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# It's APPLE time!



## FALL IS PICKING SEASON THROUGHOUT THE AREA

By **Sandra Landen Machaj**  
CORRESPONDENT

Autumn is apple time. It's the time when the apple orchards of the area begin to harvest their current crop of fresh ripe apples and offer them for sale. While many may think of apples as large, red, sweet fruit, in reality, apples come in a variety of colors, sizes, and tastes.

Apples are among the most popular fruits enjoyed. They may be eaten fresh off the tree, covered with caramel for the traditional fall treat, baked into apple pies or other sweet desserts, cooked into applesauce or into pork or chicken dishes.

Whichever way you choose to enjoy them, apples will be delicious and they will add flavor to cooked dishes.

Apples may be red, green, or yellow depending on the variety and may be sweet or tart.

While the sweet apples are generally eaten fresh, tart apples are favored for cooking or baking. With so many varieties grown in the southern Wisconsin area that ripen throughout the fall season, it is difficult to taste each variety but give it a try.

Apples are said to be healthy. Everyone has heard "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," which was reported to have been first coined in 1913. Whether that is true or not, the apple has multiple health benefits.

According to the Mayo Clinic, apples



are a good source of soluble fiber and antioxidants, which is believed to lower blood cholesterol and glucose levels. Fresh apples are also a good source of Vitamin C – an antioxidant that protects body cells from damage.

Other health benefits of apples are also being studied.

With a low calorie count of only 95 calories in the average apple, they are

the perfect healthy snack. They are easily transported and are the most frequently seen fruit in packed lunches as they hold up well.

Enjoy a beautiful fall day and take a trip to one or more of the local apple orchards and sample some of the just-harvested apples and bring home new varieties for your family to enjoy. Visitors may also be tempted to bring home some apple pies, apple cider, and apple cider donuts.

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In 1985, Steve and Judy Jacobson planted 40 acres of apple trees. That was the beginning of the farm truly being identified as an orchard. These early 40 acres have been increased, now holding 4,000 apple trees with 12 popular varieties of apples spread over many more acres.

At the Apple Barn, it is possible to find anything apple. Along with freshly picked, in-season apples, the aroma of freshly baked goods – many containing apples –

pulls the visitor over to the bakery counter where the homemade goods seem to be quickly disappearing.

Whether it is a freshly made apple pie, the apple cider donuts, or other fine freshly baked items, such as a pumpkin chocolate chip cookie or perhaps a fresh caramel apple, it is not possible to pass the counter without purchasing something.

Be careful of the apple cider donuts,

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**On the cover:** A walk, ride or drive down Snake Road at any time of the year is a quiet and peaceful experience to enjoy the beauty of the area.

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Wonders of Walworth County

**top:** Apple picking is a favorite autumn activity in the area. Apple orchards in the area offer multiple varieties, pick-your-own options and more.  
**above:** When we think of apples this is how most people picture them – large, smooth, bright red and ready to eat.

# 'We have shared values'

*Area author, behavior specialist aims to build a sense of community with his books*

by **Dave Fidlin**  
CORRESPONDENT

**A**s he reflects on the two books featuring his byline, David Bohl says he has high hopes for the readers consuming his words. One of the behavior health specialist's goals is to create a sense of authentic community at a time when it's direly needed.

Bohl, an East Troy resident, authored the 2018 memoir, "Parallel Universes: The Story of Rebirth," which touches on such deeply personal themes as adoption and relinquishment, betrayal, addiction, recovery and redemption.

Early this year, Bohl followed up his debut as an author with "Relinquishment and Addiction: What Trauma Has to Do With It," which was co-written with fellow expert Jamie Marich.

Bohl's journey of self-discovery, and how he got to where he is today, has been marked with a series of winding roads, peaks and valleys.

Some of his formative life experiences prompted him to pursue an education – and ultimately a career – as an addiction specialist and counselor. He currently works as an independent consultant with Beacon Confidential LLC.

"I would call it an encore career, and for many reasons," Bohl said. "I had some life events that allowed me to end a really unhealthy relationship with alcohol."

In his early adult years, Bohl said he was looking to begin the next chapter of his life. Pieces of that puzzle ultimately began coming together as he pondered his future goals at the time.

"I was looking for ways to be more engaged and do something that was more focused on service-oriented industries and to giving back to the community," he said.

As it turned out, Bohl's foray into behavioral health was a fruitful and meaningful experience to him, and to people who have been in need of his services.

"I help people make changes, and I help them set goals," he said. "I combine that with my recovery experience."

