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above: Broker Jerry Kroupa and his associate Andrea Cummings in the reception area at @properties/Christies International Real Estate. The area provides a pleasant welcome to customers looking to purchase or sell a property.
top: The newly opened office of @properties/Christie's International Real Estate on the square in Elkhorn is at 102 N. Wisconsin St.

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

If you have been following the real estate market over the past couple of years, you are aware of the many changes involved in finding and purchasing a home.

Whether you are looking to upsize your current residence, downsize to a more manageable home size, relocate, or finally purchase that second home, or finding the home of your dreams, contacting a realtor to help walk you through the process is always the first and most important step in your process of acquiring that desired home.

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, mortgage rates dropped to their lowest levels in years, reaching an all-time low of 2.65% according to Freddie Mac. This low rate brought out buyers but unfortunately for them the number of properties available for sale could not keep up with the demand.

In 2022, inflation pushed rates up. It is expected that, as Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell, has hinted there are expected to be declines in the rates in the near future. The current rate is about 6.5% said Jerry Kroupa, real estate broker in the Elkhorn Lauderdale Lakes area. In spite of the higher rates, sales continue although there is still a shortage of properties on the market.

Kroupa has been a real estate broker in the Elkhorn, Lauderdale Lakes, Kettle Moraine area for more than 40 years and is the leading real estate agent on Lauderdale Lakes.

We reached out to Kroupa who works for @ Properties/Christies International real estate out of its

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newly opened Elkhorn office which is on the square in downtown Elkhorn.

Kroupa said selling homes has been a very busy experience the past couple of years.

“We have especially been selling second homes. Most of the buyers are looking for homes on the water making Lauderdale Lakes a popular spot,” Kroupa said. “Lauderdale Lakes property prices are comparable to those on Delavan Lake. This makes them a good alternative to homes on Geneva Lake with their much higher costs.”

Many of those searching for that vacation property come from Illinois especially from the City of Chicago and its northern suburbs. The distance from Chicago and its northern suburbs is short enough for the owners to come up for a weekend or a few days when not able to spend a longer period of time.

“The majority of homes on Lauderdale Lakes are single family homes. Cost of these homes are based on size of the lot and the size of the home along with their location on the lake,” Kroupa said. “The cost of a home here on the lake ranges from about \$600,000 to \$2 Million.”

What are shoppers looking for in a vacation home?

Kroupa said they are not looking for a little cabin on the water but a full three- to four- bedroom home with three or more

bathrooms. They are truly looking for a complete second home to enjoy with family and one large enough to allow them to invite friends and relatives up to enjoy time at the lake.

“Today’s buyer is also highly educated about the market. They do their research and reach out with questions appropriate for their buying interests,” Kroupa said.

Those looking for lakefront properties are those who enjoy all the water sports, including summer activities such as boating, swimming, water skiing, fishing, or just sitting on the deck enjoying the water view, Kroupa said. They may also enjoy winter outdoor activities on the water such as ice fishing, ice boating or ice skating.

The past couple of years have caused a dramatic change in how customers shop for properties, both second- and full-time homes. With limited inventory and properties selling quickly, decisions have to be made even more quickly, Kroupa said.

“In the past, prospective buyers would visit many homes until they found the house that was perfect for them and had everything they wanted. With the small number of properties on the market within their price range, choices may be more limited,” Kroupa said. “When you find something that meets a majority of your needs, move on it quickly. Nothing stays on the market long.”

Also be prepared to pay more than the listing price. There are often multiple offers for a property, especially if it is a desirable property, and may result in a bidding war, Kroupa said. So, if one is serious about purchasing that property, be ready to place your best offer as quickly as possible.

Everyone knows when it comes to real estate that location, location, location is the most important factor in a purchase. This is true when purchasing that second home. Buyers want to be sure that the property offers the activities that are important to their family.

“Most of the people who come to purchase a lakefront property come with a specific lake or a couple of lakes in mind. They often pick the lake based on the exposure they have had on that lake. They may have been up to the lakes with family and friends so they know what is available both in activities and the types of homes located there,” Kroupa said.

While most think of a second home as being a summer home, that is not always the case. Some people may be looking for that summer home but others may also want winter activities also. Fortunately choosing a second home in the Wisconsin area allows one to participate in both summer and winter activities.

“The Kettle Moraine area is another

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A beautiful waterfront home surrounded with mature trees is one of the homes sold by @properties/Christie's International Real Estate. The perfect second home to enjoy.

