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Southern Wakes United wins another state title

BY Jennifer Eisenbart • EDITOR

The Southern Wakes United waterski team certainly enjoyed the waters of Lake Wazeecha in Wisconsin Rapids the weekend of July 22.

Bringing home several box score awards – individual or group act recognition – the SWU team brought home the top trophy at the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships.

The team topped the Division 3 standings, plus also brought home awards for Best Comedy Act, Highest Scoring Traditional Ballet Line, Most Original/Unique Act, Highest Scoring Production, High Scoring Dock and Equipment and Highest Scoring Tow Boat Team.

Southern Wakes United totaled 1,063 points, while the Plum-Skiers were second from 1,044.

It is the first state title since the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers from Lauderdale Lakes and the Minneiska Water Ski Club from Whitewater Lake merged in 2019.

“I am so proud of the dedication this team

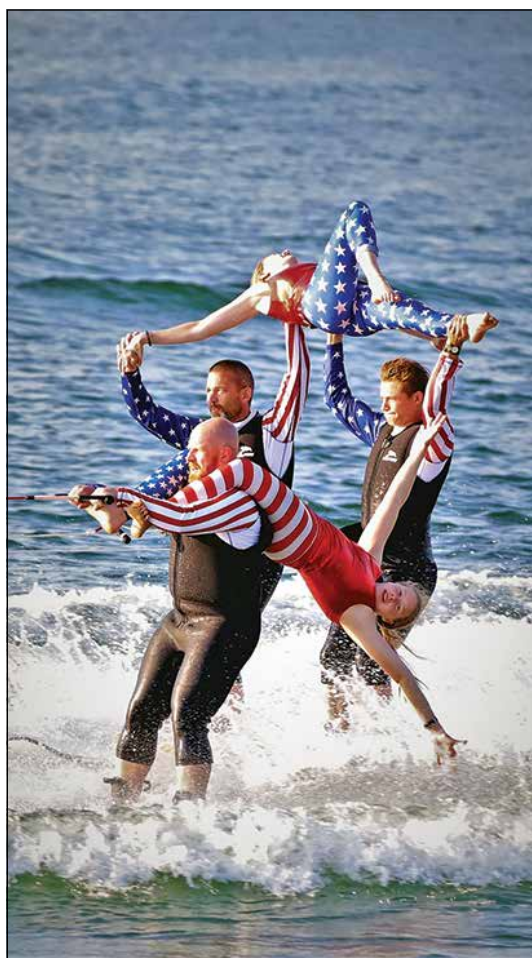
showed this year, especially the last couple of weeks leading up to the competition,” said Rick Syverson, the president of Southern Wakes United. “Winning that trophy has been something we have had our eyes on since merging in 2019. We thought of ourselves as the little team that could. And we did.”

Syverson explained that the show directors Laura Lohrmann and Zach Pressley worked throughout the winter to put the show together and then getting it onto the water.

“The show had a lot of moving pieces, so there was a lot of preparation to make it happen that goes beyond the water skiing,” Syverson said. “They stuck with it, they made it fun and they earned the buy-in from the team to make it the best it could be.”

The team is comprised of 56 skiing members and 28 non-skiers – which covers everything from boat drivers to people who pay dues to support the team.

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The Southern Wakes United Waterski Team recently performed at Babe Mann Park in Elkhorn, one of three shows they perform on the lake. The team won the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships Division 3 title this past weekend. **above:** The pyramid act steps into place. **at left:** A trio and a conventional double perform. **top:** The ballet line comes past the reviewing area.

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Long-time Elkhorn bakery sold to new owners

BY Jennifer Eisenbart • EDITOR

For more than 65 years, the Elkhorn Pastry Shop Bakery has been a fixture on the square in downtown Elkhorn.

Soon, though – with Greg and Brenda Kaplan deciding to retire – the store will have new owners come Labor Day weekend.

Elkhorn Pastry Shop, 29 N. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn, will become Pastries by Chad later this month. The sale is scheduled for closing Aug. 22, with new owner Chad Visger hoping to have the business open for the Walworth County Fair over the Labor Day weekend.

“It’s a good time to retire,” said Greg Kaplan, who has been a part of the business since his father purchased the bakery in the 1950s.

Since taking over the business in 1988, he described waking up at 1 a.m. most days of the week, working through Saturday and then taking Sundays off for the occasional Green Bay Packers’ game.

“I’ve spent a lot of time here in

the bakery,” Greg said. “It’s time to start a different chapter in my life.”

The bakery was started in 1955 by Edwin and Carol Kaplan. Edwin attended the William Hood Dunwothy Institute in Minneapolis after being drafted into the Korean War, then came home and married Carol.

The couple purchased Bodot Bakery at 24 S. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn, in 1955, and moved to the business’s current location in 1960.

All four of the Kaplan children grew up in the bakery, Greg explained, and he became a partner in the business in 1985.

“All four of us were born and raised in the bakery,” Greg said.

He married Brenda in 1988 and the two took over the bakery the same year.

The couple announced in May that they were retiring, just to “set the record straight,” they explained on Facebook. Once the news was out that the business was for sale, things began to move quickly.

“We put it on Facebook and we

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Greg and Brenda Kaplan are retiring after being at the helm of the Elkhorn Pastry Shop for 35 years.

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A little bit of something for everyone

Elkhorn's Saturdays on the Square is more than a farmers market

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

While Saturdays on the Square in Elkhorn may technically be listed as a farmers market, it's just a little bit more than that. The 13-week market starts the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and runs through the Saturday of Labor Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veterans Park in Elkhorn.

As a result, it's more than just produce being brought to market by area farmers, especially early on in the season. "Saturdays on the Square is a mash-up of all things retail, hobby crafter, commercial, nonprofit with a highlight on farm produce and products," explained Kate Abbe, the head of partner engagement and marketing for the Elkhorn Area Chamber of Commerce.

The original Elkhorn farmers market was formerly hosted by the 4-H Extension, however, the chamber took over in 2019 and re-branded the event.

"It's amazing to see the variety of produce, animal products and food items coming directly from the fields and farms of Walworth County," Abbe said. "Veterans Park and its 3.5 acres is the perfect location to host an event the size of Saturdays on the Square. It's the hub of our downtown business district and it's where two main highways intersect."

Both Highway 11 and Highway 67 come together in the downtown Elkhorn area, where businesses line the park that also houses municipal offices. That park serves as a host for numerous downtown events throughout the year, including the



Darlene Considine sits at her stand at Saturdays on the Square in Elkhorn, where strawberries were on sale earlier in the summer.

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Spring Food Truck Festival, the Elkhorn Truck and Shuck and the Oktoberfest event.

But Saturdays on the Square runs every week with a variety of vendors from commercial to farmer to crafters.

Vendors can make a season-long commitment – \$130 for the 13-week season – or pay \$15 each week to participate.

And as Abbe explains, each week is a little bit different.

"Each week can bring in a new collection of vendors, which makes every week a unique shopping experience," she explained.

For example, some bring in syrup mixers, while others sell bouquets of flowers. Crafters offer everything from specialty kitchen towels to potted succulents to pottery – and visitors don't want to miss the food, either.

"The best part is that there is no age restriction or limitation to who can sell," Abbe said. "We have had 5-year-olds selling lemonade with adult supervision to 95-year-olds who enjoy spending their mornings downtown selling and sharing their hobbies."

As the summer goes on, more fresh produce starts coming to market. Abbe said that sweet corn is expected soon, but everything from strawberries during the peak of its season to vegetables from hobby farms comes to the market.

Everything from honey to pet rocks to fresh fudge comes in during the summer.

"Saturdays on the Square is a reminder of how creative and hardworking our community is," Abbe said. "Most of the vendors who attend have full time careers, but SOTS gives them a way to share their passions with others."

"From beekeeping to pottery to canned jams to free range chicken eggs to fresh cut flowers, SOTS is a wonderful way to kick off your weekend," Abbe added.

There is also a new feature to the market. Fitness in the Park started two years ago and is now spearheaded by Functional Fitness.

Free workouts and wellness classes take place every Saturday at 9 a.m. with a variety of instructors. Both Tabata – a high-intensity interval training-type work – and yoga have been offered this summer, as well as a "Pound" class.

For more information on the weekly event, go to www.elkhornchamber.com/sots, or visit the group's Facebook page by searching "Saturdays on the Square."



It's not just fruit and produce that come from fields. Planthropology offers flowers for sale throughout the summer.

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Trial date set for water treatment case

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

With a jury trial now scheduled for Dec. 11, the Walworth County District Attorney has issued a letter to Elkhorn residents about victim rights.

The letter, signed by DA Zeke Wiedenfeld, was sent to residents in July to inform them of victims' rights, which can include requests for restitution and providing written or verbal statements in court.

The letter is regard to a 5-year-old City of Elkhorn water treatment issue involving Christopher J. Robers, who is alleged to have improperly treated water in the city between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31 of 2018.

