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ON THE COVER

JULY 4TH

It's the month of celebrating our Independence and there are many ways to do so. From summer shopping, fireworks displays and farmers' markets to backyard barbecues, camping and waterskiing shows, the area is booming with activities.

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June 30 – Adrian – Meredith; July 7 – Claire Kelly; July 21 – Brothers Quinn; Aug. 11 – South for Winter; Aug. 25 – Great Sax Band; Sept. 1 – Tae.

The concerts will be held at the Reid Park gazebo. Guests should bring their own chairs; no alcohol is permitted on site. Reid Park is off of Fontana Boulevard and Third Avenue.

Local Farmers Markets

Lake Geneva Farmer's Market Held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays in downtown Lake Geneva, rain or shine. Farmers, artisans, craftsmen and vendors offer up some of the area's very best.

Horticultural Hall is at 330 Broad St., Lake Geneva. For more information, visit horticulturalhall.com (and read the story featured in this issue.)

Williams Bay Farmers Market Williams Bay Farmers Market is a boutique Friday market, held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a variety of farmers, makers and bakers with home-grown, hand-made, and home-made foods and goods.

Featuring all local produce, fresh cooked dishes, baked goods, sweet treats, fresh flowers, hand-made jewelry, hand-designed art and décor, soaps, gifts and more.

Edgewater Park is on Geneva Street, Williams Bay. For more information, email williamsbayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Market at Tower Park, Delavan Home-grown & hand-crafted items, fresh produce, eggs, baked goods, plants, and more. Join community organizations and neighbors on Thursdays, June 6 through Sept. 19, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The market is at Tower Park, between Walworth Avenue and Park Place in downtown Delavan. For more information, email info@delavanwi.org.

Saturdays on the Square, Elkhorn This farmers market is on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It features a variety of fresh produce, crafts, commercial products and more. Vendors set-up on a first come first serve basis with plenty of room for all who attend.

Find food trucks and a morning workout on the square and get your weekends started off right!

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Geneva Outdoor Market Lake Geneva House of Music presents the Geneva Outdoor Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sundays. Celebrating local farmers, producers, food and beverages and artisans.

Held on the Lake Geneva House of Music festival grounds, N3241 County Trunk H, Lake Geneva. For more information, email chris@LGHOM.com.

The calendar of events is compiled from a variety of sources including area chambers of commerce and visitor bureaus and contains events available as of press time.

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New vision leads to new business

Home Décor & Vintage offers ways to change up space

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
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It's exciting to see a new business open and the addition of Home Décor & Vintage in Elkhorn is no exception. Located at 41 S. Wisconsin St., less than a block off the square, it's a welcome addition to the downtown shopping area. This unique business offers customers a variety of new, used and repurposed items that are sure to help add a custom look to your own space at home or provide a special gift for someone close to you.

"We opened here last fall and continue to add new merchandise and displays as we acquire additional items that work with our vision of the store," said Kristy Pearson, owner of Home Décor & Vintage. "That vision is a combination of antique items and new merchandise, along with unique ways to repurpose items for a new look."

Upon entering the store, the first thing one might notice is how clean, welcoming, and uncrowded it appears. In a store offering a wide variety of old, new and repurposed items, it's easy to clutter things up to the point of making it challenging for visitors to get a close look at the many neat items on display.

Make no mistake, Home Décor has a large number of items, but they're displayed in a way so that it doesn't



top right: Home Décor & Vintage, a new business at 41 S. Wisconsin St., Elkhorn, offers a variety of old and new items. **at right:** Owner, Kristy Pearson, stands in front of a newer display featuring lake house signs, beach blankets, a bank for saving for a dream boat and a variety of vintage décor.

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appear crowded. The side walls of the deep and somewhat narrow building – which was built in 1903 – is not as small of a space as it may appear as it boasts nearly 2,000 square feet.

“Having the brick walls – which go to the ceiling – gives us a beautiful place to display our merchandise,” Pearson said. “Everything seems to go well against a clean brick background.”

The building also has the natural wood floors that were original to it and they’re in relatively good condition, complete with a few spots of paint here and there that only add to the ambience of the space.

Ready to grow

This is not Pearson’s first business. She opened Vintage Bliss in Beloit 11 years ago. That business is an antique mall and she currently has 70 vendors there.

“It was time for me to branch off, to have a space that could accommodate not only our vintage items but also some new and different items,” Pearson explained. “So, I rented a space in Rockton (Illinois) where I could bring my new vision to life. It was going well so I decided to purchase a building to house this business.”

