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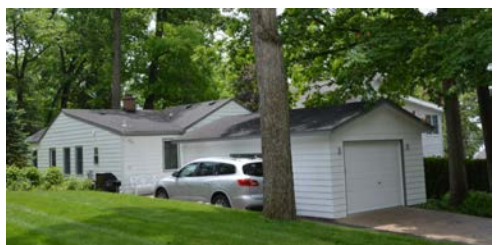
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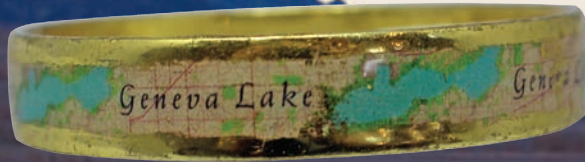


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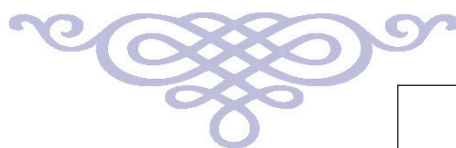
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## COLOR FILLS THE SKY

Brightly colored hot air balloons rising against the backdrop of brilliant blue skies make Waterford's Balloonfest a popular event each July. The 2017 fest is scheduled for July 21 through 23 on the grounds of Evergreen Elementary School, 817 W. Main St. In addition to the spectacular sky display, the event features helicopter rides, a sky diving performance, food and live music. For more on Balloonfest see page 15.

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# IT'S COMIN' UP

## JULY EVENTS

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29** **Walworth County farmers market** – Veterans Park on the downtown square, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (262) 723-7733.

**6** **Concert in the Park**, Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva, 6 to 8 p.m. featuring Matt Meyer and Smooth Riders.

**6, 13, 20, 27** **Lake Geneva Farmers Market**, Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad St. Local farmers and vendors come together every Thursday offering local produce, flowers and goods. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**7, 14, 21, 28** **East Troy Farmers Market**, 2-6 p.m. on the East Troy Village Square Park. Vendors selling homegrown and local produce, specialty items, meats, baked goods, crafts, live music and activities. (262) 642-3770.

**7** **Holton-Elkhorn Band Concert**, a free open-air concert at Elkhorn's historic band shell in Sunset Park, 7:30 p.m. (262) 741-5114

**7-9** **Partners for Progress Horse Show**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**9** **Cars That Time Forgot** auto show at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 1,000 custom cars, drag cars, stock cars, trucks, motorcycles and other special interest vehicles will be showcased along the shores of Delavan Lake.

**9** **Burlington Area Garden Club Garden Walk**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring tours of several gardens in the area, including an eclectic country garden, a lake house garden and three city properties. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets can be purchased at Burlington Garden Center, Richter's Marketplace, Breezy Hill Nursery, Gooseberries Fresh Food Market.

**13** **Concert in the Park**, Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva, 6 to 8 p.m. featuring Georgia Rae Family Band.

**14-16** – **Elkhorn RibFest**, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Event will feature a competition, live entertainment, food vendors, a beer garden and camping. Admission is free (262) 723-3228.

**14** **Holton-Elkhorn Band Concert**, a free open-air concert at Elkhorn's historic band shell in Sunset Park, 7:30 p.m. (262) 741-5114

**15** **Elkhorn RibFest Neon 5K** – 8 a.m., Holton Manor and RibFest have teamed up for a 5K to benefit residents of Holton Manor. Participants will receive a discount coupon for RibFest. walworthcountyfair.com or twescott@carriagehealthcare.com.

**15** **Rock The Lake** featuring the **Guess Who**, 3 to 11 p.m. at Duck Pond Recreation Park, Fontana. Opening acts provided by the students and teachers from Rock Central from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. with the

Guess Who taking the stage from 8:30 to 10 p.m. There will be numerous food and beverage providers and parking on site. Proceeds will benefit Rock Central, Inc. Order tickets via Eventbrite.

**15-16** **SMILES Horse Show**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**19** **Junior Beef Steak Cook-out**, 4-7 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**20** **Concert in the Park**, Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva, 6 to 8 p.m. featuring Geoff Landon and Friends.

**20-23** **Country Thunder Music Festival**, Twin Lakes, featuring Jason Aldean, Keith Urban, Billy Currington, Thomas Rhett, and more. For more information, visit website: www.countrythunder.com or call (866) 802-6418.

**21-23** **Waterford's seventh annual Balloonfest** at Evergreen Elementary School, 817 W. Main St. The free festival hosts more than 20 hot air balloons that participate in competitions and launches in the morning and early evening, along with after-dark balloon glows. Festival-goers can take a helicopter or tethered balloon ride, and watch a sky diving performance to kick off the Friday and Saturday evening festivities.

**21** **Relay for Life**, 6 p.m. kickoff at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. For more information or to register a team call Sarah Miller (608) 662-7551.

**21** **Holton-Elkhorn Band Concert**, a free open-air concert at Elkhorn's historic band shell in Sunset Park, 7:30 p.m. (262) 741-5114

**21-23** **Andalusian Midwest Horse Show**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**26-30** **Racine County Fair**, 19805 Durand Ave., Union Grove. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 26 to 29 and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 30. With a theme of "Go Hog Wild," the 94th annual Racine County Fair offers all the traditional fun, including a carnival, games, petting zoo, daily entertainment, kids activities and live music.

**27** **Concert in the Park**, Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva, 6 to 8 p.m. featuring Mr. Meyer Band.

**29-30** **WI Ranch Horse Association Horse Show**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**31-Aug. 1** **Burlington Kennel Dog Show**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

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A photograph of the interior of the Belfry Music Theater. The room has high ceilings with exposed wooden beams and is decorated with numerous warm-toned string lights. The walls are a mix of vertical wood slats and red-painted wood. In the foreground, there are leather armchairs and a wooden coffee table. In the background, there are high-top stools and a red door. The overall atmosphere is rustic and cozy.

The inside of the original little white church has been transformed into a seating area where visitors may gather before performances at the Belfry Music Theater.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ  
*Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

# Music in the Belfry

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

Along Highway 67 just south of Highway 50 the marquee at the Belfry Music Theatre announced an upcoming performance in a venue that had been dark since the 1990s.

New owners re-opened the theater in 2016 as a live music venue. The Belfry is a white building with a bell tower reminiscent of early day churches in the area. It was built in 1888 along Old Geneva Road west of Lake Geneva, east of Delavan and north of Williams Bay as a place of worship and meeting house for a Mormon community that had settled in the area. The group of about 50 members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, was not well accepted in the community of mostly Lutherans and Catholics of European descent.

Before 1930, the church congregation moved out of the area.

"The Mormon group did not remain in the area but moved to Indiana and Illinois, then westward to Utah where they made their permanent

home," said Annie Trembly, public relations director for the Belfry Music Theatre.

In 1930, the church was adapted for theatrical performances. A local theatrical production company called the Belfry Players leased the building in 1934 and began to produce original plays. The company was able to purchase it in 1938.

## From prayers to performances

The first original play produced was titled "God's Laugh," Trembly said. Other sources list the 1934 productions as "The Youngest" and "Laff It Off." The theater increased its production to six shows each season. The summer stock players worked hard to produce fine entertainment for area audiences. The plays were performed back to back with a new production introduced every two weeks.

A tradition was begun with the first productions

2017  
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bands



that when the curtain was about to rise, one member of the audience was chosen to ring the bell that hung in the tower – a tradition that is still honored today.

In need of more space to accommodate the building of stage sets and storage for materials and costumes, a large shed was annexed to the back of the little church. In 1941, the box office was added where tickets are still sold today.

The actors were a combination of local amateurs and stipend-receiving non-equity actors. The paid actors were required not only to learn their lines but to help design and build the sets for the production. Their days were spent building or painting while their evenings were spent performing.

### Some famous names

Over the years, many actors appeared at the Belfry as part of the Belfry Players but a few are well known to most theater-goers. These include Paul Newman, Gary Burghoff

and Harrison Ford.

Newman spent the summer of 1949 as part of the Belfry company during the time actors built sets all day and performed in the evening. They had to remember their lines for the current play and learn their lines for the next play at the same time. Newman, is quoted in the book “Paul Newman: A Biography,” written by Eric Lax as describing his time at the Belfry as “The only thing you do in such a short time to prepare, is to develop your bad mannerisms, or discover possibly successful mannerisms, but mannerisms nevertheless. Sure, what can you do in four days of rehearsal? You can hope to Christ that you can remember your lines, and that’s about as far as it goes.”

In spite of this attitude, Newman spent the 1949 season involved in the Belfry Players before moving on to become a well-known Hollywood movie actor.

