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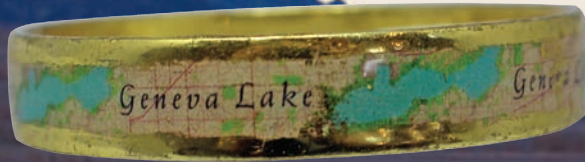


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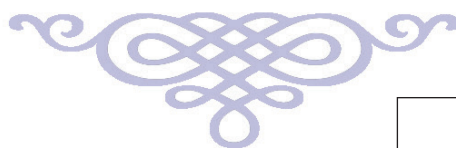
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# IT'S COMIN' UP

## AUGUST EVENTS

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

**1 National Lights Out Night**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Black Point Estate Tour at the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa**, tours leave at 12:30 p.m. Explore the summer estate built in 1888 by Chicago beer baron Conrad Seipp. Cost is \$18.

**3, 10, 24, 31 Concerts in the Park**, at Flat Iron Park, 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets and friends for an evening of entertainment with a lakeside view.

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Legends and Landmarks: Lake Geneva Walking Tour**, Riveria in downtown Lake Geneva, 6:30-8 p.m. A walking tour of downtown Lake Geneva and the historic Maple Park neighborhoods. Tickets are \$8 per person (or two tickets for \$15) and can be purchased in advance by calling (262) 248-1888 or directly from the tour guide day of the walk. www.blackpointestate.org

**4 He Said Beer She Said wine cocktail party**, Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, 6-8 p.m. Learn how to pair both beer and wine with different foods at this multi-course cocktail party. Call (262) 249-4788 to make a reservation.

**4-5 Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce Corn and Brat Days** in Veterans Park on the downtown square in Elkhorn, featuring a variety of games for kids, crafters, performances and food.

**4-6 Viva Lake Geneva Scooter Rally**, Midwest Action Cycle, 251 Host Drive, Lake Geneva. Rally fee is \$10. www.scootjockeys.com

**5, 12, 19, 26 Walworth County farmers market** – Veterans Park on the downtown square, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (262) 723-7733.

**5-6 Madison Classic Car Show & Swap**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. madisonclassics.com or (608) 244-8416.

**7 Full Moon Paddle with Clear Water Outdoor**, 744 W. Main St., Lake Geneva, 8-10 p.m. Each paddler must have a headlamp, no experience necessary. Meet at the store at 7:45 p.m. for check in. www.clearwateroutdoor.com

**10 Summer Splash with the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra**, Simple Café, 525 Broad St., Lake Geneva, 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at LakeGenevaOrchestra.org or by calling (262) 359-9072

**12 Lutherdale Fest and Quilt Auction** – from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., hand-made quilts and other items will be auctioned off to support summer camp. Lunch at 11 a.m. at Lutherdale, N7891 Highway 12. The event will also include children's

programming and a men's lounge. (262) 742-2352.

**12-13 Art in the Park**, Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Juried fine art exhibition, which is limited to 80 exhibitors featuring painting, ceramics, graphics, sculpture, jewelry and more. genevalakeartsfoundation.org

**12-13 Friends of the Lake Geneva Public Library Book Sale**, 918 W. Main St., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Annual sale of fiction, non-fiction, young adult and children's books; DVDs; specially priced rare and collectible volumes. (262) 249-5299

**13 Antique Flea Market**, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn, featuring vendors offering a variety of treasures. Admission, \$5. (414) 525-0820 or nlpromotionsllc@gmail.com.

**14 Lakeland Animal Shelter golf scramble at Hawk View Golf Club**, Lake Geneva. (262) 723-1000 or visit lakelandanimalshelter.org, events and search "scramble 1."

**16-20 Lake Geneva Jaycees 55th Annual Venetian Festival**, Flat Iron Park in downtown Lake Geneva. Live music, carnival, water ski show, boat parade, fireworks and an arts and crafts fair.

**16-20 'A Barn Good Time' at the Kenosha County Fair**. 111th St., Wilmet. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids age 8 to 11, kids 7 and younger admitted free. www.kenoshacofair.com

**16-20 Inland Lake Yachting Association Regatta**, Lake Geneva Yacht Club and the Buddy Melges Sailing Center. [lgyc.com](http://lgyc.com)

**17-20 NBHA State Barrel Races**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**18-19 Midwest Pro Rodeo**, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. walworthcountyfair.com (262) 723-3228.

**19 Hand Feed Monarchs**, 1-4 p.m., at Price Park Conservancy, N6418 Hodunk Road, Elkhorn. Learn about the life cycle of Monarchs at live butterfly stations and feed the butterflies from your hands. \$5 a person; free for members of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust. [kmlandtrust.org](http://kmlandtrust.org) or [info@kmlandtrust.org](mailto:info@kmlandtrust.org)

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

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# Out *for* a spin



Amanda Jarvey, 36, prepares to fling a disc towards a hole, or basket, at Fox River Park in Silver Lake while her husband, Andrew, awaits his turn.

Disc golf  
offers healthy  
options for  
area family

by **Jason Arndt**  
STAFF WRITER

**W**hat started as a hobby about three years ago opened a new set of physical and social benefits for the Jarveys of Silver Lake.

The hobby, disc golf, helped Amanda and Andrew find an endeavor they both can enjoy, offered a healthy alternative for their children and improved their own health.

Like traditional golf, disc golf carries similar challenges, including scoring and

course challenges such as trees, shrubs and terrain changes.

In disc golf, however, players discard the golf ball and clubs and replace it with a flying disc or Frisbee. Players target a raised basket instead of a hole.

"When I first started out, it was a very social sport, we would have anywhere from eight to 12 of us get together and just go out and have fun," said Andrew, 39, who recalled picking up a disc in 2014.

Amanda concurred, adding the two took an immediate liking to the sport.



“Our friend took us out, it was like a big group of us. Both of our families were together and came out, had a bunch of discs and just tried it. I fell in love with it immediately,” said Amanda, 36.

Since then, the Jarveys have played in a wide array of tournaments throughout Wisconsin, including stops in Saukville, Madison, Milwaukee, Lake Geneva, among other places.

The more they traveled, the more competitive the two became, including a tournament win by Amanda in Saukville and a victory by Andrew in Kenosha County.

“We started taking it a little more seriously after that, disc golf is one of the sports along the lines of darts, bowling, pool, bags and horseshoes,” Andrew said. “After a year and a half of playing, we played our first tournament.”

Amanda said she saw her friends as motivation.

“I started getting competitive because all the people we play with are in tournaments,” Amanda said at Fox River

Park in Silver Lake. “They make me strive to get better. I started working on it in practice, coming out here by myself and working on my throws.”

Competitive events also brought other benefits, including cardiovascular health and strengthening the family bond.

“I think I have lost probably 75 pounds over the last three years or so, just by playing and staying active in the sport,” Andrew said.

### Constructive alternative

Amanda, who wanted to find an activity the family could enjoy, said disc golf gave her a new outlook.

“It was more of going out and doing something that was a hobby with my husband. I didn’t want to go to the casinos when I got older,” Amanda said. “It was my goal and wanted to have a hobby we could do together.”

Meanwhile, for the Jarvey children, 11-year-old BrookLynn, 15-year-old Maggie and James, 18, the sport encourages

them to drop the technology.

Technology includes cell phones, iPads, and video games, according to the Jarveys.

“Kids nowadays want to do more things on their iPhones and iPods. It is tough to get them out of the house. When we first started playing this, they were into it for the social aspect,” Andrew said.

Although the children don’t play often, Amanda reports some of them tag along at the disc golf courses.

“Even if they don’t want to necessarily throw, they can come out and walk the course, maybe climb a tree,” Amanda said. “It is nice to get out with nature and not have them on their cell phones or on video games all day long.”

### Open to anyone

According to Amanda, disc golf is all-inclusive, and not just for college crowd and men.

Although Amanda believes not enough women play, she felt encouraged the more she practiced on the course.



Andrew Jarvey, 39, gets ready to launch a disc towards the fairway at Fox River Park’s disc golf course.