The transition to professional authorship initially started with a blog that touched on his personal experiences and observations of health care and behavioral health care.

"It's an imperfect world, so sometimes I started to write to process inequities I was experiencing. I wanted to do it to gain some clarity," Bohl said. "I posted as often as I felt I needed to. Sometimes it was five times a week."

Bohl, who had no previous experience in publishing, said he noticed his writings were gaining attention – so much so, in fact, that he was hearing about people reading his blog when he was outside Wisconsin.

Bohl's written ponderings also delved



David Bohl

into his own personal experiences, including past struggles. Displaying such a level of vulnerability, he said, was a risky, yet rewarding, endeavor.

"You're putting yourself out there. It can be a really scary place," he said. "But it's been met with so much affirmation."

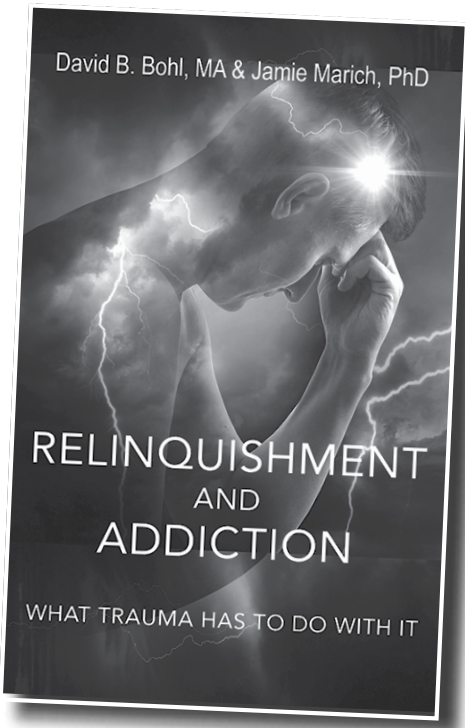
As time went on, Bohl wrote one post after another, until he had accumulated a collective 66,000 words. With the help of an editor,

he brought it all together to form "Parallel Universes."

"I started writing about my experience and didn't stop," Bohl said of the trajectory.

"Relinquishment and Addiction," which was officially released in January, touches on the challenges relinquished persons, or adoptees, sometimes face. Bohl said the book takes a look at some of the challenges people going through such an experience sometimes face, though he said it is penned in a positive and hopeful way.

While both books have resonated with people who have experienced addiction and relinquishment, either directly or indirectly,



Bohl said he has another goal in mind as he considers the next chapter of the books' placement in the literary marketplace.

Since the books touch on personal, relatable issues, Bohl said he aspires to

strengthen bonds, particularly in his own community, at a time when a positive and uplifting message is seemingly more needed than ever.

