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Life's a beach

Sterling Blazier (left) and Juan Espinoza, both 15, enjoy the sun and sand at Fontana Beach as temperatures approached 90 degrees on a recent day. Sterling attends Big Foot High School and Juan is a student at Beloit Memorial. Fontana Beach is just one of several fine beaches in the Geneva Lakes area. See page 7 for a closer look at some of the best local spots to get your beach on. Photo by ED NADOLSKI



IT'S COMIN' UP JULY EVENTS

2-5 The East Troy Lions Club annual Fourth of July Celebration at the Amusement Park, 2072 Graydon Ave. (next to the East Troy Lions Public Library) with a carnival on the midway, beer tent featuring live music daily and multiple food stands all four days.

3, 10, 17, 24 Burlington Kiwanis

Civic Band Concert Series. 7-9 p.m., Echo Park, Burlington. Info: (262) 763-6044

4 Lake Geneva Independence Day parade and costume contest at 10 a.m., sponsored by the Frank Kresen American Legion Post 24 Ladies Auxiliary. Participants should gather at Eastview Elementary School, 535 Sage St., at 9:30 a.m. The parade route will travel on Dodge Street from the Eastview parking lot north on Center and then up Henry to the Legion Hall. Following the judging, popsicles will be served. In the event of rain, the parade will be canceled.

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4 The East Troy Lions 14th annual car show, staffed by the Kettle Moraine Classic Car Club, will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 at 3143 Graydon Ave. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday at dark. The parade will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 5. For more information, call (262) 366-1765.

4 Town of Delavan Fourth of July celebration in Community Park on Delavan Lake, noon to 11 p.m. Fireworks, 9 p.m.

4 City of Delavan Fourth of July Let Freedom Ring celebration. Pancake breakfast, 7 a.m., followed by the Carp-O-Rama and the parade at 3 p.m. in downtown Delavan. Family and kids activities from 4 to 7 p.m. at Veteran's Park, food and drink tents and live music. Fireworks, 9:30 p.m.

4 Waterford Fourth of July celebration – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5K Run at Whitford Park at 8 a.m. Kids Bike Parade, 10:15 a.m. Main Parade, 11 a.m. Concert at Ten Club Park sponsored by Burlington Kiwanis Civic Band. The Waterford Lions Club Great Duck Raffle will also be held at Ten Club Park at 1:30 p.m. Raffle proceeds help pay for the parade.

3-5 Libertyfest at Lance Park, Twin Lakes. Parade, bands, cardboard boat races, food, games, Aquanut waterski show and fireworks at dusk. Info: www.twinlakeschamber.com

3-5 An Old World Fourth of July – from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. visitors can celebrate as people did in the 19th and 20th centuries with a "through the ages" parade, band concert and spirited competitions at Old World Wisconsin, W372 S9727 Highway 67, Eagle. (262) 594-6301 or www.oldworldwisconsin. wisconsinhistory.org

4, 11, 18, 25 Walworth County farmers market – Veterans Park on the courthouse square, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (262) 741-4961

11 Vintage Base Ball: Eagle Diamonds – 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with game at 1:30 p.m. Celebrate America's favorite pastime and enjoy an oldfashioned game at Old World Wisconsin, S103 W37890 Highway 67, Eagle. (262) 594-6300 or www.oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org

12 The Cars that Time Forgot, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St., Delavan. Custom cars, stock cars, trucks and motorcycles, Merchants Choice Awards, road tours, food, live music, awards and vendors. Spectator parking with shuttle service at Lake Lawn Airstrip, \$5. Day of show registration to show vehicle, \$15 (\$10 in advance). First 200 registered vehicles receive dash plaques; first 100 Dodge registrations will receive a Dodge 100th anniversary collector's dash plaque. Info: carstimeforgot.com

12 Burlington Area Garden Club 2015 Walk and Raffle, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit picturesque and unique gardens in the Burlington and surrounding areas. Tickets will be sold for \$10 the day of the walk at Wehmhoff Square, corner of Pine and Washington streets near the Burlington Public Library. Info: www. burlingtonareagardenclub.com

17-19 Waterford Balloonfest on the grounds of Evergreen Elementary School, 817 W. Main St. New this year, balloonist flight competitions and classic evening balloon glows for Friday and Saturday nights. Craft and business vendors, food, beverages, kids' area with games, activities and entertainment. Helicopter rides, 5K run/ walk, helicopter rides and more. Friday, 4-9 p.m.; Saturday, sunrise to 9 p.m.; Sunday, sunrise to 10 a.m. Info: www.waterford-wi-org

18-19 SMILES horse show, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. Info: www. smilestherapeuticriding.org

24-25 Burlington Maxwell Street Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sidewalk and community-wide rummage sales throughout Burlington. Vendors will be also located in Wehmhoff Square, by the Burlington Public Library. Ice cream social at the Pioneer Cabin. Music in downtown Burlington and Wehmhoff Square. Friends of the Burlington Public Library Used Book Sale. Info: www.burlingtonchamber.org

24-26, 31-Aug. 2 "Godspell" at the Christian Arts Centre of Chapel on the Hill. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Cost: \$10 (Visa/MasterCard accepted) and may be purchased on www.brownpapertickets.com or at the door. www.chapelonthehill.net

24-27 Country Thunder at 2305 Lance Drive, Twin Lakes. Jason Aldean, Miranda Lambert, Brantley Gilbert, Gary Allan, Sawyer Brown, Craig Morgan, Mark Chesnutt, Joe Diffie, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Colt Ford, Charlie Worsham, Will Hoge, Chad Brownlee and more. Info: wisconsin. countrythunder.com

25 Frank Kresen American Legion Post 24 annual Car Show at 9 a.m., 735 Henry St., Lake Geneva.

29-Aug. 2 Racine County Fair, 19805 Durand Ave, Union Grove. Headliners Uncle Kracker, and the Charlie Daniels Band. See page 33 for full story.

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





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It's the beach, baby!

Area offers plenty of choices for a day of fun in the sun —

A bucket of water is gleefully transported from Geneva Lake to a moat surrounding a sandcastle on Fontana Beach.





pend some time at the beach? I don't recall ever before being assigned to spend my work time going to the beach. But I suppose someone has to do it and it sounds like a fine way to spend a nice summer day or maybe two. I sure was hoping it wouldn't rain on the days I scheduled my visits and, fortunately, it did not. ED NADOLSKI Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Riviera Beach in Lake Geneva makes the picture perfect backdrop for this couple. The beach is among the largest and most popular in the area.

by Sandra Landen Machaj

CORRESPONDENT

In the Geneva Lakes area there are so many fine beaches that it is not difficult to find a beach, but it is difficult making a choice of which one of the many wonderful beaches in the area to visit.

That is the challenge.

When I think back to my childhood, it was the trips to the beach that made the summer special. Because beaches were not close to home, the journey to enjoy the beach was a big deal. It was not just a place to go for a couple of hours but a full day excursion. We packed up the swimsuits, the towels, blankets for the beach, water toys, and a book or two to read.

There were no stops at fast food restaurants to pick up food for lunch. Rather it was packed in the cooler after having been prepared by my mother and grandmother. Homemade potato salad, deviled eggs, coleslaw – all those things we would not consider taking today for fear the food would spoil.

Hot dogs and hamburgers were packed to cook on a small charcoal grill if that was allowed at the beach we were visiting. Otherwise it was sandwiches, ham, salami, bologna, cheese or peanut butter. And strange as it may seem to you, no jelly was on my peanut butter, just lettuce. Fruits, chips and some sort of dessert, cake or cookies completed the menu. It was a day of fun, playing in the water with cousins or friends and the new friends we made while at the beach. Because there was no beach that was especially close we travelled to different beaches, some in northern Illinois and others in southern Wisconsin, each with its own special look. Some had water slides or a raft in the water. No matter where we ended up it was perfect.

Of course there was the mandatory no swimming right after eating and so we would play games on the shore, build a sand castle, or sit and read a book. Finally after a long day of fun in the sun, we packed up the car for the journey home. Tired after our fun-filled day and sometimes beginning to feel the sunburn that was inevitable, we often fell asleep before we arrived home.

While many visitors to the Lake Geneva area are from Illinois or Milwaukee, it seems that more of those I met on my recent beach visits were local residents or those who had summer homes in the area and spent most of the summer here.

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

Lake Geneva

Located in downtown Lake Geneva at 211 Wrigley Drive, (262) 248-3673, is a 600-foot-long sandy beach that attracts both the local residents and tourists from the Chicago and northern Illinois area. Adjacent to the famous Riviera, it attracts the most visitors.

On this sunny day the beach was not nearly as crowded as it is on weekends, but it still had many visitors. Food is allowed and there are many restaurants in the immediate area. The pier out in the lake attracts swimmers who enjoy swimming out to it and jumping or diving in to the lake. Groups of teenagers were playing volleyball in the water without a net and seemed to be having a great time.

A lifeguard is on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the summer season. While it is one of the nicest beaches around, it is also the busiest.

Ashley and Natalie, who are part of the beach crew, pointed out that tickets costing \$7 for adults and \$4 for children are purchased from a machine painted at the entrance to the park. Pay station street parking is available although on some days spaces are difficult to find.

Big Foot Beach

Big Foot Beach State Park, 1452 Wells St., Lake Geneva, is a 271-acre park on the eastern shore of Lake Geneva. There are many park activities including trails, a playground, volleyball courts, and a 40-acre picnic area. There is a small swimming beach on the lakeshore however no lifeguards are present. Entry is \$10 for out of state visitors, free to Wisconsin residents.

Williams Bay

Williams Bay Beach is on Geneva Avenue in Williams Bay, (262) 245-2720. With a clean, sandy beach, Williams Bay attracts families. Steve and Brooke Chachola, who live in Elkhorn, arrived at the same time I did. Loaded with water toys for their 18-month old daughter, Aubree, they chose this beach because Steve grew up in the area and it was a favorite swimming beach in his youth. This was their first trip to the beach this year and they were excited to spend a day at the lakeshore.

Lifeguard Alex Halldorson has worked at this beach for the past two summers. It was obvious that she appreciates the importance of her job. As we talked her eyes continued to scan the waterline making sure everyone was okay.

"I enjoy working here because everyone is so friendly. I meet so many people," she said. "There is a steady flow of visitors throughout the day."

Like all of the beaches glass and alcohol are not allowed. Parking is available across the street without charge. Entry fee is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Fontana

Fontana Beach – 505 Lake St., Fontana, (262) 275-6136 – is another large beach that attracts many visitors especially families. According to Corinne Kenny who is in her eighth year Finally after a long day of fun in the sun, we packed up the car for the journey home. Tired after our fun-filled day and sometimes beginning to feel the sunburn that was inevitable, we often fell asleep before we arrived home."

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Fontana Beach offers a wide stretch of sand to accommodate beach games like the Spike Ball played by this group of teens.



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The swimming and diving piers at Riviera Beach in Lake Geneva provide a suitable spot for viewing all the lake activity.

managing the beach, the beach is popular because it has deep sand and a grassy knoll behind and is kept scrupulously clean.