JASON ARINDT  
*Spirit of Geneva Lakes*



Andrew Jarvey stays focused as he awaits a throw towards a basket while playing disc golf at an area course.

JASON ARNDT Spirit of Geneva Lakes



“There really isn’t an age range – anyone can play – and I thought I would have a hard time because I couldn’t throw as hard as the men do. It was really not true, if you took a little effort, and just practice, you can become very good,” Amanda said. “I wish more women would play. It would be nice to see a lot of women out here.”

While the sport is inclusive, disc golf few economic barriers, compared to traditional golf.

Fox River Park and Silver Lake Park, which have a collective 45 holes, are free and open to the public.

“Most of these courses are free to play,” said Andrew, noting some Milwaukee-area courses charge a fee.

“Here in Kenosha County, these are all county funded. The Kenosha County Parks Department has the best group of guys as far as maintaining any park. What we have in our backyard is an absolute gem and wish that more people knew about it,” he continued.

### Sport prospers in Walworth County

While the Jarveys spend most of their time on courses in Kenosha County, including the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, they also played on the White River Disc Golf Course in Lake Geneva.

The White River Disc Golf Course, at the intersection of Geneva, Mill and Sage streets, carries different challenges.

“We play in Lake Geneva quite a bit. Lake Geneva has a gorgeous course out there,” Andrew said. “It is in the back of what I think was the old Hillmoor Club.”

“One of my favorite holes there happens to be over a pond, it is a pretty long shot,” he said. “The penalty is, if you are short, you are going to be out \$15 to \$20 on a disc, but it is still my favorite.”

Aside from the White River Disc Golf Course, Walworth County has other courses, according to the sport’s governing body Professional Disc Golf Association.

Courses are available at East Troy

### The lowdown

**WHAT:** Disc golf

**WHERE:** Fox River Park, 9521 304th Ave., Burlington, one 18-hole course, 9-hole course; Silver Lake Park, 27000 85th St., Silver Lake, 18-hole course.

**ONLINE:** To find a course, visit [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com)



**“What we have in our backyard is an absolute gem and wish that more people knew about it.”**

**- Andrew Jarvey**

Middle School, Duck Pond Recreation Area near Fontana and Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva.

In Whitewater, both Lakeview Elementary and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater have their own courses.

Other courses include two in Mukwonago, the Phantom Disc Golf Course and Miniwauken Park, and in Palmyra, Carlin Weld County Park has a course.

There is just one course in Racine County, Johnson Park.

Brandon Theriault, who owns Plan B Disc Golf Depot in the City of Racine, reportedly helped design the Johnson Park course.

“Brandon has been open for two years now, he was one of the ones who spearheaded the effort to get that course in the ground in Racine,” Andrew said. “He is a true ambassador to this sport, Brandon really loves to give back.”

### Expanded network

Disc golf has widened Jarveys’ social circle and they’ve met some people who are now among their best friends.

“A large percentage of the friends we have, or associate with right now, we have met by playing disc golf,” Andrew said.

The hope, Andrew said, is to see the network expand.

“I wish that more people would try it and get into it, and actually further the sport,” Andrew said. “It is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States.”



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Lea Soch chomps on an ear of corn during the 2016 Walworth County Fair in Elkhorn.

# Fair aims for huge impact in 2017

by **Ryan Spoehr**

STAFF WRITER

**T**he Walworth County Fair returns in a big way for 2017. The fair, which will run from Aug. 30 through Sept. 4, will have a theme of "Are You Ready For Big?" and organizers are emphasizing this year's event will be big in multiple ways.

"We are pretty excited. I think we're going to have a really good fair this year," said Larry Gaffey, the general manager of the fair. "People are going to love it. We will have the biggest turkey, the biggest boar and biggest horse. No one will believe how big these turkeys are. It will be fun to look at all that stuff."

The fair will also feature some of the biggest names in music, including the recent announcement of Martina McBride performing. Also, Foghat and Blue Oyster Cult will hit the stage on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.

## Other events

Riders won't be taking any bull when the fair kicks off on Aug. 30. At the grandstand at 7

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Carnival rides, including this giant slide are perennially popular at the Walworth County Fair, which runs Aug. 30 through Sept. 4.



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**Kristin Mann, of Elkhorn, prepares an animal for show at the 2016 fair.**

p.m., professional bull riders will participate in competitive riding. Also a part of the event will be the Pro Elite World Challenge barrel racing competition as cowgirls ride athletic horses through a course and around barrels. Professional riders will compete against sanctioned local riders.

Then on the last day of August, more competition will be at the grandstand, as the Walworth County Fair Truck and Tractor Pull takes center stage at 11 a.m. and the Badger State competition will start at 7 p.m. The county pull is free, but there is a \$5 admission fee for the Badger State event.

"There will be big motorsports, bull rides and great carnival rides," Gaffey said.

After the month of August comes to a close, so will the fates of several old automobiles, as monster trucks will roar through the grandstand. All Star Motorsports Productions hosts the fair's monster truck rally on Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

Returning to the fair this year are the arm wrestling tournament, which will feature tests of strengths by people of all ages with weigh-



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The fair will also feature Woody's Menagerie, a live wildlife education presentation with tigers, lions and even ligers, a hybrid of a male lion and female tiger.

The fair will also feature the entertainment that it has become so well known for. Foghat and Blue Oyster Cult will hit the stage on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the grandstand.

The mud will be flying and a rumbling will be in the air on Labor Day, as the demolition derby hits the grandstand with three heats – one at 1:30 p.m., the second at 4 p.m. and the last one at 6:30 p.m. Wristbands will be available for \$10 so fair-goers can see all three heats.

### **The fair's horse events**

Horses will be a major portion of the fair as well, as 12 events will be on the



The monster truck Stinger crushes the competition during a show at the Walworth County Fair.

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Carline Russell gets her photo taken with trophies she's earned in competitions at the 2016 Walworth County Fair.

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docket between Friday and Monday. All day on Friday starting at 8:30 a.m., the Smiles Open Horse Show will be in the Horse Arena. Also on Friday, the Draft Horse Halter Class will be at 10 a.m. in the Draft Horse Arena.

On Saturday at 8:30 a.m., the Boots and Saddle Open and Speed Show will take place in the Horse Arena. The Draft Horse Arena will be the site for the Cart/Hitch competition at 10 a.m. The Harness Races will be at noon at the grandstand.

On Sunday, the horse events continue with the Linn 4-H Youth Benefit Horse Show in the Horse Arena at 8:30 a.m. Hitch Class starts at 10 a.m. in the Draft Horse Arena.

On Monday, the Horse Pulling Contest starts at 8:30 a.m. in the grandstand. The Drill Team starts at 11 a.m. in the Draft Horse Arena.

"There will be more free entertainment with the pig races and dachshund races," Gaffey said.

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# Inn-Style

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**  
CORRESPONDENT

Area bed & breakfast inns offer another way to stay

Often as the days of summer move into August, we begin to think about getting away and spending a few days enjoying the fine summer weather without the pressures of everyday life.

Instead of heading to the large hotel, why not consider a more intimate accommodation such as a bed and breakfast? Unique, quieter and often more luxurious, it often makes the perfect place for a getaway.

What we recognize today as bed and breakfasts are really the outgrowth of early

colonial America's way of finding lodging in times when travel was slow and hotels were few and far between. But unlike the rooms available in the 1800s, today's bed and breakfast inns while often in homes of the 19th century are high end and luxurious.

The Lake Geneva area has many fine bed and breakfast establishments that can make a getaway, whether it is for one night or a week, a respite from the everyday pressures of life in the 21st century.

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The open, turn-of-the-century kitchen where a full breakfast is served each morning is a friendly place to get to know the other vacationers at Watersedge bed and breakfast. On warm days, breakfast is served on the deck.

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For those who just wish to experience quiet time with each other, the ambience of the bed and breakfast, many with well landscaped outdoor areas to sit and relax, may be just what one is ready to enjoy.

