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Lake Lawn Resort welcomes back summer

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"Summer is going to be filled with lakeside activities, great golf, and exceptional food and beverage, with beautiful Delavan Lake as the backdrop," said Dave Sekeres, general manager of Lake Lawn Resort. "Guests can rent a private pontoon, speed boat, or enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Lake Lawn Queen and Princess tour boats. They can eat breakfast overlooking Delavan Lake, relax

at the spa, join a local wine tour or play a round of golf. Of course, there is always the option to do it all, as there are endless activities planned for the entire summer."

Lake Lawn Resort is a historical, full-service getaway destination nestled between two miles of the Delavan Lake shoreline and 250 wooded acres. With 271 guest rooms, three restaurants, a spa, and two outdoor pools and one indoor pool, guests can design their own lakeside summer vacations. Some of Lake Lawn Resort's seasonal activities include:

Wine dinner cruises

Wine dinner cruises on the Lake Lawn Queen are scheduled for July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 14 (weather permitting).

Guests are invited to step aboard and enjoy a sunset tour of Delavan Lake while

indulging in a three-course meal expertly crafted by in-house Chef, John Billings, and paired with wines from specialty vineyards from around the world.

Lake tours

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.

Fireworks tour

The Lake Lawn Queen Fireworks Tour takes place on Saturday, June 25. The three-hour tour will take a journey around the

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above: A group heads out for a day of golf on the Majestic Oaks Golf Course at Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan.

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lake with a beautiful sunset building up to the Town of Delavan's annual fireworks show lighting up the sky right after dusk. Admission includes two drinks with additional cocktails available for purchase.

Independence Day luau

Independence Day Celebrations and a Luau Pig Roast will take place on Sunday, July 3, and will feature a Hawaiian-inspired buffet-style feast, lawn games, and live entertainment by Michael Drake & the No Tan Lines Band.

Cars that Time Forgot

The Cars Time Forgot annual car show hosted by the Delavan Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is taking place at the Lake Lawn Airport, Sunday, July 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event features more than 1,000 classic cars for attendees to view and photograph.

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.

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- 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.

About the resort

Lake Lawn Resort occupies 2 miles of Delavan Lake's shoreline, and is the ultimate year-round destination for leisure travel, meetings, retreats, weddings and events.

Lake Lawn Resort is set on more than 250-acres of natural lakeside beauty. Property features include the Majestic Oaks Golf Course, an 18-hole championship golf course; three onsite restaurants; 165-slip, full-service marina; a 76-foot tour boat, the Lake Lawn Queen; boat and water sports rentals; three pools; a retail outlet; fitness center; Calladora Spa, and 32,000-square feet of adaptable and flexible meeting space in 22 meeting rooms; along with 271 spacious, guest rooms.

above: Watersports, including kayaking, are popular summertime activities at Lake Lawn Resort on Delavan Lake.
opposite: Lake Lawn Resort has a rich history. It offers a full line up of summer events, including wine dinner cruises on the Lake Lawn Queen (seen on the right), boat tours, golf outings, barbecues and more.

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A centennial celebration

Planning underway for Booth Lake Memorial Park's 100th anniversary in August

By **Dave Fidlin**
CORRESPONDENT

It all began with a simple gesture – honoring the veterans who served in World War I – and came together with collaboration, a forward-thinking mindset and robust public support.

The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

While so much has undeniably changed in the past century, the fundamental building blocks of Booth Lake Memorial Park remain much the same today as they were in the green space's earliest years.

This summer, the Booth Lake Memorial Park Board and a bevy of municipal officials and organizations are banding together to pay homage to a site that has brought together countless people from multiple generations.

Booth Lake Memorial Park came to be when leaders in the towns of Troy and East Troy, as well as the



Booth Lake Memorial Park in East Troy is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022. The park is a popular spot for families to cool off with a swim on a hot summer day.

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Save the date!

Booth Lake Memorial Park will host a centennial celebration in August. A multitude of festivities begin Friday, Aug. 5, from 3 to 9 p.m., and continue Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The park board is encouraging any persons that have photos of their time spent enjoying the park be emailed to clerktreas@townoftroy.com or call the clerk's office at 262-642-5292.



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Village of East Troy, worked in unison to acquire four lots – 10, 11, 12 and 13 – in the Hultquists subdivision for \$8,000. The site was named after owner Carl E. Hultquist.