On alternate Saturday nights a family movie is shown on the beach. The screen is brought in by Big Foot Recreation, which oversees the showing of the movie. There is a charge of \$1 per person for the movie.

"This is one of the special things about our beach," Kenny said. Food and beverages are allowed but no grills, glass, or alcohol.

The water has two separate lines of buoys, one to mark the shallow end up to four-feet deep and the second section for the deeper water. Beach officials do not recommend going past the second line of buoys. Three or four lifeguards are on duty and one of the lifeguards is usually on the pier to better watch those in the deeper water.

Delavan

In the Town of Delavan, Community Park, 1220 South Shore Drive, (262) 740-2335, has a large playground, including a volleyball court, horseshoe pit, and picnic area but the swimming beach is small.

The swimming area is delineated to keep swimmers from going out of the area because of underwater weeds, according to Steve, the harbormaster for the park.

He said visitors tend to come late morning or early afternoon. The beach offers free use of life jackets. Non-residents are charged \$25 for a seasonal pass while residents use the beach for free. Daily rates for visitors are also available.

Twin Lakes

Twin Lakes, as its name implies, has two lakes – Lake Elizabeth and Lake Mary – with several beaches open to the public. I visited

Chillin' at the Beach



Fine, white sand in a park setting makes Fontana Beach among the most popular on Geneva Lake – especially on a hot day.

Fontana Beach on Geneva Lake offers areas for a variety of activities, including doing nothing but catching a few rays.



Teamwork makes building this small lake in the sand at Williams Bay beach successful. The project with a small bridge and waterfall requires constant refilling with pails of water as the water quickly soaks into the sand. A friend, bright sun, white sand and cool water make for a relaxing day at Riviera Beach in Lake Geneva.

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Steven and Brooke Chachola, with 18-month-old daughter Aubree, head to Williams Bay beach to enjoy a day of fun in the sun.

Lance Park Beach along Main Street on Lake Mary in Western Kenosha County. The beach is small with very little sand, but it features a collar of green grass behind it. Several mothers with children were at the beach during a recent visit. No lifeguards are on duty so swimming is at your own risk. There is plenty of parking and no admission fee.

Burlington

Fischer Park on Brown's Lake in Burlington, 30326 Durand Avenue, (262) 763-8446, features a wide, sandy beach where children enjoy playing, and a grassy area where parents and grandparents can sit shaded by some of the large trees make it a comfortable place for all.

The day of my visit was a bit overcast and rain was predicted but it didn't seem to bother anyone.

Dan and Laurie Martindale of Wind Lake enjoy bringing their grandchildren here.

"It is close to home and it is never crowded," Laurie said. "When the grandchildren visit we often come out for a few hours, about as long as the 2 year old and 4 year old can handle easily."

Kim and her two children Arik, 12, and Ashland, 16, live nearby in Waterford. They too enjoy visits to the Fischer Park beach because it has fewer people, especially during the week. On this day Arik ran into the water but quickly returned because of the temperature.

The park is well maintained and Gregg Jaeger, park manager, makes certain that it remains so. According to Jaeger, lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day during the swimming season. Picnic tables encourage visitors to spend the day and enjoy a picnic lunch.

There is a \$1 per person fee during the swimming season.

While this list is not a complete list of all the beaches available in the area, it includes some of the best and most popular. So pack up that picnic lunch, put on your swimsuits, and head to the beach for a couple of hours or a full day.

A day in the sunshine filled with outdoor activity is sure to make lasting family memories.





Lake Geneva's Oh My Gauze! offers summer fabric in unique designs

by Janet Deaver-Pack

"Good morning! Welcome to Oh My Gauze!"

The cheery voice sings out between racks crowded with unique designs of airy Mexican cotton clothing created exclusively for women. Greetings like this have welcomed shoppers entering the store since it opened under its original name What On Earth 27 years ago.

The shop owes its longevity to several things: an appealing and durable product that never goes out of style; excellent workmanship; comfort; affordable prices; and great customer service.

"This has become a destination store because it's been here so long," said Manager Robin Staudt. "Customers come back year after year."

And if patrons can't make it to one of the three Oh My Gauze stores, there's a website to order from.

The interior of the Lake Geneva shop is painted in bright tropical colors enhanced by neutrals. The hues of the gauze are rich and vibrant, ranging from a dense black to bone, and everything in between – lime, raspberry, yellow, pink, earth brown, aqua, burgundy,



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tan, navy, and sorbet orange line the racks, competing for attention in vests, skirts, cropped pants and long pants with elastic waists, tunics, and tops. They change yearly as new styles are added, which keeps the clothing trendy and fresh. Even though colors from previous years are "retired," there are always many new ones from which to choose.

Business owner Joy Mooney has worked hard to keep her product at the top of the industry. Only the finest 100 percent cotton gauze fabric made from the long-fiber Mexican cotton plant is used in the creation of her clothing. The fabric made from it does not shrink. None of the pieces need ironing, hence it is virtually maintenance free.

Cotton "breathes," allowing the passage of air through its weave, so it is cooler in hot weather than many other fabrics. Most of the colors coordinate, making the creation of several good-looking outfits from a few basic pieces easy. These outfits easily dress up or down as needed. And it packs well, which makes gauze perfect for travel.

Direct from Mexico

Mooney discovered the pleasures and practicalities of gauze clothing on her frequent visits to Mexico. On her return to the States, she always received compliments when wearing her new gauze purchases. The items were obviously attractive to other women. Because Joy's husband, Ken, worked near Lake Geneva at the time, she decided to open a shop that would make her favorite clothing available in the Upper Midwest.

As so many other beginning entrepreneurs have done, she started the business from the basement of one of Lake Geneva's stores, investing \$100 in her product. It was called "Down to Earth," and opened in 1989, featuring only clothing for women made of excellent Mexican gauze. She also was the designer.

More success followed as the store and its top-of-the-line product became known.

"Fashion should be visually appealing as well as comfortable," Mooney stated during the introduction of new styles in 2013. "The marriage between the two is the driving force of all our clothing since 1989."

These are the philosophies that have driven her business to the pinnacle of gauze clothing manufacture and sales in North America.

Mooney found that one store was not enough to satisfy her growing list of customers. Lake Geneva's climate can also be a disadvantage. The downtown stores that sell enough during the warm months to make it through the winter are few, and coldseason sales are not as numerous because most people don't want to challenge freezing temperatures, snow, and ice.

In 1994, Joy changed the company's name to Oh My Gauze, and opened a sister store in Sarasota, Fla. A third store in Naples, Fla, joined the thriving business



BRUCE HEARD Spirit of Geneva Lake

Comfort and style that is never out of fashion are prominent in the clothes Joy Mooney designs for her stores. Both are evident in this trendy 100 percent cotton dress on display at Oh My Gauze.

during the same year. High demand necessitated the development of a website, allowing Mooney's company to expand into wholesale. Oh My Gauze now sells its clothing to hundreds of North American stores.

The company is still proudly run by Mooney, who now makes her home in Florida. Her family has joined her in the business, including her husband, her daughters, Kendra and Allison, and their husbands, Jason and Brad.

"Joy still designs clothing for the stores," Staudt said. "And she's hired artists to paint some of the more unusual pieces. We have a good following of women who want affordable artsy pieces. Joy also names her designs after people who work for the company."

Including the warehouse and production facility, Staudt estimates that Oh My Gauze employs around 100 people.

It's the cotton

Cotton clothing has a long and rich history. The shrub is native to Central America, South America, India, and Africa. A certain variety was cultivated by early people who lived in what is now Mexico. It was favored for clothing and ceremonial dress because its long fibers allowed it to be more easily spun into yarn than the plant, which produced shorter fibers. It became known as upland or Mexican cotton.

Archaeologists have unearthed proof of the cultivation of cotton dating to 3500 B.C.

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in the Tehuacan Valley of Mexico. Cotton garments used in religious rites have been found in Peru, also at digs associated with the Zuni tribe of Native Americans in Arizona.

Cotton cloth proved to be an important part of commerce for early people who possessed the ability and patience to make it. It was traded in various parts of the known world, and was a coveted product.

"Indian cotton" clothing is mentioned favorably by the Greek historian Herodotous in writings dating from the fifth century B.C. When Alexander the Great invaded northern India in 327 B.C., he discovered that cotton clothing was more comfortable than the wool tunics in which his army had marched for so long.

People of the Indus River Valley of Pakistan have been making cotton yarns into clothes for about 3,000 years. Apparently they started cotton cloth production at about the same time as the ancient Egyptians.

It's interesting that hand spindles on which to make yarn, the combs used to make the fibers lay in a single direction for spinning into yarn, and weaving looms were developed by widely separated peoples simultaneously for the same purpose.

Cotton was always sought after, but only a limited amount could be made in the past. The fluffy useable part of the bush adheres to its seeds something fierce. The process of separating the two by hand was very labor-intensive. The cotton gin ("gin" is short for engine) changed all that. Although Eli Whitney of Massachusetts gets credit in most history books for inventing it in 1793, recognition may instead belong to machinist Noah Homes, who built a separator that



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- Joy Mooney, Oh My Gauze

This is the storefront of Joy Mooney's Oh My Gauze on Broad Street in the heart of Lake Geneva. The family-owned business was originally started 27 years ago as Down To Earth.



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efficiently divided cotton from its seeds in 1791.

Production of cotton fabric increased tremendously thanks to that machine, and cotton, due mostly to its comfort and versatility, became the material of choice for most furniture upholstery and cushions, as well as clothing. It is said that the Middle Eastern city of Gaza, once an important weaving center, gave its name to gauze fabric. The word cotton came from the Arabic words "al qaton."

Making it popular

Mooney did much to make Mexican gauze clothing popular in North America. She's expanded her merchandise to include jewelry made from metal, wood, leather, and beads of all sorts. The styles are bold, but not overpowering. Glimmering softly from the displays, bracelets and necklaces perfectly compliment the clothing surrounding them.

Mooney has chosen an excellent staff to work in the Lake Geneva store. Staudt, the manager, was a schoolteacher until a few years ago. After retiring, she began working parttime at Oh My Gauze. She loved the product and the personal connections she made with customers. She soon appreciated the way the owner ran the company.

"Joy is so artistic and creative," Staudt said. "She continues to work in the Sarasota store designing new styles each year."

Impressed with Staudt's abilities, Mooney asked her to manage the Lake Geneva store when Margo Anderson, the original manager, retired in 2013 after working for Mooney for 20 years. It's obvious Staudt loves her job. "It's a great company to work for. We have wonderful clients, and we get to wear gauze every day."

Beth Ptacek works with Staudt. Her background is in hotel management. Previous to that, she was also a schoolteacher. She came to work at the Lake Geneva store when Staudt asked her to fill in for a short time. That short time has stretched into 21 years. The longevity among the employees of this company says a great deal about both the management, and the consistent quality of the product.

Ptacek claims the best schedule possible – she is at the Lake Geneva store during the warm Midwestern months, then moves to Florida to work in the Naples store the rest of the year.

