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## REMEMBER WITH HONOR

A spectator at last year's Memorial Day parade in Delavan salutes as the honor guard and flags pass along the route downtown. The Delavan community is just one of most in the area that host ceremonies, parades and more on Memorial Day.

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# IT'S COMIN' UP

## MAY EVENTS

### 8 Dementia Friendly movie screening

The Dementia Friendly Community Initiative along with Lake Geneva's Emagine Theater introduce an exciting new program for those in early stages of dementia and Alzheimer's called "No Hush Movies."

Dementia Friendly Screenings include exclusively selected classic movies and musicals presented in a unique setting with softer sound and ambient lighting for the comfort of people living with dementia as well as their caregivers and friends. Guests are able to interact with the presentation and are encouraged to talk back, clap, tap their feet, sway, sing along, and get up and dance.

Tickets are \$5 tickets for all Dementia Friendly films. There is a concession combo (44 oz. popcorn and 20 oz. drink) for \$5 as well.

Emagine Geneva Lakes Movie Theater is at 2565 State Rd. 120, Lake Geneva.

### 11 Badger High School 5K Glow Run/Walk

Join a glowing night of fun and community support at Badger High School's 5k Glow Run/Walk, benefiting FCCLA, a student organization dedicated to helping the community.

Whether you're racing or walking, join the fun! Check-in starts at 6 p.m., with the race beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. and wrapping up by 9:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the chance to win medals for the top three finishers in each age group.

There will be a glow party after the race with free glow supplies to light up the night. Delicious eats will be available for purchase from food trucks on Badger High School's property. Let's shine bright together for a great cause! This glow run is not associated with any Glow Run company.

The cost is \$50 a person. To sign up, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/LakeGeneva/BadgerHighSchool5KGLOWRunWalk>.

Badger High School is at 220 E. South St., Lake Geneva.

**15-19 Murals in Motion** – Presented by Downtown Lake Geneva. Join this inaugural event celebrating artistry, music, and local history made for the community.

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**19 Elkhorn Antique Flea Market** The Elkhorn Antique Flea Market is southeastern Wisconsin's largest Antique Flea Market. Hosting over 500 vendors offering treasures that you cannot find anywhere else.

The Market is open, rain or shine. There are on-site food vendors, and some are located indoors.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about becoming a vendor at one of this year's four shows (the other dates are June 30, Aug. 11 and Sept. 29), call 414-525-0820.

### Ongoing events

**Studio Winery live music** – Stop by Studio Winery & Geneva Lake Distilling, 401 Sheridan Springs Rd., Lake Geneva, for live music 5-9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Featuring blues and classic rock tunes by local talent. Wine, cocktails, beer and more available as well as light bites. Seating for the live music is first come, first served – no reservations.

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# 'Land of the sparkling water'



## Enjoy, explore nature at Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

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At this time of year, nearly everyone is pulled out of their indoor cocoon where they have spent many cold days of winter and are now ready to spend time outdoors, breathing in the fresh spring air, seeing the blooming, colorful flowers, and enjoying the beauty of nature.

A great place to explore and spend time in nature in the Geneva Lake area is at Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy in Williams Bay – which may be one of the area's best kept secrets.

The conservancy was given the name Kishwauketoe to honor the Potawatomi tribes who inhabited the area, enjoying the lush vegetation, wildlife and the large sparkling lake (Geneva Lake).

The name Kishwauketoe is said to mean "clear lake" or "land of the sparkling water" – ideal as one of the goals of the conservancy is to help maintain the purity of the lake, which is accomplished by keeping the creeks that feed into the lake clean.

Kishwauketoe, which is dedicated to the children of tomorrow, is a true gift to the greater community from Williams Bay. It goes back to the 1980s when Harold Friestad served as mayor of Williams Bay. For many in this area, Friestad is a familiar



**from the left:** Jennifer Yunker, field manager, Harold Friestad, board chairman, and Judy Tiggelaar, board member/conservation chair, are all passionate about the mission of the conservancy.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

**top:** Kishwauketoe can be enjoyed year-round for walking and hiking. In the winter, some visitors also snowshoe or cross-country ski, and if lucky, catch a sunset like this one.

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name and a friendly face.

Many know Friestad from the 50 years he spent working with Lake Geneva Cruise Line, where he worked his way up to vice president and general manager. Others are familiar with him from his time serving as Village President of Williams Bay and some know him as a neighbor who has lived in the Bay most of his life.

But many know Friestad for his dedication Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy, which was founded in 1989 when he was village president. His passion for preserving the area he loves is evident.

## Buying the land

"It was during my time as village president that developers began to show interest in this open area," Friestad said. "When the second set of developers inquired about subdividing the land and building high density condos, a group of us decided that it might be best if the village were to buy the land."

And they did. Without a referendum, the village purchased the land – 231 acres for \$1.5 million dollars. It just an outright purchase by the village.

Although Friestad makes it sound simple it wasn't quite that easy of a process at the time. There were strings attached, including a promise that the village would never go back to the taxpayers for additional funding. To accomplish this, two separate committees were created, and those

committees have continued to care for and support Kishwaukee since that time.

Under Friestad's direction, the Conservancy Commission was to provide volunteers who would work diligently to provide the restorative work needed to make and keep the land vibrant and healthy.

