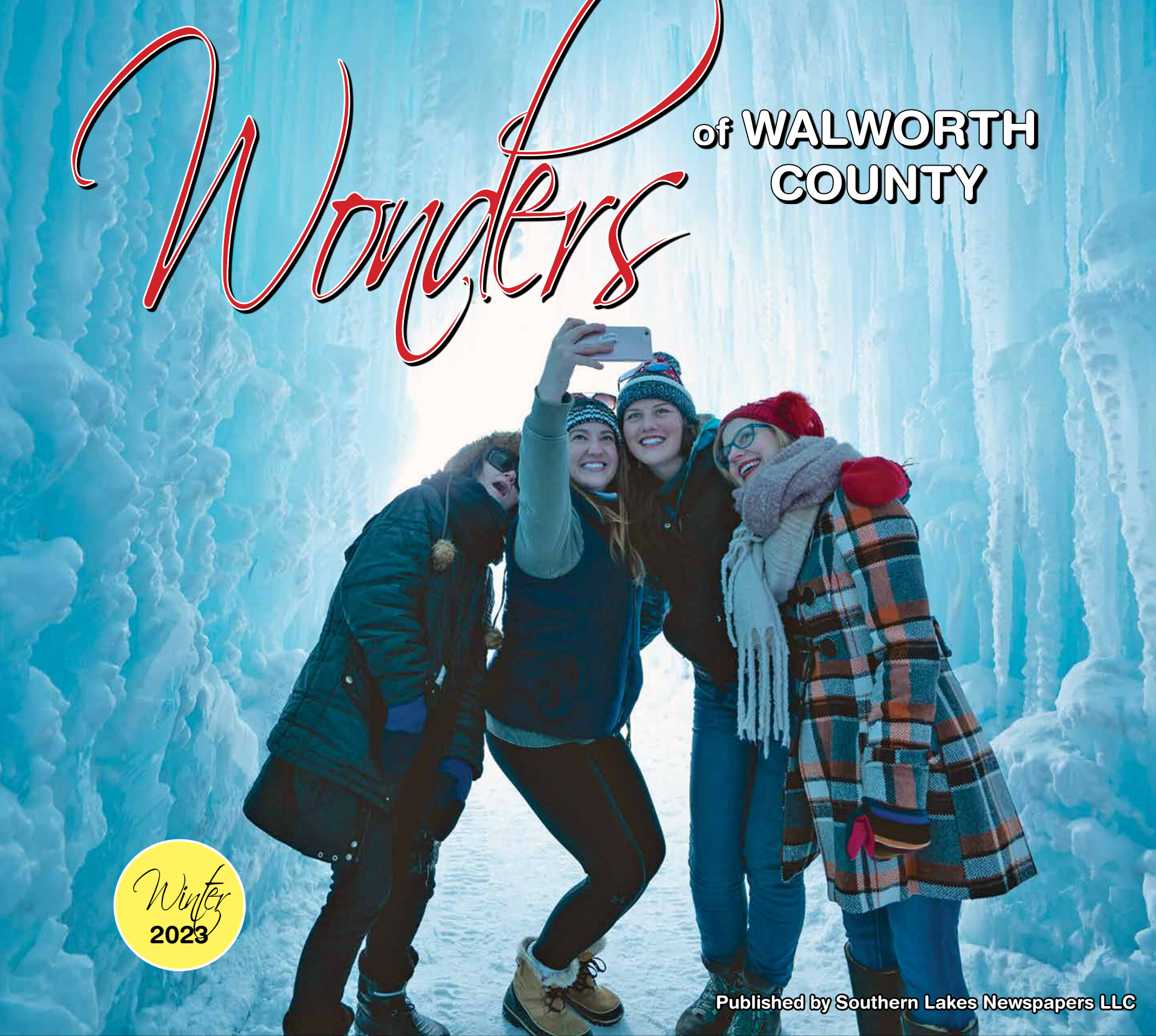




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# Church to open free play area

## New indoor facility can be used by the public for free

By Jennifer Eisenbart

STAFF WRITER

Lakeland Community Church, at N3181 Highway 67 in Delavan, is taking its community interaction to a new level.

In January, the church will open an indoor public playground with free hours for the public and the ability to rent the space to groups.

“The church wanted something that was going to reach more of the community,” said Amanda Breen, the brand and communications director at the church. “They’re really excited to offer something for free.”

Breen said the 5,000-square-foot space is the largest indoor play space in Walworth County and the second largest in the state – behind The Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells.

“There really wasn’t anything indoor for the winter,” Breen said. “There’s nothing really in our area, especially for free.”

“People can come in and let their kids run around, even just for an hour,” she added.

The facility, which is attached to the church but does not require church membership, has a half-court basketball court, an interactive game wall and a toddler play and climbing area.

Public hours for the play area are Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m., starting when the park opens in January.

A church ribbon cutting was held Jan. 8, with the public grand opening on Jan. 23.

The church included the public indoor playground as part of last year’s capital campaign. The church also redesigned its “next gen” spaces, including classrooms and other parts of the church.

The play area, Breen said, gives everyone a chance to check out what Lakeland offers.

“People are really excited about it,” Breen said, adding that the church was originally hoping to cater to mom and kids, but is now also getting responses from homeschool communities, groups in the church.

“Really just times for adults to come and let their children play,” Breen said.

For more information or to reach the church, call 262-245-4567.

**from top:** The children’s activity area in the new Lakeland Community Church indoor center has plenty of room for large groups and rambunctious play; Lakeland Community Church, at N3181 Highway 67 in Delavan, is opening a new indoor play space in January. Graphic renderings show what the space will look like; A jungle gym is one of the features in the play area in the new Lakeland Community Church indoor activity space.