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area that attracts people looking for a second home. It is a popular place for hiking and mountain biking along with road biking in the summer and enjoying the nearby lakes. It is also as popular in the winter as it is in the summer. It is a favorite place for cross country skiing and winter hiking,” Kroupa said. “It is another area in which we sell many properties.”

Kettle Moraine State Park offers groomed trails and beautiful scenic vistas to enjoy while skiing in the winter or hiking and biking in the warmer weather. This makes it a great area for a second home or to live year round.

“When making an offer on a property, always include a home inspection as part of the offer,” Kroupa said.

Buyers need to know what problems to expect if any and hopefully the owner will be open to some remediation if problems are found and the owner wants the sale to go through, Kroupa added. If they aren’t and it is a major problem, having the results of the inspection as part of the offer will allow the buyers the leverage to not follow through with the sale.

In addition to selling lakefront second homes, @Properties/Christies International also service buyers and sellers looking to replace their permanent home. With an office in Elkhorn they are ready to help you successfully sell your current home and

to help you find the right home for you to purchase.

“Many of our clients return as their home needs change and it is not unusual for us to work with them on 2 or three homes in their lifetimes,” Kroupa said.

According to the MLS, there were 103 sales of single family homes in Elkhorn in 2022. The sales prices ranged from a low of \$135,000 to a high of \$599,000 with an average price of \$306,000 making Elkhorn an affordable community for a family.

Presenting a home for sale and pricing it correctly can present the property as the most desirable in its price range. @properties/Christies International offers these suggestions for preparing your home for the market:

- Start by decluttering your home, clean it, and organize. Everyone collects excessive items when they have lived in the home for a while. Now it is time to clear the clutter;
- Maintain the exterior of the home. First impressions are important;
- Paint inside and out as needed;
- Make any needed repairs;
- Brighten your home.
- Remove pets from the home; and
- Hire a home inspector.

Following these suggestions will make your home attractive to buyers and should help to make your sale proceed in a timely

manner.

@Properties began in Chicago when realtors Mike Golden and Thad Wong recognized the need for better service and support for both agents and clients. They set out on their own in 2000 to establish @properties.

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The Elkhorn office opened in December 2022 in the city center. The white single story building at 102 Wisconsin St. with the name @properties/Christie’s International Real Estate out front.

The office is staffed with office manager Don Shea (847-833-8572), Broker Jerry Kroupa (262-949-3618), agents Lynn Haman (262-949-3124), William Russell (262-228-2700), Kate Rozman (2362-993-8293 and Sales Agent Andrea Cummings (262-492-8082) who are all available to serve you and answer your questions.

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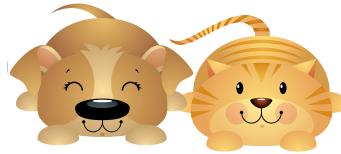
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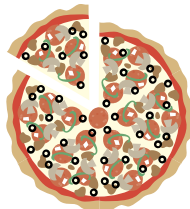
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KEEPING THE HISTORY ALIVE, FROM BANK TO Brewery

by **Jennifer Eisenbart**
STAFF WRITER

In another lifetime, 2905 Main St. in East Troy was a bank.

As Ann and Ted Zess remember, the corner of Main and Division streets was the old State Bank of East Troy – the first bank of many iterations.

But in 2017, with the final bank to occupy the building closed, the Zesses looked at the inside of the building – and had an idea.

“When we first went through it, it was bigger than we remembered it,” Ann explained.

Now, some six years and a pandemic later, East Troy Brewery resides at the address, the history of the building on full display with its new purpose.

“We always thought a brew pub or a brewery in East Troy would be a cool option on the square,” Ted said. “We

grew up in East Troy, we’re life long residents. We just wanted to see the square revitalized.”

Now, the former bank, while holding onto many of its identifying traits – including the use of the vault and tellers windows in the bar area – is an option for parties both large and small.

In addition to the numerous brews made on site, there is a full menu of appetizers, pizza, sandwiches and meals, an outdoor patio area with live music on the weekends and a special “Mug Club” for those who love their beer.

“Good beer, good food. I mean, brewery is in our name,” said new General Manager Zach Innis. “And our food is excellent as well. And good atmosphere.”

On tap

With Scott Slauson in charge of the brewery, the number of craft beers

available is both varied and creative.

In addition to the traditional pale ales (a New England and East Troy version) and amber beers, pilsners and a German-style Helles lager are available.

Different kinds of beer make it onto the drink menu seasonally. For example, right now, East Troy Brewery has its Lemon Lager, a Czech Pils Lager with real lemon puree, which the menu says transforms the beer into “a tart, light summer patio beer.”