Robers was charged in September of 2021 – three years later – with misconduct in office and second-degree recklessly endangering safety, both as a party to the crime.

The case has slowly been working its way through the Walworth County Circuit Court, with the last action a status conference on June 28. The final pre-trial conference is now set for Nov. 29 and a 12-person jury trial scheduled to begin Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

The letter to residents states that anyone who has consumed drinking water in Elkhorn between the dates of Jan. 1 and Oct. 31 of 2018 can exercise rights as a crime victim.

Those rights can include the notification and attendance of all court hearings, consultation with the DA, restitution and the right to make a victim impact statement.

The letter listed three points of contact for victims: DA Wiedenfeld at 262-741-7198 or at WalworthDA@da.wi.gov, Victim and Witness Coordinator Amy Los at 262-741-7194 and Victim and Witness Specialist Kristi Schiller at 262-741-7195.

The letter asked that all residents provide the case number (21CF492), as well as name, date of birth and complete contact information, and also advised that the DA's office cannot provide advice or assist with civil lawsuits.

According to the original criminal complaint, unsafe levels of arsenic went untreated in Elkhorn's Well No. 9, which distributes 300,000 gallons of water to city residents daily.

Robers, who had been employed by the city since 1991, was the certified operator of the well and had been involved with it since it started up in January 2018, according to the complaint.

Two samples were taken from the well in October 2018 that showed the water contained 20 and 17 micrograms per liter of arsenic respectively, according to the complaint.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, arsenic occurs naturally in soil and bedrock and can be released into the groundwater and enter wells. Long-term exposure to arsenic in drinking water increases the risk of skin, bladder, lung, liver, colon and kidney cancer and can cause blood vessel damage, high blood pressure, nerve damage, anemia, stomach upset, diabetes and skin changes, according to the complaint.

The cancer risk nearly doubles when the contaminant level increases from 10 micrograms per liter to 20, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The city obtained approved from the DNR in 2016 to operate the well if it injected ferric chloride, which reduces arsenic levels, into the system, according to the complaint.

The DNR learned that Elkhorn Waterworks had tested samples from the well in January and July 2018 that showed arsenic levels of 20 ug/L and 14 ug/L but failed to report the results to the DNR, according to the complaint.

Doug Snyder, an engineer hired by Elkhorn Waterworks, said ferric chloride could not be added to the water during that time because of contractors working at the facility, the complaint states. Snyder later admitted nothing about the construction would have precluded Robers from adding the chemical to the system, and said he made misleading statements because he was covering for the City of Elkhorn, according to the complaint.

Robers said he knew the well tested high for arsenic prior to start-up but said Snyder told him to hold off adding ferric chloride because the arsenic levels would go down naturally, the complaint states. Robers said he knew the water samples taken in January and July 2018 showed high levels of arsenic but said he thought the DNR got the results, according to the complaint. He said Snyder said the levels were acceptable because the well was in a start-up phase, the complaint states.

Robers said he ordered the ferric chloride when arsenic results were still more than 10 ug/L in January 2018, and the chemicals arrived in March 2018, according to the complaint. He said the company that installed the chemical feeding equipment provided instructions on how to use it, but the training was "all kind of a joke," the complaint states. He said the containers of ferric chloride sat unused in the well facility until October 2018 when the city began treating the water after a DNR inspection.

Snyder said he gave Robers specific instructions for adding ferric chloride before the well started up, according to the complaint.

Correspondent Vicky Wedig contributed to this story.



Delavan residents Sam Siewrok and Chad Visger, long-time friends and now married, recently started Pastries by Chad, which operates out of Turtle Lake Bar and Grill. The couple will be taking over the Elkhorn Pastry Shop store at the end of the month.

JENNIFER EISENBART *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

NEW OWNERS

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had eight people come in,” Greg explained. “Chad was the last one to come in. Chad was the best fit.”

Visger and his wife Sam Siewrok run Pastries by Chad, which is currently working out of Turtle Lake Tap and Grill in Delavan.

The couple has been doing wholesale business and providing private catering orders of everything from cakes to French pastries to Petit Fours.

Visger said he has been excited to announce the change.

“It’s been a couple of months,” Visger said. “It actually happened really quick. We knew right away we wanted to buy it.”

“The biggest thing was getting financing,” he added. “We’re really excited.”

Visger explained he’s been coming and spending time at the bakery shadowing Greg to learn how to make the bread and donuts the pastry shop is known for.

“It’s really cool that we can carry on their legacy of their donuts and their bread,

but still throw in our stuff,” Chad explained. “He’s just been so good about showing me everything.”

Visger said that he plans to continue his current pastry work, plus “ramp up” the retail selection at the 29. N. Wisconsin St. location.

“We’ll have almost everything,” Chad said of the menu currently offered online at pastriesbychad.com. He added that he hopes to add “old world” breads like Ciabatta, Batards and sourdough as well.

Elkhorn Pastry Shop’s final day under its old ownership was Aug. 12. The store will then close to make the transition to Pastries by Chad. Visgers is excited about hopefully being open for the fair.

“We get approved on that date, and it’s kind of go, go, go,” he explained, adding that both his family and Siewrok’s will be there for the weekend.

“It’s going to be a really cool thing for our family,” Visger said. “Just to see it come to fruition is really cool.”

STATE TITLE

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“Our skiers kind of come from everywhere,” said Syverson, adding that some are Chicago-area residents who have summer homes in the Lauderdale Lakes area.

Most are from Whitewater and Elkhorn, but there are others from as far away as Muskego.

“We are a smaller team,” Syverson said. “We love competing at state, but that’s not what we wanted to be known for. We just wanted to have fun.”

“We just wanted to open it up to families and kind of be the fun team,” he added.

Among the awards that SWU brought home was the Most Unique Act. That featured recent Whitewater High School graduate C.J. Tomomitsu combined with adaptive waterskiier Madux Devitt.

Devitt, who has Ataxia-telangiectasia – a rare

nervous system disorder – rode on a knee board while Tomomitsu executed a wakeboard tantrum flip over him.

“He’s been involved with the water skiers ... he’s grown up with this,” Syverson said of Devitt. “He can knee board, which he did as C.J. flipped over him.”

“A lot of us had goosebumps when we won that award,” he added.

Among the other awards were the 19-person ballet line winning, the honoring of drivers Eric Gostomski, Dan Neuens and Chris Berryhill with co-driver George Lohrmann, along with riders (spotters who watch the skiers) Mark Lutz and Shawnda Peteres.

The comedy act featured a “ski-alis” commercial, based on a Cialis commercial.

Raise a glass!



Hitting the Walworth County Fairgrounds for the third time, Das Fest USA brought large crowds and plenty of authentic German fun. The annual festival featured 17 different bands, a huge variety of food and, of course, plenty of beer. Top: The annual stein-hoisting contest – done to benefit the Geneva Lakes Women’s Club – drew plenty of contestants. Above: The Red Hot Chili Pipers were one of the musical groups at the festival.

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CALENDAR

Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association

The objective of the LLIA is to encourage and assist in the general work of protecting, improving and adorning the Lauderdale Lakes, as well as the bank and shores of the lakes. Rich Siok is the current president of the organization.

For more information, go to llia.org.

Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club

TGIF Pleasant Lake Party and LLYC Annual Meeting, Aug. 25, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Pleasant Lake Beach.

Wooden Boat Parade, Sept. 4, All Day.

Photo Boat Rally, Sept. 9, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. – It’s time to test your observational skills. Match photo clues with landmarks as you cruise Lauderdale Lakes in pursuit of fame, glory and prizes.

Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members, includes lunch and dessert. Reservations must be made by Sept. 2.

The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club was established in 1953. The club has provided a variety of educational and

entertaining activities throughout the years, with more than 200 current members from the area. Annual events include the Cocktails With the Commodore, Taste of the Lakes, House Walk, Pig Roast and more.

For more information, visit llyclub.com.

Southern Wakes United Ski Team

Show dates this year are on Whitewater Lake at the Scenic Ridge Campground, and at Lauderdale Landing on Lauderdale Lakes.

Whitewater Lake

Scenic Ridge Campground
All shows 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

• Saturday, Sept. 2, 6 p.m.

Lauderdale Lakes

Lauderdale Landing, Elkhorn
All shows at 6 p.m.

• Friday, Aug. 25

The Southern Wakes United Water Ski show team is Walworth County’s

only water ski show team. SWU is a merger of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers and the Whitewater Lake Sports Club (Minneiska). The group is a non-profit whose purpose is to give all a chance to build confidence in their abilities, learn new skills and promote leadership, water safety education and sportsmanship.

For more information, go to southernwakesunited.com.

OTHER EVENTS

Walworth County Fair, Aug. 30 through Sept. 4 – Held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. See page 5 for more details.

Antique Flea Market, Sept. 24 – The Walworth County Fairgrounds play to the final antique flea market of the season. In its 41st season, the event starts at 7 a.m. Cost is \$5 with free parking. The event is held rain or shine.

Saturdays on the Square, Veterans Park, Elkhorn – The vendor, farmers and craft market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the Labor Day weekend.

