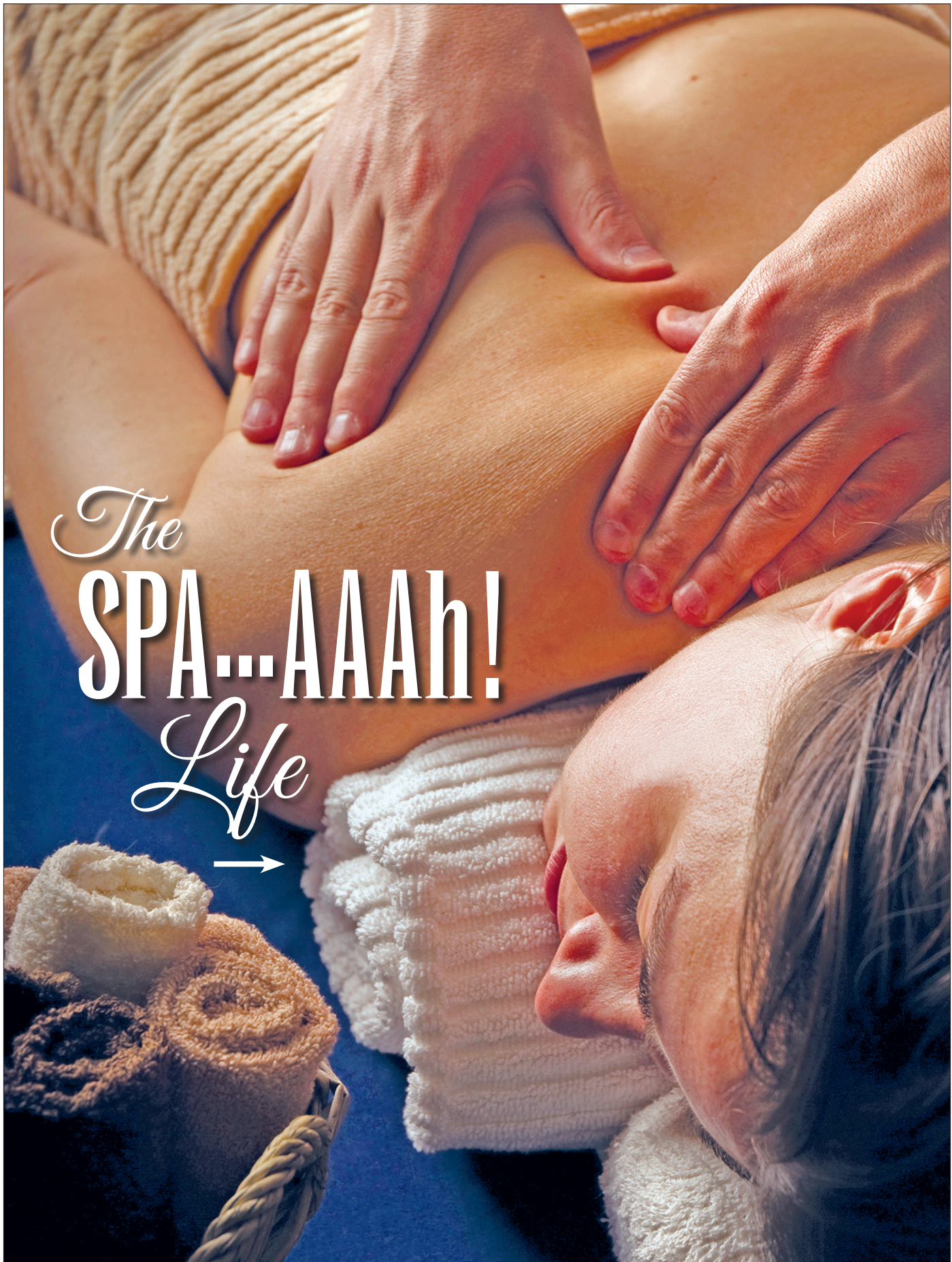
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A time of Pampering and Relaxation away from the stresses of life

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
CORRESPONDENT

Just the mention of the word spa brings a smile to a person's face as she begins to imagine a time of decadent pampering, relaxation and time away from the everyday stresses of modern life.