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**On the cover:** Ice Castles has returned to the Lake Geneva area for the winter season. See Page 5 for more information about the attraction and tickets.

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# Lake Lawn Resort is 'Stella' again

By Jennifer Eisenbart  
STAFF WRITER

## Resort earns pair of nationwide awards

Once again, Lake Lawn Resort continues to pull in nationwide honors. Northstar Meetings Group announced its annual Stella Awards Nov. 22, with Lake Lawn receiving a silver medal for Best Onsite Support and a bronze medal for Best Hotel/Resort Event Space in the Midwest Region.

The Stella Awards are the meeting industry's highest honor, recognizing hotels, convention centers, conference centers, airlines, cruise lines, DMOs/CVBs and DMCs that consistently deliver quality service and innovation to meeting and

event professionals.

"We are excited to be among the winners of this year's prestigious Stella Awards," said Dave Sekeres, general manager at Lake Lawn Resort. "This wouldn't be possible without our talented and dedicated team members striving to provide excellent service and experiences for our guests."

Winners of the 2022 Stella Awards were recognized by achieving overall excellence, superb food and beverage, professionalism of staff, technological innovations, and other critical aspects of the meetings and event experience. This year, more than 6,000 votes were cast from around the world for the 561 destinations, hotels and service providers nominated in 16 categories in six regions in the United States and worldwide.

### Best On-Site Support

Eileen Cole, executive director of sales and marketing at the resort, said the silver medal in this category honored the "dedicated and hard-working" staff at the resort.

"(They) continue to go above and

beyond to provide exceptional service even during the post-COVID-19 pandemic related staff shortages across the hospitality industry," she said.

In spite of labor shortages, the resort still hosted 100 weddings – including seven weddings and five additional functions all in one particular weekend. The resort also served 660 guests per day at its Lookout Bar and Eatery and 300 per day at the Isle of Capri Café.

She added that head chef John Billings continues to lead a culinary staff that is consistently praised by both new and returning guests. The resort is regularly voted as Best of Walworth County and was recently named one of the best private club and resort culinary experiences by Club + Resort Business.

The resort has several long-term employees, including Sekeres, who had been with Lake Lawn for 25 years. Sekeres is a recipient of the 2022 Innkeeper of the Year award from the Wisconsin Hotel and Lodging Association.

### Event Space

Cole said that Lake Lawn is known for

its meeting and wedding spaces, all helped by the backdrop of Delavan Lake

"It's no wonder why meeting and event planners and soon-to-be married couple migrate to Lake Lawn each year," she said.

A recently completed multimillion-dollar renovation inspired by a "Lakefront Living" theme included extensive upgrades to the entire 32,000 square-foot meeting and event space. From the Lake Lawn Room with vaulted ceilings and lake views, to the Geneva Ballroom and the Geneva Club room, Cole said that Lake Lawn Resort is arguably the region's best lakeside event site.

The resort also boasts the Lake Lawn Queen, a two-level, 76-foot cruise boat. The resort is set on 250 acres of lakeside property, and has watersports, golf, spa treatments and dining options all on site.

The Lake Lawn Queen cruise ship is one of the amenities that helped the Delavan resort earn a Stella Award for excellence.

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# Winter Wonderland

## Ice Castles returns for another year of frozen fun

Ice Castles, the frozen winter wonderland that has attracted thousands to the Lake Geneva area in winters past, has returned for 2023.

The frozen attraction is slated to open in January and will again be located at Geneva National Resort, 1091 Hidden Cottage Circle, Lake Geneva. This is the fourth year for the attraction in Wisconsin.

Opening is dependent on weather conditions with long stretches of freezing temperatures needed to accommodate construction of the attraction.

The photo-worthy Ice Castles will last into late February or early March, weather permitting. Dates and hours will be available online at [icecastles.com](http://icecastles.com).

The award-winning winter attraction is built on site using hundreds of thousands of icicles hand-placed by professional ice artists, according to the company that sponsors the attraction in four cities across North America. The frozen structure includes breathtaking LED-lit sculptures, frozen thrones, ice-carved tunnels, slides, fountains and more.

Ice Castles also plans to offer sleigh rides as part of the Wisconsin attraction.

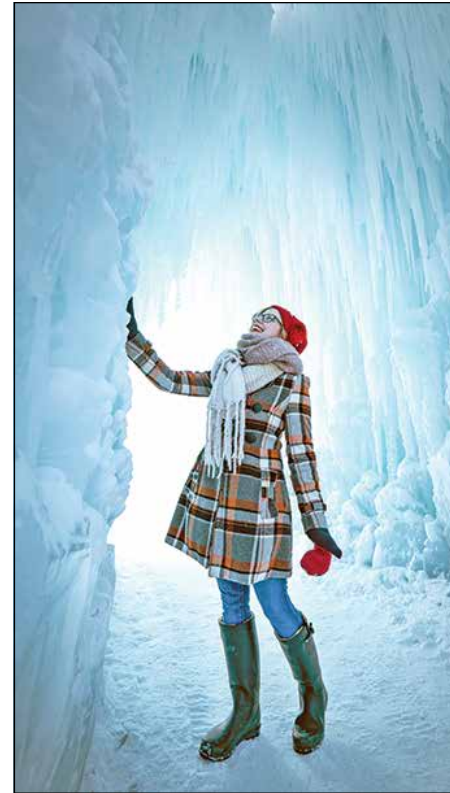
Ice Castles will again observe some COVID-19 protocols to promote health and safety, according to the company.

Employees will wear masks and masks are recommended for guests when interacting in common areas. The attraction is also designed to make use of social distancing.



