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Hope springs eternal

Golf is the beauty of a dew-kissed morning stretched out in lush fairways and challenging greens that make ordinary days extraordinary. And, in a part of the country where the four seasons rule, golfers anticipate the arrival of spring and the call of the course like a visit from a best friend. But spring is about more than golf. For most, it's a chance to get outside and enjoy all the area has to offer – whether it's a burger and fries at your favorite drive-in or a relaxing trail ride on your favorite horse.

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IT'S COMIN' UP

APRIL EVENTS

1 Easter egg hunt, 1 p.m., Grand Geneva Resort and Spa – golf pavilion, 7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva. Bring baskets, hunt for kids age 10 and younger. Info: www.grandgeneva.com

1 Easter Egg Candy Hunts and Meet and Greet Petting Zoo, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana. Two egg hunts and the Easter Bunny at the Harbor Patio. Petting zoo at the Sandbar. Info: www.theabbeyresort.com

1 to 15 Art exhibit at Gallery 223, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the gallery, 223 Broad St., Lake Geneva. Paintings, prints, photographs, pottery, jewelry, glass works, sculpture and cards created by members of the Geneva Lake Arts Foundation. Info: 262-249-7988

3 Tuesdays @ Two: Frank Lloyd Wright and the Geneva Hotel, 2 p.m. at the Geneva Lake Museum, 255 Mill St., Lake Geneva. Info: www.genevalakemuseum.com

6 Swinging Sixties Supper Club Fundraiser, 6 to 10 p.m., at Celebration on Wells, 422 S. Wells St., Lake Geneva. Dinner, live entertainment, music and dancing. Hosted by the Geneva Lakes Women's Association. Info: www.glwa.net

7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 Train Rides, at East Troy Railroad, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. departing from the East Troy Depot and the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago. Tickets are good all day: \$12.50 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors, \$8 for kids age 3 to 14, and children 2 and younger ride for free. Info: www.easttroyrr.org

7, 14, 21, 28 Victorian Tea and Historic Home Tour, 2 p.m., at the Baker House, 327 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva. Reservations required at 262-248-4700. Cost: \$32.

8 "The Cat in the Hat", 3 p.m. at the Young Auditorium, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 930 W. Main St. Tickets: \$16.50 for adults, \$9.50 for students.

12 Walworth County Charity Resource Fair, 6 to 8 p.m., Horticulture Hall, 330 Broad St., Lake Geneva. Info: askthrivent@gmail.com

14 Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra concert: Enigma Variations, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Calvary Community Church, N2620 Harris Road, Williams Bay. Tickets: \$15. Info: 262-359-9072, www.lakegenevaorchestra.com

20, 27 Ballroom dance class, 7:30 to 8:15 p.m., at Big Foot High School studio room, 401 Devils Lane, Walworth. Cost: \$60 per couple. Info: www.bigfootrecreation.org

20 Pregnancy Helpline of Walworth County banquet and silent auction, 5 to 8 p.m., Calvary Community Church, N2620 Harris Road, Lake Geneva. Cost: \$25. Info: 262-723-7068

21 Brews and Blues Festival, 1 to 5 p.m. at The Ridge, W42440 Highway 50, Lake Geneva. Unlimited craft beer samplings, live music and food samples. Info: 800-225-5558, www.ridgelakegeneva.com

21 Earth Day Celebration, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gateway Technical College, 400 Highway H, Elkhorn. Event features a recycling center, live entertainment, door prizes, child-friendly activities, farmers market, workshops and demonstrations. Info: gtc.edu/earthday

24 Walworth County Business Expo and Career Fair, 12:30 to 6 p.m., Grand Geneva Forum, 7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva. Expo on Tap, a business-to-business networking event will run from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$5

26 Big Foot Fine Arts presents: David Thoreson, 7 p.m., Big Foot High School auditorium, 401 Devils Lane, Walworth. Cost: \$20 for adults, \$5 for kids. Info: 262-275-2117, www.bigfootfinearts.org

27 Dinners at the Lake, 4:30-7 p.m., at Lutherdale Ministries, N7891 Highway 12, north of Elkhorn. Tickets: \$16 for adults, \$8 for children 10 and younger. Reservations suggested for groups of eight or more. Info: 262-742-2352

27 to 29 Women's Weekend. This year's theme is "A Weekend Behind the Mask." Visit www.lakegenevawomensweekend.com for schedule and more information.

28 For the Love of Cheese, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Highfield Farm Creamery, W4848 State Line Road, Walworth. Learn how cheese is made and get an up-close look at the equipment and supplies. Sample 10 different types of cheese, along with a variety of accompaniments to make at home. Bring your own wine to enjoy – the glasses will be supplied. Cost: \$28. Info: find them on Facebook.

The calendar of events is compiled from a variety of sources including Visit Lake Geneva and the Walworth County Visitors Bureau and contains events available as of press time.

Although we make every attempt to provide accurate information regarding area events, dates and times may change or events may be cancelled. We suggest you go to visitlakegeneva.com or visitwalworthcounty.com prior to making travel plans.

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Are you ready for a...

Competing chefs keep turning out burgers as they cook on large grills while the visitors make the food quickly disappear at the Burger Throwdown.



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Throwdown?

Seventh annual event supports school culinary program

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

The top cooking teams from some of the best restaurants in the Lake Geneva area will present their most creative work when they head for the grills on the patio at The Ridge on April 22.

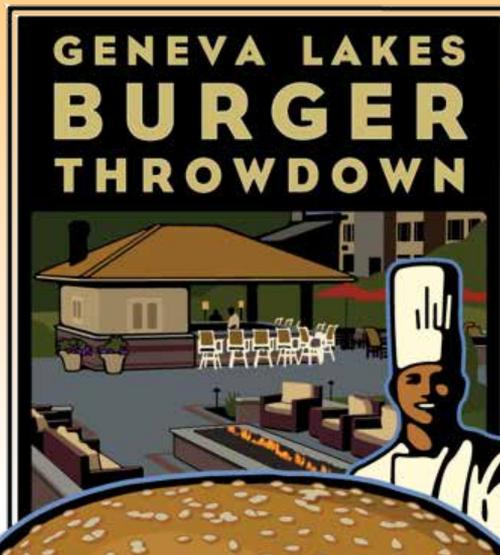
Their goal: Show everyone what they can do to turn a regular hamburger into a gastronomical delight.

The seventh annual Geneva Lakes Burger Throwdown offers the most prolific challenge, and it benefits the ProStart Culinary Program at Badger High School in Lake Geneva.

The event was held at the Abbey Resort its

“ We appreciate the community coming together and presenting students with reasons for a brighter future. They are so responsible for the success of our program. ”

~ ANGELA YAGER



first two years, but The Ridge has hosted the event ever since. The Ridge, which is located on Highway 50 just west of downtown, sits on the shore of Lake Como.

The beautiful outdoor patio includes a variety of flowers and decorative grasses, a fire feature, a view of the lake and plenty of room for live entertainment while providing a comfortable gathering spot to enjoy the burger tastings.

Grilling up magic

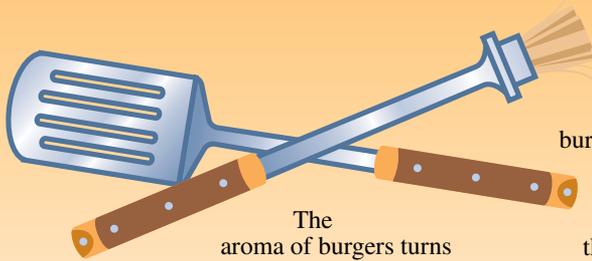
Twelve to 15 grills are arranged adjacent to the patio for the cooking teams to work their magic.

“We are limited by the number of grills we are able to rent or borrow,” said Russ Tronsen, principal at Badger High School and the former administrator of the ProStart culinary program.

Dressed in clothing harkening to the 1920s, these women from the Great Gourmand serve up burgers at the Burger Throwdown event.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes



The aroma of burgers turns visitors' taste buds as they make their way to the patio.

"The event has been held outside each year except for 2016, when it had to be moved indoors because of inclement weather," said Barbara Karrabas, director of marketing at The Ridge.

Tastings begin at 12:30 p.m. and last until 2:30 p.m. or until all samples have been depleted. Those who bought VIP tickets will receive early admission at 11:30 a.m. There is no limit to the number of samples that one may try. Samples feature full-size hamburgers that are cut into quarters. Each hamburger is enhanced with flavorful items piled on, making them tall and difficult to place in one's mouth. Some tasters are known to try eight or nine samples before giving up.

Consumers Meat Packing, a local

company, donates the burgers. This allows the competing teams to start with the same high-quality burgers. It is up to the chefs to make their burgers special. Teams bring their own buns, condiments and interesting ingredients to make their burger the best of the best.

Live music adds to the festive atmosphere. Taste the food and relax on the deck. While soda is available for free, eventgoers must pay for alcoholic drinks.

Esteemed judges

This year's burger judges will be Arthur Ircink from Edible Milwaukee, Paul Young of Reinhart Food Service and Eric Rose of River Valley Ranch. They will select the best three burgers, including the trophy winner. And there is no doubt what the trophy is for because it is topped with a hamburger icon.