## *Humble BnB*

Right in the heart of downtown Lake Geneva, Humble BnB, is a place to consider for a special getaway. Housed in a 1880s farmhouse in the historic Maple Park area of Lake Geneva, at first glance the well maintained home seems to be just like all the other historic homes in the area. It is when one is right in front the subtle Humble BnB sign that can be seen on the front bay window, things take on a different look.

Two years ago Beth and Jeff Iverson fulfilled their dream of opening a bed and breakfast, a dream that had been in the planning stages for 25 years. Working in the retail, lodging and restaurant services for many years, they have developed a feel for pleasing customers.

Originally from Elgin, Ill., Beth and Jeff have traveled throughout the area to realize that Lake Geneva was the perfect area for their venture into the role of innkeepers, and the historic house on Madison Street was the perfect spot to begin that adventure.

When entering the Humble BnB it is obvious that much time and thought has gone into converting this 1880s farmhouse into a warm and welcoming bed and breakfast. There is so much attention to detail in the community dining and living room or perhaps more in tune with the time – front parlor.

"We have been collecting fun antiques and memorabilia for years, finding over the years a unique style all our own that creates warmth and interest without being crowded or stuffy. We intend to be an ever-

evolving work in progress to improve on what's here," Beth said.

There are three guest rooms available. The Hive is the main floor, with a master suite that features a mahogany king sized bed with an attached bath and a private front porch. The other two rooms, the Queen Bee and the Honeycomb, are on the second floor, one with a queen-size bed and the other with a full-size bed. The two, second floor accommodations share a bathroom and are beautifully appointed.

Each morning a full breakfast is served. Their signature item is the hash brown eggs nest served with avocado and fresh fruit. Or on another day it may be the freshly made blueberry pancakes and sausage accompanied by fresh fruit. A coffee/tea station is available throughout the day and fresh-baked goods are offered for an afternoon snack.

Movies, books and games are available for visitors use. Looking to head for the beach? Beach towels and coolers are available for use. By pre-arrangement, the Iversons will arrange drop off and pick up service from area attractions, including



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From the top: This cozy second floor bedroom at Humble BnB offers a full-size antique burnished brass bed; Creative touches such as this barn style door, designed by Inn owner Jeff Iverson, adds to the ambience of the room; This turned spindle, queen sized bed offers an inviting place to relax.

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Built in 1865, this nicely landscaped house is now the T. C. Smith Historic Home Bed and Breakfast in Lake Geneva.



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the traditional downtown Lake Geneva activities, nearby golf courses, horseback riding and zip lining facilities.

"We work to please our guests," Beth said. "We pay attention to detail. If it is a first time to the area, we provide a list of restaurant menus and we will also make reservations for all our guests. Celebrating a special occasion, there will be a card waiting."

Outside the beautifully landscaped yard is a place to sit and relax. Looking to hold a backyard barbecue or a baby or bridal shower or a wedding rehearsal dinner? Guests may cater in food and let the hosts take care of clean up.

The name Humble BnB is an unusual name for this new bed and breakfast, which opened a little less than two years ago.

"We chose the name Humble BnB to signify that although we strive to provide excellent customer service, there are no pretensions here. We want you to enjoy our home as much as we do," Beth said.

Humble BnB is at 421 Madison St., just two blocks from the beach. A two-night

minimum stay is required on Friday and Saturday. Weeklong rental options are also available. No indoor smoking or pets allowed.

Call (262) 249-6242 to check for availability, make reservations, or for more information. Visit them online at [HumbleBnB.com](http://HumbleBnB.com) or [Facebook.com/HumbleBnB](https://www.facebook.com/HumbleBnB).

#### Other area bed and breakfasts include:

### *Watersedge Bed and Breakfast*

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Looking for a bed and breakfast in Lake Geneva but away from the hustle and bustle of downtown? If so Watersedge might fit the bill.

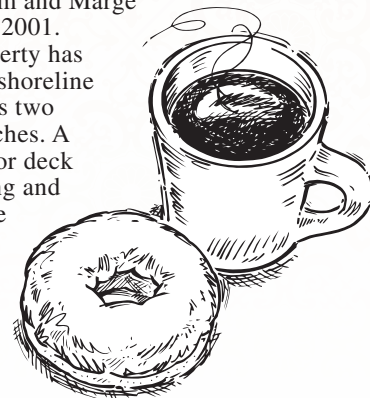
This historic lakefront property is west of downtown Lake Geneva on the southern shore of Lake Como. Located near the French Country Inn and once

considered to have been the home where Chicago gangster Bugs Moran stayed when visiting the Lake Geneva area.

Owner Dominic Trumfio said the property was originally two dairy farms and the separate homes have been moved closer together and bricked in to make one building. The property now consists of both a vacation home and a bed and breakfast.

It was opened as a bed and breakfast in the early 1990s and purchased by current owners, Dom and Marge Trumfio, in 2001.

The property has 400 feet of shoreline and includes two private beaches. A large outdoor deck makes sitting and enjoying the ambience of the quiet lakefront the perfect way to spend the







Seven Oaks is on the east side of town in this serene setting. Instead of a room in the home of the owner, there are separate cottages. Lodgers may enjoy the quiet or head into downtown Lake Geneva for a more active social scene.

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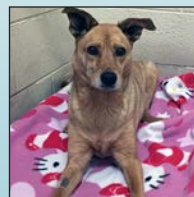
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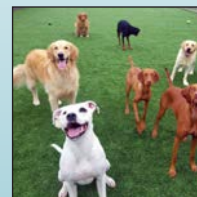
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day for those wishing to just relax.

The bed and breakfast rooms are elegantly appointed and all have an en suite bathroom. One has a lake view. Each morning the full breakfast is served by Marj and Dom in the country kitchen. On nice days breakfast is served on the adjoining deck.

The home has large open common space, again elegantly furnished, to make one feel at home.

### *TC Smith Historic Inn*

834 Dodge Street  
Lake Geneva  
(262) 248-1097

Maureen Marks has been the innkeeper for this bed and breakfast, in a house built in 1865, since 2002. The downtown Lake Geneva establishment, is a short walk to the business center and the beach.

Beautifully landscaped grounds surround the home and are a great place to sit and enjoy the summery days. A 10-by-10-foot screen room is available for guests use.

The inn has three nicely appointed rooms each with an en suite bathroom. One room has an original claw foot tub. All three rooms are on the second floor.

Each morning a full breakfast buffet is available. According to Maureen it includes eight to 12 fruits, several different types of pastries and a different hot entrée daily. Many of the fruits and asparagus are grown in the inn's garden.

Cheese and fruit are served at 4 p.m. Movies are available to enjoy.

This bed and breakfast accepts children and dogs.

### *Ye Olde Manor House*

N77622 Highway 12  
Elkhorn  
(262) 742-2450

Just outside of Elkhorn, this bed and breakfast is situated on three lavishly landscaped acres. With eight guest rooms, each with its own en suite bathroom, this lovely English-style manor house is just the place for your getaway. Located near Lauderdale Lakes, a lake view is available from some of the rooms.

A full breakfast is served each day and guests have a choice of times for their breakfast. Special consideration paid to special dietary needs.

Close to Elkhorn and only 15 minutes away from Lake Geneva, guests can enjoy the choice of quiet relaxation onsite or a trip to the many activities in town. The facility also has a swimming pool.



From top to bottom: This en suite bathroom at T. C. Smith Historic Home features an original claw foot tub and a modern shower with multiple jets; The three beautifully appointed guest rooms are on the second floor of T. C. Smith Historic Home; A beautifully appointed bedroom such as this one is offered at Ye Olde Manor House.





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The bed and breakfast is well suited for large groups for retreats, meetings and other family or social gatherings. The Ye Olde Manor House is the perfect setting for a romantic wedding.

Innkeepers Jon Anderson and Karen Fulbright-Anderson will gladly share their knowledge of local activities.

### *Seven Oaks*

682 Wells St.  
Lake Geneva  
(262) 248-4006

At the east end of Lake Geneva, Seven Oaks is a different kind of bed and breakfast. Consisting of individual cottages rather than the traditional rooms in a family home, these nine luxury suites provide privacy and comfort. Each unit has a front porch with rocking chair and a

stone fireplace.

