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Work is underway at the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club, where the old clubhouse and patio are being torn down to construct new ones from scratch. This picture shows the old clubhouse and patio.

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## New clubhouse, patio under construction

BY **Deborah Cruger**  
CORRESPONDENT

The demolition and construction process for the new clubhouse at the Lauderdale Lakes Country Club is projected to begin late this summer.

The building plans include the 2,500-square-foot building as well as a new area for storage, full basement, outdoor patio and bar with seating.

The budget for the project is set for \$1,200,000.

Design plans for the clubhouse were approved in June of 2023. A proposal to tear down and rebuild

the 102-year-old building was initially presented in 2017. A vote determined that the restoration proposal of the structure was not cost efficient because of the amount of repairs that were needed.

The golf course opened in 1921 and was redesigned in the 1930s by Edward Ravenscroft, according to the Club's website. Portions of the water tower and clubhouse standing today are part of the original early 1900s construction.

In order to save the course from being torn down for new development, long-term residents

of the Lake Management District purchased it in the 1900s.

An advertisement, published May 2024 in numerous Walworth County newspapers, was printed in search of bids from potential contractors. The Lauderdale Lakes Country Club submission deadline for proposals was 10 am on June 14, 2024. All contractors were encouraged to submit bids.

According to a letter sent out last year to the Residents of the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District, construction is projected to be completed in May of 2025.

## Routt attorney files motions in double homicide trial

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

The lawyer representing the man accused in a Feb. 1 double homicide in Elkhorn has filed a pair of motions on his client's behalf, hoping to get the trial moved and the man's confession suppressed.

Thomas Routt Jr., 57, has been charged in the deaths of Gina and Emerson Weingart, killed at the Sports Page Barr in Elkhorn on Feb. 1. Routt allegedly confessed to the murder after he was detained in February, but his attorney is challenging that confession.

A hearing to hear both motions – made June 10, the day before Routt's status hearing – was set at that June 11 hearing. Judge Kristine Drettwan set the hearing for 1:30 p.m., expecting each item to take about two hours to hear.

Attorney Russell Jones filed both motions, but had not filed a needed affidavit by the June 11 hearing. Drettwan gave Jones until the following day to file the affidavit, which he did.

Drettwan and Walworth County District Attorney Zeke Wiedenfeld indicated that it would take a few weeks for both materials to be filed

and reviewed before the hearing. Jones initially asked for a date after July 31 due to being in court earlier that week due to another trial, but said that later in the day on that day would likely work.

"I appreciate you want to keep it moving," Drettwan said in the hearing, where victims' relatives were present. "We're doing the best we can, given the realities of the situation."

However, that was not enough for Jeff Weingart, who made a statement expressing frustration at the delays with the process.

"Here we're talking about more and more delays," said Jeff Weingart, Emerson's father. "We'd like to keep this thing moving."

He went on to describe the pain the family had gone through in recent holidays, including his son and his wife not being present for meals and the couple's first wedding anniversary June 23.

After the hearing, Weingart added, "Every month that goes by, there's more pain for us."

Wiedenfeld added, though, that he didn't want to rush the court.

"I don't want to rush anything, or blow up the courts calendar, either," he said.

Routt was taken into custody Feb. 4, and allegedly admitted to police that he was the man at the bar with the gun Feb. 1, and that he committed the crime "more than likely for the money."

He said he wanted Gina Weingart to get down on the ground, but she allegedly told him to put the gun away or she would call the cops. Routt said Gina Weingart slapped the gun and it went off, causing her to fall down and go limp.

Routt then admitted to shooting the man sitting at the bar, Emerson Weingart.

Routt said he took between \$120 and \$140 from the open cash register. The other witness called 911 as she fled the scene, and later provided police information about what happened in the bar that night.

Routt told police he went home after the shooting, and later dumped the gun and ammunition at a gas station. A news release from police said the gas station was the Handi-Mart in Lake Como (Town of Geneva), and that a 9-millimeter handgun and ammunition were later retrieved. The criminal complaint said the gun and ammunition were located in bags in a dumpster at the gas station.

## Yacht Club ready to offer fireworks extravaganza

The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club hosts an impressive fireworks show annually, with this year's show scheduled for Saturday, July 6, at roughly 9 p.m.

The show includes a spectacular ground show along with an awesome sky display over Don Jean Bay synchronized to music selected by community members and donors.

People can view the show around the lake, on the shore or by boat.

The Yacht Club has hosted the event for as long as many can remember. This year, the committee has promised an even bigger and better show to celebrate Independence Day.

The committee has also added a new feature, the addition of Marge the Barge, which gives an extra

opportunity for transporting the fireworks to Don Jean Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for Marge the Barge sightings as the event draws near. Marge will be painted red, white, and blue in time for her first fireworks.

There will be a live broadcast for the first time this year. 96.1 out of Lake Geneva is sponsoring that, and will play its regular show and then the Yacht Club's selection of music. The golf course will also have drink specials to celebrate the outing and the last year in the current clubhouse.

For those wanting to help with the annual display by making donations, email lauderdalelakesYC@gmail.com. All donations are tax deductible thanks to the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club Safety and Education Fund.



The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club will present its annual Independence Day fireworks show on Saturday, July 6. **from top:** the pyrotechnics crew gets ready to go out on the lake; new this year is Marge the Barge, which will allow the crew to bring fireworks to Don Jean Bay.

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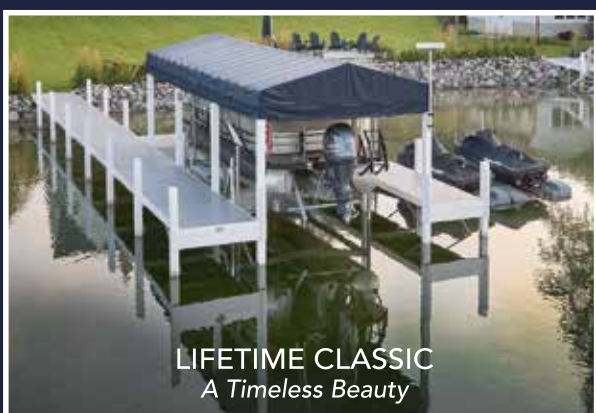
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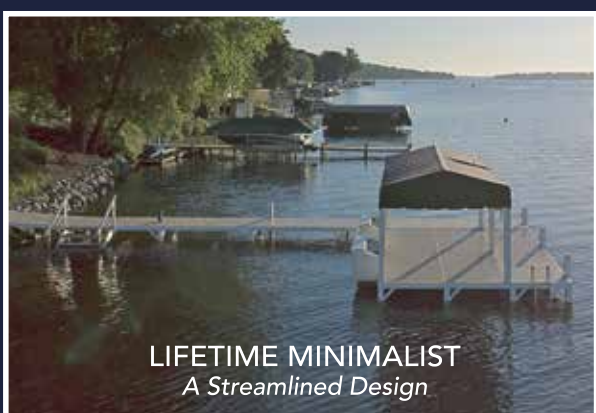
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# Duesterbeck family reunion set for August

After close to two centuries in the area, the Duesterbeck family is gearing up for a reunion. The family has 170 years of heritage and family roots that trace back to Samuel Friedrich Düsterbeck, who immigrated from Pommern, Germany (formerly Prussia), in 1853. He settled in Theresa, Wisconsin, where he purchased farmland and married Caroline Auguste Grassnickel. His older brother, Johann Düsterbeck, followed five years later, bringing his own family to the United States and settling nearby. Generations later, the descendants of these two families, who are cousins, are planning a special Duesterbeck Family Reunion at Lutherdale near Elkhorn Sunday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Further details can be found on the “Duesterbeck Reunion 2024” Facebook page or by visiting Duesterbeck’s Brewing Company at N5543 County Road O, Elkhorn. For inquiries, interested parties can also email Peter Duesterbeck (LKRPETE@GMAIL.COM) or Bill Duesterbeck (WMJDUE@GMAIL.COM).

