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LIKE A DUCK TO WATER



Waterskiing provides plenty of joy for area team

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

Last year was a special year for the Aquanuts.

The award-winning waterski team that calls Lance Park in Twin Lakes home not only won the Wisconsin State Championship, but followed it up with a national title as well.

"After 50 years, it was a great time for the team to come together and the right time to skate out to victory," said Mark Gurda, the announcer for the Aquanuts for the last 10 years. Six of the team members also went on to participate as members of Team USA internationally.

The members of the team who continued

on to International Competition were Lake Geneva's Kailey Koehler – a seven-time member of the USA Team – and her father, Bob, one of the team's boat drivers. The Koehlers were joined by team members Ethan Shuda (Twin Lakes), Craig Planton (Waterford), and siblings Cody and Kaila Coffey (Silver Lake).

Those team members did not get to celebrate the nationals' win with their teammates. By the time the win was announced, they were already en route to the fifth International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation event on Lake Silver in Winter Haven, Florida.

The state title was the second consecutive win for the Aquanuts after not

winning at the state level for 35 years. The team often placed well in competition and received awards for various individual and line activities, however.

Individual state titles last year were also earned by Karley Koehler and Ethan Shuda as most valuable female and male at the state competition, respectively, while the team received the "Best in Jump" award.

"The team won handily in competition at the national competition," added Gurda. "Making the perfect ending to a wonderful year for the team."

The Aquanuts have come a long way since the team's inception in the early

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above: The Aquanuts four-high
pyramid is always an impressive sight
during the water ski show.

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1970s, when it began as a small volunteer group with no home and no major sponsors. A small \$5 fee was charged to join, according to the team's history on their website.

In order to be successful, a waterski team requires a strong support team, many boats with powerful motors and equally important competent drivers. The team also requires coaches, artistic directors, a sound system and announcers, costumes, gas for the boats and repairs when needed, and most important, a place to perform.

The Aquanuts were fortunate to find a permanent home in their second year, when a swampy area at Lance Park was awarded for the team's use.

Over the years the area has been upgraded and now includes a five-row, terraced area for visitors to enjoy the show,

refreshments, as well as indoor rest rooms. Big-name sponsors such as Dr. Pepper and many local marine vendors soon joined the Aquanuts, helping the team grow into the award-winning team that they are today. Local vendors have donated motors, boats and even skis to the team.

In 1979, the ballet line was chosen best in competition in State, while the team took first place in that competition. They followed this win with a third-place finish in the National competition that same year.

As the team begins this year's show season, there are always concerns. Each year, it becomes a different team as members move away, go off to college, or in some cases, turn professional. According to Gurda, this year's team is smaller. They often base a show on musicals and this year is no different, as it is loosely based on

"Peter Pan."

Team members come from a large area. Even though the team is based in Twin Lakes, not all members live there. Some come from Lake Geneva or other Wisconsin communities or from northern Illinois. Some of these water skiers may have family summer homes in the area, while others make the trip in regularly for team meetings, practices and performances.

Since team members begin to work on their routines long before they hit the water, they are coming to practice workouts often when there is still snow on the ground. The early practices are somewhat like a ballet rehearsal, perfecting a routine and learning to perform together in a ballet line or a pyramid on land before they are ready to take to the water.

Even when they are ready to hit the



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above: The ballet line of the 2022 National Champion Aquanuts performs in precision.
top: The Aquanuts pose for a group photo on the sandy beach when not performing.



water, it is not necessarily fun. This spring was a good example of how the season in the Midwest can vary, as temperatures varied from unseasonably warm to unseasonably cold. Water in May is often not warm, nor are skiers looking at the water as respite from the hot sun.

Even with sponsors, the team requires additional fundraisers, as the team does not charge to attend summer performances. Tips are always appreciated and the weekly donations go to help with the team's expenses.

In addition, a yearly ad book is published that highlights the team and is sold to raise money, both through ad sponsorships and sales.

The Aquanuts began their performance schedule this year on May 27 and will continue to present shows open to the public at Lance Park, 55 Lance Dr., Twin Lakes, every Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. No entry fee is charged to watch the show and free parking is available.