For more information, go to www.elkhornchamber.com.

Carrying on the rebuilding

Geneva Lakes Produce maintains product offerings

BY Jason Arndt • STAFF WRITER

Geneva Lakes Produce, a multi-generation family farm, has been a staple at several area farmers markets with its diverse offerings.

While the farm continues to present the same crops ranging from sweet corn, beets, watermelon, peppers, tomatoes, carrots, and several other varieties, the longstanding family establishment has carried on with its rebuilding efforts following a March 29 devastating fire.

Farm officials said Geneva Lakes Produce lost several items, including, but not limited to, one of the greenhouses on the property, as well as critical supplies needed for harvesting and storing crops.

Since then, Geneva Lakes Produce has maintained operations, even after experiencing the fire while tackling the ongoing drought conditions persistent in southeastern Wisconsin.

“We really haven’t missed a step on crops as of right now,” said Corban Koster, who operates the farm with his father, Scott.

“Most of what we lost was stuff that we use after harvest. But everything that you need building up to harvest, for the most part, we still have. We have all of our fields, of course, which were fine thankfully,” he said.

However, like all other farmers in the area, Geneva Lakes Produce is still in search of consistent rainfall to help with crop growth.

“Dry, dry, dry,” Corban said, who described the growing conditions. “This drought has been very difficult. Normally, we don’t really have to worry about that so much because you get a lot of spring rain, and this year has been so dry.”

Ongoing rebuild

On March 29, when the farm experienced the devastating blaze, Town of Lyons Fire Department officials reported initial losses estimated at \$450,000.

When firefighters arrived, they discovered a large amount of smoke, and requested mutual aid to the fourth-alarm level.

“A devastating fire ripped through our packing shed and mechanics shop in the early afternoon hours,” according to Geneva Lakes Produce statement at the time. “A greenhouse full of plants also sustained severe damage and many plants were destroyed. Our losses included many of our market supplies like tables, easy ups, picking crates.”

The Kosters acknowledged the many fire departments for their response to the fire.

“We want to sincerely thank all of the dedicated men and women of the local fire departments and their efforts to contain the fire to only the shed saving all our greenhouses out back and our seed supply trailer,” they wrote in a statement.

“We will forever be indebted to you for your efforts,” the statement said.

Amid the tragedy, Geneva Lakes Produce issued a pledge, which was to offer a full selection of crops ready for the farmers market season.

Since then, Geneva Lakes Produce received overwhelming support from the community, which included contributions to a GoFundMe, worked with the insurance company and ordered supplies to build a new facility.

“It has been a slow process,” Corban said.

“There have been a lot of bumps in the road, but we have materials, they should be here soon.”

Packing shed critical

Abigail Koster-Mack, daughter of owners Scott and Jacqueline Koster, along with farmhand Tylor Schallert set up a GoFundMe page with proceeds going toward purchasing items needing to be replaced at Geneva Lakes Produce.

In an update posted on June 16, the GoFundMe page noted the packing shed carries high importance for the farm as officials work to harvest crops.

“This leads us to scramble in finding ways to harvest, prep for sale and store produce as the season has started,” according to a statement. “The building has been delayed this long due to permits/fees that take time to process, back order, and supplier issues of the building materials and builder availability.”

Although officials targeted June 26 as the start date of rebuilding the shell of the packing shed, more supplies are needed inside of the structure, according to the update.

Geneva Lakes Produce still has to install doors, perform electrical work, plumbing, install a cooler system, among other key amenities.

“We still have a lot of large, necessary purchases that will need to be made this season, to list them all would be exorbitant,” the post added.

In the meantime, Geneva Lakes Produce has rented a semi-trailer equipped with a cooling system, with plans to order more while construction continues on the packing shed.

“Within two months, we should have the building up, but of course, only then can we begin building our coolers and setting up our wash lines,” Corban said. “It is coming down to the wire, it is going to be tight because we are already starting to harvest carrots and beets.”

Humbled by support

The Kosters initially hesitated when presented with the GoFundMe opportunity because they often help others in the community.

The GoFundMe page, as of June 23, had raised more than \$40,000 as of August.

“It took us a little while to accept the help because we normally don’t ask for much help. It is just not our thing and we try to be self-sustaining,” Corban said. “People have really been super supportive.”

The Kosters have farmed for generations. Corban’s father, Scott, began Geneva Lakes Produce in the 1980s and looked to offer a wide range of crops for customers.

According to Corban, his father wanted to bring farm fresh produce directly to customers, whether it’s at the local farmstand or at area farmers markets.

“We specialize in variety, we have huge a variety of different things we grow,” Corban said, “We always look to offer the community fresh, local products.”

Geneva Lakes Produce is between Burlington and Elkhorn at Highways 11 and 120 in the Town of Spring Prairie, and staff make appearances at the Elkhorn Flea Market, Burlington Farmers Market in Southeast Wisconsin and at several Northern Illinois markets.

Other product offerings include, but are not limited to, zucchini, yellow and winter squash, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, onions and green cabbage, according to its website.

For more information, including a farmers market schedule, visit genevalakesproduce.com or follow Geneva Lakes Produce on Facebook.



A group of kids timed their slides just right on the Fun Slide.

JENNIFER EISENBART *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*



The fair’s grandstand entertainment wraps up each year with the demolition derby, a popular event.

DAVE DRESOW *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

‘There’s no place like home’

Walworth County Fair returns for another year

BY Jennifer Eisenbart • EDITOR

The 174th Walworth County Fair chose a popular theme for its latest edition, a phrase known to many far and wide.

“There’s no place like home” – both a famous movie quote and a popular adage – will welcome fairgoers as they come to fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn, Aug. 30 through Sept. 4.

The annual event features a midway (complete with plenty of carnival rides), exhibits of everything from food to farm animals to artwork and, of course, entertainment at the grandstand each night of the fair.

The grandstand acts are:

- Chris Young, presented by Great Lakes Components, Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m., tickets between \$40 and \$75.

- Styx, presented by Kunes Auto Group, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m., tickets \$30 to \$60

- Casting Crowns, presented by Thrivent Financial, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m., tickets \$30 to \$60.

- Pro rodeo presented by Jake Leiser Painting, Aug. 30, 7 p.m., tickets \$10 (general admission).

- Pro Truck and Tractor Pulls, presented by Pete’s Tire Elkhorn, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., tickets \$10 (general admission).

- Demolition Derby, presented by AM Towing, Sept. 4, 12:30, 3 and 5:30 p.m., tickets \$10 (general admission).

General FAQ

The fairgrounds are open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the fair office open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The daily hours of the North American Midway vary, and can be found on the website as the fair gets closer.

Adult tickets are \$10 and are for ages 13 and older, while senior citizen ticket specials (ages 62 and older) are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the fair. Junior tickets of \$5 are for ages 5-12 and children 4 and younger are admitted free.

Separate tickets are required for grandstand events, as are tickets and wristbands for the carnival.

No carry-in alcohol is allowed, nor pets or animals



The Ferris Wheel made a striking picture at dusk.

JENNIFER EISENBART *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

with the exception of ADA service dogs or animals approved for an exhibition.

Parking for the event is free.

For more information on the fair, a complete schedule and more, go to walworthcountyfairgrounds.com and click on the Walworth County Fair tab.

The fair office can be reached by calling 262-723-3228, or by emailing info@walworthcountyfair.com.

The ins and outs of Lauderdale Lakes

Lauderdale Lakes consists of Green Lake, Middle Lake and Mill Lake and is located in La Grange Township a few miles north of the City of Elkhorn, west of highways 12 and 67. For more information contact the Lauderdale Lakes Marina at (262) 495-8200 or www.lauderdalelakesmarina.com.

