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JUST LIKE THE PROS

Jackson Hill, 3, gets a little pre-race advice from one of the professional racers before competing in the Tour de Square Kids Race at the East Troy Cycling Classic in 2017. The Tour of America's Dairyland cycling series makes its annual stop in East Troy June 22 this year. In addition to the men's and women's professional and amateur events, the tour stop features events that are open to community members – including the Kids Race and the Slow Ride Race that offers a \$100 prize to the last rider across the finish line.

Photo by SARAH MANKE *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*





IT'S COMIN' UP

JUNE EVENTS

8-10 Lake Geneva Restaurant Week – celebrate dining throughout the area with specialty priced two and three course lunch and dinner menus and special events at locations throughout the area, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at various restaurants. www.visitlakegeneva.com.

8 Night Under the Lights – a free, community event hosted by the Elkhorn Parks and Recreation Department, featuring baseball games under the lights, concessions and raffles, inflatable fun and a variety of child-friendly activities, 5 p.m. at Harris Park, Wright Street. 262-741-5114 www.nutlfest.com

8 Night on the Vine – enjoy authentic wines, cheeses and live music. The cost is \$40 per person with a \$5 savings during Lake Geneva Restaurant Week. Advance registration is required, 6 to 8 p.m. at Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, 7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva. 262-249-4788.

8-9 Elkhorn City-Wide Rummage – explore and shop area rummage sales. Maps of rummages that place ads will be available at the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce. Businesses may also be offering specials. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 262-723-5788 or info@elkhornchamber.com

8-9 Williams Bay Community-Wide Garden Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central sale at Lions Field House.

16 Elkhorn Community Days – a celebration of all things Elkhorn featuring a water ski show by the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers, a movie in the park, a car show and more. 262-723-5788 or elkhornchamber.com.

16 Walworth County Farm Bureau Dairy Breakfast, 6 to 10:30 a.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. Event features full breakfast, crafters, live animals and a tour of a Walworth County farm. 262-723-3228

16 Beer Barons of Lake Geneva Cruise and Tasting – Enjoy a late afternoon cruise of Geneva Lake while learning about the history of six beer barons that vacationed and lived along its shores. Tickets are \$65 per person and attendees must be 21 years of age or older. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Riviera Docks, 812 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva. 262-248-6206 www.cruiselakegeneva.com.

17 Father's Day Ribfest Beer Brunch – a rib-centric menu served with Wisconsin craft beer and plenty of options. Each dad will also receive a gift certificate for a free future round of golf at Majestic Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$34.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children ages four to 12 and free for children

ages three and younger. Served from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seating ends at 3 p.m. and reservations are recommended. Event at Frontier Restaurant at Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 Geneva St., Delavan. 262-725-9155.

20 Pork Chop Cookout, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn, 4 to 7 p.m. walworthcountyfair.com 262-723-3228.

22 East Troy Cycling Classic, all day on the East Troy Village Square. The race is part of the Tour of America's Dairyland, the largest competitive cycling event in the United States. 262-642-3770 or www.easttroywi.org

23 Muddy Maniacs Adventure Mud Run, 9 to 11 a.m., Veterans Park/Mill Pond Recreation Building, 109 Water Works Drive, Delavan. 262-728-5585, ext. 2

23-24 Railfest/Railfan Day – see all the operating railroad cars, trolleys, streetcars and other equipment and enjoy face-painting, miniature railroad rides, speeder rides and model railroad building. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors and \$8 for children. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at East Troy Railroad Museum, 2002 Church St., East Troy. 262-642-3263.

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

24 Community Showcase: Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra – the orchestra returns to Music by the Lake to present movie music for the entire family. Movies include "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Forrest Gump," "Superman," "Lord of the Rings," "Frozen," "Gladiator" and "Star Wars." 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Ferro Pavilion at George Williams College of Aurora University, 350 Constance Blvd., Williams Bay. www.gwc.aurora.edu.

29 Star Spangled Celebration – 5-11 p.m. at Sunset Park, 200 Devendorf St., Elkhorn, featuring music from the Holton Band, food and snacks and a fireworks show at dusk. 262-723-5788 or elkhornchamber.com.

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

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

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FARMERS MARKETS DRIVE TRAFFIC TO THE HEART OF COMMUNITIES

When springtime arrives in Wisconsin, it signals the beginning of a Wisconsin staple – the small-town farmers markets. Often a weekly event in places like Burlington, Lake Geneva, Elkhorn and East Troy, the markets give locals and visitors a chance to enjoy the community and sample its offerings.

The Burlington Farmers Market kicked off its 10th season in May and although the weather didn't cooperate with the planned kids' activities for the day, organizer Carol Reed said the first market day of the year was a success.

"We had a big birthday celebration and planned things like a bounce house for the children, which will have to be rescheduled, but even without it the kids had a great time. Just watching them have fun playing in the park was great," Reed said.