A register of deeds filed in Walworth County on Aug. 22, 1922, sums up the mission statement behind Booth Lake Memorial Park. The deed stated the park is “to be used as a site for a building and other memorial in honor of the soldiers, sailors and marines, residents of the towns who served in the late war against Germany.”

“The park has been one heck of a jewel for the community,” Town of Troy Board Chairman John Kendall said. “It’s the only park in the state of Wisconsin that’s owned by three municipalities. The foresight of the community leaders back in 1921 was unbelievable.”

For Kendall, the 100-year milestone is close to the vest. He has a number of family members who served in the military, and he also recalls how the park helped him at a challenging time in his youth.

“The reason I’m so passionate about this park is because I got hit by a car in 1961, right by the park,” Kendall, a lifelong Town of Troy resident, said. “I was paralyzed on my left side. I flew up in the air and landed on my head on the side of the road.”

Kendall, who also serves as chairperson of the park board, said his prognosis as an 11-year-old was uncertain, at best. But he overcame the odds with perseverance and hard work – and assistance from the majestic body of water that people have enjoyed over the decades.

“When I got out of the hospital ... I was at that lake everyday, doing my rehab,” Kendall said. “That lake is very special to me.”

Booth Lake Memorial Park is an anomaly in Wisconsin because three municipalities jointly own it. Typically, a public green space in Wisconsin is operated by a singular governing entity – usually a municipality or the county.

The park board that makes all of the pivotal decisions about Booth Lake Memorial Park has representation from all three municipalities.

While much of the original spirit behind the park remains intact today, the park board has

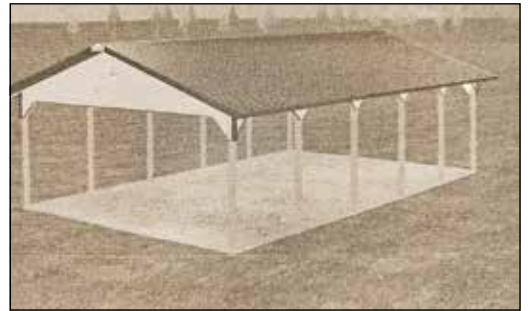


left: The beach at Booth Lake Memorial Park is busy during warm days in the summer. **right:** Memorial Park on Booth Lake is owned jointly by the Town of Troy, the Town of East Troy and the Village of East Troy and is managed by a park board with representatives from all three municipalities.

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left: Swimming is a favorite pastime on Booth Lake and Memorial Park has a beach for residents. **right:** Tri-Troy VFW Post No. 7501 is in the process of constructing a third pavilion at Booth Lake Memorial Park.



left: High demand for pavilion space at Memorial Park on Booth Lake is evident with the “lottery” each year for residents to reserve space at the two existing pavilions. **right:** The Tri-Troy VFW post is donating the construction of a new, 30-by-50-foot, open-air pavilion at the park.

made pivotal decisions in the past.

In its first 50-plus years of existence, anyone could visit Booth Lake Memorial Park and enjoy its amenities. In more recent decades, however, the site has only been available to residents within the three communities.

Kendall said the decision to limit access was reached out of necessity – as population grew throughout the area, the “come one, come all” thinking was deemed untenable.

Adding a third pavilion

David Picchi, quartermaster of Tri-Troy VFW Post No. 7501, said he is astutely aware of how in-demand the park is. The pair of pavilions within the park have been so popular that residents

annually seek out rental space at one of the two venues through the use of random playing cards.

Picchi and others within Post No. 7501 are hoping to alleviate some of the demand in the park’s 100th year. The organization is funding work on a third pavilion, and the project is underway.

“We figured this was a great way to add to the availability with an extra pavilion, to meet the community’s needs,” Picchi said.

“We wanted to do something to give back to the community, which has done so well in supporting us,” he added.

Local resident Billie B. Gray bequeathed the local VFW chapter funds upon his passing. The donation will cover all of the costs – about \$70,000 – associated with the 30-by-50-

foot, open-air pavilion, which will have a steel roof.

“Sitting on a pile of money is no good to us,” Picchi said. “The membership got together ... and figured out what it was we could do. (Gray’s) generosity continues to be felt long after his passing.”