Size

- Green Lake is 311 acres
- Middle Lake is 259 acres
- Mill Lake is 271 acres

Maximum depth

- Green Lake: 55 feet
- Middle Lake: 42 feet
- Mill Lake: 44 feet

Fish species

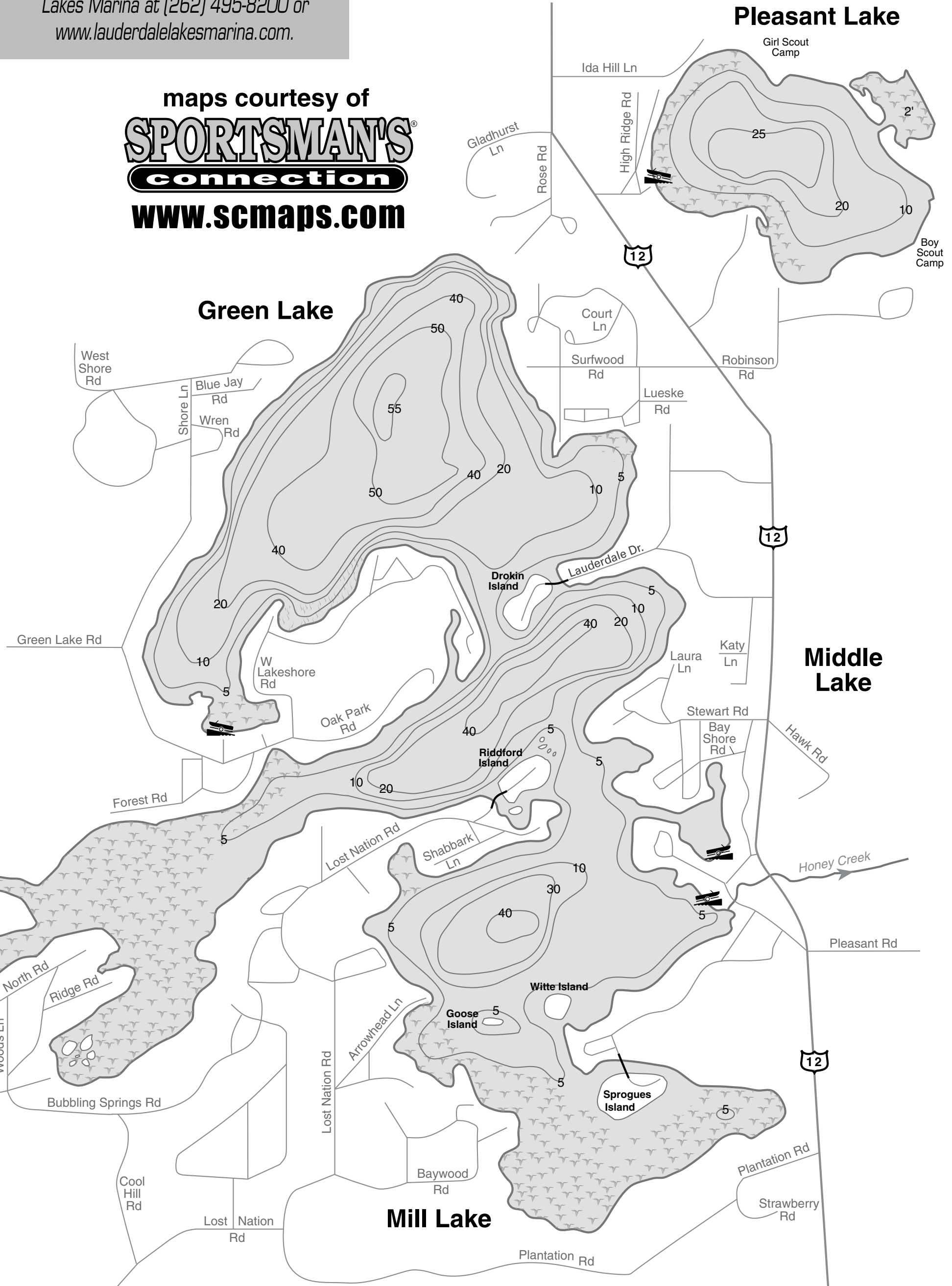
Lauderdale Lakes offers a wide array of fish with the predominant species being:

- Largemouth bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Northern pike
- Walleye
- Panfish

Access

Lauderdale Lakes is accessible via a paved ramp on Sterlingworth Road off of Highways 12/67. Additionally, unimproved landings are located off of Bubbling Springs Road and Westshore Drive.

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Living life on tour in Wisconsin



Two area musicians spend summer with Kids from Wisconsin troupe

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

For Morgan Strimple, the hope is to use her musical talent to become a performer.

Mitch Falcon, meanwhile, would like to become a band director.

The two different but similar paths have led the Waterford Union High School (Strimple) and Elkhorn Area High School (Falcon) graduates to a familiar Wisconsin tradition this summer – the Kids from Wisconsin.

Kids from Wisconsin – a summer musical tour group – is in its 55th year performing across the state, giving 15- to 20-year-old musicians a chance to experience the life of a musician for a summer.

The mission of Kids from Wisconsin is to allow the state's youth a chance to put on a Broadway-caliber show in cities throughout the state and also to give back by providing free educational workshops.

Stops this year go as far north as Antigo and as far south as Dubuque, Iowa. The group recently completed its summer touring schedule in Whitewater Aug. 18

The kids work with communities, schools and other organizations as well, which is part

of what brought the tour to Elkhorn Area High School July 3.

Serving as a fundraiser for the Elkhorn Fine Arts Boosters, the show drew a large, enthusiastic crowd the day before the Fourth of July, many cheering on Falcon in his hometown performance.

"It was an amazing crowd. It really was," said Connie Gatz, the head of the boosters. Gatz helped set up the fundraiser last year and bring the Kids to Elkhorn, perhaps in part because her daughter, Zoe, was a "Kid" three times – in 2016, 2018 and 2019.

"I came up with so many words. How many words can you use to say 'amazing?' It's such a special experience for these young performers," Gatz said about the group.

"You have this child who wants to perform. It's a little like sending your kid off to camp, but it's not. This is essentially a professional tour, but they nurture these kids. They create family amongst these kids," she added.

The audition process

For both Strimple and Falcon, this is their first year auditioning and touring with the



The Kids from Wisconsin is a summer touring musical performance group made up of musicians ages 15 to 20 from the state. The groups tours all over the state as the musicians get a chance to gain pre-professional experience. **above:** Keyboard player Mitch Falcon, a graduate of Elkhorn Area High School entering his sophomore year at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, plays with band during a recent show. **top:** Strimple, a Waterford Union High School graduate (shown with the furry ears) leads the troupe in "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" from "The Lion King."

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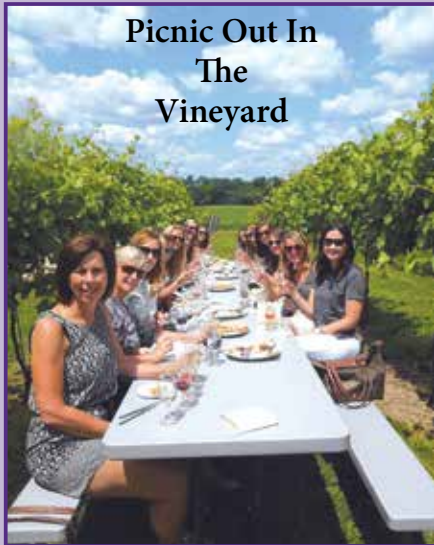
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ENJOYING THE Wines of Summer

Local wineries offer a wide variety

BY **Sandra Landen Machaj**
CORRESPONDENT

Tastes change during the summer. People forsake the heavy foods of winter and enjoy the lighter fresh fruits and vegetables that the area is known to produce.

Likewise, tastes in beverages also tend to lighten from the full-bodied, heavier wines of winter to lighter, less-filling beverages. On a beautiful summer day, nothing beats a drive into the Wisconsin countryside to enjoy the beauty of nature and to discover special places to be enjoyed – among them, special small wineries.

Traveling along Highway A, in the Delavan area, the beautiful Staller Estate Winery pops up and it is difficult not to stop. Sitting indoors or outside among the grapevines, it is the perfect spot to enjoy the fruits of the Stallers' labor and the beauty of the area at the same time.

The manicured vineyard is small but welcoming as visitors enjoy the outdoors, as well as the wines, charcuterie boards and other fine choices. That includes flatbread Fridays in the beauty of the countryside.

The Stallers purchased the farm – which had been an old dairy farm – and converted it to a vineyard. For Wendy and Joe Staller, their interest in winemaking began while at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where they studied biological and chemical



left: This flight of Staller's summer favorites includes a variety of wines from the Rock Valley white, a dry white with a taste of pineapple to the Red Sun-Gria with its fresh fruit flavors. **right:** The Apple Barn's fruit wines are displayed along with hand painted wine glasses by Sandra Glinner.

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sciences and began to dabble in amateur winemaking. This led to Wendy going out to University of California-Davis to complete the wine program and become truly knowledgeable about winemaking.

"We started the winery over 10 years ago and have continued to grow, adding additional grapevines and creating a variety of wines from our grapes," shared Wendy, owner of the Staller Estate Winery with her husband, Joe.

"It was a hobby that got out of control," she adds with a laugh. "Now it is a full-time business."

The winery is the perfect location for bachelorette parties, private tasting events, birthdays, anniversaries, business meetings, smaller reunions, moderately sized weddings and any other event

people can imagine. The event, depending on the size, can be held outside in the vineyard, in the sun room, the gazebo or down in the Barrel Cellar Room.

A tasting, or a tour of the winery can be arranged to make an event as special and personal as visitors would like.

Staller creates a variety of wines from the estate's grapes and have added some self-distilled vodka and fruit brandy to the product line. The estate also serves a variety of cocktails, including a special Dragonfruit Mojito with its unique purple color.

"Of course, it is required that a brandy old-fashioned be on the menu in Wisconsin," Wendy added with a smile. "We also serve the loaded Bloody Mary and other

special cocktails."

Wendy also explained that there is a chance in the types of wine that people request in the summer. "Summertime means a return to the lighter wines," she said.