Burlington's market is in Wehmhoff Square on the corner of Washington and Pine streets in the downtown district. The market runs 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays May through October.

Expanded for 2018

Reed said the market has been updated and expanded this year, with about 25 to 30 vendors scheduled each week.

"Last year we were hearing comments from people that the market was getting small and it wasn't worth the time to come out to it anymore," Reed said. "So, last fall, I got to work on finding new vendors and with the help of the board of directors, we've got a lot of new things."

Reed said growing the market was critical for its success and to help bring in more visitors to the city. She said that while she couldn't speak for local businesses, the comments organizers hear is that many who attend the market also shop elsewhere in the city.

"They make a trip of it," Reed said. "People have said things like they needed to drop off a pair of shoes at Itzin's and they scheduled it for Thursday so they could hit the market too."

Many of the area farmers markets have added special events to their weekly fairs, including the Burlington market, which has live music every week and several events planned this season.

Other events planned for the Burlington market include classic car shows on the third Thursday of every month, celebrating June Dairy Month and a corn roast in August.

Farm-to-table event set

New this year will be the Sept. 22 farm-to-table dinner, a ticketed event on a local Burlington farm. More information on that event will be available in summer.

The Burlington market is a "producer market" Reed said. "So that means the people who sell there need to produce what they make," Reed said.

The market offers in-season produce, breads, bakery, meat, cheese, fresh and smoked fish, artisan soaps and crafts, jewelry and more.

"Some of the vendors will vary from week to week, but many of them will be there all season long," Reed said.

To promote the market, Reed said organizers are offering weekly and monthly drawing for "Market Money" to people to use at the market. At the end of the season they will have a grand-prize drawing for two tickets to the fall farm-to-table dinner.

For more information on the Burlington Farmers Market, visit www.burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com.

The East Troy experience

In East Troy, the weekly market is 2 to 6 p.m. on the Village Square every Friday. This year's market was slated to open May 25 and run through Oct. 5. The East Troy Area Chamber

by **Tracy Ouellette
& Heather Ruenz**
STAFF WRITERS

A shopper checks out a display of flowers and plants during the season-opening Burlington Farmers Market in early May. The market, which increased the number of vendors this year, celebrated its 10th anniversary.



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of Commerce sponsors the market, which also is celebrating its 10th season this year.

"We love our farmers market because it makes the square come alive every Friday for 20 weeks, May through October," Chamber Director Vanessa Lenz said. "It not only gives people a chance to buy fresh, seasonal food and artisan goods but also gives them a dose of community. It's a chance to get together every Friday and I think East Troy really wants and needs that."

The market in East Troy is just one of the popular events the chamber sponsors on the Village Square each summer. A few years back, the chamber added First Fridays to the market line up.

"We kicked off our popular East Troy's First Fridays series three years ago because we wanted to add an extra incentive to draw more people to the market in East Troy and encourage regulars to hang out on the square longer," Lenz said.

Each First Friday, May through November, features a showcase event with surrounding local businesses collaborating to bring an afternoon and evening of fun. The First Fridays kicked off with the May the Fourth Be With You event on May 4.

"First Fridays debuted as a way to celebrate everything our town has to offer and reconnect locals with the businesses we have here. It's been great for boosting business and drawing visitors to East Troy. We've had awesome crowds and each event we keep growing and growing," Lenz said.

Keeping it local

The Friday farmers market offers local farm and horticultural

products, locally produced specialty foods, local arts and crafts and live music in East Troy downtown district, which the chamber works to promote in many ways.

"Our most notable landmark is the bandstand at East Troy Village Square Park, which has a long history as the backdrop for community events like the East Troy Bluegrass Festival, Friday Farmers Markets, East Troy's First Fridays, Brewfest and Memorial Day Weekend Corn and Brat Roast," Lenz said. "The beautiful park, originally a gift from the village's founders, has become a popular destination."

While the Village Square is often the center of attention in East Troy, Lenz said the big events help to draw visitors into the area and introduce them to businesses on and around the square and beyond. Getting the word about East Troy is one of the chamber and village's main goals.

"East Troy is well worth a visit. In addition to East Troy Village Square Park and our thriving downtown district, we are known for our one-of-a-kind attractions like the East Troy Electric Railroad – Wisconsin's last original electric railroad line, Alpine Valley Music Theater, Skydive Milwaukee as well as unique recreational opportunities and vibrant events and festivals," Lenz said.

A market on the square

The Elkhorn Farm Market began thanks to a grant through the University of Wisconsin-Extension. The grant was only for a couple of years, but the market has been a success and is entering its 12th year.

Jackie Boutan of Jake's Kettle Corn shares her signature caramel corn with a young customer during the opening day of Burlington Farmers Market in May.