While some held Newman’s view of the difficulty in becoming a good performer with

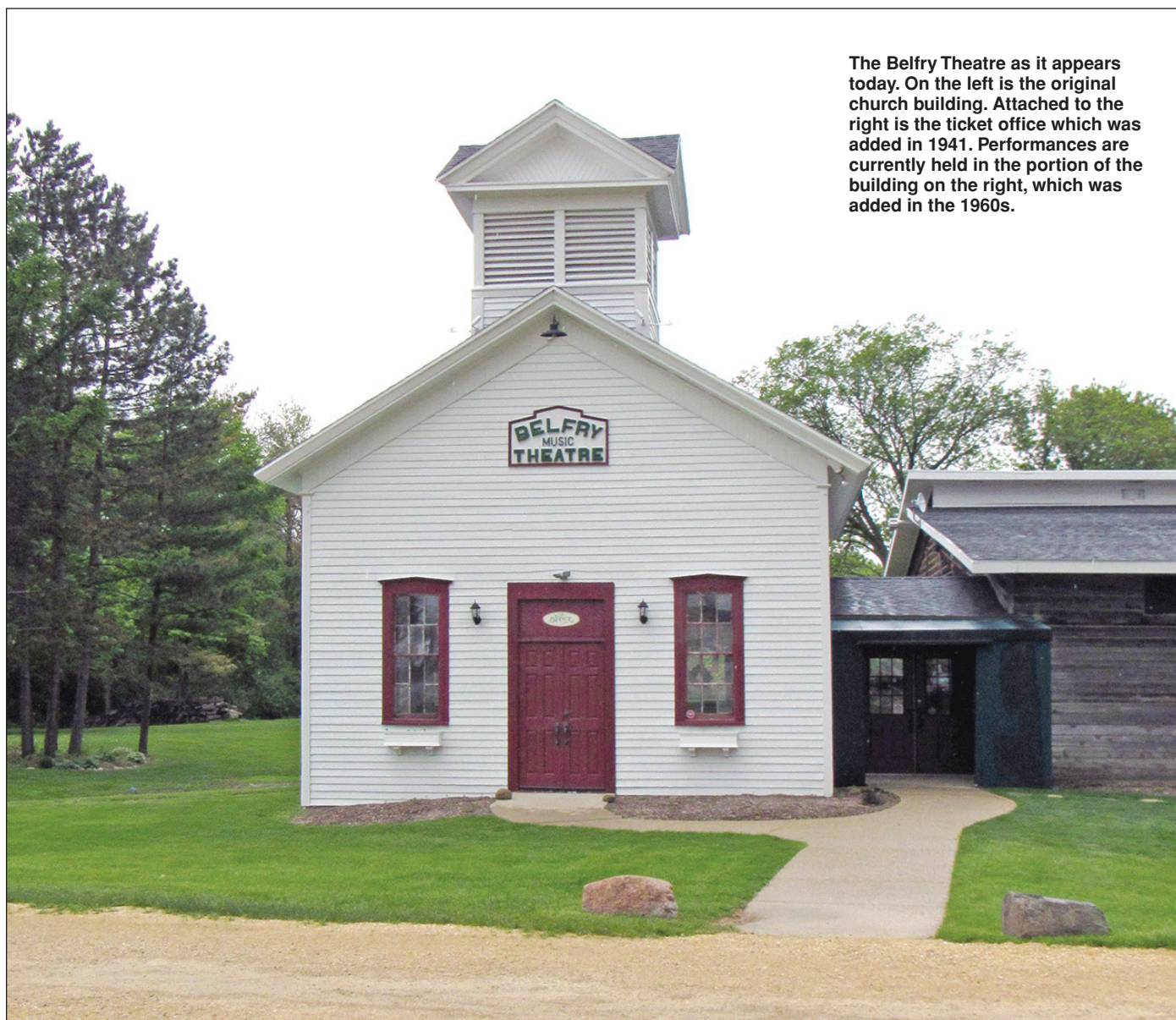
the stress of working all day and performing in the evening, others felt the hard work was a valuable learning experience for young actors. And in spite of the difficulty, many young actors applied to be part of this summer acting troupe.

### Another project looms

The Crane family, which owned adjoining property, donated a large hall to the Belfry Theatre that served as a dormitory for members of the resident company. The name was changed to the Belfry House.

“It is now in need of renovations,” Trembly said. “A project that will be undertaken when funds for the renovation are obtained.”

Burghoff joined the Belfry in 1962, a local boy who was not well known in theater. He too went on to become well known, but his fame was mostly on television where he played the character Radar on the popular weekly television show of the



**The Belfry Theatre as it appears today. On the left is the original church building. Attached to the right is the ticket office which was added in 1941. Performances are currently held in the portion of the building on the right, which was added in the 1960s.**





SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

Watching a performance at the Belfry Music Theatre is a comfortable experience. The chairs offer nicely padded seats that were donated to the theater. The audience configuration can be changed to meet the needs of specific performances.

1970s, “M\*A\*S\*H,” which depicted life in a medical unit during the Korean War. Gary’s mother, Ann Burghoff, was also involved in theater, working as a writer and producer for the Belfry.

In 1964, another actor came to the Belfry who went on to become a major Hollywood movie actor known specifically for his continuing roles in “Indiana Jones” and “Star Wars.” Ford, a 22-year-old Ripon College student, left school only a few months before graduation after being offered his first paid acting job, as a member of the Belfry Players.

Ford went through the same hard work as Newman had undergone 15 years prior, but Ford had the advantage of being more knowledgeable about construction, having worked in the field to finance his way through college. He was able to help design sets using his prior building knowledge.

Some of the plays that Ford appeared in that season included “Little Mary Sunshine,” “Night of the Iguana,” “Damn Yankees,” “Dark Side of the Moon” and “Sunday in New York.”

### Entering a dark period

The late 1960s caused a disruption in the

Belfry’s production schedule. A decision was made to widen the highway, which caused the historic 1888 building to be considered for demolition. The historic little theater was saved by moving it to Highway 67 just south of Highway 50 to its present location. Although the building was saved, the company underwent severe financial difficulties and ceased production from 1969 to 1976.

Barry E. Silverman, a director of the Dobama Theater Group of Cleveland, obtained proprietorship of the Belfry in 1976. He began a new operating troupe that became known as Dobama West. He remained at the Belfry producing shows until the end of the 1979 season.

From 1979 until the early 1990s, the theater remained mostly dark except for occasional performances and revivals. Showman Eddie Cash presented a series of local musical tributes in the ‘90s.

Then the theatre was put up for auction in 2013. Transformative Arts purchased the building and began work to restore the Belfry to a summer stock theatre.

“Renovations began with the purchase of the building to again restore the Belfry into a summer stock theatre,” Trembly said.

“We opened again in 2016 with a series of musical programs. We provided Dove ice cream bars and water to all the attendees at the end of the performance, because the theater was not air conditioned.”

Air conditioning is being added now, she said.

“We also plan to continue to offer the Dove bars to our audiences,” she said. “The early policy of choosing an audience member to ring the bell prior to the raising of the curtain will also continue.”

### Future plans

The new ownership has future plans for the Belfry.

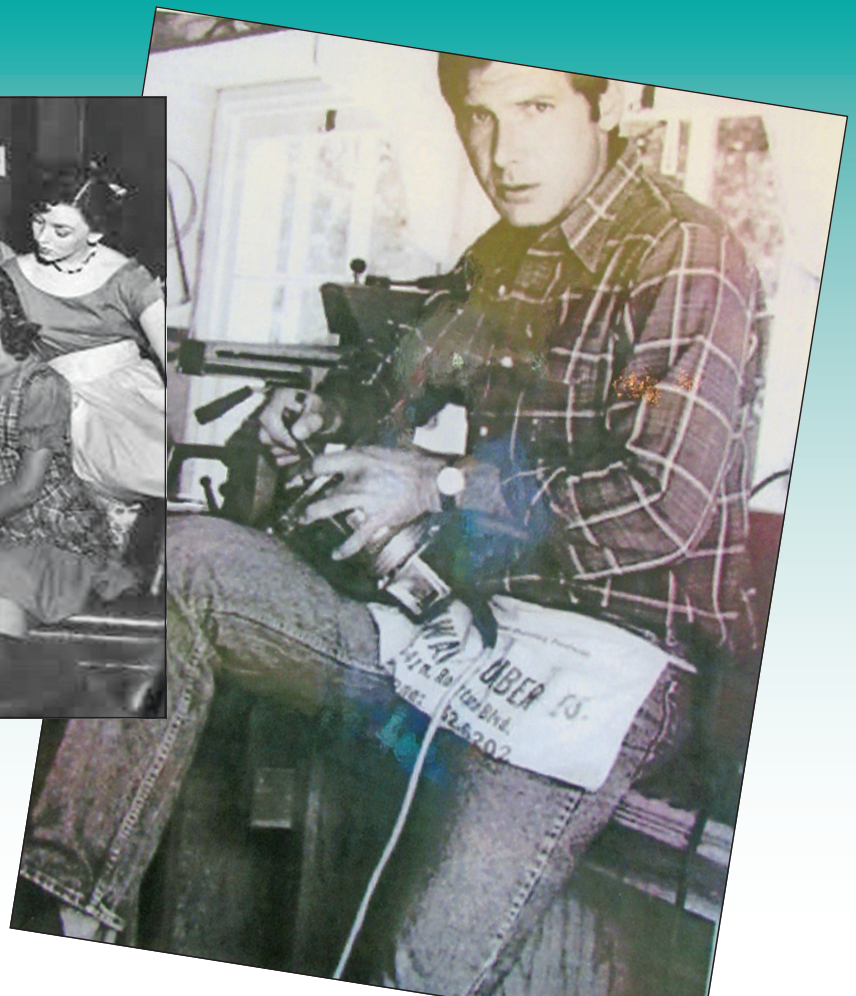
“We are a passionate group with many plans for the future,” Trembly said. “Our first







Above: Paul Newman (center) performs at the Belfry Theatre in the summer of 1949. At right: Harrison Ford spent a summer working and performing at the Belfry Theater in 1964. Both actors went on to become leading men in Hollywood.