Fortunately, before the closing, they discovered that the building they were going to purchase was in really poor shape, she explained.

As luck would have it, while out with friends one evening, she found that this space in Elkhorn was available. It did not take long for Pearson to fall in love with the space and the location in downtown Elkhorn. Furthermore, she said she



Those who remember a time when alarm clocks had to be wound each day and cameras were not built into your cell phone will appreciate this section at Home Décor.

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above: Pearson stands in front of an antique Coca Cola sign. **top right:** A new store in Elkhorn offers a variety of vintage and new items including clothing, jewelry and lotions. **at right:** Many items that would be useful for a kitchen or bar can be found in this creative display at the store.

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could envision the type of shop she wanted to create that would work well in the space.

More often than not, a store that carries vintage items does not have them displayed in a way that helps the shopper realize how that item could be added to their own space. At Home Décor and Vintage, Pearson has items displayed in a creative, attractive way making it easier to imagine how something might look elsewhere.

Seeing things a new way

One interesting collection in the store is of alarm clocks... the "old" kind that people used for generations to get up for work each day before there were electric clocks and cell phone alarms.

Pearson said clocks are one of her favorite items and that's why there are so many available. Even though she has numerous clocks, it's easy to picture how they might look at home, as an accent piece and – if you remember to keep it wound up – a usable clock.

Items throughout the store are grouped with ones that would likely be used together or in a room setting.

Kitchens, for example, generally involve a variety of items – from attractive towels to several tools for cooking. The more you cook, or the more you want it to appear that you do a lot of cooking, the more specialized equipment there tends to be in

the kitchen, even if it is mostly a display.

From wooden spoons to fancy serving plates however, the kitchen can always use some new or new-to-you accent pieces.

"We not only like to offer items that can be used as they were expected to be used but also like to offer ways to repurpose items to fit in with your current décor," said Pearson.

One of the neat things about the displays in the store – that's right in line with Pearson's goal – is that many items are used in a different way than expected.

Among the eye-catching items at Home Décor is the use of old windows as a picture frame for a photograph, poster, artwork or print. It's a simple concept but offers a different look as it allows the color and texture of the wall to be visible through

portions of the window.

Pearson reminds people that the inventory and displays in the store change frequently.

"Stop in often and see what we have to offer. We are always adding new merchandise both antique and brand new and I am always rearranging the store," she said.

"You may have to hunt for an item you have seen here previously as I love to set up different displays. It keeps the store interesting and also showcases different pieces for the customer," Pearson added.

Even more to see

In the center of the store is a room with sliding barn doors, set up just to spoil customers. No home décor in this area –

only items to make you look and feel good. There are some pieces of clothing to spruce up a wardrobe as something as simple as a new top or two can change up several outfits.

“We also carry a variety of costume jewelry to dress up your look,” Pearson said. “Or try one of our beautiful hairclips to dress up your hair and hold it in place as needed.”

Jewelry adds a touch of glamour to any outfit, whether you are purchasing something to compliment the new clothing or want to add a new and different look to something already in your wardrobe.

The clothing items are of timeless design and from comfortable material with the style falling somewhere between traditional classic and contemporary.

Aside from jewelry and clothing, there is also a variety of quality skin care products including the popular Beekman 1802 line.

Beekman 1802 products are made with goat milk which is known for nourishing the skin. Whether looking for facial creams, hand creams, or the Beekman 1802 soaps, you will be pleased with the products and the changes in your skin. Beekman 1802 products are chemical free and “just plain good stuff” according to Pearson.

The Beekman Goat’s Milk soap lathers like no soap you have used before, she said, meaning it may very well be the most luxurious soap you have ever used. Many who try their soaps, body lotions, and hand creams never go back to their old products.

While many shoppers enjoy candles and there are a variety of them available at the store, there are also wax melting pots available. A burning candle adds ambiance to any setting, but a lot of people now prefer the melting pots as there is no open flame, yet the aroma of the melted wax permeates the area safely.

The back of Home Décor has recently been turned into a bedroom set up featuring some antique furniture and a display of textiles, mostly new with some vintage mixed in to consider adding to your home décor.

The antique items at the store are all hand-at picked by Pearson. When not spending time with family, her days off often find her attending estate auctions, at thrift stores, and even garage sales in search of the right items for her store. And when not looking for antique items, she is placing re-orders from her new merchandise lines.

