

Water becomes the center of attention when the temperature climbs because of the cooling relief it can provide. Making a day of splashing through sprinklers, swimming laps in a pool or horsing around with friends at a waterpark is part of the summertime experience.

Even though most people equate summer fun with ocean escapes, those who do not live close to the coast often turn to other bodies of water to cool off and chill out. Lakes can be great places to spend summer afternoons and evenings. Discover how to make time at the lake even more fun with these ideas.

FISHING

Cast your line right into the lake and

take a shot at catching some fish. Bass, trout, perch, and pike may be interested in the bait hanging off of your hook. Be sure to check local fish and game ordinances to see if you need a license for fishing for the season, as well as the recreational size limits, possession limits and fishing seasons if you plan on keeping your catch.

TUBING

Although tubing is often enjoyed on rivers where the rapids carry people along from a starting point to the end, those who desire a more relaxing day may opt for tubing on a lake. Tie several tubes together and create a fleet of friends or family floating leisurely under the sun. With the

addition of a floating cooler full of drinks and snacks, you can stay out on the lake for

WATER SPORTS

Water sports and lakes often go hand-inhand. Certain water activities are easier on the calm waters of a lake than in the waves and swells of an ocean and particularly for beginners. Canoes and kayaks are one- or two-passenger vessels that can be launched from just about anywhere. They make areas of the lake explorable that may not be accessible to large boats. Plus they require no fuel other than the power of rowing. If you prefer more speed, personal water craft like jet skis may be used on lakes in certain areas. Waterskiing or wakeboarding behind powerboats are some additional options for thrill-seekers.

LAKESIDE CUISINE

If you're lucky to have a lodge or restaurant dockside, you can enjoy a delicious meal overlooking a sunset on the lake. Time in or on the water can build up an appetite, which can be satiated by a meal while you listen to the water lap against the shoreline.

(METRO CREATIVE)

Days at the lake can be memorable ways to spend summer vacations.

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Black Point Estate offers a glimpse into a bygone era

By **Sandra Landen Macha**j

CORRESPONDENT

isitors to Black Point, the summer cottage of Chicago beer baron Conrad Seipp and his second wife, Catharina, and their children, arrive just as visitors to Black Point did back in the 1800s and 1900s – by boat. They then climb the more than 100 stairs to the house.

While visitors back then arrived by the Sepp's private launch, to enjoy time at the cottage, today visitors arrive on a Gage Boat Lines boat, usually the Geneva, after having toured a large portion of Geneva Lake.

On the cruise, they enjoy the stories of the wealthy Chicagoans who built lavish summer cottages along the shores of Geneva Lake to escape from the hot, dirty air of the city. These cottages can be more correctly described as mansions, since many were as large, or larger, than their mansions in Chicago.

When Black Point comes into view, a large, three-story Victorian mansion in the Queen Anne style with a large turret set high on the shore, visitors are often overwhelmed by its beauty. Built in 1888, Conrad was only able to enjoy this summer cottage for two years as he passed away in 1890. His family would continue to enjoy and care for this property until 2005.

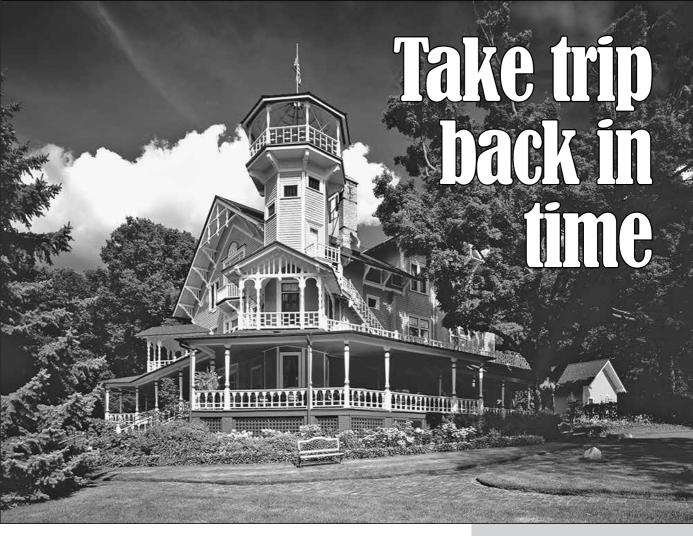
Catharina continued to bring the family up each summer. They would spend the entire summer at Black Point enjoying the fresh outdoor air, the lake and the home.