Breathing in the scents of aromatherapy while a masseuse gently kneads away the stress in your muscles delivers a sublime sense of relaxation. A facial could follow, to rejuvenate the skin after a cold Midwest winter. This is just the start of a relaxing spa day, which could also include a manicure, pedicure, lounging around or swimming in the pool and a luncheon served in the peaceful lounge.

Today's spas are very different from the original spas that were found in the early days of the Roman Empire. It was the soldiers who returned from battle and found that soaking in thermal waters helped heal their aches, pains, and wounds. This was the beginning of baths being built by the Romans and their use spread to other members of the community – that is to the men of the community.

In the 14th century, the town of Spa, Belgium, began to build baths with thermal waters and one theory is that the term spa

came from that town as spas or baths were beginning to spread through Europe. Bath, England, became popular as a place to come for medicinal spa baths.

The spa movement spread through Europe and eventually made its way to the United States, where spas were built in areas where thermal waters occurred. These early spas were more focused on bathing. Today bathing is a daily ritual and people turn to the spa for improvement in health through rest, relaxation, exercise and pampering.

The International Spa Association defines a spa as a place devoted to overall well-being through a variety of professional services that encourage renewal of mind, body and spirit, thus making visits to the spa much more enjoyable than those found in the early days.

Relaxation is the key

Is there anything more special than a day at the spa? Actually there is. How about a weekend at the spa? For many years the spa



Most area spas offer lounges with coffee, tea or wine to further relax clients as they transition between services.

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For most people, a spa day was not in their schedule or their budget. But times have changed. It is not only the wealthy that take advantage of spas. Women are now the principal users of spas but there has been a recent increase in the number of men also seeking spa services.

Now take time to look through the lists of services available at local spas and find the ones that suit your needs. Imagine a massage with the therapist kneading away the stress that has accumulated in your neck and shoulders.

As spring is approaching, a good pedicure is a must to wear those sandals that will show off your toes. Be daring and try a different color polish. No need to stick to the plain old pinks, oranges, and reds. Try a blue, green or purple polish for a new look.

Ready for a massage? Try one of the special massages, such as the hot stone massage, to increase the relaxation of the muscles. Many spas now offer a massage that uses cupping. In these massages, special cups, which are said to increase circulation to the area, are placed on the skin. A facial will make your skin glow. Remember bikini season is right around the corner. Now is the time to take care of your waxing needs.

Where to start?

So once you have decided to spend a day luxuriating at a spa, what is the next step? Well, any activity is more fun when shared with friends or a loved one, so gather up a friend or group of

friends, and make this spa day a girls' getaway. Or a romantic overnight stay with your spouse or significant other featuring a couples massage may be just the perfect getaway. So where do we start?

In the Lake Geneva area there are several high-quality spas that deserve a look as you plan for one spa service, an entire spa day, or weekend getaway.

Grand Geneva Resort, Well Spa and Salon

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According to John Morris, manager of the Well Spa, the spa has grown out of the original racquet and sport club started in the 1970s by the Playboy Club, former owners of the property that is now Grand Geneva Resort. In 1994 the spa was added to the sport club.

"Spa services have changed over the years," Morris said. "There is less emphasis on pampering and frivolity and more emphasis on health. We offer a complete spa package, not only pampering services, but tennis and cardio and strength programs."

Membership packages are available to residents of the area who make this their health club. In addition, guests at the hotel are able to take advantage of both the spa facilities and the fitness room to stay in shape while staying at the resort.

Originally, women came in for one service such as a manicure, facial, or massage. Now it is not unusual for a group of women to come in for a day of pampering as a girls' getaway. Massages and facials are a favorite combination combined with lunch and time in



Pedicures have grown in popularity as a means to relax and prepare your toes for summer sandal season.

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Bridal parties often book a day of pampering that may include a facial, massage, and nails. Or the party may choose to extend the services to include hair services, or waxing. While relaxing in the lounge, they may add some white wine to enjoy between services.

The Swedish massage remains the most popular form of massage but there are certainly other choices. Aromatherapy massages and hot stone massages are favored by many clients.