The second committee, which was to become known as the Friends of Kishwaukee, spearheaded the fundraising. They not only contributed their own money, but also researched and applied for grants as well as organizing fundraising events.

Many members of this group served on not just one committee but both, and, not surprisingly considering their passion for nature and the area, once involved they tend not to stay involved. Committee members also have been known to give not only countless hours of time and energy to the project but have continued to support it with their own monetary donations.

## Keeping the promise

On a recent cool and windy morning, Friestad, board chairman, Judy Tiggelaar, a member of the board who is also the chair of conservation, and Jennifer Yunker, project manager, talked about the ongoing work at Kishwaukee.

"Jennifer is the first full-time, year-round employee. She oversees the work needed to keep the land healthy but also does much of it herself," Friestad explained, adding that in the summer they also hire two part-time

interns to work and learn about conservation at the same time.

"Judy works with me to find donations and grants for us to write to help keep the funds needed for the preservation," he said. "We have not gone to the taxpayers for additional money fulfilling our promise that was made when the city purchased the land."

Friestad who is now 84 years old, walks every day and in the winter – when the conditions cooperate – he can be found on Grand Geneva Resort's ski runs early in the morning getting in some downhill skiing.

He has also skied the Birkebeiner Ski Race, which is about 34 miles and transverses from Cable to Hayward. He has not only skied the Birkebeiner once, which many consider a major accomplishment, but has done so 31 times.

For years, Friestad has led walks on trails throughout the conservancy, from spring through fall, generally. This year he will do so again, at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings for walkers interested in joining him.

"Our walks usually last about one hour but it depends on the interest of the group," Friestad said.

It's more than a walk though, as he is known for sharing information about the sights of nature observed while on the trails, including birds, wildlife, flowers and trees. Keep an eye on the website for the date as to when the walks will begin.

For those interested in helping there are ongoing opportunities to become involved.

**top left:** This sign on Highway 67 welcomes visitors to the conservancy. **top right:** This rock, dedicating Kishwaukee to the children of the future, was placed at the entrance in 1990 when the conservancy was founded.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ *Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

“Work on the grounds continues throughout the year,” Yunker said. “We have a volunteer workday on Fridays from 8:30 to 11 a.m., weather permitting.”

One of the most difficult jobs is clearing buckthorn, a very invasive species that’s so dense nothing can grow beneath it. With the buckthorn removed, the native flowers grow, and their beautiful colors can be seen throughout the area. Seeds are collected each year from the flowers that bloom and are then replanted in the cleared areas the next spring.

“Areas are also cleared of invasive species by controlled burns or being removed by hand,” Friestad said.

Among the work that continues to be done is clearing soft wood trees (Boxelder trees) and replacing them with hard wood trees that were native to the area.

The goal is to return the land to what it once was, and is intended to be again, according to those who use their passion as fuel to continue this important work. They encourage the growth of flowers that help attract pollinators and the return of birds and butterflies to the conservancy.

There have been 36 varieties of birds spotted by birdwatchers at Kishwauketoe, including a turkey vulture – an impressive sight in and of itself.

Updates on workdays, including extra projects where help is needed, are generally posted on the conservancy’s Facebook page.

## Getting others involved

Another ongoing priority at Kishwauketoe is igniting a passion in others, including the younger generation with the hope that they, too, will appreciate and want to protect nature while helping be part of the continued work at the conservancy.

“For Arbor Day, we had a planting of trees by students from Woods School,” Yunker said. “These are trees we planted indoors from seeds two years ago. They were ready to be placed outdoors



Streams on the property are kept free of pollution and debris because the water enters Geneva Lake. The streams often serve as spawning grounds for brown trout.

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and become part of the natural landscape.”

The 4-plus miles of trails attract residents, visitors and kids’ groups including school and scouts field trips. Many who visit – especially children – enjoy climbing the tower to be treated to a beautiful and expansive panoramic view.

The tower was built by volunteers as were several sections of boardwalk and bridges over creeks that run through the property. Clearing the creeks and keeping them clear is an ongoing job. The creeks drain into Geneva Lake, so keeping them clean is vital.

Friestad said he spent time on the property long before he could even imagine what it would become.

“I remember playing in those streams when I was a child and the land was privately owned by Albert T. Harris,” Friestad said, adding that he had no idea at the time he would eventually grow such an important connection to its restoration.

“Each year we hold a 5K run or walk on the trails to raise funds and to show off our beautiful grounds,” Yunker said. “We welcome walkers, runners, and even dogs to participate. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 6.”

The children’s race that day will begin at 8 a.m. The 5k will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration and volunteer signup can be done through the website.

Yunker, in addition to her work at the conservancy, has an art background so she designs the race tee shirt. Last year, it featured the red, white, and blue flowers that grow in the conservancy with the message: “Run until you see the red, white and blue.”

She will be designing this year’s shirt but will keep the design a surprise, for now.

Friestad said one of the things he would like to see implemented is the creation of a scholarship that would be awarded to a student who will be studying conservation.