“I also welcome customers to bring in antique items they wish to sell and if they are something that fits in with the style of the store, I will purchase it outright from you,” Pearson said. “I always love picking at antique sales as you never know what treasures you will find.”

She said she enjoys repainting items and repurposing vintage items to make them usable today. She also likes to learn about antiques and is always ready to share what she learns with the customer.

Whether you’re seeking a specific item to add to a space in your home, are seeking a gift for a loved one or friend or like to see creative ways to use an item you may not have thought of, stop by Pearson’s store.

Pearson aims to keep prices reasonable for new and antiques as well as offering a variety of items in every price range. Prices continue higher for other larger items. Whatever your price range there are items available.

Home Décor & Vintage is at 41 S. Wisconsin in downtown Elkhorn. For more information, call 608-921-2221, visit Homedecorandvintage.com and follow them on Facebook. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.



above: There is a full display of Beekman 1802 products at Home Decor, including soaps and a variety of creams made from goats' milk. **top:** The brick walls offer an ideal backdrop for this unique light fixture and the wide range of items for sale, which the owner displays in a way to spur ideas.

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Keeping it **fresh & local**

Lake Geneva Farmer's Market a longtime summer staple

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**
CORRESPONDENT

A block of Broad Street in Lake Geneva on any given Thursday morning during the summer is likely the busiest area in the downtown.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting through 1 p.m., each Thursday, the Lake Geneva Farmer's Market runs from early May through Oct. 31. It consists of farmers, gardeners, artists and craftsmen – all of whom primarily come from the southern Wisconsin area with a variety of home-grown, home-produced or hand-created merchandise.

The beginnings of the market date back to 1912, when early foremen of some of the summer estates along Geneva Lake competed against each other with vegetables, flowers and plants.

"The original stalls from these early markets are still in the courtyard, but no



above: A variety of fresh breads and rolls are available at the market each week. **top:** At the market in early June, radishes, asparagus and strawberries were among the produce available.

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longer used,” said Sean Payne, the director of the farmers market for the last 12 years.

Today, the stalls for the market line the streets along Broad Street for a full block. Additional vendors also set up in Horticultural Hall, located just behind the market.

In addition to managing the weekly market, Payne is also the manager of Clear Water Outdoor Sports in downtown Lake Geneva.

“We have about 50 vendors and there are also about another 30 vendors that are in front and alongside the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion and sponsored by them,” Payne said.

He said each of the vendors sign a contract for the entire season, and can renew it for the following year. Contracts must be returned by March of each year to guarantee a spot.

As the season starts, the locally grown vegetables and fruits vary by the season. One crop that is always available and one of the bestsellers is fresh flowers. There are a variety of flower vendors that offer mixed bouquets.

Family-friendly market

The market is a family affair and Payne encourages visitors to bring their children. Watching walk down the sidewalk toward the market, many are pushing strollers with youngsters securely in place while others are walking their dogs through the crowd. Schools also bring in students for field trips. Central Denison, a school just a block away from the market, often schedules a trip for its first graders, and students learn about growing food in the area and creating edible items like cheese, jam, dips and breads.

“Bring the kids,” said Payne. “There are activities for them to enjoy, starting with story time at the Lake Geneva Farmer’s Market in a partnership with the Lake Geneva Library. Marley’s Harley, an ice cream truck, will also be available.”

Miss Wendy from the library handles story time, and during the summer it’s held at the farmers market each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The event involves reading books aloud, followed by themed activities and socializing. The final story time of each month is bilingual, with books read in English and Spanish.

In the event of rain, story time moves indoors – at the Lake Geneva Public Library.

Keeping it local

All items sold at the market are made by the purveyors. Nothing sold at the market is purchased elsewhere and resold, thus keeping in line with the original premise of the market – freshly grown produce and flowers.

Produce can be limited at the start of the market season, understandably. In May, green lettuce, onions, radishes and early strawberries can be found on the market



above: Produce at the market varies but among the recent offerings was fresh lettuce, sure to make a summer salad taste even better. **top:** It's not hard to understand why a variety of locally grown fresh flower bouquets are a favorite of shoppers at the market in Lake Geneva.

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stands. Mushrooms, grown indoors, are available throughout the market season and while the types vary, fresh mushrooms and can also be purchased.

As the summer progresses, there is a wider variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables. Tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans and, of course, fresh sweet corn – are among the offerings that make their way to the market. In the fall, pumpkins also begin to arrive.