While the upcoming celebration, which is open to everyone – resident or not – is a great way to pay homage to the foresight municipal leaders displayed a century ago, Kendall said he sees a dual purpose behind the program as well.

“We definitely need to thank our veterans,” Kendall said. “We wouldn’t be where we are today without our vets. It’s just an important thing that we need to do. We need to acknowledge it and enjoy a park that reminds us what freedom is all about.”



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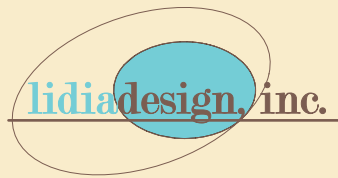
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Stunt shows on the water

AREA WATERSKI SHOWS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES

By **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

The Southern Lakes Area comes by its moniker for good reason. The multitude of lakes and rivers provide residents and visitors the chance to enjoy fishing, boating and watersports during the summer months.

For many, sitting along the shore to watch the local, award-winning waterski team exhibitions are a favorite activity. From the Burlington Aquaducks to the Twin Lakes Aquanuts to the Southern Wakes United Water Ski Team in Walworth County, there's no shortage of performances on area lakes.

Waterskiing was invented by Ralph Willard Samuelson of Lake City, Minnesota, in 1922. One-hundred years ago, Samuelson strapped wooden boards to the bottom of his feet, used a clothesline as a towrope attached to a boat, and attempted to travel across the water on Lake Pepin. He experimented with various sizes of boards and tried many different positions on the "skis" before successfully navigating Lake Pepin's waters and inventing a new sport.

Since then waterskiing has grown from a fledgling activity to a top-line competitive sport with worldwide competitions. Individual waterskiing teams compete in local, state and national levels. Sometimes, as they progress, they even compete in international competitions.

Local teams, including the Aquanuts, Aquaducks and the Southern Wakes United, have been very successful in competition at all levels.

Check the schedule of the team close by, gather family or friends, a folding chair or a blanket and make head out to the waterfront to take in a show. The whole group will enjoy watching the skill and gracefulness of the skiers.

The local teams present shows at their home venues weekly during the summer for the enjoyment of the community. They do not charge to view their performances but all do accept donations to help them with the cost of producing the performance.

Happy birthday, Aquanuts!

Fifty years ago, in the small town of Twin Lakes, a group of water skiers gathered and formed the Aquanuts. Little did they know that this tightly knit group would band together and become one of the premier waterskiing groups, competing in a variety of competitions and winning more than 100 awards for first-, second- and third-place finishes over the years.

In 2021, the team won the Wisconsin



above: Southern Wakes United Water Ski Team members perform in a patriotic-themed celebration in a Fourth of July show.

right: "Pebbles and Bam Bam" steal the show during a performance by the Southern Wakes team show last summer.

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UNITED WATER SKI TEAM *Lake Living*

state title for the first time in 35 years and finished second in national competition.

The Aquanuts are known for their daring stunts, ballet lines and innovative show themes. Each year more difficult and daring stunts are added to their routines. The clowns were introduced in the early days and have remained a symbol of the Aquaducks, even earning a place on their logo.

While the skiers are the showpiece, they alone are not responsible for the success of the team. The boat drivers, spotters, equipment managers, marketing managers and the local businesses, especially the marinas, which help support them are as necessary as the skiers for success.

The Aquanuts say they are extremely thankful for their partnership with the Village of Twin Lakes, which allows for Lance Park to be their home.

"We are truly a team," said Heather Buelow, who began attending waterski shows as a spectator in 1994 when she and



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her husband were dating. “Now our whole family is immersed in the team.”

Two of their daughters will be singing in this year’s show, which is based on Mary Poppins. Buelow’s husband drives a boat and she is involved in marketing.

Practice begins each year before the skiers are ready to hit the water. They work on the exciting three-, four- or even five-high pyramids on dry ground before ever trying to build one on the water.

The Aquanuts have two separate teams – a Junior Team and a Senior Team – but at times they overlap. The younger skiers, who range in age from 8 to 14 years old, are on the Junior Team as they train to learn the more intricate moves and formations. Sometimes a younger skier may advance to the Senior Team if they have particularly good skills.

“The Senior Team members range from 15 years to in their 50s,” said Mark Gurda, who is the announcer for the team’s shows.

