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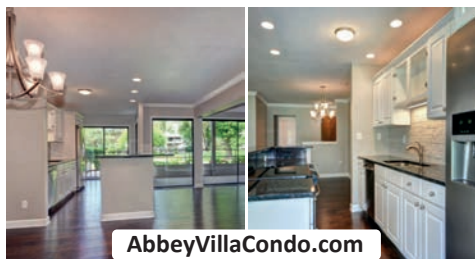
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5, 12, 19, 26 Walworth County farmers market – Veterans Park on the courthouse square, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (262) 741-4961

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19 Elkhorn Sno Drifters Tractor Pulls, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn.

25-27 Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show – At The Abbey Resort, Fontana, on Geneva Lake. The show will feature antique, classic and vintage boats from all over the country. Admission is free. Highlights include boats ranging in style and age from 1900 to modern reproductions. There will be an artist's fair including many local and regional artists and their works for sale. The annual "starting of the engines" and boat parade will commence at 4 p.m. on Sept. 26. The Abbey Resort is at 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana. Call (800) 709-1323 or visit www.GenevaLakesBoatShow.com for information.

27 Antique Flea Market, 7 a.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, Highway 11, Cost is \$5. (414) 525-0820 www.nlpromotionsllc.com

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

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The Road less traveled

WHERE THE BEAUTY OF NATURE REPLACES BILLBOARDS

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
CORRESPONDENT

For many of us, our days are filled with busyness of modern day life. As we hurry we keep our eyes straight ahead towards our next destination. We travel from place to place on high-speed interstate highways never paying attention to the beauty of the area as we pass through.

Many of us have traveled on Interstates 94 and 43, driven Highway 50 from Kenosha to Delavan and Highway 12 from Genoa City to Lake Geneva and Elkhorn. How many of us have traveled or even know where Snake Road, South Road, Cranberry Road or Back Road are located and where they lead?

These less commonly known roads are a part of the Rustic Road System, which was created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1973 as a way to preserve some of the scenic, smaller, and less-traveled roads that represent the spirit of Wisconsin's countryside.

Some history

The first Rustic Road, designated in 1975, was appropriately called Rustic Road 1, and is just north of Medford in the northwest quadrant of the state. Rustic Road 1 crosses through hills and valleys that were created by the last Wisconsin glacier nearly 12,000 years ago.

Since that first designation, the number of Rustic Roads has increased to 115 as of 2014. The



Rustic Roads are marked with special brown signs with yellow printing. Each road has a designated number with an R prefacing it. Each road is relatively short and has the mileage listed at the beginning of the route.

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roads cover a total of 665 miles and are found in 59 of the state's 72 counties. They tend to be short from two miles to a maximum of 37 miles, but most in our area are approximately 6 to 10 miles in length.

The roads are marked by brown and yellow signs with an outline of the state and the words Rustic Road. The route itself is designated by a number with an R in front to prevent it being confused with regular state highways. The distance the route covers is also listed.

I first noticed Rustic Road signs a few years ago while driving along Highway 50. Unaware of what they meant, I planned to do some research and as often happens, life got in the way. Finally after passing the sign three or four times, I decided to take the time to at least drive a short way down the route.

I found myself on a back road appropriately named Back Road. Following a curving route of hills and valleys, through a peaceful countryside, I was finally motivated to learn more about the Rustic Roads.

What qualifies as rustic?

In order to qualify as a Rustic Road, there are criteria that must be met. It must have outstanding natural features along its borders such as rugged terrain, native vegetation, or wildlife. It must be a lightly traveled local access road. It cannot be scheduled for any major improvements, which would change its character.

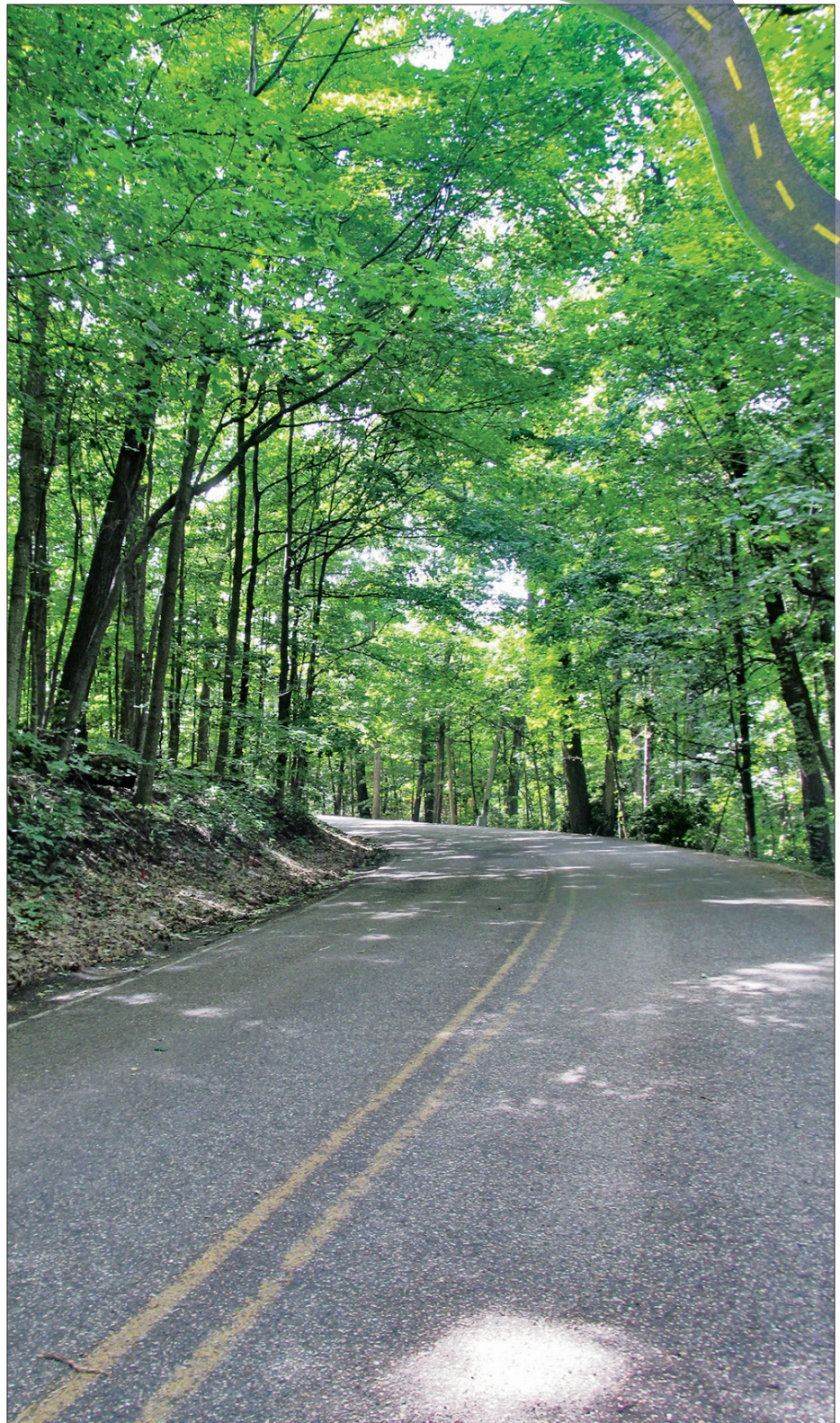
Rustic Roads may be dirt, gravel, or paved and are open to automobiles, motorcycles, bicyclists, and hikers looking for a scenic country ride or walk. Maximum speed limits are 45 miles per hour but local jurisdictions may lower them. Many are posted at 30 mph.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation oversees the rustic roads program but the roads themselves remain under local jurisdiction. It is a partnership between the state and local authorities that focuses on preservation and promotion of these country roads.

A special program for motorcyclists encourages them to travel the Rustic Roads. Those who complete a tour of 10 roads receive a patch. After completion of 25 roads a special state certificate is given. Participants must take a photograph in front of each Rustic Road sign, if riding alone a photograph of the motorcycle will suffice. The photos should be submitted at once and there is no time limit to complete the tour.