A Wisconsin market would not be complete without freshly made local cheese from master cheesemakers like Decatur Dairy and Steve Stettler. Among the special items available are cheese curds with green olives imbedded for a unique flavor.

Honey is often sought for health reasons. Macy Kyle became a beekeeper with her own hives last year and sells her honey through The Birds & the Bees in Janesville, as well as at the market in Lake Geneva.

She said it's important to use local honey for help with allergies and explained the difference in color between spring and fall honey.

"The fall honey has a more golden color than the spring honey," shared Kyle. "Dogs also benefit from honey to treat some ear infections."

Ya Ya's Skordalia, which has Greek almond dip is another favorite of regulars at the Lake Geneva Farmer's Market. There is generally a crowd gathering around the Ya Ya's stand, waiting for samples and to purchase the variety of flavorful dips offered, from the standard flavors to seasonal ones.

Horticultural Hall cohosts the market

The history of Horticultural Hall goes back to the early days of more and more large estates being built on Geneva Lake. Help was needed to maintain the large and showy lawns so numerous local gardeners were hired by the summer residents.

The gardeners were said to be competitive with each other; still, at the same time, they banded together to organize the Gardeners and Foreman's Association. The group originally held flower shows and exhibits on the estates of Levi Leitner and Herbert Moore to showcase their talents and skills.

It became obvious the group needed a place to call home, where they could hold their sales outdoors and have a place to meet when the weather was cold, rainy, or snowy so meetings could be held year-round rather than just in the summer.

at right: Market vendors inside Horticulture Hall sell a variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, cards, crocheted and knitted items as well as prints and more. **top:** Local artist Jeffrey D. Johnston has a nice display of some of his work for sale at the market.

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above: For the past 12 years, the Lake Geneva Farmer's Market has been organized and run by local resident Sean Payne. Payne has served on the Horticultural Hall board and is the manager of Clear Water Outdoor Sports. **top right:** As the morning goes on, marketgoers crowd the sidewalks near Horticultural Hall while making their way along the lineup of vendors. **bottom right:** A variety of mushrooms, fresh and pickled, are sold by River Valley Ranch.

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Siméon Chapin, along with other like-minded residents, formed the Lake Geneva Horticultural Society and donated the land at 330 Broad Street in Lake Geneva for the building of a home for the society. He also spearheaded the raising of funds for the building of such a home.

It was a unique structure, featuring a great hall emulating an English Guild Hall with high-beamed ceilings and a parquet floor – a look that has been maintained through the years. The building was built around a large grassy enclosed courtyard to maintain privacy.

The structure was completed and dedicated on June 15, 1912. The grounds were landscaped as beautifully as the large lake estates and continue to be so, mostly by volunteers.

The Lake Geneva Garden Club was organized under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, wife of Charles Hutchinson, the President of the Art Institute of Chicago and summer resident of Lake Geneva. The garden club supported Horticultural Hall, and held flower shows there until 1990.

With a variety of local events held at the hall over the years, they were able to cover the expenses of the building. However, with changing times financially and the loss of



many of the original supporters who moved away, the building eventually was no longer self-sufficient.

At one point the city was considering purchasing the hall and turning it into a bus station. Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed, and in 1952, the Geneva Area Foundation took title to the building.

According to Beth Gallagher, director of Horticultural Hall, the not-for-profit Geneva Area Foundation oversees the many activities held at the hall and the profits from rentals for activities go directly back into repairing and updating the facility.

Back to the market, while the outside

vendors offer foods, flowers and more, inside Horticultural Hall are a variety of arts and crafts booths featuring unique handmade items. Shoppers can browse handmade jewelry, crocheted items, handmade cards, purses, prints and more. And, just like the outside area, visitors can meet the creators.

The Lake Geneva Farmer's Market is open rain or shine. For more information, follow the Lake Geneva Farmer's Market on Facebook.

For more information, about Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad St., call 262-248-4382, or visit horticulturalhall.com.

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For some, spending time outdoors highlights a more rustic way of life – setting up a tent, sleeping on the ground in a sleeping bag and enjoying the elements of nature.

For others, while there is an appeal to spending time outside and communing with nature, they are not quite ready to embrace time away from all of the amenities that enjoyed in everyday life. For this group, an ideal compromise is the upgraded style of camping referred to as “glamping.”

Glamping combines the best of both worlds – time in nature, sure, but at the end of the day, sleeping in an actual bed and having electricity.