Enjoy the quiet or take a short walk into the heart of Lake Geneva for shopping, dinner or just to enjoy the lakefront.

Guests are provided with a welcome package, continental breakfast, and complimentary wireless connections.

This is an adults-only (older than 21) resort.

### *Allyn Mansion*

511 E. Walworth Ave.  
Delavan  
(262) 725-7014

Considered the most elegant boutique hotel and bed and breakfast in the area, the Allyn House is listed on both the state and national registers of historic places. This high-end luxury boutique provides

a look into the elegance and grandeur of high society at the height of the gilded age. The mansion has been totally restored and elegantly furnished in 1885 Eastlake Victorian style.

Opened in 1986 as a bed and breakfast, it continues to provide luxuries such as 600-thread count sheets, pillow-top mattresses, and a complimentary 60-minute historical tour of the mansion. Multi-course breakfasts and freshly baked nightly treats are available.

### *Lazy Cloud Bed & Breakfast*

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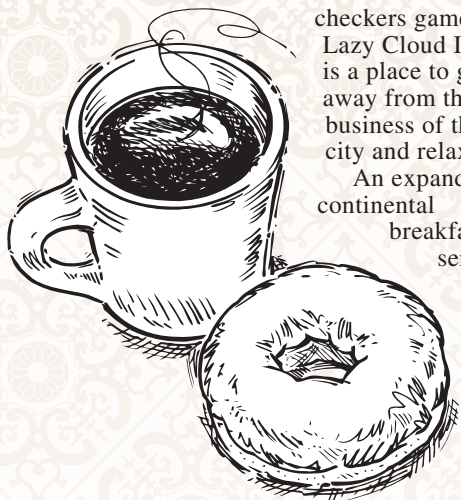
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three acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, which include an outside chess and checkers game. Lazy Cloud Inn is a place to get away from the business of the city and relax.

An expanded continental breakfast is served



which can be eaten indoors or taken out to the patio. Guests may also request a prepared tray to take back to their room to enjoy with the double whirlpool and a fireplace.

Among the amenities are champagne or wine on arrival, a choice of chocolate dipped strawberries or a caramel apple pie for two, tea candles for a soft romantic ambience, along with scented bubble bath for the whirlpool.

### *Hamilton House*

328 N. Main St.  
Whitewater  
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This historical home, originally built in 1868, has undergone several remodeling efforts to turn it into the elegant home with arched dormers, a mansard roof and second empire style windows and doors.

A five-minute drive to the South Kettle Moraine State Park and close to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus, it is the favorite home for those visiting the college or for those looking to visit the state park.

Elegant rooms contain king size beds and jetted tubs. Some rooms have fireplaces. A full, hot breakfast is served each morning at 9 a.m. By request breakfast can be served in your room.

Snacks are available throughout the day.

Small weddings up to 50 guests can be held on site and may include overnight accommodations for up to 20 guests. Talk to innkeeper Kathleen Fleming about making arrangements.

These are just a few of the fine bed and breakfasts available in the Lake Geneva area for a weekend getaway. For a more complete list visit [www.visitlakegeneva.com](http://www.visitlakegeneva.com).

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Kelly Wolkober competes in a barrel-racing event at the 2016 Kenosha County Fair. The 2017 fair runs Aug. 16 through 20 at the fairgrounds in Wilmot.

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# A BARN GOOD TIME



Kenosha County Fair set to celebrate Aug. 16 to 20

While the Kenosha County Fair promises to deliver some old favorites Aug. 16 to 20 on the county fairgrounds in Wilmot, a pair of new features could bring added thrills to the annual event, according to fair manager Denise Zirbel.

"We are excited to have two new contests in 2017," Zirbel said. "A Barn Quilt Contest and a Home Brew Competition."

A Barn Quilt, like a fabric quilt, has a similar design structure. However, unlike the fabric counterpart, it is hand-painted and



affixed to the side of a barn.

Barn Quilts, according to Barn Quilt Trail History's website, has spread to 48 states and often created by civic groups, local arts councils, school groups and 4-H groups.

Meanwhile, for the Home Brew contest, competitors produce their craft domestically using their own specific tastes.

### Old favorites return

As the Kenosha County Fair brings two new twists, organizers plan to return some old favorites, Zirbel said.

"We believe that our guests will enjoy the variety of musical entertainment daily at the Miller Lite Creekside Stage, which will be covered by the clearspan tent again this year; the seven family shows on the grounds and the amazing line up of grandstand events each night. The Barrel Room, our craft beer and wine area, returns for the second year as well."

Performers scheduled to appear on the Creekside Stage include Suburban

Cowboys, The Now Band, Burro Creek, Bella Cain, Class of '62, among other acts.

For specific times and dates, visit [kenoshacofair.com](http://kenoshacofair.com).

As guests enjoy diverse entertainment

through the five-day fair, it also features animals, demolition derby, a hay bale throwing contest, garden tractor events and much more.

For race fans, the highlights on the Wilmot Raceway include the IRA Outlaw Spring Series and the WingLESS Sprints and Bandits at the



This horse-pulling event was among the competitions staged at the 2016 Kenosha County Fair.

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grandstand.

Gates open at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday with racing beginning at 6:45 p.m. There is an additional \$5 fee to attend the races.

Another key feature expected to return is Digger Doug's ATV/UTV Showdown. The Showdown starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Digger Doug, a 20-year pro ATV/UTV rider, plans to showcase a new high-flying, mogul jumping experience for fairgoers.

Don't forget to stop by the Antique Farm Machinery Exhibit, which is celebrating its 45th year. Located just inside the main gate, the tribute to days gone by is a taste of yesteryear. See the old tractors, engines, and machinery from a time gone by.

In recognition of the 45th year, there will be an Antique Tractor parade on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

### Fireworks return on opening night

Along with the crowning of the Fairest of the Fair Wednesday night at 9 p.m. at the Show and Sale Arena, fair organizers plan to bring back fireworks for the second straight year, Zirbel said.

### For the kids

The county fair and kids go hand in hand and there are plenty of fun, kid-friendly activities to keep families busy throughout the entire run.

The annual Children's Parade steps off at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 18, at the southeast end of the fairgrounds, near the fair office.



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Lauren Feltner, the 2015 Fairest of the Fair, crowns Wheatland's Madison Fenske as the 2016 Fairest of the Fair during last year's Kenosha County Fair.

The demolition derby is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the fairgrounds.





Entrance to the fair is free for kids dressed in costume until 10:30 a.m. Prizes are given out immediately after the parade and there are more than two-dozen categories.

Onsite registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull is Thursday and Friday with multiple age categories and prizes.

## Admission

The fair has an all-pay policy. Everyone who enters the fairgrounds must pay the daily admission price. Tickets cost \$9 for adults ages 12 and up, \$5 for children ages 8 to 11 and free for children 7 and younger. Season passes are also available for \$30 for adults and \$10 for children.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are "Senior Days" – anyone aged 62 and older will be admitted for \$6.

Admission is non-refundable, regardless of any cancellations in entertainment.

The fairgrounds will open 8 a.m. and close midnight Wednesday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.



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Ashlynd Edquist provides water for the chickens in the poultry barn at the Kenosha County Fair in 2016. The chickens are just one of many agricultural displays and competitions.

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# Sunsets & Smiles

The new Boat House Bar and Grill offers a great location and evolving menu

On these warm and sunny days, downtown Lake Geneva is full of visitors enjoying the beaches, walking the shore path, perhaps spending some time on the water in a boat or perusing the interesting gifts and clothing in the downtown stores.

But eventually it is time to sit down and enjoy a meal or an afternoon

by  
**Sandra Landen  
Machaj**  
CORRESPONDENT

beverage with friends and family.

For many who love the water the restaurants of choice are often those with a waterfront view. These are also often the ones with the longest lines.

This summer there is an additional choice with the opening of The Boat House Bar and Grill at N2062 South Lakeshore Drive. Adjacent to Big Foot Beach State Park, it overlooks Buttons Bay on Geneva Lake.