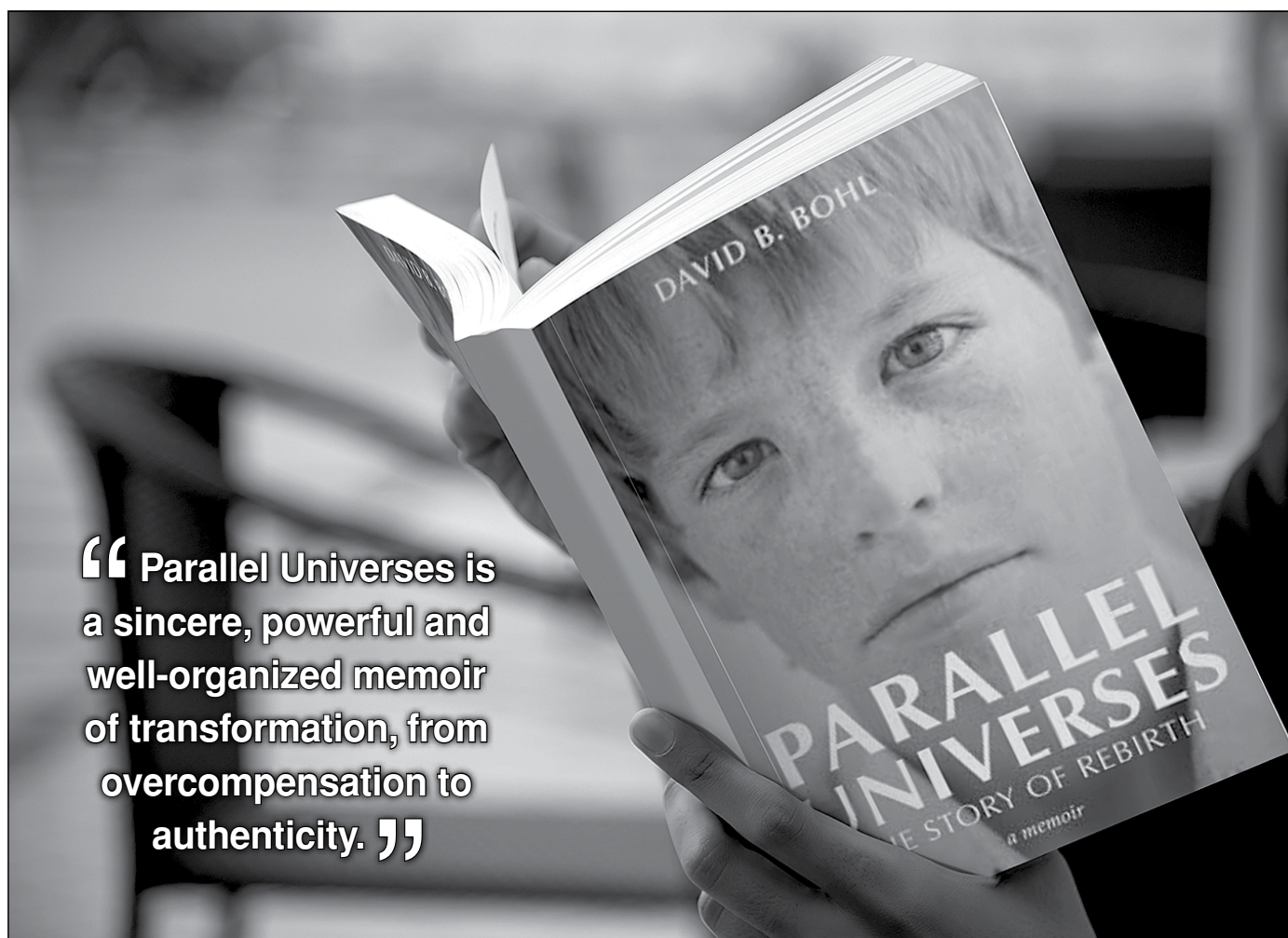
"I think we're at a time where we're struggling for community," Bohl said. "We're in a world where so much of the news is bad, and it's threatening and scary and everything else."

Bohl's connections to East Troy stretch back to the mid 1960s, when his father built a home on Lake Beulah. He and his wife purchased their first home in the community in 1989 and have lived in East Troy most of the intervening decades.

Calling East Troy home for such a prolonged period has been a natural experience, Bohl said, and if he can make the community a better place with his expertise and personal experience, the effort will be worthwhile.

"We have shared values. We have common struggles, and there are many ways for us to come together," Bohl said. "One of the ways we can communicate that is by writing."

"Parallel Universes" and "Relinquishment and Addiction" are available for purchase online through Amazon. Both can also be purchased via Bohl's website, [www.davidbohl.com](http://www.davidbohl.com), which features information on his professional experience, as well as his blog.



**“Parallel Universes is a sincere, powerful and well-organized memoir of transformation, from overcompensation to authenticity.”**

**top:** "Parallel Universes: The Story of Rebirth" is authored by David Bohl, of East Troy. He says the book touches on deeply personal themes, such as adoption and relinquishment, betrayal, addiction, recovery and redemption. **above:** Bohl co-wrote his second book, "Relinquishment and Addiction: What Trauma Has to Do With It," with fellow expert Jamie Marich.

# SOAKING IT ALL IN

## Autumn in Geneva Lakes area offers plenty of color and variety

By **Sandra Landen Machaj**  
CORRESPONDENT

While every season has its offerings, autumn in the Midwest is the favorite of many residents and visitors.

With its changing colors, as the leaves turn from the green of summer to yellow orange and red depending on the species of trees, autumn is a beautiful time of the year.

Autumn is the time to head out of doors and enjoy the last vestiges of pleasant outdoor activities. There are numerous outdoor activities in the area to be enjoyed before the cold weather of winter arrives.

Here are some favorites. Get out there and enjoy.

### ALONG THE WATER

In Lake Geneva, it is Geneva Lake that is the center of so many activities that bring visitors to the area and encourages local residents to get outside and enjoy the beauty.

The gem of the lake is the Shore Path, which the original settlers to the area assured would be preserved for all to enjoy. Throughout the

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Biking along one of the rustic roads in the fall is a way to enjoy the beauty of the colors and the fresh fall air.