While it was a summer home, a place to relax and enjoy, Catharina kept the children busy. They had a tutor brought in who gave them lessons each day in subjects such as Latin, German and the sciences according to the book "The Black Point Legacy," published by the Black Point Historic Preserve, Inc. Everyone had chores to complete before being allowed to swim, boat, and play with siblings and friends.

Who was Conrad Seipp?

Who was Conrad Seipp and how was the Seipp family able to afford to build and

maintain this summer home?
"Conrad Seipp was one of the largest



beer barons in Chicago," Black Point Estate Site Coordinator Dave Desimone said. "He came to America as an immigrant from Germany and worked hard to build his dream. He became among the most successful brewers, fifth in the United States."

The Seipp brewery survived the Chicago fire, in part because they had earlier had a fire and rebuilt the brewery out of brick and in part because he was far enough south to avoid the fire. The brewery continued to grow until prohibition, when, like many breweries, it was shut down.

"This year, Lauren Mack, a great-, great-, great-, great-granddaughter of Conrad Seipp has started making beer under the Seipp label," Desimone said. "We have the Seipp's beer on site for sale in the gift shop only to be consumed on site."

After a visit to Kaye's Park, a popular upscale resort on Geneva Lake, Seipp knew he had found the place to build his summer home. He purchased a bluff on the south shore of the lake known as Warwick Park and there he built his summer home.

Construction on the lake

To build the house, all materials had to be shipped to Williams Bay, transported by boat to the building site and hoisted to the top of the bluff. Building the 17-room house was a massive job.

The first floor contained the public rooms. A dining room which could seat up to 40 at a time was usually full at meal times as the Seipp family enjoyed sharing their summer home with family and friends. Meals were served in formal style and visitors dressed for dinner. Interesting since the home was built without a kitchen. The kitchen was a separate building where the staff cooked the elaborate meals served here.

The other rooms on the main floor were a formal living or greeting room, a pool room, and the music room. Music was part of the daily evening activity and several of the Seipp children were accomplished musicians. After dinner the entire Sepp's family would retreat to the music room and participate in playing and singing.

The second and third floor contained the bedrooms – 13 of them. Some had two beds so more guests could be accommodated. There was one bathroom, located on the second floor that it was believed was used primarily by the older women. Chamber pots were used in these early days.

The home was truly meant to be a summer cottage and did not have a

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above: The Black Point Estate features balconies and a tower. Custom stained glass windows along the tower to let in some light as visitors climb to the top.

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on the cover: The Lake Geneva Shore Path offers stunning views of Geneva Lake along its 26-mile stretch.

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full-house heating system. There were fireplaces throughout the home to help take out the chill on cool fall days. A coal stove was occasionally used to heat the second floor. The home was used through mid-October then shut down for the winter and the family returned to Chicago.

The most impressive part of the home, both from the outside and the inside, is the turret. It was impressive when viewed from across the lake and even more so up close. From the turret there was an unobstructed view of the entire lake from above the tree line. At the top of the turret the American Flag would fly from the time the family arrived until they left in October to return to Chicago.

Visiting the estate

The majority of visitors to Black Point arrive by boat. Partnering with the Gage Boat Lines, visitors board the Geneva in downtown Lake Geneva, and enjoy a 45 minute tour of Geneva Lake while they learn of the history of the Lake and the summer cottages that were built by the wealthy Chicagoans who made Lake Geneva their summer destinations.

After arriving at Black Point just as the Seipp family did, they climb the more tha 100 stairs from the pier up to the house. Here they are greeted on the wraparound porch with its view of the lake and are met by a docent who shares the history of the Seipp family and of the beautiful home.

top right: Arriving at Black Point by boat, passengers disembark and begin the walk and climb of more than 100 steps up to the Black Point summer cottage. middle: The formal dining room at Black Point is set ready for dinner. Family dinners were served here nightly. bottom: The main living room at Black Point as it looked when the Seipp family made their home here.