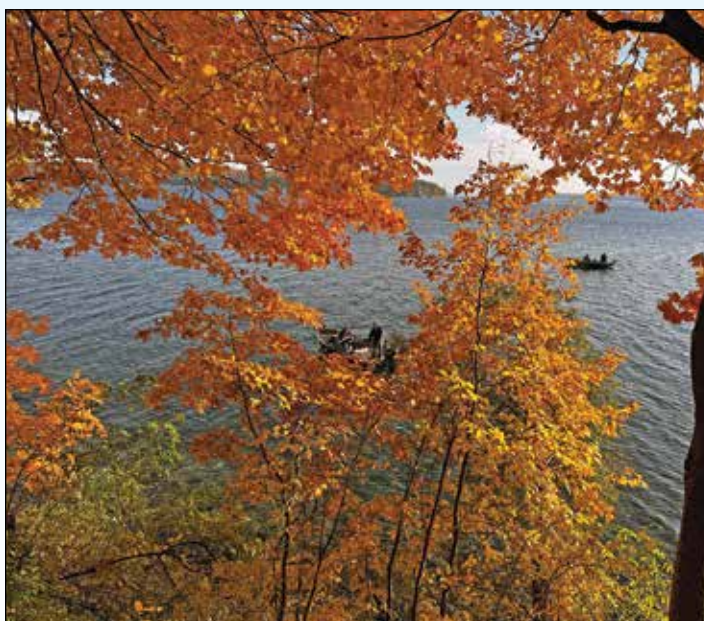
Kishwauketoe is open year-round.

Walking and hiking can take place in any season and in the winter, it’s suitable for snow shoeing and cross-country skiing, with adequate snow cover. Each season offers different sights of nature, and likely, every stop allows visitors to see something different.

One thing is clear: the conservancy has much to offer, whether it’s a short walk during a lunch break, an adventure with the kids, or helping at a workday event. As John Muir said, “In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.”

The main entrance to Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy is at 251 Elkhorn Rd. (Highway 67), Williams Bay. A second entrance is in downtown Williams Bay across from the main beach. Parking is free at both and there is no charge to visit. The conservancy is open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, including upcoming events, visit [www.friendsofknk.org](http://www.friendsofknk.org) or follow the group on Facebook.



**top:** This tower is a favorite stop for kids visiting the conservancy. It was built and is cared for by the Friends of Kishwauketoe.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ  
*Spirit of Geneva Lakes*

**above:** To keep Kishwauketoe clean and healthy, volunteers remove invasive weed species allowing the natural flowers to survive in the area. **at left:** The beauty of the lake can be seen through the trees.

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## ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

Now that we're officially in the spring season, we are reminded that it's the time of year where warmer air, beauty, perseverance, and color – especially in flowers that highlight the outdoors while indoor plants also begin to bloom – are showcased.

While we can attribute these changes according to the familiar saying “April showers bring May flowers,” it would not be inaccurate to include the word “snow” considering recent weather in the area. Whatever the reason, even though many enjoy Midwest winters, spring is generally a welcome season.

Speaking of the April showers...” saying, it was found as the April poem in the writing of a tome “Good Points of Husbandry” by Thomas Tusser of England in the 1500s. Since that time, people of all ages from all over have used the expression because, well, it's a

**at right:** Burlington Garden Center welcomes all to stop by and explore the variety of items they have available. From seeds and decorative containers to indoor plants and outdoor flowers, there is plenty to choose from to compliment your home, inside and out.

SANDRA LANDEN MACHAJ Spirit of Geneva Lakes

**top:** One of the new petunias this year is this Amazonas Plum Cockatoo Petunia by Danziger. It features a purple center and white and light green petals, offering a spectacular addition to outdoor displays.

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way to stay positive during the sometimes-rainy days of April.

When we see the rain showers falling, encouraging new growth, what soon follows is the first of the spring flowers coming up through the soil. And with that burst of growth, spirits rise and it's time to start coming up with a plan for summer planters, gardens, landscaping, and flower beds.

That likely means a visit to greenhouse where we can choose the flowers, plants, and vegetables that we plan to add this year.

Burlington Garden Center has been a fixture in the community since 1968 when Walter Uebele started a small garden company as an off shoot of his father's feed mill in Burlington. In 1976, he moved his gardening company to its present location on the west side of Burlington where it has continued to be a place many area people visit for their planting needs.