Kasey Maloney (from left) Annie Armstrong, Gabby Jones, and Katie Renaud enjoy a late afternoon lunch on the deck while enjoying the view of Buttons Bay.

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Damien Gaengel, co-owner and manager of The Boat House on South Lake Shore Drive, Lake Geneva, stands in front of the full service bar in the newly remodeled restaurant. The new ownership opened the restaurant on May 18.

Every seat on the large outside deck has a view of the bay and this location is considered one of the best spots to view the sunset. Now might be the time to take advantage of the short wait because it won't be long before word gets out and the lines will grow.

## A new approach

The Boat House Restaurant officially opened on May 18 at the South Lakeshore Drive location, still in Lake Geneva but away from the hustle and bustle of the

downtown area.

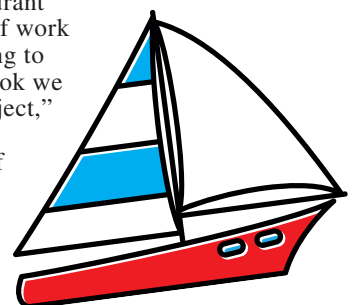
“It was surprising that we were able to open on time,” said Damien Gaengel, co-owner and manager of the new restaurant. “When my brother, Jesse, approached me in April about my interest in opening and running a restaurant in the first floor space below The Boat House boat dealership, where he worked, I was excited.”

Although Damian had worked in restaurants in the Milwaukee area for more than 10 years, this would be a new

venture for him.

“The restaurant needed a lot of work and remodeling to achieve the look we wished to project,” Gaengel said.

The look of the restaurant that previously occupied the space







Like your food with a little spice? If so, then this Spicy Thai Salad (above) of mixed greens, peanuts, noodles, crispy wontons and added shrimp served with a sweet Thai chili dressing is your choice at the Boat House Bar and Grill. For those who enjoy a summertime BLT, this upgraded version known as the Boat Club Sandwich (right) is sure to become a favorite. It includes ham and turkey and served on a choice of breads.

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included multiple bright colors.

Gaengel wanted to present a neutral décor, with a calm, peaceful look that would be a welcoming place to relax with friends and family.

Lining the walls with brick and finishing below the chair rail with authentic barn wood, they achieved the look they desired. The new floor was finished with synthetic wood planks in much the

same hue as the walls. Indoor tables of a butcher block in various sizes and shapes complete the indoor dining room. The variety of tables was repeated on the deck with room for both large and small groups.

"We want everyone to know they are welcome here," Gaengel said. "Everyone fits in, whether they are families with children, groups of friends or motorcycle groups riding through, we welcome them. Our goal is to be sure that everyone fits in."

## Evolving menu

While redesigning the restaurant, Gaengel began the task of choosing the menu. "We started with a simple but tasty menu incorporating many of our favorite

foods," Gaengel said. "The menu will evolve and become more creative as we discover our customer's tastes and our chefs' creative abilities."

Three of the most popular items on the appetizer menu are the beer-battered cheese curds, the hand-battered waffle-cut deep-fried pickles, and the giant pretzel, salted and served with a choice of honey mustard or nacho cheese.

Several entrée-sized salads, including the traditional house salad, Caesar salad, or the spicy Thai salad – with mixed greens, peanut noodles and crispy wontons and a sweet Thai chili dressing – make the perfect summer lunch. Chicken or shrimp can be added to any salad. Each salad can also be served as a wrap for a more filling entrée.



Rich and Deb Hulsey, accompanied by their four-footed friends, Piper and Logan, enjoy an afternoon on the deck at The Boat House Bar and Grill.





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The Boat House has ample room for indoor or outdoor dining. On Saturday night and sometimes other nights during the week, live music is presented on the deck.

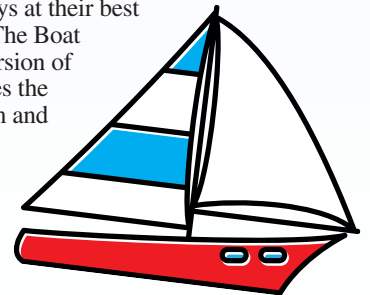
If hamburgers are among your favorite choices, the Boathouse Burger or the Juicy Lucy is sure to please. Made from a half-pound of Angus beef and char grilled to choice of doneness, The Boathouse is topped with cheddar cheese and bacon and served with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and a choice of a side.

The Juicy Lucy starts with that same half-pound of Angus beef and is stuffed with smoked Gouda cheese and topped with pepper jack cheese, grilled pineapple, bacon, and barbecue sauce. The Juicy Lucy is also accompanied by the same condiments and side as the Boathouse Burger.

### Tastes of summer

Summertime is the time for bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, which are always at their best with fresh, vine-ripened tomatoes. The Boat Club Sandwich is the supersized version of the familiar BLT. It not only includes the traditional ingredients but adds, ham and turkey to the sandwich.

Other choices include chicken sandwiches, a steak sandwich, a Reuben or Cubano. For the complete list of sandwich choices and the individual pizza choices, view the menu online.



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It can't be Friday in Wisconsin without a fish fry and The Boat House offers a variety of choices.

"On Fridays we serve walleye (\$18), blue gill (\$16), perch (\$14), and cod (\$12). The cod is offered every day on our regular menu but for the others, you need to visit on Friday," Gaengel said.

Enjoy a fish fry out on the deck at sunset. It will be the perfect ending to a busy week.

"We haven't focused on desserts yet," Gaengel said. "We basically have ice cream or root beer floats. More creative desserts may come later down the line if there is an interest from our customers."

"We focus on creating the best possible items. In the future, the menu will include an After 5 selection of dinner items including such items as fish, pasta dishes and various chicken offerings."

But first they will focus on perfecting the current menu.

## Growing their own

In a previous job, Gaengel was involved in a restaurant that grew most of its own vegetables and herbs, which is something that he would like to incorporate in the restaurant here.

"Maybe next year we will turn the flowerboxes located along the deck into herb boxes, for use in our foods and drinks," he said.

Items such as mint, parsley, thyme and oregano could easily be grown and convenient for the chef or bartender when needed.

The bar is fully stocked and offers a variety of craft beers.

"We focus on craft beers, primarily those from the Midwest, that is Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota for the beer drinkers. There are bottled beers and a variety of craft beers on tap," Gaengel said. "We also have a full line of popular liquors and cocktails, including some specialty cocktails."

Many of the specialty drinks are an updated version of old-time favorites. Try a Cucumber Collins, a Cucumber basil Gimlet, a rye Manhattan. For a unique drink sure to quench a summer thirst, the refreshing Coconut Mojito served in a cup made from a real coconut shell.

Don't think that the wine lovers have been forgotten. There

**On the deck, as is true inside, the tables are available in a variety of shapes, and sizes.**

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ  
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Inside the restaurant has a new look. Authentic barn wood lines the lower walls while bricks cover the walls above the chair rail. The tables have a neutral, butcher block look.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*





is a large selection of wines available by the glass or by the bottle. Beer is also sold by the six- or 12-pack and wine can be purchased by the bottle for takeout.

## Music on the deck

On Saturday evenings, the sound of music can be heard permeating from the deck as local musicians are scheduled to perform. Depending on availability, live music may also be heard on Sundays, Thursdays, and even days in between.

"When some of our favorite musicians are available, we are always glad to have them come in," Gaengel said. "The second floor is available for private parties such as bridal showers, christening parties, anniversaries,

family reunions and business meetings. The room can hold up to 100 comfortably and with the beautiful view of the bay will make your special event even more special."

Those interested should contact Gaengel for more information about booking a private event.

Sharing the upstairs are the business offices of The Boat House boat dealerships, a successful boat dealership with locations in Walworth County, Florida and throughout the Midwest. They are known for dealing in superior brands and with a reputation for top-quality service.

One of the unique services available at this location is the Lake Geneva Boat Club. Anyone who loves to be on the water, but

doesn't want the expense and hassle of owning their own boat, might find a solution by joining the Boat Club.