When Jeremy and Simona Ebner discovered a large 80-acre parcel of land for sale near the Kettle Moraine area, they knew it would be perfect for their dream of owning and running a campground that could meet the needs of a variety of campers and thus Camp Kettlewood was born.

“Jeremy grew up enjoying being out

in nature. He enjoys adventures, back packing, and camping as it was since the beginning of time. He has made me love the outdoors adventures, too, but I tend to prefer a more glamping style of camping, one where we do not have to spend hours setting up the campsite,” Simona said.

Jeremy said their goal was to open a campground where people could enjoy the escape in a unique way.

“While looking for a house to purchase, we found the perfect spot for our needs. We found this historic scout camp with 80 acres and a building we would turn into our home,” Jeremy said.

That space had previously been owned by the Girls Scouts of Wisconsin Badgerland Council, and from 1967 through 2018 it was the home of Girl Scout outings and events. It was a place where memories were created for many young scouts over a number of years.

The perfect balance

The Ebners purchased the property and turned it into an upscale campground with many features not present in the original camp.

Imagine spending the night in this renovated Airstream with a canopy to sit under when the sun is hot. It offers modern amenities such as a comfortable bed – complete with linens, electricity, and a coffee maker.

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“We kept many of the old features of the campsites, such as their names, but we updated the campsites and added unique camping venues such as the vintage trailers, platform tents and some antique scout cabins, and two bath and shower buildings,” the couple said.

Some of the more unique places to camp are in the vintage trailers. These renovated vintage trailers were built from 1951 to 1977 and will help make glamping a nostalgic time whether guests have ever camped in a vintage trailer or possibly dreamed of doing so.

They are equipped with electricity and coffee makers, and propane grills available. Each of these campers – from the smallest which sleeps two to the largest which sleeps three to six guests – will give guests the glamping experience they desire.

The three trailers at the Mushroom Gulch group trailer village – named the Ham, the Empire, and the Shasta – may be the perfect spot for a group to take in a weekend getaway.

Other trailers on site – these are individual trailers and not part of a group – are the Oakwood Knoll,



This peaceful, relaxing cabin, all in white with windows all around and a beautiful natural wood ceiling, is an ideal place to relax and unwind.

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a 1957 Holly that sleeps up to two guests, and the Last Resort, a 1977 Airstream that sleeps up to four guests.

Variety of tent options

Those seeking an upgraded tent camping experience can consider renting one of the platform tent sites at Camp Kettlewood, of which three are available.

The Hilton is the premium canvas platform tent site and while the platforms themselves were original to the days of the scouts camping here, they have been upgraded. The Hilton site features tents that are equipped with that all-important mosquito netting, propane grills, hammocks, and string lights, which add ambience in the evening while sitting around the campfire.

Those looking for a bit more of a rustic experience are encouraged to check out Sunset Ridge and Crow's Nest – platform tent sites for small groups. They offer that scout vibe with each sleeping up to four guests, and the hassle of having to put up or take down the tent is a non-issue. As a bonus, the feature metal cot frames, which were rescued from the basement of the lodge.

The cabin life

There is yet another option at Camp Kettlewood – staying in an authentic scout cabin built in the 1940s with some upgrades. The eight scout cabins on site were moved from Camp Pottawatomie – also a former Girl Scout Camp just up the road – and were cleaned, repaired and decorated by Simona and Jeremy in 2022 to add another camping experience to their offerings.

Maybe the best news of all is that there are two bathroom buildings on the property



above: Each cabin on site has unique décor such as this one, which features a variety of simple antiques to add to the ambience the cabin offers. **at left:** A glamping experience can easily be found at Camp Kettlewood in this camper with features such as a coffee maker, stove and electricity.

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Plenty to do in the area

There are many outdoor activities in the area outside of Camp Kettlewood for those who wish to explore.

The area features several trails for hiking or biking such as John Muir, Nordic, Bald Bluff, Homestead, Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit and Ice Age trails. There are also some nature conservancies and natural areas worth a visit for outdoor exploring.

Swimming, boating, kayaking or paddle boarding is available at many lakes in the area including Lake Beulah, Potter Lake and Eagle Springs Lake/Lulu Lake.

In nearby East Troy, the Village Square is filled with fun places to explore and shop as well as grabbing a bite to eat, a cup of coffee or a locally brewed beer.

It's also home to the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum, which offers regular rides as well as numerous special events.

The Elegant Farmer, just a few miles from East Troy outside of Mukwonago, is well known for its award-winning apple pie baked in a paper bag. It also features deli picnic lunches and many other items – all of which can be eaten there or picked up and taken back to Camp Kettlewood to enjoy at one of the pond-side picnic tables on site.