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It'll be in Veteran's Park in Elkhorn on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from June 9 through Sept. 29, according to volunteer market manager Christy Harteau. The cost per vendor is \$15 per week or \$100 for the season.

"We're a producers-only market, meaning they have to make it, bake it or grow it, like our motto says," she said. "No commercial products are allowed, and people can't sell things that aren't their own."

The Elkhorn Farm Market is run by a committee of vendors. "That's important because the decisions that have to be made always focus on what's best for the market," Harteau said.

The committee limits some products in an effort to prevent multiple vendors from selling the same items, but there are exceptions.

"Those that want to become a vendor can get on a waiting list, but generally we take all vegetable growers that want to be part of it," Harteau said. "And it would be nice to have more fruit

available."

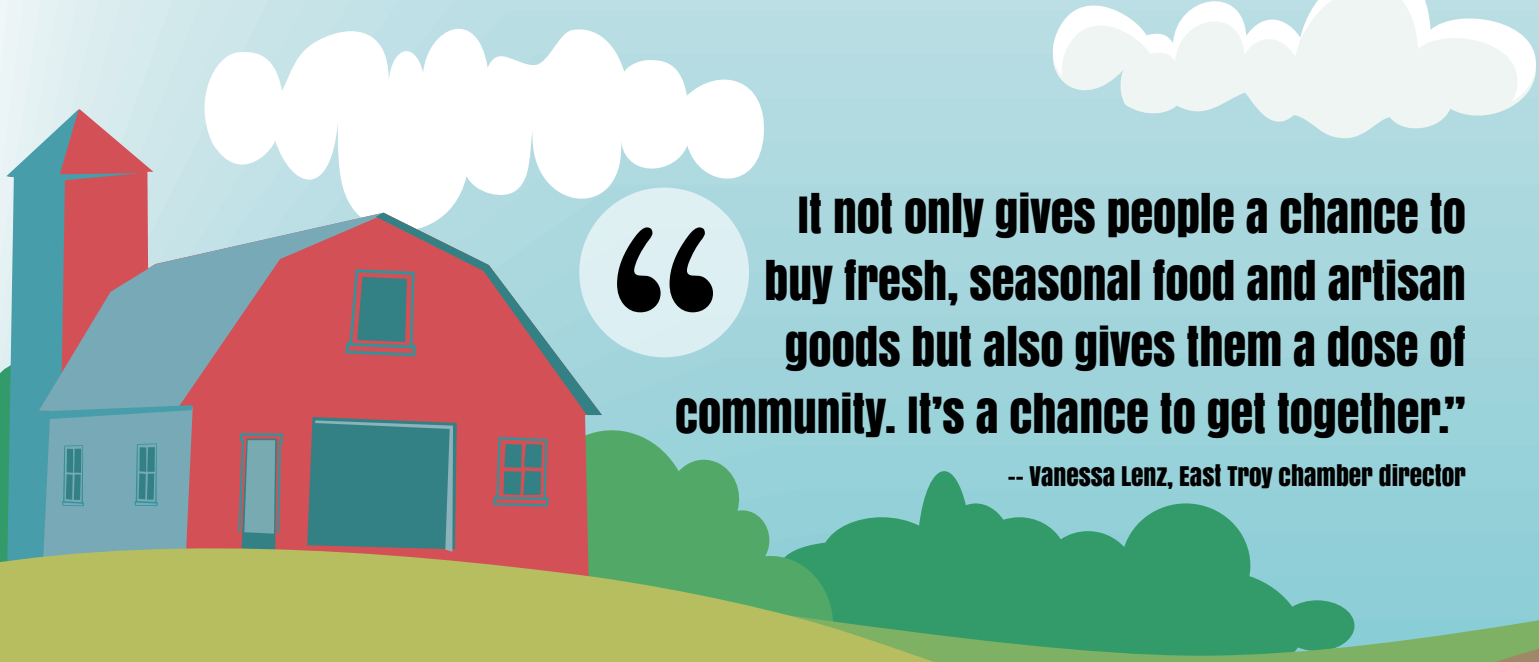
She said there's been a misconception that the market is organic. While some vendors are certified organic, it's not a requirement.

Harteau said early on, the market tends to have more artisans, but produce increases once vendors have harvested their vegetables.

"People not local don't always understand that the produce is from this area, and that means it's not always available, especially early on," she said.

During midseason, Harteau said the market averages 25 to 30 vendors on any given Saturday, and she estimates upward of a couple hundred people shop "on a good day, with cooperation from the weather."

Though vendors vary depending on a number of factors, she said items available may include produce, honey, jellies and jams, eggs, corn, cider, coffee beans, dog treats, baked goods, plants, metal work, woodwork, original art, needlework, tote bags, painted



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gourds and, on occasion – fruit.

In addition to serving as the manager, Harteau staffs an information booth at the market that promotes local events, steers people to local establishments for coffee, breakfast or lunch and has copies of the Farm Fresh Atlas – a listing of area farms – available.