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The distinctive white clapboard building that housed the Belfry Music Theater dates to the late 1800s when it was a worship space for Mormons.

goal is to keep the doors open.”

To do that, the group is working to encourage donations for the major improvements planned for the theatre. While restoring the active summer stock performances that have been a part of the history of the Belfry, the organization also has other plans for the building’s use. It is working to have the building become a center where special events will take place. Business meetings, family reunions, birthday parties and weddings are some ideas for the use of the space.

“We already have a wedding scheduled for the fall,” Trembly said.

The building has no running water, so anyone hosting an event at the facility would have to provide refreshments or

have them catered, she said.

For the upcoming season, the group is concentrating on music venues that are tribute bands to well known musical groups.

“Our season includes tributes to Simon and Garfunkel, the Eagles, ABBA, Neil Diamond, Frankie Valli and Fleetwood Mac to name a few,” Trembly said. “Our tribute bands are all professional musicians coming from such areas as Nashville, Los Angeles, New York and Las Vegas.”

The theatre is a somewhat small venue with a seat configuration that can be changed to accommodate the audience. The seats, which were donated by the Lakewood Community Church, are upholstered and comfortable. Ticket prices range from \$30 to \$60.

*The Belfry Music Theatre is at 3601 Highway 67, Delavan. Its website is [belfrymusictheatre.com](http://belfrymusictheatre.com), and its phone number is (262) 394-6460. The theater is also on Facebook.*

## Belfry Music Theater 2017 schedule

### JULY

**1 to 3**

Ultimate Eagles Tribute

**7 and 8**

New Colony Six

**13 to 16**

Abbacadabra – an ABBA tribute

**21 to 23**

Jaimie Paul and Leif Shires

**28 and 29**

Beach Boys tribute

### AUGUST

**4 to 6**

Neil Diamond tribute

**11 and 12**

Sam Cooke tribute

**16 and 17**

Garth Brooks Tribute

**18 to 20**

Michael Jackson tribute

**25 and 26**

Frankie Valli Tribute

**31**

Fleetwood Mac tribute

### SEPTEMBER

**1 to 3**

Fleetwood Mac tribute

**22 and 23**

Linda Ronstadt tribute

**29 and 30**

Creedence Clearwater tribute





# It's a blast!

Area fireworks displays celebrate independence

From Lake Geneva to Twin Lakes and Whitewater, area municipalities and organizations will light up the night sky over the first week of July.

Here are some of the local fireworks displays scheduled for the Fourth of July celebrations.

## **Bloomfield**

July 4 – Pell Lake.

## **Burlington**

July 1 – Venetian Night at Fisher Park on Browns Lake.

July 4 – ChocolateFest grounds, 681 Maryland Ave.

## **Delavan**

July 1 – Community Park

## **East Troy**

July 2 – Amusement Park.

## **Elkhorn**

June 30 – Sunset Park.

## **Fontana**

July 4 – Fontana Beach.

## **Lake Geneva**

July 3 – The Grand Geneva.

## **Paddock Lake**

July 3 – Paddock Lake.

## **Sharon**

July 4 – Goodland Memorial Park.

## **Waterford**

July 1 – Tichigan Lake.

## **Whitewater**

July 4 – Cravath Lake Park.

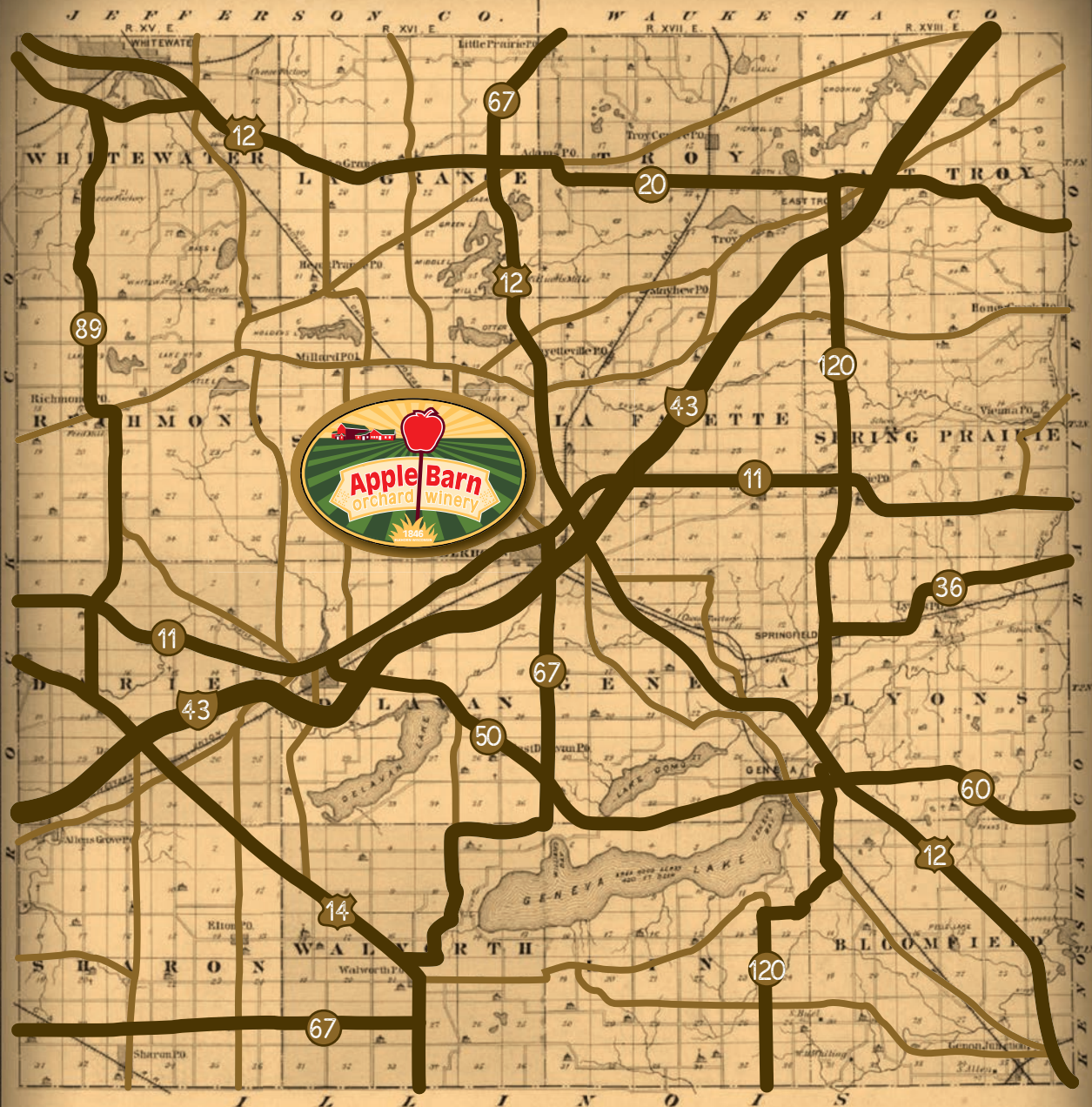
## **Twin Lakes**

July 1 – Lance Park.



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# 2017 Schedule of Events Free Admission!

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## FUN FOR ALL AGES

### FRIDAY, JULY 21 • 4:00pm to MIDNIGHT

#### Daily Activities - 4:00 to 10:00pm

Kids Zone · Inflatables · Arts & Crafts Market · Helicopter Rides · Concessions  
5:00-9:30pm - Hot Air Balloon

#### Activities

5:00pm - Tethered Balloon Rides  
6:15pm - Opening Ceremony  
6:30pm - Balloon Launch  
8:30pm - Balloon Night Glow

#### Runzheimer Entertainment Stage - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

4:00pm - Rock Shop Youth Band Showcase  
7:00pm - Wayward

#### Barnes Road Beer Garden & Entertainment Stage - 4:00pm to Midnight (Enclosed beer garden, ages 21+)

4:00pm - White Knuckles  
7:30pm - HEADLINER: CLOVE

### SATURDAY, JULY 22 • 6:00AM TO MIDNIGHT

6:00-10:00am & 5:00-9:30pm Hot Air  
Balloon Activities

6:00am - Balloon Competition Launch  
Window (thru 7:30am)  
6:00am - Tethered Balloon Rides  
(thru 10:00am, opens again at 5:00pm)  
6:15pm - Evening Kick-Off  
6:30pm - Balloon Launch  
8:30pm - Balloon Night Glow

#### Featured Events - 6:00am to 10:00pm

6:00am - Pancake Breakfast (thru 11:00am)  
1:00pm - Balloon Pilot Meet & Greet (thru  
3:00pm)  
3:00pm - Fairytale Princess Meet & Greet  
5:00pm - Milwaukee Brewers Famous  
Racing Sausages™ Meet & Greet  
8:30pm - Disney-Pixar's UP - Outdoor  
Movie presented by TDS Telecom (96 mins)

#### Daily Activities - 11:00am to 10:00pm

Kids Zone · Inflatables · Arts & Crafts  
Market · Helicopter Rides · Concessions

#### Business Vendor Village (thru 4:30pm) Runzheimer Entertainment Stage Noon to 8:00pm

12:00pm - Rock Shop Youth Band  
Showcase  
3:00pm - Waterford Alumni Jazz Band  
4:00pm - Accent on Dance  
5:00pm - Sonic Dreams  
7:00pm - Cardboard Bunch

#### Barnes Road Beer Garden & Entertainment Stage - 11:00am to Midnight (Enclosed beer garden, ages 21+)

NOON - Spare Change Trio  
4:00pm - Red Eye  
8:30pm - HEADLINER: SAM LLANAS,  
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# Restaurant Week proceeds benefit animal shelter

The third annual Lake Geneva Restaurant Week wrapped up on June 11. Diners from 27 states, including Wisconsin, and six international countries enjoyed prix fixe breakfast, lunch and dinner menus from 25 area restaurants.