Tickets for ages 12 and older are \$25 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; and \$29 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for children (age 4 to 11) are \$17 on week days and \$22 on weekends.

Tickets may be available onsite if Ice Castles is not sold out. Onsite prices are subject to higher rates. For guaranteed entry and the lowest price, buy tickets online in advance at [icecastles.com](http://icecastles.com)



**left:** Specialized lighting cast a colorful glow on the Ice Castles during night viewing. **above:** Ice Castles in Lake Geneva is under construction at Geneva National Resort.

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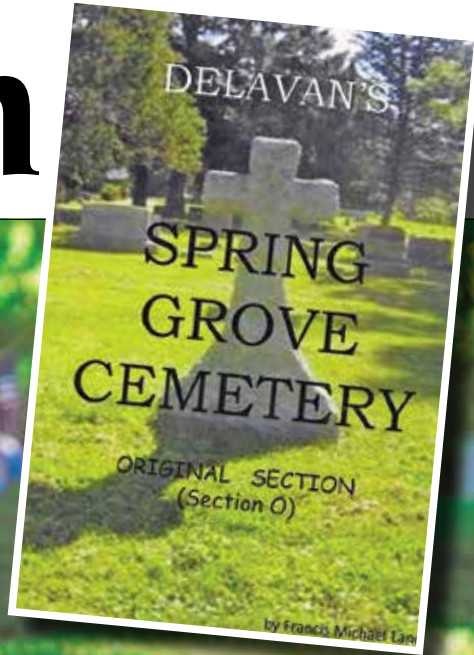
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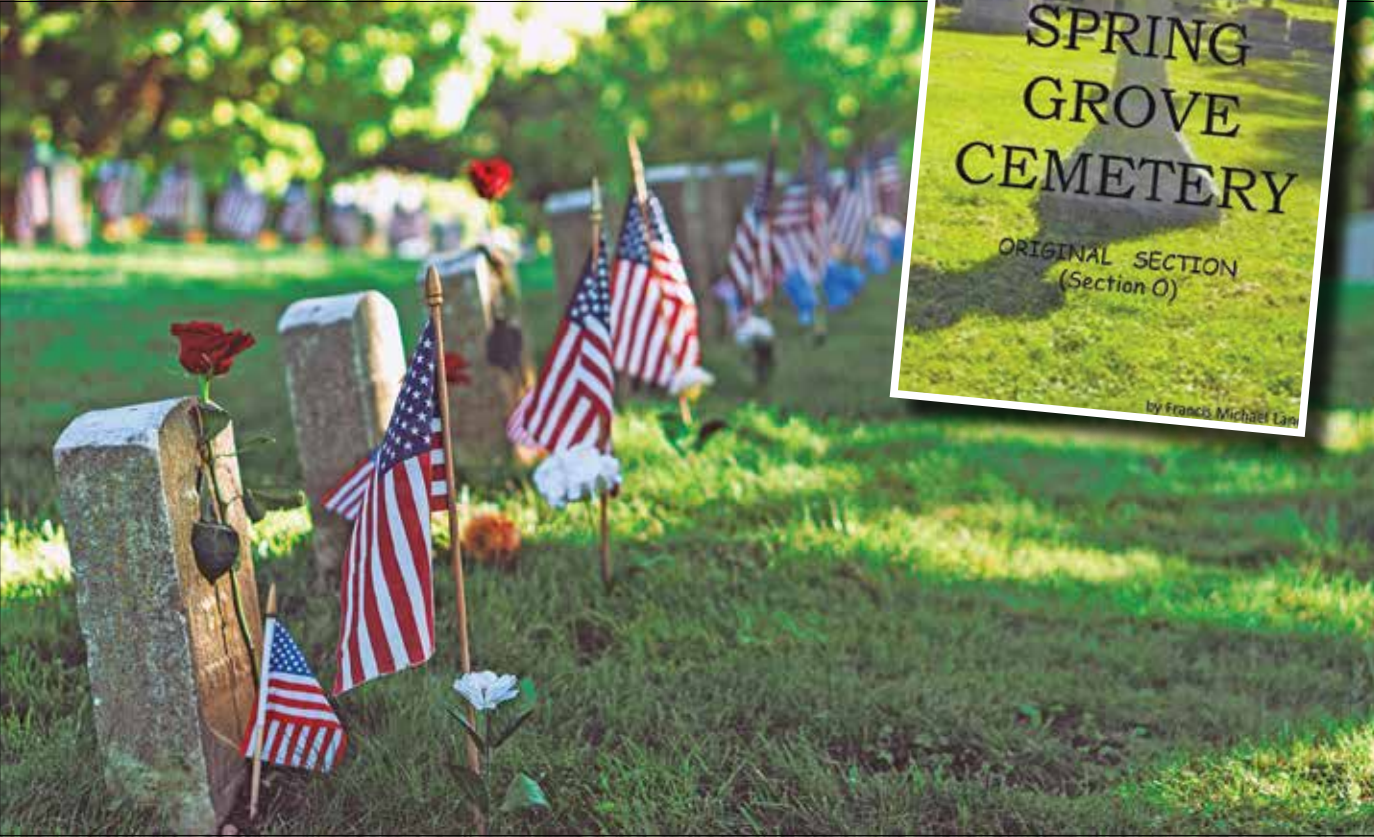
# Honoring *the* fallen



## AREA AUTHOR HELPS RESTORE HISTORICAL GRAVESITE

By **Tracy Ouellette**  
EDITOR

**F**runk Landi, of Delavan, has been writing books on architecture for years. He has written about Frank Lloyd Wright's homes in Delavan and historical homes in Lake Geneva. He is known in the Walworth County area for his historical presentations and can often be found in area libraries speaking on the local architecture. Landi has even taken that passion for local architecture and history to a couple of cemeteries in Delavan – Old Settlers and Spring Grove.