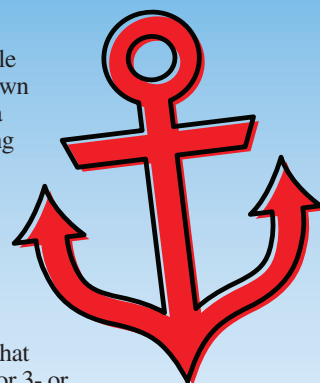
For a yearly fee, which is guaranteed for three years, members have the use of a well-maintained boat that can be reserved for 3- or 3-1/2-hour shifts. Each boat is a minimum of 24 feet in length.

For more information about the club, contact Mike Trainor at the Boat House Lake Geneva at (847) 922-7051, miketrainor@boathouse20.com or stop by for more information.

The Boat House Bar and Grill may be the "new kid on the block" but looking at the number of customers sitting on the deck and enjoying time with friends, they seem to have found themselves a home.

Come by automobile and park in the adjacent parking lot or arrive by boat and dock at one of the three slips available for restaurant use.

The Boat House Bar and Grill can be reached by phone for information or reservations at (262) 812-4126, [www.theboathouselakegeneva.com](http://www.theboathouselakegeneva.com) or on Facebook.



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# IT'S A PARTY ON THE SHORE

## Lake Geneva Jaycees to host 55th Venetian Fest

by **Ryan Spoehr**

STAFF WRITER

For several decades, a mid-summer festival on the shores of Geneva Lake has put smiles on faces and given back to the community in the process.

That event, the Lake Geneva Jaycees Venetian Festival, is poised for its 55th annual run.

The festival runs from Aug. 16 through 20. Wednesday through Friday, the hours are 5 p.m. to midnight, and on Saturday and Sunday it runs from noon until midnight.

The event has live music, a carnival, a water ski show, a boat parade and an arts and crafts fair.

The Venetian Fest grounds on the shore of Geneva Lake are seen from a drone over the lake on opening night of the festival in 2016.

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"The Lake Geneva Jaycees are proud of what we can do in the community and we are all just volunteers that want to make the Geneva Lakes area the best it can be. That starts by helping as many people as we can," said Doug Bartz, a member of Lake Geneva Jaycees and co-chairman of Venetian Fest.

This year will be the 23rd time the festival will have an arts and crafts fair. The fair will be at Library Park, just west of downtown Lake Geneva on Main Street and Highway 50 on Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be 110 exhibitors and it will have free admission.

The carnival will be from 5 to 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 16 and 17, 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 18, noon to 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 19

Linde Hansen-Lukas, of Beverly Shores, Ind., demonstrates how to use metal hair spirals – a new product at her booth at the craft fair in Library Park during Venetian Fest in 2016.



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and noon to 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 20. It will be in the Flat Iron and Seminary parks. Wristbands for \$20 will be available on Aug. 16 and 17 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Aug. 19 from noon to 5 p.m.

The sky will be lit on Aug. 20 at dusk with a fireworks display.

### ★ Live Music

Another staple of the Venetian Fest, live music, will be featured throughout the entire five-day festival.

"We're looking forward to having new bands that are supposed to be great," Bartz said.

Those bands include Rod Toughcurls and the Bench Press, which will be on stage Aug. 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The performances have a \$5 cover charge.

Other musical acts will hit the stage at the same time Wednesday Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and have a \$5 cover charge as well. Bella Cain will perform Wednesday night. Cherry Pie will follow on Thursday night, the Too White Crew will perform on Saturday night and the Joe Marcinek Band will follow on Sunday night.

Also hitting the stage will be Jimmy Nick from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Un-Hich'd from 3 to 6 p.m. These two shows have no cover charge.

On Sunday, the Lake Geneva House of Music will present a show from noon to 6 p.m.

All shows will be in the Jaycees Entertainment Pavilion. Patrons must be 21 to enter.

### ★ Hitting the water

Rounding out the weekend will be the annual Sunday evening attraction, the boat parade. This year, the boat parade will have a 1980s theme.

To be a part of the parade, an entry form is available at [venetianfest.com/boat-parade](http://venetianfest.com/boat-parade).

In the parade, first-, second- and third-place, and best-in-show awards will be presented.

### ★ Other attractions

Venetian Fest will have a little something for everyone, including a Baggo Tournament and Water Ski Show.

The Baggo Tournament is 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the Venetian Entertainment Pavillion. It is \$40 per team, and has a double-elimination format.



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Two-year-old Shivani Muthu can't resist the fountain outside the Riviera during the 2016 Venetian Fest in Lake Geneva.





All of the proceeds from the tournament will go back into the community.

There will also be a brat stand run by the Jaycees during the arts and crafts fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in Library Park. Brats, hot dogs, soda, water, chips, pretzels and candy will be served.

### ★ Helping causes

Proceeds from other festival events will also go back to the community.

"It's about supporting the community," Bartz said. "All the money goes back to nonprofits."

Organizations benefiting from the proceeds include the Lake Geneva police and fire departments, the Geneva Lakes YMCA, Badger High School scholarships, Cub Scouts, the United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Lake Geneva Food Pantry and more.



Mary Ann Potter (left), of Libertyville, Ill. and Su Davern, of Beach Park, Ill., watch the Venetian Fest boat parade in 2016 while they enjoy their corn on the cob from the Lions Club booth on the midway.

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# Beyond hostas and lilies

by **Vicky Wedig**  
STAFF WRITER

**T**here's more to life than lilies and hostas, says Delavan gardener Kathleen Renowden whose lot in the Delmar subdivision boasts more than 125 native plants.

While there's nothing wrong with the garden staples – they're pretty and easy to care for – Renowden encourages gardeners to use plants that benefit pollinators.

To show gardeners how to do that – and let them see the plants in a real-life setting – Renowden will host The Premier Pollinator's Palette Garden Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 5.

Kathleen Renowden shows native plants typically abuzz with bees on her Delmar subdivision lot in Delavan.



# Gardener encourages planting native species

## If you go....

**WHAT:** The Premier Pollinator's Palette Garden Tour

**WHERE:** 2916 King St., Delavan

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"So that people can see all these plants in a setting rather than pictures in a book," Renowden said about the tour, which will feature her own Delmar lot, the Delmar beach and another home on South Shore Drive where she maintains plants.

Renowden, a retired nurse, has been gardening for years but began growing native plants in earnest in 1997 while living in Madison. She said the city was encouraging gardeners to use native plants, and Renowden wanted to show people the planting could be done on a standard-size city lot.

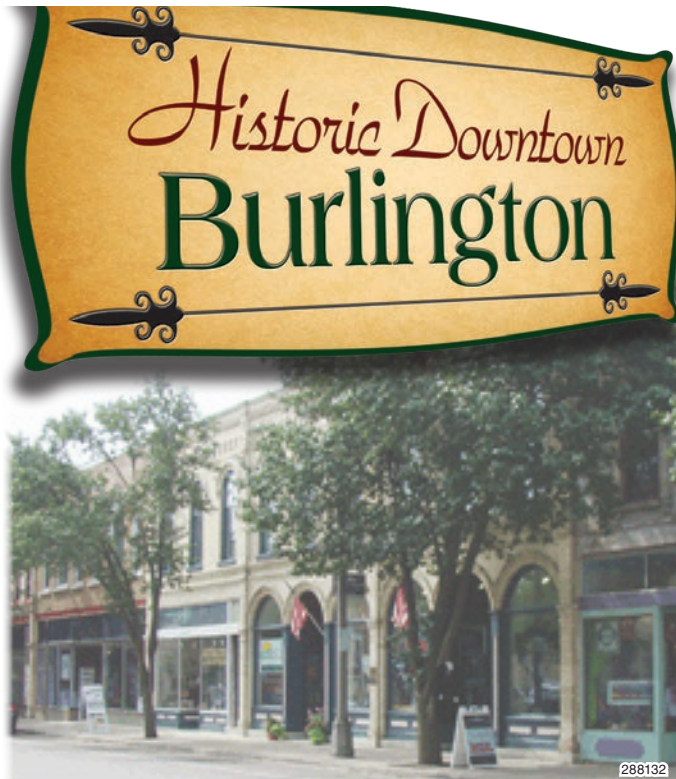
Her roughly 50 by 150 foot lot in

Delmar has more than 125 species of native plants including multiple varieties of asters and six kinds of cone flowers.