There’s also the Fresa, a Helles Lager that’s described as “what do you get when you add 220 pound of strawberries to some of our Helles? A crisp, light lager with a not-so-subtle hint of strawberry.”

There’s also a Rye IPA, the Cream City Bricks In the Sticks and the Helles Lager of Troy – “The beer that launched 1,000 ... beers.”

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Staff at the brewery include (front from left) General Manager Zach Innis, Bar Manager Keely Rivero, Executive Chef Noah Higgins, (middle row) Head Brewer Scott Slauson, co-owner Ann Zess, (back row) co-owner Ted Zess.

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“We try to flavor some beers seasonally,” said Slauson, adding that blueberry will be added in the next few weeks to the brewery’s Hefeweizen beer.

There are also a wide variety of beers and hard seltzers available by the can and bottle, as well as non-alcoholic beer from Potosi Brewing Co., specialty cocktails and a wine list.

When the weather turns colder in the fall, Slauson said that the brewery switches to darker beers, including stouts and porters. The annual Oktoberfest beer will come with the brewery’s event Sept. 23.

For those who are beer aficionados and regulars at the brewery, there is the ETB Mug Club.

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Tasty treats

Just as the drink menu is seasonal, so, too, is the meal menu. Behind the guidance of Noah Higgins, executive chef and kitchen manager, the brewery offers both a lunch and dinner menu.

The lunch menu is only served on Saturdays and Sundays, when the brewery opens at noon. The dinner menu includes many of the same items.

Menu standards include the ET Square pizza – the Shroomie, White Truffle Pear, Cheeze-It and The Carnivore are among the regulars – Hill Valley cheese curds, served with curry tomato ketchup and ranch dressing, pretzel bites with homemade ETB beer cheese, and a large variety of barbecue, salads, sandwiches and burgers.

There are two special menu items each month. Right now, the July Pizza of the Month is the Hawaiian Thai-In (Thai red chili BBQ sauce, shredded mozzarella, smoked ham, sliced red onion, grilled pineapple and hot honey).

The Burger of the Month is the Cubano, a half-pound brisket patty with mojo marinated pulled pork, crispy ham, Swiss cheese, yellow mustard and dill pickle on a brioche bun.

Gluten-free buns are available for an extra \$1, a children’s menu is available and the dinner menu adds chef’s specials, tacos and wings.

The idea, Ted Zess said, is to help grow the East Troy Square space and East Troy in general.

“I just think it’s a cool place for people to come and hang out,” he explained. “It’s become a gathering spot.”

Added Ann, “It’s an experience. You can walk around and see the history.”

The East Troy Brewery is open five days a week, with the bar open from 4 to 9 p.m. and food service from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and the bar from 4 to 10 p.m. and food service from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday.

On Saturdays, the bar is open from noon to 10 p.m., with food service from noon to 9 p.m., and both the bar and kitchen are open from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The brewery is open for dine-in, patio seating and carryout. For more information, go to etbrew.com or call 262-642-2670.



top: Much of the history of the building, which was formerly a bank, has been preserved. The vault is now space used by the Mug Club – a special group that customers can sign up for with perks throughout the year. **above:** The outdoor patio area is popular, especially during the summer, where there is live music on the weekends.

JENNIFER EISENBART Readers Top Choice



ENJOYING THE *Wines of Summer*

Local wineries offer a wide variety

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
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Tastes change during the summer. People forsake the heavy foods of winter and enjoy the lighter fresh fruits and vegetables that the area is known to produce.

Likewise, tastes in beverages also tend to lighten from the full-bodied, heavier wines of winter to lighter, less-filling beverages. On a beautiful summer day, nothing beats a drive into the Wisconsin countryside to enjoy the beauty of nature and to discover special places to be enjoyed – among them, special small wineries.

Traveling along Highway A, in the Delavan area, the beautiful Staller Estate

Winery pops up and it is difficult not to stop. Sitting indoors or outside among the grapevines, it is the perfect spot to enjoy the fruits of the Stallers' labor and the beauty of the area at the same time.

The manicured vineyard is small but welcoming as visitors enjoy the outdoors, as well as the wines, charcuterie boards and other fine choices. That includes flatbread Fridays in the beauty of the countryside.

The Stallers purchased the farm – which had been an old dairy farm – and converted it to a vineyard. For Wendy and Joe Staller, their interest in winemaking began while at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where they studied biological and chemical sciences and began to dabble in amateur winemaking. This led to Wendy going out to University of California-Davis to complete the wine program and become truly knowledgeable about winemaking.