Working with Graceful Wakes, the Aquanuts assist in a day that provides an adaptive water ski event for both adults and children over the age of 6 years with disabilities.

This year, it will be held at Lance Park on July 11. The day is under the direction

of Graceful Wakes, and members of the Aquanuts will assist those participating to ensure a fun experience.

Visit Aquanutwatershows.com for information about registering. For more information, go to the website or call 866-754-7469.

Other teams

The Aquanuts are not the only competitive, award-winning waterskiing team in the Southern Lakes area.

The Aquaducks, who make their home in Burlington on Browns Lake are also well known for their exquisite formations and competitive nature.

Many of their members have gone on to college waterski team programs and to professional water skiing shows.

The team began on Browns Lake in 1976 as a volunteer, family oriented group that began by waterskiing for fun. It has grown over the years to include participation in local, state and national competitions with both individual and team success.

Over the years, the Aquaducks have found success, winning the Wisconsin State Division 2 Championship in 2019.

By 2021, they had moved up to Division 1 in state competition, finishing seventh in the state and 14th in the nation.

The club has grown and now numbers about 100. Participants range in age from 8 years to 70, according to the group's website. While not everyone on the team is a skier, some drive the boats, design the performance as directors or design the costumes.

The Aquaducks' junior ski program encourages those 8 years of age and over to join, even if they don't know how to water ski.

They will teach them how to ski and advance to the basics of show skiing. Skills are not limited to just skiing, as team building and communication are also taught.

The junior team performs on Thursdays at 5 p.m. for an hour before the main show starts at 6:30 p.m. Shows are held at Fischer Park on Hwy 11, 30326 Durand Ave., Burlington. Visitors are welcome and there is no charge for the show.

The show season runs through Labor Day weekend. Visit the group's website www.aquaducks.org or their Facebook page for more information about the team.

The Southern Wakes United Water Ski Team operates in Walworth County, performing on lakes in Elkhorn and Whitewater.

Visit SouthernWakesUnited.com for more information and show schedule.

The clowns have long been a part of the Aquanuts performances bringing smiles to the crowd as they twist and turn upon the water.

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TAKE A lakeside hike



Traveling the Lake Geneva Shore Path

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

After several days in Lake Geneva enjoying the beautiful sights and activities, many visitors feel they have experienced all that the area has to offer. They have enjoyed at least one of the boat trips on Geneva Lake, spent a day at the beach enjoying the sun and water, overeaten at the many unique restaurants in the area and shopped until they were ready to drop at the local boutique stores, and maybe even taken a bike ride, a hot air balloon ride, or gone zip lining.

In spite of enjoying all these activities, they may have missed one special feature of Geneva Lake, the Shore Path.

The popular walking trail completely surrounds Geneva Lake, although the trail itself is about 26 miles long.

The history of the path goes back to the days of the Indigenous people of several



above: Walking along the path there is always a variety of scenery from different fences to a variety of walking surfaces as each owner is responsible for providing a walking surface.

top: This section of the Geneva Lake Shore Path is attractively decorated with greenery. The Shore Path, which is about 26 miles long, is often walked in sections.

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Native American tribes, who made their home in this area, including the Potawatomi led by Chief Big Foot.

A plaque placed in Library Park on Geneva Lake's shore in Lake Geneva gives a short history of this trail that began many centuries ago.

"The 26-mile lakeside trail along the shore of Geneva Lake was used by several Indian cultures from 2500 BC and continuing to 1836 A.D. Chief Big Foot's Potawatomi tribe walked the trail between their villages at present Fontana, Williams Bay, and one at Lake Geneva located in this park. Later the trail became the workmen's path from Lake Geneva to the summer estates of wealthy Chicago families," the plaque reads.

These wealthy Chicagoans made their way to the shores of Geneva Lake after the Chicago Fire of 1871, remember the one that was said to be started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow? At that time the citizens of Chicago looked for an escape for their

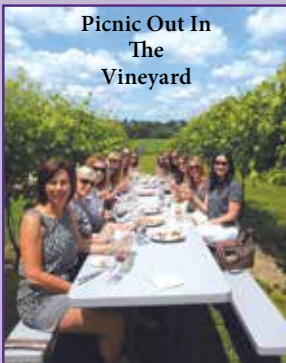


above: Each section of the path is maintained by the family bordering the property.