# From the hooves of horses

*Local farrier makes a career out of foot work*

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

Holcomb owns and operates KT Horseshoeing LLC. While she has an actual physical address at W5558 Briarwood Road in Elkhorn, she spends most of her time on the road working with horses both large and small.

It’s not just the work of shoeing a horse. It’s also trimming hooves and corrective work if needed.

“My favorites are when I have a really bad case and I can see the progress and the improvement,” Holcomb said. “Sometimes even right away.”

A farrier is described as a craftsman who trims and shoes horses hooves. Holcomb attended and graduated from Oklahoma

Katie Holcomb’s career path didn’t actually start with her wanting to be a farrier. “Actually, it wasn’t my original plan,” said Holcomb, who went to college for civil engineering.

While in school, she said she worked at We Energies for a bit, and discovered sitting behind a desk wasn’t her thing.

“I really wanted to do something with horses,” Holcomb said. “It kind of just stuck.”

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Farrier Katie Holcomb is shown here with her horse, Lacey, after a successful show. Holcomb owns and operates KT Horseshoeing LLC, a farrier business, in southeast Wisconsin.

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**clockwise from top:** CaribBean, N6419 Highway 12, Elkhorn, does most of its business through its drive-through, but also offers a comfortable interior; in addition to seating inside, there is also CaribBean merchandise for sale as well as a variety of jams and CBD products; Emily Remington Hoskins (left) and husband Kyle Hoskins own CaribBean, a small coffee shop near the intersection of highways 12 and ES. Both are Elkhorn Area High School and UW-River Falls graduates.

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# Their little corner of paradise

*Young couple returns to area and opens successful coffee shop*

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart**  
EDITOR

For Kyle Hoskins and Emily Remington Hoskins, it’s a partnership that started at Elkhorn Area High School – and has brought them full circle back to their hometown.

A couple in high school – and while at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, the two both graduated in 2017 with a clear idea of what the future would hold.

“I think we always wanted to work for ourselves,” Emily explained. “We had no idea what it was going to be, and then it just kind of happened.”

Kyle and Emily are owners of CaribBean, a small drive-through/in-house coffee shop located at N6419 Highway 12, Elkhorn – very near the crossroads of highways 12 and ES.

The small store not only offers coffee – of the cold and hot variety – and tea, but Cedar Crest ice cream, a variety of baked goods and a breakfast sandwich featuring sausage from Jones Dairy Farm in Fort Atkinson. Kyle admits that he never really thought about owning a

coffee shop. “We weren’t in love with coffee,” Kyle explained. “We wanted to work for ourselves. It was just a good opportunity.”

CaribBean is an obvious play on the Caribbean – an area full of island and reefs, and an area know for unique coffee.

But when Kyle and Emily took over the small building they currently occupy, it really didn’t have much of an identity at all. Formerly a drive-through liquor store, the building had sat empty for a number of years before it was purchased.

When it was put up for rent – and Kyle and Emily chose to return from a sojourn to California, the match just seemed to fit.

They wanted to come back because of “family, friends, community, Elkhorn,” Kyle said.

Since starting the business roughly four years ago, the building has seen several changes. The interior features a polished wood floor, comfortable seating and a small but cozy atmosphere. A large chalkboard lists all the drinks for sale, which

cover the usual gamut of a coffee shop, with lattes, Americanos, mochas, Café au Lait and the like. Kyle and Emily use Anodyne Coffee out of Milwaukee, a popular local brand.

In order to handle the variety of flavored drinks, the couple uses the ever-popular Monin syrup, but locally sources both its chocolate and caramel syrups out of Hollander (Fox Point, Wisconsin).

“We try to use local whenever we can,” Emily explained.

What CaribBean does differently is the theme. Caribbean-inspired décor and music inside are just the start. The featured Montego Bay specialty latte has coconut as one of its ingredients, and a specialty “Rasta” smoothie includes all three available smoothie flavors – mango, strawberry-banana and frozen lemonade – combined into one.

Gone are the television and Plug and Play games. Kyle and Emily said the majority of the business – they estimate close to 90% – comes through the drive-through now, an after-effect

of the COVID-19 pandemic. “They just got into that mode,” Kyle said of the business’s customers. “The drive-through saved us.”

The bustling business doesn’t preclude people from coming inside to see some of the other unusual offerings, though. CBD products – gummies, balms and sleep tinctures – are available for sale, as are jams from J&J Jams.

The Cedar Crest ice cream variety changes somewhat with the season – right now, pumpkin pie is popular – but there are also the basics like chocolate and vanilla.

Like other coffee shops, seasonal flavors do vary. Kyle and Emily explain they prefer pumpkin pie flavoring to pumpkin spice, hence the difference in their fall menu. Flavors vary from season to season, with holiday flavors during the winter and other special flavors during the summer.

Hours at CaribBean are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, search for CaribBean on Facebook.



# Ready to make waves: Southern Wakes United competitive but goal is to have fun

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

The Southern Wakes United waterski team capped off last year's season with a fun, successful weekend on Lake Wazeecha in Wisconsin Rapids.

Bringing home several box score awards – individual or group act recognition – the team earned the top trophy at the 2023 Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships, held last July.

They topped the Division 3 standings, and brought home awards for Best Comedy Act, Highest Scoring Traditional Ballet Line, Most Original/Unique Act, Highest Scoring Production, High Scoring Dock and Equipment and Highest Scoring Tow Boat Team.

Southern Wakes United totaled 1,063 points, while the Plum-Skaters were second from 1,044.

It was the first state title since the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers from Lauderdale Lakes and the Minneiska Water Ski Club from Whitewater Lake merged into one team in 2019.

"I am so proud of the dedication this team showed this year, especially the last couple of weeks leading up to the competition,"

Rick Syverson, president of Southern Wakes United said

last summer.

"Winning that trophy has been something we have had our eyes on since merging in 2019. We thought of ourselves as the little team that could. And we did," he said.

Syverson explained that show directors Laura Lohrmann and Zach Pressley worked throughout the previous winter to put the show together.

"The show had a lot of moving pieces, so there was a lot of preparation to make it happen that goes beyond the water skiing," Syverson said. "They stuck with it, they made it fun, and they earned the buy-in from the team to make it the best it could be."

Last year's team had 56 skiing members and 28 non-skiers – which covers everything from boat drivers to people who pay dues to support the team.

"Our skiers kind of come from everywhere," said Syverson, including some are Chicago-area residents who have summer homes in the area. Most are from Whitewater and Elkhorn, but there are others from as far away as Muskego.

"We are a smaller team," Syverson said. "We love competing at state, but that's not what we wanted



Members of the Southern Wakes United Waterski Team form a pyramid last summer. Local shows scheduled this season will take place on Whitewater Lake at Scenic Ridge Campground, Whitewater; Lauderdale Lakes at Lauderdale Landing, Elkhorn; Elkhorn Lake at Babe Mann Park, Elkhorn; Turtle Lake at Turtle Lake Tap & Grill, Delavan.

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to be known for. We just wanted to have fun.

"We just wanted to open it up to families and kind of be the fun team," he added.

Among the awards that SWU brought home was the Most Original/Unique Act,

which featured Whitewater High School graduate C.J. Tomomitsu combined with adaptive waterskier Madux Devitt.

Devitt, who has Ataxia-telangiectasia – a rare nervous system disorder

– rode on a knee board while Tomomitsu executed a wakeboard tantrum flip over him."

"He's been involved with the water skiers ... he's grown up with this," Syverson said of Devitt. "He can knee board, which he did as C.J. flipped over him."

"A lot of us had goosebumps when we won that award," he added.

Among the other awards were the 19-person ballet line winning, the honoring of drivers Eric Gostomski, Dan Neuens and Chris Berryhill with co-driver George Lohrmann, along with riders (spotters who watch the skiers) Mark Lutz and Shawnda Peteres.

The comedy act featured a "ski-alis" commercial, based on a Cialis commercial.