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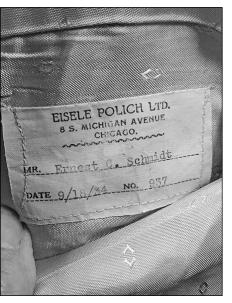
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right: This purple jacket with its fine detailing was very stylish and on display at Black Point. left: Much of the high-end clothing archived at Black Point Estate includes the label of whom it was made for and who made it. The date it was made is also included on this label.

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Visitors are then taken on a tour of the first two floors of the home. The first floor consists of the public rooms, the billiard room, the music room, the formal living room, and the formal dining room. On the second floor they will view some of the family and guest bedrooms.

Outside the beautifully landscaped gardens will be enjoyed. The lintel from the old brewery is on display on the garden. It has recently been reset to better enjoy, with new plantings surrounding it.

Upon completion of the tour, the boat will return you back to the Lake Geneva docks. The entire tour takes about 3.5 hours and is recommended for those older than 12 years of age.

Order tickets at www.cruise lakegeneva. com. Cruises are held throughout the summer at 10:30 a.m. daily with an additional cruise on weekends at 12:30 p.m. Price is \$49 for adults.

Special programs

"Our goal is to continue to encourage people to come and enjoy Black Point, not just for one visit but to return and learn more about it. Each time one visits, they discover things they didn't notice before," Desimone said. "To encourage people to visit more we also offer a number of special events held on site. These include two separate beer programs."

Summer on the Veranda programs include two separate beer programs. The Spectrum of Beer studies the variety of beers from light to dark, or from Pilsners to Stout. Only 20 people are included in each program. It is held three times each summer. This year's dates are June 22, July 20 and Aug. 17. Tickets may be purchased on the Black Point website.

The other beer program is a boat program, Beer Barons of Lake Geneva, which must be booked through www.

cruiselakegeneva.com.

There are three dates this year, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 12. They will share the history of the beer barons from the area

Summer on the Veranda will also include a visit by renowned author, Agatha Christie, as portrayed by local actress and historian, Chris Brookes. Tickets may be purchased on the Black Point website.

Are you interested in Paranormal Parlor Games? This event will be another event of the Summer on the Veranda events. Joe Diamond will share paranormal adventures and Victorian Spiritualism. Tickets can be purchased on the Black Point website.

Open to the public

While taking a boat tour around the lake, the beauty of all the beautiful summer homes is impressive. Unfortunately, they can only be viewed from the boat, except for Black Point.

For four generations, the descendants of Conrad and Catharina Seipp owned, maintained, and enjoyed the property and way of life.

In 2005 that all changed when William O. Petersen, great-grandson of Conrad Seipp turned over the title to the house, all of its furnishings, along with 8 acres of land and 620 feet of lake frontage to the state tourism secretary with the understanding that the home would be used as a museum. There is a limited conditional use permit which only allows 50 guests at a time.

The home provides a unique look into life at Black Point not just in the late 1800s but throughout the years the Seipp family and their descendants made this their summer home, the only summer cottage of the era that is open to the public to tour.

"Our goal is to increase the number of people who are able to visit and learn more about Black Point," Desimone said. "The



The billiard room on the first floor at the Black Point Estate was a favorite family and guest gathering place.

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house was turned over to the Wisconsin State Historical Society in 2013 and we have increased the number of visitors from 3,000 a year to the current 10,000 yearly by becoming more involved in local community partnerships. We are sponsoring not only tours here at Black Point but partnering with local hosts for programs."

These partnerships include a movie series with the Lake Geneva Library which Desimone attends, tours of the local cemetery, the downtown Lake Geneva Historic District, known as Maple Park, and a winter book club which are held offsite.

This May, in conjunction with the Geneva Lake Museum, there will be a display of some of the clothing owned and worn by members of the Seipp family and on loan to the museum.