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families, away from the smoke and polluted air of the city as it was rebuilt.

It was to Geneva Lake that they traveled, where they found the perfect setting to build summer cottages. But unlike the summer cottages most would envision, theirs were actually mansions, large and elegant, much as their homes in Chicago.

Wives and children would come to the lake for the summer, with their servants, while the husbands would commute up on weekends as they continued to work during the week.

Many of these lavish homes can still be found on the shores of Geneva Lake, and their view is enjoyed either while on the lake or walking the Shore Path. Over the years many of those lavish homes have been torn down and the properties divided into smaller parcels with new buildings often less impressive than the originals, they are still a gorgeous sight from the shore.

Public domain

It was the early settlers who

deemed that the "20 feet leading to the shoreline be preserved as public domain."

The plan was to keep this historical path for future use in memory of the past and to assure that the lakefront would remain available for all to enjoy. Each property owner, then as now, is required to maintain the path through their property, which has made each section of the path unique. Just as each estate has a different look, each owner has provided a different manner of creating and maintaining their portion of the path.

Not all property owners were pleased to have strangers rummaging through their property. These owners would try to discourage visitors from traveling across their property by making their section of the trail narrow or overgrown.

In 1970, the then owners of Stone Manor were sued by the City of Lake Geneva for constructing a fence that blocked the Shore Path. The city won, the fence came down, the Shore Path remained intact.

While walking the entire



path in one day is possible if one is in good health and walks regularly, it is said to take eight to 10 hours to complete. By dividing the walk into sections, it is easier to navigate the length. There are public access points where walkers can join or leave the path. Cutting through owner's lawns is not acceptable. Nor is sitting on their piers or the chairs or benches on their property. It is only the actual path that is open to walkers.

For those who wish to tackle the Shore Path in shorter stretches, there are several access points to enter and leave the path. They are Lake Geneva, Fontana, Williams Bay, Linn and Big Foot Beach areas. Each one of these sections will provide a comfortable walk especially on a beautiful day.

The Daniel Johnson family of suburban Chicago was seen doing just that recently, "We come up several times a year and try to do a section each visit. Someday we hope to be able to walk the entire path in one day," said Dan Johnson, smiling. "But I think that will have to wait until these kids are a bit older," he added pointing to his 7 year old and 9 year old.

If a group only wishes to travel a section and has access to two cars, it is suggested that they park one at the beginning of their walk and one at the end to avoid having to walk back to the car.

Parking is available at each access point.

The walk from Lake Geneva to Williams Bay is about 7 miles, while a shorter walk from Williams Bay to Fontana covers about 3.5 miles.

Tips for comfort, safety

The Shore Path is a walking path and not made for bikes, scooters, strollers or wagons. With surfaces that include cement, bricks, wood planks, gravel and stepping stones and narrowing in areas, it is not practical for these items to be on the path. Wearing comfortable walking shoes with non-skid treads is essential for safety especially when the path is wet and slippery.

Safety is important as some areas of the path are very close to the water and may not have a fence separating you from an unexpected swim. It is recommended that walking from Library Park in either direction from Lake Geneva is perhaps the easiest part of the path, especially if you have young children or someone with some mobility issues.

On the other hand, if you are going to try to walk the entire path in one day, experienced walkers suggest you start at the south end of the lake as that section is more difficult and is best attempted when you aren't tired.

Walking the path is a beautiful experience but when is it best enjoyed? Spring, when the trees are beginning to bud and flowers and greenery are just popping out of the ground? You may also see some early flowers peeking out of the ground in that season. Or is summer the time to enjoy the Shore Path, when everything is in full bloom, when all the flowers are a beautiful rainbow of color? Then there is autumn, with its myriad of

colors as the trees turn shades of red, orange, yellow, and brown, and the fall flowers are found all around the lake.

So, when is the best time to walk the path? All of these seasons. In fact, a walk during each one of them will give you a different look of both the lake and the beautiful homes and landscaping in the area.

While these three seasons offer a unique view of the path and lakes, winter too gives a nice view with everything a beautiful winter white. However, it may not be the best time to try to walk the path as the path is not shoveled and will be icy and slippery in many areas. Also, in the off season some of the piers may be stored in a manner, blocking the path, possibly making passage impossible.