In addition, other places visitors may want to check out include Green Meadows Petting Farm, Old World Wisconsin in

Eagle – an outdoor history museum, Staller Estate Winery, and Skydive Milwaukee, which offers skydiving out of the East Troy Airport.

When guests arrive at the campground, they will park in one of two designated parking lots, transfer their belongings to a golf cart and transport everything to the site in that manner. No motorized vehicles are allowed at the camp sites to maintain the serenity of the space.

Check-in is 4 to 8 p.m., checkout is 1 p.m. and quiet hours (no amplified music) are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. And for food and drinks along with other items needed, Hansen's IGA is just down the road in East Troy.

The camp is also suitable for special occasions including weddings. To inquire about such events, visit the website and complete the form under the "Weddings" tab.

Though the campground has many upgraded – and even some upscale – options, the Ebners ask guests to keep an important message in mind.

"Although we have some modern amenities, please do keep in mind that at the end of the day, it's still camping. You'll be sharing the woods with local wildlife- like deer, turtles, songbirds, and yes- bugs. You might even get a little dirty," the website states. "And though there isn't any WiFi, we promise you'll find a better connection while you're here."

Camp Kettlewood is at W3524 State Rd. 20, East Troy. It's open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of October. For more information, email info@campkettlewood.com, visit the website at www.campkettlewood.com or follow them on social media including Facebook and Instagram.



above: In addition to a variety of camping options, Camp Kettlewood can also host gatherings. **at right:** These platform tents feature regular beds and are equipped with mosquito netting as well as a group firepit for time with friends, new or old.

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Summertime skiing a splash of fun

Water ski teams entertain crowds on area lakes

by **Sandra Landen Machaj**

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Summer is the time to get out on the water for many. Whether heading out for a day in a canoe or kayak, jumping into a boat for a ride around the lake, or relaxing while lounging on the beach with an occasional dip in the water to stay cool, summer is a season when people flock to area waterways.

While most of us look forward to summer, particularly excited for the warm weather and time out on the lakes are area waterski teams.

The Southern Lakes area and the Chain O'Lakes area – which is just over the stateline, feature several waterski teams that know how to have fun on the water and entertain residents and visitors with regular shows. But that's not all as some take their talent to competitions and have been very successful, winning titles at the state and even national level.

The teams are comprised of volunteer skiers who put in countless hours to perfect their craft and often more than one family members is involved with a team, adding to the fun while mixing in some quality family time.

“Our waterski teams are almost always a family event. There are family members who all get involved and help with the many tasks involved from the actual skiing, boat driving and advertising to show management and a variety of other things that go into the management of a show waterskiing team,” said Mark Gurda, announcer for the Aquanuts Waterski Show Team in Twin Lakes.

His sentiments were echoed by other area water ski teams, all of whom offer free waterskiing shows, extending the family time theme beyond the team itself.

Here is some additional information on a trio of teams in the area.

Southern Wakes United

For Southern Wakes United Water Ski Show Team, 2023 was a special year as they won the Wisconsin State Championship in



Members of the Southern Wakes United team show off patriotic outfits during a performance.

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their division. Southern Wakes is a medium sized team and as such competes in Division III.

“This was the first time we won the state title in our division since 1990, so it was an important event for us,” shared Laura Lohrmann, Southern Wakes United Show Director. “Because we won the division, we will move up to Division II this year, where we will compete with larger teams.”

In addition to the team winning the Division III State Championship, it also received first place in several other categories including highest scoring

production, drive team, traditional ballet line, most original or unique act, dock and equipment, and best comedy act. They were also nominated for Medium Team of the Year.

Southern Wakes United was formed when two teams joined forces – the Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers and the Minneiska Water Ski Team.

Today they have approximately 50 members who come from a wide area including Elkhorn, Whitewater, Janesville and Twin Lakes (all Wisconsin) as well as Illinois. Members range in age from 7 to

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Showtimes for water skiing teams

Each of the waterski teams offer free shows throughout the summer. While the shows are free, donations are accepted and appreciated as they help defray some of the costs of putting on the show.

Guests are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket although some of the sites have seats and offer food, snacks and drinks.

Here is a breakdown of the teams remaining shows for 2024:

Southern Wakes

The Southern Wakes United team performs at a variety of venues.