"Native" means the plants originated in the United States, many from this area, Renowden said. They have the proper nectar that bees, butterflies and other insects need to pollinate crops and other plants, she said.

The most important pollinators, Renowden said, are bees, butterflies, moths and hundreds of types of little beneficial wasps.

The pollinators love hyssop, which bears purple flowers, and Renowden expects to have a cluster of plants at the entrance of her garden abuzz with bumble bees at the time of the tour. Bumble bees won't sting, she said. True pests, Renowden said, are Japanese beetles, which will





decimate plants. She kills them by the thousands.

Many so-called native plants have been hybridized and don't have the nectar bees need.

"It doesn't have the same value to pollinators," she said.

When shopping for plants, if a name is in quotation marks after the name of the so-called native plant such as "magnus" or "Cindy Sue," it's a hybrid and won't have the same pollination value as the real thing, Renowden said.

“ The most important pollinators are bees, butterflies, moths and hundreds of types of little beneficial wasps. ”



This plant with its cup-like flowers provide a place bees like to hide.

Gardeners should look for the botanical name and shop at known greenhouses that carry native plants, she said. Three native plant merchandisers are Prairie Nursery in Westfield north of Portage, Prairie Moon in Minnesota and Agrecol Native Nursery based in Evansville.

Area greenhouses that carry native plants might spray the flowers with neonicotinoids – insecticides that are toxic to bees. The products, which are chemically similar to nicotine, have been banned in Europe, she said. Jurg's Greenhouse in Walworth does not use the chemicals, she said.

Renowden started her garden six years ago on a sparse, weed-ridden lot. The time commitment in developing the garden has been "pretty much my life."

Renowden can be spotted pulling garlic mustard, which she said "takes over everything" and poisons the soil so that nothing else can grow, along public

Renowden will give a tour of three sites Aug. 5 – including her home (shown here) – where she maintains native plants to help pollinate crops.





A bee feeds on the nectar or pollen of a native plant in Kathleen Renowden's garden. Renowden will show gardeners the types of plants they can utilize to benefit the pollination process, which is vital to the growth of crops.

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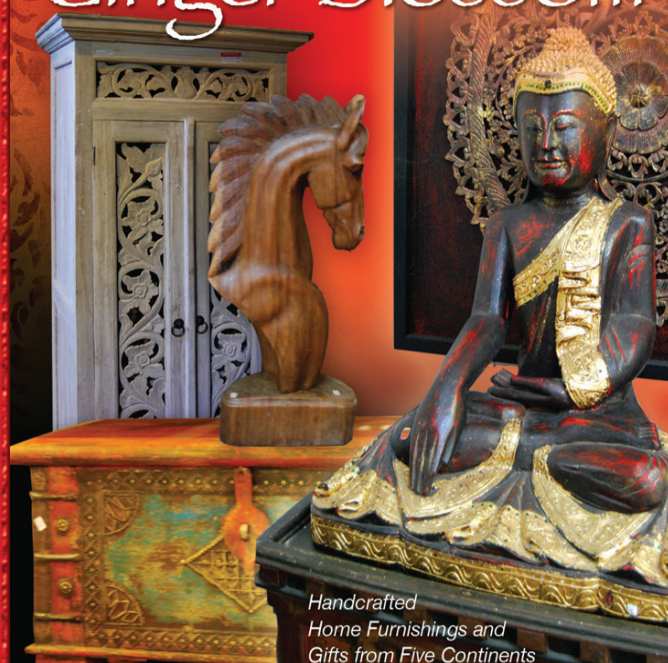
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rights of way.

"It's kind of a compulsion, I guess," she said.

Renowden said it has also been a learning process along the way.

"I know how to do it easier now," she said.

In the fertile, mulched garden soil, many plants will grow larger than they do in their native environment, she said. Some become bullies and crowd others out.

Her garden includes a native groundcover – a nice native alternative to pachysandra, she said – that blooms the first beautiful, yellow flowers of the spring for pollinators. Milkweed and yellow flowers throughout the garden attract butterflies, and a plant with an upside-down cup-like flower provides a place that bees like to hide, Renowden said. Different varieties of plants with trumpet-like flowers attract hummingbirds, and the garden has herbs and plants beneficial to people too.

A berry that is "everywhere in Europe" because of its health benefits – it has three times the antioxidants of blueberries – grows there as well as New Jersey Tea, apple trees, herbs for hot flashes, a Chinese ginseng-type plant (not native to the United States) for anxiety and Indian boneset used by native Americans to treat broken bones.

Hazel nuts, Joe Pye weed, trillium, wild impatiens, native sunflowers, the native plant that petunias were born from, a vine that attracts Swallowtail butterflies and 13 kinds of shrubs also adorn the garden.

Renowden, who has multiple certifications as a native gardener including endorsement from the National Wildlife Federation, said gardeners are welcome to their lilies and hostas. But, she encourages them to aim for a 50-50 mix of the traditional plants with native varieties that have value "for the creatures."

Orange day lilies, which can be seen in ditches throughout the county, have been named an invasive species in Wisconsin.

Renowden will distribute brochures, pamphlets and catalogs at her Aug. 5 event and will give away plants. The tour is free but Renowden hopes for donations to the Xerces Society and the Pollinator Partnership.

The Xerces Society is a non-profit environmental organization that focuses on the conservation of invertebrates considered to be essential to biological diversity and ecosystem health, according to Wikipedia. The name is in honor of the extinct California butterfly, the Xerces blue.

The Pollinator Partnership is a four-star rated international charity organization that educates people about the need for pollinators to grow crops such as tomatoes, green beans and peas, Renowden said.

## Paloma Resorts launches catering company

Paloma Resort Properties began delivering upscale food service directly to customers last month.

Softly launched in mid-June, Geneva Lakes Catering delivers plated meals for events such as wedding banquets, business breakouts, custom-catered birthday parties and company picnics. Geneva Lakes Catering offers pick-up and delivery service from its local commercial kitchen as well as full service, with each course crafted onsite, personally presented to guests and seamlessly washed away afterward.

"Our well-seasoned staff has decades of combined experience operating Lake Geneva dining outlets and delivering exquisite spreads for large and small receptions," said Garth L. Chambers, president of Paloma Resorts, which Geneva National Resort, the Hunt Club Steakhouse and The Ridge Hotel. "Just as we'd do for in-house banquets, we assign a knowledgeable event coordinator to personally work with clients to map out an inspired menu that

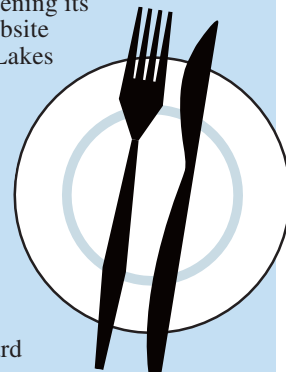
underscores the event's theme and purpose while working within budget and dietary guidelines."

Chambers said Geneva Lakes Catering plans to set the table mainly for area events, serving up local fare with Wisconsin flair.

"We intend to stay close to home so that food arrives fast and fresh from our Lake Geneva kitchen," he said.

In the first two weeks since quietly opening its catering and website doors, Geneva Lakes Catering has served three business events and received glowing reviews.

"As we work to grow this business," said Chambers. "We look forward to employing more people and furthering the economic growth of Walworth County."



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# Yerkes to host eclipse viewing event

Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay is offering a special opportunity for people to safely watch a solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

The eclipse is an astronomical event in which the moon will pass between the earth and the sun. From some locations in the country, the sun will be entirely blocked out. From Yerkes, more than 80 percent of the sun will be covered, according to officials at Yerkes.

The program will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The eclipse itself begins just after 11:45 a.m., and reaches its maximum at about 1:15 p.m.

Various solar viewing instruments will be available for safely watching the eclipse, and each attendee will receive a pair of eclipse glasses, which will allow them to safely look at the sun, while supplies last.

