

# Lauderdale Lakes BREEZE

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## Lauderdale Landings sold

Lauderdale Landings, a popular restaurant at W5625 Westshore Dr., Elkhorn, has sold for \$2.7 million.

That is an estimated 10% off the list price of \$2.995 million.

The buyer is Middle Green Holdings LLC, a Wisconsin limited-liability company. Karen Ostermeier, a lakefront real estate specialist with Compass, represented both the buyer and the seller. You can see her ad, with the listing, on page 2.

According to public records, the family-owned waterfront restaurant was last sold on Nov. 30, 2009, for \$925,000.

Lauderdale Landings is known for its half-price pizza night every Thursday. It also hosts events like the Kid's Fishing Jamboree each summer, as well as the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department steak fry, which was held Aug. 13.

## One man dead after jet ski crash on Lake Beulah

By **Tracy Ouellette**

STAFF WRITER

A 36-year-old Mount Pleasant man died July 9 after his jet ski crashed on Lake Beulah.

According to a news release from the Town of East Troy Police Department, Rickey A. Madsen died after first responders attempted life-saving measures.

According to the release, the Town of East Troy Police Department, along with East Troy Area Fire Department, were dispatched to a jet ski crash on Lake Beulah in the Town of East Troy just before 4 p.m. July 9.

On arrival to the scene, first responders found the injured 36-year-old man from Mount Pleasant and rendered aid.

"Two jet skis were involved in the accident, Town of East Troy Interim Chief Jagielski said Monday. "One fatality and the other was not injured."

He added that witnesses were still being interviewed and he couldn't comment further on the suspected cause of the crash, but said that it was a "tragic accident."

"Unfortunately, the male was later pronounced deceased by the Walworth County Medical Examiner's Office," Jagielski stated in the release. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this time of grief."

The crash remains under investigation by the Town of East Troy Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural

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## Making waves on Lauderdale Lakes



Adaptive Adventures, a program that provides outdoor sports opportunities to children, adults and veterans with disabilities, can be found making waves on Lauderdale Lakes several times each summer.

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## Program helps people with disabilities hit the water

By **Heather Ruenz**

STAFF WRITER

Several years ago, Julie Davis of Lauderdale Lakes and a volunteer with Adaptive Adventures, offered her lake house to start an adaptive waterski program in the area.

Adaptive Adventures aims to "provide progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults and veterans with disabilities and their families," according to its website.

It features programs, clinics and camps throughout the country in cycling, climbing, dragon boat racing and a variety of watersports.

Not long after the program started being offered locally, Davis and Greg Zbrzezny, the Chicago program director for Adaptive Adventures who had teamed up with Davis when it began, spent time brainstorming about how they could expand it.

As a result, a group now gathers on Lauderdale Lakes several times each summer, initially at Lutherdale Conference Center and currently, at Lauderdale Landing.

The program relies heavily on volunteers.

"Our volunteers are a big part of what we do," Zbrzezny said in a previous interview.

Zbrzezny said in addition to Lauderdale Lakes area residents, the program also boasts volunteers who travel up to two hours from Illinois to be part of the program.

Each program features participants from various groups, hospitals and organizations.

"We work with individuals with physical disabilities and primarily disabled veterans," Zbrzezny said.

In addition to veterans – usually from Chicago and Milwaukee – other groups that have taken part in Adaptive Adventures on Lauderdale Lakes include Shriner's Children's Hospital, Synergy Adaptive Athletics and Lincolnway Special Recreation Association.

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## Man dies after incident on Whitewater Lake

A 72-year-old Whitewater Lake resident died in early July after an incident on the lake.

The man was identified as Timothy Glander, 72.

According to the Walworth County Sheriff's Department, deputies and the Whitewater EMS were dispatched about 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, for a water rescue in progress.

According to Sheriff's Captain Robert Hall, the man had been pulled from the lake by a good

Samaritan and life-saving measures were started on the boat.

Hall said EMS took over those efforts when Glander was brought to the pier. He was then transported to Mercy Hospital in Janesville.

Glander died the next day. It is unknown whether medical issues played a part in the death. Hall said the sheriff's department was waiting on the report from the medical examiner's office.

## Elkhorn contractor pleads guilty to theft



John Roberts

By **Deborah Cruger**

CORRESPONDENT

In August 2014, Jeffrey and Kelly Adams hired Elkhorn contractor John D. Roberts to work on the Deakin House on Lauderdale Lakes. The couple wanted the home to be torn down and rebuilt, so they hired Roberts' business, Roberts Design Corp.

The couple claimed that Roberts left, leaving the house with damages and that

it appeared that he was not using much of the money that they provided him for the rebuilding of their house.

Jeffrey and Kelly realized later that Roberts was on probation for theft by contractor while working on their house. It turned out that his construction company was the defendant in 21 separate civil cases in Illinois.

John Roberts wrote more than \$360,000

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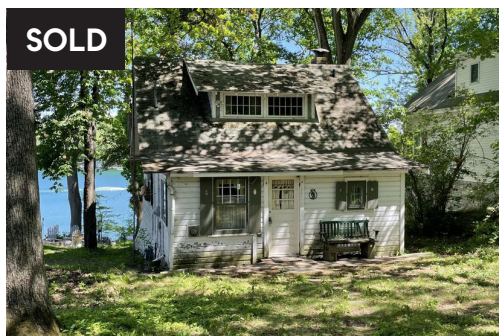
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Our wonderful gathering place, The Lauderdale Landing, has changed hands. But it is in good hands with the new owners being local lake people, with extensive restaurant experience, who will continue operating the establishment and plan to make improvements. Please be sure to stop in for lunch or dinner and congratulate the new owners. Best wishes to all. Listed and sold by Karen O.



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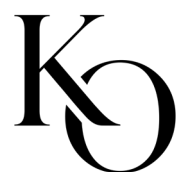
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# Delavan Lake beach ready to open

## Blue-green algae to blame for Community Park beach issues

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

At the time of year where most people are looking for ways to cool off, the closure of a popular community beach in Delavan wasn't the news they wanted to hear.

While the Delavan Lake Community Park beach reopened the second week of July, the beach had been closed since June 30 – including the hot Fourth of July holiday and the week following.

The cause? A blue-green algae bloom, which differs from regular algae and can create a host of issues for both humans and their pets.

Walworth County placed a news release on its website shortly before the Fourth of July weekend, outlining what the cause of the closure was and the harm the bloom could cause.

“Swimmers, boaters, and recreational users are urged to be aware of the condition of the water around them and avoid direct contact with water that looks like pea soup or smells foul, two indicators of the presence of blue-green algae,” the release continued. “Children and pets are particularly susceptible to health problems related to blue-green algae and should be kept away from

affected lake areas.”

No other Walworth County beaches have been flagged with the problem yet, but Chloe Edgren, an environmental health specialist with the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services, said the issue is common with the current weather conditions.

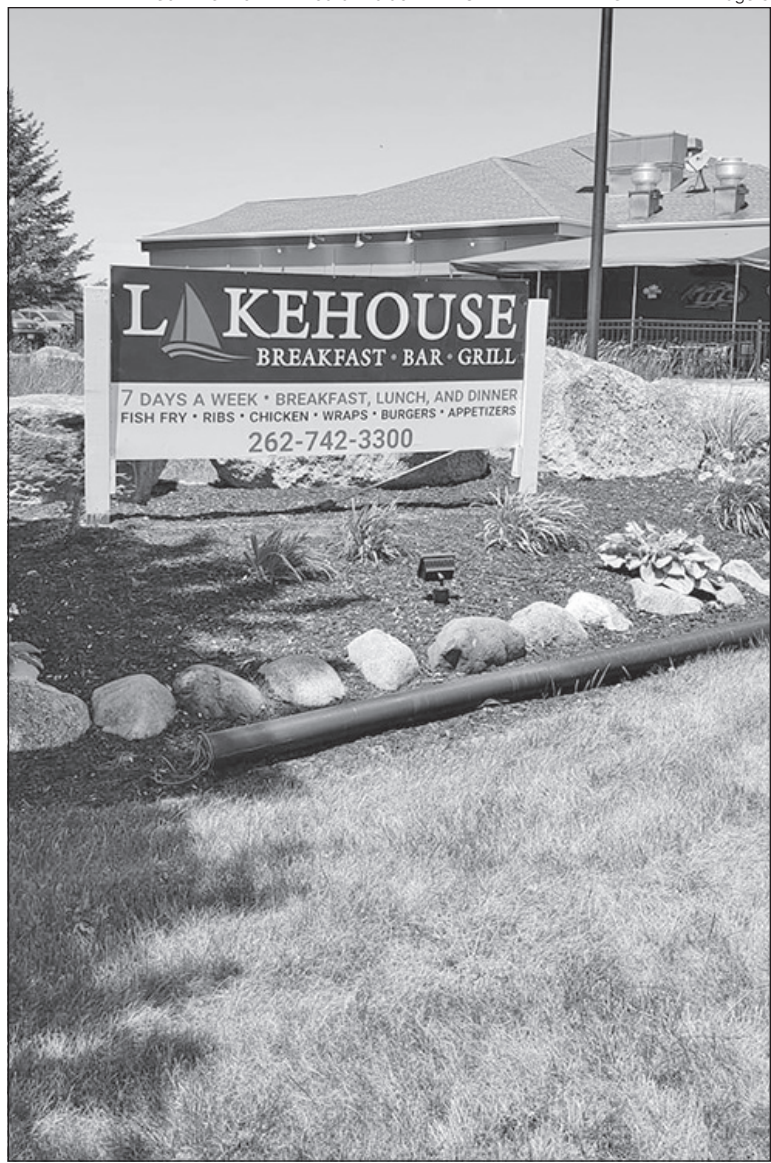
“Blue-green algae are natural parts of lake ecosystems but algal blooms are when the algal population grows very quickly and overwhelms part of a water system,” she explained. “Typically with lots of sunlight, warm water, little wind, and high levels of nutrients such as phosphorous, the likelihood of having an algal bloom occur are higher.”