Last year, the winning team was from Lake Lawn Resort. Will they pull off the feat again this year? What can they prepare that will outdo last year's winning burger? Or perhaps the 2016 winners from the Hunt

Club will return to the top? Or maybe it will be another of the excellent cooking teams competing that day.

In addition to the professional judging, attendees may vote for the People's Choice Award.

For Angela Yager, who now teaches the culinary program at Badger and helps coordinate the Burger Throwdown, the event is important.

"The money we receive from the program goes a long way to supporting our work," Yager said. "Last year we received about \$15,000 from the event. That money goes into purchasing equipment and ingredients that allow us to compete. We are fortunate to have so many sponsors who basically cover the expenses of the event. We do pay for some of the minor expenses such as renting the grills."

Students benefit

The Badger crew has been successful in its competitive appearances. It won the Wisconsin State Championship from a field of 23 teams last year, which qualified it for the national championships in Charleston,



Watching the chefs create and cook their burgers is a part of the fun for visitors to the annual Burger Throwdown held high above Como Lake at The Ridge.

SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes



S.C., where the Badger squad finished a respectable 12th out of 48 teams.

A lot of work goes into producing a team that is that good.

“We practice three times a week for three months prior to competition,” Yager said. “The money to purchase all these ingredients comes from the Throwdown.”

The program was started through the Geneva Lakes chapter of the American Culinary Federation and a local meat packing company. Although the local chapter has combined with another group, Tronsen said the work they pioneered here continues.

The ProStart culinary program features a two-year curriculum that ends with an industry certification. Upon completing the coursework, students take an examination to receive a certificate that is endorsed by the National Restaurant Association. “Successful completion provides up to nine college credits when transferring into the restaurant curriculum at Gateway Technical College,” Yager said.

Students pitch in

While students benefit from the Throwdown’s profits, they also have to work at the event and are involved in many aspects of the project. Some of them will check in ticketed visitors on their tablets. Others will be found near the grills, replacing beef patties so the cooking teams don’t run out. The same goes for the paper supplies needed to present samples to the public.

Some of the companies sponsoring this year’s event include The Ridge Hotel, Consumers Meat Packing, Reinhart Food Service and Copies and Prints Plus, while Stebnitz Builders also is a contributor.

“We appreciate the community coming together and presenting students with reasons for a brighter future,” Yager said. “They are so responsible for the success of our program.”

Purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$20 per person while they last. Children under 6 with a paying adult do not need a ticket. VIP tickets have been sold out for some time.



From top: The burgers are cut into quarters before being served; Big AI provides live entertainment at a previous Burger Throwdown; Badger Principal Russ Tronsen poses with the 2017 winning team from Lake Lawn Resort led by their Executive Chef David Ross (second from right).

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On the outdoor patio at The Ridge, a band will be playing while visitors enjoy sampling the gourmet burgers prepared by Lake Geneva's favorite chefs at the Burger Throwdown on April 22.

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Treasures

Fleming's owner Kevin Fleming shows some of the store's wool sweaters that are made in Ireland.



VICKY WEDIG Spirit of Geneva Lakes

FROM
THE

Emerald Isle

Lake Geneva store features clothing and jewelry from Ireland

by **Vicky Wedig**
STAFF WRITER

A browser inside Fleming's authentic Irish store in Lake Geneva is readily able to appreciate the owners' close connection to the Emerald Isle.

Kevin Fleming and his wife, Maureen, who have operated Fleming's in Lake Geneva for 40 years, travel to Ireland – from which both sets of Fleming grandparents hail – to buy their merchandise every other year.

Among their authentic Irish merchandise are wool sweaters, tweed hats and caps, sterling silver jewelry and Ireland sports wear.

The store is one of five on Lake Geneva's Main Street that has stayed in business for four decades and has been in its current location for 26 years. Fleming

attributes the longevity to the ability to change his merchandise mix with economic times and people's tastes.

"You're always changing," he said.

To that end, and to appeal to summer traffic when wool sweaters and capes are less popular purchases, the store carries a line of clothing that is not from Ireland – a brand from Martha's Vineyard called Vineyard Vines. The clothing features a whale insignia and has "Lake Geneva" written on it. Though Geneva Lake has no whales, Fleming said, the clothing is popular in the summer when the lighter-weight cotton clothing comes out.

A LINE TO IRELAND

The store is open seven days a week and stays busy from Memorial Day through



Fleming's carries sterling silver jewelry from Ireland including Connemara marble with stones in a range of green tones.

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Christmas with an uptick around St. Patrick's Day, Fleming said. Its popular winter items are its Irish sweaters, capes and ponchos. Sterling silver jewelry, children's sweaters and clothing, Belleek china made in Ireland, crystal, pottery and Irish foods are among its wares.

Fleming said the store buys its merchandise mostly from small businesses in Ireland with handmade items such as cutting boards and artwork.

"All the companies we deal with are small, family-owned," he said.

Another pottery line Fleming's carries is Nicholas Mosse pottery handmade in Ireland, Fleming said.

The store sells Guinness clothing and artifacts, Irish rugby wear and other sportswear from Ireland depicting its popular sports – "football" (American soccer) and Gaelic football – a cross between soccer and rugby, Fleming said.

THE STORY OF THE CLADDAGH

Among the jewelry the store carries are cross necklaces and bracelets for First Communion and Claddagh rings. The Claddagh is a symbol that depicts two hands holding a heart with a crown above the heart.

The story of the Claddagh is that an Irish sailor taken prisoner forged the ring for his sweetheart while imprisoned, presented it to her upon his release and said, "With these hands, I give you my heart, and I crown it with my love."

The ring worn with the crown facing out indicates one's heart is available. Wearing the ring with the crown facing toward one's heart means that person's heart is taken.

Fleming's carries Claddagh rings with Connemara marble stones. Connemara marble is referred to as Ireland's gem stone. It is found in the valley of the 12 Bens in Connemara in west Ireland in a range of green tones.

A BIT OF TEA, OF COURSE

The store also sells foods that are common in Ireland such as Barry's Irish tea, oatmeal and chocolates. He said people who have been to Ireland before and recall the local victuals come to the store for the Irish brands.

Much of the store's clientele are local people of Irish descent and natives of Chicago, which has a large Irish population, he said. Its customers know the history, culture and ancestry of Ireland and will find a few pairs of shamrock earrings, but don't expect to find leprechauns and green beer in the store, Fleming said.

When the Lake Geneva natives visit Ireland every other year, they visit their suppliers at their respective factories, see some friends and relatives who still live in Ireland and then "go out at night and relax and have a pint" of beer, Fleming said.

Fleming's is at 711 W Main St., Lake Geneva. The telephone number is 262-248-4637 and the store's website is at flemingsltd.com.



From top: Fleming shows one of the store's high-end heavy wool sweaters. The sweaters, some of them handmade, are priced in \$100 to \$200 range; Fleming's at 711 W. Main St. stocks hats and caps made from Irish tweed; Fleming shows a Claddagh ring with a Connemara marble stone. Connemara marble is referred to as Ireland's gem stone and is a rare form of marble found in the valley of the 12 Bens in Connemara in west Ireland. Claddagh is the symbol of hands holding a heart that denotes love and devotion.

VICKY WEDIG
Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Fundraiser to celebrate '60s supper clubs

The Geneva Lake Women's Association will host an evening of fun, food and entertainment as it goes back to the 1960s supper club era.

The event will be April 6 at Celebration on Wells, 422 S. Wells St., Lake Geneva.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a dinner buffet beginning at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60 per person. The dinner price does not include wine and spirits.

In keeping with the supper club theme, the meal will include a plated salad and relish tray at the table, and the main dinner will be presented as a buffet featuring chef-carved prime rib, Greek-style chicken, mashed potato bar and mixed vegetables. A Brandy Alexander-style dessert is included.

Live entertainment will be a floor show performed by David Allen Mehner starting at 7:45 p.m. Dancing is encouraged.

Proceeds from the event will benefit many Walworth County charities that the Geneva Lake Women's Association partners with. Additional information can be found and tickets purchased at glwa.net or by contacting event chairman Cathy Stoodley at catherinestoodley@yahoo.com or Gabriela Lira at gabrielalira2006@gmail.com.



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Brandy or whiskey old-fashioneds and Manhattans are standard fare at the bars of Wisconsin supper clubs. The drinks and restaurant specialties are part of a fundraising event in Lake Geneva April 6.

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Horseback riding enthusiasts enjoy myriad options in area

by **Todd Mishler**
COPY EDITOR

Tara LeRoy is biased, but most horse enthusiasts across southeastern Wisconsin agree with her.

LeRoy was named president of the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association on Jan. 13 after two years as the organization's treasurer.

Club members and volunteers are major caretakers — in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources — of the horseback riding trails and equine facilities in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. And they've turned them into jewels among such setups in the Badger State.