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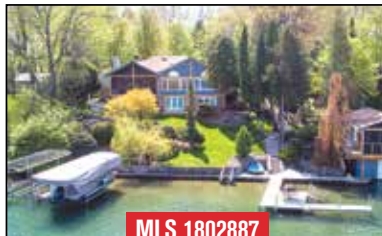
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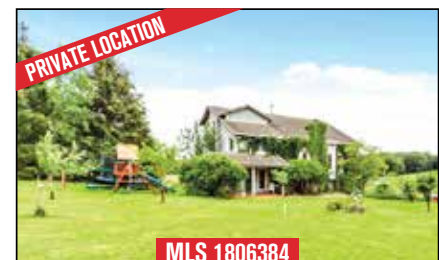
MLS 1811147

**1811147** - Located on the south course of Evergreen GC you'll find this 3 BD, 2.5 bath brick ranch on the 6th hole beautifully landscaped on .70 of an acre. Inside featuring vaulted ceiling in LR with fireplace and access to screened porch, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar and adjoining dining room with vaulted ceiling and French door to deck. Master BD with ensuite featuring double vanity, walk-in shower, whirlpool tub with walk-in closet, plus French door to screened porch. Vaulted ceiling in 3rd BR and main floor laundry. Finished lower level offers rec-room, wet-bar, den, exercise area and powder room. 3 car attached garage and ample parking. Be part of this vibrant golf course community. Short drive to Lauderdale Lakes, Kettle Moraine Trail Head and I-43. **\$499,700**



MLS 1803282

**1803282** - Charming Country 3 BD, 2 Bath Cape Cod on 2.92 acres zoned A-5. Inside features updated kitchen with SS appliances, Sub Zero Refrigerator and pantry, formal dining room off kitchen, Living room and main floor Family Room with fireplace. Huge lower-level Rec-Room, Laundry Room and Storage. Outside offers 24 x 39 detached garage with heated and cooled 15 x 23 finished ideal for home office. Plus 14 x 20 heated shop or garage. Property offers gated entrance to backside of the property offering huge parking area or storage area for your home business. **\$379,700**



MLS 1806384

**1806384** - The ultimate in privacy awaits the new owners on 1.03 acres you'll find this 3 BD, 3.5 Bath 2 story home within minutes of Lauderdale Lakes. Inside features hardwood flooring throughout, Living Room with vaulted ceiling and Stone fireplace, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar and dinette with slider to deck, Master Bdrm en-suite with double vanity, walk-in shower, jetted tub and walk-in closet, plus 2nd and 3rd Bdrm's have their own full bath. Loft overlooks Living Room. Covered porch leads you to a 2-story foyer. Main floor laundry with access to back deck with doggie door and partially fenced yard. Large 2.5 attached garage with large storage room. Impressive Sunsets can be yours! **\$369,700**

day, walkers can be seen along the path, enjoying the beauty of the lake and the gorgeous lakefront estates.

The path is more than 20 miles in length and is estimated to take about 10 hours to complete for someone in relatively good shape. The footpath varies from dirt, to grass to paved areas and meanders around the shore.

It is not a smooth and easy walk throughout, although some sections are easier to walk than others. Many walkers do not attempt the entire path in one outing but may walk sections at a time on different days until they have covered the entire path.

It is not only the beauty of the lake with its many watercraft enjoying the last weeks of the boating season but the elegant landscaping of the homes on the shore with beautiful fall flowers in bloom that makes this a beautiful walk for all.

It is a beautiful way to spend an hour or two or a whole day along the water.

### ON THE WATER

A visit to Lake Geneva would not be complete without a boat ride on one of the Lake Geneva Cruise Line boats.

The company's fleet of boats includes eight classic boats all fully restored and all different.

The oldest of the boats is the Steam Yacht Louise with its polished brass and mahogany restored to the look it would have had in its early days. It has been on the lake for 120 years. The perfect way to experience the beauty and architecture of the area is while relaxing on the boat.

Throughout the summer, a variety of tours are available including the one- and two-hour historical tour that shares the



The beauty of the lakefront is enhanced with the fall changing of colors. The colors are spectacular from the deck of a tour boat.

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history of the mansions on the shore of Geneva Lake while visitors leisurely relax on one of the historical boats of the Lake Geneva Cruise Line.

Or choose from a variety of other cruises offered, including the famous mail jumpers who deliver mail by boat to residents of the lake shore. Occasionally the jumper will miss the boat, which continues slowly while the jumper is on the pier. Whether one chooses the ice-cream tour, popular with children, or the more romantic dinner cruise, visitors will be awed by the beauty of the lake and the knowledge of the narrators.