A summer wine flight includes the Rock Valley White – a dry white wine with aromas of tropical pineapple – and a Horizon Cuvee, a semi-dry white wine with distinct grapefruit citrus aromas that is followed by a lingering palate of fresh fruit.

It may surprise some who think of white wines as the lighter wines to discover that some red wines are also favorites in the summer. One such is the Sun-Gria, a blend of three red wines.

"We recommend serving it over frozen fruit to enjoy a real

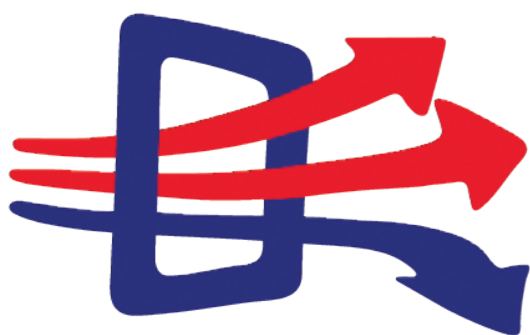
summery, fruit-laden drink," said Wendy.

With the added fruit, one may think they are in Spain enjoying the country's Sangria, as it is served there. Imagine spending an afternoon at the vineyard, enjoying a tasty summer wine with a charcuterie tray of meats and cheeses of your choice with friends or family members, sharing a special day.

Throughout the summer, there are a variety of events held at the winery. Coming up in August is the annual Fire and Wine Shrimp Boil, and there will be addition dinners in October and November. A Christmas-themed dinner will also take place in December.

Enjoy yoga in the vineyard?

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Staff at the East Troy Brewery include (front, from left) General Manager Zach Innis, Bar Manager Keely Rivero, Executive Chef Noah Higgins, (middle row) Head Brewer Scott Slauson, co-owner Ann Zess, (back row) co-owner Ted Zess.

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What better place to spend a sunny day than out in the Staller vineyard while enjoying a refreshing summer wine.

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Another fun activity to consider. Check the website, Facebook, or give them a call for dates, menus, times, and costs as all these are pre-ticketed.

Staller Estate Winery is located at W8896 County Road A, Delavan. Contact them at 608-883-2100 or visit online at www.stallerestate.com. They can also be found on Facebook. They are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The Apple Barn

The Apple Barn Orchard and Winery has been in business since 1848 and is still owned by the same family, the Jacobsons, all these years later.

While many people think of the Apple Barn as the place to pick and purchase fresh apples in the fall, it is more than just an apple orchard. It is a full farm that grows a variety of crops, along with a winery that produces a variety of wines made from the fruits grown on the farm under the direction of winemaker Steve Jacobson.

While in fall the grounds are full of customers purchasing apples, pumpkins and various bakery items – including fresh baked pies and homemade donuts – in summer the Barn is alive with visitors arriving for strawberries. The Barn is open for picking beginning in June until they are finished producing, usually in mid-July.

The Apple Barn is also known for its award-winning unique wines, not made with grapes but with fruits mostly grown on the farm. While many people think of wines made with fruits other than grapes are very sweet, this is not always the case.

“While some fruit wines are very sweet and used as dessert wines, others are light and fruity, perfect for a summer day,” shared Jacobson.

At this time of year, customers are looking for that light fruity wine to enjoy on a warm summer day while sitting in their own backyards or spending some time at the

Apple Barn’s Tasting room.

“Strawberry wines are a favorite at this time of year along with the rhubarb wines,” said Jacobson. The combination of mixing strawberry and rhubarb creates a wine that is especially enjoyed during the warm summer months. Light, refreshing, and created from strawberries and rhubarb grown on site, it is sure to become a favorite.

If purchasing some of the strawberry wine, also look at the hand-painted wine glasses by Sandra Glinner. The ones decorated with strawberries are perfect for summer entertaining – especially if hosts are serving the strawberry wines and some freshly picked strawberries.

Each wine created in the winery is done in small batches, ensuring that the richness, quality and taste remain consistent. All are created under Jacobson’s watchful eye. The types of wines brewed change as the fruits ripen and become ready to be processed.

Stop in the tasting room for a sample of the light summer wines. There is not a charge for a tasting but they are always grateful for any tips. Tips do not go to the servers but are donated to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society of Wisconsin to aid in its work of trying to find a cure. In the last two years, The Apple Barn has donated \$19,000 to the society thanks to the donations received.

The Farmer’s Daughter, with its own brand of jams, jellies, apple butters and pie fillings continues to increase in popularity. It also carries a large number of Wisconsin-made products.

The Apple Barn is located at W6384 Sugar Creek Road, Elkhorn, and is open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Check the website for upcoming fall hours and apple picking dates.

Reach The Apple Barn by phone at 262-728-3266 or visit them online at www.applebarnorchardandwinery.com. Also, check out the business’s Facebook page.

KEEPING THE HISTORY ALIVE, FROM BANK TO Brewery

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

In another lifetime, 2905 Main St. in East Troy was a bank.

As Ann and Ted Zess remember, the corner of Main and Division streets was the old State Bank of East Troy – the first bank of many iterations.

But in 2017, with the final bank to occupy the building closed, the Zesses looked at the inside of the building – and had an idea.

“When we first went through it, it was bigger than we remembered it,” Ann explained.

Now, some six years and a pandemic later, East Troy Brewery resides at the address, the history of the building on full display with its new purpose.

“We always thought a brew pub or a brewery in East Troy would be a cool option on the square,” Ted said. “We grew up in East Troy, we’re life long residents. We just wanted to see the square revitalized.”

Now, the former bank, while holding onto many of its identifying traits – including the use of the vault and tellers windows in the bar area – is an option for parties both large and small.

In addition to the numerous brews made on site, there is a full menu of appetizers, pizza, sandwiches and meals, an outdoor patio area with live music on the weekends and a special “Mug Club” for those who love their beer.

“Good beer, good food. I mean, brewery is in our name,” said new General Manager Zach Innis. “And our food is excellent as well. And good atmosphere.”

On tap

With Scott Slauson in charge of the brewery, the number of craft beers available is both varied and creative.

In addition to the traditional pale ales (a New England and East Troy version) and amber beers, pilsners and a German-style Helles lager are available.

Different kinds of beer make it onto the drink menu

seasonally. For example, right now, East Troy Brewery has its Lemon Lager, a Czech Pils Lager with real lemon puree, which the menu says transforms the beer into “a tart, light summer patio beer.”

There’s also the Fresa, a Helles Lager that’s described as “what do you get when you add 220 pound of strawberries to some of our Helles? A crisp, light lager with a not-so-subtle hint of strawberry.”

There’s also a Rye IPA, the Cream City Bricks in the Sticks and the Helles Lager of Troy – “The beer that launched 1,000 ... beers.”

“We try to flavor some beers seasonally,” said Slauson, adding that blueberry will be added in the next few weeks to the brewery’s Hefeweizen beer.

There are also a wide variety of beers and hard seltzers available by the can and bottle, as well as non-alcoholic beer from Potosi Brewing Co., specialty cocktails and a wine list.

When the weather turns colder in the fall, Slauson said that the brewery switches to darker beers, including stouts and porters. The annual Oktoberfest beer will come with the brewery’s event Sept. 23.

For those who are beer aficionados and regulars at the brewery, there is the ETB Mug Club.

For \$100 a year, those who sign up get their own safety deposit box in the vault for storage of a personalized 16-ounce glass mug, \$5 draft beers with the mug, year-round, a key to the safe-deposit box, exclusive coupons and a beer release party.

Tasty treats

Just as the drink menu is seasonal, so, too, is the meal menu. Behind the guidance of Noah Higgins, executive chef and kitchen manager, the brewery offers both a lunch and dinner menu.

The lunch menu is only served on Saturdays and Sundays, when the brewery



Much of the history of the building, which was formerly a bank, has been preserved. The vault is now space used by the Mug Club – a special group that customers can sign up for with perks throughout the year.

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opens at noon. The dinner menu includes many of the same items.

Menu standards include the ET Square pizza – the Shroomie, White Truffle Pear, Cheeze-It and The Carnivore are among the regulars – Hill Valley cheese curds, served with curry tomato ketchup and ranch dressing, pretzel bites with homemade ETB beer cheese, and a large variety of barbecue, salads, sandwiches and burgers.

There are two special menu items each month. Right now, the August Pizza of the Month is the Elote – lime crema, mozzarella, smoky roasted corn, red onion, lime zest, chipotle drizzle, cilantro and cotija.

The Burger of the Month is the Kimchi Smash, with sambal aioli, American cheese, bacon and kimchi, with two smash patties.

Gluten-free buns are available for an extra \$1, a children’s menu is available and the dinner menu adds

chef’s specials, tacos and wings.

The idea, Ted Zess said, is to help grow the East Troy Square space and East Troy in general.

“I just think it’s a cool place for people to come and hang out,” he explained. “It’s become a gathering spot.”

Added Ann, “It’s an experience. You can walk around and see the history.”