Every two years there is a World Championship Competition where Team USA picks from the best skiers to represent the United States as members of Team USA. This year Aquanuts, Cody Coffey, Kalia Coffey, Kailey Koehler, Bob Koehler and Ethan Shulda have been chosen for Team USA for 2022.

This year, in celebration of 100 years



One of the many tricks the advanced skiers can perform involves the skier turning upside down while attached to a ski board, such as this Aquanuts skier is shown doing.

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of waterskiing and 50 years of waterskiing for the Aquanuts, there will be multiple celebrations and special programs.

The weekly programs, which are open to the public, are at Lance Park at 6 p.m. Shows are presented Saturdays and Wednesdays each week through Labor Day.

A special Fourth of July weekend celebration will be at Lance Park on July 2 with festivities beginning around 6 p.m. The national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," will be sung by world-famous anthem singer Jim Cornelison who will open the show. Cornelison is well known for his singing of the anthem at Chicago Blackhawks home games. The Aquanuts will present a special ski show, which will end with the traditional Independence Day fireworks.

As always there is free admission and parking. Food and beer will be available for sale.

"With support from the city, Munson Marine, Dr. Pepper, Mercury Marine and others, the team progressed," Gurda said. "We were the first team to utilize a background music soundtrack in 1975, which was quickly copied by other teams."

Each year there is a theme for the show often based on past popular movies, this year it is Mary Poppins.

Along with providing shows for the public, each year the team supports an adaptive skiing program to bring the sport to those with disabilities.

For more information visit www.aquanutswatershows.com.

Browns Lake Aquaducks

Forty-six years ago, a group of local waterskiers gathered together on Browns Lake and formed the Aquaducks, a volunteer, family-oriented group that began to ski for fun, but went on to compete in



top: Skiing backwards while barefoot in the 2021 National competition, these skiers nail it with the spray of water adding to the beauty of their skiing. **above:** "From the early days of the Aquanuts, clowns have been a part of the show, entertaining spectators between acts both on and off shore. A clown is a part of the Aquanuts logo."

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both local and national competitions with great success.

In 2019 they became the Division 2 State Champions. In 2021 they moved up to Division 1 in state competition and finished in seventh place while finishing 14th in nationals that same year.

"We have about 100 members in our skiing club," said Monica Shultiis, who provides whatever help the team needs. "They range in age from 8 years to 67 years. Our oldest member at 67 continues to barefoot water ski, that is he skis on the water without skis just using his feet."

The team began on Browns Lake and

continues to make Fisher Park their home.

While the team receives a lot of support from the community and local business, they also give back in various ways. One such way is the adaptive-skiing program started by Rick and Denise Legios in honor of their daughter.

The program allows those with disabilities to experience the joy of waterskiing. Using special adaptive equipment and the support of a skier on either side for balance it is possible for people with disabilities to have a

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waterskiing experience. The Aquaducks host the free program several times a year.

Honoring the 100 years of waterskiing, the Aquaducks began their season with their first ever blessing at Fisher Park May 21.

The boats, including the water-patrol boat, and the police watercraft were blessed in a non-denominational service led by officiant Tom Ripple.

The May 21 program not only commemorated the 100 years of waterskiing but also honored all branches of the military since it was also Armed Forces weekend. Flags of all branches of the military were seen flying in all the Aquaducks vessels.

A highlight of the day was the introduction of the Aquaducks new mascot. Fittingly it is a big blue duck.

The team offers free shows to the public from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day on Thursday evenings in Fisher Park at 6:30 p.m. weekly. Starting June 23, the team will be joined by a junior show at 5 p.m.

Check the website, www.aquaducks.org, for updated information on shows and special events.

Southern Wakes United

In the 1950s, the Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers were formed by a group of young skiers who wanted to perform. They produced a single show each year on Regatta Day in front of the Sterlingworth Motor Hotel and were given dinner for their performance. By the 1980s they were competing in the state tournament with some success.

The Whitewater Lake Sports Club named its ski team the Minneiska Water Ski Team. The team organized and presented its first show in July of 1974 for the Lions Club and began competing in tournaments in 1975.

The Southern Wakes United Ski Team is a merger of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers and the Whitewater Lake Sports Club (Minneiska) team, and are the only waterski team in Walworth County.

The team's goal is to encourage both young and young at heart to work together to build confidence, while learning new skills. The team also encourages leadership development, water safety and sportsmanship as noted on their website.