All the cruises become fall color cruises in October as the colors change around the lake.

While the one-hour cruises only cover a

portion of the lake, it is the two-hour cruise that covers the entire lake and takes in the beauty of the complete shoreline.

The two-hour cruise is recommended in October to fully enjoy the changing colors around the entire lake shore. Visitors won't regret spending the time viewing the beauty as you relax on the boat.

Visit [www.cruise.lakegeneva.com](http://www.cruise.lakegeneva.com) for more information about the Fall Color Cruise and to purchase tickets.

### ON THE ROADS

If people are looking for a comfortable automobile ride, away from the hustle and bustle of the busy roads like the interstates and even Highway 50 as visitors make their way into and out of the area, it is time

to visit Wisconsin's Rustic Roads.

The Rustic Road system was first created in 1973 by the Wisconsin State Legislature as a way to recognize and preserve the scenic, smaller, and yes, less traveled roads, that are the spirit of Wisconsin's countryside.

There are now over 100 rustic roads throughout the state, and each one is unique.

The Lake Geneva area is fortunate to have four of these roads easily accessible off Highway 50. All four can be enjoyed in one afternoon as Rustic Roads are short – from two miles to a maximum of 37 miles and each road is unique.

Located on the west end of Lake Geneva is Rustic Road No. 29, also known as Snake Road. Aply named, Snake Road

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twists and wiggles its way through the countryside. To the left are glimpses of Geneva Lake through the trees and beautifully landscaped grounds of some of the estates along the shore.

Areas of natural vegetation, split-rail fencing and even a horse or two in a pasture add to the country feel. The road ends back at Highway 50.

East of Highway 12 again off 50, are three more Rustic Roads. Rustic Road No. 12 begins at Back Road and, like No. 29, squiggles through the countryside with green hills and valleys as you travel to Highway 36 in the little town of Lyons.

Along the route, stop at the White River County Park and if there is time and wander the trails. Then stop and enjoy the small-town flavor of Lyons.

Close to Rustic Road No. 12 is Rustic Road No. 11. It too travels from Highway 50 to Highway 36 but has a very different look. Enjoy the views of Kettle Moraine and, as you meet up with Rustic Road No. 36, enjoy the horse farms and Cranberry Road where early settlers once harvested the cranberries Wisconsin is known for.

Cranberry Road will take you back to Highway 50. Visit [www.wisconsin.gov](http://www.wisconsin.gov) for information on other rustic roads and to obtain maps. Rustic roads can be biked, hiked, motorcycle driven, or traveled by automobile. The Rustic Roads are marked with brown and yellow signs with the shape of the state and the Rustic Road number.

## ON THE RAILS

Trains are loved by young and old. While they are no longer the main method of traveling across the country, a train ride long or short brings smiles of joy to the passengers.

The East Troy Electric Railroad, which runs from The Railroad Museum in East Troy to the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago, is a favorite recreational train ride.

While the routes offer a variety of rides throughout the season, one of the favorites and most colorful is the Fall Harvest ride. Passing through the Wisconsin countryside in the fall with the trees in full color, it is a breathtaking ride.

The train ends at the Elegant Farmer, where there is time to enjoy the fall activities of apple picking, the pumpkin patch, and hayrides pulled by a tractor. There is also the perennial favorite, the corn maze – constructed to be doable by children. Laser tag is available for those 8 years of age or older.

Don't forget to stop for a piece of the Elegant Farmer's apple pie baked in a paper bag or to take home a pie to enjoy later.

Before a train ride or upon return, take the time to enjoy the Railroad Museum in East Troy. Trains run Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance at [www.eastroyr.org](http://www.eastroyr.org). Call 262-642-3263 for more information.

## ON THE FARM

Pearce's Farm Stand on Walworth Road (Highway 67) in Walworth is a favorite place to come to purchase fresh-grown

vegetables throughout the growing season.

In the fall, it becomes the favorite place not just for purchasing fresh vegetables but for enjoying fall activities.

Pumpkins become ripe and are available for sale either already picked or on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) take the tractor driven hayride to the pumpkin patch to select and pick out a pumpkin. Customers pay for what they pick.

A day at Pearce's is fun for the whole family. The jumping bales are a favorite of children and are open daily. They are complete with slides and tubes for more fun.

The lookout tower attracts the climbers. The human hamster wheel often has children waiting for their turn to be a hamster.

Each year, Pearce's has a corn maze that covers about 12 acres. Ready to attempt to find the way out of the maze? The maze is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 31.