"The northern and southern Kettle Moraine trails make up the biggest horse riding system in Wisconsin," said LeRoy, a Jefferson High School graduate who lives between Palmyra and Sullivan. "We also boast one of the best (horse) campgrounds in the state and the only one with showers ... and nobody

SKMHTA trail coordinator Chad Reichenberger takes a ride on Sampson at the County Highway S trailhead in Eagle.



COURTESY OF TARA LEROY, Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Happy trails to you



Junior rider Bailey LeRoy takes a break on her pony Odie on the Moraine Ridge Trail, located halfway between Eagle and Palmyra.

COURTESY OF TARA LEROY Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Spring is in the Air

at Lake Lawn Resort



Old Fashioned Supper Club

Friday, April 20 | Show Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 13 | 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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gets dirtier than horse people.”

That latter statement may be true, and they’ve got plenty of territory to prove it.

Miles of trails

The state park’s southern unit features 87 miles of equestrian trails, including 54 miles strictly for horseback riding and 33 more that are shared with snowmobilers.

Enthusiasts can enjoy winding through scenic hardwood forests and pine plantations while viewing oak savanna prairies and myriad beautiful lakes.

The area between Palmyra and Eagle often is the hub, with Horseriders Campground near Palmyra located along the main thoroughfare in an effort that has grown by leaps and bounds since only 5.5 miles of volunteer paths existed in 1967.

“Our facilities are a huge draw,” LeRoy said. “We host four three-day endurance rides that pull in participants from five or six states, which is a big deal for us to have people who compete on a national level.

“I lived in Idaho for 10 years and rode in Montana ... it’s beautiful country,” LeRoy added, “but we have an obstacle course and a lot of little things (such as mounting blocks and hitching posts) that other places don’t. Riders are spoiled here, but we’re proud of what we have.”

A variety of vistas

Trails loop and branch off for riders from Whitewater and La Grange in the southwest to the Ottawa Campground area in the northeast, offering them a variety of terrains to cover and landscapes to marvel at. “Some of my favorite trails are in the Ottawa and Scuppernong areas, I ride the Eagle trails quite a bit and the section between Palmyra and Rushing Waters (off County Highway H),” LeRoy said.

“Riders can see lots of wildlife, including baby deer and turkeys ... it’s a unique experience to view them in that environment, where you have a variety of grassy meadows and the oak savannas around Bald Bluff. And there’s nothing prettier than the fall colors in Wisconsin.”

However, it takes a lot of time and energy from DNR employees and local/area club members and volunteers to make it such a great destination for horse lovers as well as other fans of the outdoors.

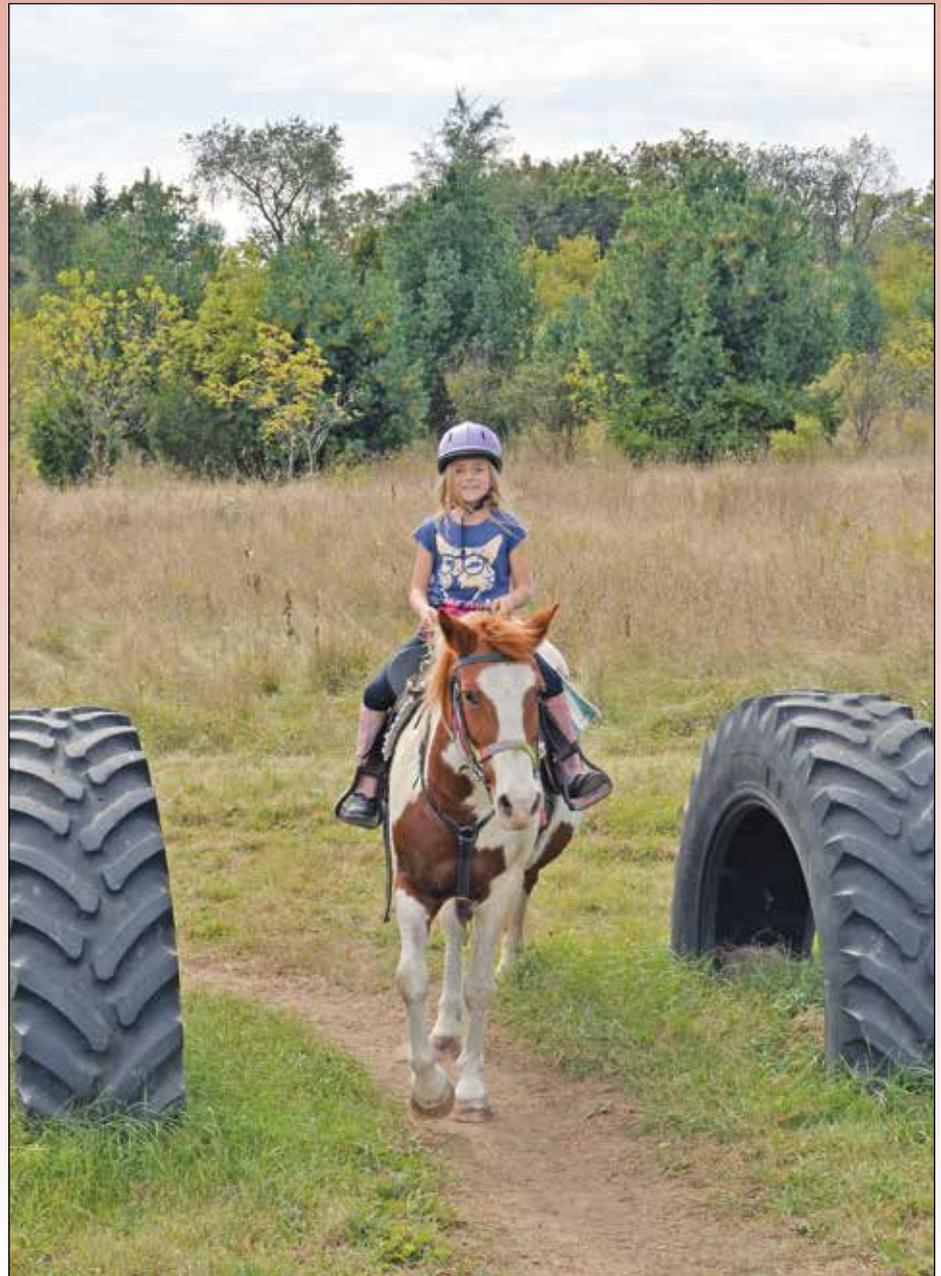
Advocates for the trails

The SKMHTA was formed in August 2003 after the fledgling club had been a chapter of the Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association, an advocacy group headquartered in Dane County. The SKMHTA’s membership roll featured just over 100 households to end 2017, and LeRoy is excited about the future.

“We’ve provided the labor and raised funds for many special activities and

“ I lived in Idaho for 10 years and rode in Montana ... it’s beautiful country, but we have an obstacle course and a lot of little things that other places don’t. Riders are spoiled here, but we’re proud of what we have. ”

– TARA LEROY



COURTESY OF TARA LEROY *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

Junior rider Bailey LeRoy rides Odie through one of the obstacles at the loop trail on County Highway S near Eagle.



COURTESY OF JANET HARTE *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

Tara LeRoy and her daughter, Bailey, begin a club fun ride near Eagle. LeRoy recently was named president of the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association after serving as treasurer for two years.



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facilities, such as the electricity at the campgrounds,” LeRoy said. “We’ve received lots of donations and support from local businesses in Eagle and Palmyra, and not just places related to the horse riding community. Restaurants, gas stations and other businesses have been heavily involved, but at the same time our facilities and events bring them a lot of business. So, it’s been all about building strong community relationships.”

Other riding options

While that tri-county region of Walworth, Jefferson and Waukesha counties provides the largest and arguably the most popular venue(s), it’s not the only location in the Southern Lakes area offering options

for horseback riders.

Richard Bong State Recreational Area, located about eight miles southeast of Burlington in northwestern Kenosha County, features more than 13 miles of equestrian trails, plus 4.5 miles of horse riding/snowmobile routes.

Beth Goeppinger is a naturalist at the 4,515-acre recreational area, where the horse trails closely follow park boundaries south of Wisconsin Highway 142.

“I’ve ridden on the trails once, but I’ve walked them many times,” said Goeppinger, who has worked at Bong for nearly 24 years. “They’re not super busy, but I know a group of people south of here comes over a lot ... they own homes near an access point.”