That interest led to a recent, multi-year project to restore a vandalized headstone for a Civil War veteran at Old Settlers Cemetery.

things right for “a veteran who deserves better,” he said.

“I started this project a few years ago and finally finished it a few months ago,” Landi said.

“I wrote a book on the cemeteries in Delavan. There are two historical cemeteries here, a small one in town (Old Settlers) and a larger one on the end of town (Spring Grove),” Landi explained. “When I was doing a survey in the little cemetery, I saw a Civil War veterans’ monument. I found the bottom half of the gravestone still in the ground, I went to the city and asked where all the top halves of the tombstones were stored and they took me to a shed where they had six or seven piles of broken headstones. I asked for help to go through them and they said yes.

Back in 2016, when Landi began researching Delavan cemeteries for his book “Delavan’s Spring Grove Cemetery,” he was alarmed at the number of gravestones that were neglected, deteriorated or vandalized. What really upset Landi was the vandalized gravestone of Civil War veteran Alonzo Chase in the Old Settler’s Cemetery.

“Believe it or not, the headstone I was looking for was found right on the top of one of the piles. I felt like this headstone was sitting there all these years just waiting for me.”

The headstone had been broken into two pieces, with the top half being sheared off.

“The top half of the vandalized gravestone was stored in the city of Delavan’s storage shed for almost 50 years and the bottom half was still in the ground at the grave site,” Landi said.

This particular headstone and its disrepair “touched” Landi and he felt the need to make

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Frank Landi (right) shows examples of damaged headstones at Spring Grove Cemetery on April 17, 2021. Landi along with Wayne Southern (far left) and a few others were planning work days in the spring of that year. Delavan Mayor Ryan Schroeder (center) and the local historical society helped raise money for the cause.

Financial contributors to the gravestone restoration include Charlene Staples (from left) and Pat Blackmer representing Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; Robin Staudt, representing Blooming Prairie Questers of Delavan; Frank Landi and private contributor Terry Yanke.

# Historic Wagon Wheel reopens in Delavan

## Owner wants to return it to a supper club

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
STAFF WRITER

For more than 10 years, the Wagon Wheel, at 2891 Highway O in Delavan, had sat vacant.

New owner Kevin Hibl set out to change that earlier this year.

“I was involved because of the history of the place,” said Hibl, who opened the bar portion of the business again in June. “I just felt it was important to revitalize this property.”

Now known as the H&H Wagon Wheel, the establishment is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Wagon Wheel has quite the local history. Local files show that it started as a one-room schoolhouse built in 1837, The Delavan Territorial School. It maintained that function until about 1923 – and now forms the main part of the restaurant and bar.

Owned by the Applegate family, someone made a suggestion at the end of Prohibition to turn it into a tavern. The bar remains hand-built with imported logs, and over the years, the site has served as a tavern and a supper club, but had closed in 2010.

Hibl said he originally intended to move his real estate office to the property and



**above:** Kevin Hibl is the new owner of the Wagon Wheel, now known as the H&H Wagon Wheel. The former bar and supper club had sat vacant until this summer, when Hibl reopened the lounge portion of the building. **below, left:** H&H Wagon Wheel is at 2891 Highway O in Delavan. **below, right:** The main dining room at the H&H Wagon Wheel, shown here decorated for a Halloween Party, was originally a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1800s.

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maintain the supper club. Right now, he’s dedicated to getting the supper club up and running.

“It’s actually in nice proximity to a

lot of community.” “Since I’ve started, they’ve all said they want this to revitalize and open. I’ve had a lot of positive feedback.”

He said he wanted to return the site to a supper Club venue. That includes traditional Friday fish fry, soup of the day and specials – and of course, Brandy Old Fashioneds. Ribs and prime rib will also eventually be on the menu.

Hibl is working on the property with his son, Patrick, and the two are working to expand the space and the menu.

“We had a perch fry, our first one, Friday night (Nov. 4),” Hibl said. “The shrimp basket has gone over really well.”

Other items include a full appetizer menu – including chicken tenders, mozzarella sticks and cheese curds – as well as sandwiches. More, Hibl said, will be coming as the kitchen ramps up.

While the bar was open in June, it wasn’t until the last month that the restaurant got clearance from state inspectors to open.

Hibl made several renovations, including all-new windows, updated electrical, furnace and air conditioning and new flooring.

“I tried to leave the 100-year-old rooms the same,” he said, adding he did the same with the original 1837 building. He also did extensive refurbishing of equipment, and a second bar in the second dining room – and made the restaurant fully ADA accessible.

So far, the response has been positive. The first 120 days was just the lounge being open, but since the kitchen was opened three weeks ago, the buzz has continued to build.

“I’ve had numerous people come in and say there were here in the past, with family members,” Hibl said. “They’re very excited for the reopening and looking forward to the updated menu.”



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After writing his book in 2018, Landi went back to the cemetery, locating the top of the headstone and then set to work on repairing the monument.

“I took it upon myself to get the stone restored and asked for financing from local civic groups,” Landi said. “I went to a Kenosha monument company for an estimate. Then COVID hit and by the time we got started again, a couple of years later, the cost had doubled. It cost \$2,400 now. Everybody kept asking at the monument place why not go to VA and get a new stone, but I wanted the original one restored.”

So the fundraising picked up and Landi was able to get the restoration paid for this year.

“This man was a Civil War veteran who was in his 30s when he died,” Landi said. “He had four children and was discharged from service for medical reasons and he died shortly after he got home. I thought there should be some respect for him and his service and a new stone wouldn’t have done that properly.”