It has grown tremendously

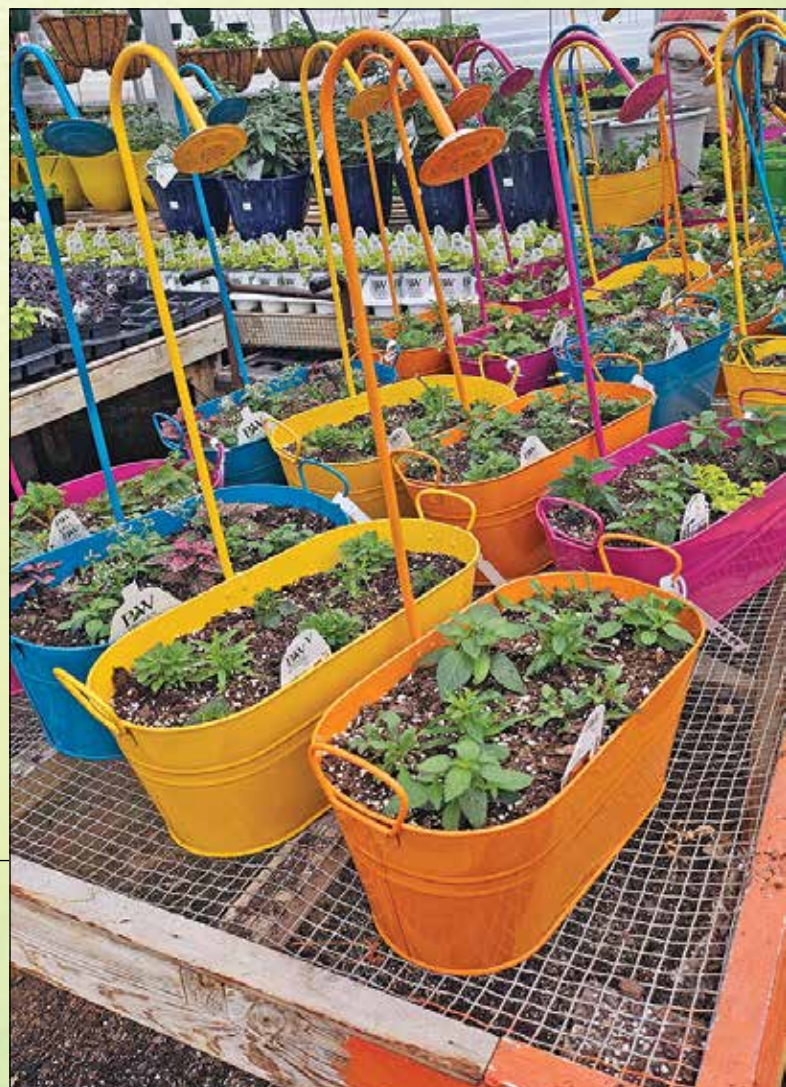
and offers anything that might be needed for those who choose to spruce up outside their homes, Uebele continues to own Burlington Garden Center and shares his knowledge of plants and flowers with customers.

In early spring, visitors can regularly be found at the garden center as they begin to make plans for outdoor vegetable gardens and flower displays, the latter for outdoors, indoors or both.

The center features a wide variety of seed packets from which to choose and employees are more than happy to help you narrow it down when deciding which ones will work best. The options are nearly endless, from vegetables that will later be transferred to a garden to floral seeds placed in planters and when the timing is right and the weather consistently cooperating, put in hanging containers, window boxes, or outdoor floral displays to brighten up the landscape.

**at right:** Looking for a whimsical planter? These colorful containers with a shower head and a variety of colorful plants will add a pop of color when in bloom. **top right:** from the left, General Manager Tracy Hankwitz and Greenhouse Manager Lindsay Eichhorst are ready to help customers find the ideal mix of plants, flowers and décor for their home and garden. **above:** An easy to care for option that's also fun to create is a terrarium, which brings beauty and clean air inside.

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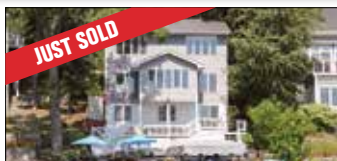
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**above:** When the pansies blooming, you know spring is here. They are one of the flowers that can handle the cooler weather and are often the first to be planted outside.

**top:** Tracy Hankwitz displays an indoor plant that not only will bring color and air inside, but is easy to care for. **top right:** Commonly referred to as Easter Roses, these are popular fresh blooms brought into homes in the spring.

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## GREAT GIFT OPTIONS

Tracy Hankwitz, General Manager at Burlington Garden Center, shared some suggestions about plants for indoors and outdoors, many of which would make ideal gifts – for Mother’s Day, a birthday, a housewarming, or just to brighten someone’s day.

If giving a plant to a person who does not currently have any or has limited experience with them, choose something that’s easy to grow and doesn’t require a lot of care. Success with that first plant will make them more receptive to increasing the number of plants in their home or in their yard.

Among the plants that are easy to care for, according to Hankwitz, is the Sansevieria (sometimes known as Mother-in-law’s tongue), which has long dark leaves and grows tall with little extra care.

If seeking a blooming plant, Hoyas, which may bloom several times a year with colorful flowers in a ball-like shape, also require minimum care and add the beauty of flowering.

A third plant Hankwitz recommends for easy care is known as the ZZ plant (Zanzibar gem.) It also thrives in low light and requires watering only when dry to the touch. Just be sure it’s in a pot with a

drainage hole since some of the water will seep out.

Hanging indoor plants, terrariums, and air plants would also make good gifts, for Mother’s Day and more. Air Plants are exactly what one would expect – plants that grow without soil. They only need to be misted weekly and require proper light.

Those are just a few examples of suitable options for someone unfamiliar with or in the early stages of learning about plants.

## MAKING INDOORS BETTER

Hankwitz said houseplants have many positives to offer.

“Houseplants are wonderful to have indoors as they clean the air and are said to increase productivity in the people who live there,” she explained.

“Perhaps the productivity is due to making people happy, as many seem to be when they have plants. According to studies, plants help create a less stressful environment,” she added.

Hankwitz said the important thing to keep in mind is to purchase the right plants for the environment where they will make their home. That begins with matching the plant’s need for light to the amount of light in the room.

“You need to assess the light available for the plants, which will help you choose

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the right plants and the correct spots to place them,” she said.

There are other things to consider related to surroundings as well.

“If there are pets in the home, it’s important to choose plants that are not toxic to the pets that live there,” Hankwitz said. “Finally, pick out the plants that will thrive in these locations.”