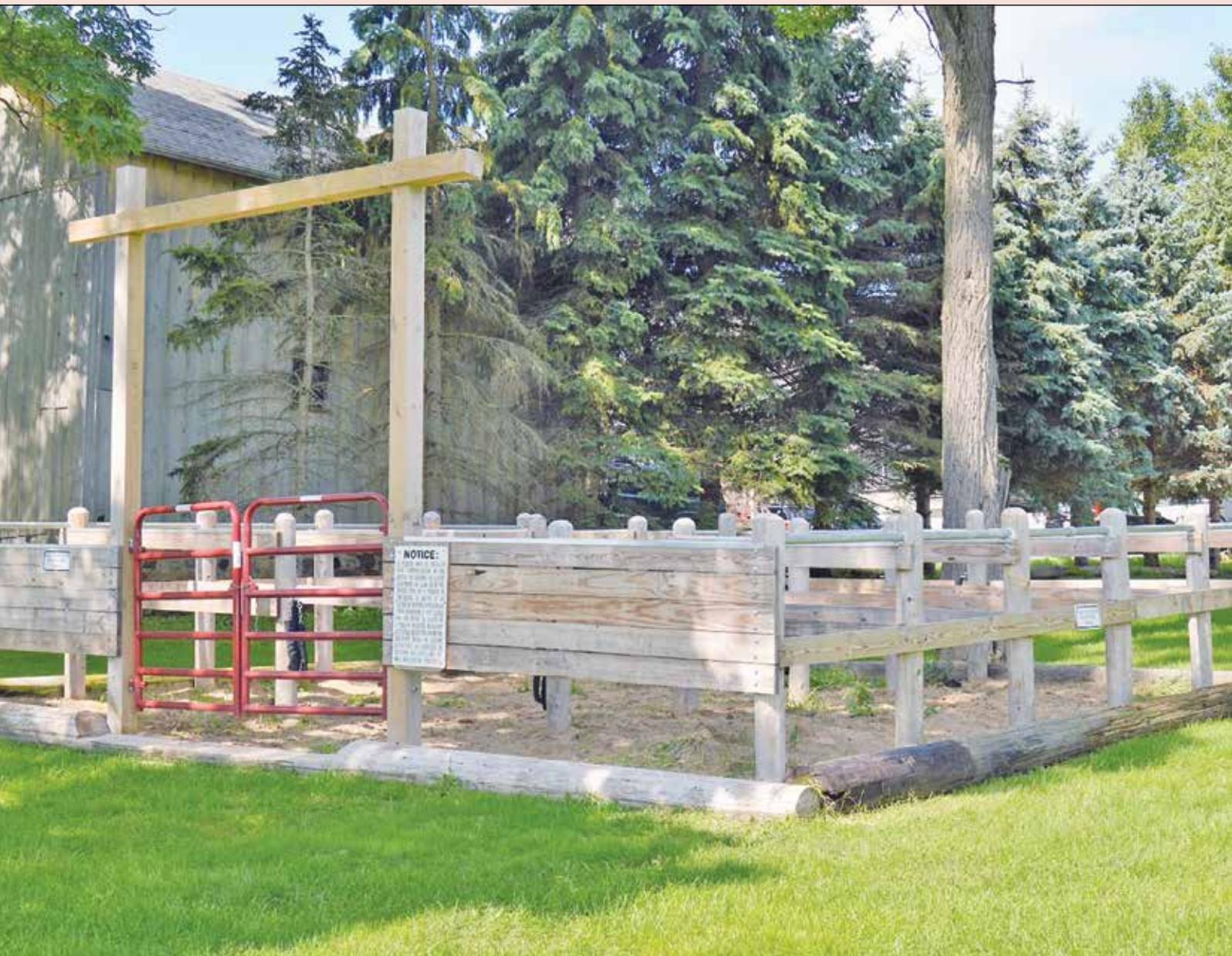
She said the trails aren’t open during the

spring if it’s too wet. However, riders take advantage of the trails most other seasons.

“Fall usually is the busiest time,” Goeppinger said. “The park offers nice wooded areas and a lot of beautiful prairies. You won’t see the hills and things like at the Kettle Moraine, but they’re nice trails.”

Another, much shorter riding opportunity is available on a two-mile stretch from Springfield to Lyons, a trail that runs adjacent to the White River State Trail, a 19-mile hiking/biking jaunt that travels from Elkhorn to Dover, with a two-mile gap in Burlington.

Numerous stables also offer guided trail rides, including Dan Patch Stables in Lake Geneva and Dream A Horse, Wild 3L Ranch and Kettle Moraine Ranch, all near Eagle.



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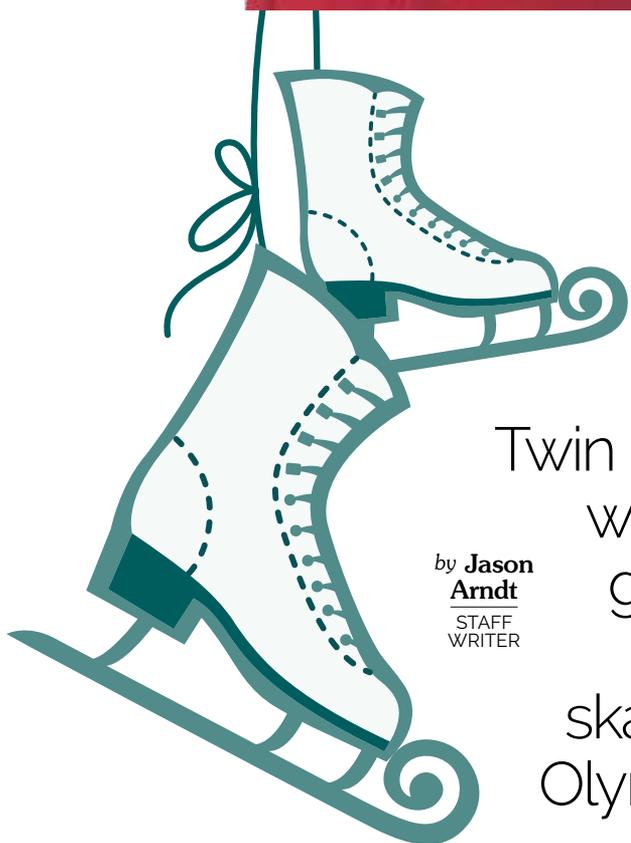
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Bradie Tennell (left), an Olympic figure skater who helped the United States team to a bronze medal in South Korea, is coached by Twin Lakes resident Denise Myers.



A dream fulfilled

Twin Lakes woman guides figure skater to Olympics

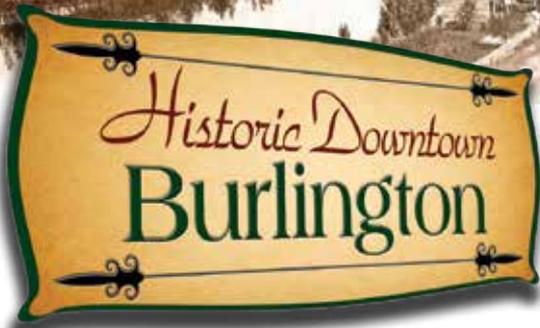
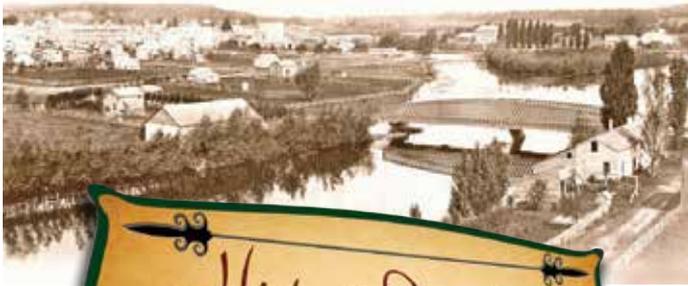
by **Jason Arndt**
STAFF WRITER

When Twin Lakes resident Denise Myers first put on a pair of ice skates as a youngster living in Oak Creek, she fell in love with the beauty of figure skating, a sport she has coached for more than 37 years.

Throughout her coaching career, she guided several figure skaters to national and international competitions, but never went to the Olympics until one of her students had a meteoric rise in less than a year.

The student, Bradie Tennell, 20, of Carpentersville, Ill., was considered a long shot by national observers to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic team until early January when she won the U.S. Figure Skating Championship.

The following day, Tennell was named to the Olympic team, and made the trek to Pyeongchang, South Korea, alongside Myers in February.



Nestled in the southeast corner of Wisconsin, Burlington originally blossomed from agricultural and industrial roots. The first settlers, in the mid and late 1830s, were farmers seeking fertile lands and entrepreneurs seeking water power for mills at the junction of the White and Fox Rivers.

A grist mill that supplied flour locally, as well as to Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha, was the first in Wisconsin to ship flour to New York. A wooden mill made the first roll of cloth turned out in Wisconsin and supplied cloth for Union soldiers' uniforms during the Civil War.

Wheat was the leading farm product through the Civil War days, when livestock and dairying, which had made inroads by 1860, became the major farm industry. Agricultural implement makers and dealers, wagon makers, and blacksmith shops, as well as stores handling groceries, dry goods, clothing, hardware, and other commodities, were established to serve the farmers and other residents.

Although Indian mounds and several Indian trails have been noted in the area and a small Potawatomi village existed somewhere in the town of Burlington prior to the 1830s, there was no Indian village in Burlington itself. The Indians, however, hunted in the area and grew some crops in the warmer seasons.

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Myers, who has coached Tennell for more than 10 years at Twin Rinks Ice Pavilion in Buffalo Grove, Ill., said the trek to South Korea was worth it.

"Because I have coached Bradie for over 10 years, it was an amazing experience for the both of us," said Myers. "I'm glad we could share this journey together."

Rapid progression

Myers recalled the first time she met Tennell, whose spirit showed at the age of 9 and had her often asking questions and seeking ways to improve her routine.