The team also gives out annual awards and the winners for the 2023 season included:

- Barb Diehl Memorial Award for Showmanship (female) – Nicole Severson
- Meredythe Poltrock Memorial Award for Showmanship (male) – James Anderson
- Margo Rhyan Memorial Award for Sportsmanship (female) – Megan Gostomski
- Ronald Wolfe Memorial

Award for Sportsmanship (male) – Mike Maas and James Finet

• Frank & Alice Hoch Memorial Award for MVP (male) – Rick Syverson

• Walter & Elna Koerting Memorial Award for MVP (female) – Alyssa Berryhill

• Most Improved Male Skier – Jack Jacobs

• Most Improved Female Skier – Grace Finet

• Most Valuable Junior – Samantha Neuens and Emma Maas

• SWU Award – Joellen Berryhill.

## 2024 schedule

The team recently released its local show schedule, which is as follows:

**Whitewater Lake**  
Scenic Ridge Campground  
W7991 R & W Townline Rd.

Whitewater Shows are at 7 p.m.

- Saturday, July 27
- Friday, Aug. 16

**Lauderdale Lakes**  
Lauderdale Landing  
W5625 Westshore Dr. Elkhorn

Shows are at 6 p.m.

- Friday, July 5
- Friday, Aug. 9
- Friday, Aug. 23

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## CALENDAR

### Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club

#### LLYC Cardboard Boat Regatta,

Saturday, June 29, 1 to 3 p.m. – Start at the Lauderdale Landings, W5625 Westshore Dr., Elkhorn.

**Fireworks**, Saturday, July 6, 9 to 9:30 p.m. – Anchor your boat in Don Jean Bay for the annual fireworks display. For more information, see page one of this section.

*The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club was established in 1953. The club has provided a variety of educational and entertaining activities throughout the years, with more than 200 current members from the area.*

*Annual events include the Cocktails With the Commodore, Taste of the Lakes, House Walk, Pig Roast and more.*

*For more information, visit llyclub.com.*

### Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association

**Kids Fishing Jamboree**, Saturday, July 20, 7 a.m. to noon – Start at the Lauderdale Landings, W5625 Westshore Dr., Elkhorn. Registration begins in person at 7 a.m., with fishing running from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be a School of Fish from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and a 10 a.m. program by area organizations. At 11 a.m., gather for lunch and awards.

*The objective of the LLIA is to encourage and assist in the general work of protecting, improving and adorning the Lauderdale Lakes, as well as the bank and shores of the lakes. Rich Siok is the current president of the organization.*

*For more information, go to llia.org.*

### Southern Wakes United Ski Team

Show dates this year are on Whitewater Lake at the Scenic Ridge Campground, and at Lauderdale Landing on Lauderdale Lakes.

#### Whitewater Lake

#### Scenic Ridge Campground

*All shows 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.*

- Saturday, July 27
- Friday, Aug. 16

#### Lauderdale Lakes

#### Lauderdale Landing, Elkhorn

*All shows at 6 p.m.*

- Friday, July 5
- Friday, Aug. 9
- Friday, Aug. 23

### Elkhorn Lake

#### Babe Mann Park, Elkhorn

*All shows at 6 p.m.*

- Saturday, June 29
- Sunday, July 14
- Sunday, Aug. 18 (Alumni Show)
- Saturday, Aug. 31

*The Southern Wakes United Water Ski show team is Walworth County's only water ski show team. SWU is a merger of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers and the Whitewater Lake Sports Club (Minneiska). The group is a non-profit whose purpose is to give all a chance to build confidence in their abilities, learn new skills and promote leadership, water safety*

*education and sportsmanship.*

*For more information, go to southernwakesunited.com.*

## OTHER EVENTS

### Elkhorn Ribfest, Wednesday, July 10 through Sunday, July 14

– Held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, the annual event brings the best of ribs and BBQ to Walworth County. The event features not only food but live music throughout the five days.

For a full schedule of hours and music, go to [www.wisconsinribfest.com](http://www.wisconsinribfest.com).

**Elkhorn Antique Flea Market at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Highway 11, Elkhorn, Sunday, June 30** – Gates open at 7 a.m., with

admission \$5 per person. Free parking is available on site, with food and drink for sale. Pets are not allowed at the event.

**Live Music Duesterbeck's Brewing Company, N5543 Highway O, Elkhorn** – Duesterbeck's has live music most weekends at its location, as well as weekday events. For more information, call 262-729-9771 or go to [dbcbrewery.com](http://dbcbrewery.com).

**The Vinery, 218 Elkhorn Rd., Whitewater** – Classes are available throughout the summer at varying times, to teach fused glass techniques. Register at The Vinery by calling 262-458-2209.

**Neon Nights Country Music Festival, Aug. 2 and 3, Walworth County Fairgrounds** – A new festival at the fairgrounds, go to [www.walworthcountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.walworthcountyfairgrounds.com).



## Welcome the birds!

Pelicans have been spotted on Green Lake this June. According to a 30-year resident of the area, he has never seen them on the lake before.

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# Council approves beer license for bull riding

*Events serving alcohol to require bag inspections, fairgrounds to reach out to PD for assistance prior to end*

BY **Kellen Olshefski**  
CORRESPONDENT

At its May 20 meeting, the City of Elkhorn Common Council voted in favor of approving the temporary Class B beer license application for the Professional Champion Bull Riding event at the fairgrounds on July 5-6.

The council requested bag inspections and regular communication between fairgrounds security and the Elkhorn Police Department prior to the end of each event be incorporated in the Fairgrounds' security and emergency plan.

Among the lengthy discussion between the council and Walworth County Fairgrounds General Manager Larry Gaffey at the May 20 meeting, Alderman Scott McClory asked what could be done to do a more thorough job of ensuring people don't smuggle their own alcohol into the fairgrounds, whether it be in pants, coats, pockets or backpacks. "Do we check those things

as they come through, do we make them open up backpacks?" McClory asked.

Gaffey said they don't currently check everything, but they certainly inspect if something looks suspicious, and likewise security staff is always on the lookout for signs of alcohol and signs of consumption.

He added that short of patting everyone down, he's not sure there's a way to completely ensure alcohol isn't being snuck in.

"We are pretty mindful of watching out for people who are consuming outside alcohol during our events, and we'll escort them out," he said.

While Gaffey said those entering with a backpack might have that bag inspected, McClory said "might" wasn't going to cut it for him, to which Gaffey said the fairgrounds could do bag inspections.

Gaffey also noted the fairgrounds does have signs that note no carry-ins, though he certainly understands that people don't always follow the rules.

McClory referenced the rodeo incident earlier this year, where he said there were a lot of containers seen on the property while police were collecting evidence.

Police Chief Joel Christensen confirmed McClory's statement, noting that police had found alcohol that was not being sold as part of the event. However, he noted he thinks Gaffey might have tried to solve some of that, as the licensed area is much smaller now.

"I think he's trying to do a much better job of actually controlling that area so that if

anything is outside of that area it's not permitted," he said. "I think in that other application the entire grounds was licensed, whereas I think this time Larry is trying to limit or restrict that area as well to better police it."

McClory said he would be more comfortable if the fairgrounds were to put up signs informing attendees that all bags will be inspected, no exceptions, encouraging those attempting to smuggle alcohol in to take it back to their vehicles and leave it there.

Gaffey said that's certainly something the fairgrounds can do, though he believed the bigger problem with the previous promoter, which he noted is no longer doing business here, was the small bottles of liquor that could be concealed in someone's front pocket.

"I'm willing to do that, if it's required, but you just don't see people trying to sneak in a 6-pack of beer," he said.

Gaffey said the fairgrounds' head of security is an off-duty police chief and several of their security officers are off-duty law enforcement officers, and they're often looking for signs of concealed alcohol as well.

Gaffey also noted that with the particular promoter from the rodeo incident earlier this year, the fairgrounds did have issues that they learned from and corrected, something which he hopes the council noticed as the problems became less and less.

Additionally, he said the incident earlier this year occurred an hour and a half after the event, with those involved having either

come back or been hiding out and never left.

"Even though working with that previous promoter was a challenge for us, we seem to rise to the occasion, and we'll continue to try and improve and do a better job," he said. "But I feel like we've done a real good job with our security team, with our head of security and trying to manage large crowds."