The blooms can make people and animals sick if they swallow, breathe in or even have contact with the water. The DNR recommends swimming in the clearest water possible, and avoid water that looks like spilled latex paint, pea soup, is discolored or streaky, has small green dots floating in it, floating scum or dead fish or other animals.

“It is recommended when people and pets come in contact or suspected contact with blue-green algal or an algal bloom to rinse off thoroughly so no skin irritation occurs and to ensure no one consumes the water,” Edgren said.

Symptoms of illness from the algae can include: vomiting, diarrhea, headache, abdominal pain, cough, sore throat, skin rash or blistering.

If any of the symptoms develop, seek medical care or call the Wisconsin Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. If pets develop symptoms, immediately take them to a veterinarian.



The Lakehouse Bar and Grill has relocated to 10 West Evergreen Parkway in Elkhorn.

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# Lakehouse Bar and Grill has moved

By **Deborah Cruger**  
CORRESPONDENT

The Lakehouse Bar and Grill, previously located at N7073 US Highway 12, has moved.

The new restaurant reopened on July 1. Their new location is 10 West Evergreen Parkway in Elkhorn.

The restaurant boasts a bigger bar, 2 dining rooms, and an

outdoor patio area. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are offered there daily.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, 8 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

The restaurant is still owned by John and Amy Roberts of Elkhorn. The old location at N7073 Highway 12 is currently vacant.



Lakeshore properties have special needs to maintain the lakefront. Walworth County has a new online tool to help property owners preserve their shorelines.

STOCK PHOTO *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

# WisDOT revokes wholesale license from area dealer

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

A wholesale car dealership in Elkhorn had its license revoked July 1, according to a news release from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Car Rangers LLC, listed as having offices at 735 N. Wisconsin Street #122, Elkhorn, had its license revoked May 11. The wholesaler had 30 days to appeal the ruling, but the appeal period has now closed.

According to the news release, WisDOT's Division of Motor Vehicles “determined that Car Rangers violated state law when they sold motor vehicles to retail customers without a retail dealer license.”

That was violation of Wis Stat. §218.0114(1) and Wis. Admin. Code ch. Trans 138.027(2). Car Rangers also purchased vehicles with high mileage, rolled back the odometers, altered titles to reflect lower mileage, and provided false odometer statements to customers in violation of 49 U.S.C. Section 32703(2), 49 U.S.C. Section 32705(a)(2), 18 U.S.C. Section 513(a) Wis. Stats §§218.0146(3)(b), and 342.155(2) & (3).

The address listed for Car Rangers in Elkhorn was not open when checked, and the number listed for the business was no longer in service.

# New resource available for lakeshore properties

The new online Lakeshore Resource Guide for Walworth County is now available to provide lakeshore property owners, managers, residents, and hired professionals the resources they need for living on, managing, and working at these properties for the benefit of the lake.

Construction, landscaping, yard maintenance, lawn care and other practices are different for lakeshore properties. Practices done on a suburban or urban property can be detrimental to the lakeshore

environment. Using the resources in the guide, those on the lake can manage and maintain their property to preserve the shoreline, water quality, and overall ecology.

The contributions of many local and regional organizations, government agencies, lake associations and residents created the online Lakeshore Resource Guide for Walworth County.

The guide features links to credible, trustworthy resources free of bias and backed by research and evidence. Topics include

landscaping practices, invasive species, property development, and questions to ask when hiring professionals as well as other educational resources.

Look for the online Lakeshore Resource Guide on the county's Land Use and Resource Management website at bit.ly/3zrq3IM.

For more information, contact UW-Madison Division of Extension Walworth County Horticulture Outreach Specialist Julie Hill at julie.hill@wisc.edu.

## JET SKI CRASH • CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Resources. The Town of East Troy Police, in the release, also thanked the Walworth County Medical Examiner's Office, Mukwonago Fire Department and Walworth County Communications Center for their assistance with the incident.

### Boaters be aware

Jagielski said the increased

traffic on the local lakes means boaters and others out on the water should be aware of their surroundings.

“It's been a busy year on the lakes,” he said. “A lot of boat traffic is keeping us busy so people need to remember to utilize boating safety measures throughout the summer and just be aware of what's going on around you.”

# • OBITUARY

## DOROTHY JACOBSON

Dorothy A. Jacobson, 87, passed away June 25, 2022, at Cedar Crest.

She was born March 8, 1935, in Manitowoc to the late Dr. Valentine and Margaret (Googins) Rapp. On Dec. 28, 1964, Dorothy would marry Donald T. Jacobson in Sheridan, Wyoming. After years of moving around the country for Donald's career, she finally settled in the Lauderdale Lakes area in the 1970's.

Dorothy would become a registered nurse and work in orthopedics and then in nursing homes. She loved to quilt, play bridge, and was a voracious reader. Her greatest love, though, was being a mom to her children.

She is survived by her son, Erik Jacobson of Pewaukee; daughter, Stacy Jo (Jon) Brickner of Twin Cities, Minnesota; and three grandchildren, Graham, Hayden and Flynn Brickner.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald T. on Sept. 13, 2004, and brother, Richard Rapp.

A committal service for Dorothy was held on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 21731 Spring St., Union Grove.

Memorials are appreciated to any Alzheimer's Disease and/or Dementia program. Please visit [www.apfelwolfe.com](http://www.apfelwolfe.com) to send condolences to the family.



The Southern Wakes United Water Ski Show Team performs on Elkhorn Lake in Babe Mann Park. The team performs on Lauderdale and Whitewater lakes in addition to Elkhorn.

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## CONTRACTOR • CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

in checks from his business bank account to his own and to his wife. He used the money to purchase a Michigan home, a Mercedes-Benz, and a restaurant. Roberts and his wife, Amy own the Lakehouse Bar and Grill, located at 10 W Evergreen Parkway in Elkhorn.

In 2018, Jeffrey and Kelly

Adams hired a lawyer to press charges against Roberts. That same year, the general contractor was charged with one count of theft by a contractor. Initially, Roberts pleaded not guilty. Later on, he pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal.

On Jan. 7 of this year, John

D. Roberts was put on a 5-year probation, including 10 months in Walworth County Jail. He is not allowed to be a general contractor with control over the money of others as part of his probation.

If Robert's probation were revoked, he would be required to serve three years in prison.



Jeffrey and Kelly Adams paid \$1.22 million for this historic mansion at W5357 Lauderdale Dr. on Middle Lake. An Elkhorn contractor is accused of taking the couple's money for personal use.

JACK CRUGER JR. Lauderdale Lakes Breeze

## PROGRAM • CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

The adaptive waterski program is one of the only ones not funded through grants so it's difficult to sustain, according to Zbrzezny.

To further support Adaptive

Adventures, individual donations as well as corporate sponsorships are encouraged and accepted and there is an ongoing need for volunteers – details can be found

on the website.

For more information visit [adaptiveadventures.org](http://adaptiveadventures.org) or send an email to [greg@adaptiveadventures.org](mailto:greg@adaptiveadventures.org).



## LAUDERDALE LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION EVENT LISTING

### Aug. 19 - TGIF Party

From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the LaGrange Pleasant Lake Park Beach. This is a free potluck event. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. Suggested to bring your own chairs. For questions, contact Pete Spaulding at [fourpetesake7@gmail.com](mailto:fourpetesake7@gmail.com).

### August 20 - LLIA Directors Meeting

### Aug. 27 - Lauderdale Lakes Golf Outing and Annual Meeting

From 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club. Nine-hole four-person scramble followed by meeting, dinner and drinks. Golf and dinner is \$55, dinner only is \$20.

### Nov. 12 - LLIA Directors Meeting

The agenda and meeting details will be communicated in advance, but the meeting will take place from 9 to 11 a.m.

### Southern Wakes United

The Southern Wakes Ski Shows take place on Saturdays throughout the summer. The show schedule is as follows:

#### Whitewater Lake

Scenic Ridge Campground  
W7119 R&W Townline Road, Whitewater  
• Saturday, Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.  
• Saturday, Sept. 3, 6 p.m.

#### Lauderdale Lakes

Lauderdale Landing • W5625 Westshore Drive, Elkhorn  
• Friday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m.

#### Elkhorn Lake

Babe Mann Park • 840 Koopman Lane, Elkhorn  
• Second shot TBD

For more information, visit [www.southernwakesunited.com](http://www.southernwakesunited.com).



# A FROTHY LINK TO THE PAST

## Historic site's Brewing Experience revives techniques of the 1930s

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**  
CORRESPONDENT

If you haven't been to Old World Wisconsin in a while, the main entrance will appear quite different on your next visit.

While Old World Wisconsin, on Highway 67 in Eagle, is known for its displays of historic buildings – 60 of which have been moved to this location and restored – there is now a large, new barn, known as the Brewing Experience Barn, sharing the entry space to the historic site.

“This barn, built on site, and the historic Wittnebel Tavern – moved from its original home in Old Ashippun – are the center pieces of a new exhibit that is being created here at the entrance,” said Dan Freas, administrator of Old World Wisconsin. “Beer making has always been a part of Wisconsin’s heritage and culture so we are creating this new display to share the story of Wisconsin beer making.”

The Brewing Experience Barn, which opened to the public mid-June, presents beer making just as it was in the 1930s. The experience recalls the traditional beer making and sharing a cold brew as the first keg was tapped. Visitors grabbed the a beer and a bratwurst to enjoy while listening to traditional live German music – all part of Wisconsin’s beer brewing heritage.

According to Freas, Old World Wisconsin chose the era of the 1930s to focus on because it was a time of the rebirth of beer making due to the repeal of prohibition.

Each day Old World is open, visitors are welcome to come into the barn and watch the historical brewing process. The beer at the brewing experience will be produced in small batches, cooked over two large masonry fireplaces

in the barn as the brewers work through each step of the process, while visitors watch.