"We give our customers lots of personal attention," said Ptacek, who very often greets visitors as soon as they step through the doorway. "It's a pleasure helping them put together an outfit."

She is one of the employees who has a design named after her. The Beth pants are cropped and cute, just right for the short season of sizzling weather here, for casual wear at beach resorts, or walking tours during summer vacations.

"We love our returning customers," Staudt adds. "They're very important. And they're also our friends."

Shoppers can discover the creativity, artistry, and fine gauze fabric that is the basis of the success of Joy Mooney's Oh My Gauze at 225 Broad Street, Lake Geneva. The shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (262) 248-2827 with questions. The website at www.ohmygauze.com.



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The store also features selection of fashion jewelry designed to complement Oh My Gauze clothing, made from metal, semi-precious stones, wood, shell, glass, acrylic, and paper. Inset: Beth Ptacek with the pants that bear her name.

Lake Lawn plans a blast for the 4th HOLIDAY COOKOUT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SET

Lake Lawn Resort, Delevan, is offering what it describes as an eventful yet relaxing Independence Day celebration complete with an overnight package special, holiday cookout and outdoor activities for the entire family.

Starting at \$789, the Fourth of July getaway package includes lodging for three nights, as well as admission to the All-American Cookout and daily unlimited miniature golf.

The annual All-American Cookout and Lawn Party will be held on Saturday, July 4 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lake Lawn Resort. Outdoor activities will be available for families and classic American picnic foods will be served.

For attendees not participating in the Fourth of July getaway package, tickets for the cookout and Lawn Party are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children between the ages of 4 and 12 years old and can be purchased in advance at the resort's front desk.

In addition to the cookout and activities scheduled for the Fourth of July, guests and visitors are encouraged to gather at the lakefront on Saturday evening for fireworks over Delavan Lake.

While visiting Lake Lawn Resort, guests can also rent pontoons, speedboats, wave runners, kayaks, paddleboards and more. Lake Lawn Resort is also home to Majestic Oaks, a golf course with picturesque landscapes and views. Reservations for equipment rentals and tee times are encouraged to ensure availability.

Lake Lawn's Calladora Spa will be open during the holiday weekend, offering guests a relaxing retreat. Manicures and pedicures, stress relieving massages, soothing facial treatments and hair services are available for guests to indulge in.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (800) 338-5253 or visit www.lakelawnresort.com.





July 2015



Summer heralds the return of farmers markets throughout the area. A trip to the market is a great opportunity to indulge in fresh, healthy produce and to expand your horizons

by trying new items or preparing them in different ways.

Here are eight tips from the folks at Simply Organic to make the most of your visit to the local farmers market:



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Boxes of Heritage tomatoes are on display at the Burlington Farmers Market, held on Thursday afternoons. This market is proud to claim eight consecutive years in business at the same location, offering the fresh produce from local farms within a 75-mile radius. • Note the hours and dates of your local market on your calendar. Set reminders on your smartphone that will alert you when favorite items such as tomatoes, peas, beans and strawberries come into season.

2. Prepare your refrigerator and kitchen for the season's harvest. Clean out your fridge's produce drawer, and stock up on items that complement fresh produce, such as salad dressings and seasonings that can be used to turn basic veggies into delicious meals.

While farmers market vendors will almost certainly have plastic bags on hand, take your own reusable bags or baskets to carry your purchase – they're better for Mother Nature. If you'll be buying perishable items, consider packing a cooler as well. Remember to place heavier items (like melons) on the bottom of the bag and lighter ones (such as berries) on top.

1 You'll find the freshest produce and best selection early in the day. Setting your alarm to wake you a bit early could ensure you get the pick of the day's produce.

5 Leave the \$20 and \$50 bills at home. Smaller bills will provide you with greater buying flexibility, and vendors will appreciate the change.

6. Scope out the entire market before you begin making purchases. Certain popular items, such as tomatoes, cantaloupe, melons, peas and potatoes will be available from multiple vendors. Strolling through the market first will allow you to compare prices and taste samples to ensure you're picking the best and most delicious buys for your family.

7• Unpack bags as soon as you're home and store each item appropriately. Create a menu plan for the week that incorporates everything you've purchased to help ensure nothing goes to waste.

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Don't forget to incorporate snacks into your meal plan.

Every week, try 8. something new. By all means, enjoy your familiar favorites, but also add in new items like kohlrabi, chard or broccolini.

Not sure how to prepare something new? Seasonings are a great way to add flavor without fat. Spice-filled marinades or rubs are a perfect complement to produce. Throw your veggies on the grill to bring out the freshness.

Simply Organic offers numerous fresh produce recipes on its website, www. simplyorganic.com. (BPT)

Where to find freshness

Fresh, locally grown plants, produce and products are available at weekly farmers markets throughout the area.

Here's a listing of the locations, dates and times of those markets:

BRISTOL: The Bristol Farmers' Market is open every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. until October, just west of Town Hall at 226 Veterans Park. www.freewebs.com/ bristolfarmersmarket

BURLINGTON: The Burlington Farmers Market is every



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Thursday until October from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wehmhoff Square in downtown Burlington. Fresh, locally grown produce, vendors, music and more. (262) 210-6360

EAST TROY: The East Troy Farmers Market is every Friday, from 3 to 7 p.m., May 22 through Oct. 2. on the downtown village square. Vendors. fresh produce. live entertainment and more. (262) 642-3770

ELKHORA: The Walworth County Farmers Market is every Saturday, starting June 6, from 8 a.m. to noon in Veterans Park, on the courthouse square in Elkhorn. (262) 741-4961

KENOSHA: Kenosha HarborMarket is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October at 56th Street and 2nd Avenue, www. kenoshaharbormarket.com

LAKE GENEVA: The Lake

Farmers markets like this one in Burlington offer area residents a chance to shop healthy and local.

Geneva Farmers Market is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday, May through October at Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad St. (414) 759-5615

MUKWONAGO: The

Mukwonago Area Farmers Market is every Wednesday until Oct. 14 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Field Park (highways 83 and NN). Seasonal fruits and vegetable, herbs, annuals and perennials even fresh-cut flowers, eggs, bakery, jellies, jams, kettle corn and much more. (262) 363-7758

WHITEWATER: The

Whitewater Farmers' Market is every Saturday from 8 a.m. until sell out, May through November, rain or shine, in the parking lot at the Winchester True Value Hardware, 1415 W. Main St.

UNION GROVE

The Union Grove Farmers Market is every Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the village square on Highway 45. Seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade fudge, apples and cider, pumpkins fall decorations, kettle corn and more. Bake sales on selected dates.

LAKE. MUSIC. MAGIC. Music by the Lake 2015 Season Presented by George Williams College of Aurora University

SUNDAY, JULY 12 | 4:00 p.m.

John Pizzarelli Quartet World-renowned jazz guitarist, singer and bandleader performs classic pop, swing and stylish modern jazz.

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BoDeans

Legendary rock band entertains with chart-topping hits such as "Closer to Free," "Idaho" and "Fadeaway."



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Arrival from Sweden The Music of ABBA World's most popular and bestselling ABBA tribute band performs hits "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia" and "Take a Chance on Me."



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Creedence Clearwater Reunited band members celebrate iconic classic singles such as "Fortunate Son," "Bad Moon Rising"



July 2015

A selection that satisfies

Bruno's is Lake Geneva's largest liquor store

by Sandra Landen Machaj

CORRESPONDENT

Looking for top-rated wines, beer and liquor? The first stop, which will also likely be the last stop, is a visit to Bruno's Liquors in downtown Lake Geneva.

Known by residents and visitors alike as the largest liquor store in Lake Geneva, Bruno's has the variety and inventory to satisfy most tastes.

This full-service, independent liquor store has come a long way since it's beginning. In 1949 Bruno Sharkus and his father, Walter, purchased the Northwestern Hotel and for the next 10 years were the proprietors of the Knotty Pine Tavern at the hotel – a job they would have continued if it hadn't been for the fire that consumed the hotel and bar and put Bruno, his wife Pat and their two children at risk.

In spite of this setback, Bruno and his wife, Pat, rebuilt their business in 1960. This time they named it Bruno's Pink Isle Tavern. For the next 15 years, Bruno watched his business and family grow.

By 1975, the Sharkus family decided it was time to close the bar. Ready for the next step in business, Bruno added 30 feet to the building – creating a space large enough to accommodate a walk-in cooler – and the business reopened as Bruno's Liquors. Today, the place continues to supply popular beers, wines, and liquors in all price ranges. Today the store is still owned by the Sharkus family, with Jim Sharkus, son of Bruno, now running the business.

Looking for a moderate priced wine to enjoy? Come in and look through the selection available. Whether white or red, sweet or dry, there is sure to be one to suit your palate and your price range.

Celebrating a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, or a dinner with someone special? Perhaps a higher end bottle of wine is the right choice. If help is needed, ask one of the knowledgeable employees. A complete line of champagnes is also available.

A walk through the fine wine selections is like a walk through the wineries of the world as bottles of fine wines from around the globe can be found on the shelves. From brands such as Opus, Rothschild, Caymus that are displayed on the shelves, a new favorite may be chosen. Some of the



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This display of wines of the Old World at Bruno's Liquors provides a variety of choices for those searching for the right wine for a dinner party or other occasion.



varieties may be well known to you. Perhaps it is time to try one that is new to you that is recommended by Bruno's Liquors staff.

Craft beers continue to grow in popularity as microbreweries flourish and present uniquely flavored products. Wisconsin has many craft breweries and many of them are represented in the product line carried by Bruno's. The top sellers include Spotted Cow and other New Glarus seasonal beers. Moon Man and Totally Naked are the two most purchased of the seasonal beers now.

A full line of high-end scotch and bourbon from Johnnie Walker Blue label to Michter's bourbons can be found lining the shelves.

Preparing for a major event? Picking the right beverages to be served is as important as picking the right foods. Whether your event is small or large, Bruno's can prepare the package that will be perfect for your function. For 30 years, Bruno's has catered special events including anniversaries, birthdays, christenings, and family reunions to name a few.

Weddings are one of the most important events in a couple's life and Bruno's is poised to help you come up with the perfect beverage package for the size of your wedding. Located only a few blocks from the famous Riviera Ballroom and Horticultural Hall makes delivery to two of the most popular settings for weddings and other large gatherings, simple.

For the cigar lovers, Bruno's has two



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Bruno's Liguors, 524 Broad St., Lake Geneva, is recognized as the largest independent liquor store in the city. The store has been in business since 1975 and provides ample offstreet parking.

fully stocked cigar humidors. A full line of accessories including cutters, cases and lighters is also available.

Bruno's Liquors is at 524 Broad St., Lake

Geneva. If you have questions, call (262) 248-6407 or visit www.brunosliquors.com. The store is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.



The pavilion at George Williams College in Williams Bay is alive with enthusiastic fans during a performance as part of the 2014 Music by the Lake concert series. The series is back in 2015 with a full slate of performers.