“A change in spa services,” Morris said, “includes more men coming in for services. While massage is still the most common service they request, they are beginning to request facials, perhaps due to encouragement from their spouse. Couples massages are quite popular as couples enjoy a relaxing time together.”

When spa services are complete, special shopping opportunities are nearby, in the resort gift shop or in downtown Lake Geneva just a few minutes away.

The spa offers many services that can be checked out on line. Because Well Spa is an adult facility, a child care center is

available for members and guests at an added fee.

When one takes the time to sync their mind and body rather than syncing with their computer and tablet, a restful change will be realized.

Avani Spa at The Abbey Resort

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The Abbey Resort has been providing luxurious resort activities since its opening in 1962. With its recently updated spa facilities and spa pool area it is a great place for a day of relaxing and a great spa experience.

According to Sara Schmitz, marketing director, the spa caters to guests of the resort and to local residents. A spa membership allows for a work out in the fitness center, a swim in the newly renovated pool, and use of the sauna.

The spa offers a complete range of spa services including massage, nails, hair, facials and fitness center and also offers some



Girlfriends get-a-ways, sister's weekends and mother-daughter weekends are a popular way to enjoy a spa and spend time with friends or loved ones.

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unique services. Have you ever experienced a reflexology massage? The therapist will work only on your hands and feet where she will knead the pressure points, allowing the nerve network to boost the immune system to fight illness and leave the recipient with total body relaxation.

Expecting a new addition in the family? Then it is time for a mom to be to come for a maternity massage. This massage is specifically designed to relieve the muscle aches and fatigue associated with pregnancy – especially in the later stages. The stress and fatigue will melt away.

Even better than just a maternity massage, is to enjoy the Baby Moon package. Both mom and dad-to-be will spend a night at the resort enjoying a massage for each, a facial for each, and a pedicure for each. A decadent way to enjoy the time together before life moves onto its next phase.

What teenage girl would not enjoy a day at the spa? While many spas only offer adult services, Avani has special spa services for teenagers. The It's All About Me teen spa package provides two hours of spa services including a massage, clear facial, and manicure and pedicure. Or any of these services can be booked individually.

Calladora Spa at Lake Lawn Resort

2400 E. Geneva, Delavan • (262) 725-9201

Calladora Spa is different, according to manager Christine Showalter, because while it is located on the grounds of the resort, it is spa exclusive.

“That means we are not connected with the fitness memberships or the resort fees. The only guests in the spa are those having services at the spa.”

The spa offers full salon services including no-chip manicures and pedicures. A variety of massages, facials,

and body treatments will revitalize your skin after the stress of winter. An exfoliating sugar body scrub will refresh and nourish your skin as you are readying yourself for summer.

Girl friend groups, bridal parties and couples services are all available. Enjoy the lounge between services with complimentary coffee and tea.

Or perhaps a glass of white wine, which is available for purchase, is more to your liking.

The special Calladora Suite has two soaking tubs that may be added to a couples massage. With a water feature, soft lighting and music, the guests can control the bubble feature in their tub from very light to high speed.

Services for teens include manicures, pedicures and hair and makeup. Mothers and daughters often have manicures or pedicures side by side. Facials and massages can be arranged with parent consent but teens must change in the treatment rooms to respect the privacy of the adults in the locker room. The spa regularly sponsors teen guests from the community, teaching young girls the importance of a skin care routine.

Heartland Spa

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The Heartland Spa, in the Bella Vista Suites on Wrigley Drive, is “the new kid in town.”

Although it is new to Lake Geneva, the spa has a long history in Gilman, Ill., where it made its home on a farm.

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Barn Raising



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More than 100 people gather as part of a grand opening celebration at the White River County Park in 2014 on the site of Duane Clark's former farm in the Town of Lyons. Since then, the Friends of the White River County Park group has formed and is now undertaking the renovation of the barn (at right in photo) as its next project.

Study to look into potential uses for White River Park barn

The Friends of the White River Park group is getting the ball rolling on the renovation of barn in the park with a little help from Walworth County.