“The best thing we hear from vendors and visitors is that our market is friendly. My personal motto is to be kind, and that’s how the market is, too. It’s a friendly atmosphere and a great representation of the community and county,” Harteau said.

Vendors, in addition to being producers, need to live within 15 miles of the market to meet the “locally grown” requirement, she said.

As a bonus – and to make the market more fun for shoppers while also supporting the local community – drawings are held each Saturday.

“Each week we give away a gift card for Friends on the Square, but we also add others in – coupons from Matheson Memorial Library, J. Roberts Menswear and tickets to Lakeland Players’ fall play, just to name a few,” Harteau said.

The market is held rain or shine. However, in the event of rain, it’s held in the parking lot behind the Walworth County Government Center.

For more information, contact Harteau at 262-723-7733 or elkhornfarmmarket@gmail.com.



Sweet corn, that late-summer treat, is a staple at most area farmers markets once August rolls around.

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A bushel full of bell peppers awaits shoppers at the Burlington Farmers Market in September 2017. While local produce is not available until late summer and fall, local markets often feature flowers and specialty food items such as honey and cheese during the spring and early summer.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF AREA FARMERS MARKETS WITH LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES

Burlington

The Burlington Farmers Market is at Wehmhoff Square on the corner of Washington and Pine streets on Thursdays May through October from 3 to 7 p.m.

The market offers a large selection of produce and locally sourced items and the opportunity to interact with the producers. There is also live music.

For more information, visit www.burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com.

East Troy

The East Troy Farmers Market is every Friday from starting May 25 until Oct. 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the East Troy Village Square Park.

Elkhorn

The Elkhorn Farmers Market is at Veterans Park, 100 Walworth St., at 8 a.m. on Saturdays starting June 9 until October.

Lake Geneva

The Lake Geneva Farmers Market is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday through October at Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad St.

Mukwonago

The Mukwonago Farmers Market is at Field Park at the corner of Highway 83 and NN every Wednesday

from 2 to 6 p.m. starting May 16, and it runs through Oct. 10.

Sharon

The Sharon Farmers Market is the first and third Friday of each month beginning June 15 and running until Oct. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. It is at the intersection of Baldwin and Plain streets.

Union Grove

The Union Grove Farmers Market opens June 12 and continues every Tuesday through Oct. 23. From June through September, the market runs from 3 to 7 p.m. In October, the market is from 2 to 6 p.m. It is at Village Square Park at Highway 45 at Main St. and 10th Avenue.

Whitewater

The Whitewater Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through November in the Winchester True Value Parking Lot, 1415 W. Main St.

The market includes a variety of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, honey and preserves, flowers, shrubs, birdhouses and jewelry.

The Whitewater City Market is every Tuesday through October from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cravath Lakefront Park.



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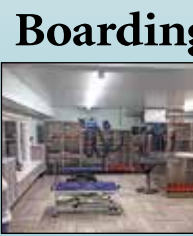
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RESTAURANT WEEK RUNS JUNE 2-10

Lake Geneva Restaurant Week returns in June for its fourth year with more food and fun, according to the folks at VISIT Lake Geneva. New this year is the Taste of Lake Geneva, which will be held on Saturday, June 2. The event will kick off this celebration of food.

Taste of Lake Geneva runs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Flat Iron Park. For \$2 admission, visitors get to sample their way through some of the area's best restaurants. Participants will be able to enjoy food demonstrations, live music, beer and wine at a lakeside setting.

Food samples at the event range from \$3 to \$9

Restaurant Week

Restaurant week will begin Sunday, June 3, and run through Sunday, June 10

The event features about 25 spots to dine in the Geneva Lake area with special prix-fixe meals for breakfast at \$8, two-course meals for \$10 at lunch and three-course meals for \$25 or \$35 at dinner.

American, Italian, pizza, seafood, steak and other cuisine will be dished up from restaurants set in luxury resorts, those overlooking the lake, to those in the downtown area and everything in between.

The list of dining options range from fine dining and family friendly to bistros and the pub and grill. Visit www.visitlakegeneva.com/restaurantweek to check out the list of participating restaurants and their special menus.

Reservations are recommended as this event attracts thousands of residents and visitors.

Dine for a cause

One of the special features of Restaurant Week is the Charity Check drive made possible by Lake Geneva Country Meats. This event allows diners to vote for a participating charity to receive a \$5,000 donation.

At the end of each meal diners may cast a ballot to support one of this year's non-profit organizations: Walworth County Walk to End Alzheimer's, Open Arms Free Clinic, Tree House Child and Family Center, Big Foot Emergency Food Pantry, and Kisses from Keegan and Friends a Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

The organization receiving the most votes will be awarded the \$5,000.



Mouth-watering entrees like this and special prix-fixe menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available at participating restaurants throughout the Geneva Lake area during Restaurant Week June 2 through 10.