SUMMERTIME IS

Concert series provides soundtrack for easy living Few things go together as well as great music floating on summer breezes. Area residents and visitors to the Geneva Lakes area have plenty of opportunity to enjoy both during the summer of 2015.

Outdoor summer entertainment venue Music by the Lake, presented by George Williams College of Aurora University, is in the midst of its 15th season presenting six artist debuts in a range of musical genres, including American classics, jazz, contemporary rock, comedy for families, pop and classic rock.

The season, which includes weekend events through Aug. 8, features performances for all generations to enjoy. All 2015 artists are making their Music by the Lake debut this season.

People can purchase their tickets at musicbythelake.com or by contacting the Music by the Lake ticket office at (262) 245-8501. Ticket prices vary.

All events take place in the campus' Ferro

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Concerts in the park

For Burlington and Waterford, summer doesn't truly arrive until the music plays. Both communities have bi-weekly concert series that complement each other by running on opposite Thursdays.

Burlington has B-Town Sounds, while Waterford has River Rhythms.

All concerts are on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Burlington and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Waterford, and are free to the public.

Each series offers of variety of performers, from classic rock to blues, pop, country and big band.

The Burlington location is Echo Park, while Village Hall Park plays host in Waterford.

The series began in June and the remaining concerts this summer are:

- July 2, Waterford, Cold Sweat and the Brew City Horns; 8-piece show band
- July 9, Burlington, Saturday June Band; rock,



classic rock and Indie music

- · July 16, Waterford, The Rush Tribute Project; classic rock
- · July 23, Burlington, Blues Disciples; blues
- July 30, Waterford, Jackie Brown Band; original and rock covers
- Aug. 6, Burlington, Geoff Landon; country
- · Aug. 13, Waterford, Swing Nouveau; big band era music
- Aug. 20, Burlington, Primitive Culture; funk and blues
- Aug. 27, Waterford, Steely Dane; Steely Dan tribute
- Sept. 3, Burlington, Glenn Davis and the Blues
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For those looking for a little more name recognition in their performers, the Music by the Lake series offers a variety of choices.

Here's a closer look at the remaining schedule:



Jazzing it up

World-renowned jazz guitarist, singer and bandleader John Pizzarelli makes his Music by the Lake debut on July 12.

Establishing himself as one of the prime interpreters of the Great American Songbook and beyond, he brings a cool jazz flavor to his performances.

Pizzarelli has experienced a string of success with his albums and also appeared as a special guest on recordings for Sir Paul McCartney, James Taylor, Natalie Cole, Kristin Chenoweth, Ricky Lee Jones, Buddy DeFranco, Rosemary Clooney and more. He continues to tour worldwide performing classic pop, jazz and swing.

Pop music with ABBA tribute and the BoDeans

Hailing from Waukesha, legendary rock band the BoDeans perform on July 18. Known as one of the best live acts in the music industry, the band has entertained audiences for more than 20 years with their chart-topping hits such as "Closer to Free," "Idaho" and "Fadeaway."

The energetic group has been honored by Rolling Stone and their legacy is part of a permanent display featuring Midwest artists at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum. They continue to make new music, releasing their 12th studio album "I Can't Stop" this April.

The festival takes a trip back to the 1970s with one of the world's most popular and best-selling ABBA tribute bands and the closest adaptation of Sweden's biggest music export, which sold more than 400 million records.

The band, Arrival from Sweden, makes its festival debut on Aug. 1 bringing the music, voices and costumes inspired by ABBA, as well as famous hits "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia," "Take a Chance on Me" and more. The band has toured and sold out venues across 48 nations and appeared in television shows worldwide.

CCR closes the season

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford, the original bassist and drummer for Creedence Clearwater Revival, celebrate the legendary rock band's classic hits such as "Fortunate Son," "Bad Moon Rising" and "Who'll Stop the Rain," on Aug. 8, closing the summer season.

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LAKE GENEVA HOSTS

Here's the schedule for Lake Geneva Concerts in the Park that take place on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., at Flat Iron Park in downtown Lake Geneva. The concerts, which run through August, are free and open to the public.

JULY 2 - ERIC DIAMOND

Eric has been a singer since he was 16 and has been in many bands over the years honing his vocal abilities. He has been Wisconsin's Top Neil Diamond Tribute Artist for over 12 years, playing many clubs, bars, restaurants, Corporate Events, theaters, state and county fairs and private parties. He also sings song from popular 1970's one-hit wonders!

JULY 9 - KAL BERGENDAHL PROJECT

The Kal Bergendahl Project was formed in 2005 and is made up of several diverse musicians spanning the southeast Wisconsin area. The group's founder and bassist, Kal Bergendahl, embarked on this project venturing to combine smooth, soulful jazz with edgy funk.

JULY 16 – BOBBY WAY AND THE WAYOUTS

Bobby Way and the Wayouts have performed everywhere from Summerfest to county club formal affairs with their 800-song repertoire featuring songs for all musical tastes. Always classy, never corny, they know how to keep the dance floor hopping.

JULY 23 – MARK & GRETCH

Mark, Gretch and Jo offer a unique hybrid of a highenergy vocal group, professionally produced sound tracks, and live instrumentation. They bring an expansive repertoire from the 30's and 40's torch, swing and big band, 50's and 60's bop, rockabilly and Motown, 70's, 80's, 90's pop, rock and country.

JULY 30 - GEOFF LANDON & THE WOLFPACK

Geoff Landon and the Wolfpack features powerful vocals and award-winning musicians. The Wolfpack will take you on a roller coaster ride of inspirational ballads and boot stompin' country hits from today and yesterday. Get ready to experience one of the Midwest's most exciting and entertaining country music shows.

AUG 6 – EDDIE CASH

He was born and raised in Memphis and was a teenager in the 1950's. His first job was singing with the original Elvis Presley Band, the original Conway Twitty Band and the original Bill Black Combo. Then he spent 30 years in Las Vegas, 10 years in Branson Mo., and 10 years at the Belfry Theatre in Williams Bay sharing songs and stories from the days he worked with some of the biggest names in Hollywood.

AUG 13 - MR. MYERS BAND

Mr. Myers plays Caribbean Rock – a mixture of reggae, calypso, Jimmy Buffett/ beach music, and originals. Featuring colorful steel drums, powerful percussion and strong vocals, Mr. Myers entertains a wide variety of audiences. Bring the kids for a limbo contest.

AUG 27 – LAKE GENEVA HOUSE OF MUSIC

The Lake Geneva House of Music presents its Advanced Group students (ages 13-17) performing a variety of popular American and British rock music hits of the past and present.

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Reunited as Creedence Clearwater Revisited in 1995, the band has toured worldwide for more than 20 years with concerts packed with hits that still remain staples on radio and throughout popular movie soundtracks today.

The band has also reached a new generation of fans through their performances and their platinum-selling live album, "Recollection." Creedence Clearwater

Revisited adds a new chapter to Cook and Clifford's legacy with vibrant and exhilarating energy, and pure American spirit.

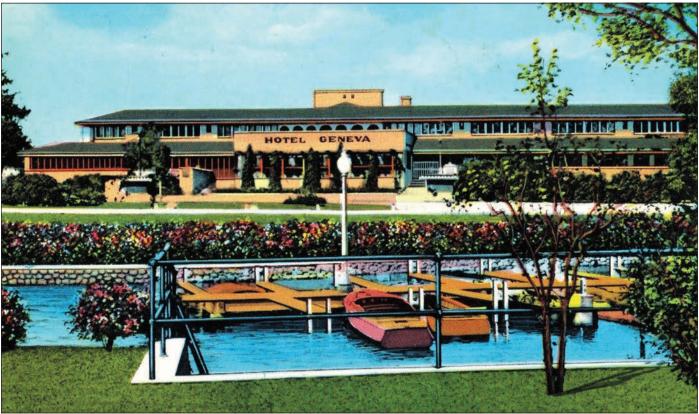
Family time

Science and comedy meet with the July 26 debut of Doktor Kaboom in "Look out! Science is Coming!" The creation of actor/ comedian David Epley, Doktor Kaboom is a physicist with a passion for science that knows no bounds.

character driven one-man interactive show entertains all ages with explosive comedy, demonstrating that the foundations of scientific discovery are fun tools for everyone.

For more than 20 years, Doktor Kaboom has toured the United States and Canada, encouraging audiences to express their awe of scientific demonstrations, to creatively explore the world around them, and discover that science and mathematics can be entertaining.

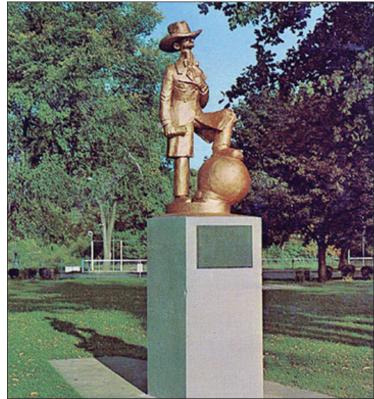




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The Hotel Geneva is among the buildings with stories to tell on the walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva. The walking tours are held each Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. through Aug. 20.

Lake Geneva walking tour offered



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes The statue of comic strip character Andy Gump in Flat Iron Park is among the landmarks walkers will see on a guided tour of Lake Geneva. Legends and Landmarks: A Walking Tour of Lake Geneva will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 20.

The tours, which began June 18, gather in front of and depart from the Riviera building at 812 Wrigley Drive.

Cost is \$8 per person or \$15 for two people.

The walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and the historic Maple Park neighborhood was developed by the staff of Black Point Estate and in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Preservation Commission and the Geneva Lake Museum.

The 90-minute guided tour will cover about 1-1/2 miles.

"The tour will focus on not only the architecture but many of the colorful personalities and events that make Lake Geneva a special place," said Dave Desimone, director of Black Point Estate. "For a town of this size, the diversity and quality of architecture is truly impressive. This tour will help to highlight some of it."

Heritage tourism is one of the fastest-growing segments in the tourism industry, Desimone said. Lake Geneva is graced with many beautiful buildings as well as a colorful and interesting past. The goal of the tour is to help bring the city's cultural heritage to light, he said.

"With that in mind, we've tried to develop a tour that appeals to both local citizens and tourists," Desimone said.

On the tour, participants will learn which buildings were designed by famous architects, which have a colorful past and which significant structures were lost to neglect or the wrecking ball.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Black Point Estate at (262) 248-1888 or purchased the day of the tour directly from the tour guide.



July 2015

Geneva National golf outing to benefit people with disabilities

The Geneva National Foundation will have its 10th annual Lifelong Empowerment Open on July 27.

The golf outing is the largest fundraiser in Walworth County and has raised more than \$2.5 million to help support the county's 4,500-plus individuals with physical, mental and developmental disabilities.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a gourmet "grab-and-go" lunch and a shotgun start. Cocktails and dinner will be served and an auction will take place under the club's tented pavilion after golf.

Golfers of all ability levels are welcome or guests can attend the dinner and auction only or donate an auction item.