“We started the winery over 10 years ago and have continued to grow, adding additional grapevines and creating a variety of wines from our grapes,” shared Wendy,

owner of the Staller Estate Winery with her husband, Joe.

“It was a hobby that got out of control,” she adds with a laugh. “Now it is a full-time business.”

The winery is the perfect location for bachelorette parties, private tasting events, birthdays, anniversaries, business meetings, smaller reunions, moderately sized weddings and any other event people can imagine. The event, depending on the size, can be held outside in the vineyard, in the sun room, the gazebo or down in the Barrel Cellar Room.

A tasting, or a tour of the winery can be arranged to make an event as special and personal as visitors would like.

Staller creates a variety of wines from the estate's grapes and have added some self-distilled vodka and fruit brandy to the product line. The estate also serves a variety of cocktails, including a special Dragonfruit Mojito with its unique purple color.

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This flight of Staller's summer favorites includes a variety of wines from the Rock Valley white, a dry white with a taste of pineapple to the Red Sun-Gria with its fresh fruit flavors.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Readers Top Choice*

“Of course, it is required that a brandy old-fashioned be on the menu in Wisconsin,” Wendy added with a smile. “We also serve the loaded Bloody Mary and other special cocktails.”

Wendy also explained that there is a chance in the types of wine that people request in the summer.

“Summertime means a return to the lighter wines,” she said.

A summer wine flight includes the Rock Valley White – a dry white wine with aromas of tropical pineapple – and a Horizon Cuvee, a semi-dry white wine with distinct grapefruit citrus aromas that is followed by a lingering palate of fresh fruit.

It may surprise some who think of white wines as the lighter wines to discover that some red wines are also favorites in the summer. One such is the Sun-Gria, a blend of three red wines.

“We recommend serving it over frozen fruit to enjoy a real summery, fruit-laden drink,” said Wendy.

With the added fruit, one may think they are in Spain enjoying the country’s Sangria, as it is served there. Imagine spending an afternoon at the vineyard, enjoying a tasty summer wine with a charcuterie tray of meats and cheeses of your choice with friends or family members, sharing a special day.

Throughout the summer, there are a

variety of events held at the winery. Coming up in August is the annual Fire and Wine Shrimp Boil, and there will be addition dinners in October and November. A Christmas-themed dinner will also take place in December.

Enjoy yoga in the vineyard? Another fun activity to consider. Check the website, Facebook, or give them a call for dates, menus, times, and costs as all these are pre-ticketed.

Staller Estate Winery is located at W8896 County Road A, Delavan. Contact them at 608-883-2100 or visit online at www.stallerestate.com. They can also be found on Facebook. They are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The Apple Barn

The Apple Barn Orchard and Winery has been in business since 1848 and is still owned by the same family, the Jacobsons, all these years later.

While many people think of the Apple Barn as the place to pick and purchase fresh apples in the fall, it is more than just an apple orchard. It is a full farm that grows a variety of crops, along with a winery that produces a variety of wines made from the fruits grown on the farm under the direction of winemaker Steve Jacobson.

While in fall the grounds are full of customers purchasing apples, pumpkins and

various bakery items – including fresh baked pies and homemade donuts – in summer the Barn is alive with visitors arriving for strawberries. The Barn is open for picking beginning in June until they are finished producing, usually in mid-July.

The Apple Barn is also known for its award-winning unique wines, not made with grapes but with fruits mostly grown on the farm. While many people think of wines made with fruits other than grapes are very sweet, this is not always the case.

“While some fruit wines are very sweet and used as dessert wines, others are light and fruity, perfect for a summer day,” shared Jacobson.

At this time of year, customers are looking for that light fruity wine to enjoy on a warm summer day while sitting in their own backyards or spending some time at the Apple Barn’s Tasting room.

“Strawberry wines are a favorite at this time of year along with the rhubarb wines,” said Jacobson. The combination of mixing strawberry and rhubarb creates a wine that is especially enjoyed during the warm summer months. Light, refreshing, and created from strawberries and rhubarb grown on site, it is sure to become a favorite.

If purchasing some of the strawberry wine, also look at the hand-painted wine glasses by Sandra Glinner. The ones decorated with strawberries are perfect for summer entertaining – especially if hosts are serving the strawberry wines and some freshly picked strawberries.

Each wine created in the winery is done in small batches, ensuring that the richness, quality and taste remain consistent. All are created under Jacobson’s watchful eye. The types of wines brewed change as the fruits ripen and become ready to be processed.