Guests will be offered small samples of the beer created. This beer will not be sold to the public, as the license to produce it is a museum license not for resale to the public. Other local breweries’ beers will be available for sale at Old World Wisconsin.

“The brewers will take the visitors through every step of the brewing process. They will assemble all the equipment before starting and all the ingredients needed,” said Rob Novak, Brewing Experience coordinator. “We will have different brewers from various breweries create beer the way it would have been done in the 1930s using old time recipes.”

As the project progresses the plan is to grow the ingredients for the beer – the hops and barley – on site.

### The full experience

The brewing experience is sponsored by the Cleary-Klumm family, heirs of the Heileman Brewing Company, which is a long time Wisconsin brewery.

In addition to watching the actual brewing demonstration, visitors will see a presentation by the brewers of the method they are using to create the beer. There is also a touchscreen presentation that can be viewed to learn the history of brewing in Wisconsin.

Visiting the brewing barn, Novak shared a look at the various pots, vats and barrels needed to brew the beer. Large copper pots are used to boil the brew. A large tray of hops and two different types of grains, the white grain and the darker grain were on display. Each one will provide a different flavor to the beer.

The grains are added to water and boiled to produce a sugar water called wort. The hops are added to the wort to add some bitterness, reducing the sweetness when boiled. The wort is placed in a fermenting pan and yeast is added, allowing the wort to ferment for up to a week. Then it is placed in a keg to finish the process.

While this is a very simplified version of the process, it takes the knowledge of a skilled brewer to bring just the right amount of ingredients together – and to know how long to process each stage – to get the tasty brew they desire.

Guest brewers from the many



Rob Novak taps the keg to fill a bottle with the historic brew created at Old World Wisconsin's Brewing Experience.

PHOTO COURTESY OF OLD WORLD WISCONSIN *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

Wisconsin breweries will attend the brewing experience on different days to make the daily brew. The program was created in partnership with the Museum of Beer and Brewing.

Old World’s Brewing Experience will be one of a handful of historic beer making programs in the country and the only one that brews its beer with heirloom barley and hops grown on site.

### Special beer events

Throughout the summer there will be special beer dinners. The chef from Old World Wisconsin will create a four-course dinner and each course will be paired with a beer from a local brewery to enhance the food flavors. The foods will include locally sourced meats and vegetables, providing a true Wisconsin experience. Seating will be family style so groups may share a large table with others.

Staff and volunteers from Old World Wisconsin will discuss the creation of the Brewhouse and the future of the larger Brewing Experience as it continues to evolve.

The dinners will be held at the Clousing Barn, the hexagonal barn at the entrance of the site. Diners will begin with a visit to the Brewing Experience Barn and if the timing is right, they may experience the sunset from the barn over the Southern Kettle Moraine Forest on the west side of the barn.

Tickets can be ordered online for the remaining dates this season. The July 23 dinner will partner with Raised Grain Brewery, Waukesha; the August 27 with South Ridge Malt, Greenfield; and the September Dinner will feature beer from Lakefront Brewery. Tickets are available online at \$99.

The Brewing Experience Barn is a beautifully crafted building and there are plans to rent it out for occasions such as small weddings, business meetings, family reunions



Novak, Brewery Experience Coordinator at Old World, checks the quality of the hops before a brewing demonstration.

PHOTO COURTESY OF OLD WORLD WISCONSIN *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

and other smaller groups in the future.

### The old tavern

Combining the old and the new, adjacent to the new Brewing Experience Barn is the historic Wittnebel Tavern. The tavern was run by two generations of the Wittnebel family starting in 1906 through the 1940s. It was a favorite gathering place located in Old Ashippun on Highway 67.

It was the place residents gathered to enjoy a beer or two after the workday and to share the news and gossip of the area. Long before the internet spread the news of the day, there was – and in many areas,

there still is – the local tavern.

Moving the tavern building to the Old World Wisconsin grounds was a challenging venture.

To start with, the tavern and the home shared a common wall, so they needed to be separated. The tavern itself had to be separated into three parts to be able to transport it on the highway. The first floor, second floor and the roof were all reconnected after arriving at its new home at Old World Wisconsin.

“The tavern closed in the 1940s but everything was left intact,” Freas said. “We were able to remove the bar and transfer it to Old



The recently completed brewing building at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle is lit up against the night sky. The building opened to the public this summer to share with guests the brewing experience from the 1930s.

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# The ins and outs of Lauderdale Lakes

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

**Size**

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

**Maximum depth**

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

**Fish species**

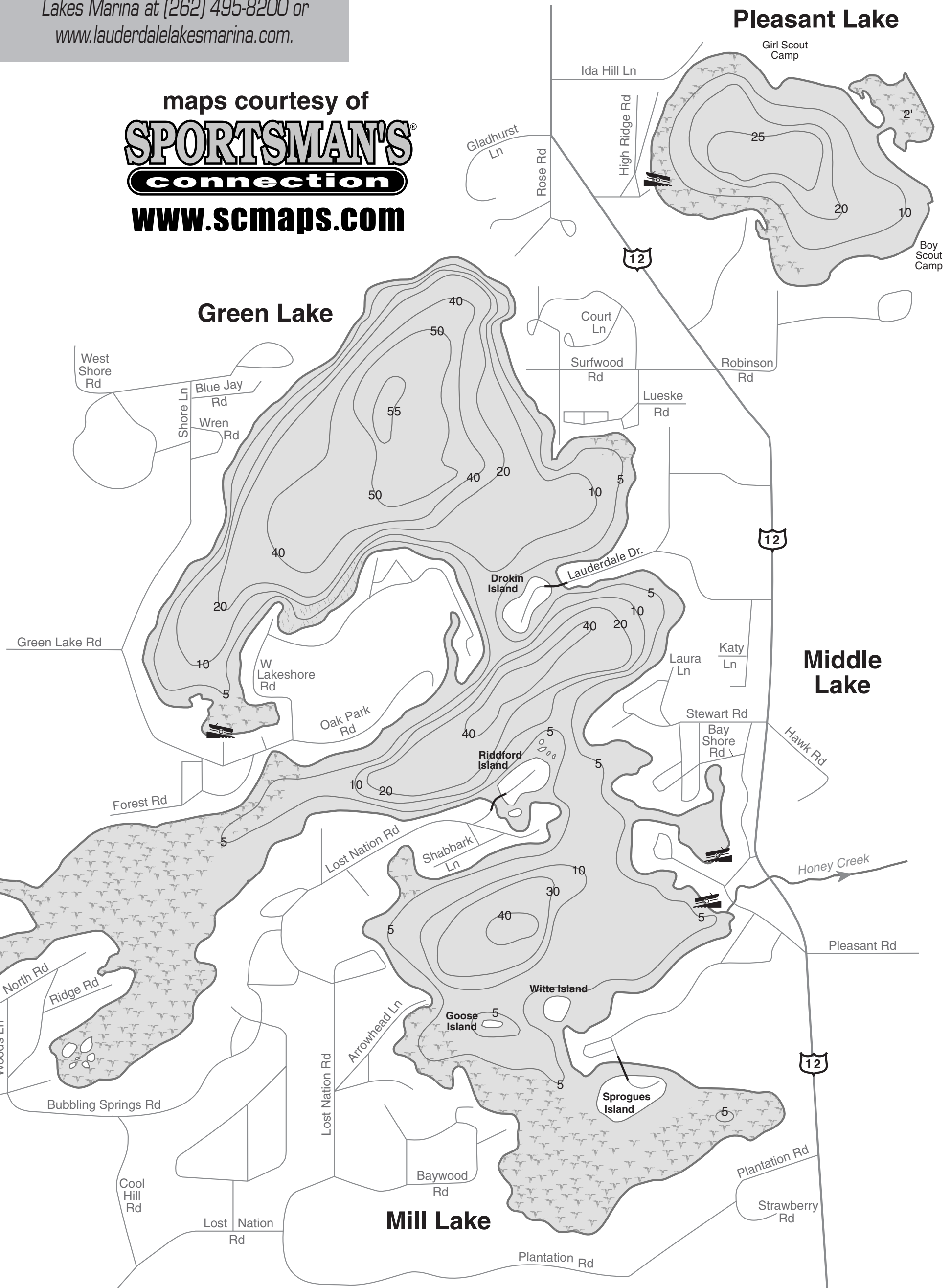
Lauderdale Lakes offers a wide array of fish with the predominant species being:

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

**Access**

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

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A family takes advantage of a sunny day as it pedals out onto an area lake. Paddleboats encourage youth to get out on the water, but life jackets are strongly advised for safety.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

# staying safe on area waterways

*DNR says: boat sober and wear a life jacket*

By Jason Arndt

STAFF WRITER

Southeast Wisconsin is home to many waterways, both large and small, and staying safe while boating is critical, especially as thousands of people visit area lakes.

According to the state Department of Natural Resources, nearly 80% of fatal boating accidents involve drowning, which can happen to even the most experienced swimmers.

Most people who drown in boating accidents know how to swim, however, they can become incapacitated in the water by experiencing an injury, among other factors.

Recently, in Kenosha County, a 22-year-old Kenosha man not wearing a life jacket drowned after he jumped into Silver Lake with a 5-year-old girl. She survived because she had a personal floatation device.

Authorities eventually recovered the man's body after several hours of searching by dive teams from southeast Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

DNR Conservation Warden Jason Roberts has overseen this portion of the state for about 20 years and said drowning deaths of people not wearing a life jacket is the most common.

"It is primarily people who don't have life jackets on," he said. "I know that sounds pretty basic, but when you look at the incidents on the water, it is mainly drowning."

Roberts said drowning deaths typically happen when people jump from a boat into the water to take a swim.

"If you are going to swim from your boat, or jump from your boat, put on a life jacket," he said.

The DNR recommends newer life jackets, which are more comfortable and lightweight, compared to the bulky orange style onboard

most boats.