"Every time a check or auction item comes in, I am overwhelmed with the generosity of our sponsors," said the foundation's acting director Pamela Chambers, whose family owns, operates and resides at Geneva National. "Even though it can be a stretch, the smallest

businesses still give. This Geneva Lakes community truly pulls together to make a significant difference in the lives of our disabled."

Chambers said one of the foundation's first beneficiaries was Elkhorn's Lakeland School, which received support for indoor lap and therapy pools for the school's 270 special education students. This year, the foundation provided \$10,000 for the purchase of musical playground instruments and additional swings to meet students' sensory and motor development needs while also allowing non-verbal students to express themselves.

"Geneva National Foundation's many years of efforts can be seen throughout our facility, filling our school with the latest technology and equipment to enhance the lives of our special students," said Lakeland School Administrator Tracy Moate.

A recent \$6,000 grant for Whitewaterbased Studio 84 also promotes selfexpression among the disabled, as the funds provide art materials and help to keep class fees affordable. Additionally, this year's \$20,000 grant for Mercy Foundation's Autism Support Fund provided aquatic and musical therapies, noise-reduction headphones, iPads and weighted blankets, said Mercy Foundation director Jennifer Johns. The foundation has also fulfilled individual requests including a therapy dog, customized wheelchair, summer camp and an inflatable tumbling wheel for Bayside Athletic's cheer team comprised of students with physical and developmental disabilities.

"We couldn't have this equipment without someone believing in it," said Bayside's founder Jessica Viss. "And we couldn't have a program without it."

More information about the foundation or this year's Lifelong Empowerment Open can be obtained from Pamela Chambers at (262) 245-7310 or pchambers@gnresort. com or at www.genevanationalfoundation. org.

HUNT CLUB RECEIVES Certificate of Excellence

For the second year in a row, Geneva National Resort's Hunt Club Steakhouse has garnered the TripAdvisor certificate of Excellence.

"I'm continually impressed with the way our culinary and service teams consistently deliver a first-class dining experience, never slowing in their pursuit to improve upon taste and presentation that is already exceptional," said Hunt Club manager Martha Militello. "We are so grateful to our customers for recognizing the passion we put into each dish and for taking the time to share their impressions. For us, there is no greater seal of approval than being recognized by our customers."

The rustic steakhouse is lodged in the historic Crane mansion. It has received 2014 and 2015 TripAdvisor accolades, eight Wine Spectator awards and an Open Table Diners' Choice award.

According to TripAdvisor, travelers come to the website to plan and book the perfect trip, and the certificate of eExcellence celebrates establishments, like the Hunt Club Steakhouse, that deliver spot-on service and stellar customer reviews.

Among the posts on TripAdvisor are:

"I love the ambience in The Hunt Club! When my girlfriends asked me where I wanted to go for my birthday celebration, I didn't even hesitate. We are always treated special."

"Make the Hunt Club a stop after golf for a great martini and an excellent meal. The decor is upscale casual and the hamburger with truffle fries is out of this world. From appetizer to dessert, this venue does not disappoint."

"Outstanding service from the minute we arrived. Food was phenomenal and the wine list was unbelievable! It was by far my best birthday dinner I've ever had, and I can't wait to go back again!

"Wonderful steak, excellent service and great views. Don't miss the shrimp cocktail! Perfect romantic evening. Enjoy!"

"When you step out of your vehicle you will notice the peaceful escape from other busy restaurants. The wine was wonderfully suggested and served. My ribeye was the best I've had to this day, full of flavor that melts in your mouth. No need to ask for any steak sauce, because you would miss the skill that was placed into each piece of meat."

To view the Hunt Club's seasonal menu or make reservations, call (262) 245.7200 or visit genevanationalresort. com.

Motorists can access the Hunt Club Steakhouse via the entrance to Geneva National by turning right at the business center and following the frontage road.

HISTORY PRESERVED

COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUMS CAPTURE A BYGONE ERA

The Walworth County Historical Society's museums in Elkhorn are open and welcome visitors throughout the summer season.

The Webster House Museum and the Veteran's Museum in Heritage Hall across the street will be open for their summer hours from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday until early October. Both are at the corner of Rockwell and South Washington streets two blocks south of the center of Elkhorn.

The Webster House Museum is in the home of Joseph P. Webster, a Civil War era musician and composer, whose most famous works were "The Sweet By and By" and the love song "Lorena" that was featured in the film "Gone with the Wind." The museum can be reached at 723-4248 for



SUBMITTED PHOTO Spirit of Geneva Lakes Local historical artifacts are on display at the Webster House Museum in Elkhorn.

when one of the last survivors died. An annex to the house was added after the Historical Society gained possession that houses other collections including Howard Cook's wildlife bird, the original elk horns that gave Elkhorn its name, Potawatomie Indian artifacts, a Civil War room and heirlooms from the county's pioneer families.

Adjacent to the Webster House is the Boyd Carriage House, an 1850s hand-hewn oak beam barn that houses General Boyd's carriage that transported him between Lake Geneva and Madison for his senatorial duties in the early days of Wisconsin statehood. In addition to a collection of Boyd family artifacts, the barn also houses a collection of antique tools and agricultural implements, including ice-

information or appointments during open hours.

The home is filled with pieces that belonged to Webster and his family who occupied the house from 1857 until the early 1950s



harvesting equipment that drew ice from area lakes in the days before refrigerators and freezers.

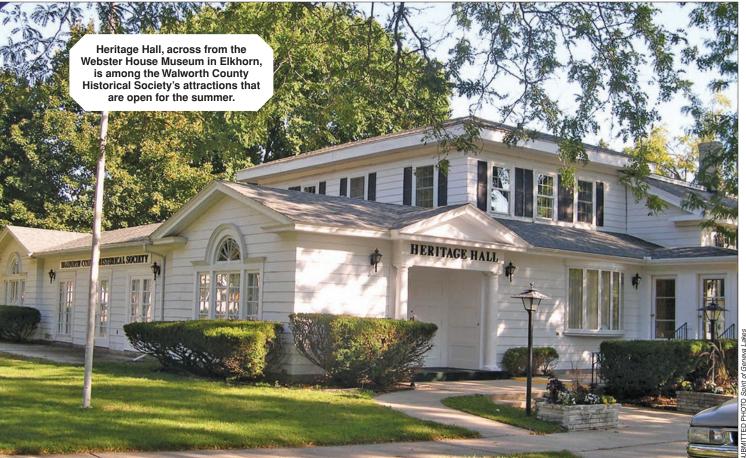
Across the street in Heritage Hall is the Veterans Museum that is staffed by county veterans and displays uniforms, weapons, airplane models, pictures and documents from veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam and will soon add displays from the most recent conflicts.

Also adjacent to the Webster House at 210 S. Washington St. is the Doris Reinke Resource Center that houses records, maps, journals, newspapers, scrapbooks, county family genealogies and other documents available for pubic research. The center is open on year round from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, or with an appointment by calling 723-7848.

Other sites operated by the society are the Sharon Town Hall and the Blooming Prairie one-room school at the fairgrounds that are open mostly during fair time, except for the school that hosts special tours for area elementary schools in the spring and fall.

Other special events the society will sponsor are the yearly free ice cream social in July, the annual book sale at the fair, and appearances by speakers with knowledge of historic figures or events, all of which will be announced closer to their dates.







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'This One's for Ewe' RACINE COUNTY FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The good times are headed this way for the 92nd Racine County Fair. "This One's for Ewe" opens Wednesday, July 29, on the fairgrounds in Union Grove and wraps up Sunday, Aug. 2. The fairgrounds are one-quarter mile west of the intersection of Highways 11 and 45 at 19805 Durand Ave.

Once again, the fair features an impressive line up of food, fun and attractions for the whole family.

Along with the farm and animal attractions that are part and parcel with the fair, appearing daily are the Swifty Swine Racing Pigs and the Brunyon Blazak Royal Bengal Tiger Show.

The Children's Area has multiple daily shows with Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix, Grandpa

Cratchet, Kids are People Too, the Zoppe Circus and a free petting zoo. The Expo Building also has a LEGO building station running from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day.

Opening day on July 29 features Goats on Parade at 3 p.m., crowning of Little King/Little Queen at 3:30 p.m., and crowning of the Fairest of the Fair at 5 p.m. There will be judging of various animals and exhibits both in

Raymond 4-H member Ryan Parker, 10, proudly shows 5-year-old Lizzy Jackson, Minneapolis, how to pet his turkey, Elsa, at the Racine County Fair in 2014. The fair runs July 29 through Aug. 2 this year.



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JULIE ROSSMAN Spirit of Geneva Lakes

2014 Fairest of the Fair, Emily Schaal (right) and Fair Royalty Jenna Franseen, participate in the cream puff eating contest last year at the Racine County Fair. The contest is sponsored by the Racine County Farm Bureau Women, who run the cream puff stand at the fair.

the Junior Department as well as the Open Class Division.

The Truck and Tractor pull takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the Grandstand with a Combine Demo Derby immediately following. At 7 p.m. are the Fair Idol Semi finals.

Thursday, July 30, is Children's Day with special midway promotions, cream puff eating contest, kiddie tractor pull and games and entertainment for children. The Activity Building will host "Lunch Money Bullies" at 7:30 p.m. with a party on the track at the Grandstand.

Bella Cain performs on the grandstand at 8:15 p.m. Grandstand seating is just \$5 and track seating is \$10. Bring your own chair for track seating. Modern Day Romeos open for Bella Cain at 7 p.m.

Along with the day's judging, Friday, July 31, has the Truck and Tractor Pull at 6 p.m. and the Steve Meisner Polka Band performing in the Activity Building at 1 p.m. Meet the Fair Royalty at 4 p.m., watch the Antique Tractor Parade at 5:30 p.m. or head on over to the Fair Idol finals at 7 p.m. on the Runzheimer International Stage. Free entertainment can be found on the Runzheimer International Stage from noon until close every day.

The lawnmower races start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, livestock auction is at 9:30 a.m., and the Log Swing and Threshing demos are at 1 p.m. in the antique tractor area. Chase Rice is performing on the Grandstand at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's activities begin at 8 a.m. with the Garden Tractor and ATV Pull at the Grandstand. Don't miss the Fur and Feather Sale in the Small Animal Building at noon or pie-eating contest



The midway at the Racine County Fair sparkles against the backdrop of threatening skies during it's 2014 run. The fair, however, enjoyed fair skies for most of its run, attracting more than 100,000 visitors. Organizers are hopeful of a similar turnout in 2015.

at 1:45 p.m. in the Park Pavilion. And, of course, the fair wraps things up at 6 p.m. on Sunday with the traditional Demo Derby.

The fair is open each day from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Admission is \$9 for adults 14 years and

older, and \$6 for ages 8-13. There is no charge for children 7 and younger. Parking is free. Senior citizens (62 and

over) admission is \$7.

Amusement ride passes are sold in the carnival area only.

Ride all day with the \$40 Mega Band (includes admission) on sale July 1-28 at all Community State Bank locations. Wristbands are \$20 at the fair.

For more information, visit www. racinecountyfair.com.