Both Spring Grove and Old Settlers cemeteries are

maintained by the City of Delavan and with Landi’s project, more efforts to repair damaged headstones is happening.

“Mark Wendorf, the city’s Public Works director, has been working with a group of volunteers who started work on Spring Grove restoring gravestones and as they are finishing those up, they’re going to work on fixing up the headstones at Old Settlers,” Landi said.

### Interest in cemeteries

Landi said his interest in cemeteries and their architecture came after years of researching architecture in the Delavan and Lake Geneva areas and writing multiple books about it.

“Architecture has always had my interest. I wrote about the Frank Lloyd Wright homes in the area, the old homes in Delavan and a book on the Wright hotel in Lake Geneva. I also wrote a book on the history of Delavan Lake,” Landi said.

“When I ran out of ideas for books on architecture I started going to lectures in Chicago on buildings down there and began doing presentations in the libraries. I would find

gravestones of these great architects and include them at the end of my presentations.”

Landi said he went to Italy when he was in his early 70s to study architecture and artwork and visit his parent’s families.

“I visited two fantastic cemeteries in Milan and Genoa City in Italy. People would visit those cemeteries just for the architecture,” Landi recalled.

He said that experience got him thinking about the architecture here and he began researching Delavan’s historical cemeteries.

“That’s what brought me to the gravestone that needed to be fixed,” he said.

With the project finished, Landi said he’s done with gravestone restoration, but encourages others to volunteer at the local cemeteries, as funding for maintenance is low, especially for cemeteries that have been absorbed by local municipalities.

He said preserving history is important and there’s always something to be done.

# Winterfest returns Feb. 1 to 5

## National Snow Sculpting Championship takes center stage at annual event

Lake Geneva is poised to host its 28th annual Winterfest Feb. 1 to 5 featuring the U.S. National Snow Sculpting Championship.

As the only national snow sculpting championship in the United States, Winterfest will welcome some of the most talented and award-winning sculpting teams from across the country to again highlight the annual festival.

Visitors are invited to witness these teams at work during an epic 72-hour round-the-clock competition where their artistry is put to the test in creating remarkable, larger-than-life snow sculptures, according to Visit Lake Geneva.

In addition to the snow sculpting, visitors can enjoy other wintery fun during Winterfest, including a downtown ice sculpture tour, s'mores and bonfires on the beach.

Go to [visitalakegeneva.com](http://visitalakegeneva.com) and search for Winterfest for additional information.

The annual event is hosted by Visit Lake Geneva and the City of Lake Geneva.



Sculptors competing in a previous U.S. National Snow Sculpting Championship as part of Lake Geneva's Winterfest work late into the night to complete their frozen masterpieces.

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# Time to hit the slopes

## AREA SKI HILLS OFFER A VARIETY OF RUNS FOR ALL ABILITIES

Skiing and snowboarding remain popular among outdoor enthusiasts who refuse to be relegated to the couch during the winter months.

For the men, women and children who hit the slopes each winter, the thrill of racing down snow-covered hills is a feeling unlike any other.

The Southern Lakes Area features several ski hills including The Mountain Top at Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Wilmot Mountain Ski Resort and Alpine Valley Resort.

The area also features several opportunities for cross county ski enthusiasts.

Here's a closer look at the area's skiing options:

### The Mountain Top at Grand Geneva

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The Mountain Top has 21 ski runs covering more than 30 acres of downhill ski runs with a 211-foot vertical.

The ski and snowboarding offerings are suitable for all levels, according to staff at The Mountain Top.

Some additional amenities and services offered by The Mountain Top include:

- Skiing and snowboarding all winter long with The Mountain Top's snowmaking capabilities
- Three chairlifts and two carpet lifts.
- Six-acre Terrain Park with dedicated lift.
- Lessons offered by professional ski instructors for kids and adults
- Equipment rentals
- Trolley transportation from guest rooms at Grand Geneva and Timber Ridge Lodge

After a day in the snow, skiers and snowboarders can relax and enjoy a warm fire, hot beverage and food at the Leinenkugel Mountain Top Lodge.

There are a variety of stay and ski packages offered at Grand Geneva.

For hours and lift ticket prices, visit [www.grandgeneva.com](http://www.grandgeneva.com).

### Wilmot Mountain Ski Resort

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The 25 unique runs at Wilmot Mountain offer varied terrain for all skiers and snowboarders; from novices stepping onto the snow for the very first time to experts looking to further push themselves and their sport.

Snowmaking, according to Wilmot General Manager Peter Disch, is a combination of science and an ideal atmosphere.

"While any natural snow is certainly always a plus, making our own snow at Wilmot Mountain really is a science," he said. "Temperatures must be consistently 28 degrees or colder with low humidity's in order for us to make quality snow."

Officials monitor weather conditions closely and develop a snowmaking plan, he said.

Wilmot Mountain reports daily conditions on its website.

"We typically focus our efforts on ski and snowboard terrain once temperatures allow us to make snow early season," said Disch, whose staff then moves its efforts to Wilmot Mountain's tubing hill.

For tubing, Disch said, officials need more snow, considering the ski hill offers 22 carved lanes of snow tubing.