"We have a very good track record, and I would hope that the council would allow us to do this permit with this particular promoter who's been here now for four years – a professional organization, travels throughout the country, championship caliber-level bull riders, and a very good event, and a good event for the city."

Alderman Gary Lee Payson Jr. asked whether security remained after beer service ended, to which Gaffey replied that he has security stay until everybody leaves.

Payson then said with the fairgrounds ultimately being responsible for the property. It should be his security team's responsibility to ensure everyone's gone and the gates are locked – and if people get back on the grounds, it's trespassing.

"Based on the situation that occurred in February, you said they came back, but if the gates had been secured after everybody left, they would have never been able to come back on the property, correct?" he asked.

While Gaffey said that's true, the gates are never really locked at the fairgrounds as it would present a large challenger to secure the entire 100 acres following an event for a variety of reasons.

"I think we do what's very reasonable in making sure that we get people out of there," he said.

For instance, he noted the folks who set up this bull riding event will be coming and going throughout the night, working to pack up following the event.

Gaffey also noted the fairgrounds has a campground attendees can reserve sites at during large events.

"What I can say is we'll do a better job of sticking around after the event to make sure that the patrons have left," he said.

Payson asked Christensen if he had reviewed Gaffey's security plan and if he had any thoughts.

Christensen said he felt the security plan was sound and that what Gaffey is trying to do in keeping security there until the grounds are cleared of patrons to the best of their ability is what the city is looking for.

"I think what Larry is presenting tonight is a great start," he said. "You couple that with the track record that this organization already has, I'm confident what's being presented should work."

As a follow up, McClory asked about the current status of the presence of on-duty Elkhorn police and Walworth County sheriff's deputies at the beginning and end of events at the fairgrounds.

Christensen said they encourage it, but it's of course dependent on availability and call volume at the time, and it's generally on the City of Elkhorn Police Department first and foremost, which will reach out to the sheriff's office if it is unable to assist.

The time at which beer sales would be cut off was another topic that also came up a couple times during discussion. Gaffey indicated that setting a specific end time can be difficult for more fluid entertainment events like concerts and this rodeo, the latter of which specifically deals with a large variety of variables like livestock, issues getting to the next event and the ever-present possibility

of a rider getting injured and the need for emergency services to intervene.

However, he said fairgrounds staff do work closely with the promoters throughout the event to get a feel for when the event is going to end to shut down beer sales about a half hour prior to the end of the event.

"We want to cut off at least a half hour before it ends, too," he said. "That's to our benefit, and we don't want patrons that are mad. So, we really pay attention to that."

McClory also asked if the fairgrounds limited the number of tickets any one patron can purchase.

Gaffey said the fairgrounds does not and people pretty much limit themselves, but the fairgrounds does limit the number of beers served over the bar to two at a time.

"We really feel a duty to be good neighbors to the community and provide good entertainment for the community, the surrounding communities," Gaffey said, noting the fairgrounds have been in business for 175 years and he's been with the fairgrounds for nine now.

"I feel like our track record's pretty good. I think we've acted reasonably and responsibly. We've learned from our mistakes; we'll continue to learn and improve. We want everyone to be safe, too."

Payson asked for confirmation that the fairgrounds would be handling security for all future events that serve alcohol and that security staff would be there until all patrons have left, and as such, they won't have to review this plan again for future licenses.

Gaffey confirmed, noting that there will be people in the campground and other events where there will be event staff there overnight, so he asks that council understands the fairgrounds security will do what is reasonable to get patrons of that particular event out of there.

McClory said he was in favor of approving the license, so long as all bags and packages were inspected.

"Yes, it's inconvenient, but security, good security, is inconvenient," he said.

"It's going to help," McClory later said on the topic of inspections. "I understand it's not a cure all, but again, it's going to discourage people maybe that are considering bringing a weapon, bringing booze, bringing drugs, whatever. It's going to at least let them know that that's going to happen ... and if they refuse it, they're refused entry."

Likewise, he said his second caveat was that a delegate from Gaffey's security team reach out to the police department prior to the end of the event to request a police presence at the close of the event.

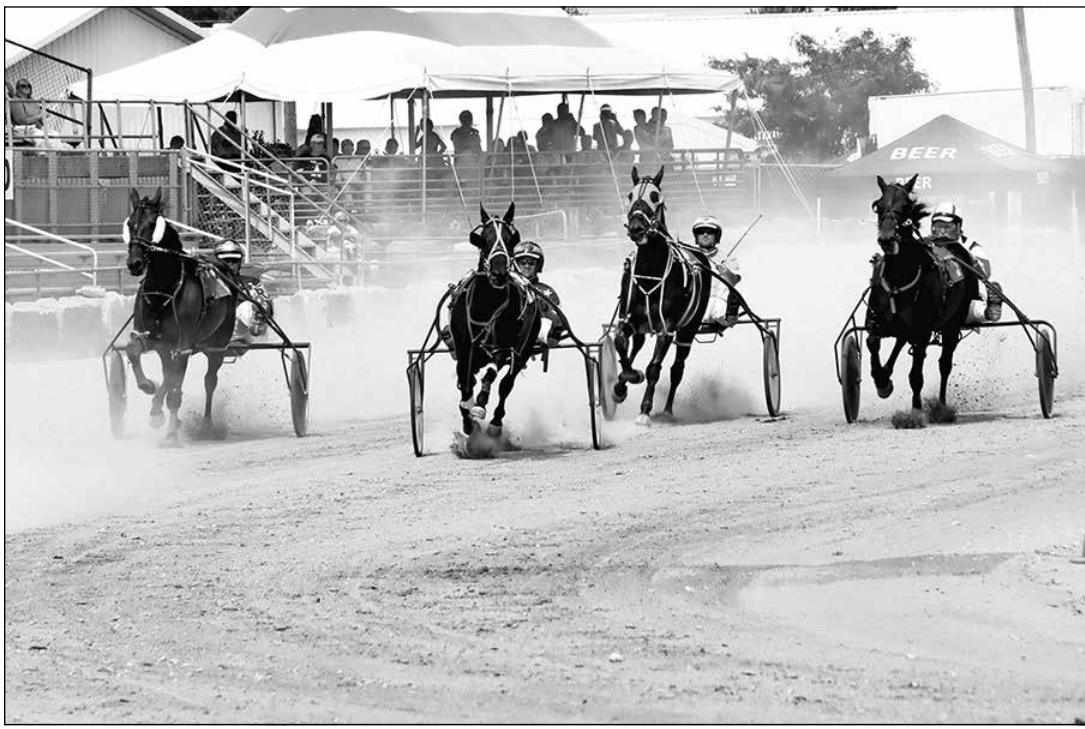
McClory's motion to approve the license included those two stipulations and was seconded by Payson.

When questioned by Alderman Kurt Harkness whether there would be signage informing patrons of the bag check, Gaffey said they certainly would be putting signage up, as the issue is often getting everyone through the gates in a short window of time.

Harkness also suggested reaching out to the promoters to let them know of the change so they can promote it to their followers as well so that patrons are prepared ahead of the event.

"This is a big change for us to swear that we will inspect every single bag," Gaffey said. "We will do the best we can, and we will add more people to do so."

The motion to approve the license with the conditions passed, 4-0.



The harness races, as pictured here from 2023, will not be a part of the Walworth County Fair this year, because of a number of factors including fewer participants and scheduling conflicts.

DAVE DRESHOW FILE PHOTO *Lauderdale Lakes Breeze*

## Harness races not at this year's fair

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

An iconic part of the Walworth County Fair will be no more as of this year.

The harness races – horses pulling a sulky in an effort to win races – will not take part in the fair this year.

Larry Gaffey, general manager at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, confirmed in May that the races would not take place.

"We're sad about it, too," Gaffey said, adding that he knows the races will be missed.

Gaffey said the Walworth County Fairgrounds Board of Directors made the decision on May 15, based on a number of contributing factors.

"The last few years, there's been less and less horses," said Gaffey, adding that there were only 14 horses last year. "It was probably less than 15 minutes of racing in a two and a half hour window."