The newer styles, DNR officials say, offer better benefits for boaters and swimmers.

"There are innovative options, such as inflatable life jackets, allowing mobility and flexibility for boating, fishing, paddling or hunting and are much cooler in warmer weather," the DNR said in a recent news release.

## Fatal crashes increase

In 2021, there were 25 deaths related to boating incidents, according to a DNR's annual report, matching the 2018 numbers for the most fatalities in more than a decade.

The increased deaths related to boating crashes come even after the state saw the second lowest total of reported injuries at 61 since 2011.

As of late May, prior to the recent Silver Lake drowning, four people in Wisconsin died from boating incidents.

Operator inexperience, inattention, recklessness and speeding are the four leading causes of tragic watercraft crashes in the state.

"You really have to be aware of your surroundings," Roberts said.

Alcohol use is another leading factor in recreational boating fatalities.

The DNR urges boaters, who may have plans to use alcohol, also plan ahead to stay safe by having a designated operator.

"It is really about personal responsibility and respect for the water around you and the people who use it," Roberts said.

As for people who jump from a boat to swim, Roberts said open water carries risks, especially true for larger bodies of water such

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# Check out the grandstand at the Walworth County Fair

SLN STAFF

The grandstand will be a busy place at the Walworth County Fair, which runs Aug. 31 through Sept. 5.

At the heart of the fair, which features the best crafters, cook and animals that the county has to offer, is the entertainment.

Tickets for grandstand events are sold separately, and do not include fair admission. Tickets can be purchased at walworthcountyfair.com.

Here are the major events:

## Pro Truck and Tractor Pulls

On the opening night of the fair, Wednesday, Aug. 31, starting at 7:30 p.m., PI Motorsports and Badger Truck Pullers will take place.

Professional truck and tractor pullers compete in several different categories, including super farm tractors, super stock trucks and pro street diesel.

Grandstand opens at 6 p.m. Presented by Tanis Construction and Pete's Tire in Elkhorn.

## Monster trucks

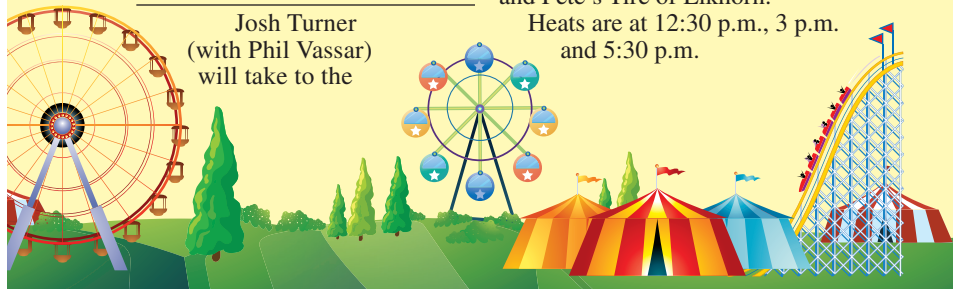
All-Star Monster Trucks will be featured at the grandstand Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m.

Competitions will be held in best tricks, full throttle racing and the "no rules freestyle throwdown."

Presented by Tanis Construction. Rides on one of the monster trucks will be available before and after the show. Grandstands open at 6 p.m.

## Josh Turner

Josh Turner (with Phil Vassar) will take to the



grandstands Friday, Sept. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Turner is an American country and gospel singer, his voice known for its "velvety smooth" tone. Vassar is also a country music artist.

The show is presented by Thrivent Financial.

## Two bands on stage

The groups Halestorm and Lines of Loyalty will take to the grandstand Saturday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Halestorm is a rock band with its new album "Back From the Dead" now out, while the Kenosha Trio Lines of Loyalty will open for the group.

Presented by 102.9 The HOG and Miller Beer.

## Foreigner concert

Classic rock band Foreigner will perform at the fairgrounds Sunday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m.

Foreigner's catalog sales hit Top 40 in Business Insider's Best Selling Music Artists of All Time, ahead of Britney Spears, Bob Dylan, Phil Collins, Prince, Queen, Bon Jovi, and Def Leppard.

The show is presented by Kunes Auto Group and Coors Light.

## Demo derby

The annual demolition derby will wrap up the grandstand entertainment Monday, Sept. 5, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Heats are at 12:30, 3 and 5:30 p.m.

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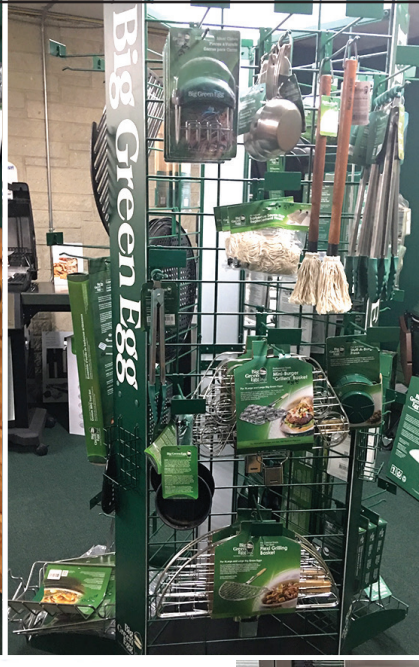


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# Pre-owned boat sales skyrocket

## Shrinking inventory squeezes market

Do you have a boat you're thinking of selling? Maybe you want to upgrade or are taking a year off. No matter your reason for selling a boat, now is the ideal time to list it, sell it quickly and make top dollar for it.

The global market analysis report from Boat Trader found the surge in consumer demand for boats that began at the start of the pandemic continued to surge through 2021. The wave continues into 2022 as more people look to get out and enjoy time on the water with friends and family.

Although there are plenty of interested buyers, boat inventory remains low, which means boats are selling much faster and for higher prices. In 2021 compared to 2020, days on the market were down globally by 100 days and by 50 days in the United States. What's more, the overall value of sold boats skyrocketed across the globe, surpassing 2020 values by 34%.

Demand and boat values are expected to increase throughout 2022, particularly for pre-owned boats. Inventory constraints continue, creating a limited supply of new boats, so as more people want to get on the water, they are looking to pre-owned options to fill their water lust.

Many boat manufacturers have reported they are sold out of inventory for at least the upcoming season. In future years, they are hopeful supply chain issues will resolve and more inventory will be available. Additionally, some market experts expect interest rates to increase in the future, which will likely drive down the value of boats.

What does this mean if you're a boat owner thinking of selling or upgrading? Now is the time to take action so you can get the most money while demand is high and values are up.

"People can get top dollar for their pre-owned boats as demand continues to outpace supply," said Brian Wolf, chief operating officer, at Boat Trader, America's largest boating marketplace. "The key is to



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list your boat in a way that boosts appeal while providing ample information to anyone actively looking to buy."

Listing on a marketplace like Boat Trader that specializes in only boats helps target highly qualified shoppers. This trusted website has a 30-year legacy of helping people sell their boats, with advanced fraud monitoring and tools to make listing your boat simple. The site's extensive reach to interested people around the country means more leads and the ability to list your boat for a higher price, not to mention dedicated customer service to help you at any time.

To help sell your boat faster and for top dollar, Wolf shares some insider tips:

### Pictures and video tell a story

With clear, enticing visuals, people can truly experience your boat even if they live many miles away. Upload multiple photos to encourage engagement, targeting the 10-30 range. With more people looking online, consider adding video tours that can really showcase your boat to potential buyers, which can increase listing activity.

### Go into the details

Listings without much information are confusing to potential buyers who may not have the time to reach out for the details. Therefore, make sure your listing has critical information. Boat Trader makes this easy with its B.L.A.S.T. data feature, standing for Build Listings And Save Time, which populates listings with manufacturer specs and photos quickly.

### Market price

With the market changing so quickly it can be difficult to determine the best price for your listing. Too low and you may lose

money. Too high and your boat will get overlooked. To determine an accurate price range for your boat, look at listings for similar boats in similar condition. You can also try out boat pricing tools online.

### Be responsive

Demand is high, so take advantage of any interest by responding to inquiries in a timely manner. This will help you build trust with potential buyers and sell your boat sooner. Responding within 24 hours is ideal, otherwise that potential buyer may sail on to different seas.

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# First case of Monkeypox identified in Walworth County resident

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) identified the first confirmed case of orthopoxvirus, presumed to be monkeypox, in a resident of Walworth County on June 15.

The patient is currently isolating and the risk remains low for the general public.

Department of Health Services, federal, state, and local partners are working closely together to investigate and monitor the current monkeypox outbreak.

"The number of monkeypox cases continues to rise in the U.S., so it is not surprising that monkeypox has been detected in Walworth County," said Health and Human Services Director, Carlo Nevicosi. "While it is possible that additional cases may be found among Walworth County residents, we want to assure the public that this disease does not spread easily from person to person and the risk of widespread transmission remains low. We urge all of our health care providers to remain alert to patients with compatible rashes and encourage them to test for monkeypox."

Monkeypox is a rare but potentially serious disease caused by the monkeypox virus. It is typically characterized by a new, unexplained rash and skin lesions.

Other early symptoms of monkeypox include fever, chills, and swollen lymph nodes. Recently identified cases have developed skin lesions in the genital, groin, and anal regions that might be confused with rashes caused by common diseases such as herpes and syphilis.

Most people with monkeypox recover in two to four weeks without needing treatment.

However, vaccinations and antiviral medications can be used to prevent and treat monkeypox. People who had known exposure to someone with monkeypox should talk with a doctor or nurse to learn if they are eligible to receive a vaccine. This includes people who were specifically identified as someone who had close or intimate in-person contact with someone with the characteristic monkeypox rash or someone with a probable or confirmed monkeypox diagnosis.

It is important to know that monkeypox does not spread easily from person to person. The virus is transmitted through respiratory droplets, sustained skin-to-skin contact, and contact with items that have been contaminated with the fluids or sores of a person with monkeypox.