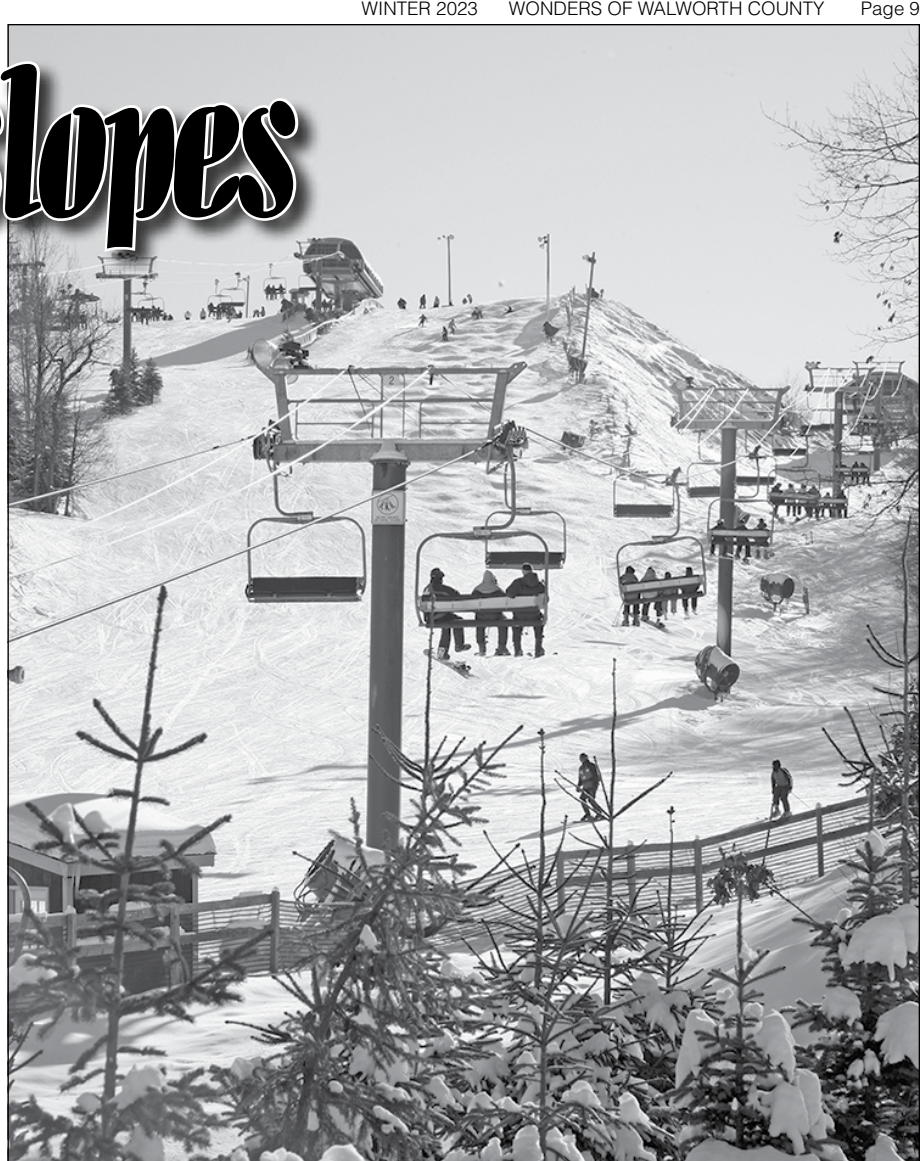
"It takes a lot of snow to open tubing given that we have up to 22 carved lanes of snow tubing. Depth of snow is really important as we carve those lanes," Disch said. "There's also thorough testing of lanes to ensure guest safety. And, obviously, we test the lanes daily."

While Wilmot Mountain guests have differing preferences, tubing is one activity nearly anyone can enjoy.

Tubing, he said, is also beneficial to large groups.

"Anyone can tube because gravity does the work," he said. "And it's a fun thing to do with family and friends. We see many school groups, clubs and organizations that come

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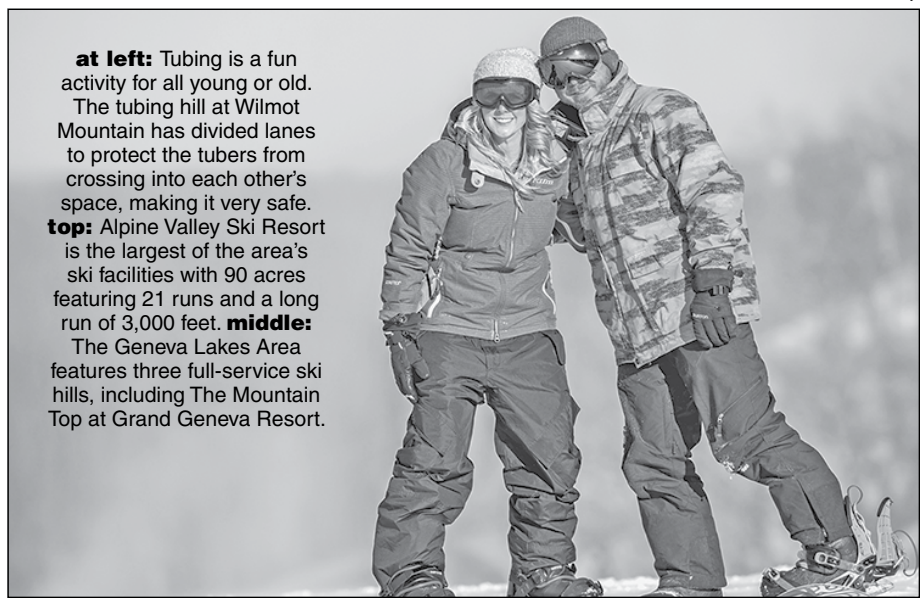
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**at left:** Tubing is a fun activity for all young or old. The tubing hill at Wilmot Mountain has divided lanes to protect the tubers from crossing into each other's space, making it very safe. **top:** Alpine Valley Ski Resort is the largest of the area's ski facilities with 90 acres featuring 21 runs and a long run of 3,000 feet. **middle:** The Geneva Lakes Area features three full-service ski hills, including The Mountain Top at Grand Geneva Resort.