"When I did my first trial lesson with Bradie, I knew she had the spirit and could see she loved skating," Myers said. "Bradie liked being challenged, and enjoyed the process of becoming a better athlete."

The process, however, was arduous after Tennell suffered back injuries, which sidelined her for several months starting in 2015, according to the Chicago Tribune.

Despite the setback, Tennell continued to persevere, and eventually returned to the rink.

"Any athlete at this level has to have fire that burns within," Myers said. "You need the self-discipline. Bradie has both characteristics."

The self-discipline parlayed into a rapid progression. Within just 11 months

she made the leap from junior world level competition to the Olympic stage in South Korea, where she exhibited poise in a high-pressure climate.

Olympic bronze

Tennell's performance helped the U.S. Olympic team garner a bronze medal.

"I'm so very proud of the way Bradie handled herself in this high-pressure situation," Myers said.

After the Olympic team won the bronze medal, Tennell presented Myers with an Order of Ikkos award, which symbolizes excellence in coaching.

The Order of Ikkos, according to Myers, offers a chance for athletes to recognize coaches for leadership.

With the Olympic games closed, Myers and Tennell moved on to the World Championships in Milan, Italy, in March.

"We have already worked on some new ideas for the upcoming season, and I know there is much more potential in Bradie to reach even higher levels," said Myers, who looks to join her in the 2022 Olympic games in Beijing, China.

Myers credits Tennell's drive to her upbringing and strong support system.

Tennell, who attends McHenry County College, is the daughter of Jean and sister to two brothers, Austin and Shane, both

hockey players.

"Bradie loves to read and is a wonderful role model to the skaters at the Twin Rinks," Myers said.

Journey to Twin Lakes

Before Myers moved to Twin Lakes, she and her husband lived in Winthrop Harbor, Ill., for 18 years, but wanted to return to Wisconsin after their four children left the nest.

"It was the right move for us to come back home to Wisconsin," said Myers, who met her husband at the Kenosha Ice Arena more than 33 years ago.

"My husband and I both knew we needed somewhere to call home that was near the Wisconsin/Illinois border line for our commutes to work," she said.

At the time, she and her husband, who worked for the Zion Park District, decided to venture west of Interstate 94.

That brought them to Twin Lakes, where they have found peace and serenity, in the view of lakes Mary and Elizabeth.

"We love the area. It puts us halfway between Milwaukee and Chicago," she said. "We have room for a garden, and this area brings us so much joy and peace."

"It gives me a calming effect after having a busy day and commute from work," said Myers.



Bradie Tennell, of Carpentersville, Ill., competed as an individual in the short program in South Korea.

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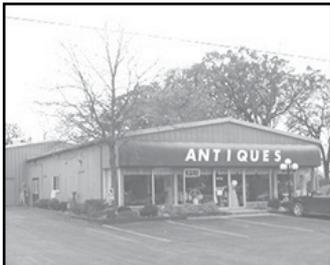
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The lush greens and rolling fairways at Hawk's View golf course near Lake Geneva beckon players to return each spring.

Season arrives like Christmas in April

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
CORRESPONDENT

You know spring has arrived when you're driving through the area and the sight of golfers on the area courses is visible. Even though the weather may still be cool in early April, it does not keep these dedicated men and women indoors.

For those who have been fortunate to spend some of the winter in warmer climates, such as Florida or Arizona, the wait hasn't been as long to get back on the course. For those who wintered here in the north, these days when the golf courses reopen are like Christmas in April.

All that's needed is a little cooperation from Mother Nature to provide a pleasant spring day for that first round of golf of the season.

So take out those golf clubs, give them a good spring cleaning, hit some practice balls and head out to your favorite golf

course and begin a new season of golf.

The Geneva Lakes area has a wide selection of golf courses from relatively easy courses for the less experienced to high-end tournament-caliber courses that will challenge any golfer.

Here's a closer look at some of the courses in the area:

Hawk's View

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Hawk's View opened in 2001 as a 36-hole golf course on land that has had an interesting history. From a farm and storage for ice harvested from Geneva Lake in the 1920s, to Mt Fuji ski hill and a summer concert venue that brought in a variety of popular entertainers in the 1960s, to today becoming one of the premier golf courses in the Lake Geneva area.

The courses were designed by Craig Schreiner, a noted golf course architect

from Kansas City. Como Crossing opened in 2001 after 2 years of work. It was followed by Barn Hollow, which made its debut in 2003.

Hawk's View consists of two 18-hole courses to meet the needs of every golfer. The Como Crossing and Barn Hollow courses offer a different golfing experience based on the golfer's ability.

Como Crossing is an 18-hole, par 72, 7,074-yard championship caliber layout that has been chosen as Wisconsin's best in 2015 and Lake Geneva's best in 2015 and 2016. It is a five-star rated golf course.

The most unique feature of the course is the dramatic change in elevation, a result of keeping the contours of the ski hills that laced the property. Hole No. 3 starts at the top of what was a part of the major ski hill and plays downhill all the way. Other holes are also incorporated in the hilly terrain. The course offers pristine playing conditions.

Barn Hollow received its name from the barn on the property that predates the golf



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Hole No. 3 at Evergreen Country Club in Elkhorn provides a picturesque backdrop on an early autumn day.

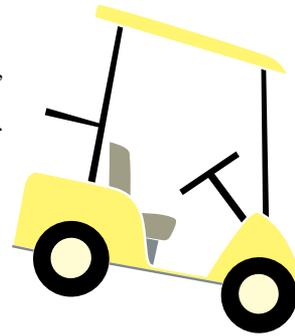
course. Barn Hollow is an 18-hole, par-3, 2,708-yard course that is known as a family-friendly course. It is a perfect course for beginners and families yet everyone from beginners to scratch players will enjoy playing the course.

Looking to book a golf outing? It is not too soon to do so. Outings from 12 to 200 participants are easily accommodated.

Hawks View supports junior golfers with a children's camp held June 11 to June 15 suitable for beginners and a junior league for those under 13.

A full pro shop is available on site. Pro Matthew Boesch is a certified Callaway fitter and can help you find the right clubs to improve your game.

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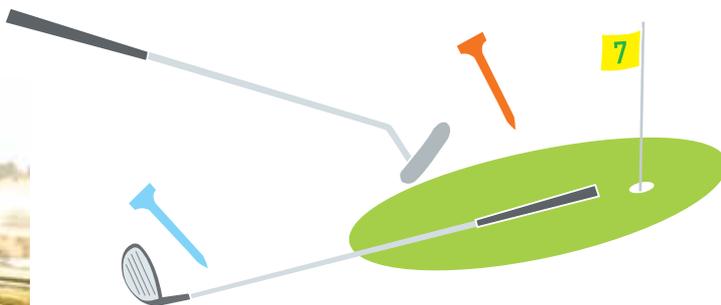


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The course is available for corporate or group outings. Contact Dan Drier, general manager of golf operations, or Andy Otis, clubhouse manager, to make arrangements for an outing or to arrange private golf lessons. Lesson can be given privately or for 2 people. Golf lessons are available for both adults and children.

Petrifying Springs encourages golf for children with their PGA Junior League open to children from 8 to 13 years of age and a Junior Clinic to teach golf to children.

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The interesting and pleasing terrain includes the Fox River, which is encompassed into the design of the course.

The river comes into play on several holes. The greens are small and surrounded by water hazards and sand bunkers providing a challenge to all golfers.

Call to schedule special group outings and tee times.

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Nostalgia

Area drive-ins offer carhops, traditional food favorites of a bygone era

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
CORRESPONDENT

Remember when going out for a hamburger meant heading to your favorite drive-in, one where carhops took the orders and brought food directly to your vehicle?

Drive-ins were family favorites, but they mostly were gathering places for young adults and teenagers — for those with a driver's licenses and an automobile at their disposal — on weekend nights to enjoy a burger, fries and a root beer. At most drive-ins in

the 1960s and '70s, drink choices were root beer and orange soda or a malt; no Cokes on the menu.

Drive-ins also were about socializing with friends. But for many, it was all about showing off of their autos, especially the hot rods popular with young men, many who had customized them to be as loud as possible. And no drive-in was complete without the sounds of rock 'n' roll music reverberating from their car radios.