Those seeking help when choosing plants can seek out any number of people at Burlington Garden Center – including master gardeners, horticulturists, and plant lovers. They will be able to offer guidance in choosing the best plants or flowers for the need, whether for your own home or garden or as a gift for someone special in your life.

Many indoor plants need sun and Hankwitz recommends placing them in an area where there is bright indirect light – a place “where they can see the sky,” she said, adding that near east facing windows is generally a good place for indirect light.

“Each plant cleans about 100 square feet of air,” added Hankwitz, who recommends

**at left:** Burlington Garden Center has a variety of books available for those looking to dive deeper into flowers and gardening.

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**above:** These Balarina Cobalt blue flowers paired with the lighter contrast of yellow makes for a colorful combination.

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grouping several plants in one area. "They like to be together and having several plants in one space increases the humidity level."

## SO MANY COLORS

This time of the year is ideal to visit a greenhouse and choose the flowers you would like to add to your outdoor landscape.

Among the early blooms are pansies, which come in a variety of colors. Pansies are often set out early for they are more tolerant to cooler temperatures than other annuals.

"Pansies in their variety of colors – especially the vibrant purples, yellows, reds and whites – are often that first spark of color in our floral displays," Hankwitz said.

Entering the Burlington Garden Center's greenhouse, there are plants everywhere, from potted hanging variety to dishes filled with mixed displays. Because of it being early in the season at the time of this interview, the young plants were not at full size and many not yet blooming.

"Each season there are always new varieties of annuals or new colors that have been produced," Hankwitz said. "This year one of the new annuals is a geranium that is purple in color. It is also a cascading plant. This makes it a combination of the traditional zonal geranium and the ivy geranium in a new and different color. It's sure to add a beautiful hue to your display."

Another new annual is the Amazonas Plum Cockatoo Petunia by Danziger. The Amazonas is a beautiful bloom with a purple center and light green and white on the outer part of the petals.

Most of the summer annuals are tropical and as such they prefer the warmer weather and should not be placed outside too early in the season. Generally speaking, the end of May is the best time.

Those interested in learning more are encouraged to spend time in the greenhouse and study the variety of combinations of plants in various types of planters throughout. This will offer ideas as to which plants might work well together and tend to need the same in regard to sun, water, and fertilization.

Hankwitz suggests when putting planters together to include at least one foliage plant for contrast with the flowering plants and to add the important green color.

In addition to planting annuals, she recommends planting some perennials that will return year after year. That will likely make it easier to restore your gardens the following year.

"To keep your plants blooming all summer, be sure to treat them well. Water them as needed and fertilize about every third time that they are watered," Hankwitz said.

"And always start with good quality plants that are healthy."

Burlington Garden Center is at 5205 Mormon Rd. (Old Hwy 36 south), Burlington. Hours at the garden center are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 262-763-2153 visit [www.burlingtongardencenter.com](http://www.burlingtongardencenter.com) or email [info@burlingtongardencenter.com](mailto:info@burlingtongardencenter.com).

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# Caitlin Carmody Stables

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

When Caitlin Carmody was a young girl, she loved horses.

She loved them so much that she began taking riding lessons at the age of 8 years.

"I was obsessed with horses," Carmody explained with a laugh. "And I was fortunate that my parents indulged me in my passion. I took lessons at a variety of stables and was soon giving some lessons."

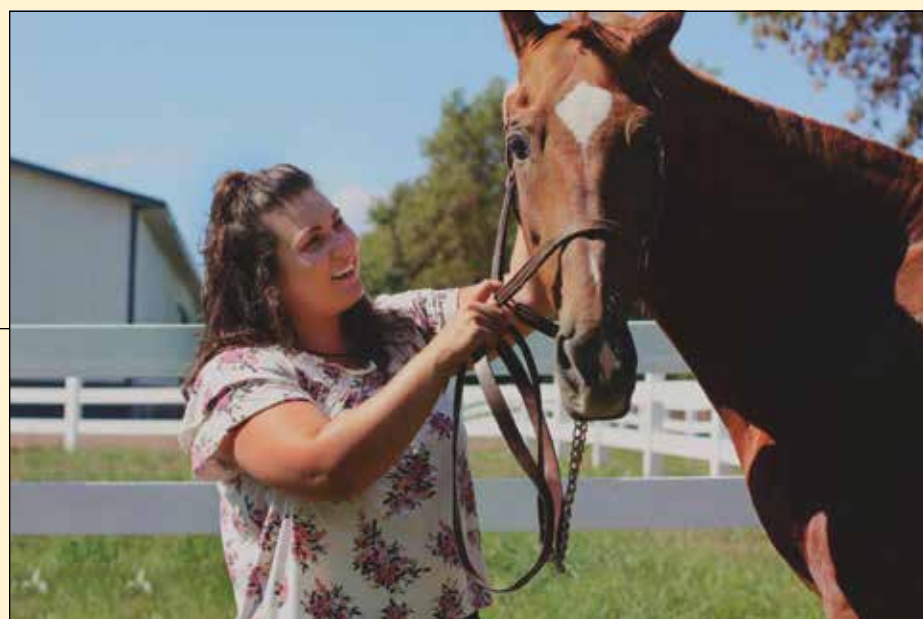
Over the years, Carmody has participated in a variety of horse shows and competitions, including being named Reserve National Champion in 2006 and taking home a bronze medal at the National Pleasure Equitation Olympic finals.