"They were running so late that the stage production company ... they were threatening to charge us," he added, saying that the harness

races required the track to be dragged after their completion, and dust would get into the equipment.

The biggest factor, though, was the start of the Combines for Kids program, where youngsters can come to the fair and ride in a combine.

"It's put an even bigger time constraint on the schedule that Saturday," Gaffey said.

Gaffey said the races are likely gone for good. "Combines for Kids is really pressing that schedule," he said. "I don't see it coming back."

Families who raced at the fairgrounds for years took to Facebook the day after the decision to share their unhappiness about it, saying it was "beyond sad" to see the racing gone.

Some said their family had attended races at the fairgrounds for 80 years, while others said they would not return if harness racing did not come back.

The 175th Walworth County Fair will take place Aug. 28 through Sept. 2.

For more information about the fair, visit [walworthcountyfairgrounds.com](http://walworthcountyfairgrounds.com).



# The ins and outs of Lauderdale Lakes

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

### Size

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

### Maximum depth

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

### Fish species

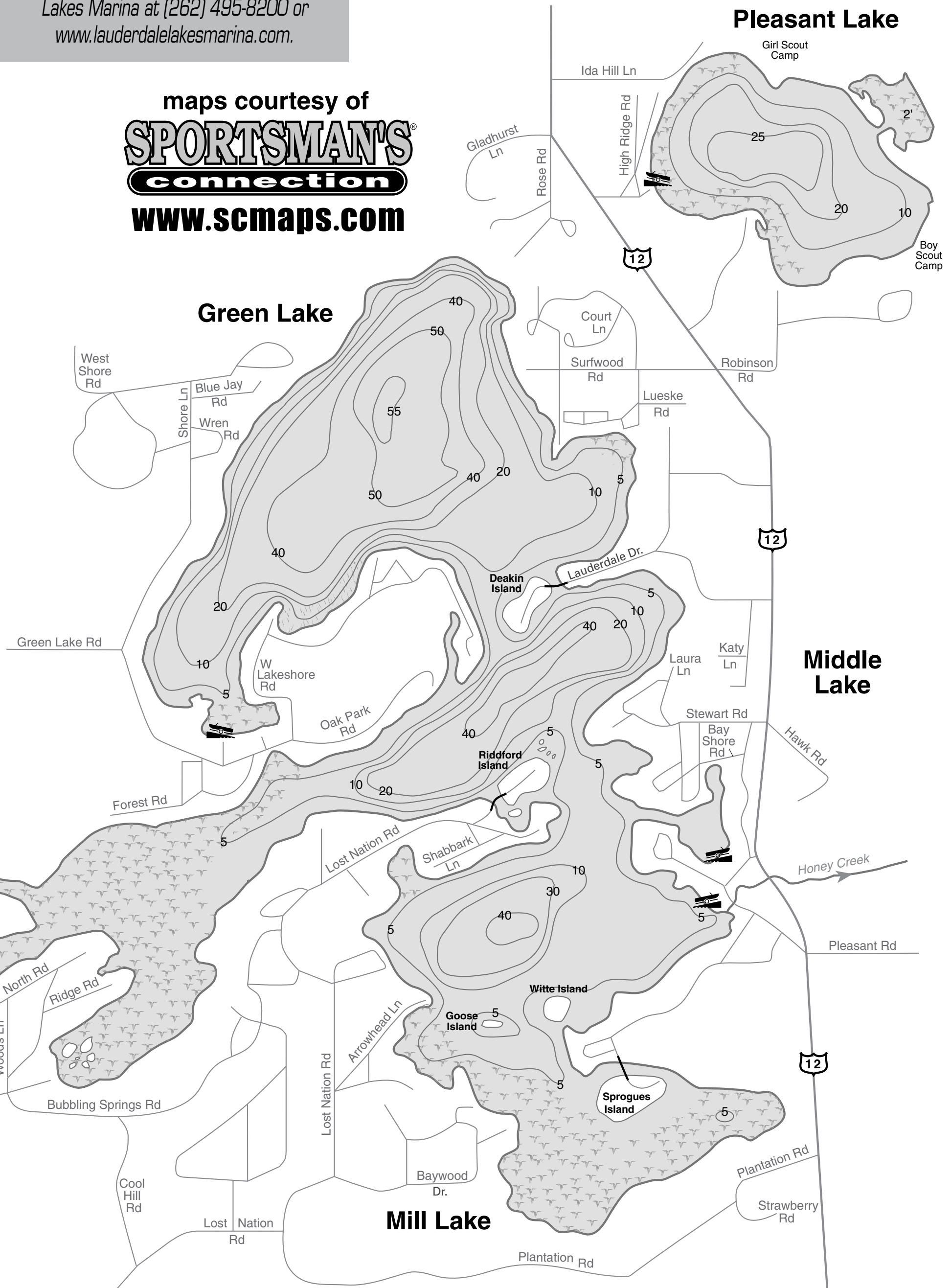
Lauderdale Lakes offers a wide array of fish with the predominant species being:

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

### Access

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

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- Saturday, Aug. 31

**More about the teams**

The Whitewater Lake Sports Club was formed back in 1973 and included sailing, canoeing, and skiing. The skiing portion continued with full strength and was named the Minneiska Water Ski Team in 1974. The team performed their first show on July 21, 1974, for the Lions Club.

The ski team started competing in tournaments in 1975. In 1975 Minneiska was the only team in the state to pull a two-man 360. In 1979 the team performed and executed a three-man 360 which had never been performed by an amateur team. In 1980 the Minneiska's four-man 360 team was asked to perform at Tommy Bartlett's.

The word Minneiska means "white water" in the Sioux language. Over the years the team and its skiers have won many awards including pulling 31 skiers behind a boat in 1980, breaking a record. The team has also placed in nationals.

Several skiers have earned awards for best swivel ballet, five skiers performing a 360 behind a single boat, best trick skiing act, best male skier and best female skier.

The team has also placed for best Pick Up Boat Crew and for Dock Crew and Boat Drivers and, most recently Most Unique Act.

The LAS Water Ski Show Team (Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers) had its modest beginnings in the 1950s when a group of young people who loved to ski decided they wanted to perform for their friends and neighbors.



The Southern Wakes United Waterski Team is coming off a year that was capped with them winning the 2023 Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships Division 3 title, the first since the Lauderdale and Minneiska ski teams merged in 2019. Members of the team perform a ballet line last summer.

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Using their own boats and fuel, they performed a single, annual show in conjunction with the Lauderdale Regatta Day in front of the Sterlingworth Motor Hotel. Their only rewards were the appreciation of their audience and a complimentary dinner at the Sterlingworth after the show.

With the advent of ski boats came new power and performance. LAS bought its own boat and began competing in the State Show Ski Tournament in the 1980s.

In 1988 LAS took first place in the Wisconsin State Individual Barefoot Competition and team member Nancy Lynd O'Hara won the coveted Willa McGuire Cook Award for Best Female Performance Overall at the National Tournament.

In 1990 the team won first place in division II at the Wisconsin State Show Tournament, claiming first place in dock equipment and safety, tow

boat driving, announcing and overall show.

In 1997 LAS hosted a "fun class" individual events competition where over 150 novice skiers enjoyed the opportunity to compete in slalom, kneeboard and wakeboard. At the Wisconsin State Tournament that year, sisters Heather and Brooke Huelskamp were awarded the "Most Unique Act" for their slalom strap doubles act and were chosen from over 325 acts presented.

Team sponsors for the 2024 season include the following: Balestrieri, the Boat House, Edge Broadband, City of Elkhorn, Feldco, Gage Marine, Kunes, Lauderdale Landing, Precision Plus, Scenic Ridge Campground, Southern Lakes Plumbing & Heating, and Surf and Turf Property Management.