- Elkhorn Lake – Parking is available at Precision Plus, 840 Koopman Lane, Elkhorn. Shows at Elkhorn Lake are at 6 p.m., Saturdays and noon, Sundays. The team will be at Elkhorn Lake Saturday, June 29; Sunday, July 14; Sunday, Aug. 18 (Alumni Show); and Saturday, Aug. 31.

- Lauderdale Lakes – held on the lake at Lauderdale Landing, Elkhorn. All shows are on Fridays and start at 6 p.m. Shows will be presented at Lauderdale July 5; Aug. 9; and Aug. 23.

- Whitewater Lake – Two shows will be held at N7660 State Park Dr. on Whitewater Lake this summer and are best viewed by boat as it will be difficult to see from

the shore. The shows will be Saturday July 27 and Friday, Aug. 16.

For more information, visit southernwakesunited.com.

Twin Lakes Aquanuts

The Twin Lakes Aquanuts team performs at Lance Park, 55 Lance Dr., Twin Lakes, Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m. except when attending state or national competitions.

There is a seating bowl or bring a lawn chair or blankets. A snack shop on site opens one hour before each show. Indoor restrooms are available, and parking is free. For more information, visit www.aquanutwatershow.com

Wonder Lake

Located at Hancock and East Lake Shore drives, the Wonder Lake team puts on free shows to the public on Fridays the following dates this summer July 6 at 4 p.m.; July 19 and 26 at 7 p.m.; Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.; Aug. 16 at 6:45 p.m.; Aug. 23 at 6:45 p.m.; Sept. 1 at 4 p.m.

The team will perform at Venetian Fest in Lake Geneva on Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

The team also has shows at Wonder Center Beach, but it's privately owned so not open to the public.

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56 and while not all are actual skiers, each plays an important role in helping the team perform.

Lohrmann and Michael Maas will serve as the show directors this year and have been hard at work for months working on the theme for this year's team. It's a 40th reunion costume party theme and will feature them bringing back the 1980s with a twist.

"Our team is so excited to be participating for the first time in Division II. We've worked hard all winter long on a theme that can be put on at the variety of different show courses we use. And, we have tried upping our skill set to be competitive with the bigger teams that are well known in the division," shared Leslie Gostowski, vice president of the Southern Wakes United Ski Team.

"We feel we will have been very successful if we are able to place third during our first year in this higher division," she added.

This year the team will be highlighting the younger skiers to encourage more participation from them while also giving them an opportunity to grow throughout the season.

"This year we have had a lot of younger members get involved in the development of this show. We love seeing the younger generation stepping up because they are the future of this sport," Gostowski said. "They have been working hard on creating a fun, inclusive theme that can be performed at our multiple, unconventional sites."

Southern Wakes is unique because they do not perform at one home venue as the other local teams do. Instead, they put on shows at four different venues – Elkhorn Lake, Turtle Lake, Lauderdale Lakes and Whitewater Lake.

Each site has different days and times for shows and all performances are free. For a complete schedule, see the related sidebar.

Twin Lakes Aquanuts

The Aquanuts are a highly competitive waterski team who make their home in Twin



above: The Gunderson Sisters, Lexi and Brooke perform a synchronized swivel act with the Aquanuts. **below:** The ballet line brightens up the water in a performance of Peter Pan.

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Lakes and perform on Lake Mary. They are a Division I team competitively, the highest rank of competition, and two years ago, in 2022, won both state and national titles.

Among the things the team is known for are its champion ballet line, four-tier pyramids and daring stunts

"In 2023 the team still had a good competition as they finished third in both the state and in national competitions," Gurda said. "They are looking forward to this year's competitions."

The team members fluctuate each year as some of the younger skiers mature into adulthood and take on full-time jobs, are getting ready – or move for college, or decide to take a break from skiing. But they often come back.

"The year 2022 was an important as many who had skied with the team in the past returned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the team," Gurda said. "We hope this

year will bring many of them back to competition."

In addition to state and national titles that year, individuals on the team also won awards including Kalley Koehler and Ethan Shuda who were named top female and male skiers.

The Aquanuts began in the early 1970s as a small volunteer group that enjoyed water skiing. While they began without sponsors or a home base, it did not take them long to find their way. They began by acquiring sponsors, including Dr. Pepper, and some of the local marine vendors donated equipment. By the second year, Lance Park in Twin Lakes on Lake Mary became their permanent home and has remained so ever since.