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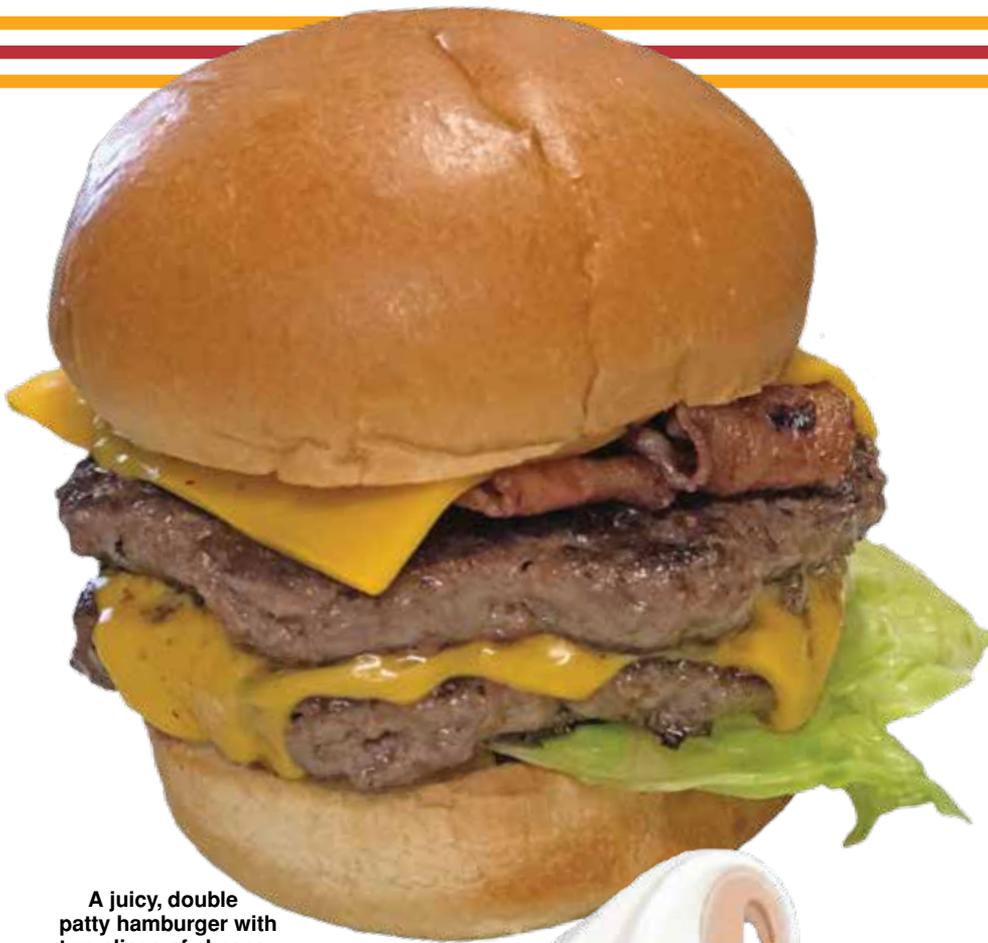
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1922, he partnered with employee Frank Wright to open the first A&W restaurant in Sacramento, Calif.

They became famous for their root beer served in a frosted mug — at a cost of 5 cents. The chain expanded in 1926 with franchises spread throughout the country.

Dog n Suds was founded in Champaign, Ill., in 1953 by two University of Illinois music teachers. Their specialties were hot dogs and root beer. Their growth was phenomenal, and by the mid-70s the company could claim over 600 restaurants in 38 states and Canada.

Dog n Suds also used carhops — usually teenage girls, who often attracted young men from the area.

While many of these restaurants have closed and been replaced by fast-food places such as McDonald's and Burger King, drive-in style restaurants in the Geneva Lakes area continue to share that old-time spirit.

Here are a few favorites for those looking to enjoy a step back into the time of "Happy Days."

Gus's Drive-In

It is located at 3131 Main St. in East Troy. When Gus and Jessica Athanasopoulos bought it 16 years ago, the restaurant was an old A&W that had been closed for some time.

"We liked the location and looked forward to bringing back the retro vibes of the restaurant," Jessica Athanasopoulos said. "We kept the flavor of the restaurant by retaining the old-time look."

The restaurant is all about classics. It starts with their décor, which takes one into the 1950s with the black and white tiled floor that carries to and up the wall behind the service counter. Red and white booths and tables fill the room. Walls are bright and multicolored with gasoline signs from Texaco, Union 76 and Mobilgas, along with photos of cars, cars and more cars.

That theme also dominates outside, where classic cars, trucks and motorcycles fill the parking lot Saturday nights. The autos mostly come from Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin.

"We usually have 200 to 400 cars here for the car shows," Jessica said.

The classic theme continues with the food. Everything is made to order and fresh; hamburgers are never frozen. Specialty burgers have names such as the Heavy Chevy and the Ford Burger. Be sure to order the one named for your car. Vienna beef dogs are served Chicago style — no ketchup. Italian beef, another favorite, is slow roasted in-house. Friday fish fries feature cod freshly battered.

And, of course, there is frozen custard,

which is made in-house daily using milk from a local farm and 100 percent pure vanilla. This custard makes the best-frozen drinks, whether it's a root beer float or fruit smoothie. Check out the custard flavor of the day.

It is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Check out its Facebook page and website (www.Gussdrivein.com) or call 262-642-2929.

Annie's Burger Town

Elkhorn also has a classic drive-in at 645 N. Lincoln St., which is housed in a building that has been around for over 50 years. Jeff Halpin has owned Annie's for the past 25 years and said the restaurant was built as a Dog n Suds.

"Root beer has been produced in this

building for the past 50 years and continues to be made here today," he said.

Annie's prides itself on its freshly made foods from scratch.

"We use the highest-grade meats, which are delivered twice a week," Halpin said. "Our onion rings, coleslaw and ranch dressing are made in-house. Our menu contains a wide variety of typical drive-in foods such as the traditional burgers, hot dogs and our root beer floats are made with our own homemade root beer."

"We are able to provide gluten-free and vegetarian meals as needed," he said. "We do our best to provide whatever you need as long as we have the ingredients."

While its menu has grown to include salads, wraps and a variety of other great foods, what do you really want? Annie's

offers good service, hamburgers, hot dogs, the special homemade root beer and that old-time, drive-in vibe.

And when warmer weather arrives, carhops, who serve customers in their vehicles or at the picnic tables. While there is seating indoors, it is limited.

"We keep the building in a time warp to keep the feeling of the early days of drive-ins when they were the favorite place to go."

In summertime, drive-ins are not complete without an auto show, and Annie's plans to hold a couple events this summer — Jeep shows are on Fridays.

And with Annie's celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, area residents are asked to watch the website for upcoming special events (anniesburgertown.com) or visit its Facebook page. The restaurant

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Saturday Night at Gus's Drive-In, East Troy, brings classic cars from throughout the area. Owners and those who wished they owned them spend the evening reminiscing about days when muscle cars ruled the streets.



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Meggy Moo's

Meggy Moo's Dairy Ripple is located at 600 Kenosha S. in Walworth. Danielle Svanstrom worked at Meggy Moo's for 10 years before buying the business three years ago.

"Around 1954 the restaurant became a stop for ice cream called Dairy Ripple," Svanstrom said. "In later years, the name was changed to Meggy Moos Dairy Ripple."

Meggy Moo's serves a full line of the tasty specials that bring everyone in for that nostalgic trip. It focuses on hamburgers, Chicago-style hot dogs, Italian beef, Philly steaks and gyros. And don't forget the french fries.

Meggy Moo's offers a specialty not found at most drive-in restaurants, drawing customers in with widgets, doughnut balls freshly made, rolled in sugar and served piping hot. They are sold in packages of 10 and are a tasty treat before, with or after your sandwich and ice cream.

Visitors can't visit Meggy Moo's without trying some of its famous ice cream, whether traditional and scooped by hand or soft serve that most people associate with drive-ins. Try it in a cone, malt, shake or sundae.

While Meggy Moo's does not have carhops or car shows, it still brings back that nostalgic spirit of bygone days.

Visit on Facebook or call 262-394-5584. Hours are 11 to 9 from Sundays through Thursdays and 11 to 9:30 on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lopez's Anchor Inn

The place in Delavan to find that drive-in ambience, but with a slightly different flair, is Lopez's Anchor Inn, 1325 Racine St. It opened in 1980.

It serves traditional hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries. Hamburgers are made using local beef from Sorgs, known for its high quality. Lopez's also serves a variety of freshly made Mexican favorites, including taco salads, fajitas, quesadillas and nachos. Try their eggplant fries for a unique taste treat.