Anyone can develop and spread this disease after being exposed to the virus. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that most cases of monkeypox in the U.S. have occurred among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men.

To prevent the spread of monkeypox, DHS encourages all Wisconsinites to be aware of the following:

- Know the symptoms and risk factors of monkeypox.
- Avoid skin-to-skin contact with people who are showing a rash or skin sores. Don't touch the rash or scabs, and don't kiss, hug, cuddle, have sex, or share items such as eating utensils or bedding with someone with monkeypox.
- In jurisdictions with known monkeypox spread, participating in

activities with close, personal, skin-to-skin contact may pose a higher risk of exposure.

• If you were recently exposed to the virus, contact a doctor or nurse to talk about whether you need a vaccine to prevent disease. Monitor your health for fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes and a new, unexplained rash, and contact a health care provider if any of those occur. If you become ill, avoid contact with others until you receive health care.

The DHS Outbreaks in Wisconsin webpage will be updated with the latest case counts of monkeypox.

DHS continues to work closely with local public health, health care providers, and the CDC to monitor the current outbreak and provide guidance to mitigate risk. DHS urges all Wisconsinites to contact a doctor or nurse immediately if they develop any unexpected skin lesions or rashes.

For free, confidential support finding health care and community resources, dial 211 or 877-947-2211.

Find resources online at [211Wisconsin.org](http://211Wisconsin.org).



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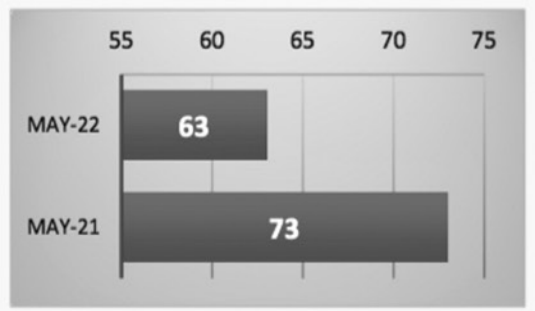
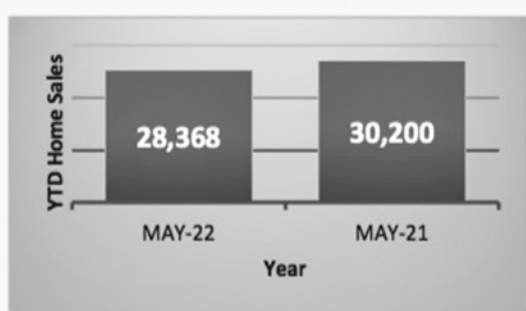
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**28,368**  
HOMES SOLD THRU 5/22

**Year-to-Date 2021**  
**30,200**  
HOMES SOLD THRU 5/21

from last year **↓ -6.1%**

**May 2022**  
**63**  
ACTIVE LISTINGS

**May 2021**  
**73**  
ACTIVE LISTINGS

from last year **↓ -13.7%**

\* Data based on Freddie Mac, 30 year fixed-rate mortgage rates

Here's a look at the year-to-day home sales, and the mortgage interest rates and average days of the market for homes in Wisconsin.  
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# Affordability keeps falling

*Rising prices, high interest keep more out of the market*

The dynamics of low inventories and rising interest rates continued to limit home sales in Wisconsin during May, according to the Wisconsin Realtors Association. In its monthly report the WRA said very tight inventories kept sales down and put strong upward pressure on home sales. Wisconsin's existing home sales fell 5.6% in May compared to sales 12 months earlier. The median home price rose 11.8% to \$275,000 over that same period. The current market continues to be good for those who are looking to sell their homes. "This continues to be a very strong seller's market, even with

home prices and mortgage rates rising rapidly. There remains significant unmet housing demand from millennial buyers, which should fuel the state housing market through the prime summer sales market," said Brad Lois, chairman of the board for the WRA. On the other side of that coin, however, is the fact that homes are becoming less attainable for many potential homebuyers. "We're seeing significant annual increases in both home prices and mortgage rates, which is why affordability is falling so quickly," WRA president and CEO Michael Theo said. "We expect these trends to continue throughout 2022. However, eventually demand pressure will moderate, and this will reduce the seller's advantage in the market." That trend is illustrated by year-to-date numbers with existing

Wisconsin home sales down 6.1% in the first five months of the year compared to that same period in 2021. The year-to-date median home price increased 10.8% to \$254,900 compared to that same five-month period last year. Home sales were down between May 2021 and May 2022 in five of the six regions of the state. The most pronounced reduction in sales was seen in the South Central, North and Central regions, down 10.1%, 9.9% and 7.9%, respectively. The sales reductions were more moderate in the Southeast region, which was down 4.3%, as well as the Northeast region, which was down 2.7%. Home sales were unchanged in the West region. Locally, sales were down 6.2% in Walworth County and 3.1% in Kenosha County. Sales in Racine County were steady in the year-to-year comparison.

Median home prices rose 11.1% in Walworth County, 10.3% in Racine County and 8.1% in Kenosha County. Here's a look at some of the other factors affecting the market, according to the WRA: • The inventory situation did not improve in May. Over the past 12 months, new listings dropped 6.5%, and total listings were down 15%. • Given the tight supply and continued strong demand for housing, there were just 2.6 months of inventory in May, which is a 13.3% decline from a year earlier. This remains a very strong seller's market, and homes are moving quickly. Average days on the market fell 13.7% in the last 12 months to just 63 days. The annual in inflation rate as measured by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index spiked to 8.6% in May, which is the largest annual increase

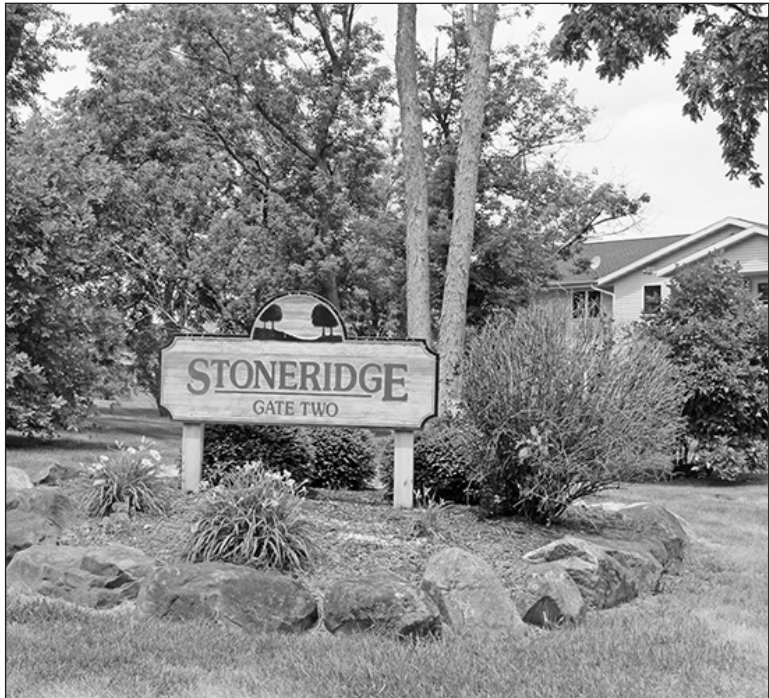
since December 1981. The Federal Reserve has accelerated the pace at which it is increasing short-term interest rates in an attempt to mitigate these in inflationary pressures. Strong home price pressure and rising mortgage rates have taken a toll on affordability in the state. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rate rose from 2.96% in May 2021 to 5.23% in May 2022, an increase of 227 basis points. The Wisconsin Housing Affordability Index measures the percent of the median-priced home that a buyer with median family income qualifies to purchase. This assumes a 20% down payment and a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage financing the remaining balance. In May 2022, that buyer could purchase just 133% of the median-priced home, which is down from 190% a year earlier.

# Four apartment complexes sold

*New owner pledges to address deferred maintenance*

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

Four apartment complexes representing a significant portion of the City of Elkhorn's rental units have been sold are now being run by the Spaulding Group out of Janesville. While Spaulding Group CEO and president Justin Spaulding would not comment on the sale price, the four properties are believed to have sold for a total of more than \$30 million. The four complexes are Stoneridge Apartments on Hazel Ridge Road, Geneva Street Apartments on Lewis Street, Fairfield Heights on Sandy Lane and Parkside Apartments on Walworth Street. The properties were all previously owned by Summit Development, in Elkhorn. That business now has a disconnected phone number and no offices. The former owner, a Ms. Kim Howarth, could not be reached for comment. According to information found on the Walworth County Property Tax website, the sales of all four properties were closed in mid-May. Residents received a letter from Spaulding Group confirming the sale and that further information would be forthcoming to tenants. An office for the Spaulding



Group has been set up at 17 E. Walworth St. but is not yet open to the public. Justin Spaulding confirmed the sales in early July and said common area maintenance – like painting walls and flooring – has started, with more coming as supplies arrive. He added that he intends to put money into the properties to address

deferred maintenance, including new roofing on 10 of the buildings and addressing a drop that is occurring between driveways and garages on at least one of the sites. "Some things have been let go," Spaulding said. Spaulding said that the units would remain "competitive" with the area market in terms of rent. When asked if that included raising

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Four different apartment complexes in Elkhorn were sold in May to Spaulding Group out of Janesville, for an estimated combined total of more than \$30 million. Far left: are the Stoneridge Apartments on Hazel Ridge Road. At left is a letter in the window of the Spaulding Group's new office in Elkhorn, which does not have regular hours yet.

JENNIFER EISENBART  
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and property and asset management. He has previously turned around poorly performing multi-family and storage unit properties." The technical owner of the property is SPEF VII LLC, which is listed as a foreign LLC. Spaulding said that is due to the financing used to purchase the properties, and that the LLC is a pass-through company.

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World Wisconsin separately where it will be reinstalled in the tavern in its original space.”