Southern Wakes United competed in the 2021 Wisconsin State Tournament and placed third in Division III.

The team encourages skiers and those who want to be skiers to join the team. New members are always welcome. The team is a family-oriented group who work together for the benefit of all.

For those not ready or able to commit to a full membership with the team, they offer



above: Lifting a partner high above while maintaining their balance requires skill and balance and skill on the part of both of these Aquaducks members. **opposite:** Five-high pyramids impress the crowd at a local waterski show. The Aquaducks created the pyramid shown in an earlier nationals competition. Skiing expertise and balance of all participants are needed for it to succeed.

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a pay-to-play option. Individuals who must be a member of the USA Water Ski org. and love to ski can pay a daily \$5 fee to ski with the team.

The show schedule for Southern Wakes United is a bit more complicated than that for the other teams because they present shows at three different

locations – Whitewater Lake at Scenic Ridge Campground, Lauderdale Lakes at Lauderdale Landing in Elkhorn and the Elkhorn Lake show at Babe Mann Park.

Ski show times vary depending on the location. Check the website, www.southernwakesunited.com for the current schedule.



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"We are so incredibly proud to be the fastest-growing real estate brokerage in Wisconsin," Head of Operations Chanté Blough said. "It's a bit cliché, but our success all comes down to our incredible agents and the culture we have built here in Wisconsin. We've created a brokerage where the best of the best know they can come to grow their business."

In nearby Chicago, Compass saw a similar pace of growth that catapulted the company to become the No. 2 brokerage firm in the city in just five years.

In addition to the incredible market share growth, Compass has been a recruiting machine, growing from an initial 16 agents in Wisconsin to a whopping 157. They have added names such as Shar Borg and Collin Yellich, brother of Milwaukee Brewers'

Christian Yellich. This past November, Tom Keefe and his team of nearly 90 agents in Southeastern Wisconsin and Northeastern Illinois also joined the company.

Compass agents in Wisconsin posted \$214 million in closed sales year-to-date in May 2022, with an average production of \$9.7 million per agent.

This rapid growth isn't exclusive to Compass's offices in Wisconsin or Chicago but is part of a larger company plan that has helped the New York City-based company become the largest independent brokerage in the country, according to RealTrends.

Compass also added to its accolades as it found a new home on the Fortune 500 list last month, making it one of the youngest companies ever to be included.

"We may be a newer company in Wisconsin, but nationally, we have established ourselves as the industry leader. As we further develop our technology offerings and build a brokerage that listens to its agents, we will continue to grow both in Wisconsin and nationally," Blough said.

Nationally, Compass' revenue for the first quarter of 2022 was \$1.4 billion, an increase of 25% year-over-year. Market share also increased to 5.8% over the last twelve months, up from 4.3% in 2021.

Compass has accomplished this by

listening to its agents and building a technology platform rather than a traditional brokerage. In the near future, all Compass agents will be able to facilitate the entire real estate transaction, including offers, forms and e-signatures, on the Compass platform with no need to use third-party real estate software.

This past May, the company also expanded its offerings when it agreed to acquire Consumer's Title Company of California. Licensed in every county in California, Consumer's Title will dramatically expand Compass' settlement services footprint across California. This further integrates this critical component of the real estate transaction into the company's market-leading residential brokerage business.

The acquisition of Consumer's Title expands Compass' growing settlement services portfolio, which now serves agents and their clients across California, Colorado, Florida, Washington State, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas, and Washington D.C.

Compass was founded in 2012 by Robert Reffkin and Ori Allon. Today, Compass is home to almost 30,000 agents in 352 cities across the United States. Last year, Compass agents transacted over a quarter of a trillion dollars in residential real estate – more than any other brokerage in the country.

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SUMMERTIME ON THE WATER

Activities abound on local lakes

By **Sandra Landen Machaj**

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Summertime, time to head outside and enjoy the beauty of outdoor life, away from the hustle and bustle of the stress of our work lives. In the Southern Lakes area, head to one of the lakes to relax and enjoy the beauty of the water.

With a variety of lakes to choose from in the area, finding the one that best meets suits the needs of the day is easy. Whether looking for a busy, bustling lake with lots of activity, or a calm quiet area to relax, there is sure to be one that is a perfect match.