Walworth County Director of Central Services Director Eric Nitschke said during a February Walworth County Parks Committee meeting county officials had met with the friends group and Peter Scherrer about the next steps for the barn.

Nitschke said the county is looking to work with the friends group to bring Scherrer on board the project to complete some background work.

The Peter Scherrer Group, based out of Burlington and formed as a father-daughter team in 2009, primarily focuses

by **Kellen Olshefski**
STAFF WRITER

on real estate development and construction as well as consulting services related to real estate and facilities solutions.

At this point, Nitschke said, the county isn't spending any funds on the project, though it is doing it in partnership with the group, as it is the county's barn. He said the hopes are for Scherrer to provide some research on architects, what could possibly come of the barn and do some of the initial documentation and the steps needed to find funding sources for the project.

"Really, the idea is that we're going to continue to move forward, but the friends group is going to contract with Mr. Peter Scherrer to start the process of doing some of the initial planning for the barn itself," he said.

“

He wouldn't be surprised if the barn ended up being a nature and learning center on lower floors and some type of gathering space on the upper level.”

Citizen-member Merilee Holst said when the county first started looking at the barn, the idea was that classrooms and the like would be downstairs, though members wanted to know more about plans for the barns upper level.

Nitschke said the general thought process is doing the legwork to find an architect to look at various uses for the barn, be it as a place to rent out or a place for learning.

However, he said before those discussions take place data needs to be gathered regarding costs, architectural renderings for what the barn could look like and structural and internal upgrades needed.

“That's where there's a preliminary engagement letter with the Peter Scherrer Group with various steps and the county is working with the friends group to walk through those steps,” he said.

Once they reach the point of determining a specific use for the barn, Nitschke said, the county would be much more involved in the project.

“Right now, it's more of a data, information gathering to get to the donation and funding portion of this,” he said.

County Administrator David Bretl said the County Board previously approved authorizing the friends to conduct the study, as well as naming the barn after Walworth County Board Chairwoman Nancy Russell.

Bretl said the both the committee and

County Board would review the project again, being the county has to approve not only donated money, but the business plan and architectural plan.

While he said he's not exactly sure what plans are for gathering input from the community and board members, he said he wouldn't be surprised if the barn ended up being a nature and learning center on lower floors and some type of gathering space on the upper level.

“That will be up to the direction that you provide and the board as well,” he said.

Bretl said he thinks the board would be pretty flexible with different uses in the barn, so long as it doesn't become a long-term, large expense for the county.

Nitschke said comments and concerns posed by the committee are warranted, though he intends to keep the committee informed of any discussions that are going on.

“The county has full intent of tracking this very, very closely and keeping you, the Park Committee, comprised of where the general direction is going,” he said.

“If we need to take a pause, we absolutely can do that, but we want to keep the discussion moving because there's a lot of interest and interest in the financial perspective where folks want to donate to improve this not as a fancy, shiny barn, but something that's preserved for the benefit of the county residents.”

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Katelyn Rosenow, a sophomore at Delavan-Darien High School, displays many of the items collected for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Marshfield during Relay for Life of Walworth County's event last July. Rosenow's drive for Hope Lodge was part of the reason Relay For Life of Walworth County won the Community of Hope award at this year's Wisconsin Relay For Life Leadership Conference.

Inspiring others for cancer fight

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM EARNS COVETED AWARD AT STATE CONFERENCE

For Relay For Life of Walworth County, what was a day of learning, inspiration and sharing ideas at the 2016 Wisconsin Relay For Life Leadership Conference ended with a big surprise – winning the Community of Hope award.

The annual award is given to an event that successfully implements mission-related activities in order to positively impact the cancer burden and increase American Cancer Society awareness in their community, and demonstrates that through leadership, initiative and creativity in programming. Heidi Schulz, a cancer survivor and team captain of the

by **Kellen Olshefski**
STAFF WRITER

Walworth County Cloggers Relay For Life team, said the Event Leadership Team of Walworth County set a goal at the beginning of the year to focus on the American Cancer Society mission.


She said they chose to focus on two key areas: promoting awareness of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and achieving ACS CAN CLUB recognition, and educating members about Hope Lodge while also collecting needed items.