Your tour guide

The state offers an 84-page guide to the Rustic Road System. It's available for download at www.travelwisconsin.com/2012. People have the option of printing the whole guide or just the roads they are interested in. Most begin by



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Aptly named Snake Road, this route twists and turns through a countryside of beautiful trees and natural vegetation.

visiting one or two roads near them, but then the desire to see more of them grows.

Some plan a weekend day or a whole weekend to visit an array of the roads located in various parts of the state. Because of Wisconsin's varied terrain, each

road offers its own look and surprises.

I recently revisited four of the Rustic Roads in the Geneva Lakes Area. I began with R-29, then made my way to R-12, R-11, and R-36. Each of these is an interesting road, with a rural flavor



Rustic Road R-29 passes many elegant homes with beautiful grounds and many flower gardens.

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Narrow and hilly describes the portion of Rustic Road R-36 as it travels along Cranberry Road. The road was named for the nearby marshes where residents harvested cranberries.

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even though they are steps away from the businesses and busyness of Lake Geneva.

Rustic Road 29

R-29 is on Snake Road, an aptly named road as it twists and wiggles through the countryside. It is accessed in Lake Geneva off of Highway 50. Driving west through town, continue until you pass the visible edge of Geneva Lake and then watch the little side roads very carefully for the small street sign announcing Snake Road. It is easy to pass it as you look onto Snake Road, the Rustic Road sign R-29 is seen on the right side of the road.

A paved road, R-29 is 2.7 miles stretching from the intersection of Snake Road with Highway 50 on the western edge of downtown Lake Geneva. It heads west to where it rejoins Highway 50 in the Town of Geneva.

This loop of countryside is a place of natural beauty as the road twists and turns and the elevation changes. It is also the most populated of the four roads that I visited both for the houses on the side and the amount of traffic going through. While not a traffic jam, I did see eight to 10 cars and one motorcycle traveling this Rustic Road.

The homes along the road are beautiful with well-landscaped lawns. Split rail fencing is found in some areas and, like all the Rustic Roads, the natural vegetation presents a beautiful sight.

Once I rejoined Highway 50, I headed east through Lake Geneva with its busy summertime visitors, passing through the construction area around Highway 12 and continuing to the east watching for the Rustic Road sign along Highway 50 warning of the need to turn.

Rustic Road 12

R-12 begins on Highway 50 with its intersection at Back Road and continues through Sheridan Springs Road, Spring Valley Road and Church Road taking you from Highway 50 to Highway 36 in the Town of Lyons. This Rustic Road is also paved and travels 5.7 miles.

This route is somewhat like R-29 in that it squiggles through the countryside with many curves and turns. It is more open with views of rich green hills and valleys and pine and spruce plantations. White fences dot some of the countryside. Views of Kettle Moraine formations, pine and spruce plantations, a tamarack swamp and several

ponds can be enjoyed as you travel this route.

A beautiful spot to stop and stretch your legs and take in the view is at the White River County Park, which appears suddenly as you round a turn. The huge barn looms larger than life. It is a place to return to on a day with more time to wander the trails.

R-12 ends in the quaint community of Lyons a typical small town in Wisconsin. Lyons is a great place to take a walk and enjoy the small-town flavor of the Wisconsin countryside. The ending of R-12 is near the R-11 Rustic Road and so it was easy to switch to R-11 as I continued on my journey.

Rustic Road 11

R-11 is similar to R-12 in that it links Highway 50 to Highway 36, but the routes are very different. The route is a rectangle as it travels along South Road, Spring Valley Road, Knob Hill Road and Steele Road over paved surfaces for a length of 10.3 miles.

Like R-12, there are excellent views of Kettle Moraine topography. It passes through large wooded areas where one can view oak, maple and hickory trees and as

“I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference.”

— Robert Frost

well as open agricultural land.

On my trip, I was unable to cover the Spring Valley Road section due to road construction. While driving the Steele Road portion of R-11, another decision had to be made. At the intersection with Berndt Road, R-36 joined R-11. Should I continue straight and finish the R-11 route or abandon it for a ride along R-36? The choice was simple, finish R-11 route then turn around and join R-36.

Rustic Road 36

R-36 is a short, but interesting, route. Only 3.6 miles in length, it travels along Berndt Road and Cranberry Road. It is a scenic narrow hilly route that winds through farmland, and glacial marshes. Trees and

shrubs are plentiful. Along Cranberry Road I noted several horse farms. Cranberry Road received its name from the early settlers who harvested cranberries from the nearby marshes.

As Cranberry Road rejoined Highway 50, I ventured back to the reality of fast roads and traffic after a very relaxing time wandering a few of Wisconsin's special roads.

I have now ridden these roads in spring when the grasses are just beginning to sprout and the trees are beginning to show budding as they awaken for the summer. Now in summer, the green canopies of leaves hang over the road from the trees lining the sides and flowers are in full bloom.

Fall and winter are my favorite seasons and I will again drive these routes as the leaves change from green to the crimson, oranges, and yellows of fall. Lastly, I will travel these roads after a snowfall when everything glistens in the light of newly fallen snow.

For many these scenic roads are often the ones not taken. To quote Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken":

"I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

Perhaps a ride on the roads not taken will make a difference in your life as you relax and enjoy the beauty and simplicity of nature instead of fighting the noise, traffic and pollution of the roads more frequently traveled.

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ANTIQUUE BOAT SHOW SET FOR SEPT. 26-27

The Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show, featuring vintage watercrafts from around the country, will be held at the Abbey Resort in Fontana Sept. 26 and 27 with some events beginning Sept. 25.

Held annually in the harbor of the Abbey Marina on the western end of Geneva Lake, the boat show allows land lovers, enthusiastic boaters, and everyone in between the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of classic watercraft.

While the majority of participating boats have a homeport registration within Wisconsin or Illinois, regular entries hail from as far away as Florida and California.

Participating boats registered for the upcoming 2015 show include antique and classic runabouts, as well as utility, lapstrake, outboard, and Streblov boats.

All registered classic and antique boats will be on display in the Abbey Marina both Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and a parade of participating boats is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. Viewing of the displays and the parade is free and open to the public. Guests are



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The Abbey Marina in Fontana will host the Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show on Sept. 26 and 27. The in-water show includes a boat parade on Sept. 26 at 4 p.m.



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Classic wooden boats like this Streblov runabout are featured in the Geneva Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show.

invited to attend to enjoy beautiful boats, live music, great food, and local vendors.

A favorite part of the show for many registrants is competing for awards, including Best Pre-War, Best Post-War, and Most Historic. Additionally, a People's Choice Award – as voted upon by attendees – is announced Sunday at 2 p.m. Additional events including private tours, receptions, and an awards dinner are available for a fee through advance registration.

The event is presented by the Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society and hosted by The Abbey Resort.

For more information about the show and a complete schedule of events, visit: www.genevalakesboatshow.com.

For more information about the event host, The Abbey Resort, and packages available for the weekend of the show, please visit: <http://www.theabbeyresort.com>.

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A REAL Labor of Love



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Members of the Giving Tree Band entertain with uplifting music at last year's Labor of Love Music Festival. The band returns to the festival on Sept. 6.

Music festival brings suicide prevention awareness

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

Each year throughout the nation about 40,000 deaths occur by suicide. Suicide knows no boundaries as victims range from teenagers to octogenarians. In recent years one-third of suicide victims are returning veterans while teenagers and young adults also make up a large percentage of those who take their own lives.

Suicide intrudes on many of our lives leaving a hole in one's heart and a sadness that may never be overcome. For some families a suicide in the family destroys the family structure, while for others it motivates them to bond together to work to help those with depression receive treatment and avoid the ultimate tragedy.

When Jamie Leigh Wilson lost her life through suicide at the age of 21, her family was one of those that bonded together to help prevent other families from suffering the loss of a loved one as they had. Kelly Wilson, Jamie's mother, along with family members and friends formed Just Live Inc. and produced a yearly music festival in Jamie's memory.