Although Carmody started her own horse and rider training business in 2013, she did not own her own physical stables until 2021. Now, her needs have increased to the 34-stall barn that is currently home to Caitlin Carmody Stables in Lake Geneva.

It's a beautiful property located on Highway 50, just east of Highway 12. In early 2021, Carmody found the ideal location. However, with the property being more than 35 years old, it was in need of some serious updating.

The place was a stable built in 1985 by Dana Montana, and known originally as Sugar Legacy Arabians. Montana used it for a while then sold the property another stable owner. It then went through a series of owners before it came to Carmody.

The property has a large, Tudor-styled building set back from the highway with



**top right:** Each horse at Caitlin Carmody Stables has a roomy stall that includes a window to allow in natural light.

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**at right:** Caitlin Carmody has loved horses since she was a young girl and began taking riding lessons at the age of 8. After starting her own business in 2013, it continued to grow and she bought her own stables in 2021.

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**above:** A variety of saddles are stored in the saddle room. **above right:** Stained glass windows near the top of the walls are original to the building and believed to have been created locally. **at right:** A lot of equipment is used in Carmody's business. This room contains the tack that's placed on a horse and used to direct its movements.

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a large steeple, surrounded by fenced corrals and workout pens for the horses. The building holds the stalls along with an indoor riding and training ring.

"From a distance, our facility appears to be a castle," Carmody said. "And it is... the castle of horse barns."

There are several stained glass windows, believed to have been created by a local artist, and two intricate metal spiral staircases in the building.

"A viewing room overlooks the training ring," said Carmody. "Parents can watch their children as they receive their riding lessons, or when there are shows, they are easy to observe."

## *Lessons along the way*

When Carmody was young, she did a variety of jobs at the barns where she trained – everything from exercising horses to cleaning stalls. It gained her extra time to ride, as she would trade her work for additional riding time to spare her parents some expense.

Starting under the tutelage of Sammie Lancia, she purchased her first horse. She then moved on to La Kona Barn, where Lori Glickman became her mentor. Carmody credits Glickman with the numerous opportunities she had to ride in shows, including the World Championship Horse Show, where she was the only junior exhibition rider.

Under Glickman, she began to do a lot of



training as well as showing horses.

When she started expanding, Carmody rented space at different stables to board her horses and teach students.

Her company specializes in Saddle Seat Equitation, English Saddle Seat horseback riding lessons, training and sales.

In the early days, a six-stall metal barn was sufficient to house her horses. Now, though, she has filled the current space, which is much larger.

## *All in one place*

The facility is amiable – clean, warm and welcoming, noticeable when one first pulls up to the grand entrance. There are comfortable spaces, including a waiting lounge for guests and a kitchen.

There are also two family viewing areas with guest WiFi available for use, and guest

quarters on the second floor.

Facilities for horses and for lessons are just as impressive. The stalls for the horses remain clean and are filled with fresh straw, while each stall also features a window.

Indoors, a riding space is used for both lessons and on-site shows, while there is also an indoor working round pen.

"We train the horses in here and ride them for exercise," Carmody explained. "We also give lessons in here."

Outdoors, there is another riding area, as well as 17 outdoor pastures. The setup is for serious enthusiasts, not casual riders looking for a trail ride or a place to hold a children's party.

Carmody teaches English Saddle Seat lessons for people of all ages and experience levels.

English saddle is used for most



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equestrian sports and in Olympic events. The saddle is designed to allow freedom of movement for the horse and does not have a horn at the front of the saddle.

“Our youngest student at this time is 4 years old,” Carmody said. “If they have the desire to ride and are willing to work on learning, we are ready to work with them.”

## Individualized lessons

While lessons are offered to those wanting to become part of the show team, Carmody’s school also offers lessons for those who just want to improve their horsemanship.

“Our lessons are tailored for the individual needs of the students,” she explained. “We will work with you at whatever level you need.”

Both private and group lessons are taught. Often, students who start lessons to improve his or her riding skills end up becoming interested in the show team.

Carmody said there are a variety of horses on site, some owned by her and some boarded there by other owners.

“Horseback riding is an expensive hobby,” Carmody said. “Aside from the tack and saddle needed to ride, every rider wants their own horse, especially necessary if one wants to show and compete.”

At Caitlin Carmody Stables, they offer horses that are available for sale for those who want to purchase their own horse. But with the cost of horses, some riders choose a leasing option. One can lease a horse from the stable for one year at a time. Or sometimes a horse is leased to two riders, lowering the cost further.

Leasing a horse may be a good idea until a rider finds what they believe will be the perfect horse for them.

Carmody not only trains riders, but also trains horses.

She will work with any American Saddle horse and turn them into true competitors on either the local, national, or world level.

In the mornings, Carmody and her assistant can be seen in the barns exercising and training the horses.

And in the afternoon and evening, riding

## Shows and competitions

Throughout the season, riders participate in riding several shows both locally and in other states.

Here is a list of shows the stables tentatively plans to participate in.

According to Carmody, for the first two shows listed – which will be held in May and June in Kentucky and Indiana, respectively, they will bring 10 to 15 horses to compete.