The building was successfully moved and in the next year or so will be restored and the bar and tables re-installed. There will be an old time radio playing in the background and a historic wall telephone will be installed. Visitors may be asked to answer it and share the message, whether it is a customer calling or notice of a beer delivery.

Officials with the historic site are optimistic the Brewing Experience exhibit will become a favorite gathering place for visitors to Old World Wisconsin who will be transported to the 1930s. Parked near the tavern will be a beer delivery truck from the 1920s to add to the nostalgia.

The grounds will be cultivated and the hops and barley will be used in the creative brewing

experience. An outdoor beer garden – or Biergarten as the German immigrants would have called it – is planned for the area, uniting the Brewing Experience Barn and the Old Tavern. It’s here that visitors will gather to enjoy a meal along with a cold brew.

Taking on a project of this magnitude requires funding. While much money has been raised, there is still a need for additional funds to finish the project. Funds can be donated online by visiting Old World Wisconsin’s website.

*Old World Wisconsin is at W372S9727 Highway 67, Eagle. For more information, call 262-594-6301, visit online at oldworldwisconsinhistory.org or follow Old World Wisconsin on Facebook.*

*Old World Wisconsin is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available online or at the entrance.*



Visitors to Old World Wisconsin gather around a touch screen presentation that shares the history of brewing in Wisconsin.

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W5615 Oak Park Rd.....	<b>\$680,000</b>
N7866 Westshore Dr .....	<b>\$680,000</b>
W5347 Baywood Dr .....	<b>\$1,390,000</b>
N7862 Westshore Dr .....	<b>\$1,370,000</b>
N7469 Country Club Dr .....	<b>\$1,720,000</b>
W5681 Ridge Rd.....	<b>\$1,685,000</b>
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W5245 Lauderdale Dr ....	<b>\$1,999,900</b>
N7688 Westshore Dr.....	<b>\$2,100,000</b>
W5475 Rocky Rd.....	<b>\$2,349,000</b>
N7729 Laura Ln .....	<b>\$4,499,700</b>

# A help to your hamper

## From mom’s wedding planner business to son’s laundry, entrepreneurship runs in Elkhorn family

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**

EDITOR

When it comes to starting his own business, Elkhorn Area High School junior Sam Dreyer has had a pretty close role model.

After all, when your mother leaves her full-time job and starts her own wedding planner business, it can be easy to see how everything works.

“My kids were pretty young, and they got to see that change,” explained Becky Dreyer, who started her business, Something Blue, so she would have more time with her children.

“Before that, I was gone all the time,” she added. “I was able to make my own schedule and do fun things with them.”

Now Sam has followed in his mother’s footsteps. After taking classes in entrepreneurship and social media marketing at Gateway Technical College, Sam Dwyer opened the doors of Hamper Helper May 15.

The concept is simple: for those needing help with their laundry, Sam will deliver laundry baskets to fill. He will then wash the laundry, fold it and return with clean clothes the following day. Customers have their choice of laundry detergent, and whether or not they want him to use fabric softener.

“Since the beginning of the school year, I wanted to start a business,” Sam explained. “I just felt I was wasting my time not starting anything.”

“It’s kind of been a dream of mine recently,” he added. “To own something that you can be proud of.”

Cost is \$25 for the first basket, and \$20 for any basket after the first. While Sam is not overrun with business yet, he has gotten a positive review on Facebook.

Faith Justus, who gave the service 5 out of 5 stars, wrote: “Sam was easy to communicate with. He was accommodating to our pick up needs. He was timely with the service and everything was cleaned well. It was folded nicely and placed back in the bins. All we had to do was put our clean clothes away. Such a weight lifted off!”

Sam is hoping business will pick up over the summer as he finishes his junior year of high school. In the meantime, he’s excited to be following in his mother’s footsteps.

“Some of my earliest memories are when she started it,” Sam explained. “Her getting excited every time she got a new customer. Really loving the job, which I hadn’t really seen from my parents – or anyone in my life.”

Sam said he chose laundry because he felt there would be a target market in the area.

“It’s something I felt would be useful,” he said. “I felt there was really a need for it. People who want to spend time with their kids, or maybe they’re working too much.”

He also pointed out that providing a laundry service didn’t create many legal hoops for him to jump through.

If nothing else, Sam has earned a mother’s pride in his work.

“Scale of 1 to 10? Maybe 9.75,” Becky said. “I need him to know there is room for improvement.”

“He’s always been very smart, and he’s got great people skills,” she added. “I’ve always encouraged him to use those. He’s really taken that to heart, and that’s what I’m probably most proud of.”

Hamper Helper can be found on Facebook by searching “Hamper Helper.” For more information, contact Sam Dreyer at 262-379-0814.

# Chiros in Motion puts down roots in Elkhorn

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**

EDITOR

Formerly a traveling sports chiropractic clinic in Walworth County, Chiros in Motion opened its new brick and mortar site at 230 W. Evergreen Pkwy, Unit 203, July 7.

The business is connected to GTS Sports and Performance, which provides a science-based approach to building well-rounded and high-performing athletes. That company is also located at 230 W. Evergreen.

Emma Scaro, the co-owner of Chiros in Motion, said that Chiros in Motion started out as a traveling clinic. She and her partner, Jay White, were road tripping after graduation from the University of Western States in Portland.

“My mom said there was a lot of people in the area who wanted me to treat them,” said Scaro, a 2013 graduate of Elkhorn Area High School. “So I got my license here, and it kind of grew from there.”

The business started in October of 2021, and with a growing client base, Scaro said they wanted a site versus providing at-home visit.

“We have all portable stuff we could bring,” Scaro said. “We also worked with small businesses.”

The couple had set hours at various sites, and hopes to continue providing that service in the future. But for now, they will be tied to GTS, which they provided care to previously.

“They’re really involved in the community, especially the baseball community,” Scaro said. “They offered us a space to rent from them, so that’s what we’re doing now.”

Hours are currently 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. Saturday treatment is available by



Jay White (left) and Emma Scaro (right) recently celebrated the grand opening of the new brick-and-mortar location of Chiros in Motion in Elkhorn.

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appointment only.

The couple will continue to focus on sports chiropractic. Scaro holds a master’s degree in sports medicine, while White is a certified athletic trainer. They work with movement patterns to help people find ways to reduce injury, therapeutic exercises to strengthen bodies and provide soft tissue work as well as adjustments.

“As a business, we are hoping to educate our patients on how to reduce injury risk and how to better take care of their bodies,” Scaro said. “Just to get people out of pain and back into function. “Being able to live their lives, pain-free,” she added. “We’re really excited to get started.”

For more information on Chiros in Motion, call 262-374-8315.

# Wine and dine on the water

## Lake Lawn offers monthly dinner-wine cruises

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**

EDITOR

When Lake Lawn Resort was faced with its dining room being closed this summer due to renovations, the resort staff knew it wanted to continue its wine dinners.

The question of “how” was answered by combining the dinners with a cruise on the Lake Lawn Queen, and dinner cruises on Delavan Lake were born.

Once a month, the Queen leaves for a two-hour dinner cruise. Remaining dates are Sept. 14 and Oct. 19, with the cruises running from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are available on the Lake Lawn website, along with the menu and wine pairings. Cost is \$99 per person, which includes the service charge, four glasses of wine paired with each of the four courses of the meal.

“They love it. It’s something different,” said Robert Anderson, the director of banquets and catering at Lake Lawn. With two hours on the boat, a four-course dinner and four glasses of wine, he added, “you can’t beat that.”

Lake Lawn Chef John Billings personally handles the menu, pairing the wines with the menu choices. All items are cooked at the resort, then plated and served on the boat.

“This is our first year doing it,” Anderson explained. “Our wine dinners are very popular and do max out.”

Due to the size of the boat, there are 40 tickets available for each cruise. So far, Anderson said, they have sold out the first two cruises.

Anderson said that Lake Lawn works with both of its wine vendors



Lake Lawn Resort is offering monthly dinner and wine cruises aboard the Lake Lawn Queen on Delavan Lake this summer. The meals feature four courses, each paired with an appropriate wine.

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on the cruise, flip-flopping each month between the two. For July, the meal will be paired with wine from the Hess Collection – a winery on the slopes of Mount Veeder in Napa Valley.

Each course is paired with a glass. For example, July’s menu read:

- First course – Bell and Evans Chicken, Bacon, Chef’s Own Cured, Lemon, Caper, Butter, Shot Maple Jalapeno Johnny Cake, Leinenkugel Battered Great Lakes

- Walleye, Red Cabbage, Pickled, Slaw, Titos, caper, Aioli. Paired with the Hess Collection’s Lion Tamer Red Napa Valley (2016).

- Second course – Faroe Salmon, Smoked Paprika, Evoo, Garlic, Paste, Crusted, Baby Romaine, Faulk Salt, Oat Croutons, Grilled, Sour Apple, Lemon, Curd, Vinaigrette. Paired with the Hess Collection’s Sauvignon Blanc Shirtail Ranches North Coast (2021).

- Third course – Red Stag Loin, Herbed, Garlic, Roasted, Evoo, Seared, Lavender, Cocoa, Bourbon, Butter, Demi, Russet, Champignon, Parsley, Smash, Steeped Wax and Green Haricoverts. Paired with the Hess Select Cabernet Sauvignon Allomi Napa Valley (2019).

- Fourth course – Strawberry Rhubarb Kouign Amann, Grand Marnier, Lemon, Zabaglione, Crème Brulee. Paired with the Hess

Collection Chardonnay Panthera Russian River Valley (2018).

With the dining room scheduled to reopen later this year, Anderson doesn’t know if the dinner cruises will remain past this year.

“We’ll reevaluate that, to determine at that time if it’s what we want to do,” Anderson explained.

To buy a ticket, call Lake Lawn Resort at 262-728-7950, or go to [www.lakelawnresort.com](http://www.lakelawnresort.com).