Daily specials vary from double cheeseburgers, foot-long hot dogs and gyros to their fresh taco salad. Their soft-serve ice cream is a favorite. Choose a chocolate or vanilla cone, or for those who can't make up their mind, the chocolate and vanilla swirl is

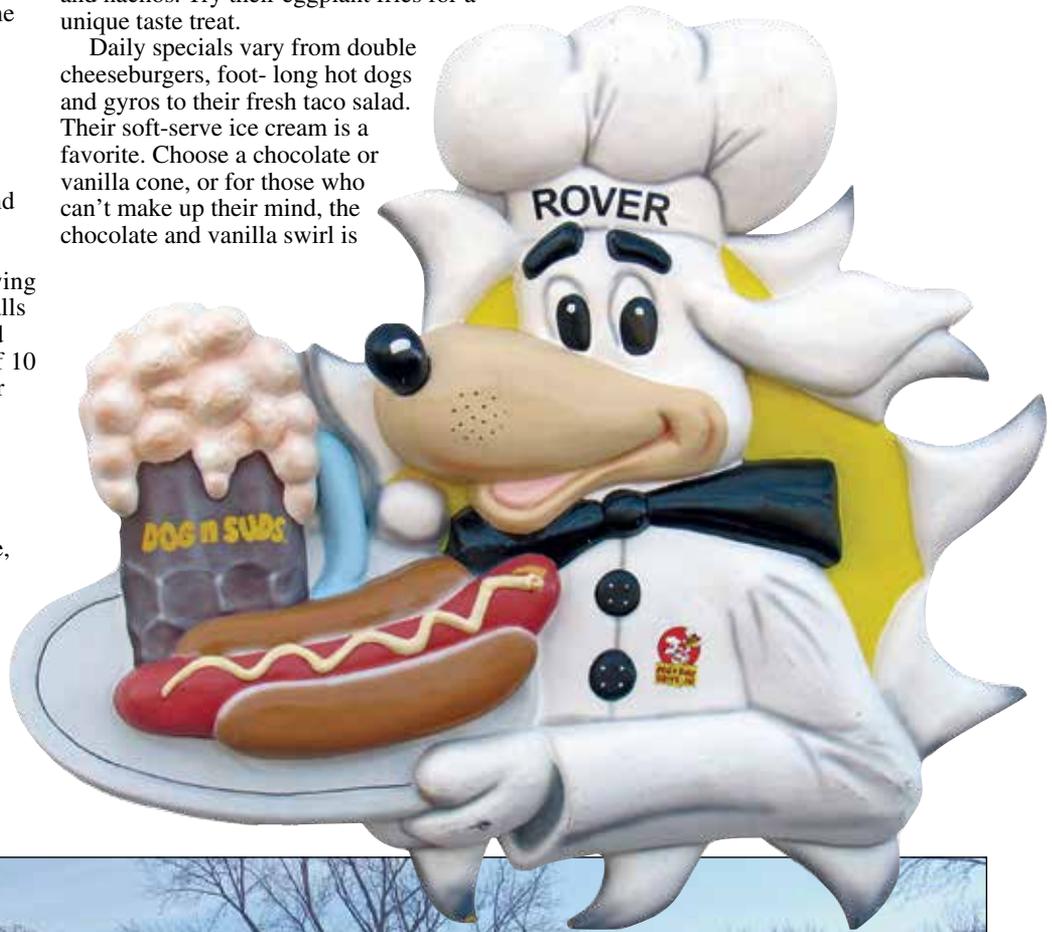
the best choice.

Lopez's is a walk-up place with no indoor eating spaces. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Check Facebook for summer hours.

Dog n Suds

Just south of the state line, Dog n Suds is located on U.S. Highway 12 in Richmond, Ill.

This Dog n Suds opened in 1963 and, even though it has had a number of owners, has operated continuously since then. It is



This Dog N Suds on Highway 12 in Richmond, Ill., maintains the same look as it did when it was opened in 1963. Simple design includes room for autos to pull in and be served by their carhops. Above: Rover, Dog N Suds mascot, delivers a hot dog and root beer.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

easily spotted with its distinctive red and yellow signs and mascot Rover displayed carrying the food. In reality, carhops take orders and deliver the food.

Dog n Suds also is known for hot dogs and hamburgers, but with a special twist. The foot-long Coney dog and its Texas Burger are big sellers. The latter is the Tuesday special and sells for \$3.50.

Kids' favorites such as chicken tenders, corn dogs and hamburgers are served with a choice of tater tots or fries and a drink. The entire meal is special because it is served in a classic

car package that sometimes is more enticing than eating the food.

Dog n Suds is known for its frosty root beer. The best way to drink it is in a frosty mug, unless you prefer a float. The drive-in also serves 30 flavors of shakes, malts and sundaes. How many can you handle?

Stop by on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 for the classic car show. It is held each week from Memorial Day through August.

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Observatory to close

Village discussing future of historic facility with university

The University of Chicago recently announced plans to wind down its activities at Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay over the next six months and to formally cease on-site operations by Oct. 1.

The upcoming summer season will therefore be the final season of University activities at Yerkes, according to the

university's announcement.

Officials stated they announced the plans well in advance in order to engage with Yerkes staff and nearby communities, including the Village of Williams Bay, in considering long-term plans for the property.

Despite its important history, the Yerkes facility and its instrumentation no longer contribute directly to the research mission

of the University of Chicago, which has made major investments in the Magellan and Giant Magellan telescopes in Chile, the announcement states.

Yerkes has continued to make important contributions through its education and outreach programs, and that work, which remains important to the University, will now relocate to the Hyde Park campus, officials said.

Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, will close by Oct. 1, according to a recent announcement, because the facility and its instrumentation "no longer contribute directly to the research mission of the University of Chicago."



FILE PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes

“Science at Yerkes in the 20th century led to key discoveries and advances in the field of astronomy, when the observatory helped build the foundation for modern astrophysics,” said Edward (Rocky) Kolb, dean of the Division of the Physical Sciences and a professor in the Department of Astronomy & Astrophysics.

“It is an important part of the history of the University, and we hope it will become, in some form, a valuable resource to the surrounding community and visitors to the Lake Geneva area,” Kolb added.

The observatory was established by the University in 1897 and has been the home of groundbreaking work by scientists such as George Ellery Hale, Edwin Hubble and Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar.

The facility was the home of the University of Chicago’s Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics from the time it opened until it began relocating to Hyde Park in the 1960s.

In recent decades, the University’s research in observational astronomy has shifted to using facilities located all over the globe and in space.

The University and staff at Yerkes will honor existing commitments for events at the facility scheduled before Oct. 1, and will accept new bookings on a case-by-case basis.

“Unfortunately, operating Yerkes no longer makes sense for the University from a programmatic or cost standpoint. Drawing to a close our operations there is the first step in a collaborative process to determine the ultimate disposition of the buildings and property,” said David Fithian, executive vice president of the University. “We currently have no specific plans nor have we approached any potential buyers,” Fithian said.

Derek Douglas, vice president for civic engagement and external affairs, was expected to represent the University in discussing options with the leadership of Williams Bay and its residents beginning in March, the announcement states.

Tuesdays@2 slated

LECTURE SERIES LOOKS AT LOCAL TOPICS

The Geneva Lake Museum continues its Tuesdays@2 presentation series in April with topics ranging from Frank Lloyd Wright’s connection to the Geneva Hotel and the history of the local yacht club.

Programs at the museum, 255 Mill Street, Lake Geneva, are free for members and \$5 for non-members. Call 262-248-6060 for additional information.

The schedule of programs for April is:

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3 – Frank Lloyd Wright and the Geneva Hotel; Author Frank Landi will discuss architect Frank Lloyd Wright and the gone but not forgotten Geneva Hotel;

10 – History of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club; Sailor Don Holst will talk about the yacht club and the boats that graced Geneva Lake;

17 – To Sleep With the Angels; Helen Brandt will tell the tale of the fire that destroyed Chicago’s Our Lady of Angels Elementary School on Dec. 1, 1958;

24 – “The Great House: Secrets and Sonette;” The program is about the book by Sonette Tippens that describes her life in the Mexican hill town of San Miguel de Allende and as the fiancée of the wealthy Abelardo.

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Calling all Women

Annual women's weekend runs April 27-29

Dining, shopping, entertainment and activities will attract women from all walks of life to Lake Geneva April 27 through 29 for the annual Women's Weekend.

The 2018 event, dubbed “A Weekend Behind The Mask,” features a kickoff dance

party on Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Riviera followed by an after party at Carvetti's Grill and Tap House. Participants will receive drinks, food, and a goodie bag full of savings when they check in on Friday.

The registration fee for the weekend is \$60. For registration and additional information, visit lakegenevawomensweekend.com.

Here's a look at some of the weekend's events:

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On Saturday, there will be Water Zumba, Figure Your Frame Education, Certified Bra Fitting Education, Body Frame Analysis, Trunk Show, Color Draping and Personal Shopping/Makeover Field Trip, the “Divas Unveiled” fashion show and the “Dance Like No One is Watching” video dance party.

On Sunday, there will be a continental breakfast and self-sanctuary education.

The event costs \$254 with a boxed lunch on Saturday. Registration and payment must be made directly at Rosewoodwi.com.



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There will be additional sessions from 8 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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• Saturday April 28

9 to 10:15 a.m.

Yoga For You

The Yoga Place
613 W. Main Street • Lake Geneva

For \$15, you can start the day at peace with morning yoga, and discipline the mind and body in a relaxing environment. There will also be a session from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

10 a.m. to noon

Sip 'n Paint

The Bottle Shop
617 W. Main Street • Lake Geneva

Creativity can be put to use while sipping a mimosa or bloody mary by creating a work of art for yourself a special someone. Participants may paint two wine glasses.

10 to 11 a.m.

India Hicks, Royal Story, Bridesmaid to Princess Diana, and the business so far

Harbor Shores
300 Wrigley Drive • Lake Geneva

The life story of India Hicks will be told, and how influences in her life have led her to build a company that empowers women to serve each other and build lifetime relationships.

There will be lessons on social retail and how the India Hicks tribe bringing women together to tell their stories.

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cruise to Black Pointe Estate and Gardens

Riviera dock
812 Wrigley Drive • Lake Geneva

This cruise will depart from downtown Lake Geneva en route to Black Pointe Estate. After arrival, there will be a guided tour of this Victorian era summer cottage, and the only summer lake cottage open to the public as a museum. The cottage is at W4270 Southland Road.