Several other activities with eclipse information will also be provided. The hosts encourage people to arrive by 11:30 a.m., but that is not required; The event will be offered regardless of weather.



The fee for this event is \$6 per person. Children 6 and younger are admitted free of charge. Registration is appreciated. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Yerkes' regular weekday tours will be

cancelled to allow everyone, including the tour staff, to focus on catching the eclipse.

To register or for more information, see the Public Events tab on the Yerkes Outreach website: [www.yerkesoutreach.org](http://www.yerkesoutreach.org)





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# Abbey's Waterfront has fresh look, menu

The Abbey Resort, Fontana, has completed renovations to its Waterfront restaurant, including a new outdoor bar area featuring a waterfall and fire pit.

The renovation also includes a refreshed outdoor patio and seating area overlooking Abbey Harbor, relocation of the hostess stand, new branding and a complete overhaul of the indoor seating and bar areas providing diners with unobstructed views of Abbey Harbor from nearly every seat in the restaurant.

Along with the renovated space, a new menu at Waterfront – which features sandwiches, BBQ and salads – has been updated with new and seasonal selections such as a watermelon cucumber jar salad with feta, lime and cilantro; a salmon Waldorf salad; a brisket burger served with cherry peppers, onion rings and smoked aioli; and a bourbon glazed sirloin served with sour cream and chive



**The Waterfront restaurant at the Abbey Resort, Fontana, features new seating that gives nearly all diners a view of the water.**

mashed potatoes and sweet corn.

Seasonal desserts on the new menu include a peach crisp with cinnamon, brown sugar and ice cream; a skillet cookie with ice cream and caramel and chocolate sauces and; fresh doughnuts served with Madagascar vanilla bean dip.

Spring and summer drinks on the new menu include the dockside margarita, the Waterfront sangria, a cucumber gin lemonade and a lemon basil martini.

The menu retains house favorites such as the pit-smoked BBQ baby back ribs, smoked BBQ quesadilla

and the all-you-can-eat Spotted Cow fish fry served Fridays.

BBQ served at Waterfront is slow-smoked on-site in The Abbey Resort's traditional southern outdoor smoker using techniques perfected by award-winning pit master Matthew Whiteford.

Along with cold drinks, live music and seating in the restaurant's new outdoor bar area, the signature house-smoked BBQ is featured at Burnin' Down the Docks – an outdoor celebration of brews, blues and BBQ – each Sunday afternoon of summer from noon until 5 p.m.

Additional live entertainment at Waterfront is offered Wednesday through Sunday evenings with times varying from afternoon patio performances to late evening bar entertainment.

For a complete menu and a list of scheduled live entertainment, visit [www.theabbeyresort.com](http://www.theabbeyresort.com).



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# TripAdvisor recognizes area resort restaurant

TripAdvisor has recognized The Abbey Resort's signature restaurant 240° West with a Certificate of Excellence.

The award is given to businesses that consistently receive positive guest reviews on TripAdvisor.com. The awards are designated based on quality, quantity and timeliness of reviews submitted by travelers through the website.

Among others, dishes featured on the menu this summer at 240° West include a grilled peach and arugula salad; sweet summer corn and crab bisque, pan-seared walleye served with roasted carrot cous cous and an heirloom tomato emulsion and house-made sun-dried tomato fettuccine with a spinach alfredo sauce finished with grana padano.

240° West, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana, is inside The Abbey Resort. It's open seven days a week for breakfast beginning at 7 a.m. and for dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m. For more information about 240° West, menu items or to reserve a table, go to [www.theabbeyresort.com/dining/lake-geneva-restaurants.aspx](http://www.theabbeyresort.com/dining/lake-geneva-restaurants.aspx) or call (800) 709-1323.

# Symphony Summer Splash is Aug. 10

The Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra will hold its second annual Summer Splash on Aug. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event will be hosted by Simple Café, 525 Broad Street in Lake Geneva. Orchestra members will provide entertainment while guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar featuring beer and wine.

The "Splash" is a benefit event that helps the LGSO continue performing concerts and providing educational opportunities to students of the arts in the Lake Geneva area.

No tux or tails are needed, as guests will enjoy a variety of classical and jazz music in informal summer attire and a relaxed atmosphere. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at [LakeGenevaOrchestra.org](http://LakeGenevaOrchestra.org) or by calling (262) 359-9072.

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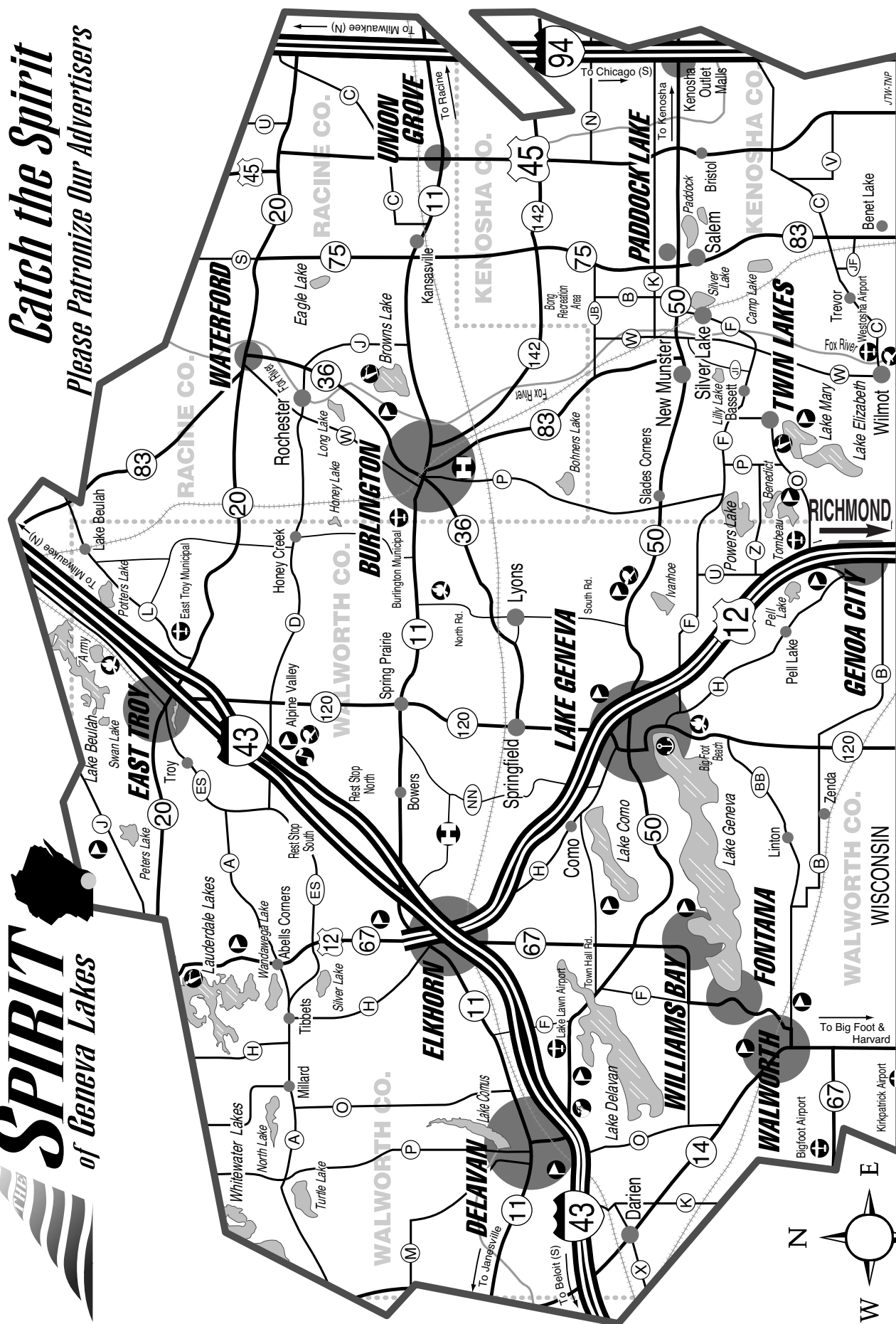
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