The Labor of Love Music Festival, now in its sixth year, is a celebration of life. For Jamie Leigh bluegrass was her favorite music so it is not surprising that the festival features bluegrass music. Fireflies also adorn the Just Live logo because they were favorites of Jamie Leigh.

The sixth annual Labor of Love Music Festival is set for Sunday, Sept. 6, at the New Munster Ball Park, 34315 Geneva Road, New Munster.

The festival, which celebrates the importance of life, will have activities for all ages and is truly a family event.

This year the music will be provided by several bands, all locally known. The Giving Tree, 1703, the Georgia Rae Band, and Sparrow



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Tree will be performing at various times throughout the day, filling the festival with the sound of music.

While wandering the festival pay special attention to the raffles area. There are many high-level packages being raffled including a weekend in Koehler and a camping weekend. Jamie loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed camping and kayaking so it is hoped that whoever wins that package, which includes a kayak, shares the same love for the outdoors.

What festival would be complete without food and drink available? The Wheatland Fire Department cooks up a good supply of hamburgers, hot dogs and of course brats for purchase.

Activities for children include face painting, magic displays, and take home crafts along with a variety of games to keep the kids busy. And the car show will have classic automobiles on display for young and old alike.

While the festival is for family fun, there is also a serious side to it. There will be a tent with social workers who are there to talk with anyone who would like to share their feelings, are depressed or suicidal, or just want information about depression and where to go for help.

Suicide prevention and resource information will be available all day throughout the park. The goal is to increase suicide awareness and help prevent the meaningless loss of life. Even if only one life is saved, organizers say it's a worthwhile venture for all life is precious.

Entry to the festival is free, but there are charges for some of the activities. Three years ago they went from paid entries to free entry because as Kelly Wilson said "we did not want to keep anyone away because of cost. We want everyone to come, enjoy the day and learn more about depression and suicide awareness."

The Great Lakes Color Guard will be at hand to present the colors. One of the most poignant moments includes the singing of the song "May the Circle be Unbroken" by the Jon Dowley family, while everyone joins hands and dances in a circle hoping that the circle will remain unbroken and everyone will still be here next year and all the following years, that no one will be taken by suicide.

Doves have always been the symbol of peace and they have been incorporated into the Labor of Love Festival. A group of 13 are released. The number was chosen because a suicide occurs every 13 seconds. Festival organizers are hopeful with more education and treatment of depression, the frequency of suicides will decrease.

All profits from the festival are donated to local communities with suicide prevention, awareness and education programs. Each year about 1,000 to 1,400 visitors make their way to the New Munster Ball Park to participate in the festival.

The festivities begin at noon on Sept 6 and continue until 7 p.m.

The Labor of Love Music Festival is the big event Just Live Inc. produces each year. It is not something

If you or someone you love is in crisis, help is available by calling:

National Suicide Hotline
(800) 273-8258

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(800) 365-1587



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A favorite activity of the children attending the Labor of Love Music Festival is the face painting. These two visitors proudly display their new look at last year's event.



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Everyone joins hands to form circles while members of the Dowley family, sing the song "May the circle be Unbroken" in hope that none of these lives will be touched by suicide.



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Thirteen doves are released at the end of the program as a reminder that some one dies of suicide every 13 seconds.

they are able to accomplish by themselves but require the help of many volunteers and financial sponsors. In addition they sponsor smaller activities throughout the year to raise money for the cause.

In August they participated in the Twin Lakes Block Party by hosting the shrimp boil. They have partnered with businesses such as 75th Street Inn to hold an event to provide low cost haircuts.

Recently Just Live donated \$25,000 to Hopeline. With teenagers and young adults focused on using texting, twitter and other social media as a means of communicating with others, Hopeline is a means of addressing the issue of suicide especially for teenagers and young adults by using a program that is a SMS text message program.

Hopeline will be the first Text Crisis Line to be established in the State of Wisconsin. It will be possible for those in need to text in for help.

They can text in their questions or concerns and receive answers by text or through any type of device that has internet access such as a desktop or laptop computer, iPad or cell phone. It is another way to reach the younger generation, who may be reluctant to ask for help in person or over the telephone.

First responders such as firemen, policemen and health professionals are often stressed by their work with those who have committed suicide. They too need support. Another program supported by Just Live is the QPR Suicide Prevention Program to help emergency personnel recognize a potential suicide and to refer them to the proper place for help.

The three steps in the QPR program include **Question** a person about suicide, **Persuade** them to get help, and finally to **Refer** someone to the appropriate resource. It is not about treating these potential suicide victims but of opening the door to having them seek help before it's too late. Sometimes all it takes is asking the question, "Are you thinking about suicide?"

Just Live is a relatively small group that does big things. Its primary job is fundraising to support other groups supplying programs. Bob Riley, Kelly Wilson's father and Jamie Leigh



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Visitors at last year's festival peruse the available raffle prizes. The raffles are a way of raising funds for Just Live Inc. a non-profit organization that raises money to aid in suicide prevention.

Wilson's grandfather, is one of the major fundraisers who never gives up. He continues to ask businesses large and small for help and doesn't take the first no or no response as the final answer.

While the group is not large they are dedicated. Most of the volunteers, according to board member Janet Geller Lesko and Kelly Wilson, have been touched by suicide somewhere in their lives.

The members of the group work very hard but they try to limit what they do.

"We focus on what we can do and do well," Janet said.

For more information on Just Live Inc., to volunteer or to donate, go to justliveinc.org or call (847) 814-1415.

The organization is run by completely by volunteers and all funds raised go directly to help the charities; no salaries are paid.



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Walking to end Alzheimer's

Annual fundraising
event set for Sept. 19
at Library Park

Hundreds of individuals, families, and members of the corporate and small business community will join together on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Library Park in Lake Geneva for the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Onsite registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m. Walkers will enjoy a special Promise Garden tribute to all whose lives have been touched by Alzheimer's. Lori Muzatko from the ADRC of Walworth County is the Honorary Chairperson for the ninth annual walk in Walworth County.

Post-walk food and refreshments, compliments of Stinebrinks' Piggly Wiggly and the Lake Geneva Jaycees, will be available along with entertainment by Petty Thieves.

"Everyone has a reason to end Alzheimer's disease," said Andy Kerwin, owner of Geneva Crossings and co-chairman of the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Walworth County. "Individuals living in Walworth County have a proud tradition of supporting this important cause, and helping the Alzheimer's Association provide care and support services to more than 2,200 local people and families living with this disease."

Sonja Akright, sales support executive, Primex Wireless, is the other co-chairman of the walk with Kerwin this year. The event is also supported by a committee of local community leaders.

Over the last eight years, the Walworth County walk has raised \$789,698 with the goal of ending Alzheimer's. This has helped individuals living with Alzheimer's and their families access support and services, including the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline, support groups, research, education and training.

Participants can register, support another walker and/or get information online at www.alz.org/walk.

For questions or assistance, call (800)



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About the walk

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's.

Champions include people living with the disease, friends, families, neighbors, caregivers, and business and community leaders. Together we can end Alzheimer's – the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

The Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin thanks the numerous volunteers and sponsors of the Walk to End

Alzheimer's, including The Cordon Family Foundation, Martin Schreiber and Associates, We Energies, and Northwestern Mutual. Special thanks to PFOC – Primex Family of Companies, for their generous sponsorship of the Promise Garden in Walworth County. Thanks also to Media Partner, Trending Radio 93.3.

About the association

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Its mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Its vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

For more information about Alzheimer's disease and local services in Southeastern Wisconsin, visit www.alz.org/sewi or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.



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Dressed in their Medieval finery, this couple spends a recent afternoon meandering through the fictional 1554 community at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha County.

Going MEDIEVAL

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Story and photos by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

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In the year 1574, the Port of Bristol is astir with excitement at the impending visit of Queen Elizabeth I, her Royal Highness, and ruler of the kingdom. Repairs were made throughout the city and new paint on the buildings, allowed the city to shine. Everyone was busy.