So how does one prepare to walk the shore path? For safety as mentioned before, good sturdy walking shoes are important. On sunny days, walking will be out in the sun as the entire path is not shaded and there are no public shelters. Remember to wear sunscreen and a hat to protect from sunburn.

There are no restrooms or food stands on the path. Restrooms are available in areas such as near the public library in Lake Geneva, Williams Bay and Fontana. Carry water or other liquids with you to avoid dehydration. Dogs must remain on a leash and under control the entire time while on the path. Walkers must clean up after the dog and remove the waste from the area. There are no public access garbage bins so whatever you bring in must leave with you.

Walking along the shore path, you will pass many of the large mansions that still grace the shore of Geneva Lake.

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150 years on the water



Gage Marine continues tradition on Geneva Lake

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

Lake Geneva's clear water has been an attraction that has brought visitors to the area as far back as the early 1870s.

There are few of those visitors that have not tried out the Lake Geneva Cruise Lines boats – cruises that take people around the lake and share the history of the lake and the homes built on it.

This year, Gage Marine and Lake Geneva Cruise Lines celebrate 150 years of boating on Geneva Lake. Their story goes back to 1873, when the lake became the favorite summer vacation spot for Chicagoans seeking to escape the hot and sooty air of the city – especially after the Chicago Fire of 1871.

With travel to the area aboard the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad taking less than a day, many wealthy Chicagoans began to build summer homes along Geneva Lake's shores. Transportation to the actual property was more difficult, as there were no roads around the lake.

As a result, small private excursions yachts were hired for transport – first for the building materials and workers, and later for residents, their household staffs and all their supplies to the summer home sites.

It is not surprising that as the community grew, there were not enough boats to provide these services. In 1873, Ed Quigley launched the original Lady of the Lake as the first commercial excursion business on Geneva Lake to transport passengers and supplies as needed.

The Lucius Newberry, an elegant and opulent steamer, was launched in 1875. The Newberry was able to carry 700 passengers, the largest boat launched on Geneva Lake.

“John A. Wilson purchased both large steamers in 1879 and formed the Anchor Line, the predecessor to the Lake Geneva

Cruise Line,” shared Bill Gage, the third generation of the Gage family to run the company. “Today, the Lake Geneva Cruise Line consists of eight boats which provide a variety of tours on the lake.

The oldest of the boats is the Polaris, built in 1898. The newest is the Duchess, acquired in 2006. Each of the boats in the line have a varied history, as some are still the original boats while others had to be replaced as they succumbed to wear, disrepair, fires, or other catastrophes. The original Polaris and the Steam Yacht Louise are still part of the fleet.

The Steam Yacht Louise was a favorite of my Dad, Bill Gage, Sr.,” Bill Gage said. “The boat had been converted from steam power to gas. But in 1975 to 1978 it underwent a complete restoration.”

Bill Gage Sr. made a trip to Europe to purchase a 1926 Plenty and Sons steam engine, which was placed on the Louise. Now it is the lake's only steam yacht.

In the mail

By 1916, George Goodman won the government contract to deliver mail to

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lakeshore residents by boat.

Today, the mail is still delivered by boat to residents who choose the service. The Walworth is known as the U.S. mailboat and visitors to Geneva Lake can go on a cruise as it delivers the mail.

Mail is delivered by “mail jumpers,” who leap from the boat as it passes a pier, place the mail in the mailbox and then sprint back to the boat to leap aboard

before it moves away. The boat does not stop so speed and accuracy of the jumper is necessary. Occasionally they miss the boat and end up in the water, probably refreshing on a very hot and sunny day.

Also in 1916, the company purchased the property in Williams Bay where it built a service and winter storage facility for its boats. It soon became the facility that local boat owners came to for service on their

watercraft.

The Williams Bay property underwent a complete three-year overhaul under the direction of Bill Gage Jr., in 2012. The Pier 290 restaurant was added, and an upgrading of their Gage Marine boat facilities was done.