# Getting a blast of the south with Tropical Smoothie

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
STAFF WRITER

With winter weather finally settling into the area, a cool smoothie may not be the first thing someone thinks of for a snack.

And yet, Tropical Smoothie Café in Delavan, at 1807 Geneva St., Suite G, Delavan, opened to a strong following Saturday, Dec. 10.

“It has been very, very favorable,” said District Manager Steve Copeland. “A lot of comments we got were, ‘we heard you were coming, we always run into them in Florida, we’re glad that you’re here.’”

“We had about 30 people standing in line when I opened the doors at 7 a.m. (Dec. 10),” he added.

Tropical Smoothie Café has thousands of franchises around the country after starting in Florida in the 1990s. The franchise was founded in 1997, and has continued to grow since.

Now there are more than 1,100 different locations nationwide, including recently started stores in New Berlin, the west side and University Avenue in Madison and Fitchburg.

Copeland said that by the end of 2023, Tropical Smoothie Café hopes to have 18 sites in southeast Wisconsin – as far north as Mequon, down the lakefront, and west out to Lake Geneva, Janesville and Beloit.

“We’re going to make sure we’re established well, and then start looking north and west,” he explained about the local group, owned by Salem Najjar.

In recent years, smoothies have become a popular treat. Tropical Smoothie Café boasts fresh fruit and fruit juices, as well



Tropical Smoothie Café, at 1807 Geneva St., Suite G, in Delavan, has opened to numerous customers wanting to try out the wide variety of smoothies as well as a lunch and dinner menu.

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as fresh vegetables in its smoothies. Depending on a person’s tastes, there is the Red Sangria Smoothie – spiced apple and pear blend with blueberries, kiwi, pomegranate, white grape juice, orange juice and non-fat yogurt – or a simple Jetty Punch, with is strawberries and banana.

For those looking for a blast of caffeine in their smoothie, there’s Mocha Madness – a mix of chocolate, coffee, Cappuccino

and non-fat yogurt.

Only a handful of the smoothies use the non-fat yogurt, though, which means the rest are ice, juice, fruits and vegetables.

“We’re a little bit more friendly to those lactose intolerant,” Copeland explained.

Supplements can be added to the various smoothies, including collagen, multivitamins, protein powder and more. Customers can also add raw almond, fresh

ginger, chia seeds, ground flaxseed and a spinach and kale supermix.

Smoothies are made with Turbinado, a non-refined raw sugar, and even how much of that goes in a smoothie can be controlled.

“I think it’s just the lifestyle,” Copeland said. “It’s something they can grab, it’s something refreshing, it can quench a thirst, and it’s not something that’s going to lay heavy on you.”

Tropical Smoothie Café offers more than just its smoothies, though. A large variety of flatbreads, wraps, quesadillas, sandwiches and salads are all available, again featured fresh vegetables. Right now, Copeland said his favorite is the Buffalo Chicken Wrap, which is “a little on the spicy side” and one of the top sellers in the store’s opening week.

But there are also vegetarian options, like the hummus veggie wrap. There is a breakfast menu including an All-American wrap of eggs, bacon, cheddar and mozzarella, as well as a peanut banana crunch flatbread and a southwest wrap.

Copeland said the business appears to be a welcome addition to the community, and added that he is looking forward to offering catering programs for lunches and dinners and taking part in area fundraisers and events.

“We’re just happy to be here,” Copeland said. “We couldn’t wait to be open.”

Tropical Smoothie Café is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 262-749-5249.

## Evergreen open outdoors – and in the simulator

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
STAFF WRITER

With temperatures picking back up and no snow on the ground, Evergreen Golf Club has an unusual offering for January – outdoor golf. The Elkhorn golf course, at N6246 Highway 12 in Elkhorn, has its course open because of the lack of snow. In addition, a new winter golf league, played on golf simulators at the golf course, began Jan. 9.

“We’ve been doing this for years, always open when we can be,” said general manager Bill Rogers. “January’s usually a tough month. People really get a kick out of playing year round. People will come out on a lousy day just to say they played in January.”

Outdoor golfing will remain open as long as the course is playable.

“We’ll be open until the next snowfall,” Rogers said. “You never know.”

But for those looking to escape the dreary winter weather, there is the new option of simulated golf as well. Two, 10-foot high simulators were installed in December, allowing people to play a course indoors.

“We put those in Dec. 17,” Rogers said. “Somebody’s played every day.”

Rogers said that the simulators are currently seeing about 3 to 4 reservations per day. An hour costs \$35 Monday through Thursday, and \$45 per hour Friday through Sunday.

Typically, an hour is enough for a person to play 18 holes. However, if multiple people want to share an hour, that is allowed.

“It’s based per hour,” Rogers said. “I don’t care if one, three, four people play. You’re

paying the one rate.”

The decision to bring the golf simulators in was made by owner Nehang Anand, who purchased the property in March 2022. There are two simulators, which are set up side-by-side in the pro shop.

“It requires a 10-foot ceiling, so you’ve got to have a little bit newer of a building,” Rogers said.

A player hits the ball into the screen, and then optical sensors in the floor pick up where and how far the ball will go. The projector screen, which shows the course, then moves to where the ball landed.

The simulator plays like real golf.

“If the club face is open or closed, it goes either left or right, just like real golf,” Rogers said. “Then it calculates how long it takes to reach the screen, which figures out how hard you hit the ball.”

Players then proceed to where the ball landed, and hit a follow-up shot, and putt once the ball is on the green. If more than one player is using the simulator, they follow typical golf rules. There are numerous different scoring options, including best ball, stroke play, scramble play and match play.