Come early on the weekend for the kids to enjoy the open area. Purchase lunch here to enjoy at the picnic tables. Hot dogs, pulled pork, corn on the cob and other picnic-style foods are waiting. Homemade donuts and kettle corn are made on site on weekends. Freshly made baked goods are available for sale.

It is hard to leave without purchasing one of the beautiful and gigantic potted mums available for sale. Perfect for the front yard.

Visit [www.pearcefarms.com](http://www.pearcefarms.com) for more information on their weekend festivals.

## OVER THE TREES

A unique way to enjoy the colors of fall is to travel above the trees or within them. The Lake Geneva area offers two great choices to view the colors from a different perspective.

Instead of looking up at the trees, how about looking down at them? A ride in one of The Lake Geneva Balloon Company's hot air balloons will give passengers the chance to view the colors of fall from above as it glides over the trees or adjacent to them.

The flights are usually one hour in length, depending on the wind strength. The flights take off at sunrise or sunset, although participants must arrive earlier to be taken to the launch site and watch the setup of the balloon. From those who have enjoyed the flights, they describe them as "surreal, serene, peaceful and awe inspiring."

If visitors are ready to view the fall colors from above, go to [www.lakegenevaballoon.com](http://www.lakegenevaballoon.com).

Another choice for a unique view of the fall colors and a chance to enjoy the beautiful fall weather is to visit Zipline Adventures also in Lake Geneva.

The 100-acre property offers a variety of zipline adventures that will take one through and into the trees. The zipliner will descend from in the trees down the zipline as the colors of fall race by.

To enjoy fall among the trees contact [www.lakegenevaadventures.com](http://www.lakegenevaadventures.com).



**left:** A ride on the East Troy Electric Railroad offers a stunning glimpse of the countryside between East Troy and Mukwonago.

**below:** The Shore Path along Geneva Lake can be paved, gravel or ungraded as one meanders around the shore.

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# A blast from the past

## Memories tied to antique entries at the county fair

*Editor's note: This piece was submitted by a long-time fair volunteer who works in the antiques building during the Walworth County Fair.*

By **Valerie Heth**  
CORRESPONDENT

Helping out at the antiques building at the Walworth County Fair for the past several years, it's fun to hear the stories behind why some people exhibit their antiques or collectibles at the fair.

At the antiques show this year, there were more than 1,100 entries spread out among numerous different categories. Judging took place with half the categories Aug. 31 and the remaining categories Sept. 1. Judging started at 9 a.m. each day and did not end until 4 or 4:30 p.m.

Sue Crane was the fair judge this year, expertly explaining decisions on ribbon placement and educating the public at the same time.

### Bonnie Deutsch

The first story this year is from Bonnie Deutsch, who has been exhibiting for many years. One of the items she entered this year was an ornate lady's fan, part of her grandmother's collection of fans.

Her grandmother was a home economics teacher and enthusiastically shared her collection once or twice a year with her family. She also taught her family house arts like crocheting, knitting and needlepoint.

Deutsch said she felt lucky to have been passed down this treasured collection, as the family continues to share items from generation to generation.

The fan appears to be made of silk and bone, embellished with gold trim and hand-sewn sequins. There are colorful

portraits of three different women and one of a cherub adorning the front side of the fan.

Another item she entered was an engraved sterling silver bowl with elaborate etching.

For her entries, Deutsch received a fourth-place ribbon for her fan in a class of seven entries. There were some issues with the condition of the silk due to its age.

For the silver bowl, she won a blue first-place ribbon in a separate category and a grand champion ribbon for best overall entry in her class.

Deutsch mentioned that the other entrants in the antiques open class encourage each other. Attending the judging, she said, is "such a learning experience" and "simply a lot of fun."

### Jackie Walbrandt

This was only the second year that Jackie Walbrandt has entered the open class antiques.

Her first entry was a 12-inch-long stuffed elephant that she believes she was given for her third birthday. The elephant has moved 11 times with Jackie over the past 80 years, and is made of oilcloth.

The oilcloth is significant because of the many shortages in World War II, so the animal isn't made of traditional materials.

Another item Walbrandt entered was an old, painted wood duck decoy with glass eyes. It was her husband's when he was alive.

On the bottom of the decoy is a time-yellowed tag that reads, "From the Frankfort Hardware Co."

Jackie said she enjoys the excitement of sharing items with the fairgoers and seeing how they fare against other entries in their respective classes. She also enjoys picking out items and reliving the memories attached to each one.



Walbrandt's stuffed elephant took second in its division behind a "Teddy Roosevelt" jointed (and well-loved) teddy bear. The duck decoy did not place in the top four.