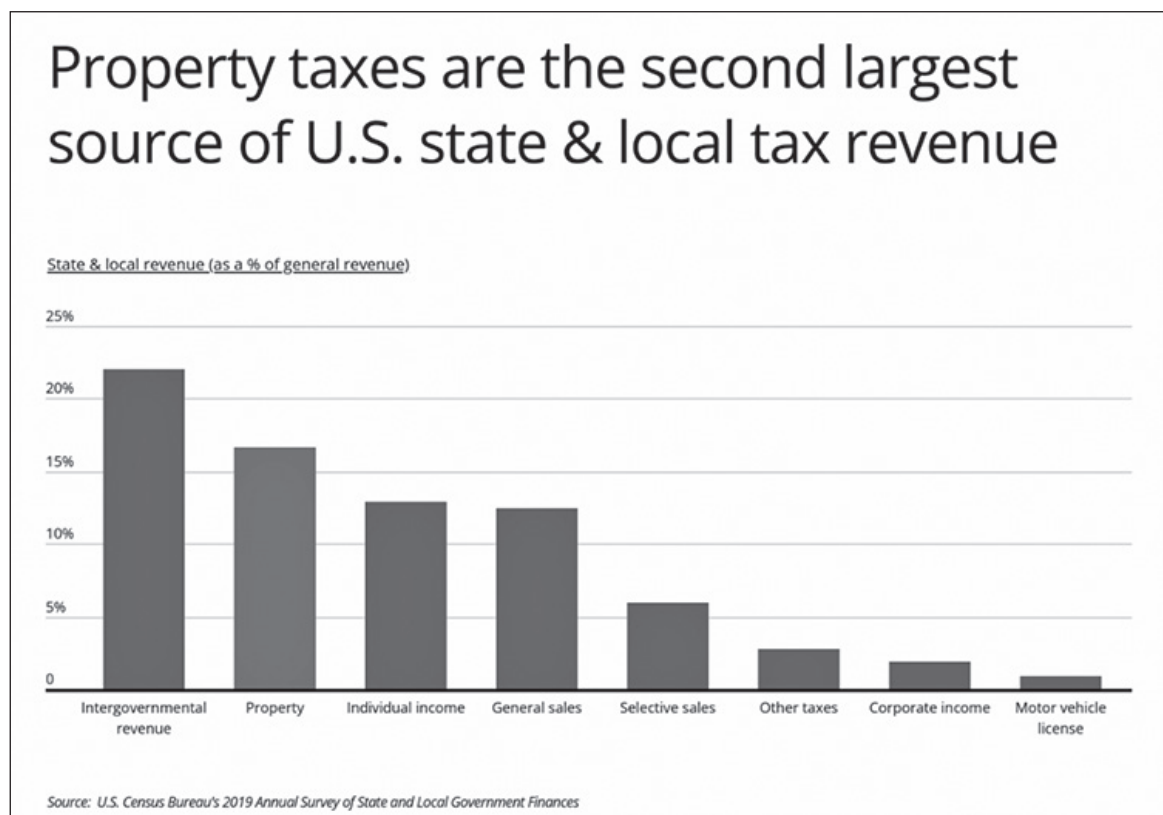
# Property taxes are 17.8% of Wisconsin’s tax revenue, above U.S. average

Despite many economic experts’ worst fears early in the COVID-19 pandemic, state and local government budgets have proven resilient over the last two years, according to a recent report by Porch.com, an online resource for home owners who are moving, in need of home repairs/maintenance or investing in home-improvement projects.

With much of the economy shut down or hobbled as a result of the pandemic, forecasters initially worried that states and localities would collect substantially lower amounts of sales and income tax and face major budget shortfalls as a result. But behind falling unemployment, rising wages, and strong consumer spending, income and sales taxes have produced stronger-than-expected revenues since the initial shock of the pandemic, a news release from Porch.com stated.

One factor that has helped protect state, and especially local revenues over this period is property taxes, which are taxes levied on real property like land and buildings or certain forms of personal property. Property taxes tend to be more stable over time because property values are less susceptible to economic volatility than income and sales tax.

Depending on when taxes are assessed, it could take years for any significant changes in property values to become apparent in a government’s tax collections. This certainly helped keep property tax revenues steady during the pandemic – and for some communities, collections could potentially grow in coming years



due to the skyrocketing values of residential real estate.

Property taxes’ stability could help continue to protect state and local budgets if the United States is headed toward a recession in the near future, the release stated. Property tax collections represent 16.6% of state and local general tax revenues, which makes it the largest form of “own-source” revenue generated by states and localities, ahead of individual income (12.9%) and general sales taxes (12.5%).

Among all revenue sources, property tax trails only

intergovernmental funds (22%), which comprises funds transferred from one government to another (most frequently federal to state or local) through grants, loans, and other agreements.

However, the overall mix of state and local revenue sources looks different across the United States. Each state and local government offers a unique collection of revenue sources that weights income, sales, property, and other taxes differently.

For example, nine states have no state income tax, while five have no state sales tax. Others have caps

on property tax rates or restrictions around how property valuations are conducted that limit the amount of revenue from property taxes. This means that individuals’ specific tax burdens will look different depending on what state and local tax laws are in place where they live.

Property tax collections across the states show these differences in action. At the low end, only 6.9% of general tax revenue collected in Alabama comes from property tax, while at the high end, property tax is 36.5% of general tax revenue in

New Hampshire.

New Hampshire stands out in part because the state has neither an income nor a sales tax, so many services are funded at the local level through property taxes. Many of the other locations highly dependent on property taxes are nearby Northeastern states including New Jersey, Maine and Connecticut.

The data used in this analysis is from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2019 Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances.

To determine the states that collect the most property tax revenue, researchers at Porch calculated property tax revenue as a share of total general tax revenue. In the event of a tie, the state with the greater annual property tax revenue per capita was ranked higher.

Here is a summary of the data for Wisconsin:

- Property tax as a share of total general tax revenue: 17.8%;
- Annual property tax revenue (per capita): \$1,685;
- Annual property tax revenue (total): \$9 billion; and
- Annual general tax revenue (total): \$55 billion.

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

- Property tax as a share of total general tax revenue: 16.6%;
- Annual property tax revenue (per capita): \$1,758;
- Annual property tax revenue (total): \$577 billion; and
- Annual general tax revenue (total): \$3.5 trillion.

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, find the original report on Porch’s website at [porch.com](http://porch.com).



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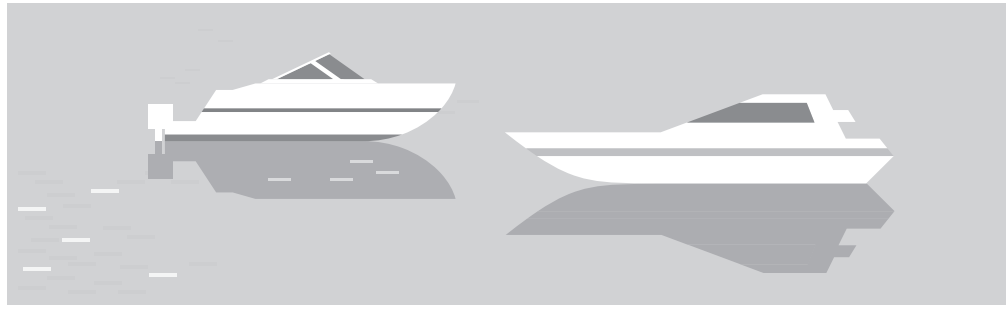
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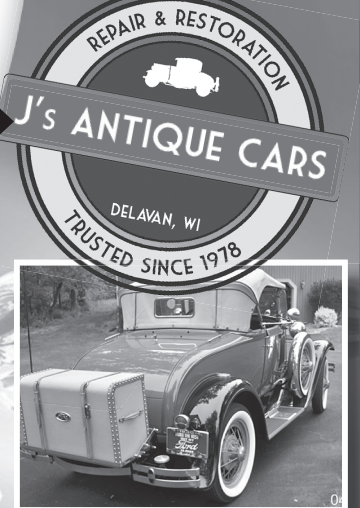
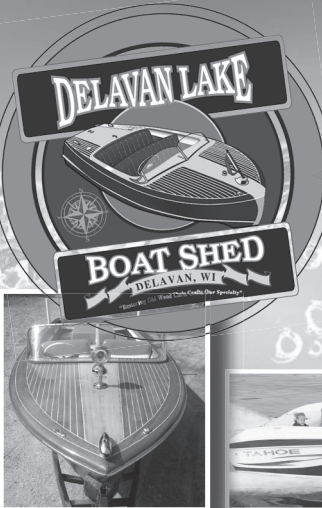
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# NewCold TID approved by area joint board

## Cold storage provider anticipates groundbreaking in 2023

By **Michael S. Hoey**  
CORRESPONDENT

The proposed NewCold development in the Village of Darien crossed its last hurdle on July 26. The Joint Review Board approved the creation of Tax Incremental District Number 4 by a 5-0 vote. NewCold had indicated it would develop the site near the intersection of County Highways X and C without the TID. Walworth County, the Delavan-Darien School District, and the Village of Darien had already independently approved of the TID before July 26 making the vote on July 26 a formality. A representative of Gateway Technical College and independent

citizen Mark Wenzel cast the remaining two votes on that day. NewCold is an automated cold storage provider with 11 facilities on three continents. The company has about 1,200 employees. Brian Roemer, the Village of Darien’s municipal advisor from Ehlers and Associates, summarized the project plan and developer’s agreement. Two things were added to the plan in its later stages. One was to address concerns about additional truck traffic on County Highway X, a highway that was recently reconstructed and, some believe, may deteriorate quicker with the additional truck traffic the development will surely add to it. NewCold agreed to pay Walworth

County \$150,000 per year for fifteen years to cover the costs of any repairs to County X that might be needed. The second change was to cap the incentive paid to NewCold at \$38 million. Roemer said that figure was arrived at by looking at a number of factors, one of which was the difference NewCold will pay in taxes to the village versus what it would have paid if it had remained in the Town of Darien. The property to be developed is being annexed by the village. Roemer also said the amount ensure both the developer and the village have “skin in the game” by ensuring there is enough equity being put forth by both the company and the village. He said it was important not to over-incentivize the development. Roemer said the project is expected to generate \$118 million in incremental value by January of 2025 and over \$56 million over the 20 years of the TID. Roemer said the village should have the revenue it needs to close out the TID in 2039, which is earlier than originally planned. There is also a jobs creation guarantee in the developer’s agreement that states the project will create 40 full-time jobs and incentive payments to the developer do not begin until the development has been completed. Roemer said the village has control over making sure the

developer produces the increment it is required to and oversight over the development itself. He called the development a pay-as-you-go development in that the developer pays the costs of the development up front and is later reimbursed by the village with the incentive payments. Village Administrator Lindsey Peterson clarified what that meant for property taxes in the village. Peterson said many residents have been concerned property taxes will rise because of the development. She said that is not true. NewCold, Peterson said, will pay its taxes during the time the TID is in effect and the money the village spends on infrastructure, payments to the town for annexation, payments to the county, and the incentive to the developer will come from those taxes, not an increase to village property taxes. Peterson also addressed the rumors that one or more board members will benefit from the development. She said no one has been able to prove any board member will benefit from the development any more than any other taxpayer and she encouraged anyone with any information to the contrary to contact the village. Peterson also said concerns about the noise generated by the development should be addressed by the existing village noise ordinance.