“There’s just a lot of things you can do,” Rogers said. Players can also choose to play on a hitting range or on one of 70-plus courses around the world. Like Augusta or Pebble Beach – aren’t available yet, places like Bay Hill in Florida, Bandon Dunes in Oregon and Torrey Pines in San Diego, where the 2021 U.S. Open was played.—

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# Brrrr!

Williams Bay hosted its annual New Year's Day Polar Plunge Jan. 1. Dozens gathered to take the annual run into Geneva Lake at Williams Bay Beach, and then quickly found their way out of the freezing water.

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### Big Foot State Park

1550 S. Lake Shore Drive • Lake Geneva

The park entrance is at 1550 S. Lake Shore Drive, one mile south of the city of Lake Geneva. Vehicle admission sticker is required. Cross country skiing and snowshoeing allowed. Bring own equipment.

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Enjoy cross country skiing over the Gary Player Course. Complimentary ski rental available to Geneva National Resort guests. Trail is open depending on weather and snow accumulation.

### White River County Park

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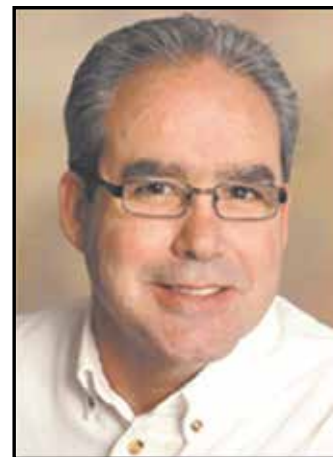
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# Attention: Local Area Home Owners To Get Opportunity of the Year...

## Frustrated Contractor is "Giving Away" \$3,151 Furnaces for \$1,275 with Off-Season Central Air...



**Keith Nissen**  
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**(This is the "Hottest AND Coolest Deal of the Year"  
... especially if your furnace is over 10 years old)**

Yes, it's absolutely true. You can actually replace your old (and probably very inefficient) furnace and air conditioner as a package for at least \$1,876 less than you would have to pay at any other time. Let me explain. Every year, the months of January, February, March and April can "Kill" my business. I end up losing a ton of money during these "Killer" months and it can take me the remaining eight months to make up for them. And I'm looking for the same thing to happen this year.

### **My Problem Is Your Opportunity**

I've decided to give up trying to make a profit during the "killer" months. If I can only minimize my losses during January, February, March and April I will come out ahead in the other eight months. Here's how this (admittedly daring) offer came about. Every year, the big manufacturers of air conditioners have to guess how many to build to meet the demand. Of course, they're never exactly right. So, they always have some inventory they must hold over until the next summer season. I went to one of my distributors and they allocated 66 premier air conditioners and furnaces. And, because of the quantity and time of year, I was able to buy them at drastically reduced, dirt cheap, out-of-season prices. They are brand new 2022 models. And they are NOT the seconds or "blems" or standard "builder" models. They are factory-fresh, premier air conditioners and furnaces and have a full factory warranty.

### **Here's How You Can Get A Furnace For Peanuts**

By putting this furnace and air conditioner package together (then "Jaw-Boning" the distributor) and committing to a do-or-die purchase agreement of these systems, I was able to buy both the furnace and the air conditioner for less than anyone should have a right to pay! So, if you buy one of these normal new, premier air conditioners, I am "giving" you the furnace and all I ask for is the \$1,275 it costs to have your furnace installed.

### **Here's How**

Just call me at 262-248-2103 anytime. We will come out and measure your home (and determine the availability of the proper size). Don't forget, I only have a limited amount of matched systems. When they are gone, this remarkable offer ends also. I will show you the real world price on the air conditioner that fits your home. Then, I will show you the substantial savings now. And it will include all labor and installation materials. Nothing is left out.

### **The Concept Is Simple Really**

By letting you win big now, I will win at the end of the year. I'm betting that if I make you an offer that is "irresistible" (at least it should be if your furnace or air conditioner is over 10 years old) and I barely mark it up above the price I paid, I will accomplish two things:

1. I will cover my rent, utilities, insurance and taxes in the "killer" months.
2. I can pay my professional staff and technicians to work instead of paying them to sit at home.

If I can accomplish these two objectives, I will minimize my losses and the rest of the year, I can be a winner.

### **No Obligation**

Even after I completely explain the installation, there is absolutely no obligation. If you decide you don't want to take advantage of the

spectacular savings... that's okay. I will give you a surprise gift worth \$60 because you are kind enough to read this ad and give me a chance to solve my problem. I want you to think well of Master Services Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, even if you don't buy.

### **You Can Buy With NO Cash**

You don't even have to pay me right away. I have set up a bank rate financing plan. Consider this. If you decide to make monthly investments instead of paying cash the entire amount of your payments might be more than offset by the savings on your utility bills. It's like "having your cake and eating it too".

### **Ironclad Guarantee**

I'm so confident that you will save at least 25% on your cooling and heating bills (I'm projecting more like 35% +), that I will pay you Double The Difference for two years if you don't! I'll show you exactly how this works. There is no way you can lose. Your lower utility bills will help you save big. And I will even double your savings if you save less than 25%. If these premier systems were not among the best on the market, I couldn't afford to make such a promise.

### **Why This Offer Can't Last**

You must act before April 15th. Here are two reasons why.

1. I only have a limited amount of pieces of equipment. When all of the air conditioners are sold and all the furnaces are "given" away, that's it. There are no more at this price.
2. If I have any of these systems that are left on April 15th (although I doubt I will), this offer still ends. Here's why. The only reason I am making this virtually no-profit (for me) offer is because of the "killer months". My business always picks up about May first. Since these furnaces cost me so little, I can sell them at last years prices next November and December and still come out ahead. Give me a call now at 248-2103 and I will set an appointment for your no-obligation survey.



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