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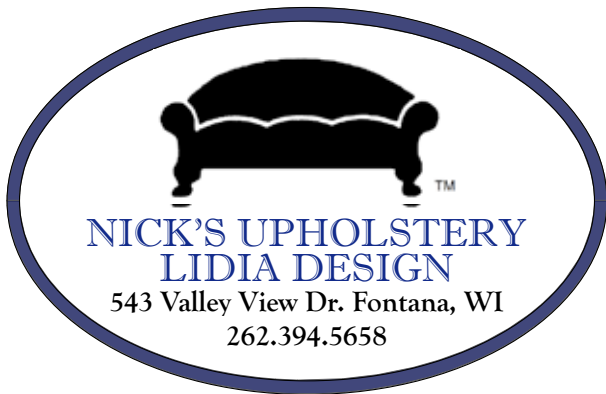
In addition to food, Restaurant Week offers special events, which include wine tastings, cooking classes, escape room mysteries, zip line and dine, golf, live music, and more.

Hotel deals are available. Several area resorts and hotels are offering special

packages that include savings or extra amenities during Restaurant Week.

For more information on the Lake Geneva Restaurant Week or for help planning a getaway, call 800-345-1020 or visit www.visitlakegeneva.com.

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Tour of America's Dairyland returns to East Troy June 22

The largest competitive cycling event in the United States, the Tour of America's Dairyland, will make its seventh stop in East Troy on Friday, June 22.

The East Troy Cycling Classic begins at 10:35 a.m. with nearly nine hours of high-energy professional cycling around the East Troy Village Square and nearby streets.

"ToAD has differentiated itself by evolving into a community-wide festival that happens to have cycling throughout the day," said Vanessa Lenz, Executive Director of the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the event. "East Troy is day 2 on the 11-day race series and our schedule represents everything our local community has to offer."

Spectators may watch the cyclists whiz by once every three minutes from anywhere on the racecourse, which will feature plenty of food, drink and entertainment. Admission is free.

"This year's event features live music, the East Troy Farmers Market, an ESPN radio broadcast and more. Many surrounding businesses will get in on the action with race day specials and bike themed items," Lenz said.

"We've got two races for locals to get in on the action. East Troy's 4th annual Slow Ride Bike Race will feature riders competing to be the slowest without stopping. Last place comes in first. The winner gets \$100 and there will also be a prize for best costume," she added.

"The Tour de Square Kids Fun Races has been a favorite for the past six years. Entry is free but pre-registration is required."

East Troy is only one of three hosts on the ToAD 2018 series to host handcycling—a form of adaptive cycling that enables athletes of all abilities to ride a "bike" exclusively using the upper body.

THE LOWDOWN

The East Troy race start and finish will be on the east side of the square (2096 Church St.).

About 500 cyclists from around the country and abroad will ride laps around the half-mile course between 10:35 a.m. and 8 p.m. for timed races that range from 40 to 90 minutes.

The race will shut down streets on the course, but local businesses will remain open. Parking will be available in the

RACE DAY LINEUP

10:35 a.m.-	Citizens Category 5
11:05 a.m.-	Category 3/4/5 Women
11:55 a.m.-	Cat 4/5
12:45 p.m.-	Masters 3/4 (40+)
1:45 p.m.-	Cat 3
2:45 p.m.-	Masters 1/2/3
3:55 p.m.-	Pro 1/2 Women
5:05 p.m.-	Handcycle Races
5:40 p.m.-	Slow Ride Bike Race
6 p.m.-	Kids Race
6:30 p.m.-	Pro Men 1/2

Chester Byrnes lot, 2031 Division St., and a golf cart shuttle will be available.

The title sponsor for the East Troy Cycling Classic is the Dennis and Janice Klumb Family Foundation, which put up half of the bid fees to host the race. The East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce serves as the local host, with funding for the balance of the fees donated by other local and regional sponsors.



Competitors race around the Village Square in East Troy during a past installment of the Tour of America's Dairyland bicycle event. The tour returns to East Troy on June 22.

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The right venue


Choosing a venue for the wedding ceremony and reception often is one of the most difficult decisions that couples face.

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“The lakefront easily can be incorporated into wedding festivities,” said Jaci Jasionowski, a catering sales manager at Lake Lawn. “Tent wedding receptions or open lawn receptions are popular summer choices. Lake Lawn has a variety of options to bring the wedding outdoors.”

But regardless, the resort’s wedding specialists stand with couples every step of the way.

“When you first book your event, that wedding specialist will be the one with you through the entire process,” said Nicole Ross, another catering sales manager. “She will be the one to answer all of your questions and work with you to make your dreams come true.”

Take it outside

Ceremonies traditionally were held in the family’s church or at city hall. Today, more couples are opting to hold wedding services at the reception venue, bringing their clergyman with them. If couples need someone to perform the ceremony, Lake Lawn can provide a non-denominational or universal service from their preferred vendors.