The Aquanuts are composed of two teams – a junior team and a senior team – with members coming from a wide area in Wisconsin and Illinois. Some of the members' families have summer homes in





the area while others travel to be part of the team. b

The team works hard to present variety of unique and inventive shows. One of their early shows introduced clowns which continue to be a part of today's shows and have even been incorporated on their team logo. The ballet line, dance and ski routines and four-tier pyramids are among the features in their performances.

The team is once again performing free shows at Lance Park in Twin Lakes on Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. except during state and national Competitions.

They also hope to once again have a special guest for an upcoming show.

"Each year Jim Cornelison, best known as the anthem singer for the Chicago Blackhawks Hockey team, comes to Twin Lakes and sings the anthem for our Independence Day celebration. We expect that he will be here again this year on July 6," Gurda said.

Wonder Lake

The Wonder Lake Water Ski Club was founded in 1955 by eight teenagers. But it was the building of its first jump in 1956 – which was 24 feet long and 4 feet high – that saw their membership increase to 40 as many skiers wanted to try out that jump.

They did not begin as a competitive team but a show team, putting on their first performance on Labor Day in 1959. In 1962, the team performed a show for Fiesta Days in McHenry. Today they continue to offer "shows for hire."

The Wonder Lake Water Ski Club will take their show on the road to perform at events as long as the water depth is safe. They have done shows in Mundelein and St.



above: This Wonder Lake Ski Club trio flips high into the air without getting in each other's space. **top:** Pyramids take a lot of practice and proper timing but are always a sight to see.

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Charles in Illinois and at Venetian Festival on Geneva Lake. This year the team's Venetian Festival performance will be held on Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

By 1986 the team began to participate in competitions with remarkable success. From 1996 to 2010, they were the National Show Ski Champions four times.

The team is in northern Illinois and while there are many ski teams across the border in Wisconsin, there are so few in Illinois that they do not have a state championship competition but rather a Regional Championship of several Midwest states. In 2023, Wonder Lake was awarded first place

in that competition.

"Our team members are mostly local skiers who live here in Wonder Lake," said Brea Imse, one of the team's show skiers. "But we also welcome skiers from other areas. We have a Junior Club open to skiers 6 or older who know the basics of waterskiing, and a Senior Club which currently has members as high as in their 60s."

Imse and fellow team member Arik Lebda represented the USA at the World Show Tour in 2018 where the team placed first.

Among the unique features of the Wonder Lake team is the prefab pyramid, which is

created while still on the pier, three skiers high at which point the boat begins to pull the pyramid to its feet with everyone remaining in place. They also present a prefab pyramid where two sections of skiers are gathered on the piers, the piers split apart and a pyramid section already on the water joins them, filling out the center.

“Last year our show theme was ‘Beauty and the Beast,’” Imse said. “This year we are working hard on a new theme, ‘Kids Rule 2024.’ It will start out as a Blues Brothers’ piece and then the kids will hijack the show and change what will come through. It will be a fun program.”

The team is proud of the many former team members who have gone on to become professional water skiers, appearing in places such as Sea World, and Cypress Gardens, and the Tommy Bartlett Water Ski Show. Additionally, members have performed not only in the United States but in several other countries including Australia, Germany, Malaysia and Japan.

The Wonder Lake Water Skiing Show Team presents free to the public on most Fridays through Labor Day Weekend. See the sidebar for details.



Southern Wakes United team members get into position for the 3-high pyramid that begins with two portions of the large group of skiers on the dock.

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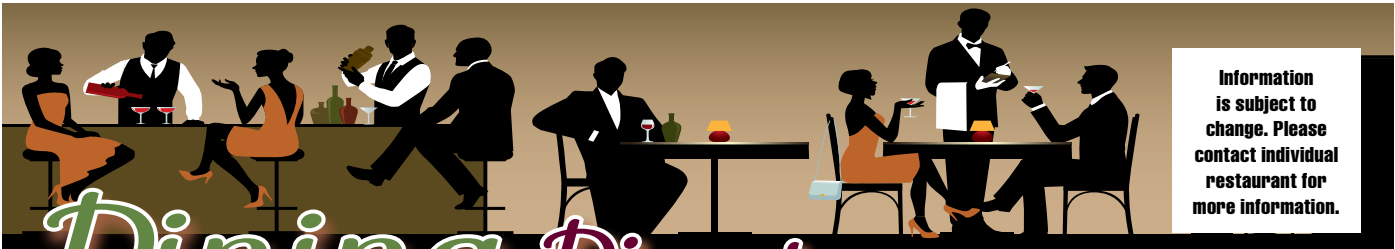
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