During the 10-day event, charitable organizations were highlighted as part of the Charity Check program sponsored by Lake Geneva Country Meats. Diners received a ballot to vote for their favorite cause among Black Point Estate and Gardens, Lakeland Animal Shelter, Lake Geneva Youth Camp, Never Say Never, Side by Side, and United Way of Walworth County.

With 4,228 Charity Checks collected, Lakeland Animal Shelter received the most votes with 1,617 ballots turned in. Lakeland Animal Shelter cares for over 2,500 homeless animals annually from the southeastern Wisconsin area. Their ultimate goal is to reunite the animals with their owners or find suitable new adopted homes for them.

"We are happy to support Lakeland Animal Shelter with this donation," said Nick Vorpapel, Vice President of Business Development at Lake Geneva Country Meats. "They do a phenomenal job with the animals, and represent a cause near and dear to the hearts of many in our community."

"We are grateful to VISIT Lake Geneva and the participating restaurants to have this opportunity to support worthy local non-profit organizations."

Lakeland Animal Shelter was presented with the \$5,000 Charity Check on June 21 at a celebratory event held at the newly remodeled Oakfire Restaurant in Lake Geneva.

"The Lakeland Animal Shelter is proud to have been chosen by our community as the winner of the 2017 Lake Geneva Restaurant Week Charity Check, and this type of community support is essential to continuing the life-saving work that is done at the Lakeland Animal Shelter every day," said Kristen Perry, Executive Director of Lakeland Animal Shelter. "We are excited to put the prize money to work right away, and we would like to thank VISIT Lake Geneva, the restaurants and voters that participated in this contest as well as Lake Geneva Country Meats for sponsoring the event."



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Special dishes created by local chefs helped generate \$5,000 during Lake Geneva Restaurant Week that was donated to the Lakeland Animal Shelter.





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## BALLOONFEST RETURNS JULY 21-23

Waterford's seventh annual Balloonfest will take flight July 21 to 23, behind Evergreen Elementary School, 817 W. Main St.

The free, family friendly festival hosts more than 20 hot air balloons that participate in competitions and launches in the morning and early evening, along with

after-dark balloon glows.

For more up-in-the air fun, festivalgoers can take a helicopter or tethered balloon ride, and watch a sky diving performance to kick off the Friday and Saturday evening festivities.

Additional festival activities include: the Barnes Road Beer and Wine Garden

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A multi-color hot air balloon is framed by leaves during a previous Balloonfest in Waterford.



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## On stage

The Runzheimer Entertainment Stage will host the Rock Shop Youth Band Showcase at 4 p.m. on Friday, followed by the band Wayward at 7 p.m. Barnes Road Beer Garden and Entertainment Stage will showcase White Knuckles at 4 p.m. on Saturday and host headliner Clove at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Runzheimer Entertainment Stage

will again host the Rock Shop Youth Band Showcase at noon, Waterford Alumni Jazz Band at 3 p.m., Accent on Dance at 4 p.m., Sonic Dreams at 5 p.m. and the Carboard Bachs at 7 p.m. The Barnes Road Beer Garden and Entertainment Stage will have the Spare Change Trio at noon on Saturday, Red Eye at 4 p.m. and headliner Sam Llanas, formerly of the BoDeans, at 8:30 p.m.

Donnie Dubs will perform on the Barnes Road Beer Garden and Entertainment Stage at noon on Sunday and the AARPers Bizarre at 3 p.m.

Festival hours are 4 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 21; 6:30 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 22; and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 23.

The Arts and Crafts Market will be open from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday. The Business Vendor Village will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The food vendors will serve from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Beer garden hours are 4 p.m. to midnight on Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Like and follow @WaterfordBalloonfest on Facebook for all festival updates and announcements.

Waterford-based custom product and apparel branding company Triple Crown Products will serve as the presenting sponsor of the Waterford Balloonfest.

"We are extremely excited to have Triple Crown Products sign on as the presenting sponsor of Waterford Balloonfest," Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce Board President Nick Borth said. "Their sponsorship will not only help elevate the event, but the community as well. We look forward to what the future holds and couldn't be happier to partner with a quality company like Triple Crown Products."

Triple Crown Products is the first company to sign a presenting sponsorship agreement with Waterford Balloonfest, a deal that will extend through 2019.

The company, which was started by Dennis and Janis Quernemoen in 1984 while they raised their family in Waterford has transformed from a small operation run out of the Quernemoen family home to an extremely successful business employing nearly 90 workers. Triple Crown Products is owned and operated by the Quernemoen's four sons – Luke, Tim, Brian and Mike.

"This partnership is a home run for us," said Luke Quernemoen, co-owner of Triple Crown Products.

"Waterford Balloonfest is located right in our backyard, and my brothers and I have always enjoyed attending the event with our families – we've made some great memories there," he continued. "We are proud to sponsor an event that showcases our community and local businesses and offers unique festival experience that brings thousands of festival goers and hot air balloon enthusiasts alike from around the country to Southeast Wisconsin."

"Triple Crown Products has roots in Waterford and it's been amazing to watch Balloonfest grow," Mike Quernemoen added. "We are looking forward to







Several hot air balloons take shape against the morning sky as their operators inflate them to participate in the 2016 Balloonfest in Waterford.

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this year, and hopefully many more years to come sponsoring this incredible family friendly event.”

## Volunteers needed

The Chamber needs more than 100 volunteers to help make this event a success. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kathy Robers at [kathyrobers@outlook.com](mailto:kathyrobers@outlook.com) or stop by the Chamber office at 102 E. Main St., Waterford.

## About the Chamber

The Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce is a private nonprofit membership organization comprised of more than 200 member companies and is focused on supporting the growth and improvement of our local economy. The Chamber provides opportunities to promote its members and provide educational and networking avenues to help influence their professional growth.

For more information, visit [www.waterford-wi.org](http://www.waterford-wi.org) or follow on Facebook @ WaterfordWI Chamber.



The rural countryside surrounding Waterford provides a peaceful setting for these two hot air balloons participating in Balloonfest.



# Photo exhibit captures farm life

The farmland photographs of Geneva Lake Arts Foundation member Rich Mengel are on display during July at the Matheson Memorial Library in Elkhorn.

The library is at 101 N. Wisconsin St.

Mengel grew up appreciating the beauty of farm life and learning the art of photography from his father, according to the foundation.

He has joined these interests into a passion for farmland photography.

"With this foundation in farming and the rural way of life, it has always been my desire to take you, the viewer, on a journey to show through my lenses what the farmer sees each and every day," Mengel said.

"Whether it be at sunrise, sunset, or in the middle of the day, there is always something unique to see in the country."

More of Mengel's work is available to view at [www.augiestractorsphotography.com](http://www.augiestractorsphotography.com) or [www.instagram.com/augies2](http://www.instagram.com/augies2)

The Geneva Lake Arts Foundation works to foster a community appreciation of the fine arts through a regular schedule of shows, monthly programs, demonstrations and workshops.

The Foundation's Gallery 223 is at 223 Broad Street in downtown Lake Geneva and features members' paintings,



Here is an example of Rich Mengel's photography from his website, [augiestractorsphotography.com](http://augiestractorsphotography.com).

drawings, photos, jewelry, pottery, cards and more.

Gallery 223 is open Wednesday

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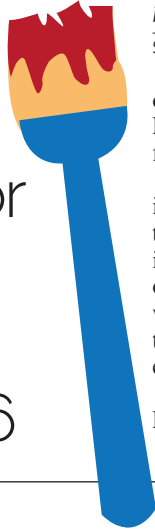
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# Back for seconds

Elkhorn  
Ribfest  
returns for  
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July 14-16



by **Ryan Spoehr**  
STAFF WRITER

After an overwhelming turnout of tens of thousands people attending the inaugural Elkhorn Ribfest last year, organizers are firing up the smokers for a second go at it.

"Everyone loves barbecue. We brought in many barbecue companies from all over the country last year. We even brought one in from Australia," said Larry Gaffey, the organizer of Ribfest. "I think everyone wanted to try the pulled pork, the ribs, the chicken and other things. We had everything."