Noon to 3 p.m.

Behind the Mask Luncheon

Lake Geneva School of Cooking
727 Geneva Street • Lake Geneva

A hands-on cooking experience awaits where there will be lessons on how to make entertaining, easy and delicious carnival-inspired dishes without the "Behind the Mask" Luncheon. There will be a hands-on cooking class, heavy appetizer buffet and wine tasting. The cost is \$75. This will be available on Sunday at the same time.

Noon to 5 p.m.

Manicures or Pedicures

DenayCocoBay
259 Broad Street • Lake Geneva

Manicures are available for \$25, shellac manicures are available for \$40 and pedicures are \$45.

Noon to 1 p.m.

Chocolate & Whiskey Tasting

The Ridge Hotel lobby
W4240 Highway 50 • Lake Geneva

Ethereal Confections of Woodstock, Ill., will host a chocolate demonstration and provide samples. Also, The Ridge will provide beverages to sample. This is included with registration, but RSVP is required to 262-249-3843.

1 to 3 p.m.

Pop-up Artisan Shop

The Ridge Hotel lobby
W4240 Highway 50 • Lake Geneva

Artisans will create a trendy marketplace and people can shop, and support the creator of luxury all-natural soaps, hand-painted signs and more. This included with registration.

3 to 5 p.m.

Spa Night

DenayCocoBay
259 Broad Street • Lake Geneva

People can pamper themselves with a service of their choice between brow shaping for \$5, hairstyle for \$10 or both for \$15. Olive Grace Collective stylists will lead the Spa Night.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Lake Geneva Cocktail Cruise

Riviera docks • Lake Geneva

A two-hour cocktail cruise awaits with a full cash bar. A complimentary boarding drink will be included.

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Can you Escape?

Lake Geneva Clue Room

722 W. Main Street • Lake Geneva

Those up for the challenge will solve puzzles in 60 minutes to unravel a mystery and escape the room with their groups. There will be three rooms to choose from. Rooms have different sets of riddles to decode.

8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Dance Like No One's Watching Fashion Show and Video Dance Party

Rosewood
2484 County O • Delavan

At a premier entertainment and event destination in Southeastern Wisconsin, people can dance like no one's around while watching music videos on a 12-by-8-foot video wall with state-of-the-art sound and lights that follows a fashion show. Ticket includes the fashion show, a glass of sparkling wine, dessert, raffles and prizes. A full cash bar will be available.

9 to 10 p.m.

Comedian Vince Carone

Geneva Theater
244 Broad Street • Lake Geneva

Vince Carone has become known for his fast-talking, quick wit since hitting the comedy scene in 2001. After four albums, he will hit the stage in the Geneva Theater in the newly renovated 1928 Vaudeville Theater. Wine, beer and concessions will be available.

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The annual Women's Weekend offers a variety of activities, including a chance to look for bargains at Lake Geneva's shops and boutiques.

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Black Point Estate gardens restored

At the Lake Geneva Library at 6:30 p.m. April 11, Black Point Estate and Gardens Director David Desimone will present his new program "Watch Our Gardens Grow: Restoration and Rejuvenation of the Black Point Gardens."

In 2014, Black Point Estate and the Black Point Horticulture Committee hired landscape architect

Ted Wolff of Chicago to develop a master garden plan for the site. In 2017, Northwind Perennial of Burlington was hired to install a half-acre woodland garden. Desimone will talk about the new garden as well as additional plans for future garden improvements at the Queen Anne Victorian summer "cottage" turned state historical museum on the shores of Geneva Lake.

Under the direction of the Wisconsin Historical Society, Desimone and the museum's docent staff are charged with promoting history and historic preservation. Desimone is a year-round resident of Walworth County. He earned his master's degree in public history from Kent State University of Kent, Ohio. His museum career spans 25 years and he has held leadership positions at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, The Cleveland Botanical Gardens and The Holden Arboretum. He is active in local history, the arts and historic preservation groups.

Everyone is welcome to attend the program at no charge. More information can be obtained by calling the library at 262-249-5299 or visiting the library on Facebook or at lakegeneva.lib.wi.us

Reservations for Black Point tours can be made by calling the Lake Geneva Cruise Line at 262-248-6206.

Information about becoming a volunteer at Black Point Estate can be obtained by calling 262-248-1888. Special events at the estate are listed at blackpointestate.org



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• Sunday, April 29

Brunch at Oakfire

Oakfire Pizza Restaurant
831 Wrigley Drive • Lake Geneva

Brunch and bloody marys will be available at this local establishment, with an unlimited bloody mary bar for \$15 or \$8 each.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m

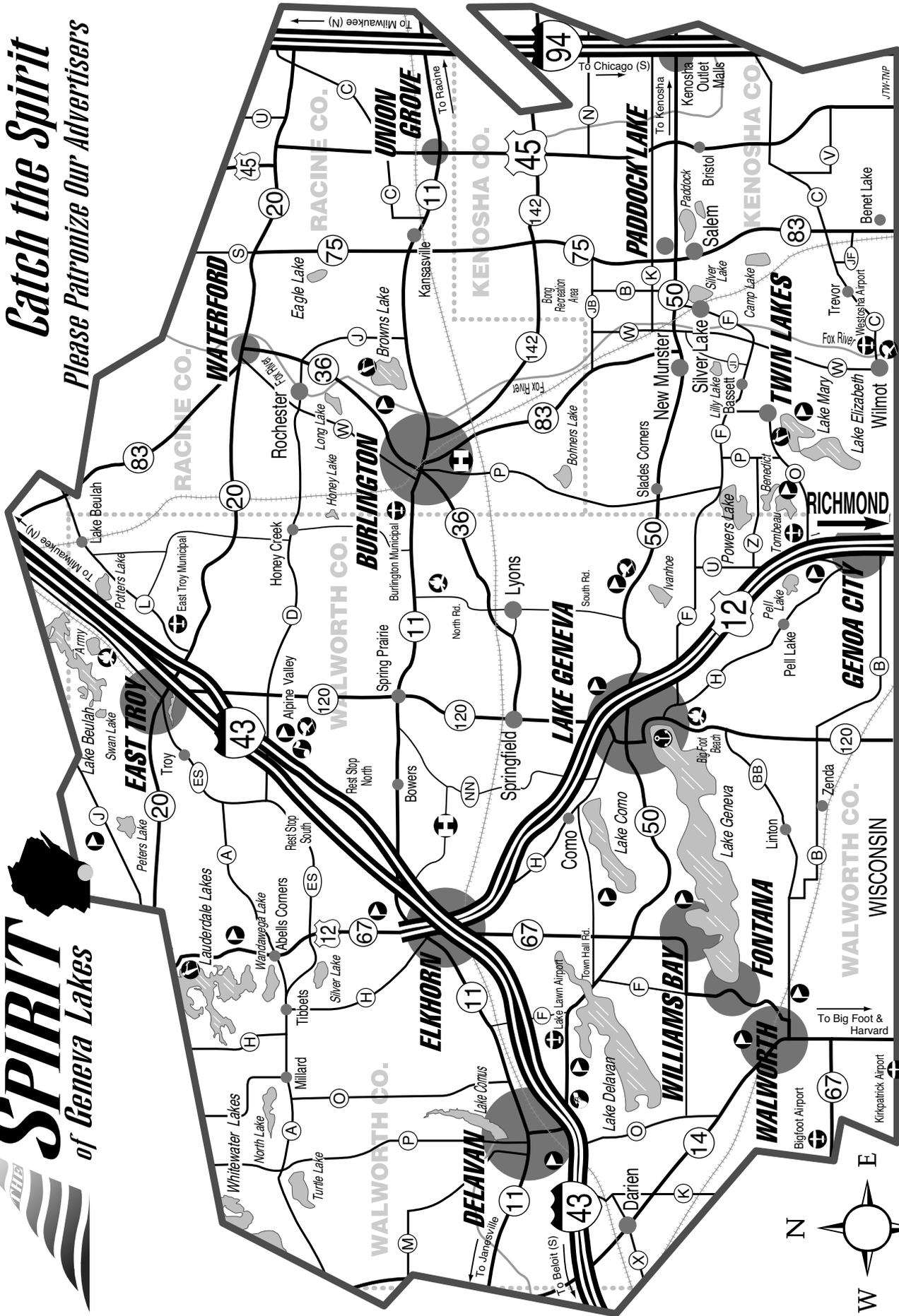
Sign Painting Workshop

The Ridge Hotel lobby
W4240 Highway 50 • Lake Geneva

Souvenirs can be made from this workshop all created by participants. The "painted elephant" will provide design options, and 12-inch-by-12-inch boards can be customized with a choice of color and quotes. All materials are covered by \$25. RSVP at reservations@ridgelakegeneva.com or 262-249-3800.

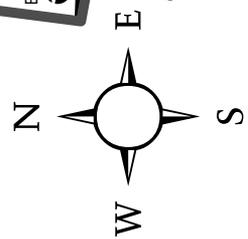
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