The women of the community visited their favorite seamstress to order lovely new gowns befitting a visit from the queen. This was followed by a visit to their favorite jeweler to pick the jewels, which would make their outfit exquisitely unique. The knights polished their armor and were certain that their horses were appropriately groomed to make them spectacular as they participate in the jousting tournament.

On a warm, sunny Saturday morning, we entered the Bristol Renaissance Faire along with many other visitors and immediately

joined the spirit of the 1500s. Surprising to me was that not only were the cast members dressed in the style of 1574, but also many of the visitors came dressed for the times.

We were met by Julie McMillin, publicity and social media director for the faire dressed as all members of the faire in her period dress. After greeting us warmly in her English accent, she shared some information about the dress of the day.

“Women of the time were required to wear a hat while in public and their gowns were long enough to cover their ankles. You can only see the tips of the toes on their shoes – no ankles can be seen,” she said.

As she led us through the city, back towards the jousting arena, she recounted the history of the faire. It began in 1972 when



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Richard and Bonnie Shapiro founded a four-weekend event known as King Richard's Faire based on a fictional King Richard. It did incorporate a generically historic view of life in the medieval times. Through the 1970s and 1980s the faire added fantasy-based elements that included trolls, elves and wizard battles.

The Renaissance Entertainment Corporation purchased the faire from the Shapiros in 1989 and moved it across the Illinois-Wisconsin border to Bristol. Changes were made including replacing the mythical monarch with Elizabeth I of England, producing more authentic costumes to represent the time which was then set as 1574. Overall the Faire became more historically correct.

FEAST FOR THE EYES

Wandering through the Faire, there is much to attract both the eye and ear. Musical parades meander through the street, groups heralding the arrival of her majesty and citizens of Bristol gathering in the parks of this fictional community.

Food is abundant as various stands offer traditional dishes including mushroom bangers (sausages), fish and chips, Cornish pasties, and turkey legs, which seem to be a favorite of young and old. Cheese filled fritters are another favorite of the Faire. One group of visitors claim they come each year just to enjoy the fritters filled with rich creamy melted cheese and served with a choice of barbecue or honey mustard dip.

Meals are topped off with scones, strawberry filled crepes or gelato.

Just as in Merry Old England, beer stands are easily found where barmaids serve up your brew. For those who enjoy a "pint or two," the R-rated Pub crawl will put you into the loud and lusty spirit of the medieval days. There is a charge for the Pub Crawl and it is open only to adults.



Above: Kenosha resident, Kade Feest, enjoys his freshly baked turkey leg. The turkey legs are one of the most popular foods served at the faire.

Upper photo: Knights mounted on their horses take to the arena to show their skills in regular competitions held at the Bristol Renaissance Faire.

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The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture at Taliesin in Spring Green is one of the structures that has inspired Home Design Mfg. owner Jerry Sjöberg. The school is associated with Lindal Cedar Homes.

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"Organic buildings are the strength and lightness of spiders' spinning, buildings qualified by light, bred by native character to environment, married to the ground." – Frank Lloyd Wright

These quotes from two eminent American designers/architects/philosophers form the bedrock upon which Home Design Mfg. of Fontana was built. Owner Jerry Sjöberg, and his management/office team including Chuck Huettig, Tom Rohleder, and Chris Villegas, put these ideas into every house they design, construct, or renovate.

Associated with internationally known Lindal Cedar Homes as an independent distributor, this

business integrates state-of-the-art technology with thoughtful environmental footprints, and eye-catching designs that are also remarkably cost-effective.

"We're using 100-year-old ideas and bringing them into the modern world," Sjöberg said. "All our architecture is nature-related."

The requirements of clients who want new or renovated constructions are all different. That's one reason the managers at Home Design Mfg. make listening a priority.

Customers bring in pictures cut from magazines to illustrate what they want in their new house, or hand members of the staff lists they've compiled of their likes and dislikes. Some have seen Home Design Mfg. or Lindal Cedar Homes advertising at trade shows, and come with brochures with floor plans they



“

We're using 100-year-old ideas and bringing them into the modern world.”

– Jerry Sjöberg, Home Design Mfg owner

favor. Talking about the house plan is the beginning.

“Here in the showroom, we have a model of a house with different modules, a “systems-fit building,” Sjöberg said. “We can mix up the sizes and where the rooms

will go. Also, we can offer several kinds of rooflines such as slight pitch, gable, gambrel, shed, or hip. All roofs have a 30-year or more warranty that’s the best in the business. This system lets us design specifically for individuals and keep down

the building costs.”

Home Design Mfg. began its relationship with Lindal Cedar Homes as an independent distributor in 1984. Sir Walter Lindal originally became fascinated by prefabricated buildings while working for the army during World War II. With a background as a salesman in retail lumber, this idea sparked a vocation that continued for the rest of his 92 years.

Lindal began Colonial Homes in 1945 in his native Canada. In 1962, he changed the name to Lindal Cedar Homes after deciding to focus on houses constructed of long-wearing western red cedar.

During that year, Lindal moved his business and his family to British Columbia. During 1962, he moved the enterprise to Tacoma; family and business moved again in 1970 to Seattle, which has been its headquarters since. Lindal and his family have built more than 50,000 houses to date, offering homeowners a unique lifetime structural warranty.

Lindal was acknowledged for his continuing efforts to make affordable, sustainable houses accommodating every lifestyle and budget. Currently, Lindal



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Home Design Mfg. General Manager Tom Rohleder (from left), Trina Lindal, of Lindal Cedar Homes and owner Jerry Sjöberg at the restored Tan-y-deri home in Spring Green.



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Jerry Sjoberg (left) and Taliesin fellow Aris Georges, who designs homes for Lindal Cedar Homes, work on Frank Lloyd Wright's 100-year-old drafting boards in his studio at Spring Green.

Cedar Homes has a global network of more than 100 independent distributors, and are proudly associated with the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture at Taliesin in Spring Green and in Arizona.

Sjoberg's 30 years of experience comes into play on every design contracted with Home Design Mfg. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in the 1970s, first with a Bachelor of Arts in architectural design, followed by a degree in Commercial Aviation. This unusual combination allows him to view house plan elements from a different viewpoint than most designers.

"You have to float, see everything as a bird," he said.

He can also rotate plans in three dimensions in his mind. Sjoberg doesn't require a house layout plotted on paper to visualize all the important details. He sometimes sketches a floor plan by hand, or draws it on a computer with the aid of a 3-D imaging Chief Architect program for the homeowner's benefit or the customer's file.

"But I don't start designing until I see the site," he said. The situation of the house on the land where it's to be built is that important.

"I have to see how (elements such as) snow, rain and wind loads will affect the design. All that needs to be taken into consideration. Then we go through the client's goal list and their budget."

"Nature is Architecture at Home," Sjoberg said. "With our designs, it's all about bringing the outside in, being as energy efficient as possible, and creating a comfortable space having a small environmental footprint."

He puts as much energy into designing a modest house as he does into designing a multi-million dollar home.

The Home Design Mfg. team reveres the tenants of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who believed that a practical, thoroughly livable house should be beautiful and affordable for residents of any income level. Wright's original design called the "Usonian home" puts that philosophy to use.

Wright also believed that any structure should be constructed in harmony with its surroundings, instead of a general house design plopped into any environment. Some designs just naturally flow from the ground on which they're situated. These take more thought, more planning.