Ribfest returns to the Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 East Court Street,

Elkhorn, from July 14 to 16. It will feature a competition among top rib-cookers from all throughout the country, and visitors will have the chance to taste-test all the delicious smoked items.

Gaffey and others involved in the event are hoping to build off last year's success, and use what went so right for the event last year.

Of course, the big attraction, ribs, will be readily available. There will be other food available, like smoked chicken and other smoked items. There will be food vendors throughout the fairgrounds, as all available food vendor spots were reserved by March 22.

Tyler Shaw chomps into a rib at the 2016 Elkhorn Ribfest. The festival is a national barbecue competition featuring both local favorites, such as LD's BBQ in East Troy, and well-known barbecue pitmasters from across the nation.



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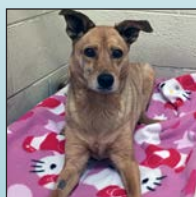
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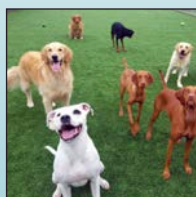
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Last year, there were activities for children, but that experience will grow this year.

"There were plenty of things for the kids. This year, we will have a full carnival," Gaffey said.

Another attraction last year, live music, will play a role in the event this year.

"I think the live music for all three days helped," he said.

On July 14 and 15, bands will play throughout the day. The first day of Ribfest will feature performances from the likes of Cherry Pie, Lake Geneva House of Music and Dirty Boggie. The second day will feature performances by Bella Cain, Thirsty Boots Band, Deja Blue and The Amazing Farm Boys.

July 16 will also feature music, including a performance by the Triple D Band. The preliminary round for the Walworth County Idol will also take place that day.

There will be music all three days of Ribfest, according to the Walworth County Fair website.

"All those things together, I think, helped it be successful," Gaffey said.

It will all be a part of an enhanced festival-like atmosphere, Gaffey said.

"As Wisconsinites, we all love festivals," Gaffey said.

Gaffey attributes the success of last year's event, in part, to social media.

Last year, the event page created for Ribfest reached high numbers with people inviting others and links to the page appearing in people's newsfeeds.

"It started with me inviting 75 people and it just carried on from there," Gaffey said.

Within a month of last year's event, Facebook administrators messaged Gaffey, and they informed him that no more people could be invited to the event.

One night prior to the event, however, 16,500 people clicked the "Going" option on the Ribfest page.

This year's event has already created a large buzz online. As of June 9, 17,000 people clicked the "Interested" option on the Ribfest Facebook page. Another 2,900 people clicked the "Going" option on the page.

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People line up to sample the variety of smoked meats including ribs, chicken, pulled pork and brisket at the 2016 Elkhorn Ribfest at the Walworth County Fairgrounds.



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will go," Gaffey said.

While Gaffey is optimistic about this year's event, he also is aware that there may be variables that affect the weekend.

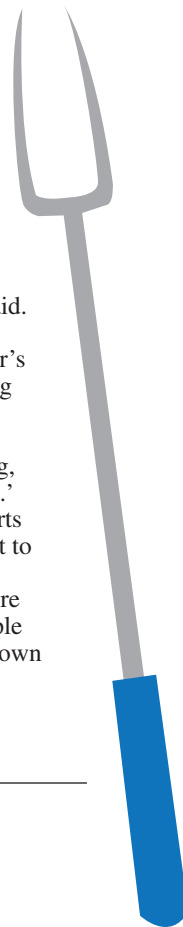
"Weather is a big factor. If it rains, it could affect things. But, we had nice weather last year and it helped," Gaffey said.

Still, Gaffey is optimistic about the potential of this year's event possibly even surpassing the success of the first year.

"On Friday, I saw so many people greeting people, saying, 'I haven't seen you in so long.' It was kind of a reunion of sorts in the area. It was kind of neat to see."

Ribfest is a free event. There is no charge for parking. People are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

**This pitmaster says his rub is the secret to great smoked ribs during the first ever Elkhorn Ribfest in 2016.**



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German Cano of Aussom Aussie Australian Barbecue Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., preps ribs on Saturday for visitors to the 2016 Ribfest.



Leon Davis of LD's BBQ, East Troy, swept the awards at the 2016 Ribfest and is slated to return for the second year July 14 through 16.





Classic cars from a variety of eras will fill the grounds at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, on July 9 for the annual Cars that Time Forgot show.

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# Car show to rev up resort

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Lake Lawn Resort is partnering with the Delavan-Delavan Lake Area Chamber of Commerce to bring the 14th annual Cars That Time Forgot Car Show to the resort's lakeside grounds on July 9.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nearly 1,000 custom cars, drag cars, stock cars, trucks, motorcycles and other special interest vehicles will be showcased along the shores of Delavan Lake.

New this year, the original Mystery Machine from "Scooby Doo" will be on display, courtesy of the Volo Auto Museum, and Andrew Tully's Wounded Warrior Mustang. The specialty Camaro and Firebird will be popular exhibits for spectators to

check out, this 50th anniversary year for both.

Automobile enthusiasts can gear up for the exhibit with a variety of activities planned for July 8. A complimentary road tour will take drivers down picturesque back roads and will end at Staller Estate Vineyard and Winery.

The resort's gimmick rally will bring competitive fun for guests and local residents later in the afternoon. Before getting in their cars, participants will be given a sheet of clues and instructions that will lead them throughout Walworth County to complete random checkpoints. The gimmick rally will begin and end at Lake Lawn Resort, and the car with the best time and mileage will be the winner.

In the evening on July 8, guests and local



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The grounds of Lake Lawn Resort on Delavan Lake provide picturesque setting for the Cars that Time Forgot show. The resort provides a variety of activities in conjunction with the show.



residents can stop by the resort's Lakeside BBQ and Car Show Warm Up, beginning at 6 p.m. In addition to classic American cuisine, attendees will get a sneak preview of special feature cars before Sunday's show. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance at Lake Lawn Resort's front desk or day of at the barbecue.

A two-night stay package begins at \$449, plus resort fee and tax. The package includes a Lakewood guest room, two passes to Saturday night's Lakeside BBQ and Car Show Warm Up, special vehicle pre-registration and preferred parking at Sunday's Cars Time Forgot Car Show.

Spectator parking will be available on Sunday at Lake Lawn Resort's airport for \$5 per car. For more information, visit [LakeLawnResort.com](http://LakeLawnResort.com).

Lake Lawn Resort is at 2400 E. Geneva St., Delavan.

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Vehicles like this customized 1940s pickup truck are the stars of the show at the Cars the Time Forgot display July 9.



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Here's a look into the wood-burning oven as it cooks two pizzas at Oakfire restaurant in Lake Geneva.

# Tested in Fire

## NEW OAKFIRE STAYS TRUE TO NEAPOLITAN STYLE

If you haven't walked along Wrigley Drive across from the Lake Geneva Public Beach lately, be prepared for an entirely new look on that street. The little house that used to be Scuttlebutts, then Oakfire, was torn down in January and replaced by a large contemporary style building that is now the home of the expanded Oakfire.

David Scotny purchased the former building in 2014 and after some remodeling reopened as Oakfire in May 2015.

"It gave us a chance to try out our new concept for the restaurant and evaluate whether our ideas would work before we closed again and tore the whole building down," said Scotny, who is also general manager of the restaurant. "Most businesses do not have the opportunity to have a tryout. After being in business for almost two years, we learned what would work and how to build a better mousetrap"

The rebuilding began with a teardown of the old building and, in spite of working through the winter, work progressed quickly, according to Scotny. The relatively mild winter was certainly a factor in the successful construction.

The new building is a contemporary structure that was built to incorporate the view and the feel of the lake.

### *A new pizza for the area*

For Scotny, the desire to open a true Neapolitan style pizza restaurant became his passion.

"I wanted to produce a pizza that has been made the same way for over 300 years," he said. "I wanted to make a pizza that was made from scratch, cooked in a wood fire oven, using the freshest ingredients available."

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**Executive Chef Nick Crawford turns a ball of dough into a pizza crust.**

Based his tryout in the former building, Scotny was pleased to see that his customers were as passionate about his pizza as he was.

While places to purchase pizza abound in Lake Geneva, the Neapolitan style pizza is a new concept to the area. When Oakfire introduced it to the community, it was not known if it would appeal to the residents and visitors to the area. But Scotny was not worried. He developed his business plan, moved his family to Lake Geneva and never looked back.

The interior of the building is open and contemporary. The restaurant also features three outdoor areas for patrons to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine and the magnificent waterfront view.

The restaurant has sidewalk tables with colorful umbrellas that line the edge of the walkway. The front deck adds a little more height to the view as people gather to enjoy a cocktail, lunch or dinner. Because of the second floor overhang this deck it is usually shady.

Indoors the air-conditioned seating attracts those looking for an escape on hot summer days. The main floor kitchen is open to view as Executive Chef Nick Crawford and his assistants prepare the made-to-order pizzas, fresh salads, and sandwiches as they are ordered.

### *Authentic Italian ovens*

The focal point is the large, red wood-burning oven that maintains a temperature of 800 degrees. When wood is added to the oven, there is no need to light it. It lights itself from the heat on the oven's floor. The pizzas are placed directly on the floor of the oven, no pizza pans or cooking stones.