Boating

Summer means taking to the water to enjoy a day of fun in the sun and usually that means a watercraft of some type is involved. While

years ago, the pontoon boat was thought of as the slow moving boat, the ones used to take the older members of the family for a ride, today the pontoon is considered the most popular and one of the most versatile boats on the water.

Today's pontoon comes in a variety of sizes to accommodate larger numbers of guests. They also have more powerful engines making it possible to water ski or tube behind the boat. They are versatile and can be used for fishing, or after a time of cruising along the lake, boaters may find the perfect spot to stop, drop anchor and let everyone swim off the back of the boat.

For those who are not fortunate enough to own a boat, but still want to spend time out on the water, there are a many places along the lakes

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A couple enjoys a ride across the clear blue water in an inflatable raft attached to a boat.

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Looking to rent watercraft?

Here are a few businesses that rent boats and watercraft on local lakes:

Delavan Lake Boat Rentals, 2518 N Shore Drive, 262-728-5540. Boat rentals seven days a week, 8:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Boats, tubes, lilypads, canoes, and paddleboards are available.

JNT's Parkside Marina Boat Rentals, N7660 State Park Road, Whitewater. Boats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards., Call 262-473-5028.

Twin Lakes Boat Rental, 3101 E. Lake Shore Drive, on Lake Elizabeth, and 503 Wilmot Ave., on Lake Mary. They rent pontoon boats, ski boats, wave runners, kayaks, paddle boats and canoes. Contact at 888-251-2628. Open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Action Marine, 5909 392nd Ave., Burlington. They rent pontoons, fishing boats, kayaks, weekly or on a 3-day rental. Deliver to most of the local lakes including Twin Lakes, Powers Lake, Bohners Lake, Silver Lake, Paddock Lake, and Brown's Lake. Contact for additional sites. Call 262-539-2000. Open Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gordy's Boat Rental, 342 Lake St., Fontana. Gordy's has been renting boats since 1955 and still offer a variety of boats, and also stand-up paddle boards. Call 262-275-1563. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5pm.

where the boat of choice can be rented for the day, the weekend, or a week. Pick the lake to boat on and call one of the local boat rental companies for rental costs and types of craft available.

Boat clubs are available which allow people the use of a boat for a certain number of days a year. A great choice for those who live on or near a lake and plan to be out on the water often.

Before renting a boat, visit the lake to see how busy they are on the day of the week you wish to be on the water. Weekends are busier than week days especially on larger and very popular lakes such as Geneva Lake.

"Lake Mary and Lake Elizabeth in Twin Lakes, are more peaceful, relaxing lakes and if you can sneak a day off during the week, it is like being on a private lake," said Dave Lang, who along with Ryan La Meer owns Twin Lakes Boat Rental.

In the State of Wisconsin, those born after Jan. 1, 1989, must be boater certified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to rent a watercraft. The course is available online and there is a \$10 fee to issue the certification after passing the exam.

"We recommend reserving your boat as soon as possible, especially for the weekends," Lang said. "We have some customers who have already reserved boats for every weekend through Labor Day. It is never too soon to do so."

Personal watercraft

Those looking for a more personal water-riding experience, the jet ski or a wave runner may fit the bill. Holding from 1 to 3 people as it zips through the water, the thrill of speed is what often attracts riders to choose this method of



above: A moment of solitude on his board as the sun sets, makes the perfect ending to a perfect day for this pooch. **below:** Jet skis are a favorite for those who enjoy speeding around the lake. Wearing a life vest is always recommended.

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fun on the water.

The stand-up PWCs are more difficult to drive than those that allow one to sit and drive. The standup requires more balance and only one person can be on the jet ski at a time.

Sit-down PWCs can hold from 1 to 3 riders, depending on the size. For those who enjoy the thrill of speed, the jet ski can exceed speeds of 40 miles per hour with some going up to 70 miles per hour. Speed is dependent on the power of the jet ski, the calmness of the water, wind resistance and the weight of the passengers.

So, if you have the need for speed enjoy some time on a jet ski but do so safely. Riding a jet ski can be a day of fun on the water.

Safety is important. Always wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) and get instruction on riding the jet ski before going out the first time. If it is your own jet ski, have it serviced at the beginning of the season and as needed.