“A popular choice for a summer wedding is to hold the ceremony at the lakefront,” said Terri Bain, director of sales at Lake Lawn.

The lakefront ceremony sites can be used with the outdoor tent reception or with one of the inside spaces. The lakefront ceremony offers a beautifully impressive backdrop for that most important moment in one’s life.

Promise Point is the largest site and recently was upgraded. Walk to the shore along a brick-paved walkway lined with blooming flowers. An elegant trellis is at the lakefront, which may be decorated to suit the style and even incorporate the wedding party’s colors and adds to the ambience. Up to 300 guest chairs

will be arranged along the lawn for all to comfortably view the ceremony.

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Ceremonies usually are held about 5 or 5:30 p.m. to take advantage of the setting sun’s glow across the water. Ceremony times vary depending on the time of year and the number of outdoor weddings scheduled on any particular day.

Plan B, if needed

One concern is the potential for inclement weather. Bain said the Great Room is used as a backup. It features a high, vaulted ceiling and beautiful stone fireplace. It accommodates up to 130 people.

Lake Lawn also offers a variety of outdoor reception options.

The Lakeview Terrace provides a space for a cocktail reception for up to 225 guests. This cocktail party can be held as part of an indoor reception or as a stand-alone service.

The Courtyard Garden and Pergola, with its custom brick courtyard area and a red ember, burning gas fire pit provides just the right ambience for a cocktail party. This space is located near the Geneva Ballroom and can be combined with that space. It also is the intimate setting for small wedding ceremonies.

The lakefront tent site is located near the resort’s main buildings. Tents up to 46 feet by 120 feet with sides to protect against inclement weather are available. The tent wedding will be held even if it is raining. The tents allow for formal seating and space for a dance floor.

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experience to fit into the spirit of the wedding.

"Today's grooms take a more active part in selecting the wedding venues and specialties," Ross said. "They tend to be very protective of their bride and often take over some of the responsibilities that come with planning a wedding."

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A variety of food and drink packages, from formal dinners to buffets, are available.

One advantage of holding a wedding at a resort is that it can be converted from a wedding day into a wedding weekend. The rehearsal dinner can be held in the Delavan Room. Individual choices may be ordered from a limited menu. And, of course, the food will be of the same high quality that is always present at Lake Lawn.

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Catering Sales Managers Nicole Cross (from left) and Jaci Jesionowski pose with Terri Bain Director of Sales in the lobby of The Lake Lawn Resort. The team helps brides and grooms match Lake Lawn's venues and amenities to the couples' desires and budget.



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This room will hold up to 100 guests for a reception of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. If a seated meal or a buffet dinner is preferred, 65 to 70 can be accommodated comfortably.

Room with a view

"The wedding ceremony may be held in the venue," Mulcahy said. "Standing on

the balcony with the lake in the background while the guests are seated inside facing the lake presents a beautiful picture. Often the couple will plan to have a short cruise on the lake with champagne toasts to give the venue time to reset the space from ceremony venue to a beautiful dinner and reception area with an area open for dancing."

It is an appropriate site for a smaller wedding. After a recent ceremony in the venue, with 45 guests attending, they went


down to the pier for a tour on the lake and enjoyed champagne and wedding cake aboard one of the boats.

The space can be arranged in a variety of ways to meet any needs. They often bring in a long table to accommodate corporate meetings. Often these groups head down to the Pier 290 restaurant for lunch or rent one of the canopy spaces for a more private lunch.

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for the reception. These spaces are adjacent to the restaurant and are another option for the wedding experience. They can be opened to bring in the outdoor feel during nice weather, but the clear, heavy draperies allow views of the lake on cold or windy days.

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invites one to take a short stroll.

The canopy spaces are semi-private because other groups can use an adjacent space and the outdoor area is open to everyone. Two of the spaces may be rented and opened into one large.