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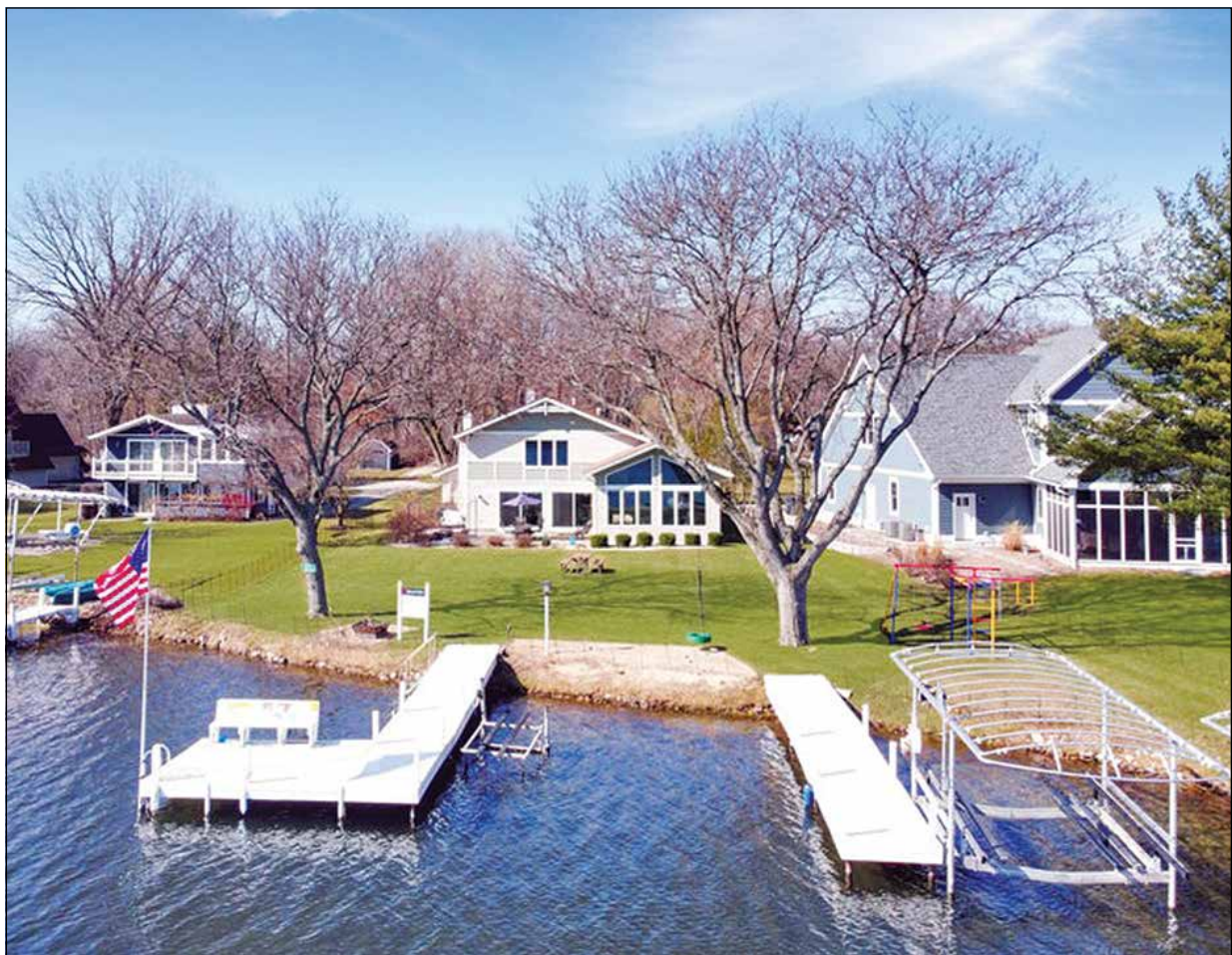
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# Strong demand increases home sales and prices

*Sales are up but high mortgage rates have reduced affordability*

with a resilient labor market operating at full employment makes the prospect of multiple rate cuts by the Fed in 2024 less likely," Clark added.

Highlights from the report include the following:

The Wisconsin REALTORS Association recently released its March 2024 Wisconsin Real Estate Report. March existing home sales rose 3.2% compared to March 2023, and the median price rose 10.1% to \$299,900 over that same 12-month period.

On a year-to-date basis, existing home sales increased 5.6% in the first quarter relative to Q1 2023, and the median price rose 6.7% to \$280,000 over that same period.

Supply conditions remain very tight, with just 2.9 months of available supply in March. This is well below the six-month benchmark that signals a balanced market. Still, months of inventory improved in every region of the state due in part to more listings.

Mary Jo Bowe, 2024 chair of the WRA Board of Directors, noted that growth in listings fueled first quarter sales.

"Total listings have been improving since October, and they've been up by double-digit margins on a year-over-year basis for the last two months," Bowe said. "This has helped push first quarter sales up for the first time since 2021. Hopefully this trend continues as we move into the all-important summer sales period."

WRA President & CEO Tom Larson highlighted how high mortgage rates have reduced affordability.

"The 30-year fixed mortgage rate continues to hover near 7%, which, combined with higher median prices, has pushed statewide affordability down by just over 10%," Larson said. "Strong demand from millennials is driving up sales but also putting pressure on prices. We really need to see rates come down if affordability is to improve."

David Clark, Professor Emeritus of Economics and WRA consultant, discussed the prospect of multiple rate cuts in 2024 is fading.

"A soft landing of the economy may still be possible, but clearly the runway is a long one, and the prospect of multiple rate cuts in 2024 is fading. The problem is that progress on inflation has stalled. The Fed's preferred measure is core inflation, which factors out the volatile food and energy sectors," Clark said.

"The annual core inflation rate remained at 3.8% in March, which is only slightly lower than the 4% rate of last October. This combined

As the first quarter of 2024 ends, both existing home sales and median prices rose by solid margins compared to a year earlier. This reflects robust demand conditions even as supply remains tight.

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New listings were up 4% statewide between March 2023 and March 2024, and total listings grew 10.6% over that same 12-month period.

Mortgage rates rose throughout the first quarter. The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 6.82% in March, up from 6.64% in January. It is also higher than the March 2023 rate of 6.54%.

Higher prices and higher mortgage rates have hurt affordability. The Wisconsin Housing Affordability Index shows the percent of the median-priced home that a potential buyer with median family income qualifies to purchase, assuming a 20% downpayment with the remaining balance financed with a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at current rates. The index fell 10.6% over the past 12 months to 126. This puts affordability close to its lowest point in nearly 15 years, recorded last year when it fell to 123 in August and September.

## About the WRA

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# Wholesale dealers have licenses revoked

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

Six different car wholesalers located at three different Elkhorn addresses have all had their licenses revoked by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the last month.

In two separate news releases, the DOT Executive Office of Public Affairs announced the following businesses had their wholesale dealer licenses revoked for violating state law:

- Turbo Auto Sale LLC, Parkers Fast Auto Sales LLC and E and M Auto Group LLC, all located at 735 N. Wisconsin St.

- OAS Auto Group LLC and American Way Auto Group 2 LLC, N5876 Highway 12

- All Star's Auto Sales LLC, 613 E. Geneva St.

The revocations were for different reasons. E and M, All Star's and OAS had it determined by the DOT that it had sold motor vehicles directly to consumers, rolled back odometers on

vehicles and falsified title documents when selling vehicles to customers.

Turbo, Parkers and American Way, meanwhile, were found to have failed to maintain a dealer bond.

According to the DOT release, Wisconsin law requires wholesale dealers to carry a security bond to ensure if they commit illegal actions, such as rolling back an odometer or making an illegal sale, a consumer may file a claim against their bond to recoup money lost.

Maintaining a bond is a standard business practice and an added security measure that is meant to protect consumers.

DOT representative Terry Walsh explained that the wholesalers were licensed at one of the Elkhorn Centralized Dealer Operations. In each of those CDOs, there are separate desks or cubicles for each licensee – which explains the multiple revocations from each address.

Dealers had 30 days to appeal the initial decision but did not in any of the cases.



## To those who gave all...

The cities of Delavan and Elkhorn held Memorial Day services with a parade through the downtown area, a service at Veterans Park and veterans at each of the area cemeteries. The Elkhorn Area High School band contributed music, the colors were on display and a 21-gun salute was fired.