Four-wheel time machines

DELAVAN SHOWCASES THE CARS THAT TIME FORGOT

The Delavan-Delavan Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its 12th annual car show the Cars That Time Forgot on Sunday, July 12. The event, held on Delavan Lake at Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St., is open free of charge from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organizers are expecting more than 1,000 show cars this year, including a variety of muscle cars, hot rods and classics.

This year the show is highlighting the history of Dodge in the United States and the first 100 Dodge vehicles to register will receive a 100th anniversary Dodge Dash Plaque.

Dennis Gage, star of the TV show "My Classic Cars," will also be at the show filming for a future episode.

Lake Lawn, which has hosted the show for the past several years, will again have food for purchase throughout the day at different stations along the grounds.

The resort is also hosting a "Get Acquainted" event at its Lookout Bar & Eatery on Friday, July 10, and a summer barbecue where car-lovers can gear up for the show with a ticketed lakeside cookout and pre-show warm-up on Saturday, July 11. Beginning at 6 p.m., there will be summer drinks, followed by a spread of barbecue favorites with classic sides at 7 p.m. Attendees will get an exclusive sneak preview of the special feature cars before they're on display during Sunday's show. Tickets for the pre-show cookout are \$25 per person in advance or day of

For more information or tickets, go to www. lakelawnresort.com.

The Road Tour begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, and the Gimmick Rally returns Saturday afternoon.

• SHOWING A CAR

People interested in showcasing their vehicles are welcome. The first 200 vehicles registered will receive dash plaques. There will be signage. The cost for registration and to show a vehicle is \$10 in advance and \$15



Mike Andrews, of Delavan, talks with Augie Comas, also of Delavan, owner of a 1930 Model A Ford he restored at the 2014 show.

at the show. Register early, space is limited.

For more information about registration, contact the Chamber of Commerce at delavanwi.org or (262) 728-5095.

• PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICE

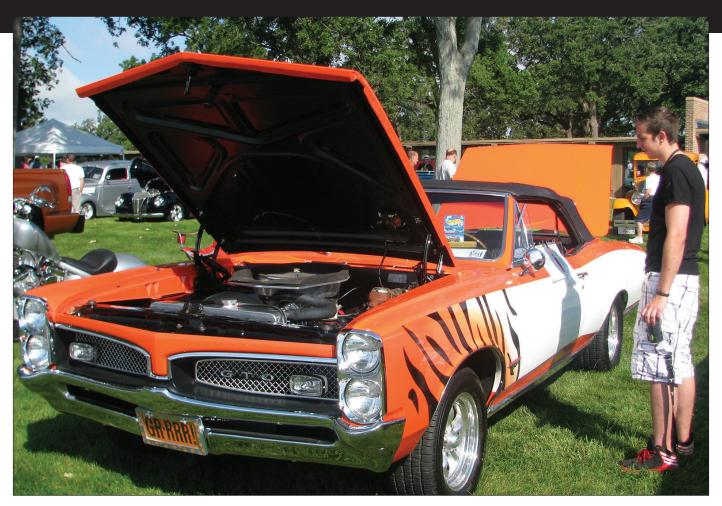
Sunday spectator parking with shuttle service at Lake Lawn Airport costs \$5; the new entrance is on Mound Road. There will be shuttles from the airport, downtown,





July 2015

SWEET RIDES



Super 8 and Comfort Suites running every 20 minutes. Pets and barbecuing are not allowed at the event or in the designated parking areas.

• SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

The Chamber is holding a food drive to support the Harold Johnson Food Pantry at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Delavan during the car show. Drop points will be at the airstrip and Chamber registration tent.

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WHAT: The Cars that Time Forgot

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Kyle Moehling (top), of Delavan, checks out a 1967 Pontiac Lemans convertible owned by Bob Ellis during the 2014 Cars that Time Forgot show in Delavan. Terry Furseth (above), one of the original organizers of the car show, shows off his three entries – a 1979 Pontiac Grand Prix, a 1978 Pontiac Trans Am and a 1969 Dodge Charger. The 2015 show is scheduled for July 12.



Burlington club's garden walk is July 12



ED NADOLSKI Spirit of Geneva Lakes

Gardens of distinction, like this one from the 2013 Burlington Area Garden Club's Garden Walk, will be on display again at the club's 2015 event on July 12. urlington Area Garden Club's 2015 walk will give the public an opportunity to visit picturesque and unique gardens in Burlington and surrounding area.

The garden walk is July 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will have a chance to stroll under natural forest greenery where they'll be greeted by a plethora of ferns, hostas, astilbes, or wildflowers and discover a hidden rock waterfall.

A welcoming pergola leads to a small fishpond with floating water plants and a garden room enhanced by a lattice sitting area. Visitors will follow a stone pathway to tour a vineyard, flower and vegetable gardens or relax at the pool near the outdoor living room.

A country setting is home to many outdoor gardens and a secluded patio with a panoramic view of nature and wildlife.

The Garden Club, in conjunction with the Burlington Historical Society, will also feature the Legacy Garden maintained by the Burlington Area Garden Club and the Vintage Garden cared for by the Racine and Kenosha County Master Gardener volunteers. The adjacent Historical Society museum and pioneer log cabin will be open to the public.

Also, intermingled within the showcase gardens, will be several area artists displaying their artwork.

Advance tickets are \$8. On the day of the walk, tickets cost \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased at Burlington Garden Center, Burlington Flowers & Interiors, Richter's Marketplace, Breezy Hill Nursery, Tattered Leaf, Gooseberries Fresh Food Market, Gia Bella Flowers and Gifts, or Mileager's in Sturtevant.

On the day of the walk tickets will be sold for \$10 at the gazebo at Wehmhoff Square on the corner of Pine and Washington streets near the Burlington Public Library. The event will be held rain or shine.

This year's Garden Walk raffle includes items such as a \$250 Visa card, \$250 gas card, garden gift baskets, and many more prizes. The drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m. July 12 at the Wehmhoff Square gazebo and winner need not be present to win.

Proceeds from the walk allow the Garden Club to present grants to local service organizations and scholarships to students studying in horticulture-related fields at either the technical college or university level.

For further information, or to purchase tickets in advance, contact co-chairwoman Ruth DeLay at (262) 210-3176. Information is also available online at burlingtonareagardenclub. com.





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Events scheduled to help raise funds for Belfry Music Theatre

The Belfry Theatre at Bailey Road and Highway 67 has events coming up to further its efforts to restore the 127-yearold theater.

From 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays through July 23, the theater will present Writers on the Beach at the Williams Bay Beach.

Writers are invited to bring lawn chairs, drinks and up to five double-spaced pages of their current works or the work of their favorite novelists.

The event will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. For more information, write to belfrymusictheatre@gmail.com.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the theater, an ice cream social and vintage car rally will take place in honor of Belfry Theatre alumni Paul Newman. Prizes will be awarded for the best 1920s to 1950s costume. Guests are invited to ring the bell at the Belfry.

The theater will have Volunteer Saturdays through October. Residents can sign up by clicking the "connect" and then "volunteer" tabs on the belfrymusictheatre.com website. Volunteers are needed to work on the buildings and grounds of the theatre.

The theater will have a one-act play festival at 7:30 p.m. July 24 and 25 at Lakeland Community Church.



It's an authorfest FIRST-EVER EVENT COMING TO LAKE GENEVA JULY 11

The Friends of the Lake Geneva Library and Breadloaf Bookstore will host the city's first Beachside Authorfest in Library Park in downtown Lake Geneva July 11.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and features readings and discussions with area authors.

The authors will gather for a panel discussion at 6:30 p.m. July 8 at the Lake Geneva Public Library before the main event three days later.

Authors who will attend the discussion and their biographies are below.

Sue Mydliak

Sue Mydliak has been a writer for more than six years. She lives in Joliet, Ill., with her husband, and has three grown children. She works full time as a special education paraprofessional for more than 13 years.

Her first piece of work, "The Clearing," was published in Mississippi Crow magazine. From there, she started her first trilogy, "Birthright," a paranormal romance mystery published in 2011.

During that time she and two other authors started their own publishing company, Visionary Press. She was the artistic director and designed the book covers. Since then, ownership has changed, but she remains as one of the artists.

Aside from writing for young adults, she writes and illustrates children's books under the name Susie B. She has published "Line's Big Discovery," a takeoff of "The Ugly Duckling," and "Rudy's Terrible Fright" about a wooly bear caterpillar.

Last year, Mydliak became the sole illustrator for author Patricia Kieta and has illustrated "Grace Finds Her Shoe Flower" and "Crayons Go To The Zoo."



Michelle Duster

Michelle Duster is a writer, speaker and personal historian. She co-authored the children's history book "Tate and His Historic Dream," has written articles and essays and published two books that include the original writing of her greatgrandmother, Ida B. Wells, a journalist, civil rights activist and suffragist. Duster received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Dartmouth College and her Master of Arts degree in media studies from The New School in New York City. She teaches writing for business courses at Columbia College Chicago.

Trina Sotira

Trina Sotira is a novelist, short fiction writer and former television news producer in Chicago and Rockford, Ill. Her first novel, "In Her Skin," continues to receive recognition for revealing the struggles of a transgender teenager. She has published flash fiction and articles about writing. Sotira received her Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism from Columbia College Chicago and her Master of Arts degree in British and American literature from Northern Illinois University. She teaches college composition and creative writing courses as a full-time faculty member at College of DuPage.

Sotira contributed to Duster's collection of stories, essays and poems, "Shifts: An Anthology of Women's Growth Through Change." In the anthology, 35 women from different age groups, geographic locations, marital status, parenting status, professions, and sexual orientations share their experiences of growth as a result of change, according to a book synopsis on amazon.com.

J.D. Brown

J.D. Brown is described on goodreads. com as "that socially awkward girl with more fictional friends than real ones." As a child battling a hearing loss and Muckle-Wells syndrome, Brown found comfort in books where strong women always saved the day and got the guy, according to her biography. She writes urban fantasy books including the Ema Marx series, which consists of "Dark Heirloom" and "Dark Liaison."

Robb Chase

Chase, of Genoa City, is a writer, community-theater actor and filmmaker. He served in the U.S. Army and released the first book in his current series, "Adventures of Annuvin," in 2003.

He has now compiled more than 10 stories in the series, which is available in four print books or sold separately as e-books through amazon.com.

The latest book in the series is "The Flickering Light" – a tale of perseverance and struggle and an emotional journey through the lives of Chase's newest characters Millaney, Sahn and Darvin.

Chase's other novels include "Otis Half-Dwarven," "Dragon Queen," "Warrior Justice" and "Moonlight of the Gods."

Donn Ziebell

While pursuing his doctoral degree at the Union Institute University in Cincinatti, Donn Ziebell received







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Along Highway 50 in Delavan is an interesting business that is actually two separate businesses that work well together in a shared space.

Riga-Tony's Delicatezzi Italaiano in Delavan is a true Italian delicatessen sideby-side with a restaurant that specializes in homemade Italian foods.