Sjoberg uses such philosophies in

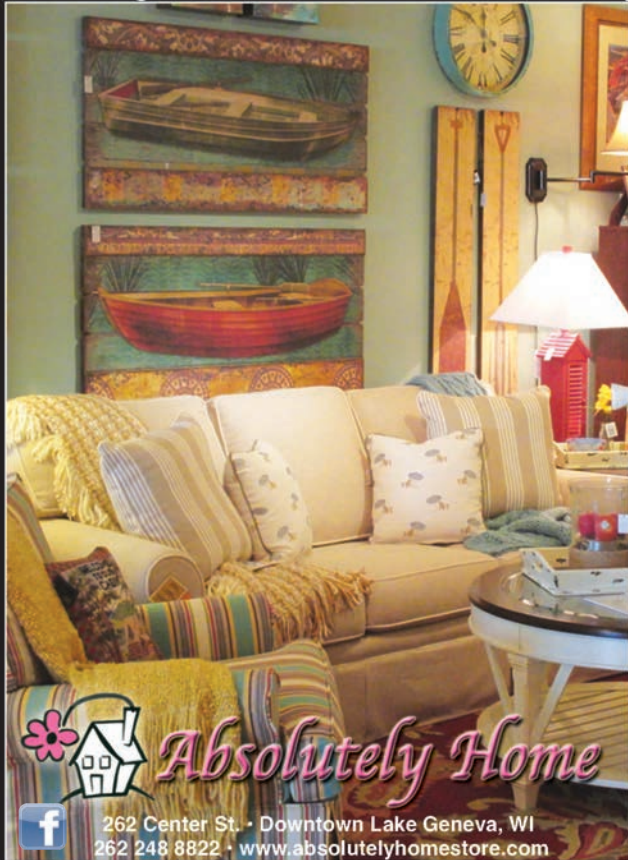
association with R. Buckminster Fuller's teachings regarding energy and material efficiency in both architecture and design – they distill into "Bucky's" famous phrase "do more with less." Practices such as these are not often followed in the building trade. Adherence to them is just one aspect that sets this business apart from most others.

"Green from the ground up" has been Sjoberg's mantra from the first day he began Home Design Mfg. in 1984. He is a "certified green professional." Material covered during these classes included using natural renewable, local, and recyclable building materials, also nontoxic carpets, paints, fabrics, tile, and mastics for interiors.

Landscaping for a house is a big consideration these days – indigenous drought-hardy perennials and trees demand less water and care than a typical thirsty grass lawn. Passive heating and cooling is achieved by setting the house on the property so it can take advantage of the sun during winter, and shadows during summer. Careful placement of state-of-the-art windows and overhangs minimize or outright eliminate the need for air conditioning.

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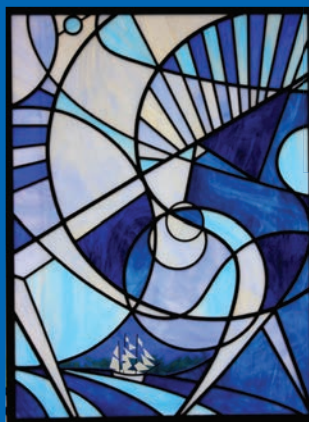
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cellulose insulation because it works better than the fiberglass variety, and is also heart healthy. They have built many local energy-efficient homes that require little or no heating and cooling. The structures seem to breathe, and appear to be organic parts of neighborhoods rather than an artificial construct placed there by chance or fate.

One of the houses Sjoberg, Huettig and Rohleder like to suggest to clients is the Art Deco “Sun Cottage,” designed to heat itself during cold months and stay cool during hot months.

“Everything relates to the sun,” Sjoberg said.

The cottage roof pitch therefore is angled precisely at 23 degrees to the sun at the winter solstice. The little house gets plenty of available light through large modern windows with “solar-cool” energy efficient glass.

In older houses, normal windows transfer heat. But because of overhangs and the modern technology of solar cool windows, this cottage needs little or no air conditioning. Radiant sun energy provides most of the heat in the winter so home heating bills are significantly reduced.

One of Home Design Mfg.’s favorite suggestions to their customers is radiant floor heating. A system of conduits circulate heated water below a tile floor throughout the cold months, warmed by a dedicated water heater. Because hot air rises, the room benefits from the warm floor.

“It’s good for people,” Sjoberg said.

Because there’s no furnace fan, heat doesn’t blow from vents, which raises dust and dries out everything in the house’s interior. It requires less cleaning for the same reason. Radiant heat is also beneficial it provides a gentle, moist warmth that helps decrease a variety of health problems.

“It warms your body, and all objects around you,” Sjoberg said.

He paused to think when asked to describe the most unusual room he’s ever designed.

“That would have to be the specialty room for a huge quilting machine,” he replied. “But then, we’ve also designed a house to be handicapped-accessible where (the ergonomics) are not apparent. Such as towel rods in the bathroom that appear normal, but can bear a person’s weight, and 36-inch doors throughout the house, allowing for the passage of a wheelchair. And a ballet bar which was really a handrail. Both designs were interesting to come up with and then build.

“The best home is a collaboration of your ideas and goals with our design, building skills, and state of the art materials,” he said.

He’s very proud to count more than 66 local homes with his company’s signature.

The staff at Home Design Mfg. keeps up with cutting-edge nuances in the industry for both interiors and exteriors.

“Sun rooms are popular again,” Sjoberg



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The Phillips Lindal sunroom overlooking Geneva Lake is one of the projects done by Home Design Mfg.



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Home Design Mfg. installed new siding and stone on the Abbey Resort in Fontana. The company has also renovated the resort’s restaurants and bars over the past two years.

said. “We’re building a lot more sun rooms now.”

At present, the company is working at full volume, involved in approximately 90 percent remodeling and 10 percent new constructions.

“We’ve got a reputation built by being in business a long time, and we have fair prices,” Sjoberg said. “Our phones are ringing all the time. People are asking about add-ons and remodeling, as well as about designs and new construction. And there are 2015 energy tax credits for Velux skylights.”

As well as homebuilding, Sjoberg and his team were involved in designing and building the elegant 80-foot pool solarium on the north side of the Geneva Ridge Hotel and Resort, and in the remodeling of the Hunt Club Restaurant.

The firm was also contracted to put new

siding on The Abbey in Fontana, as well as refitting the restaurants there and updating the bar. At the moment, they’re remodeling guest rooms at The Cove in Lake Geneva, and also at Geneva National, as well as renovating the exterior of Lake Geneva Marine. Their projects stretch throughout Wisconsin and Illinois.

“Large or small, we like them all,” Sjoberg said.

Visit the Home Design Mfg. Design Center at N2002 Highway 67, in the woods just north of Fontana. Sjoberg and his team can be reached at (262) 275-2200 or www.HomeDesignMfg.com.

The company also maintains a site on Facebook, where Sjoberg, Huettig, Rohleder and Villegas are always ready to share their expertise with answers to home design or remodeling questions.

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as quickly as autumn weather arrives it seems to move aside for the blustery, cold days of winter. Winter can catch a person off guard and the seasons are now less predictable than ever before.

It's never too early to begin preparing your yard and outdoor living spaces for winter. Homeowners may be sad to bid farewell to the furniture and accessories of the fair-weather season, but time is of the essence when prepping for impending ice and snow.

- Clean patio furniture. Give cushions and structures a thorough cleaning and allow to dry completely. Cleaning items before storing them for the winter saves time and energy next year when it's time once again to set up the yard for recreation. If anything is damaged beyond repair, discard it and look for replacements during end-of-season sales when savings can be had.

- Move things indoors. The more items you can store in a safe and secure location the better. Load the garage, basement or storage shed with outdoor gear. Leaving items exposes them to the elements, and such exposure can cause rust, wear and damage.

Flowerpots and lawn ornaments also can blow around in winter wind or collapse under the weight of the snow, so collect these items and store them for the winter. Take out patio umbrellas and put them in the shed. If something is too large to move indoors, such as a barbecue or a pool filter, cover it with a durable tarp and secure it with rope.

- Cover delicate trees. Depending on where you live, certain fruit trees, including fig trees, may need to be covered for the winter. Covering protects them from subfreezing temperatures and helps ensure they will rebound in the spring. Tropical plants should be moved indoors where they can thrive in a heated home. Do not rip out chrysanthemum plants. Contrary to popular belief, these are not annuals. They will rebloom year after year if allowed to do so.

- Remove water collectors. Bring in or cover anything that may accumulate water, such as bird baths or kids' toys. Water expands when frozen, and that means water trapped in any ceramic, glass or even plastic vessel can expand and cause the container to crack.