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# Home sales spike as inventories improve

*Market is moving in the right direction, experts say about latest stats*

The state's housing market continues to be a seller's market however, things are trending in the right direction, according to the latest report from the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

The association released its April 2024 Wisconsin Real Estate Report in early May. According to the report, state's existing home sales jumped 25.7% in April 2024 compared to their April 2023 levels.

The statewide median price rose 6.4% to \$300,000, relative to the same month in 2023. There was an increase in total listings of 6.1% in April compared to that same month in 2023.

Mary Jo Bowe, 2024 chair of the WRA Board of Directors, said the latest numbers bring continued good news on the housing supply. "We've got a way to go before the market becomes balanced, but at least it's moving in the right direction," she said.

"The growth trend in listings has really helped our sales this year, and it bodes well for robust growth this summer," Bowe added.

WRA President & CEO Tom Larson pointed out that there remains a millennial demand even as mortgage rates rise.

"There are significant unmet housing needs for millennial buyers, the oldest of whom are now in their early 40s," he said.

"Even though average monthly mortgage rates have been increasing throughout 2024, millennials remain committed to homeownership, which is a big reason home sales have rebounded this year," Larson added.

David Clark, Professor Emeritus of Economics and WRA consultant, discussed moderating home price appreciation.

"A comparison of April housing prices in Wisconsin shows median prices up just over 40% since the pandemic hit in 2020. A lot of that increase took place between 2020 and 2022, when median prices rose almost 25% in total," Clark said.

In contrast, according to Clark, the last two years have seen 12-month home price increases of just 5.4% in April 2023, and only 6.4% in April 2024.

"Since homeownership expenses make up about one quarter of the overall weight of the Consumer Price Index, which is the index used to measure inflation, it's good to see some moderation in home price appreciation. Hopefully this will continue as the Fed works to meet its 2% inflation target," he explained.

Highlights from the report

include the following:

- Strong buyer demand combined with ongoing improvements in listings pushed existing home sales up dramatically and put pressure on prices.

- Wisconsin home sales rose 25.7% in April relative to that same month last year, and the median price rose 6.4% to \$300,000 over that same 12-month period. On a year-to-date basis, sales were up 12%, and the median price increased to \$285,000, which is a 6.5% increase compared to the first four months of 2023.

- Compared to April 2023, home sales rose in April 2024 by double-digit margins in every region of the state. The strongest growth was in the more rural regions with the Central region up 43.5%, the West region increasing 40.4%, and the North region growing 37.9%. More urbanized regions also grew at a healthy pace. The Northeast and South Central regions increased between 25% and 29% over the last year, and the Southeast region was up 16%.

- The statewide inventory situation continues to improve. New listings of homes rose 13% in April 2024 compared to April 2023, and total listings were up 6.1% over that same period.

- Although the market remains a strong seller's market statewide with less than six months of available supply, the months of inventory improved 14.8%, from 2.7 months in April 2023 to 3.1 months in April 2024. The improvement was seen in every region of the state, but especially in rural counties, which increased from 3.3 months of supply a year ago to 4.1 months of supply in April 2024.

- Rising prices and mortgage rates more than offset modest growth in family income, leading to a 10.1% decline in statewide affordability over the last 12 months.

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## Checking out the cars

The Elkhorn Area High School Auto Club held its 12th annual car show over the Memorial Day weekend. Classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors were all on display at the high school, along with refreshments and food for sale.

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Lauderdale Lakes Breeze

## FARRIER • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

State's horseshoeing school, and she's worked in both Oklahoma and Texas.

Now, her typical day is roaming around the southeast Wisconsin area, working with multiple horses, even more than one at some appointments.

Part of the magic, she said, is getting a horse to stand and work with a farrier to have a hoof lifted so the person can trim or shoe the animal.

"It is weird for horses, since they are flight animals," she explained. "There are definitely some times where they are not so good."

Holcomb said horses should be trimmed every six to eight weeks. When they get beyond that, it is more likely a horse will be sore after the trimming or it will be harder to get a shoe onto the horse.

She said people can consider trimming the toenails on their horses.

"A lot of people like to say, 'no hoof, no horse,'" she said. "If their

feet are bad, a lot of times horses will be put down."

In addition to regular trimming, Holcomb works with horses that need corrective work. That can include the anatomy of a horse being incorrect, which leads to a condition called founder.

It's a condition Holcomb says crops up most often with ponies. Since ponies have different nutrition needs, an incorrect diet can lead to laminitis – an inflammation of the foot.

That, in turn, can lead to founder, where the bone turns downward. The hoof then grows a lot of both heel and toe.

"It creates that slipper look," Holcomb said of the horses' hoof.

As a farrier, Holcomb explained that she'll shorten up the trim cycle and take off as much of the hoof as possible. It is a case-by-case basis on whether it will be an isolated case with a horse, or become chronic.

"Those ones, you can immediately see the major

difference, in one trim," she said. "To actually make it look like a foot again."

While the job is labor intensive – Holcomb is either driving or trimming hooves most of the time – it is fulfilling work.

"I just love to help animals," Holcomb said. "When I see a horse that's not doing so well and I can turn that around in a visit or two, that's what makes a lot of it fulfilling...like I did something."

While Holcomb is generally booked out about 3-4 weeks this time of year, she is still accepting new customers.

To contact Katie Holcomb of KT Horseshoeing, call 262-758-9400 or email Holcomb at kthorseshoeingllc@hotmail.com.



Holcomb is shown working on the hoof of a horse. She has made a successful career as a farrier, which she began after realizing a desk job wasn't right for her.

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**above:** Elkhorn Area High School senior Jessica Haggerty prepares for her lift in the squat competition at the USA Powerlifting High School nationals – which she won – back in April. **at left:** Haggerty shows off her various competition hardware after signing a National Letter of Intent to compete in powerlifting at Midland University.

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# Worth her weight – in a college scholarship

## *EAHS' Jessica Haggerty heads to college for powerlifting*

BY **Jennifer Eisenbart** • EDITOR

Elkhorn Area High School senior Jessica Haggerty admits she has come a long way in her four years of high school.

“When I started high school, I was just another young teenage girl trying to find my place among my peers,” she explained. “I vividly remember my freshman year, looking up in the athletic lobby in the high school at previous state champions and thinking, ‘I will never be up there.’”

She also admitted to thinking: “I will never be offered an athletic scholarship.”

Now, two national titles and a world championship later, Haggerty will head to Midland University in Nebraska in the fall on a scholarship for powerlifting.

This comes after she won Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association titles over the last two years, two different national high school titles, and the World Sub-Junior Classic Powerlifting title at 52 kilograms last summer.

She plans to major in exercise science – in hopes of eventually becoming a physical therapist or

athletic trainer, or potentially study education – and teach exercise science.

“I chose this school because first and foremost, they offered me a very generous scholarship for powerlifting,” said Haggerty, who will be joining the six-time national championship team.

“Aside from the powerlifting aspect, this campus feels like a home away from home,” she added. “It is smaller in size, is a private Christian school, it has a friendly, positive atmosphere and an amazing local coffee shop (minor detail). Overall, Midland was the full package for me.”

Haggerty will head to the school after winning her second straight U.S. high school title, albeit it with a different organization – and without defending her world title.

That’s because of the two different governing bodies in powerlifting right now. Last year, Haggerty won her state and national titles through Powerlifting America, which is the internationally recognized body for powerlifting.

This year, Haggerty went through USA Powerlifting. The

reason was competition. If she had competed in the Powerlifting America meet, she would have had no competition at state. The USA Powerlifting field offered more than 15 competitors in her weight class.

“I didn’t want to end my senior year powerlifting season off competing against no one and earn the title ‘two-time state champion’ as a participation award,” she explained. “I wanted to really earn it.”

Because she chose to compete at USA Powerlifting at the state level, that also committed her to competing at high school nationals at that level.

While she won both – and owns a consideration lead over the next best lifter in her 56-kilogram weight class – the lack of international sanction will cost her a chance to defend her world title.