The boat center

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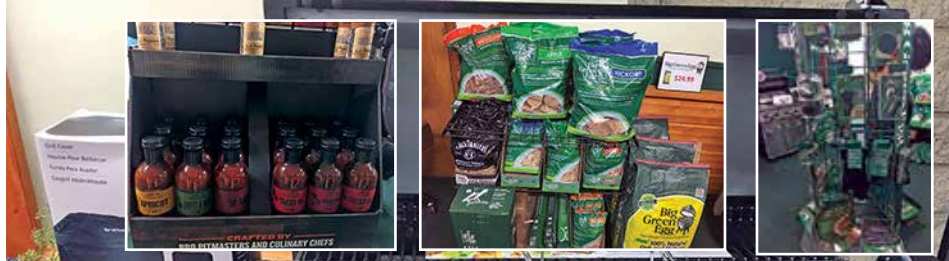
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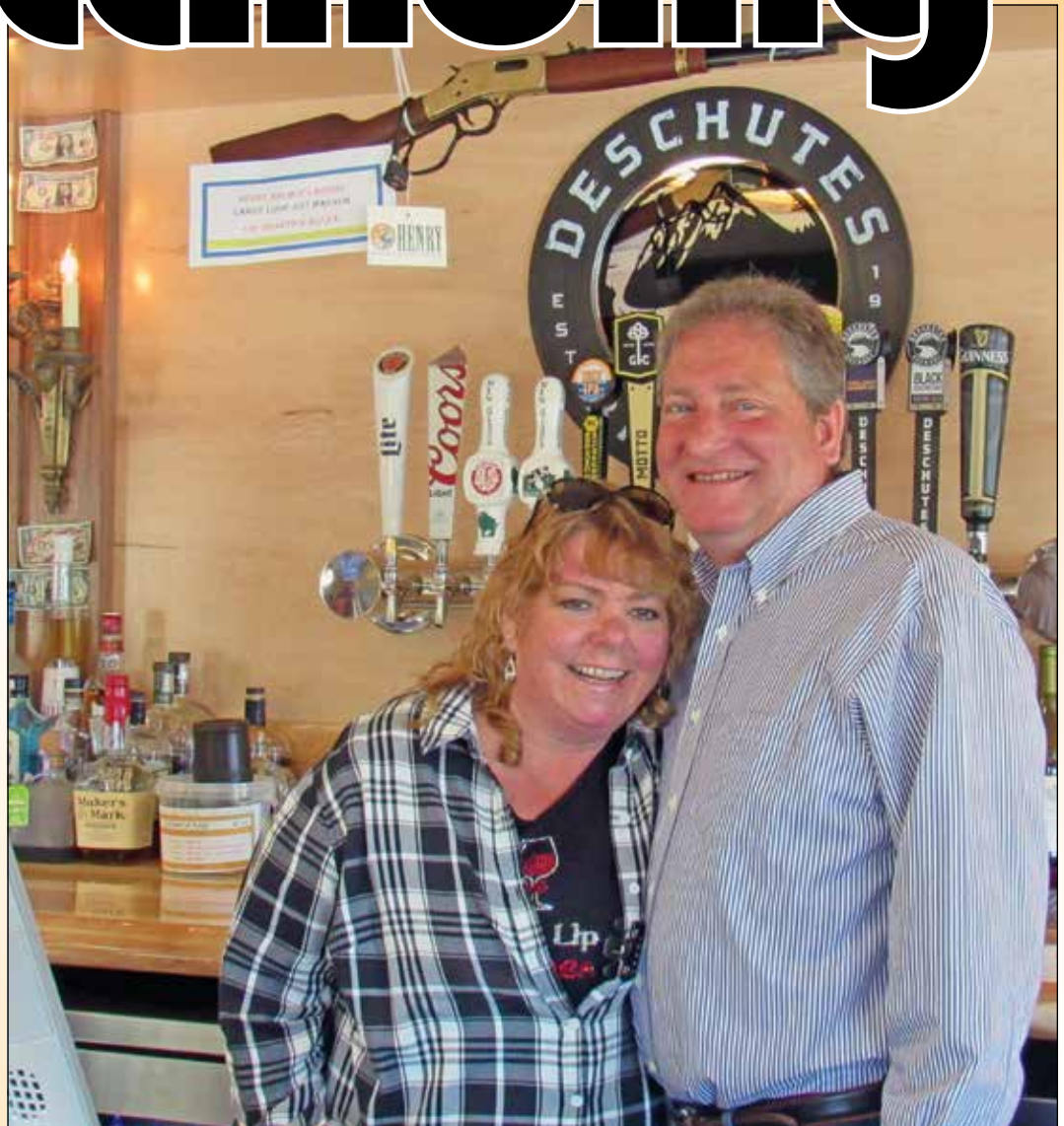
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The Rock
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Jim and Christine Boris
opened The Rock Bar
on Powers Lake in
February of this year.
Since that time the
business has flourished
as people come in for
the friendly atmosphere,
variety of beer, wine,
drinks and good food.



SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*



At one time there were eight to 10 bars located throughout Powers Lake,” said Jim Boris, owner of the newly opened The Rock Bar. “Today we are the only one located on the Powers Lake lakefront.”

Boris said every other bar has been sold and replaced by large, high-end homes.

Boris and his wife, Christine, took over a building with a long history of serving food and drinks to area residents and visitors.

It was first known as Harbor Lites and then Uncle Ed’s BBQ. The building intentionally was burned to the ground in the 1980s, Boris said. After being rebuilt and reopened, Uncle Ed leased the property to Primo’s Italian Restaurant. It became home to the Eddie Cash Show until it folded and remained vacant for three or four years.

Now it has new life.