Riga-Tony's was opened by Joe and Joanie Russo in August 2002 and brought the flavor of an authentic Italian delicatessen to the Delavan/Lake Geneva area. It is obvious when entering the restaurant and deli that it is run by someone with experience in the Italian style of preparing foods, whether it is just a sandwich or a typical Italian hot meal such as lasagna, spaghetti or eggplant Parmigianino.

Joe Russo was raised in a typical Italian home on the south side of Chicago, where excellent food was cooked using the Italian family recipes that were often handed down from generation to generation. At a young age he began to work in the food industry and realized that was the work he enjoyed.

Together with his wife, he owned and operated Cardinale Bakery in the Bridgeport area of Chicago. The bakery had been his mother-in-law, Rose Cardinale's, idea and used her baking recipes. Thus the bakery was named for her. Things were going so well with the bakery that they opened a restaurant with sit-down service that, of course, served favorite Italian specialties.

Live bands were brought in for entertainment and soon it became a popular spot for families and friends to gather. A catering service was available for private parties.

A local connection

Like many Chicagoans, the Russo family had a summer home up here and spent time in the Lake Geneva area. They always enjoyed being in this vacation spot where everyone seems to relax and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. It is not surprising that eventually the thought of moving from the city to the Geneva Lakes area on a permanent basis became more and more appealing.

"After we sold the business in Chicago," Joe Russo said, "we decided it was time to make the move full time to Wisconsin."

And so they did.

In life all things change and Joe and his family did not take long to start another business – Riga-Tony's Delicatezzi Italiano.

Walking into the restaurant is taking a step back into the delicatessens that were so popular in the old Italian neighborhoods. Bottles of olive oil, canned tomatoes, olive salads and other items needed to produce that Italian flavor line the shelves. The music, of Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett plays softly in the background.

The display cases hold a great variety of imported cheeses, Italian lunchmeats such as capicola, mortadella, and Genoa salami. Prime dry aged steaks are on display along with the hot and mild Italian sausage and bratwurst that is made in-house by Joe Russo. Small baskets of fresh vegetables such as peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes are available to bring out the Italian cook in you.

📕 An early start

Long before they open for the day, the Russo family is hard at work. "All of our sauces are homemade using our family recipes." Russo said. He went on to say that the Italian beef that is one of their best sellers is also cooked daily in-house. Thick crusty Italian bread is baked each day.

Riga-Tony's opens at 9 a.m. and shortly after that time customers for the deli begin to arrive. Many of these customers are regulars and are greeted by name. Often Russo knows what they have come to purchase.

While part of the family manages the deli, other members are hard at work preparing the restaurant for the lunch crowd. The warm pasta dishes must be cooked. Lasagna from an old family recipe is prepared. Ravioli are also homemade.

Sarah, Joe's daughter-in-law, took the time to show a visitor the various cakes, such as carrot and chocolate that are baked





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Rich, creamy, and flavorful best describes the tiramisu (upper photo) served at Riga-Tony's. It is made from an old family recipe handed down by Joanie Russo's mother. The sausage (above) is not supermarket produced, but made fresh by Joe Russo and his staff from family recipes.



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using the recipes that started in the bakery in Chicago. While cakes are great choices for dessert, it is the traditional Italian desserts that most look for when eating Italian meals.

Tiramisu and cannoli are handmade by Joanie Russo using her mother's recipes. Shoppers can also find Italian cookies that go so well with a cup of coffee.

Dining options

As the lunch crowd begins to filter in everyone becomes busy. Some of the customers come in just to pick up a sandwich to take with them. Others find a table in the comfortable dining room and enjoy their lunch selection on site. On nice days, they may choose sit outside on the patio.

In late afternoon before the dinner crowd shows up, there are people who come in for an afternoon dessert. A cup of coffee and a piece of tiramisu, carrot cake or a cannoli while chatting with friends is a

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ Spirit of Geneva Lakes Riga-Tony's carries a variety of olives, black or green, to suit your taste. A specialty is the hot olive



Riga-Tony's Delicatessen is a step into the old fashioned delis where everything is high quality and homemade. The sounds of Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett greet shoppers as they make their selections.

salad with a kick to its flavor.

nice way to spend a part of the afternoon.

For those who are planning a family party, a shower, or any other get together of 25 or more people, Riga-Tony's offers catering services. Their basic catering menu includes, Mostaccoli and meatballs with the choice of two meat selections (chicken, Italian sausage, or Italian beef), potato choice (Vesuvio, parsley buttered, or potato salad), a tossed salad and buns. Plates, napkins, utensils, and even serving spoons are provided and all for just \$10.95 per person.

People also have the option of purchasing an Antipasto tray to start their meal. The trav is loaded with fresh mozzarella cheese balls, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts and salami.

Custom packages

Pans of other entrees can also be purchased either along with the basic catering package or alone. It's a great way to simplify party preparation while knowing you'll have something tasty and well-prepared to serve.

Among the choices are boneless chicken breasts prepared Vesuvio style or Marsala. A favorite Italian dish, Bracciola, rolled prime steak with Italian bread stuffing will please the meat lovers and eggplant Parmigianino is available for those who would rather skip the meat.

For a group meeting, or a casual lunch Riga-Tony's offers a 3-foot or 6-foot sub. Loaded with meats, cheese, lettuce, and tomato the huge sandwiches create an impressive sight.

Russo said moving to the Geneva Lakes area has been a success both for his family and his business.

"We provide old fashioned, full, personalized service – something that is often lacking these days. I feel we have brought the best of Chicago to the Lake Geneva area."

Whether for a light lunch of soup or a sandwich, or a full meal of ravioli or lasagna, Riga-Tony's has the choices to please. Riga-Tony's Delicatezzi Italiano is at 5576 Highway 50, Delavan, in the Dairy Queen Plaza. To place orders call (262) 740-2540 or fax the order to (262) 740-2541 or visit www.rigatonis.com for complete menus.

Summer hours are Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Riga-Tony's is closed in January and February.



On warm days customers are able to take their lunch or dinner outside and enjoy the patio.





For those who do, The Rustic Realm offers a shoppers' paradise

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Logs, twigs, and rawhide. Antlers of all sizes and shapes. Wagon wheels. Weathered barn wood. Wild animals, expertly mounted. Lampshades of mica and rawhide. Metal cutout art pieces. Chainsaw carvings. And a bit of history.

If it's rustic, it's at The Rustic Realm. This business specializes in furniture and home accessories both unique and unusual. Ninety percent of it is made by the best artisans working today in twig, log, antler, and recovered barn wood across the United States. Every item has hand-made appeal, a one-of-a-kind presence, and a sense of nature and history.

"If you don't see what you need here, we can design it for you," said Patti Twist, co-owner of the business, gesturing around the bursting-at-the-seams shop. "No two logs are created equal, so each piece is one-of-a-kind."

Some items look like they're made from saplings gathered from the north woods, perfect for a hunting or fishing cabin, Others, such as the leather and fabric wildlife print sofas and recliners with touches of pine, cedar, or aspen, could reside comfortably in nearly any décor.

There are hundreds of combinations from which to choose. However, buyers beware: the motto for this store is "If you like it, buy it now." This isn't a marketing ploy to sell more items, it's a statement of fact. Once a piece is sold, there may be another that is similar, but never one just like it. Too, the merchandise turns over quickly, so what customers see this week will likely not be there when they visit next.

Tractors to antlers

The Rustic Realm began in 2003 with one bed frame and an antler chandelier displayed in a room at Larry's Machinery, which sold both new and used farm equipment. The infant business was intended to be a small secondary occupation for Larry, but it took over.



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"I don't have an equipment shop anymore, it's all in furniture," Larry said of his store. "I still sell in farm equipment every once in awhile, though. I sold a tractor vesterday."

This is a husband and wife team who enjoy their jobs, and it shows.

"I love to hunt and fish," Larry explained. "I wanted an outdoors shop with an 'up north' feeling. It was just a side thing, which took off."

The phrase "took off" is somewhat misleading. Patti and Larry have expanded The Rustic Realm five times since its opening, and they're considering another

expansion very soon. The store now claims over 3,000 feet of showroom space dominating the corner of Highway F and Highway 11 between Delavan and Elkhorn.

Customers come from Milwaukee. Janesville, Kenosha, Racine, and Chicago, and Minnesota, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. They maintain a detailed website presence online, and a Facebook page.

"We even had customers from Colorado who claim our price for a Rocky Mountain aspen bedroom set is better than they could find in Colorado," Larry said. "They bought the set, and took it back with them.'

It's the wood

The store smells like good, solid wood. The owners enjoy showing shoppers their unusual items, and explaining some of the furniture's finer points. Such points include "rubs" on bed rails, floor lamps, and other home accessories made from Rocky Mountain aspen, pine, and other woods. It's a wound in the tree created by moose, elk, or deer rubbing its new, itchy, velvetcovered antlers against tree trunks in the spring to shred it off.

During rutting season in the fall, the animals again attack the trees, rattling their antlers against the wood to tell other

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Co-owners Patti and Larry Twist of The Rustic Realm Lodge Decor Furniture Store are also wife and husband. They say they enjoy offering their customers fine, unusual, and sometimes whimsical home accessories.

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males of their presence. It leaves a dark depression in the wood sometimes inches wide and often more than a foot long. Such rubs are considered highly collectible in the furniture because it adds to the uniqueness. Other distinctions include worm trails, gnarls and gnaw marks.

The furniture choices available at The Rustic Realm are impressive.

"We wanted to offer customers the best variety we could," Patti said.

There are notebooks full of hundreds of different upholstery patterns, and furniture made with and without wood trim. Rocky Mountain aspen from Colorado, hickory, diamond willow, beautiful red oak, and pine in red, white, and knotty varieties top the list. Elegant cherry and black walnut sofa tables offer a practical alternative for dining or snacking. And that's just a start.

Also included are artisan craft items

with reclaimed barn siding that is 100-150 years old, as well as western teak, cedar, and rosewood once used to make farm implements, horse-drawn carts, and fence posts.

"Repurposing" is a standard practice of The Rustic Realm's artisans, and where the history lies. Patrons who enjoy conserving natural resources wherever and whenever they can love the beautiful, practical results.

Made for comfort

Another reason to shop at The Rustic Realm for furniture is that the merchandise is comfortable.

"Go ahead, sit down," Larry urged. "Feel that? It's good, solid craftsmanship. And that glider over there? See how the wood is bent (in) just in the right places for your back. It doesn't have any cushions, and it's comfortable. There's no cookie-cutter BRUCE HEARD Spirit of Geneva Lake

furniture here. And no veneers—it's all solid wood."

There are a few beautiful blobs of wood sitting on the floor throughout the store, looking like combinations of pale mushrooms and the crème centers of candy waiting for chocolate robes.

"Those are solid teak," Patti said. "It's illegal now to cut down one of these trees. So to get more teak, they dig up the stumps to use." Many become footstools; a few are large enough to make end tables. The smaller pieces are used to create wonderfully contorted wine bottle and wine glass holders. All are unique.