The East Troy Brewery is open five days a week, with the bar open from 4 to 9 p.m. and food service from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and the bar from 4 to 10 p.m. and food service from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday.

On Saturdays, the bar is open from noon to 10 p.m., with food service from noon to 9 p.m., and both the bar and kitchen are open from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The brewery is open for dine-in, patio seating and carryout. For more information, go to etbrew.com or call 262-642-2670.



The favorite summer wines found at the Apple Barn includes the strawberry wines, the rhubarb wines, and the combined strawberry/rhubarb blend.

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Kids from Wisconsin. Strimple auditioned in January while Falcon was at one of the final auditions in March.

Strimple, who has a background in dance, came to her Kids' audition with plenty of performance experience.

A long-time participant in both the one-act plays and musicals at WUHS, both on stage and behind the scenes, Strimple played Morticia Addams in the school's production of "The Addams Family" earlier this year.

Her goal is to become a performer. She is set to start school at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this fall, with a double major in dance and early childhood education.

"I hope to professionally dance for a really long time," said Strimple, who is mostly trained in ballet. "But I know that people look for the whole package."

Falcon just completed his freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. With a major in music education – focusing on saxophone and secondarily on piano – Falcon is hoping to become a band director.

"My dream for a long time, ever since I was a freshman in high school, was to be a band director," Falcon said, who added that he wanted to follow in the footsteps of Elkhorn Area High School band director Sara Wuttke.

"The same with my brother. We were both kind of inspired by her," he said.

Audition dates for Kids from Wisconsin are set during the winter, with most dates in February and March.

Auditions are held all over the state, allowing students to find a location close to their home or college. The troupe is composed of 36 performers – 22 dancers/vocalists and a 14-piece band.

To audition as a vocalist, students need to prepare a song, and then learn a one-minute dance combination. The staff at Kids also looks at specialty dancing like ballet, tap and jazz.

For the band, students also have to come with a prepared piece, do some sight reading of music and improvisation.

Ironically, neither Strimple nor Falcon felt great about their auditions this year.

Strimple, whose mother is the choreographer for Kids, decided to wait to pursue the opportunity between her senior year of high school and freshman year of college.

She knew her mother would have to step back during her audition.

"I felt safe, because most

people had just graduated high school," said Strimple. "I decided I'd get to know the people I auditioned with."

"Honestly ... I thought I'd be an understudy or not at all," she said.

Falcon said he was convinced by a friend and fellow student at UW-Whitewater to audition for the show.

"I didn't know about Kids at all until he told me about it," he explained. "I looked into it and I thought it'd be a really cool way to spend my summer."

"I personally felt I didn't have a very good audition, so I was very surprised when I found out," he added.

Both were thrilled to find out they'd made the cut.

"I was super excited," said Falcon. "I instantly started getting ready for it."

Strimple said she was "shocked when they called and told me I was a primary singer/dancer. I cried."

About the tour

Once the cast for Kids is set, the members – plus a small number of understudies – converge at Wisconsin Lutheran College for about two weeks to learn the show.

Those two weeks cover learning all the music for a two-hour performance, the theme of which changes every year.

For its 55th season, the Kids from Wisconsin chose the "Starstruck" tour, which features award-winning music from the Oscars, Emmys, Grammys and the like.

While the band plays about two-thirds of the show as backup for the dancers/singers, they do take center stage for a portion of the show.

Those two weeks of camp involve working out where everyone needs to be on the stage, costuming, vocal numbers and solos, band solos, choreography and more.

It's an intense two weeks, to which both Strimple and Falcon can attest.

"I felt prepared that I could perform it, but I was nervous about all the technical aspects," said Strimple, who added camp was "exhausting."

Added Falcon, "Once we started really getting into it ... I've never experienced anything like it. Tensions were high sometimes, but it was a blast."

After the show is learned, there is a short "tech" period – to iron out sound and lighting – and then the group hits the road.

Each "kid" on tour gets a "Hometown Performance"



above: Mitch Falcon performs in the band with Kids from Wisconsin. **at left:** Morgan Strimple is shown in the opener of this year's Kids from Wisconsin show.

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– a show in or close to his or her hometown. For Strimple, hers was opening night of the tour, June 30 in Mukwonago.

Falcon's was the July 3 performance in Elkhorn.

Strimple said she wasn't really nervous about the opener.

"I knew there was a lot of people who came to see me but I was a lot more nervous for camp," she said.

Falcon was on the receiving end of tremendous cheers and a rousing two-minute standing ovation for his hometown show.

In total, the tour will take Kids from Wisconsin to 30 different tour stops in Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan, plus the two-week stay in West Allis to perform at the Wisconsin State Fair.

The performers travel by tour bus all summer, sharing meals, workshop time with youngsters in communities and even guest homes as they travel.

"It prepares them for all of those things," Gatz said of the touring aspect. "It's a tremendous start. And it's unique in the country."

The show

The "Starstruck" show features some of the top hits from television and movies, not to mention the music entertainment business.

For example, as the show jumps immediately into the award-winning music from the Oscars, Strimple is a soloist as Simba as the troupe tackles, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" from "The Lion King."

The show also features



Falcon leads the band during the second act of the Kids from Wisconsin show.

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a guest appearance by Beetlejuice as the music of Danny Elfman is presented, as well as classic jazz from legend Duke Ellington.

In the second half of the show, the Tony Awards hit the stage. Music from Broadway hits like "Six," "Wicked" and "Anything Goes" offer a mix of all the Kids from Wisconsin have to offer – everything from great choreography to soaring vocals to the pit band sound.

Following the Tonys comes the music from the Grammys in 1969, as the band takes center stage. Among the hits performed are "A Taste of Honey" and instrumental classic

"Classical Gas."

Falcon gets a chance to shine in the second act with a few solos of his own on the keyboard.

More music from the Grammys, as well as music by David Foster and the closing act, wrap up the show.

While there are short breaks for the performers for costume changes – which are extensive and reflect the various selections of music, up to and including Broadway musical costumes – the performance is basically an all-out romp for two hours.

It's a chance that both Falcon and Strimple have

cherished and said they hope will build their future in the music industry.

"I would like to become a better performer. I'm not cutting off performance in my musical path, but it's not my top priority," said Falcon. "I'd love to become a better performer, figure out the stress, the nerves."

Added Strimple, "I'd like to own my own dance studio. I've always loved kids."

For more information on the 2023 Kids from Wisconsin – and how to audition for next year's touring show – go to kidsfromwi.org.

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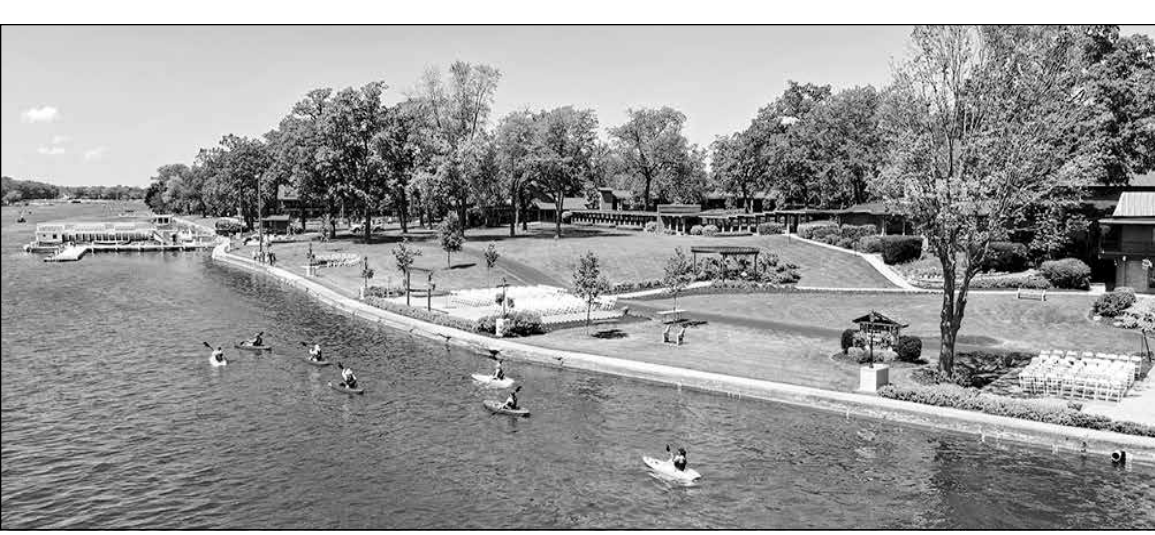
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above: Lake Lawn Resort offers monthly dinner and wine cruises aboard the Lake Lawn Queen on Delavan Lake. The meals feature four courses, each paired with an appropriate wine. **upper photo:** Watersports, including kayaking, are popular summertime activities at Lake Lawn Resort on Delavan Lake.

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Delavan lake tours are offered on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (weather permitting) on the 76-foot

Lake Lawn Queen and include guided tours of the 1,900-acre Delavan Lake boasting unique architecture of several Frank Lloyd Wright homes and rich history.