Kayaks, paddleboards

Motor-driven watercraft are not the only way to enjoy being on the water. Kayaks, rowboats and paddle boards are enjoyable ways to spend time in the water using personal power to travel along.

Over the past several years, kayaks have become very popular. They are inexpensive to purchase starting as low as a couple of hundred dollars, although more expensive models are available. They are lightweight,



Try these beaches for a fun day at the shore

Whitewater Lake Beach, N7660 State Park Drive.
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Public beach on Whitewater Lake in the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Picnic tables, grills, and toilet facilities available. Near hiking trails, fishing piers, and JNT's Parkside Marina where you can purchase fishing/swimming gear and snacks. Boat rentals also available. State Park Pass required for parking.

For more information call 262-594-6200.

Delavan's Community Park, 1220 S Shore Drive. Beach, boat launch, boat rentals from nearby businesses.

Riviera Beach, 812 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva. Located in downtown Lake Geneva on the shore of Geneva Lake adjacent to the Riviera, it is a favorite gathering place to enjoy a day at the lake.

With a lakefront of 600 feet of sand, there is room to play in the sand or to just sit on the beach and enjoy the view. Lifeguards on duty 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during summer season. Dogs not allowed on beach. Daily fee.

Fischer Park on Brown's Lake, 30326 Durand Ave., Burlington. Beach on the shore of Brown's Lake in Einer Fischer Park. Plenty of parking and picnic tables.

Park is open daily with lifeguard coverage.

thus very portable and easy to store over the winter.

Kayaks are small narrow boats which hold one or two people. The paddler uses a double-bladed paddle to propel the boat. On any given day, kayakers can be seen traveling on the lakes. It can be a single kayaker or a group of friends traveling along enjoying the day and the beauty of nature.

Kayakers are fun to enjoy on the water and they will take riders as fast as their arms can paddle or the wind and the waves can propel them. Kayakers are easy to maneuver and a great way to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the water on a nice summer day.

Kayakers, like canoes, can turn over if not balanced correctly, so for safety always wear a life jacket or other personal flotation device. Almost anyone can learn to kayak. Kayaking is a great way to increase physical activity.

"Kayaking is a great way to get out and enjoy time on the water," said Pat Schafer who has spent her life living on waterfronts and owns a variety of watercraft including a fishing boat, pontoons, and rowboats, but also has enjoyed kayaking

with a friend.

"They do tend to wobble when getting in or out. Once you learn to keep them steady, they are fun," Schafer added.

Over the last few years stand up paddle boards (SUP) have become another way to enjoy both the waves and the tranquility of the lakes. Like kayakers, they are inexpensive and easy to transfer from home to the lakefront.

Balance is important when riding a SUP. So perhaps that is why the sport appeals to those in their teens and twenties, when balance is at its best. However, anyone can learn.

Paddle boards are a low impact activity and can help improve your balance. So don't be shy – give a SUP a try.

As with all the watersports, safety is important. Wear a life jacket. If possible, only use where there are lifeguards and never go out alone.

Swimming

For many of us, the best days of summer when we were young, were those we spent going to

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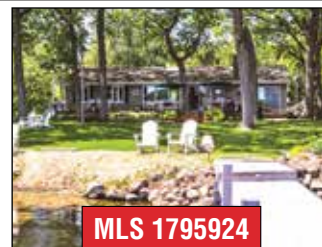
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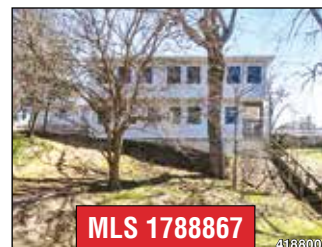


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the beach and spending the day playing in the sand and swimming in the water. Of course, those days often ended with sunburn as we neglected to replenish layers of sunscreen throughout the day.

Today as grownups we take our children or in some cases grandchildren to the beach to enjoy the fun we once had. And surprisingly, they are just as excited to be at the beach, digging in sand to build their sand castles and bringing up buckets of water to moisten the sand to keep it in place as they build. They often attempt to build a moat around their castle, but become frustrated that the water doesn't stay on top of the sand but sinks in.

We are now a bit smarter and remember to reapply the sun screen, on ourselves and on the children, and to try to avoid sunburn.

The American Red Cross advises: "Never swim alone or allow anyone else to do so. Always swim with a buddy."