The ovens – one on the first floor and another on the second – are imported from Italy. They add authenticity to the Neapolitan pizzas that are prepared just as they have been for



many years in Italy.

A full bar provides beer, wine, and cocktails of choice. At night this becomes the gathering place to meet with friends and enjoy a drink on the outdoor deck. The entire second floor becomes an outdoor venue as the floor-to-ceiling windows are raised much like an oversize garage door.

Most pizzas today are not made in the historic Neapolitan style. While many other pizzas use preformed crusts and canned tomatoes, the Neapolitan pizzas that have become the specialty at Oakfire are centered around a “simple is beautiful technique,” according to Scotny.

### *A meeting of minds*

Chef Crawford met Scotny when he was still working in Chicago.

“David used to come into the restaurant,” Crawford said. “I would often bring him his food and we would talk about cooking methods. I did not know at that time that he was opening a restaurant in Lake Geneva.”

“We began to talk about his concept for a restaurant and he would invite

“

*I wanted to make a pizza that was made from scratch, cooked in a wood fire oven, using the freshest ingredients available.”*



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me up on my days off and we would discuss recipes and basically worked out the menu. Eventually he offered me the job of executive chef. So here I am.”

Crawford and Scotny have the same thoughts about their fresh Neapolitan style pizza: that it has been made the same way for over 300 years and it isn’t going to change now. Cooking in a wood-burning oven gives the pizza a crisp, fresh flavor and can be cooked in as little as 90 seconds.

The reason for the two wood-burning ovens at Oakfire – one on each floor – is to assure that the pizza gets to the customer fresh from the oven. If they were all cooked downstairs, by the time the server carried them up the stairs to the second floor they would have cooled. “Everything we use is fresh,” Crawford said.

The dough is hand shaped as the pizza is being prepared. San Marzano tomatoes are used for the sauces. These tomatoes are the most famous of the plum tomatoes from Italy. They are grown in the rich volcanic soil at the base of Mt Vesuvius, giving them a sweet taste and low acidity. Their firm pulp, a deep, red color, and low seed count make them the favorite of many Italian cooks.

Buffalo mozzarella cheese is ordered from Italy and arrives weekly. It and mushrooms are among the favorite toppings for the pizzas.

“Anything with Buffalo mozzarella is popular,” Crawford said.

Most people do not realize that it is a fresh cheese made from the milk of Indian/Asian water buffalo traditionally produced in Campania, Italy. In most dishes on the menu, the regular mozzarella can be upgraded to the buffalo mozzarella.

### *Variety is the slice of life*

Service is very friendly as staff members move into their new roles. Much of the wait staff is new while a few of those who worked in the prior building have returned.

The menu, while not large, does feature a variety of pizzas. Traditional red sauce is offered along with white sauces. Flatbreads are also available.

Appetizers include calamari, eggplant, bruschetta and other Italian favorites. A variety of fresh salads and sandwiches are also



**Above:** Complete with mushrooms, olives and artichokes, this pizza awaits the addition of cheese before being placed in the oven where it will cook for just 90 seconds at 800 degrees.



**Left:** The wood-burning pizza ovens at Oakfire are imported from Italy. An oven on each floor assures customers will get a piping hot pizza.

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The image shows the interior of the Verve Art Gallery. On the left, a large, colorful lamp with a blue shade and a decorated base sits on a table. The table is covered with a patterned cloth and has various items on it. In the background, there are more tables and chairs, and a wall covered with many small, framed artworks. The artworks include portraits, landscapes, and abstract pieces. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and artistic.

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The image shows the interior of the Laser Electric Supply & Lighting Gallery. The space is filled with various lighting fixtures, including lamps, chandeliers, and pendant lights. There are also tables, chairs, and other furniture items. The lighting is warm and inviting, highlighting the different products available. The overall atmosphere is one of a well-stocked and professional lighting store.

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**This group of diners enjoys lunch on the second-floor deck overlooking the Rivera Docks and the public beach on Geneva Lake.**

available for lunch or dinner.

The Saint Elmo is listed as one of the favorite sandwiches. It features marinated grilled chicken, vine ripened tomatoes, shaved Parmigiano Reggiano and is garnished with a local spring mix, basil walnut pesto and served on grilled Italian bread.

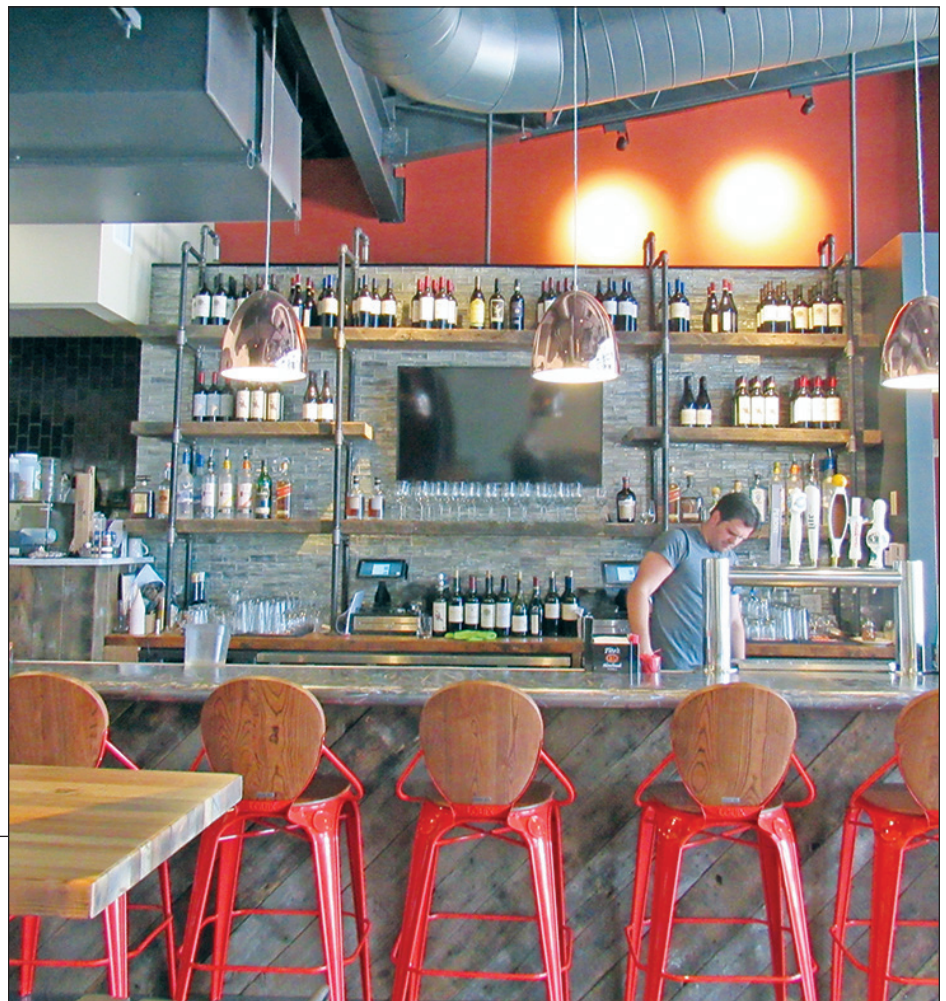
Scotny said they plan to enlarge the menu and include pasta dishes. Launching a delivery service for meals is also in the future.

Although it has been open only a short time in its new space, Oakfire is already becoming the place to be for lunch, cocktails and appetizers or a nighttime cocktail in addition to the pizza crowd.

*Oakfire is at 831 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva. It is open for lunch starting at 11 a.m. daily and remains open through dinner and into the evening. The bar on the second floor remains open later. The*

*restaurant can be reached by telephone at (262) 812-8007. The website is [www.oakfirelakegeneva.com](http://www.oakfirelakegeneva.com).*

**This steel bar, with open shelving to display a variety of liquor, is on the second floor of Oakfire in Lake Geneva. The second floor has a modern open concept much like that of a loft.**



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# The beer barons of Geneva Lake

## CRUISE AND TOUR TO CELEBRATE BREWING HISTORY

Area residents and visitors alike are invited to celebrate summer with cruise and tour of Black Point Estate and Gardens while learning about the history of the six beer barons that vacationed and lived along the shores of Geneva Lake.

This program will take place on both the cruise and at Black Point Estate on Fridays July 21 and Aug. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### If you go...

**WHAT:** Beer Barons of Lake Geneva boat cruise and tour of Black Point Estate

**WHEN:** Fridays, June 23, July 21, Aug. 18 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**COST:** \$65 per person and includes cruise, program, beer tasting and souvenir beer mug. Space is limited to 45 people.

**WHERE:** Boats depart from the Rivera Dock 812 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva

Black Point Estate and Gardens is a historic house museum on the south shore of Geneva Lake and was named one of the 10 best historic estates in the United States by Fodor's Travel in 2014.

No presentation about beer would be complete without a tasting so participants will raise a glass or two together. They will sample beers from Wisconsin breweries as well as a few surprises from farther afield.

Light snacks will be provided by Geneva Lake Country Meats and Heavenly Delights.