The Queen Scenic Delavan Lake Tour is about one and a half hours and features a view of several Frank Lloyd Wright homes and the history of the lake. The Queen Sunset Tour is about the same time length, but features the lake at sunset.

Drinks and snacks are available on board.

Seasonal events

The resort just finished up one of its annual big-draw events, the Cars Time Forgot car show.

Hosted by the Delavan-Delavan Lake Chamber of Commerce, the car show is held at the Lake Lawn Airport, with numerous activities taking place the day before at the resort.

Other events include a Fourth of July celebration, fireworks and on-site festivals. The next coming up is the annual Family Fall Fest event, scheduled for Oct. 6-8.

The weekend features lakeside wagon rides, scarecrow building, pumpkin bowling and more.

Out on the greens

Majestic Oaks Golf Course welcomes back golfers for the 2022 season.

Offering Stay-and-Play

packages, Monday Night Leagues, Ladies Wine and Nine Nights, Couples Nights, and Seasonal Tournaments, there's no better time to pack-up the clubs and hit the greens at Lake Lawn Resort this summer.

In addition to scheduled activities, guests can enjoy:

- A newly expanded marina harbor with full season and short-term rental boat slips;
- Boat rentals – Wide selection of speedboats and pontoons;
- Watersport rentals – WaveRunners, kayaks, paddle boards and more;
- Full-service Calladora Spa;
- Outdoor laser-tag;
- 18-hole Majestic Oaks Golf Course with a full-service golf shop, and Clubhouse Sports Bar & Grill;

• One indoor and two outdoor swimming pools, two hot tubs, and a kiddie pool.

- Walking and jogging paths, bicycle rentals.
- Outdoor tennis and basketball.
- Arcade game room.
- Supervised children's activities.
- Live entertainment and musical performances; and
- Lakefront bonfire pits.

Summer activities, rates and packages are available to book on the Lake Lawn Resort website at www.lakelawnresort.com, or by calling 262-728-7950.

Delavan man charged after standoff with police

A 41-year-old Delavan man was charged with a felony and four misdemeanors after a standoff with law enforcement at the Super 8 Motel in Delavan Sunday, July 23.

Aaron Wigman, whose address was listed as the Super 8 in Delavan, was charged with a felony count of threatening a police officer, as well as misdemeanor counts of obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct-use of a dangerous weapon, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia.

All charges carry a repeat offender tag, as Wigman was previously convicted of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, as well as other charges.

The repeater clause could increase any prison sentence by two years.

The maximum sentence for Wigman on the felony charge would be six years and a fine of \$10,000. Each misdemeanor could add between one and nine months, as well as additional fines.

According to a news release issued by the City of Delavan Police Department following the July 23 incident, police officers responded to a call at 4:18 p.m. that day.

The Hartland Police Department called in a welfare check on Wigman, who was allegedly sending harassing messages to family members about their continued visits to their mother's home.

Family members told police they were concerned he was under the influence of some kind of drug.

When police officers arrived on scene at the Super 8 Motel, 518 Borg St., Delavan, they attempted to speak with Wigman, who refused to open the door.

Law enforcement also allegedly heard items being thrown around the room, and the man allegedly saying, "Goddam right I am armed."

Authorities backed away from the door when they thought they heard a weapon being "racked," and evacuated adjacent rooms.

Wigman also implied there was someone else in the room, which turned out later to be false.

At 4:37 p.m., the Walworth County Dispatch center was informed there was a barricaded subject, and the City of Delavan requested assistance from the Walworth County Sheriff's Department, including SWAT.

Walworth County SWAT took over the situation at about 4:50 p.m.

Because of Wigman potentially being armed, surrounding businesses in the area were evacuated.

Law enforcement then engaged in negotiations for several hours with Wigman.

Wigman's mother helped police, and he surrendered himself without incident.

The criminal complaint stated that it appeared the man had harmed himself at one point.

Authorities executed a search warrant on the room and found a pair of folding knives, as well as a blue bag containing a portable cooler or lunch bag, according to the complaint.

The bag allegedly contained a green leafy substance that tested positive as THC.

Wigman was previously convicted of threatening a law enforcement officer in 2017.

For the 2017 conviction, he was sentenced to two years and six months in prison, and three years of extended supervision.



Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan holds an annual Family Fall Fest on the resort grounds. In addition to plenty of activities for children – including the opportunity to play human foosball – pumpkins are available for painting, scarecrows are on display (above) and there is food available as well as wagon rides.

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Tornado confirmed just outside Palmyra

EF-1 twister toppled and uprooted numerous trees

On Friday, July 28, multiple rounds of thunderstorms moved through southern Wisconsin, one of which produced a tornado confirmed by the National Weather Service just outside the Village of Palmyra.

A preliminary survey showed the EF-1 tornado touched down near the southwest tip of Upper Spring Lake east of Palmyra just before 10:30 p.m. It toppled and uprooted numerous trees.

The most notable damage was found near County Highway Z and Mill Road. The tornado then traveled into a field just across the Waukesha County line before dissipating.

The twister, which packed winds estimated at 95 mph, was on the ground for 1.25 miles according to the NWS.

EF-1 tornadoes pack estimated wind speeds of between 86 mph and 110 mph. The Enhanced Fujita Scale rates tornadoes from EF-0 to EF-5 based on wind speeds, with

EF-5 being the most powerful.

The weather took a turn when surface boundaries provided sources of lift, causing the environment to become more unstable. Initially, supercells producing large hail – around 2 inches in diameter – and heavy rain impacted the area before a surging line of storms moved in from the northwest, the NWS reported. Winds between 60 and 80 mph within the line resulted in tree damage across a large portion of the area.

In addition to Palmyra, significant wind damage was reported in parts of southern Wisconsin – including Fort Atkinson in Jefferson County as well as parts of Adams, Columbia, Juneau and Sauk counties.

Tens of thousands of Wisconsinites lost power; crews worked through the weekend to restore electricity to those who were in the dark.

By the following Monday, Alliant Energy and MG&E reported fewer than 40 customers were without power across their respective service areas in Wisconsin. We Energies, meanwhile reported around 440 outages as of that time, with the majority of those in Waukesha County.