The minimum nationwide standards at the event level for CLUB recognition include designating a volunteer or staff



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member to track results and distribute CLUB materials and the recruitment of at least 40 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network members at each event.

Events meeting the standards receive a banner to display and a sticker for each year they achieve the goals set by the program. Events that reach 100 members receive a certificate signed by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network President and events exceeding 200 members are acknowledged at the National Relay for Life leadership summit.

Schulz said to achieve CLUB status, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network staff and volunteers attended the Walworth County Relay kickoff last year, came to relay meetings to talk about the network and promoted it via Facebook. At last year's relay, a member spoke during the opening ceremony, set up a table and visited each campsite.

As a result, Schulz said Relay for Life of Walworth County was able to sign up more than 40 members.

Hope Lodge

As for the needs drive for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Marshfield, Schulz's daughter, Katelyn Rosenow, is working with the help of Meghan Havill, staff specialist with the American Cancer Society's Madison office.

Hope Lodge provides a free housing for adult cancer patients and their caregivers who travel to Marshfield for cancer treatment typically not available in their home communities.

Cancer patients at the non-medical facility receive support from professionals, families, friends and other cancer patients and a wide variety of cancer programs and services are available to help build morale during cancer treatments at the nearby Marshfield Clinic.

Rosenow, a sophomore at Delavan-Darien High School,

reached out to Hope Lodge and after promotion of the lodge throughout the year at meetings and through social media, set up a needs drive for last year's Relay for Life event.

The needs drive table included testimonials from guests, a needs list, facts and the number of nights provided to Walworth County residents at the lodge. Last year's event even featured a "Hope" lap when teams could drop off items as they passed the table and the DJ read facts about the lodge.

This year will mark Rosenow's seventh year participating in the Relay for Life team led by her mother and composed of friends and families of the Walworth County Cloggers.

Schulz said Rosenow has been an active member of Relay for Life of Walworth County's Event Leadership Team since she was 11, has acted as a co-chair on the Luminaria and entertainment committees, and has also co-chaired the Entertainment and Activities Committee with Elkhorn sophomore Ryan Marks.

"Katelyn and Ryan have worked together to bring the fun to the event," Schulz said. "She has attended Relay For Life leadership conferences for many years, but never had the surprise of walking to the stage to accept an award for the Walworth County Relay that she and so many others put so much time and hard work into planning."