“At the time we took over the building, it was in need of renovation,” Christine Boris said. “We knew what we liked in a fun bar and so began the renovation with those

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“Our goal was to create a comfortable, casual lakefront tavern with great food.”

– Owner Christine Boris

thoughts in mind. Our goal was to create a comfortable, casual lakefront tavern with great food.”

It appears they have accomplished just that. The tavern is airy with hardwood floors, features a custom-made, solid hickory bar top, offers a spacious dining area and includes a wall of windows and skylights scattered throughout.

A NAUTICAL THEME

Its nautical and laidback décor fit its lakefront location. A variety of signs with whimsical sayings can be found throughout. For those looking to keep up with their favorite sports teams, three large televisions are located within the bar area.

“We plan to add more televisions soon,”

Christine said.

The bar is extra special, with plenty of room for seating and shaped like a ship’s prow, a look that was the idea of Kristen Jacobsen, who serves as general manager. She has been involved with the Boris family since the renovations began. The bar stools are the most comfortable ones you will ever sit on. Softly padded with high backs, customers float into them as if they were an easy chair in one’s living room.

While the bar is comfortable and welcoming, what is better than sitting outside along the waterfront in nice weather?

There are round tables with sun umbrellas to accommodate those who want to sit and enjoy a drink with family

or friends while nibbling on an appetizer or enjoying lunch or dinner and watching the boats or viewing the setting of the sun.

Arrive by automobile and enjoy the large parking area. Or come via boat and tie up at one of their eight piers, which each accommodate two boats.

The Rock features excellent bartenders, who can serve anything from domestic favorites to some of the new microbrews from the 12 shiny beer taps.

“Some of the beers will be changed out weekly so there will always be something fresh and new,” Christine said.

They have a variety of Wisconsin brews, including New Glarus beers such as Spotted Cow and Two Women, Leinenkugel’s



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and Badger Club. They also serve a large variety of favorites in bottles and cans.

"If beer is not your choice of beverage, try one of our house wines or one of our fine wines," Jim said. "We also serve a variety of mixed drinks made to order by our experienced bartenders."

A SOFT OPENING

The Rock Bar opened for business on Feb. 15. They began with a fully stocked bar and some foods prepared in-house.

"We began with a soft opening," Jim said.

A soft opening that they have continued the past few months. They added foods slowly, and the menu continues to evolve.

And some offerings already have made their mark. A favorite from the small bites menu is the chicken wings.

"They are sweet and tangy because they are topped with a secret mixture of spices," shared Christine, who said they have become the most popular item ordered by groups enjoying a drink with friends. After all, doesn't everyone love wings?

They feature a variety of appetizers, some of them quite different from usual bar fare. The bacon-wrapped water chestnuts tossed in hoisin sauce certainly is one of the items that visitors must taste.

The overall menu, while not extensive, offers variety and focuses on fine-quality foods. No bar menu is complete without hamburgers, which begin with a quarter-pound patty. But if that isn't enough to please your palate, try the double or triple burger. Consider adding bacon or grilled

onions or mushrooms for that extra flavor. Burgers come with specially seasoned french fries, or upgrade to the best onion rings you may ever eat.

Although they are not from the

Philadelphia area, patrons would never know it if they tried their beef sandwich — 8 ounces of thinly sliced meat, with a choice of cheese heavily melted over the beef and grilled onions and mushrooms



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Hamburgers come in a variety of sizes. Starting with the basic quarter-pound patty and increasing in size to the triple patty burger. Shown is the single burger covered with cheese and accompanied by seasoned fries.



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"The apple crisp is our special twist to the fish fry," said Jim, who added that they offer a haddock sandwich and plan to add baked fish to the Friday menu.

"Our shrimp cocktail is a favorite special on Fridays also," he added.

If ribs are your favorite, stop in on Friday and try the half slab paired with shrimp. Visitors should stop by early because the fish fry starts at 4 p.m.

"Where did the name The Rock Bar originate?" I asked Jim, who pointed at its location on a map of Powers Lake, extending his hand out into the water at a black dot.

"That spot is known as the rock bar," he said. "It is a shallow area with a submerged rock bar. During boating season, boats will gather in that spot, drop anchor and spend hours partying with and making new friends. That is the fun nautical theme we were striving for, so it was the perfect name for the bar."

Looking to hold a private party to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, family reunion or any other special event in your

life? The place to consider is The Rock Bar.

"We can comfortably seat up to 100 indoors in our main dining room or up to 48 can be accommodated outside on the lakeshore," Jim said.

The Rock Bar will hold an official grand opening the weekend of June 9. It will include live music and an authentic Vienna cart featuring Chicago-style hot dogs.

Other plans are underway, so check their Facebook page for updates.

The Rock Bar is located at N1530 Powers Lake Road in Genoa City. The bar and kitchen open at 11 a.m. daily. The kitchen remains open until 8 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and until 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 262-325-2100.

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