“It was difficult to make,” Haggerty said as to the decision, “but I’m very glad I decided what I did.”

Haggerty’s win at nationals – held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana – was dominating in a number of ways. Not only did she win the national high school title by more

than 50 pounds, she had the highest weight total in the three different categories – squat, bench press and deadlift.

By comparison, the next closest competitor in Wisconsin was Palmyra-Eagle’s Arden Hyatt, who competed in the same weight class at the JV level. Hyatt won the JV title with a total of 272.5 pounds, while Haggerty lifted 392.5 pounds.

Powerlifting has taken Haggerty on a journey. She initially began in lifting weights because her brother, Caleb, was training for Special Olympics.

It was during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Haggerty admitted she wasn’t sold on the sport. She joined the Elkhorn Area High School powerlifting team almost as a personal challenge, and found immediate success.

While it’s the lesser-recognized of the international versions of the sport – powerlifting involves no vertical overhead lifts, and Olympic weightlifting involves precise motions and pauses designed to get the weight over the head and held, versus the pure lifting of weight in powerlifting – Haggerty is hopeful the sport has an Olympic future.

“Powerlifting opened my eyes to a whole new set of opportunities, skills and community,” she said. “Moving forward, I hope ultimately that I am able to continue competing in this sport for as long as I am able to.”

She said she’s excited, Olympics or further international competition aside, to see what she is capable of moving forward.

“I am so excited to work alongside such a distinguished, accomplished team, and hope I am able to eventually get back to the world stage,” she said. “Only time will tell what God has planned for me.”

In the meantime, Haggerty can see at least one tangible result from her success: her results and trophies are now part of the high school athletic lobby.

“Now, as a graduating senior, I am featured in the high school athletic lobby in honor of my successes, and can be someone that others look up to,” she said. “Ultimately I’m just grateful I have been able to have so many amazing experiences through this sport, and am so excited to see where God takes me.”

# City looks to restore Elkhorn Bandshell

## *Council approves contract for Historical Structure Report*

BY **Kellen Olshefski**  
CORRESPONDENT

The City of Elkhorn Common Council voted unanimously in favor of a contract with Restoric LLC for a historical structure report on the Elkhorn Bandshell, which the city aims to restore and improve before its 100th anniversary in 2026.

In the council’s packet, a memo from City of Elkhorn Recreation Director Karl Sorvick noted the city reached out to several agencies this March to request a proposal for a historical structure report (HSR) for the bandshell, and the city ultimately only received the one back from Restoric with a project fee not to exceed \$24,888.

According to Sorvick, the Wisconsin Historical Society awarded the city with

50% grant funding for the HSR, not to exceed, and Restoric is also a trusted agency and approved by the Wisconsin Historical Society to be considered for future grant funding. He said their profile of similar and large-scale projects also make them an exceptional fit for the bandshell project.

At the June 3 meeting, Sorvick shared a brief presentation on the bandshell about its history, where they’re currently at, restoration efforts that have already taken place and what the goals are that the city aims to share with the community, businesses, organizations and community groups.

Sorvick said the Elkhorn Bandshell was built in 1926 in Elkhorn’s downtown, sponsored by Elkhorn’s Kiwanis Club, which had raised \$5,000. At that time, the club was under the leadership of its first president, Frank Holton of the Frank Holton Band Co.

In 1962, he said the bandshell was then moved from Elkhorn’s downtown square to its current location in Sunset Park, and he said some restoration efforts were undertaken in 1995.

“Today, we’re currently looking to restore it to its 100-year glory as it’ll be 100 years old in 2026,” he said.

Over the years, the bandshell’s primary, and for the bulk of its time sole, use was for Holton Band concerts, though the Parks and Recreation department introduced the Sounds of Sunset concert series in recent years, which has proven to be popular among the community.

In surveying the community, Sorvick said 60% of those surveyed were not aware of the history, but nearly 80% were in favor of restoring the bandshell.

While he says the restoration efforts have been a great thing, Sorvick said he thinks they need to try to find some sustainability for the city and community going forward.

As such, one thing he said they’re looking at doing is creating a live music board, which would include nine members and focus on outreach, awareness, promotion and securing funding for the bandshell and its events.

“The eventual goal of the board is to help schedule usage and provide stability through funding,” he said.

Likewise, donations and sponsorships would be something they would attempt to incorporate into the bandshell program as well.

The bandshell assessment, the HSR, would be the final piece of the puzzle.

“By having this completed, it actually opens up the door for a lot of grant opportunities for the city to pursue,” he said.

Likewise, Sorvick said it will give the city everything it needs to keep the historical aspect of the bandshell and also a budget number to move forward and get the funds it needs.

Following the assessment, the focus would be on raising the funds needed for the restoration and completing the restoration, followed by sustainability efforts, such as the live music board, as well as fundraising efforts for on-going maintenance.

Later in the meeting, a motion in favor of the proposal from Restoric LLC for the bandshell at a cost not to exceed \$24,888, paired with the 50% grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society, passed unanimously.





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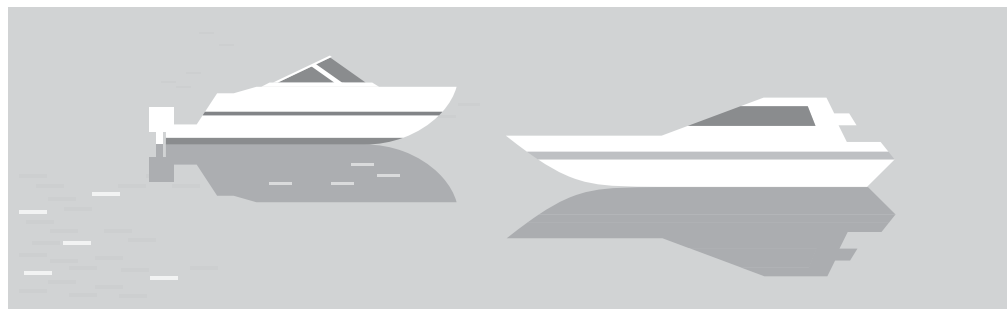
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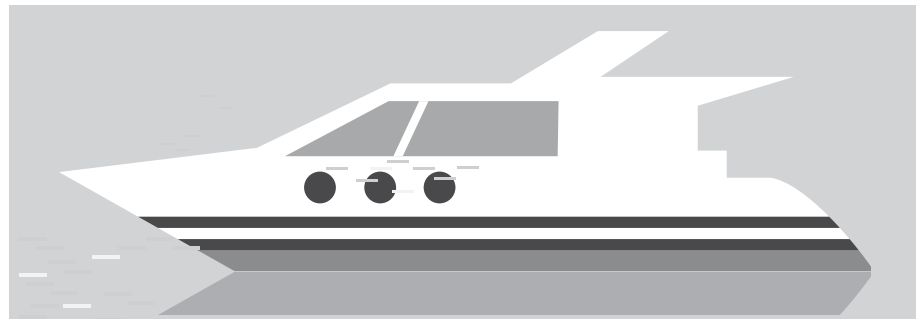
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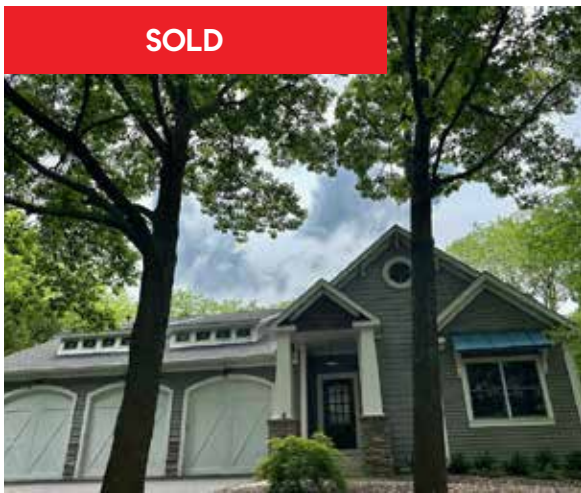
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