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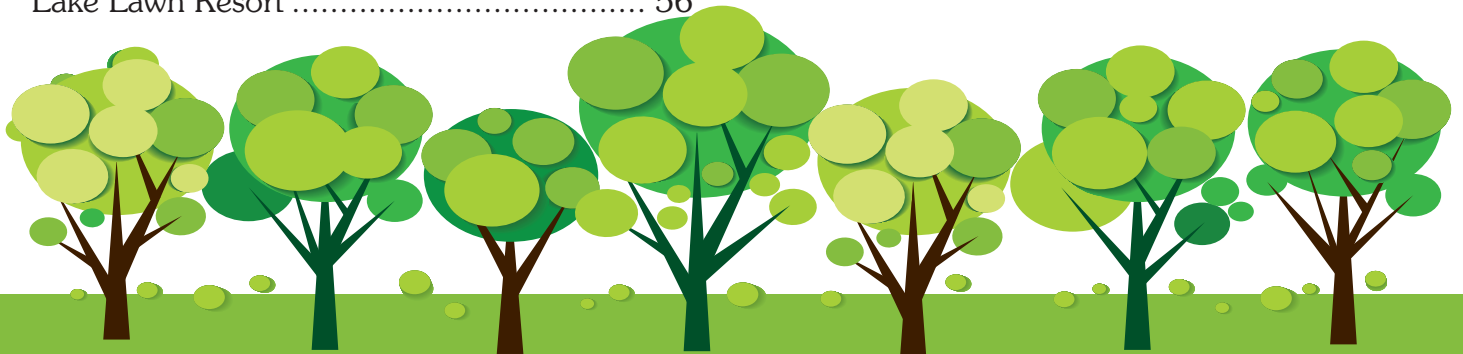
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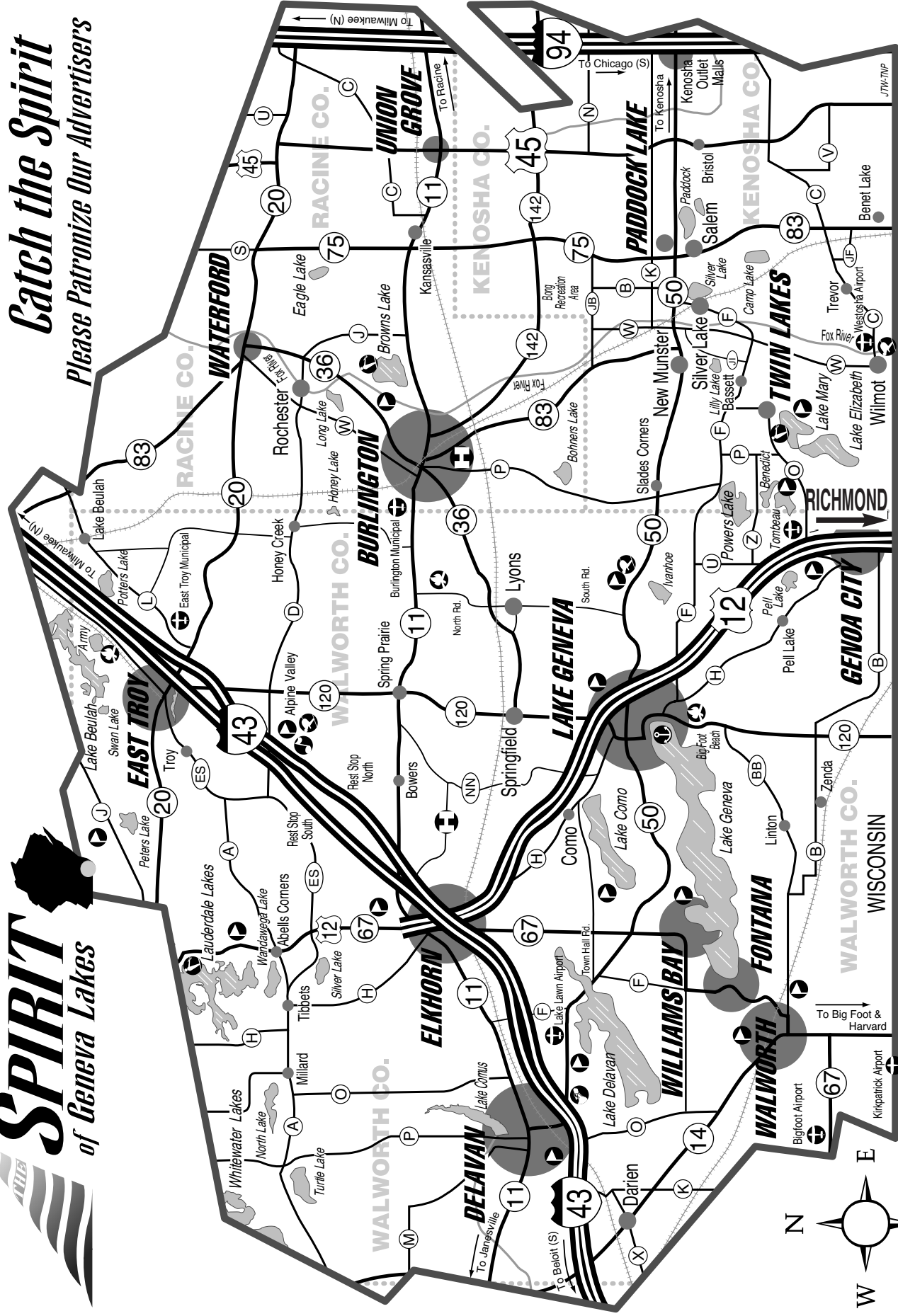
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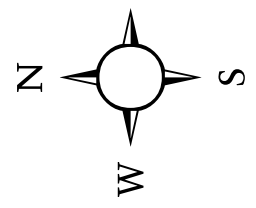
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