The presenter is Michael Rehberg, lead interpreter at



This postcard advertises beer produced by the Seipp Brewing Co. of Chicago. Owner Conrad Seipp maintained a home – Black Point Estate – on Geneva Lake.

Black Point Estate and Gardens. Rehberg is a Wisconsin native and historic brewery expert.

For more information visit Black Point Estate at [www.blackpointestate.org](http://www.blackpointestate.org) or call (262) 248-1888. To purchase tickets, visit the Lake Geneva Cruise Line at [www.cruiselakegeneva.com](http://www.cruiselakegeneva.com) or call (262) 248-6206.

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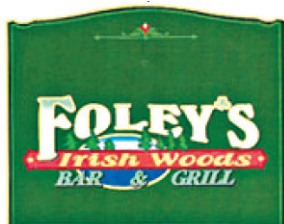
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Resort now offers more than 600 rental units

**G**rand Geneva Resort and Spa recently opened 29 all-season villas on its 1,300-acre property near Lake Geneva.

This multi-million dollar investment is designed to enhance the resort experience with expanded, upscale accommodations for leisure and business guests alike, according to resort officials.

"Ideal for families seeking a vacation with the comforts of home or friends searching for a unique weekend getaway, our new villas truly strengthen our diverse accommodation offerings at the resort," said Grand Geneva Resort and Spa Managing Director Steve Magnuson. "The addition of these spectacular villas supports our goal of continuing to be a top travel destination in the Midwest."

The new villas feature studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom accommodations. Each unit includes a full kitchen, flat screen TVs, washer and dryer and deluxe furnishings, as well as a furnished outdoor sitting area. Villa guests can enjoy most resort amenities, from activities at the Adventure Center to access to the award-winning golf courses, combined with their own outdoor swimming pool during the summer season and an outdoor fire pit area. Villa guests are invited to pamper themselves with a new spa menu featuring treatments, ranging from massages and facials to salon services like manicures and airbrush makeup.

Two new spa packages are also offered exclusively at the villas. The "North Shore Package" features a White River Relaxing Massage or Facial and a dry brush exfoliation, and the "Day on the Lake Package" includes a blowout, makeup and lash application.

The resort originally opened in 1968 as the Lake Geneva Playboy Club Hotel. The Marcus Corporation purchased this Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired resort in 1993, and reopened it as the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in 1994. Throughout the years, the company has enhanced the property by adding three restaurants, renovating the golf courses, adding Timber Ridge Lodge and Water Park, expanding the meeting spaces, and renovating all of the guest rooms and suites.

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Contemporary styling and modern furnishings are hallmarks of the new villas recently opened at Grand Geneva Resort and Spa.

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**Racine County Fair Schedule**  
**July 26 - 30**  
Wednesday, July 26  
**Noon - Official Opening**  
Grandstand - Tractor Pull and Combine  
Demo Derby  
Thursday, July 27  
**Children's Day**  
Grandstand - Chasin Mason  
Friday, July 28  
**4-H/FFA/Youth Day**  
Grandstand - Truck and Tractor Pull  
Saturday, July 29  
**Case IH Day**  
Grandstand - Easton Corbin  
Sunday, July 30  
**Dollar Day** All rides \$1.00  
Grandstand - Demo Derby

## RACINE COUNTY FAIR 2017 SCHEDULE (subject to change)

**Wednesday, July 26 OPENING DAY**  
9:00am Judging - Jr. Horse English Discipline  
9:30am Judging - Jr. Dairy  
**Noon Official Opening of the Racine County Fair**  
**Runzheimer International Stage**  
Noon Judging - Jr. Horticulture, Flowers, Foods, Cake  
Decorating  
1:00pm Meet Fair Royalty - Youth building  
2:00pm Judging - Open Class Dairy  
3:00pm Goats on Parade - Goat Barn  
3:30pm Crowning of Little King/Queen - Sale Arena  
4:30pm Dog Demonstration - Showcase Stage  
5:00pm WI Cranberry Culinary Competition  
6:30pm Midwest Truck and Tractor Pullers  
Combine Demo Derby - Grandstand  
7:00pm Fair Idol Semi Finals -  
Runzheimer International Stage  
7:30pm Tim Castle - Activity Building

**Thursday, July 27**  
**CHILDREN'S & SENIOR CITIZEN DAY**  
Noon - 5pm Ride wristband for \$15  
8:30am Rooster Crowing Contest  
9:00am Judging - Jr. Horse - Western Discipline  
9:00am Judging - Jr. Swine, Rabbits  
9:30am Children's Activities - Hospitality Tent  
11:00am WE Energies - Children's Area  
Noon Children's Show - Runzheimer International Stage  
12:30pm Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull sign-up - Children's Area  
1:00pm Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull - Children's Area  
1:30pm Outdoor Painting Challenge  
4:00pm Meet Fair Royalty - Youth building  
4:30pm Dog Demonstration - Showcase Stage  
5:00pm WI Apples Culinary Competition  
6:30pm Fair Night Photo Shoot  
7:30pm Weird Science - Activity Building  
6:30pm Chasin Mason - Grandstand  
\$10.00 Grandstand Seating, \$10.00 Track Seating. Bring your own chairs for Track Seating. Order your tickets for Thursday's concert online!

**Friday, July 28 4H/FFA/YOUTH DAY**  
8:00am Judging - Jr. Poultry  
9:00am Judging - Jr. Beef, Sheep, Goats  
10:00am Horse Educational / Demo Day  
11:00am Junior Sheep Judging  
Noon Open class ADGA Goat Show  
2:00pm Judging - Open Class Flower Arrangements  
2:00pm Steve Meisner Polka Band - Activity building  
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4:00pm Strongest Man Contest - Case IH display  
4:00pm Meet Fair Royalty - Youth building  
4:30pm Dog Demonstration - Showcase Stage  
5:00pm And a Cherry on the Top Culinary Competition  
5:30pm Antique Tractor Parade - Grandstand  
6:30pm Tractor Pull - Grandstand  
7:00pm Fair Idol Final - Runzheimer International Stage  
7:30pm Stetsin & Lace - Activity Building

7:00pm JANA KRAMER - Grandstand  
7:30pm Koltrane - Activity Building  
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**Sunday, July 30**  
**Dollar Day** - all rides \$1.00 off  
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10:00am Horse Fun show - Costume Class  
11:00am Cake Decorating for 4 and 5 yr olds-Park Pavilion  
Noon Fur & Feather Sale - Small Animal Building  
Noon Chocolate Dessert contest - Park Pavilion  
1:00pm Hay Bale Throwing Contest - Dairy/Beef Building  
1:00pm Log Sawing & Threshing Demonstrations Antique  
Tractor Area  
1:30pm Fun & Fashionable Sheep - Sale Arena  
1:45pm Favorite Pie contest - Park Pavilion  
2:00pm Demo Derby - Grandstand  
2:30pm Pie Auction - Park Pavilion  
3:00pm Chainsaw Carving Auction  
4:00pm Meet Fair Royalty - Youth building  
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6:00pm Demo Derby - Grandstand

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**Saturday, July 29 CASE IH DAY**  
9:00am Lawnmower Racing - Grandstand  
9:00am Horse Show - Gymkana - Horse Arena  
9:30am Livestock Auction - Sale Arena  
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10am-4pm Plant Health Advisors - Master Gardeners  
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10:30am Dog Demonstration - Showcase Stage  
1:00pm Log Sawing & Threshing Demonstrations -Antique  
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# Wine, Dine and Nine



## THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO PLAY GOLF AT HAWKS VIEW

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

**W**ith the sun sparkling in the sky and the landscape in full color, for many the place to spend time is on the golf course.

Finding a course that meets the needs of a golfer who is looking for a challenging course, yet one in which it is possible to achieve some success may be difficult to accomplish.

Hawk's View, 7737 Krueger Road, Lake Geneva, is an option that is just down the road.

Hawk's View has two courses. Como Crossing, a championship course, along with Barn Hollow, billed as a course anyone from a scratch player to a beginner "will have fun" on, according to the Hawk's View website. Barn Hollow is a par 3 course while Como Crossing is a par 72 course.

This course was opened in 2001 on the grounds of what had previously been a ski resort known as Mt. Fuji. Many of the ski hills are incorporated into the various holes, giving some interesting views and shots to golfers playing on Como Crossing. It is the only five-star rated golf course in Lake Geneva.

Barn Hollow, an 18-hole course, opened in 2003. This course was given its name because it stands in the hollow behind a barn that was located on the



A golfer walks toward the green on the Barn Hollow par-3 course at Hawks View. The barn in the distance was on the property when it was purchased and was the inspiration for the course's name.



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An array of golf carts awaits the golfers at Hawk's View. Carts are required on the championship course but on the par-3 course there is a choice of using a cart or walking.



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property when Hawk's View acquired it.

While playing the course, the barn can be seen in the distance. This course is the only golf course in the Lake Geneva Area that welcomes families with children.

Both courses have won awards.

"Golf Advisor in 2015 named Como Crossings the number-one course in Wisconsin based on customer reviews. Golf Advisor also named Barn Hollow the number-two short course in the United States," said Jake Bandi, an assistant golf professional at Hawk's View.

### 'Wine, Dine and Nine'

Hawk's View offers the traditional Friday fish fry, but with a twist.