Fundraiser set

A special fundraiser is planned for Thursday, June 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the

Geneva Lake Museum, 255 Mill St. Lake Geneva. "The Gilded Age Clothes and the Stories They Tell" will be hosted by the Geneva Lake Museum, Black Point Estates and Gardens and the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra.

Step back in time and enjoy a summer evening of elegant entertainment by the string quartet of Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra while enjoying wine, Sepp's beer, soft drinks and water. Light bites will be provided by Tarts and Truffles. Purchase tickets from Geneva Lake Museum 262-248-6060. Cost is \$65.

Caring for a property as large and varied as Black Point requires much maintenance and expense. According to Dave Desimone, they have a long-term plan in place to keep the building and grounds in excellent

"We will never be done taking care of

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the property. Currently we are continuing to restore and improve the gardens including expanding these gardens. Fortunately, there is an endowment for the landscape. We continue to improve them with an eye to easier maintenance," DeSimone said. "And we appreciate the volunteers who help keep the gardens in shape."

He went on to share that both interior and exterior maintenance are ongoing concerns.

"We will need to restore rotted wood, probably next year. The goal will be to restore the home while keeping to the original look as much as possible," Desimone added.

The third stage will be a longer-term project, the restoration of the interior. Because of the historic status of the house and its age, they will probably start with a comprehensive Historic Structure Report. This will determine what needs

to be repaired or replaced. Then of course funding will have to be obtained. Cost will determine where they will begin and how much can be accomplished at one time.

Black Point is a unique look into history. Unlike many museums that focus on one time period, Black Point is a story of the life of the home. It does not focus on one period of time but moves through the time and changes of the home through the years of the family's tenure. It was a wonderful gift from the Seipp Family to not only donate the home to the Historical Society but to donate it intact giving future generations a look at life at Black Point through the years.

Visit Black Point this summer and enjoy all it has to offer. Visit www. cruiselakegeneva.com for tours and prices or visit www.wisconsinhistory.org for more information about the museum and its outreach programs.

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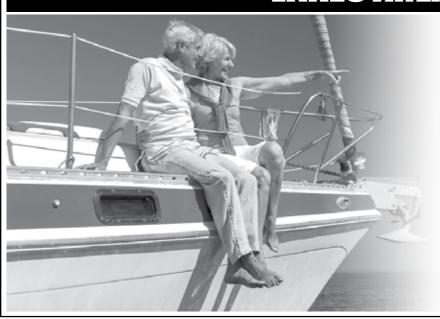


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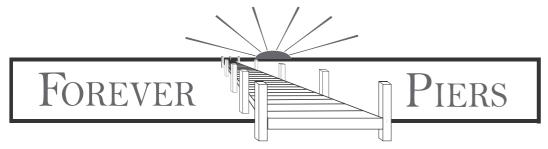
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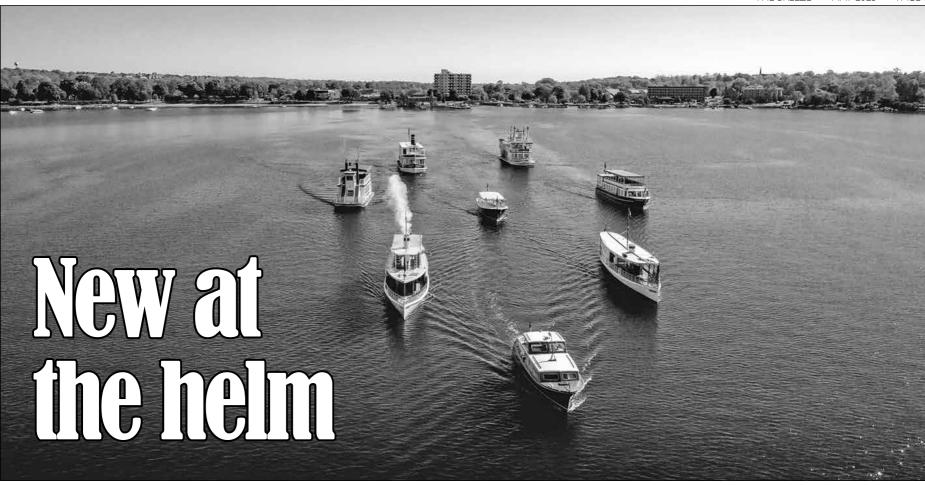


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Area cruise line appoints new general manager

By **Jason Arndt**

STAFF WRITER

As a college student, Ellen Burling spent summers working at Lake Geneva Cruise Line, ranging from ticket taker, tour guide and mail boat jumper.