- Clean up leaves and debris. Piles of leaves not only can suffocate a lawn and cause discoloration, but also can be attractive homes for rodents and insects

looking for a warm place to spend their winters. Keep your yard neat and clean to discourage wildlife from taking up residence near your home.

- Cover vegetable and flower beds.

Invest in some burlap to lay down over planting beds. This helps to keep the ground from freezing over and minimize weeds for next season.

- Care for outdoor ponds. If you have a pond on your property, remove any weeds around it and fish out any leaves from the water. Leaves will decay in the water and build up ammonia levels that can harm fish. If the pond is small, cover it for the winter. Also, start cutting back on feeding outdoor fish. These aquatic animals' bodies begin to prepare for winter by slowing down metabolism. Continuing to feed them can harm the fish when the temperature drops.

- Wrap up pool season. It's wise to close the pool and cover it before leaves start to drop. Otherwise you will have a hard time of keeping the water clean.

- Plant spring bulbs now. Now is a good time to plan where you want to put spring bulbs. Once you have mapped things out, get the bulbs in the ground. Bulbs are relatively inexpensive and will provide that first punch of color when winter finally skips town.

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Now is the time to reap the benefit of all that summer garden work. The fall harvest is here.

End-of-summer checklist

After a few months of blue skies and warm temperatures, summer revelers will soon bid adieu to the sultry days of this beloved season. Summer is often a season filled with vacations and recreation, but as the warm days dwindle and work and school commitments begin anew, there is additional work to be done in preparation for the months ahead.

Stock up on pool equipment.

Homeowners who have pools can take advantage of end-of-season sales to purchase a few more gallons of pool chlorine or other pool equipment. Store them after you have winterized the pool, and you will be ahead of the game in terms of supplies for next year.

Plan your garden harvest. If you have a backyard garden, pick your tomatoes and other vegetables before the weather starts to get chilly. Herbs can be washed and frozen in zipper-top baggies so they can be used when cooking over the next several months. Boil tomatoes for sauce and freeze or jar them. Begin to clear out residual stems and plant debris from the garden.

Clean patios and furniture. Scrub and hose down outdoor furniture, cushions and living areas. Clean and dry items before storing them for the winter, so everything is ready to go when the warm weather returns next year.

Purchase spring bulbs. Buy bulbs for spring-blooming flowers and map out where they will be planted for beautiful flowers next year. Wait until temperatures start to dip before planting the bulbs, otherwise they may begin to produce shoots prematurely, zapping the bulbs of energy.

Check the heating system. Although turning on the heat may be the last thing you're thinking about, it's a good idea to test it and, if necessary, have the system serviced prior to the arrival of cold weather.

Two sides of curb appeal: **beauty and performance**

If your house is starting to look a little scruffy, you could re-caulk and re-paint, but that's a lot of work. Plus, you'd be out there again in a few years doing it all over again.

And would it really make that much of a difference in the overall look? To really jolt your curb appeal, maybe it's time to re-side.

If so, you'll want to balance beauty and performance, says designer, and home improvement expert Vicki Payne.

"On the beauty side, when you mix materials, incorporate a variety of shapes, use rich colors to accentuate windows and doors or the whole house, the synergies are spectacular," she said. "On the performance side, choice of materials is critical – make sure you go with something that will retain long-lasting beauty but not require a lot of effort to maintain."

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In fact, vinyl siding is available in more profiles than any other cladding on the market. Using the latest technology, vinyl siding manufacturers can recreate the fine wood exteriors of the past that work beautifully with many architectural styles from historic to contemporary.

And vinyl siding is available in a broad and ever-increasing spectrum of colors.

To see what your home might look like with a facelift, many home improvement companies offer online tools that allow you to mix and match trim and accessories to accent details specific to the architectural style of your home. Just search "siding visualizer" for a list of sites.

"No matter the age or type of house, whatever your budget, looking to sell or just make your neighbors jealous, there are many ways to transform your house into something spectacular," Payne said.

To see examples of homes beautifully sided with vinyl, visit www.vinylsiding.org/homeowners/photo-gallery/. (NEWSUSA)



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For those who have traveled Highway 12 through Richmond, Ill., on their way to the lakes in Wisconsin, Caravelle Lighting has long been a fixture on their journey. Located on the south end of Richmond, it has made its home on this spot for 25 years.

Over that time, the business itself has grown and changed. The original store was a small space, which over the years has been regularly enlarged to display hundreds of lighting fixtures and fans.

In today's business world it is remarkable to be in business for 25 years but Caravelle Lighting has been in business for 40 years. Prior to moving the business to Richmond,

founders George & Marilyn Kroupa had successfully run their lighting business in Chicago for 15 years.

Joe and Monica Kroupa returned to Richmond to run the business when his parents, George and Marilyn, decided on well earned retirement. Retirement however doesn't keep them away from the lighting store.

"They stop by often," said Melissa Grochowske, a nine year employee who credits much of her knowledge of lighting to George.

Lighting and the way it is purchased has changed over the years.

"There were many lighting stores years ago," Joe Kroupa said. "Today there are fewer showrooms such as ours due to people



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Joe started working at Caravelle in 1982 in the Chicago store and moved to Richmond when that store opened. Nine years ago he moved out of the area but returned when his parents were planning to retire.

He has worked with builders on both commercial and residential jobs along with his father and is known as the Neon specialist and all around lighting expert.

Joe has been welcomed back by the many people that he has worked with in their lighting concerns over the years and customers from the past stop in to say hello.

Meeting everyone's lighting needs

Today many customers believe that shopping in a specialty lighting store will be more expensive but that is not true. They carry a complete line of fixtures from lower-cost fixtures to high-end items and matching or even beating prices is not a problem.

As customers enter the showroom of Caravelle Lighting they see variety of lighting fixtures, chandeliers and fans hanging from the ceiling on display. Along the wall there are a variety of outdoor fixtures in various styles and finishes, making it easy to find the ones that compliment a home's exterior and give it the perfect finished and updated look. But that is just the beginning.

Lights to work with mirrors, special lighting for bathrooms, popular pendant lamps, and lamps of various sizes and design can be found throughout the building. Whether customers are looking for a unique pendant lamp for over an island or some other specialty fixture, the large display offers a lot to choose from. And if that perfect item isn't found, the staff can help locate just the right look and color.

Lighting styles change over the years yet many houses continue to have the same basic fixtures that the builder chose years ago. Just as furniture and wall colors are updated, new modern lighting can give a home a special customized look. According to Melissa, today's look in ceiling fixtures is industrial, nautical and restorative. Clean lines have replaced the fussy look of the past.

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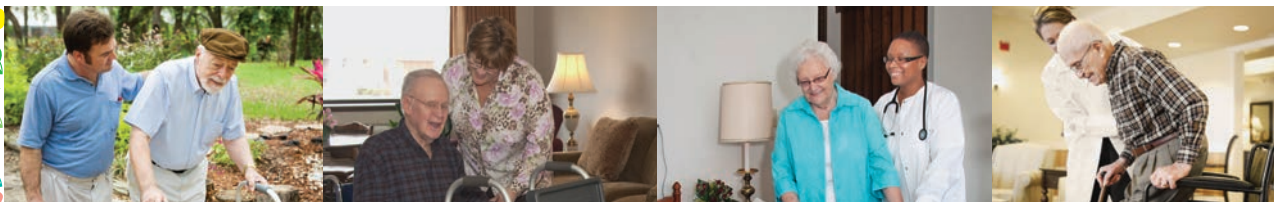


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Caravelle Lighting employee Melissa Grochowske, owner Joe Kroupa and employee Russ Minor are on hand to help customers at the store on Highway 31/12 in Richmond. The large white building on the west side of the street often attracts the attention of travelers who often stop in to discuss their lighting needs.

on display as well as others from other reputable manufacturers. They range in cost from basic fans that can be purchased for as low as \$99 to the most efficient, ecomotor fans at much higher cost but which are more energy efficient.

Each ceiling fan has its own look to fit any decorating style. There were two fans on display that are very impressive and unique. The first was a two-headed fan. It appeared as two vertical fans encased in a wire cover much like the fans of old that we placed on a table but these are suspended vertically on a bar with a light in the center and rotate around in a circle.