Tentative shows are:

- May 8-11, May Classic Horse Show, Shelbyville, Kentucky
- June 26-29, Indianapolis Charity Horse Show, Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 26-28, IASPFA Horse Show, Woodstock, Illinois
- Aug. 2-4, Mid America Horse Show, Woodstock, Illinois.
- Sept. 3-8, 2024 Monarch National Championships, Springfield, Illinois.

In-barn shows for this year have yet to be determined but will be announced on the website and Facebook page.

**top right:** One of Carmody’s assistant trainers prepares to take a horse through its paces.

**top left:** Some of Carmody’s students pose in their working clothes between rides.

Students have been known to have three or more lessons per week when they are training to show. **above:** This is just one of several large buildings on the property of Caitlin Carmody Stables in Lake Geneva.

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and showing lessons are taught at the facility.

About 95 lessons are taught each week, Carmody said.

Training of horses and room and board are available at the stables, on a full- or part-time basis.

Caitlin Carmody Stables LLC is at 6500 Highway 50, Lake Geneva. They are just east of the Highway 12 interchange with Highway 50.

For more information about lessons, horse boarding, purchasing or leasing or to arrange a visit to the stables, contact Carmody or her staff by calling 262-748-0427, visit the website at [caitlincarmodystables.com](http://caitlincarmodystables.com) or follow them on Facebook.

The stables are open Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The stables are closed to the public Mondays and Fridays.

**above:** The vast property is home to 17 pastures, a few of which are shown above.

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**at right:** Carmody proudly displays just some of the ribbons that have been earned by riders from her stables.

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# HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE ALL: *Memorial Day*

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

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While today Americans celebrate Memorial Day, the day in which the country honors those who lost their lives in service to the United State was not originally known as Memorial Day – and was only to honor those killed in the Civil War.

Not long after the Civil War ended in 1865, the tradition of honoring those who gave all is believed to have started. By the late 1860s, various communities developed ways to remember those who had lost their lives in the Civil War.

For most communities – especially in the south where it was warm and flowers were in bloom – they honored those lost by decorating graves with spring blooms. It was called Decoration Day, for that is what people did, decorate the graves.

The first widely observed day of remembrance was believed to have been organized on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers – particularly Union soldiers who had lost their lives in the war.

A proclamation was made by Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

According to History.com, Logan proclaimed: “The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades, who had died in defense of comrades and in defense of their country during the late rebellion, (Civil War), and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet, or churchyard in the land.”



**above:** A spectator at the Memorial Day parade in Delavan salutes as the honor guard and flags pass along the route. **top:** The Phoenix Middle School Band participates in the Memorial Day Parade each year in Delavan.

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Logan chose the date of May 30 – not the date of any particular battle, and set to only honor those lost in the Civil War. While Decoration Day was observed on that date for many years, it would not remain so forever.

One hundred years later in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. This changed the date to the last Monday in May, so that federal employees could enjoy a three-day weekend. The change went into effect in 1971, when it was also made a federal holiday.

While the day was originally to honor those lost in the Civil war, the United States continued to be involved in other wars. The holiday evolved to include those lost in all wars, including World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Over the years, the name evolved from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. It gave a better description of the reason for the holiday, not just to decorate graves but to memorialize the sacrifice of those who gave their lives.

Currently, Memorial Day is celebrated in various ways. The tradition of decorating graves continues, and many families visit the graves of servicemen or women who died while serving. Memorial Day Services are often held at the cemeteries, particularly at military cemeteries.

At Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, the President or his representative places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, while members of the Old Guard decorate over 280,000 graves with small American flags placed in front of their headstones and below approximately 7,000 rows of cremated remains.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is no longer the burial place of one unidentified service man. There are three additional bodies, also unidentified, buried there to represent not only the soldiers but other members of the armed services that served.

In communities throughout the nation, parades are held honoring those who lost their lives and there are often ceremonies at local cemeteries. The Friday prior to Memorial Day is often celebrated as Poppy Day, when members of the American Legion Auxiliary distribute poppies in honor of those who lost their lives.

The poppies are symbolic of fallen soldiers in part because of the poem, “In Flanders Field” by John McCrae. The poem describes red poppies seen growing on soldiers’ graves, a spot of color in the devastated area of Flanders, Belgium, and northern France. Those who receive poppies give a donation, which is used to aid veterans.

Memorial Day weekend is also seen as the first official weekend of the summer. Many families enjoy picnics, and gather with family and friends. In many areas, beaches and pools officially open.



**above:** At communities throughout the area, guest speakers such as Tom Bohling – shown at the 2023 Memorial Day ceremony in Delavan – reflect on the sacrifice made by those who served the country. **top:** The riderless war horse is the symbol of the soldier lost in battle. It features the stirrups holding the boots of a fallen soldier as it marches in honor of them having lost their life.

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Here are some of the activities in local communities to honor those who gave all in service for our country:

#### **DELAVAN**

Once again, the Delavan American Legion is busy preparing for another Memorial Day Parade.

“While we have confirmed a number

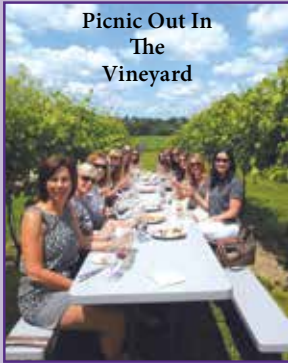
of the activities, we are still waiting for confirmation on some of them,” said Leonard Hahn, who serves as Adjutant and Chaplain of the Delavan American Legion Post 95.