### Breck Ward

The final covered entrant this year was Breck Ward, who entered a Green Bay Packer bobblehead doll.

Ward purchases antiques and collectibles that he enjoys, then enters them at the fair to share them with the public.

The bobblehead was in "very nice" condition. He also entered a photo of his grandfather showing cattle at the Walworth County Fair.

The bobblehead ended up finishing second in its class.

All three entrants seemed happy with

how their items placed, and are looking forward to entering again next year.

### Want to join in?

Have you ever thought about entering your treasured items in the antiques class? It may be easier than you think.

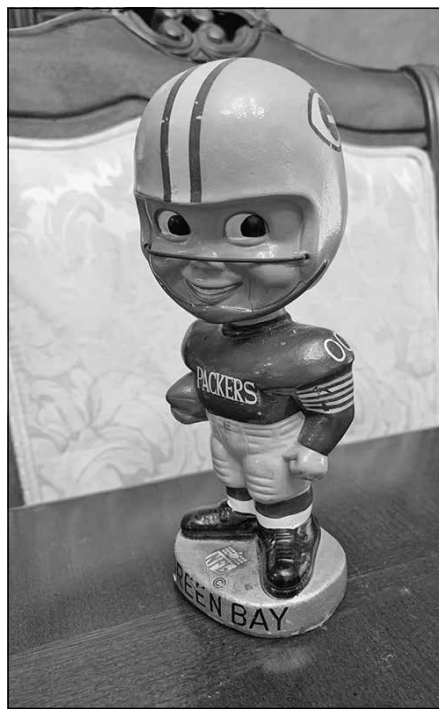
The antiques class is open to anyone except dealers and professionals. To begin, obtain a premium book – which spells out rules, deadlines and scoring criteria – by calling the fairgrounds' office at 262-723-3228.

Next, take a look at the categories and decide which items you want to share. Enter those items and then come join in the fun with the judging.

The judge will talk about the good and poor points on a piece, but will not set a value like viewers can see on the popular PBS show "Antiques Road Show."



**top:** For many, the antiques open class at the Walworth County Fair gives them a chance to share memories and unique family heirlooms acquired over the years. This year, three entrants offered up their items for a brief history. **above:** Made during World War II from oilcloth due to shortages, this stuffed animal was a favorite of Jackie Walbrandt. **at right:** Breck Ward enjoys shopping for collectibles and antiques, including this Green Bay Packer bobblehead he entered at the fair this year. **far right:** This fan submitted by Bonnie Deutsch belonged to her grandmother.



as many visitors purchase a bag to take home to the family only to find there will be fewer in the bag by the time they reach home. The aroma of the donuts in the closed automobile, especially if the driver and others riding along are hungry, is hard to ignore.

Fall is also a time of caramel apples. The ones sold here are freshly made with their own just picked apples, sweet and tasty, much more appealing than packaged store varieties.

Fresh apple cider is created and sold on site. Other locally produced products such as locally sourced Wisconsin cheese, locally produced honey, jams, maple syrup and novelty items are available.

The Apple Barn is also well known for its award-winning fruit wines that Steve Jacobson began creating on site. Their Honey Crisp Apple Harvest wine was the winner of Best Fruit Wine of Wisconsin at the Inaugural Wine Wisconsin Fest at the University of Wisconsin Madison. It is a semi sweet wine made from 100% Honey Crisp Apples.

Their pear wine is also a unique fruit wine, made from 100% pears. The pears are grown on site for this semi-sweet estate wine. Visit their wine selections in the tasting room and purchase some for a family gathering.

While there are many items at the Apple Barn, it is still the fresh apples that bring in most customers. Many go home with a number of apples of different varieties to enjoy. They are often varieties they have not purchased before.

“Consumers today want eating apples,” said Steve Jacobson. “They desire an apple that is crisp, juicy and sweet.”

Visit their website [www.applebarnorchardandwinery.com](http://www.applebarnorchardandwinery.com) or visit them on Facebook for latest in upcoming apples, self-picking dates, and upcoming events. Fall hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday.

**Brightonwoods Orchard**  
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What began as a weekend retreat in 1950 with a small, three-acre hobby

orchard has grown to an 18.5-acre orchard with approximately 4,000 dwarf and semi-dwarf apple trees.

Brightonwoods continued to preserve the heirloom varieties of apples from the past while adding the newer commercial varieties popular today.

The orchard continues to be a family run orchard, featuring more than 150 apple varieties along with both seeded and seedless grapes, quince, and pears. The apples are offered for sale on the grounds.