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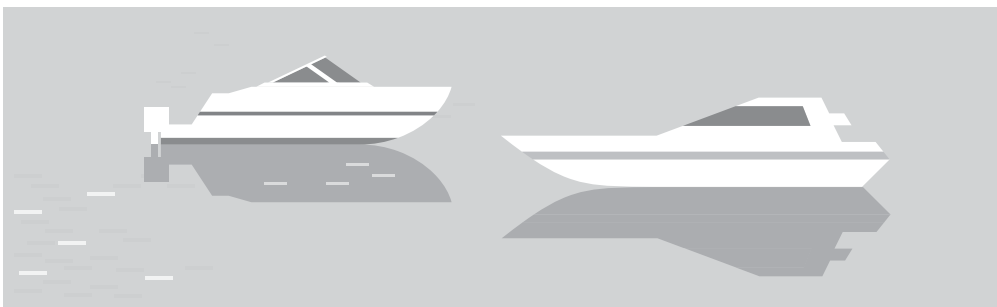
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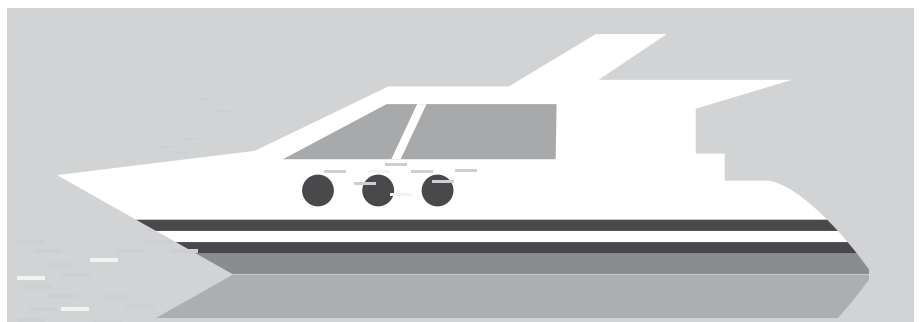
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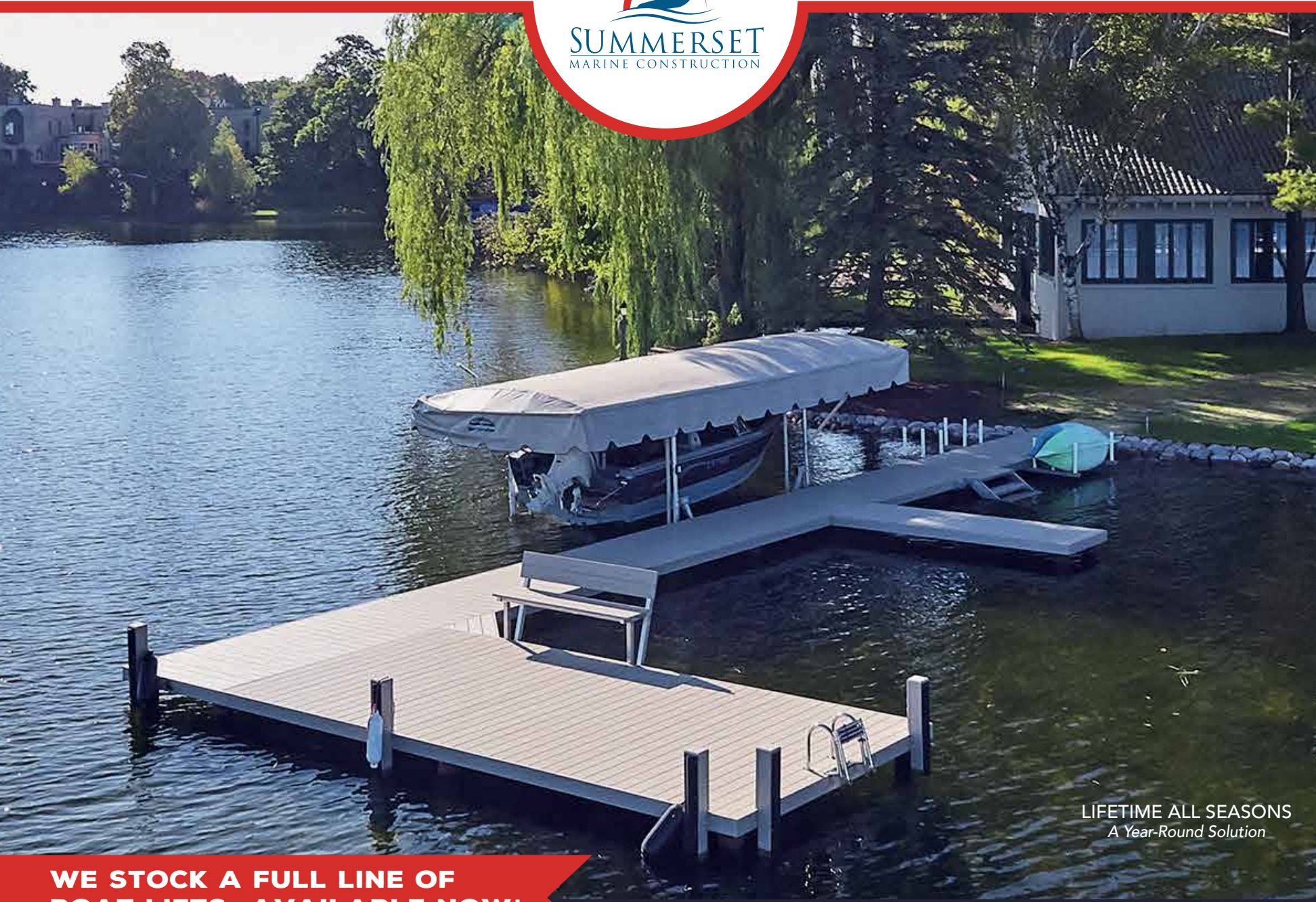
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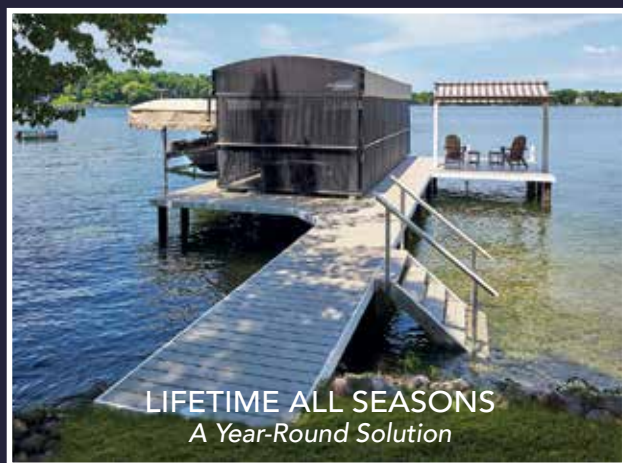


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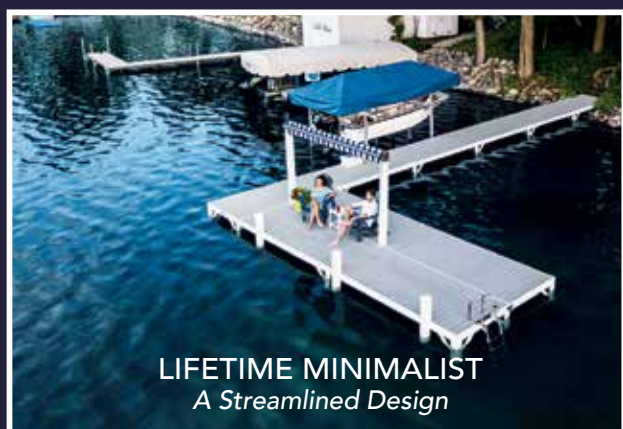
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NEW LISTING



W5187 Lauderdale Dr, Elkhorn - Catch the best part of Summer in this 6 BR, 5 BA log sided, two story home on 60' of level Middle Lake frontage with extended lake views. Pride of ownership makes this move in ready and you'll find an updated kitchen with granite tops, SS appliances, large island and dinette lakeside with access to deck, living room with stone fireplace and wet bar, all offering water views. Master bdrm en-suite with slider to deck looking directly down Middle Lake, 2nd BR offering slider to deck with same view. Upper level is a 25 x 25 BD or family room with full bath. Two car detached garage with finished 22 x 23 guest suite. Whole house generator. Minutes to Kettle Moraine hiking and biking trails. Be in by Labor Day! **\$2,399,700**

NEW PRICE



N7729 Laura Ln, Elkhorn - Lakefront estate on 142' of sand frontage on Lauderdale "Gold Coast" situated on manicured 1.28 wooded acres completely fenced and gated. That's just the start to this lakefront dream. The lake greets you as you walk into the 4BD, 4.5 bath main house with open foyer to eat-in kitchen and lakeside dining room, LR with fireplace and slider to screened porch with vaulted ceiling. Master en-suite lakeside with private deck **\$3,499,700**



N8115 Pleasant Lake Rd, East Troy - Spectacular Lakefront home on Pleasant Lake offering sand beach leading out to crystal clear swimming & endless sunsets is just the start. This private 5 BR, 4.5 BA home boasting 6,300 sq ft of luxury living. Vaulted ceilings throughout the main level & wood flooring, Master ensuite with private office, Eat-in Kitchen with large island/bar & access to brick patio with fountain, soaring living room with water views & fireplace, LL family room walk out to patio with water view & waterfall. **\$1,695,700**

NEW PRICE



W5141 Plantation Rd, Elkhorn - Start your morning off with a cup of coffee on your private balcony off the master bedroom & end your day on the back patio. This home checks all the boxes, no need for updating here! Stunning New Construction 3 BR, 2.5 BA Lauderdale Lake Access, 2-Story Home w/ partial water views. Open concept, main floor w/ Birch flooring featuring large eat-in kitchen with large island/bar, granite tops, SS appliance & pantry. Ample living area that leads to dining room overlooking the back yard with slider to paver stone patio. **\$875,000**

LAKEFRONT LOT



Lt0 West Shore Dr, Elkhorn - Green Lake vacant lakefront lot with 75' of level Sunset filled frontage on 0.65 acre lot on Lauderdale Lakes. Lot features slight wooded slope from road which leads you to level frontage and private pier. You'll appreciate the additional 50 x 100 lot across the street offering additional parking and storage. Walking distance to Lauderdale Landing and minutes to boat launch. Kettle Moraine trails 3 miles away. Build the home you've been dreaming of. **\$549,900**

NEW PRICE



N7461 Woods Ln, Elkhorn - Located across the street from Bubbling Springs and the boat launch you'll find this 3 Bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch on wooded lot with view of a pond. Inside features vaulted ceilings throughout the main level. Kitchen with large dining room, Living room with sliding glass door to deck, hardwood floors & woodburning stove. 2 of the 3 bedrooms offer wood flooring. Walkout unfinished Rec Room basement with 1/2 bath & laundry. 2 car detached garage. New Pella windows installed last year. Access to Pleasant Lake Beach & short drive to Kettle Moraine Trail system. **\$319,700**

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W5824 North Dr, Elkhorn - Welcome to a up north feeling on 93' of level wooded Middle Lake frontage. Built in 1999 you'll find pride in ownership throughout this 3BR, 2.5BA, half log sided Ranch with finished walk-out lower level. Featuring main floor with vaulted ceiling, wall of windows lakeside, soaring stone fireplace, LR with slider to covered lanai deck, kitchen with breakfast bar, dinette and Master ensuite with access to screened porch. LL family room with access to cement patio, 2 BR & full BA act like a private suite for guests. Perennial gardens galore that lead you to the piers, shoreline boardwalk & 12 x 14 shed. Lakeside firepit for a lifetime of memories **\$790,000**

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