According to Hahn, the parade will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Legion Hall on Second Street. The legion’s motorcycle group will lead the way,

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**above:** The Blue Regiment, the marching band of Delavan-Darien High School, participates in the annual Memorial Day Parade honoring those who gave their lives for their country. **at right:** The color guard leads the parade through downtown Delavan at a past Memorial Day, followed by the high school marching band.

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followed by the Honor Guard carrying flags and by veterans who choose to and are able to walk. Veterans do not need to be members of the American Legion to participate.

"Each year, both the middle school and the high school marching bands march in the parade," said Hahn. "This year, the Phoenix Middle School band will be leading, with the Delavan High School band at the end of the parade."

The parade will continue to Spring Grove Cemetery, where the first memorial service is held. It begins with an invocation by the chaplain and continues with the Pledge of Allegiance. Hahn said they again hope to have students signing the Pledge as they did last year in honor of the Wisconsin School for Deaf, which is in Delavan.

Hahn is hoping to confirm the inclusion of the "riderless horse" – a horse with the boot upside down and backward to represent the fallen soldier – soon.

The middle school choir is expected to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" or "America the Beautiful." Mayor Ryan Schroeder will give a short speech, and the service will end with a three-round firing of rifles, commemorating duty, honor and country.

With the conclusion of the memorial at Spring Grove Cemetery, the parade will move to Old Settler's Cemetery, where Hahn will speak, sharing information about



Memorial Day. A wreath will be laid, the firing of the rifles will again be heard, and Taps will be played.

All who are present can then make their way back to the Legion Hall, where a light lunch prepared and served by the Women's Auxiliary will be available for all who wish to attend. There is no charge for the lunch.

## BURLINGTON

At 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27, the Burlington Memorial Day Parade will begin at Kane Street and work its way to Milwaukee Avenue and then to Echo Park.

At Echo Park, a memorial ceremony will be held following the parade to honor those who died in service for their country.

## EAST TROY

The Village of East Troy will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. The stepping off site will be the corner of Beulah Avenue and Main Street. The parade will travel east on Main and enter the East Troy Town Square by the north sidewalk.

At 11 a.m., American Legion Loomis-Martin Post 188 and East Troy VFW Post

7501 will present a ceremony to honor and remember those lost in service featuring performances by East Troy school district bands.

The event will include a 21-gun salute for those who lost their lives in combat, and a reading of the names of the local veterans who lost their lives in the past year. It will also include the third-round dedication of the Village of East Troy's Veterans Memorial Honor Stone installation.

The East Troy Corn and Brat Roast is also held that weekend, May 24-27 in Village Square Park.

## ELKHORN

"We will begin services at various cemeteries in the area starting at 8:30 a.m.," said John Giese from VFW Post 6375. "Our Memorial Day activities are held as a joint venture with the American Legion Post 45."

They will begin the first ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at North Geneva Cemetery and a second service at 9 a.m. at the cemetery behind Evergreen Golf Course. At 9:30 a.m., a third ceremony will be held at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Highway A.

Everyone will then return to downtown Elkhorn for the annual Memorial Day Parade. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the corner of Lincoln and East Walworth streets and proceed to the Walworth County

Government Center downtown followed by a service in Veterans Park.

That ceremony will be followed by memorial services at Mt. Olivet and Hazel Ridge cemeteries. After a short break, the group will continue to the Town of Geneva for a 1:30 p.m. service at the Lake Como Memorial.

## LAKE GENEVA

American Legion Frank Kresen Post 24, local high school and middle school music groups, and other organizations hold a Memorial Day Parade followed by a ceremony.

The parade generally begins at 10 a.m. near Denison Middle School and marches down Broad Street to Flat Iron Park, where a ceremony is held at Brunk Pavilion.

A wreath is laid at the waterfront near the end of the ceremony.

## TWIN LAKES

American Legion Post 544 will begin the day by conducting the following Memorial Day observances: 9 a.m. – Mound Prairie Cemetery, 39000 104th St., Genoa City; 9:30 a.m. – St. John's Cemetery, Highway KD, Twin Lakes.

A parade will again be held in Twin Lakes, which winds its way from Lance Park to Legion Park Monday, May 27. Staging will

begin at 10 a.m. and the parade will step off promptly at 11 a.m.

"Any float with a patriotic theme or Memorial Day theme is welcome but no political or campaign-centered entries will be allowed," Jeff Martin, 1st Vice Commander of Post 544 said.

The parade will end at the American Legion, where a ceremony will be held.

## WALWORTH

Ingalls-Koeppen Post 102, Walworth, begins its Memorial Day events with commemoration services at Cobblestone Cemetery at 8 a.m., and Brick Church Cemetery at 9 a.m.

The annual parade begins near the square at 9:45 a.m. and makes its way to Walworth Center Cemetery for a memorial service.

At 10:45 a.m., the parade in Fontana will march from the Post Office to Reid Park where a commemoration service will take place.

## WILLIAMS BAY

In Williams Bay, annual Memorial Day events generally include a 10:30 a.m. parade beginning at Clover and Cherry streets and ending at Edgewater Park.

A service takes place at the Veteran's Memorial in the park, including a wreath ceremony, speakers and music by Williams Bay High School groups.



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