Jessica Conley, Walworth County Finance Director, said some people seem to think there will be no benefit to the community until the TID is closed. She said the construction of the facility will provide jobs in the short-term and bring many people into the village who will spend money at local businesses. The development will also create 40 jobs for the community. Delavan-Darien School District Business Administrator Anthony Klein reiterated the district’s reasons to approve the TID. Klein, like Peterson, said there are often misconceptions about how a TID impacts a community. In the district’s case, some people think that if the development were to occur without the creation of a TID the district would see an increase in revenue and no longer need to go to referendum to ask taxpayers for more money. Klein said that is not the case. Klein said the district’s revenue is restricted by the 1993 revenue limit and is based on the number of pupils in the district, not equalized property value. An increase in property value caused by any development would not automatically mean more revenue for the district. Groundbreaking for the facility is anticipated to occur in 2023 with a construction schedule of approximately 20 months.

# Bus driver accused of sexual assault

## He targeted girls on buses for Delavan-Darien schools

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

A Dousman Transport bus driver was charged in Walworth County Circuit Court July 7 after alleged sexual assaults of students while driving a school bus for the Delavan-Darien School District.

Matthew J. Gribben, 39, of Elkhorn, was charged July 8 with four counts of first-degree child sex assault, plus two charges of exposing a child to harmful materials.

The alleged assaults span from between Aug. 1 of 2019 and June 28 of 2022. The four sexual assault charges are all filed for children under the age of 13. If convicted, Gribben could face up to 60 years in prison for each Felony B assault charge and up to three years, six months in prison and up to \$10,000 for each of the harmful material charges.

Gribben is being held in the Walworth County Jail under a \$150,000 cash bond. According to a news release from the City of Delavan Police Department, he was interviewed and then turned over to Walworth County Jail staff June 28.

The Delavan-Darien School District issued a release and letter to parents July 7, stating that the district was notified by the police Monday, June 27, and that Gribben – only identified as “the driver” in the release – was placed on administrative leave as soon as the allegations were known.

“These sorts of alleged behaviors are completely unacceptable, extremely disappointing, and will not be tolerated by the Delavan-Darien School District,” said district administrator Jill Sorbie in the release. “The safety of all students is our top priority. Our students are our future, and it is our job to ensure they receive a safe transportation. We will not stand for this sort of behavior.”

The district also said that the police told them all families had been notified and that drivers for Dousman were required to pass a background check.

According to the criminal complaint issued by the Walworth County District Attorney’s office, Gribben was questioned by City of Delavan police in an interview room at the Walworth County Sheriff’s office June 28.

The complaint said that Gribben stated he transported elementary school students and that he would occasionally touch some of the female students “on the butt.” He also stated that he had shown pornography to two elementary school students.

One of the two students shown pornography was reported to be cognitively disabled, according to the city police investigator.

Gribben also stated that there were other girls he had touched on the bus, but could not remember their names.

The criminal complaint also states that Gribben told law enforcement that he “probably” touched the girls for sexual gratification and showed the pornography for sexual gratification.

According to Gribben, incidents happened during the 2019-20 and 2021-22 school years.

An additional complaint states that Gribben confessed to exposing himself to a female child at his brother’s residence in Delavan. The complaint also states that the defendant’s brother admitted to sexually assaulting the same child, but dates are unclear as to when.

The brother, Michael J. Gribben, was charged in 2021 and is awaiting trial scheduled for later this month.



**Matthew J. Gribben**

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as Geneva Lake.

That lake, unlike smaller ones, typically sees higher boating traffic as well as unpredictable waves, he said.

“Swimming in open water, especially like Lake Geneva, you are dealing with pretty big waves and a lot of vessels,” he said.

#### **Boating boom**

The National Marine Manufacturers Association, a leading trade association representing boat, marine engine and accessory manufactures, noted an economic boom in sales since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

New boat sales reached a 13-year high in 2020 and remained at elevated midway through last summer.

Association President Frank Hugelmeier said in a news release consumers have opted for watercraft as another recreational opportunity.

“As the country returns to a new normal, people are reassessing how they spend their quality time with loved ones, and many are continuing to choose boating as the preferred choice in recreation,” he said. “All signs point to boating demand and boat sales remaining strong as more people discover the mental health benefits, joys and freedoms of being outside and on the water.”

The sales boom has also led to a substantial increase in traffic on local lakes, including in Wisconsin.

Roberts said compared to before the pandemic, most lakes in the state have become more crowded with boats.

“The volume that you would have seen on the weekends is now what you would see on the weekdays and the volume that you would see on the weekends is similar to what we have seen on the holidays,” Roberts said. “It is really jam packed out there and that is one of the reasons why you’ve got to be mindful of what the rules and regulations are as far as safe operation.”

Although the state has regulations, Roberts said boaters should also be aware of local rules, as some have implemented.

DNR officials reiterated taking simple precautions while out on the waterways amid increased volume during the summer months.

“The easiest and most important thing for people to remember is

to boat sober and wear their life jackets,” the DNR states. “Statistics show boaters who wear life jackets and take boater safety courses are most likely to stay safe on Wisconsin waters.”

## **WATER SAFETY TIPS**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encourages people to have fun on the water, ranging from recreational opportunities such as fishing, kayaking or boating, but offers some simple suggestions on how to stay safe.

The department’s tips include leaving alcohol onshore, using and maintaining proper safety equipment, staying aware on paddle boards, monitoring weather conditions and staying in communication with others.

The DNR urges boaters to never use drugs or alcohol before or during boat operation because people are more sensitive to sunlight, glare, wind and noise while under the influence.

As for equipment, recommendations include having a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person onboard, one approved, throwable flotation device for any boat 16-feet and longer, a fire extinguisher, operable boat lights and emergency supplies such as a cell phone, maps, flares and a first aid kit. Additionally, a watercraft’s weight plays a role in safe handling, the DNR website said.

“Overloading a boat with gear or passengers will make the boat unstable and increase the risk of capsizing or swamping,” the website states. “Abide by the boats capacity plate which (is) located near the boat operators position.”

#### **Kayak, canoes, paddleboards**

It’s important to keep in mind that life jackets are not limited to boats and other motorized craft.

According to state and U.S. Coast Guard regulations, kayaks and canoes carry the same safety suggestions as paddleboards.

Other paddle board safety tips include carrying a whistle, having swimming competency, having training in self-rescue and towing another board, understanding the elements and hazards, and knowing local regulation and navigation rules.

#### **Be weather aware**

Regardless of the season, boaters should monitor the weather and bring a radio along, according to the DNR.

“Sudden wind shift, lightning flashes and choppy water all can mean a storm is brewing,” the DNR website states. “If bad weather is approaching, get off the water early to avoid a long waiting line (at launches) in inclement weather.”

As for water conditions, cold temperatures are prevalent in the spring, which authorities said can reduce a user’s margin for error on the water.

“If you fall in or your boat capsizes, you may have as little as two minutes before losing your ability to move your muscles and get back in the boat or seek help,” the DNR states.

For more boating safety tips, including how to enroll in safety courses, visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov) and search, “Boat Safety.”

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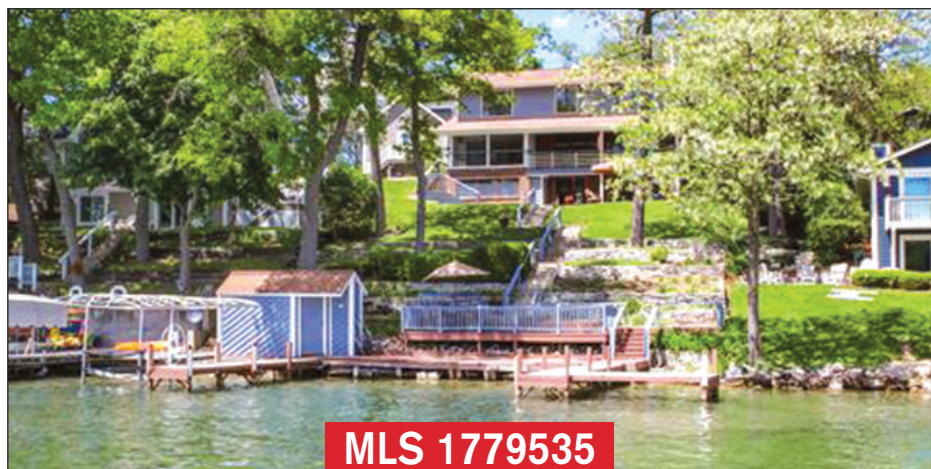
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