The Red Cross also recommends swimming in areas with a lifeguard and always keeping an eye on everyone in your group, especially young children. Avoid distractions including cell phones.

There are many beaches along the local lakes that will make a wonderful day at the beach. Bring snacks and a variety of liquid drinks to avoid dehydration. And have fun.



Ready for a family outing aboard their pontoon, with plenty of room to spread out, they will enjoy a full day on the water.

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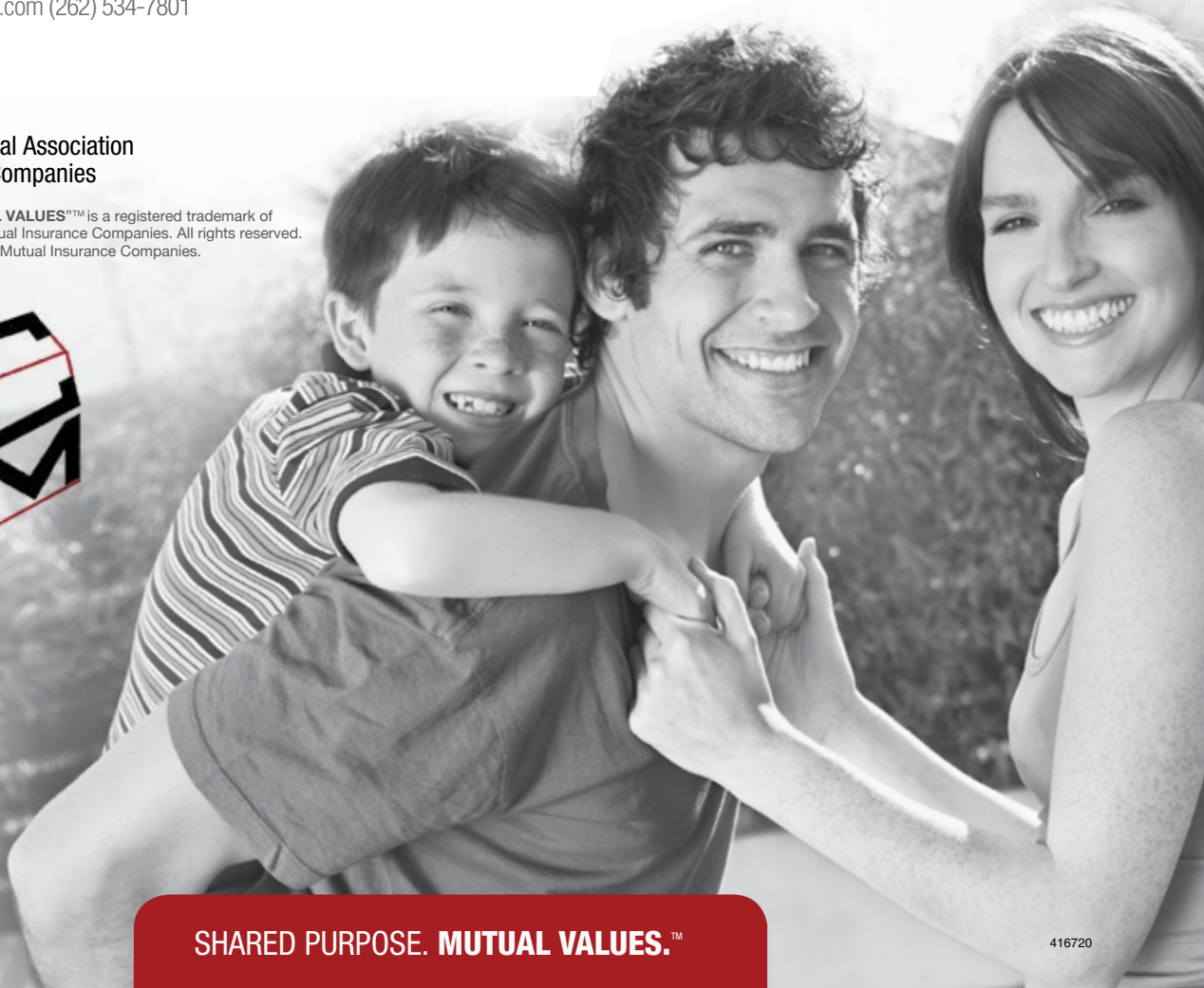
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