Customers have the choice of golfing first or eating first according to the time they wish to do either activity in what is called "Wine, Dine and Nine," according to Bandi.

"Most people prefer to golf first as golfing after eating means golfing on a very full stomach," Bandi said.

"Wine, Dine and Nine is a new concept in the golfing world," Bandi added.

Hawk's View prepares the cod baked, fried, or beer battered and deep fried. Potato pancakes, corn fritters and coleslaw round out the meal. A glass of wine is included.

Golfers have a choice of playing either Como Crossing or Barn Hollow for the nine holes of golf. The price of the package is dependent on which course is chosen. The use of a cart is included in both packages. The Barn Hollow course costs is \$33 for Wine, Dine and Nine, while for Como Crossing there is a \$43 fee.

The fish fry is served from 3 to 9 p.m., so it is possible to get in nine holes before 3 p.m., or choose after 3 p.m. and have dinner with a spouse, significant other or casual friends.

Players may take their own clubs to the course, but clubs may be rented on site.

### Night golf

An activity recently added at Hawk's View allows players to play some holes after sunset.

"We usually have about 50 players give or take a few, show up for this very different form of golf," Bandi said.

Hawk's View's night golf takes place on the last Friday of the month at 9 p.m. in May, June and July, at 8pm in August and 7:30 p.m. in September due to earlier sunsets.

"It is played in a scramble format with four-member teams," Bandi said.

A scramble format is when each member of the teams tees off, and then the team checks where each ball lands to determine who has the best position. The next shots are taken from those spots deemed the best by the







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This view of the Barn Hollow course looks over a lake and the barn that predates the golf course.

individual teams.

Because this is played in the dark, there are glow-in-the-dark tee markers and pins. Each player is issued one ball and a small flashlight. The ball also glows in the dark, but must be primed with a flashlight to emit a glow.

Barn Hollow is the course used because the flatness of the course is more conducive to walking at night. Carts on site do not have lights, so they are not used in the dark.

The fee for night golf is \$20 per player. This includes all green fees, one glow-in-the-dark ball and entry into the competition for prizes, many of which are more rounds of golf on Barn Hollow. Players have the choice of retaining their glowing balls or



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Information is subject to change. Please contact individual restaurant for more information.

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Entry to Hawk's View is off Krueger Road in the Town of Lyons. Flowers are maintained not only at the entrance but throughout the property.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ, Spirit of Geneva Lakes

turning them in for a nine-hole round of golf on Barn Hollow.

For groups of 36 to 60, private nighttime golf sessions can be arranged by contacting the pro shop.

## Pro-simulator

When snow is likely to be on the ground, there is still some sort of golf experience at Hawk's View.

In the winter, from Black Friday in November until the end of March, the golf simulator is set up in the pro shop. The golf simulator has 19 different golf courses programmed into it.

## Planning a party

The Red Tail Ballroom can be tailored to fit large parties, including weddings, anniversaries, engagements, holidays or retirements. The ballroom can fit up to about 325 people. There is on-site catering that will provide meals and appetizers. There is also a bar. The Overlook Terrace, which has an open view of the courses in the background, is also available for wedding ceremonies.

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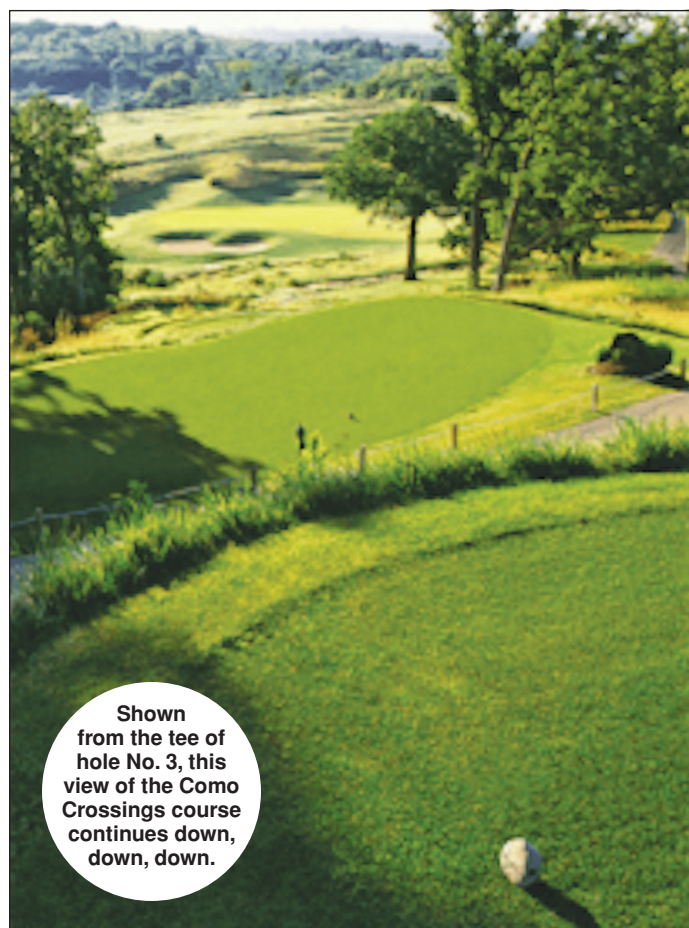
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The fair runs July 26 to 30 on the county fairgrounds at 19805 Durand Ave., Union Grove. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. July 26 to 29 and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 30.

The family friendly festival highlights the best of local agriculture and farming, featuring many animals raised by area youth and other farming attractions from local kids and adults.

Additionally, the fair offers all the traditional fun, including a carnival, games, petting zoo, daily entertainment, kids

activities and live music.

As in years past, the fair features daily shows specifically designed for the younger crowd. The Children's Area will have the Great Lakes Lumberjack Show, Nick's Kids Show, Kids are People Too, the Zoppe Circus and the petting zoo.

The kids ages 4 to 12 will also have their own cream puff eating contest at 1 p.m. on July 27. Registration is required, but the contest is free. The Kids at Heart cream puff eating contest for "kids" 13 and older will be at 11 a.m. on July 30. Registration is also required along with a \$5 entry fee.

The Expo Building will have LEGO building stations from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily for all ages. The Expo will also feature a large LEGO display by the Kenosha LEGO Users Group.

The Swifty Swine Racing Pigs return for another run on the south end of the grounds. The pigs race daily at 1, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

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Tractor Pulls at 6:30 p.m. on July 26 and July 28. The annual demo derbies will be at 2 and 6 p.m. on July 30.

The Little King and Queen will be crowned at 2:30 p.m. on July 26, on the Runzheimer Stage; the Fairest of the Fair crowning will follow at 4:30 p.m.

## ON STAGE

Easton Corbin will headline July 29 at 7 p.m. on the grandstand. Forgotten

Highway will open. Concert admission is \$10 for grandstand seating, \$20 for track seating and \$40 for reserved VIP track seating (chair included).

Party on the Track with Chasin' Mason at the grandstand at 7 p.m. is set for July 27.

The Runzheimer Stage plays host to multiple acts all five days of the fair including performances by Stetsin & Lace, Brecken Miles, Mean Jake, Rebel

Regien, Revival, and Fall Hazard.

The Fair Idol semifinals are at 7 p.m. Wednesday with the finals at 7 p.m. on Friday. The local Methodist churches will also have a worship service on the Runzheimer Stage at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 30. And Packers Hall of Fame inductee Frank Lamping will be honored at 5 p.m. on July 27.

Live music is also featured in the Activity Building with acts such as the



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Fresh-faced teens showing their animals at the annual livestock auctions are among the highlights at the Racine County Fair. This year's fair is set for July 26 through 30.





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## ADMISSION

General admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$6 for kids age 8 to 13. Kids 7 and younger are admitted free of charge. A five-day season pass is \$35.

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Midway Mega Bands are \$40 on sale July 1 to 25 at all Community State Bank locations and include fair admission. Daily wristbands for the midway are \$20.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit [www.racinecountyfair.com](http://www.racinecountyfair.com).



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Carnival rides remain a big attraction each year at the Racine County Fair. Live music, tractor pulls and a demolition derby are also among the planned entertainment.

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The walk will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 9. The event will give the public an opportunity to visit gardens in the Burlington and surrounding areas. Gardens on the walk include an eclectic garden in the country with annuals and perennials intermingled with rustic buildings and rusty objects; high and low paths lined with lush plantings at a lake home; three city properties with gardens of multi-colored blooms, landscaping and a hidden infinity waterfall; a hardscape of boulders, stone benches and raked sand accenting a courtyard; and a garden that consists of statues, a birdbath and a bubbling water feature. In the gardens, artists from The Gathering will display their works.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets can be purchased at Burlington Garden Center, Richter's

Marketplace, Breezy Hill Nursery, Gooseberries Fresh Food Market or Milaege's in Sturtevant. 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.

The raffle this year will include \$500 worth of gift cards in \$50 increments, garden gift baskets and other prizes. The drawing will be at 3:30 p.m. July 9 at the Wehmhoff Square gazebo, and the winner need not be present to win.

Proceeds from the walk will 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.

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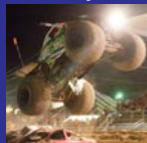
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