A lamp made from a fence post, an antler, or a wagon wheel hub, or a chandelier with a wildlife motif over an unusual mica shade, can change the atmosphere of any room instantly from bland to intriguing.

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"We help our customers through the adventure of designing their own special retreat," Patti said. "Rustic doesn't mean just cabin or lodge any more. Don't limit yourself to one style - farmhouse, country, lake, and urban can all mix. We sell most of our merchandise to people who have regular timber-frame houses."

Lamps of all kinds The Rustic Realm offers floor and table lamps made of twigs, pieces of ox carts, small logs, fence

posts, and natural as well as faux elk, moose, and white tail deer antler. The main difference between the two is the density. Natural antler weighs more than the man-made variety. This has an effect if the lamp is large and needs transporting up several flights of stairs, or is a complicated chandelier that would otherwise place too much strain on ceiling joists.

Log floor and table lamps are also crafted from diamond willow, cedar. and the hubs from wagon

wheels. Shades include rawhide (which lends a gentle amber glow to a room), oil laced (the edges are accented with lacing tinted by oil), and a choice of printed or plain fabric.

The dining tables are just plain gorgeous, rich in the natural colors and textures of hickory, pine, and barn wood

"This one has an extension," Patti said, as she pointed to an example. "To do that, they let the wood grain run the short way.'

In some tables without extensions, the grain runs lengthwise. Chairs of the same variety of wood are available, matching in tone. There are also buffets, china cabinets, and open shelving perfect for storage.

Office furniture is another component









Clockwise from above left: This cut metal ceiling fixture has a mica background, giving its light a soft glow; Taxidermied raccoons peer from their tree nest - an actual piece of trunk with bark included; a beautiful bed and matching chest made of solid wood await a buyer; and a sense of humor pervades many of the smaller stuffed animals available here.

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offered by The Rustic Realm. Computer desks, hutches, bookshelves, chairs, and cabinets make working at home more relaxed and pleasant. Desk lamps, floor lamps, and chandeliers add both light and ambience. For a whimsical touch, there are stuffed squirrels in western regalia.

Great for gifts

Gift items include antler toothpick holders, log trinket boxes, and elegant lathe-turned wooden vases. Bath and kitchen accessories are scattered throughout the store, along with clocks, bottle stoppers, and wine bottle displays. A few fur-trimmed hats rest in the glass case opposite the door, and there's a mannequin wearing a fur hat and fur leg warmers next to the office door.

There are benches: plain, with backs, and one of Larry's original designs has hooks for outerwear that make it perfect for an entryway or mud room. There are planters for potted plants and baskets made of twigs, wire, and rushes. There are barn wood, twig, and log frames surrounding artworks and mirrors.

The chainsaw-made bears and moose may be displayed inside or outside. Some carry signs saying "Welcome to the Cabin," "Wipe Yer Hoofs," or "Go Away." The store has its own bear holding a "Welcome to The Rustic Realm" sign.

Metal sculptures of fish, geese, moose, bears, and several other types of wildlife permanently captured in natural poses parade next to the parking lot, just waiting to become a conversation piece in or near someone's home or office.

"I look for extraordinary pieces," Larry said. "I'm always hunting for something different and unusual."

"This furniture is therapeutic," Patti added. "It smells good. It looks good. It wears well. It's creative. Living with it is like being on vacation all the time."

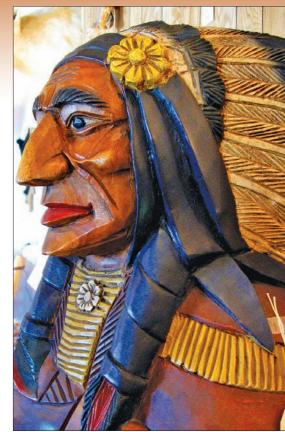
One of the things Patti and Larry like most about their business is what they call the "wow factor."

"People come through the door and say, 'Wow, I didn't know this place was so big!' Or, 'Wow, I didn't know you have so much!' Or 'Wow, this is just so unique!'" Patti said. "We love hearing that."

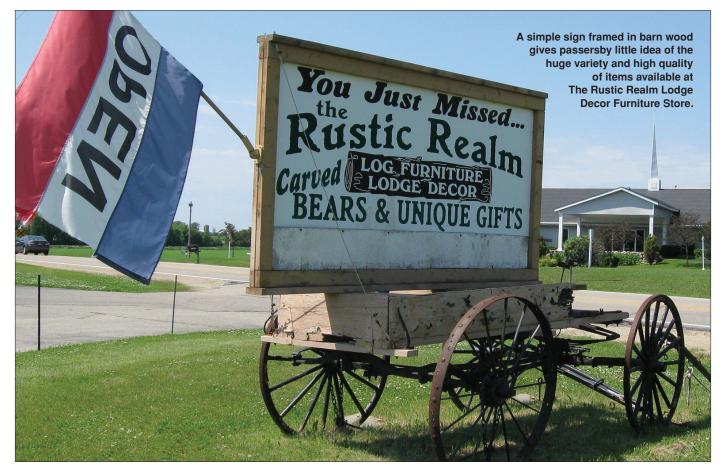
Find The Rustic Realm by following the small signs along highways F and Highway 11. Their showroom is on the southwest corner of the intersection at N4522 Highway F, Elkhorn. Just look for the chainsaw and metal statuary next to the parking lot. The extensive website is at www.therusticrealm.com, and the phone numbers are (262) 728-8241, or (262) 949-9287. The Rustic Realm is also on Facebook.

And remember, all pieces here are oneof-a-kind - if you like it, buy it. There will never be another one exactly like it.

"Yeah, come back next week," Larry said, with a grin. "We're bringing in new things all the time."



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A mother snaps a photo of her children during an outing at Riviera Beach in Lake Geneva on a warm day in June.

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approvals from Moscow's Russian Ministry of Education and the KGB to present business seminars in Russia. He began lecturing there in 1990, sent U.S. instructors with specific disciplines into Russia to lecture on their business areas of expertise and wrote his dissertation to complete his Ph.D. degree on their observations. His dissertation, "A Model Combining Business and Evangelism for Mission Work in the Soviet Union during the Time of Perestroika," is in the libraries of 31 U.S. universities and seminaries.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, and a Master in Business Administration degree from the University of New Haven, Connecticut. He spent 30 years in manufacturing and consulting roles within Fortune 500 corporations. He then spent 16 years with Christian mission organizations before retiring. At the request of the executive director of one mission, Ziebell became a licensed minister in the Evangelical Free Church of America. He held his ministers license while working as an executive in three U.S. mission organizations at the same time and as a church elder.

His boyhood Midwest family life included art, letter-writing, camping vacations and story-telling. He started oil painting during college semester breaks. Years later he wrote a series of short stories about a fictional character that attracted a following within a community of people.

Ziebell's first non-fiction published book of memoirs used a selection of letters about true, personal experiences written to a man he had not met: "My Letters to a Prisoner – I had not met." His second non-fiction book, "Conceal Carry; Pause," is also on amazon.com. He relates his active learning experience and training for self-defense.

Katie Sullivan

Katie Sullivan is a descendant of pirates and revolutionaries and loves all things Irish. She was born in the United States but is a dual U.S. and Irish citizen. She studied history and politics at University College-Dublin.

In her book "Changelings: Into the Mist," Irish teensgers Maureen O'Malley and Sean McAndrew are lost to time. To find a way home, they must curry favor with pirates, dodge a revolution, and defy a king out of Ireland's deepest legends, even as magic in their blood threatens to rekindle a centuries-old war that will tear the very fabric of time.

She also is the author of "Three Ghosts," which is about Deirdre O'Brien, an Irish-American political activist who married the wrong man and had to kill him to save the lives of thousands.

Janet Burroway

Janet Burroway was awarded the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award in Writing by the Florida Humanities Council. She is the author of eight novels including "The Buzzards," "Raw Silk," "Opening Nights," "Cutting Stone" and "Bridge of Sand." She has also written plays including "Sweepstakes," "Division of Property," "Media With Child" and "Parts of Speech."

Her textbooks "Writing Fiction" and "Imaginative Writing" are in ninth and fourth editions respectively. Her children's book "The Giant Jam Sandwich" has been translated into 20 languages and scored for orchestra, as have "The Truck on the Track" and "The Perfect Pig."

Burroway is the editor of a 2014 collection of essays by older women authors, "A Story Larger Than My Own" from University of Chicago Press, and her memoir "Losing Tim" appeared in the spring of 2014 from Think Piece Publishers, according to her biography at sideshowtheatre.org.

She is working on a musical adaptation of Barry Unsworth's novel "Morality Play," and a drama, "Headshots," and "Boomerang" for Sideshow Theatre Co.'s Freshness Initiative, according to the Chicago non-profit organization.

She is a Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Emerita at Florida State University.

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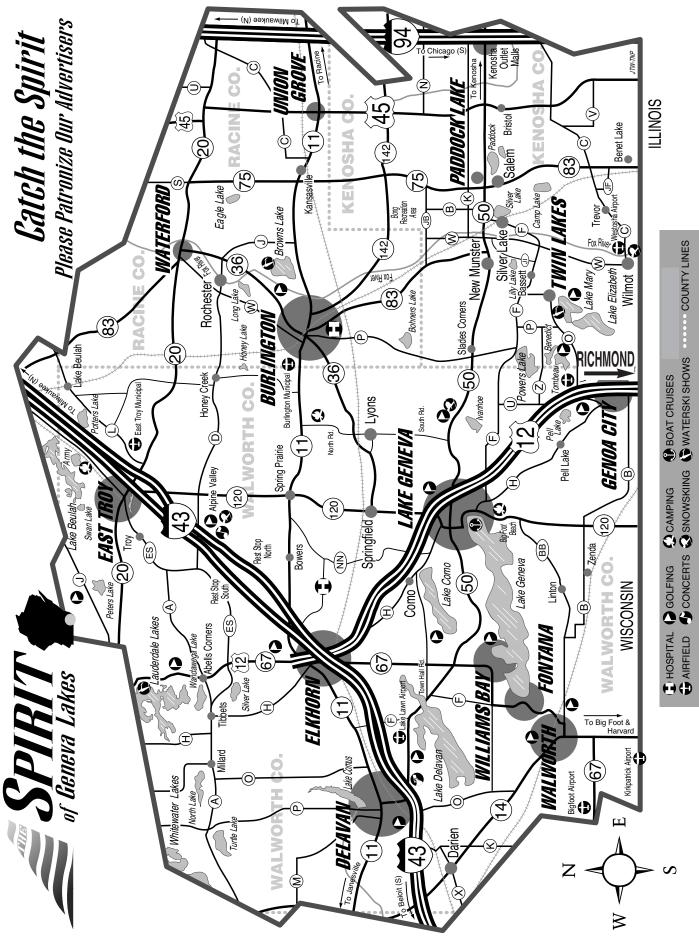




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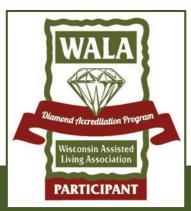
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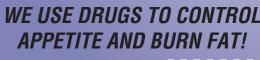


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