Russell Gage purchased the fleet in 1958

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above left: This sign thanking the community for their 150 years on Geneva Lake is displayed at the Pier 290 Restaurant. **above right:** The Duchess is a smaller version of the Lady of the Lake and is used mostly for charters, weddings, anniversaries, business meetings, or cocktail, lunch, or dinner cruises. **top:** The Louise, the only steam powered yacht running on the lake has been a member of the fleet since 1930. Known for her polished brass and gleaming mahogany, she takes visitors back to days of elegance on the water.

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above: Stephanie Leader, one of the Gage mail jumpers receives help from Taffy, known as a wunderdog, in delivering the paper. **right:** The three members of the Gage family who have served as head of Gage Marine pose on the Louise.

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and was known for giving new life to the fleet by painting the boats vibrant colors. More importantly, he also began rebuilding the large vessels.

By the 1960s, Gage Marine was also involved in selling boats. At that time, many recreational boats changed from wooden boats to fiberglass. Bill Gage, Sr., was known for producing the Gage-Hacker, a unique wooden boat designed to cut through the choppy waters of Geneva Lake, while still giving a smooth ride. They were produced in the 1960s, so there were a limited number and they are now collectibles.

New on the water

The new Lady of the Lake was introduced to the fleet in 1963. Since then, it has been the flagship of the fleet. She represents the steamboat era, when spacious decks and the turn of the century look dominated. Although she represents a steamship, she actually is powered by twin diesel engines. She is used for both tours of Geneva Lake and for special charters.

There are a variety of cruises available. The one-hour or two-hour cruise around the lake is a relaxing and interesting way to learn more about the history of Geneva Lake and the surrounding communities. While relaxing on the boat as it travels the

lake, visitors see the mansions on the shore and learn about the families who built them, with names that may be familiar.

A visit to the summer home of Chicago Beer Baron Conrad Seipp is the only home on the lake where visitors can actually visit the inside. Visitors arrive just as the Seipp Family did, by boat, and climb over 100 steps up to the house. This home, which was donated to the State of Wisconsin by the Seipp family, should not be missed.

Other tours include the ice cream social tour – a favorite of children – the cocktail cruise, the luncheon cruise, the Sunday Brunch Cruise, the Supper Club Cruise and the Jazz Dinner Cruise. Boats are also available for private cruises, weddings, wedding transfers and rehearsal dinners. Food on the boats is provided by Lake Life Catering, another addition to Gage Marine in 2020.

In December, the Santa Cruise – founded in 2018 – will bring smiles of delight to the children on the ship as they see the lighted displays and hear Santa announce if they are on the “nice” list. In conjunction with this cruise, there is the Charities of Christmas Tree Festival that has raised more than \$500,000 for local charities.

At the Williams Bay Property, Bill Gage Jr. – who currently manages the company – opened a unique waterfront restaurant,

the only one on the shore of Geneva Lake. Pier 290 offers a variety of foods and both indoor and deck seating. There are lake views throughout the restaurant.

Serving the community

Gage Marine and its subsidiaries have always been involved in good service to the community and in providing for those in need.

“We are donating \$150,000 dollars, \$10,000 to each of 15 local charities, in honor of our 150-year anniversary,” said Gage. “The charities have applied for the grants and 15 were chosen to receive them.”

The organizations are listed on the Gage Marine 150 years page, and those selected were presented the awards May 18 at the Riviera in Lake Geneva. According to Gage, there will be many other special events throughout the season to celebrate the 150 years of service to the community.

“We continue to add new services that share the history of the area with both visitors and residents of the area,” added Gage. “Our goal is to continue to provide activities that allow people to enjoy their free time and to learn more about the history of the community.”

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That is seen by the large number of artifacts that can be viewed at the Liechty Drive location as visitors enter the Pier 290 Restaurant. These nautical historical objects offer a look at the history of the area.

Gage Marine continues to be a family business. Not only have three generations of Gages – Russell, Bill Sr. and Bill Jr. – led the company since 1958, but many other family members have spent time working there also. Among the employees are also many families that have been employed here for two or three generations.

“We started as a small group but have continued to grow as a large family. In the summer, we have as many as 500 employees to provide all the services that visitors enjoy,” Gage said. “Throughout the years in spite of our growth we continue to focus on exceptional service.”