The other fan that was so impressive was one that had a very, modern look. The fan is encased in a wire basket and a modern decorative rim of light with clean contemporary lines, gives the appearance of

a light fixture rather than a traditional fan.

Styles are varied from a ceiling fan with blades that appear to be those found on a wind farm to one that actually looks like a propeller on an airplane. Looking for a casual relaxing look? How about an island styled paddle fan?

What's trending

As customers work with the staff at Caravelle Lighting, they will help them make a decision that will leave them with a fan or light fixture that expresses their personality. One that is energy efficient and is the proper size for their room.

"Tiffany styled lamps never lose their appeal," Melissa said, stopping to show off the display of table lamps, hanging fixtures and floor lamps all in the Tiffany style. "They give the room a pop of color."

According to both Joe and Melissa, LED lights are the future and they can help you learn more about LED lighting. LED lights are custom made for unique lighting experiences such as under cabinets or above them or to highlight an architectural detail in the home.

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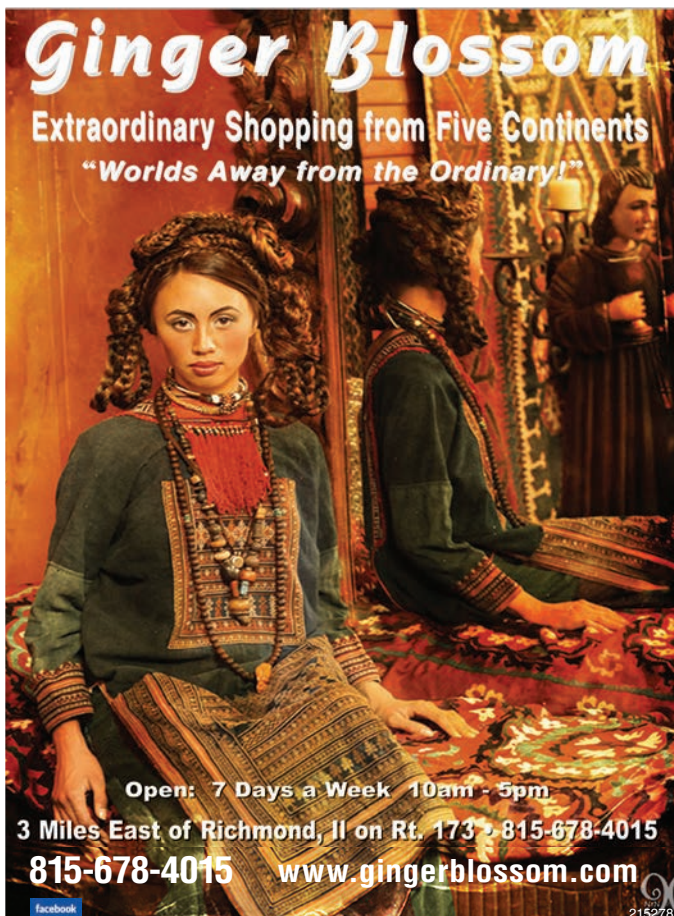
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The best-kept Irish-American secret



Foley's Irish Woods offers fine dining and fun

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It's the best-kept secret between Lake Geneva and Delavan along Highway 50. On the southwest corner of Chapin Road is an unassuming structure that looks like a single-story retro-style tavern that could have been built during the 1950s. Except it's green and beige, and has a modest sign in the parking lot that proclaims it to be Foley's Irish Woods. There is also an emerald, white and orange flag flapping in the breeze next to the sign, the boldly colored fabric representation of Eire.

The place actually has two faces – the tavern seen from Highway 50, and the structure behind it. The first is a family-oriented drinking and eating establishment with a grill that serves some of the best burgers in this area. It also offers a wide variety of pub grub, which is popular with children, teens and adults alike. The other face is an excellent restaurant with an in-house chef.

Why are these different businesses attached to one another? They're both run by the same Irish-American family.

The tavern has existed on this spot since 1947, and was updated several times. Currently it has two rooms. The main one has a rectangular bar surrounded with stools, which is copiously populated by all sorts of beer, ale, Irish whiskey, mixers and just about anything drinkable. The second room has a billiard table, also several tables and chairs where customers can sit and enjoy their pub food.

Décor in the tavern consists mainly of personal



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One of the treasures of Walworth County is Foley's Irish Woods on Highway 50 between Lake Geneva and Delavan. Chef Ryan Foley is the man behind the Irish-American dishes featured at Foley's. An advocate of the farm-to-table movement, he uses organic, all-natural, antibiotic-free and locally sourced produce and meat in his dishes as much as possible.



Wisconsin and Illinois license plates mounted on the walls and neon-lit signs. There are several games, such as darts and a Wii system. Contemporary music with a Celtic flair plays in the background, adding to the bar's atmosphere.

The grill on the east wall allows hungry patrons to watch co-owner Dorian Foley prepare their meals while they talk and drink. This is an obvious gathering place for locals. Mike Foley, a tall gray-haired man and Dorian's husband, takes care of welcoming customers, serving beverages, and making certain people get where they want to be. "Are you here for drinks, or dinner?" he often asks people coming through the door.

"He's the meeter and greeter," says Dorian of Mike. "He's supposed to be retired, but you can't tell. He's always here."

The man loves his job, retired or not.

Mike Foley is Chicagoan-Irish. He has worked as a bartender for the Playboy Club (now the Grand Geneva Resort), and he ran Hogs and Kisses in downtown Lake Geneva from 1982-88. It seems as if taverns are part of his blood.

Dorian grew up in Lake Geneva. She and Mike have been married 38 years, and have four adult children. They bought the



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Foley's Irish Woods is family owned and operated by Dorian (from left), Ryan and Mike Foley. Dorian and Mike have been married 38 years and have four grown children, including Ryan, who is the executive chef at Foley's. Dorian and Ryan do the cooking and Mike, who is "technically" retired, can be found in the front of the house, greeting customers.

tavern on the corner of Highway 50 and Chapin Road in 1990, refurbished it, and opened Foley's Irish Woods, naming it after themselves and the community that sprang up there in the mid-1850s.

Lunch and dinner customers are ushered to a glass connecting door on the south side of the second room. Several stairs lead down into the seating area of an elegant glass and wood structure rising three stories into the Wisconsin sky. This part of Foley's is a one-of-a-kind restaurant, serving some of the tastiest traditional and not-so-traditional Irish food in the greater Geneva Lakes area. A window on the east side shows the kitchen where Chef Ryan Foley labors to bring patrons good hearty meals made unique by his own personal flair.

Irish immigrants escaping the potato famine in their country came to the United States looking for work during the mid-1850s. Railroad companies large and small were in a boom state, laying track in every direction, planning to connect railheads in large cities with smaller communities to transport visitors, foodstuffs, and building materials.

Such companies hired Irish workers to prepare roadbeds and lay track between Chicago and Lake Geneva. Appreciating the lovely setting and able to buy land at a good price, the workers began settling the area along the northern shore of Geneva

Lake, congregating in a region that became known as Irish Woods. These immigrants began Woods School to educate their children, and built St. Francis de Sales, the first Catholic church in Lake Geneva.

The Irish spirit and heritage has been an integral part of the society surrounding Geneva Lake ever since. One of the signs on the wall in the tavern side of Foley's announces "No shirt, no kilt, no service."

Dorian and Mike's son Ryan started in the family business early. "He was flipping burgers at the grill when he was 15," Dorian said. Ryan joined the budding culinary arts program taught by Russ Tronson at Badger High School, and was a member of its first graduating class. He then continued training at Madison Area Technical College's Culinary School, graduating as a chef. His new title sponsored an idea between the Foleys – open a restaurant featuring good Irish cuisine, unusual fare for this area, with Ryan as the chef.

Their dining room expansion opened in 2006. While it was being built, Chef Ryan went to work on traditional Irish recipes, using classic ingredients that, along with his personal flair, resulted in unusual combinations. He uses organic, all natural, antibiotic free, locally sourced produce and meat whenever possible.