"I was 19 when I started there. Between my freshman and sophomore year of college, I was hired and worked in the ticket office and as a tour guide to start with," Burling recalled. "Then the big was story was I wanted to be a mail jumper and the first year I was an alternate.'

In the second year, she experienced a sprained ankle, but she continued her loyalty to Lake Geneva Cruise by working in the office.

Now 40 years later, Burling in spring earned a promotion to general manager from assistant general manager.

For Burling, it was only a matter of time, considering her predecessor was set to retire after more than 30 years of service.

The discussions, she said, began last

Burling, meanwhile, said in a news release that the promotion carries high



Ellen Burling

importance since she has been part of Lake Geneva Cruise Line for most of her life.

"Being part of the Gage family of businesses and leading the cruise line division is something I have been a part of for more than half of my life," Burling said. "I look

forward to continuing the legacy and bringing some new ideas to

the role. Lake Geneva Cruise Line, founded in 1873, was purchased by the Gage family in 1958 and has continued to offer narrated boat tours, meal cruises as well as private parties, weddings, and corporate events.

Bill Gage, third-generation owner of parent company Gage Marine Corporation, believes Burling's promotion was well deserved since she has shown a stellar work ethic since she began as a young college

"Ellen's hard work and loyalty to the company over the past 40 years has been outstanding," Gage said in a news release. "Over the years moving from mail jumper to general manager shows her dedication and passion for this company. This promotion is well deserved, and we are excited to see what she does next."

Burling said Lake Geneva Cruise Line

looks to bolster its staffing levels, including new captains to guide tour boats, with a look the future.

"We have quite a few new staff this year, we are kind of hoping to increase the number of captains that we have because some of them have been there many, many years," she said. "Not that we want them to leave us at all, but we know at some point they will. A couple of them were my grade school teachers and I am almost 60.'

FAMILY AFFAIR

Burling, married to Eric and mother to three adult children, said the entire family has worked or is currently working at Lake Geneva Cruise Line.

Sons Ben, who graduated from Burlington High School in 2011, and Brad, a 2015 BHS graduate, as well as daughter Jessa have worked in multiple capacities for Lake Geneva Cruise Line.

As for Eric, who recently retired as principal at Burlington High School, he works part-time at Gage Marine serving in maintenance and valet services.

"My whole family has worked at the cruise line over the years," Burling said.

Burling attributes a strong staff for her loyalty to Lake Geneva Cruise Line.

"I think what has kept me here for so long is the staff," Burling said. "We have so many people who have been here 20 plus years, so I have really grown yup with a lot of these people. We also have an influx of

young people."

Burling said Lake Geneva Cruise Line recently interviewed 25 to 30 people of all ages for various positions with the company.

While the cruise line has seen an influx, the family environment has remained the same, according to Burling.

"It is very much like a family," she said. Lake Geneva Cruise Line, according to multiple sources, serves as one of the top attractions in Lake Geneva.

The cruise line offers a Geneva Bay Tour, Full Lake Tour, US Mailboat Tour, Black Point Estates Tour, Ice Cream Social Tour; cocktail, Sunday brunch buffet cruises, supper club dinner cruise, Jazz dinner cruise, special tours, among a series of other options.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line carries a fleet consisting of eight classic boats, including Lady of the Lake, Grand Belle of Geneva, Walworth, Duchess, Steam Yacht Louise, Polaris, Geneva, Lorelei as well as Pier 290.

All boats and locations each carry unique qualities and their own unique history, according to the company website.

For more information, visit cruiselakegeneva.com.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line boasts multiple boats in its fleet designed for touring Geneva Lake. The cruise line offers a variety of tours, cruises, and other features.