As Gage Marine and its subsidiary, the Lake Geneva Boat Lines, celebrate their first 150 years of service, they will offer a variety of throwback pricing days for customer appreciation in the late summer and fall. Visit cruiselakegeneva.com for more information.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line is in both Lake Geneva and Williams Bay. The summer harbor office is located on the Riviera Docks, 812 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva. The winter harbor docks, Gage Marina and Pier 290 Restaurant are located at 1 Liechty Drive, Williams Bay. Contact them by phone at 262-248-6206.



top left: Enjoy sitting around the firepit and enjoying a glass of wine on a cool evening at Pier 290. **top right:** Inside the Pier 290 restaurant.

This elegant indoor space has beautiful views of the lake and is enjoyed in cooler weather or on very hot days when diners prefer the air conditioned indoors. **at right:** This ship which replaced the original Lady of the Lake in 1963 remains the flagship of the fleet. She captures the majesty of the Steamboat era. No longer driven by steam but by twin Caterpillar engines she is perfect for Geneva Bay tours and charters.

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A paddle here, a paddle there

Clear Water Outdoor offers rentals for getting on the water

by **Jennifer Eisenbart**

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With the weather heating up and summer finally here, there are many people wanting to get outside for activities. However, investing in items like a kayak or a paddleboard may be cost-prohibitive – especially if a person is unfamiliar with the activity.

The perfect in-between for those interested in trying out the activities without committing to hundreds of dollars comes in the form of Clear Water Outdoor, 744 W. Main St., Lake Geneva.

The store is currently in the process of getting ready to open its summer rentals and switch to summer hours. Rental manager Sarah Eiserman said there is also a second rental store on Lake Como at W4240 Highway 50, Lake Geneva.

“The store really fills a lot of needs in the area,” Eiserman said. “People come in town and they don’t have the right equipment.

“We’ve got great swimwear, sunglasses ... it’s kind of a one-stop shop,” she said, adding that the store carries quality brands like Patagonia, Kuhl and Prana.

But this time of year, the bigger deal than clothing, water bottles and footwear are the rentals. With summer coming quickly, Eiserman said people are ready to try out the area lakes.



“You’re out on the water, in the sun, in the summer,” she said.

Clear Water offers the rental of a stand-up paddleboard, as well as single-person sit-in or sit-on kayaks for \$45 for two hours.

A tandem kayak is \$65 for two hours. Longer rentals are available, including four-hour and day-long rentals.

Eiserman said the two-hour rentals are standard and allow for some flexibility in planning. For instance, two hours is enough time from the Lake Geneva location to get to the Big Foot beach, get out for a little play time, and then get back to Lake Geneva.

On Lake Como, Eiserman said customers could “likely paddle the whole lake,” but many will paddle to a restaurant, have lunch and then come back.

Paddleboards offer similar exercise, but can be a little more difficult if a person is sensitive to the heat.

“I think it depends on the person,” Eiserman said. “The kayak is a little more relaxing.”

As for the equipment at the store, it’s there to provide what paddlers may need, but Eiserman explained what people might

want to bring.

“They should dress for the water,” she said. “Comfortable clothes, anything they want to get wet. They should put on sunscreen, that’s a big one.

“Don’t bring anything valuable, unless you’re bringing a wet bag,” she cautioned. “Don’t bring anything you wouldn’t want to say goodbye to.”

Reservations are important, Eiserman said, as days fill up quickly. She said the company does take walk-ups, but boats aren’t always available.

“Most signups are done online,” she explained. The company’s webpage is clearwateroutdoor.com/pages/lake-geneva-store.

Eiserman did say she was enthusiastic for anyone to come try paddleboarding or kayaking.

“Just do it. It’s so much fun,” she said. “I think it’s a great way to see the lake from a different vantage point.

“The whole motto of the company is to get people outdoors and active,” she added. “We want people to have a good time and experience the lake.”

For more information or to get hours for the summer, call 262-348-2422.



above: If you enjoy being outside, there’s always the option of taking a paddleboard out on a local lake. Clear Water Outdoor, at 744 W. Main St., Lake Geneva, is a one-stop shop for not only outdoor gear, but kayak and paddleboard rentals in the summer. **at left:** While the focus is currently on summer, Clear Water Outdoor is open year round with rentals and equipment for every season.

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