With the Gaelic welcome "Cead Mile Failte," dear readers, prepare to get hungry.

Chef Ryan's fare is excellent. His menu begins by announcing that all dinners are complimented by a basket of salt rye and Great-Grandpa Moriarity's very own recipe of Irish soda bread, a Foley family treasure. A cup of soup or a plate of house salad is served with the bread.

Appetizers include Dublin Bay prawns in garlic herb butter sauce, crab cakes with roasted red pepper sauce, Bantry Bay mussels in fresh herb, cream and white wine sauce, and a lamb paddy suffused with cumin, coriander, brown sugar, and fresh herbs on a portabella mushroom accompanied by goat cheese and spinach, and mint jelly on the side.

"I love making specialty sauces," Chef Ryan said.

There are four salads, including the scrumptious Irish Farmhouse (raspberries with raspberry vinaigrette dressing over organic baby spinach, red onion, and goat cheese), and a seafood salad with lobster and crabmeat.

Entrees include grilled lamp chops and a very popular lamb burger served on a marble rye bun. The top sirloin steak comes three ways – with Irish whiskey cream and mushroom sauce with onions, with brown sugar Guinness glaze with sautéed mushrooms and onions, and with bleu cheese encrusted with sautéed mushrooms and onions. A stockyard petite filet rounds



The dining room at Foley's Irish Woods in the Lake Geneva/Delavan area offers fireside seats in the cooler months.



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out the beef selections. The pork chop with ale in a Granny Smith reduction is an excellent choice. The chicken portabella is sautéed with fresh herbs and served alongside goat cheese and wild rice on a bed of fresh spinach.

No decent menu these days is complete without a rich salmon fillet. Chef Ryan sear-roasts his in herbed butter and serves it next to a mound of vegetables. Vegetarians have their choice of whole-wheat angel hair pasta with vegetables, and a portabella mushroom sandwich.

"I also really enjoy cooking with ales, wines, and whiskey in my recipes," Chef Ryan said.

Bangers and Mash sounds odd to American ears – translated, it's sausage and mashed potatoes. This sausage is Irish-style (be sure to ask about the difference in herbs and spices), and the mash includes garlic and a bittersweet Guinness demi-glacé. The Irish Lamb Stew is scrumptious, full of tender meat, vegetables, and crowned with mashed potatoes. Shepherd's pie comes in an individual serving, or a huge one that

serves four, made from the best tender Black Angus beef, peas, pearl onions, carrots, and Chef Ryan's special seasonings.

Do not miss Foley's special nights. Wednesday is reserved for corned beef and cabbage, served in the traditional way with new red potatoes and carrots.

On Thursday, it's the not-to-be-missed lamb shanks braised in stout, (yes, that's Guinness stout) which are gently cooked for four hours so they're fall-off-the-bone tender.

Friday is Fish 'n Chips – Chef Ryan marinates haddock in Harp lager, then hand-batters and fries them until delicately golden. Fish portions are served in cones of newsprint suspended in special metal holders, accompanied by thick-cut fried potatoes and fried Granny Smith apple slices topped with brown sugar and cinnamon. On Saturday, the special is whatever toothsome delight Chef Ryan decides to make.

The restaurant area is available for special occasions of all types. Dorian gets calls reserving it for birthdays, reunions,

small wedding receptions, Christmas and New Year's parties, retirement celebrations, memorial lunches and dinners, and get-togethers of all types.

Customers are welcome in the tavern from 11 a.m. until past midnight. The address is W3905 Highway 50, Lake Geneva. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner Wednesday through Sunday.

Reservations are strongly suggested – there are times the restaurant fills up quickly, or there may be a special event. For more information or to make reservations, call (262) 245-6966.

Foley's Bar and Grill maintains a page on Facebook. There are also several listings and reviews at yelp!, TripAdvisor and other online search engines that review restaurants. Parking is available on three sides of the building; there is also a door to the restaurant from the south lot.

Be sure to discover the best kept secret along Highway 50, a scant 3 miles west of Lake Geneva. Foley's Irish Woods is not that far out of town, and well worth discovering.

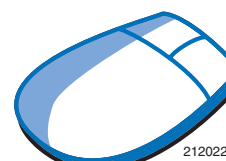


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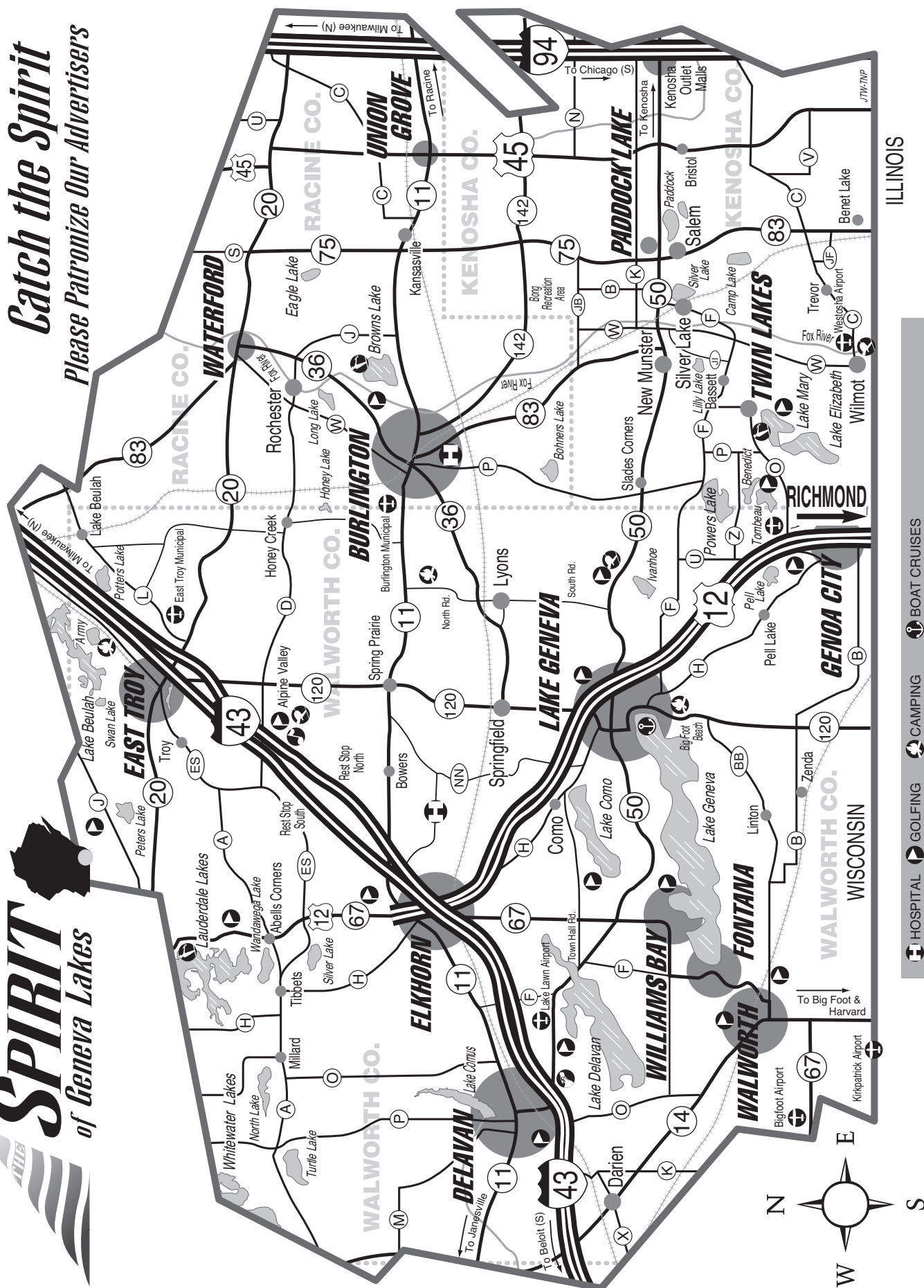


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