While some orchards allow guests to pick their own orchards, Brightonwoods does not. They do not allow self-picking to prevent damage to some of the older trees. They do, however, allow visitors to walk through the orchards and enjoy the beauty of the land and the trees loaded with fresh, fragrant apples.

Children are welcome. There are picnic tables set up in the yard and the two-story tree house is a favorite of visiting children. There are also trails through the woods where families are welcome to enjoy the beauty of the fall colors.

Current apples available for sale will be found in the apple barn. The varieties that are ripe vary as the season moves forward. If a favorite apple is not available, they encourage visitors to try a different variety, especially to try a one that is new to that person. There are a number of choices, just different choices.

Along with apples sold on site, there are locally sourced squash, gourds and honey from a nearby neighbor's farm, along with maple syrup, and locally made cheese curds.

Other Wisconsin cheeses are available for purchase to take home or enjoy while sitting at the picnic tables. Jams and jellies, also locally made, are available. Don't forget to pick up one or more of the baking mixes to prepare an apple pie or apple crisp.

Fall is the time to enjoy freshly made apple cider. Brightonwoods cider is pasteurized for safety. Visitors can enjoy a glass while visiting or purchase a bottle to take home for the Halloween season. Look for the orange truck with the fresh hot apple cider donuts. Enjoy one here or take more home.

Looking to start an apple orchard or just



When the apples are taken home they should be kept in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Refrigerating keeps them fresh and crisp while the plastic bag prevents the absorption of odors from other foods.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Wonders of Walworth County*

to have a great apple tree at home? One-year-old grafted and potted apple and pear trees are available for sale.

Fall means time for Halloween and pumpkins. Brightonwoods has a variety of locally grown pumpkins available for sale in a variety of sizes. Everyone needs their own pumpkin to carve or decorate.

Located on the same grounds, but a separate business is AepelTreow Winery and Distillery, which produces small batch hard cider, perry (cider made from pears rather than apples) and spirits.

Their small onsite distillery also allows them to produce small batches of sorghum whiskey and brandies.

Stop in at the big barn and schedule a tasting and a tour. Visit Brightonwoods' website [www.brightonwoodsorchard.com](http://www.brightonwoodsorchard.com) for more information.

Brightonwoods Orchard is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 20. They are closed on Monday.

**Hafs Road Orchard**  
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In the late 1930s, Hafs Orchard was started by the Hafs family with the planting of 400 standard-sized apple trees of 25 different varieties of apples.

The orchard was purchased by Richard and Debbie Polansky in 1982, who continued to expand the orchard.

In 1992, the Polanskys planted their first Honey Crisp apple trees as a trial. What began as a small 60-tree project has grown to over 2,000 Honey Crisp trees as customers have embraced the Honey Crisp apple.

“Even our caramel apples are made with fresh Honey Crisps,” shared Debby Polansky. “Then we add pecans or peanuts to add to the flavor.”

Of the original full-size trees, about

12 remain. The additional trees currently producing apples now number about 3,000, with 50 varieties of apples represented. All of the newer trees are dwarf trees, allowing more apples to be produced per acre.

The Polanskys have maintained the quiet country charm that customers love. They continue to pick their apples by hand and offer the different varieties as they come into season. Self-picking is not allowed.

In addition to the fresh apples, they offer a variety of “apple related products.” Try their fresh sweet cider. Their Honey Crisp apple cider syrup will add to the flavor of your pancakes, waffles or French toast. Add some of their mulling spices to their apple cider and heat for a warmup on a cool autumn evening. Apple cider vinegar is also available. Locally produced honey is a customer favorite.

Freshly grown squash, gourds, pumpkins and fall decorations will add to the festive look of your home.

The apples at Hafs Orchard are sold on site and also at the Kenosha Markets on Saturday and at the Lake Geneva market on Thursday. Enjoy a trip to the markets or a ride to Hafs Orchard for a pleasant fall outing.

They do recommend a stroll through their orchards to enjoy the beauty of the trees especially when filled with the season's apples. According to the Polanskys, the best way to enjoy a stroll through the orchard is while eating a favorite seasonal apple or while enjoying a hand-dipped caramel apple, the favorite treat of the season.

Visit Hafs Road Orchard in person or on line at [www.hafsroadorchard.com](http://www.hafsroadorchard.com) for current varieties now available or visit them on Facebook. They are located just 7 miles east of Lake Geneva.

Fall hours are Monday through Thursday noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



A girl samples fresh apple cider at Brightonwoods Orchard in Burlington.

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