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left: Fishing has fans of all ages and abilities. The family friendly activity is a great way to strengthen relationships.**above:** Boating in Wisconsin starts in spring and doesn't wrap up until fall. **top:** Swimming on local lakes is a great way to cool off on a hot summer's day.



fishing this year:

GET THEM ON GOOD BITES

The number one thing you can do to hook a kid on fishing, says legendary angler Al Lindner, is to get lots of bites for your child. "Taking kids fishing between the ages of 8 and 12 years old is a critical time. Try to get them on good bites. Their attention span is short. You will quickly know if fishing will be a part of their life in the future. They are either going to like it or not. But they have to get bites. I can't say how important that is. You gotta get 'em on a bite."

START THEM ON BLUEGILLS AND SUNNIES

The easiest bites tend to be panfish bluegills, sunfish and bream. As your kids watch you catch bass, walleye and other gamefish, they'll want new challenges. Keep a panfish pliers handy to remove hooks from small panfish.

A SMALL FISH CAN BE A MONSTER FISH!

To a child, a small sunny can be a trophy. Don't downplay a small fish. Every fish caught is a huge accomplishment.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Start your kid fishing with a single hook. They're much easier to remove from fish. It could be a hook and a bobber or a

single hook soft bait, such as the Storm 360GT Searchbait. As your kids get more experience, let them graduate to a lure such as an Original Floating Rapala.

BRING THE SNACKS

Whatever your kids like for snacks, such as chips, cookies or fruit chewies, bring them! You're sure to work up an appetite catching all those fish. And don't forget the wipes for sticky, slimy little hands.

CREATE TRADITIONS

One of the best things about fishing with a kid is creating little traditions to which they can look forward in the future. For example, stopping for a donut on the way to the lake, or giving fish pins whenever your kid catches a new species.

BRING A FRIEND

If your child has a good friend, invite them along on the fun, too. That kid may turn into a lifetime fishing buddy for your

TAKE PICTURES

Don't limit yourself to just fish photos! Take photos of the entire experience stopping for donuts on the way to the water, eating snacks, collecting rocks or seashells, feeding the ducks. Turn your photos

into a photo book or create a slide show with music that the kids can watch later. When fish are caught make sure the most important people in your kid's life see their fish photos.

KEEP IT SHORT

With younger kids, especially, avoid overdoing it. Start out with short trips - a couple hours at most, and if the fish just don't seem to be cooperating, cut it short and go have an ice cream cone. Gradually increase your time out on the water and trying different types of fishing approaches, such as fishing with soft baits or trolling with crankbaits.

WATCH THE WEATHER

Sometimes the weather doesn't always cooperate. You may think the fishing is best on an overcast, windy day, but that may not be the case for kids. Instead, watch the weather and choose a warm, clear day and get out early when the fish are most likely to bite.

BRING A LIFE JACKET

It only takes a second and you may find a kid in the water. When on a boat, kids should always wear a life jacket that fits properly (in many states, it's the law). Use caution when fishing from docks, piers and shorelines, too.

AVOID SUNBURN

Make sure your kid is wearing a comfortable fishing cap and together, apply your sunscreen to ears, noses and other exposed skin.

HANDLE FISH GENTLY

Fish are slimy, prickly and wiggly. With young kids, adults should handle fish at first and let kids gently "pet" them before they're released. As they become more experienced, show kids how to carefully land, hold and release their catches.

FISH WITH TOPWATER

Watching a fish explode on the surface for a lure gives young anglers an exciting visual that will keep them coming back for more. An X-Rap Pop or Skitter Pop are amazing baits to throw from shore or the dock for heart-stopping topwater action.

KEEP A FEW

If your kids want to try eating fish, keep a few fish and cook them up. Don't make an entire meal out of it though, as eating fish is an acquired taste. Use a trusty batter recipe and serve with French fries.



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Saturday, July 22 | 7:30 p.m. The Guess Who

Legendary Canadian band **The Guess Who** enjoyed charttopping hits in the late 1960s and early 1970s with an impressive

catalogue of songs, including "American Woman," "These Eyes," and "No Time." The band has released 11 studio albums, and charted 14 Top 40 hit singles.



Saturday, July 29 | 7:30 p.m. BritBeat

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