Stop in the tasting room for a sample of the light summer wines. There is not a charge for a tasting but they are always grateful for any tips. Tips do not go to the servers but are donated to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society of Wisconsin to aid in its work of trying to find a cure. In the last two years, The Apple Barn has donated \$19,000 to the society thanks to the donations received.

The Farmer’s Daughter, with its own brand of jams, jellies, apple butters and pie fillings continues to increase in popularity. It also carries a large number of Wisconsin-made products.

The Apple Barn is located at W6384 Sugar Creek Road, Elkhorn, and is open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. During strawberry season, the facility is open seven days a week.

Reach The Apple Barn by phone at 262-728-3266 or visit them online at www.applebarnorchardandwinery.com. Also, check out the business’s Facebook page.



The favorite summer wines found at the Apple Barn includes the strawberry wines, the rhubarb wines, and the combined strawberry/rhubarb blend.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ Readers Top Choice

Lyle's TV touts multiple grilling options

Big Green Egg among inventory highlights

by **Jason Arndt**

STAFF WRITER

Lyle's TV & Appliance, of Elkhorn, has been in business for decades and offers multiple household options for consumers looking to fill their home and even on the outdoor patio.

While the Elkhorn-based business has several items in stock, such as refrigerators, televisions, dishwashers, ovens and stoves, and other items, Lyle's also touts a diverse range of outdoor grilling options.

Lyle's President Thomas Schinke said the company has gas grills, pellet grills manufactured by Traeger and other key distributors, as well as wood fire pizza ovens.

"We have got a little bit of everything for everybody," he said. "We sell everything from low end to high end. We are price competitive.

Schinke added his business offers grilling options designed to last decades.

Within the last decade, meanwhile, Lyle's introduced the highly touted Big Green Egg to its customers.

The Big Green Egg, which launched nearly 50 years ago in Atlanta, is sold exclusively at independent retailers such as Lyle's.

Mike Essman, Big Green Egg account manager for Wisconsin and Iowa, said the company's relationship with brick and mortar stores is highly important.

"We started as a small business in 1974 in Atlanta and we continue to maintain that relationship with independent dealers throughout the world," he said. "We support the independent retailer. That is very important to this company with the brick and mortar stores, the stores like Lyle's."

HIGHLY POPULAR

The Big Green Egg initially became popular in the Southern and Western regions of the United States.

Since then, people from around the world have become attracted to the Big Green Egg for its versatility, Essman said.

"It is the versatility of it, it is not just a grill, it is an experience is what it is. It is a smoker, it is a grill, it is an oven."

The Big Green Egg, which has a ceramic shell and can withstand frigid Wisconsin temperatures, offers precise and



Account Manager Mike Essman, of the Big Green Egg, showcases one of seven Big Green Egg sizes available for sale at Lyle's TV & Appliance in Elkhorn.

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accurate temperature control features for consumers looking to prepare any type of food outdoors.

"I can run the temperature from 180 to 1,200 degrees any time of the year," Essman said.

Additionally, Essman said the Big Green Egg comes with a lifetime warranty, primarily for the ceramic shell.

While the Big Green Egg offers versatility, the product comes in several sizes, but Essman noted consumers should consider how many people they plan on serving food.

"We have seven different sizes available and it all depends on how many people you are cooking for," he said. "You want to make sure you have the room."

Although the Big Green Egg is extremely heavy, the mini eggs can serve as an ideal size for people looking to use the product for tailgating, since the mini egg comes with handles.

Unlike the typical gas grill, the Big Green Egg comes with simplicity.

Essman said the Big Green Egg needs minimal, to low maintenance, and can be easily cleaned.

The price of a Big Green Egg is \$695

and up, Essman said.

Schinke said Lyle's sells 75 to 100 Big Green Eggs on annual basis.

"I started with one Big Green Egg about six years ago, now I have three of them at home," Schinke said. "I also have a Traeger."

For more information on Lyle's TV & Appliance, 17 S. Washington St., Elkhorn, visit its website at lylestv.com.

MORE ON THE GREEN EGG

According to the Big Green Egg website accessible at biggreenegg.com, the appliance offers high-temp grilling of steaks, burgers, grilled fish, can roast poultry, lamb, beef and vegetable.

The insulating ceramics allows consumers to prepare food for low and slow smoking of meats.

Essman noted the the appliance comes with several accessories designed to improve cooking experiences and has multiple racks to place food.

"We have been standing behind our products for over 40 years," the website states. "When you invest in a Big Green Egg, you will take home the highest quality outdoor cooker ever made."

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