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## Fostering a culture of empathy, engagement

### Make a Difference Day about community service and unity

Make a Difference Day is an event at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, held annually to inspire and mobilize the campus community to engage in meaningful service activities. This day is dedicated to fostering a spirit of volunteerism and collective action, aiming to create a lasting impact on the local community and beyond.

The Whitewater Federation of Women's Clubs was fortunate to have a group of young ladies who volunteered to assist club members with the annual spring landscape cleanup at the historic Bassett House on Friday, April 25th. With their assistance, leaves were raked, weeds were pulled and bushes were trimmed.

"This is always a wonderful event and we are most thankful that we can participate with UW-Whitewater," Pat Blackmer, president of the Whitewater Federation of Women's Clubs said.

Among other projects taking place that day, 30 volunteers worked to protect and preserve Whitewater Creek. The creek — which has its headwaters in the kettle moraine hills to the south of Whitewater — flows through downtown and to the north,

eventually joining up with the Bark River. Along its journey, the creek suffers from ills such as littering and lack of Native habitat.

Volunteers from the Whitewater Creek Coalition led students from UW-Whitewater on their aptly named "Make a Difference Day," as they sought to tackle those issues.

At Whitewater Creek Nature Area, they were able to collect a half-dozen bags of trash, and two bags of metal recycling, along with tires and construction materials.

Whitewater Creek Coalition treasurer Aubrey Thompson noted that "volunteers left with giant smiles" from such a successful cleanup.

Meanwhile, volunteers at Brewery Hill Park in downtown Whitewater planted dozens of Native species along the creek, building on the invasive species removal work of prior volunteers. Plants included Wild Bergamot, Goldenrod, Brown Eyed Susan, and many other bird, pollinator, and wildlife friendly flowers and shrubs.

The Whitewater Creek Coalition organizes regular cleanups, invasive species removal events, and supports education and awareness to ensure a healthy and

resilient Whitewater Creek ecosystem. Those interested in learning more or getting involved can contact them via Facebook or Instagram.

UW-Whitewater's Make a Difference Day exemplifies the power of collective action and the positive influence of community service, Blackmer said.

"By uniting students and local residents in purposeful activities, this event not only addresses immediate needs but also fosters a culture of empathy and proactive engagement," she said.

"As it continues to grow and evolve, Make a Difference Day will undoubtedly remain a cornerstone of UW-Whitewater's commitment to making a meaningful difference in the world."

During UW-Whitewater's Make a Difference Day April 25, a variety of cleanup projects took place throughout the Whitewater area. A crew of volunteers worked to protect and preserve Whitewater Creek where they collected a large amount of trash, recyclables, tires and more.

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## Council gives green light to Whitewater Solar request

By Dave Fidlin

CORRESPONDENT

City of Whitewater officials have given their consent to a series of technical requests related to a planned solar energy project in a further showing of support.

The Common Council on April 15 approved Whitewater Solar's request for a document known as a "certificate of public convenience and necessity." The council's approval will be forwarded on to the Public Service Commission, which is reviewing the

application.

Whitewater Solar LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of DE Shaw Renewable Investments, is seeking approval from the PSC to construct a solar energy generating facility, based on information on the state agency's website.

"While this is being reviewed (within the PSC), Whitewater Solar has asked the city to review a voluntary joint development agreement, which addresses several additional considerations around the project's design, operation, maintenance and road use that are not contemplated in the permitting process with the Public Service Commission," Public Works Director Brad Marquardt wrote in a memo to the council.

The documents that recently went before city officials also included several other technical matters, including a road use agreement that will be necessary if and when the infrastructure is constructed and operational.

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## 16th Annual Fran Achen photo exhibit expands

Submissions for the 16th Annual Fran Achen Juried Photography Exhibition will be held July 5-27 and submissions are being accepted through May 26. And this year's exhibit will include a new division featuring digital images.

"We're excited to announce the 16th iteration of the Fran Achen Juried Photography Exhibition. The traditional, in-gallery, printed photograph format will remain unchanged except for now being named the 'Printed Photograph Division.' The new territory (for us) – is an expansion into digital, projected images, which will be called the 'Digital Image Division,'" Whitewater Arts Alliance representatives said.

Accepted works in the Printed Photograph Division (Single Theme: Open / General Subject) will be physically displayed in a traditional, in-gallery exhibit and shown in an online exhibition.

"This is the show we have grown to know and love," they said.

Accepted works in the Digital Image Division (Three Themes: Open / General Subject, Human Interest, and Built Environment) will be projected in-gallery and shown in an online exhibition.

"This is an exciting, new area that we think will bring in even more superb photography to include in the exhibit. Integrating the projection

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## Portion of Highway 12 closed for construction

Construction on Highway 12 in Walworth County includes repairs and closure of a 7.5-mile section from Highways 12/67 and 20 to Highway P.

Work is expected to be completed by early fall.

Last summer, a section of Highway 12 closed for construction shut down traffic to several businesses just outside of Elkhorn.

For the current project, the road is closed just north of the Lauderdale Lakes area, extending almost to the City of Whitewater.

A posted detour utilizes highways ES, A and P, with roads north of the detour open to Highway 12.

Work on the project includes the following:

- Resurfacing pavement within the project limits.
- Upgrading traffic signal equipment at the Highway 12 and P intersection.
- Replacing several cross culverts and one cattle pass/culvert.
- Replacing beam guards as needed.

All work is weather dependent. Project contacts for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation are Brad Bowe, who can be reached at 414-659-1544, and Stephen Pales, 414-750-5343.

More information can also be found online by visiting projects.511wi.gov.

#### WHITEWATER SOLAR

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In addition to the city, Whitewater Solar needs to procure similar agreements from neighboring municipalities.

"There is only one proposed property within the city limits," Marquardt indicated in the memo "The remaining proposed properties for solar arrays are in the townships."

Prior to going before the council, members of the city's Public Works Committee reviewed Whitewater Solar's request and gave a favorable recommendation.

Based on the most current information, DE Shaw Renewable Investments hopes to begin construction on the Whitewater Solar project a year from now.

## Places to take kids fishing

There are numerous places throughout the area suitable for fishing with children. Adults are required to have a license and children should be accompanied.

Below is a list of some places in Walworth and Rock counties, including the location. Note that the directions are general, so if unfamiliar with the area, it's advised to consult a current map before heading out. Related notes are included with some of the fishing areas as well.

It's suggested to contact parks in advance to confirm hours and possible fees.

#### **ROCK COUNTY**

#### **KIWANIS POND**

In Janesville off Sharon Road. Trout, bass, bluegill and crappie. No motor lake. Shoreline fishing and an accessible pier.

#### **LAKE LEOTA**

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Bass. bluegill, crappie and perch. Shore access and pier. Within city park with ball diamonds, tennis courts, a playground, swimming pool and picnic areas.

#### **WALWORTH COUNTY**

#### **CEYLON POND PARK**

In Big Foot Beach State Park. From downtown Lake Geneva, take State Highway 120 south about 1.5 miles to the park. Urban fishing water – shoreline is accessible to public. Admission fee.



#### TRIPP LAKE

In the City of Whitewater off South Wisconsin Street and then Coburn Lane. Shoreline fishing.

### WHITEWATER & RICE LAKES

Located in the Southern Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest, two miles southeast of Whitewater in the Whitewater Lake Recreation Area. Take County Highway A to County P, then north to the lakes.

Shoreline fishing. Admission fee.

#### **COMUS LAKE**

In Rudy Lange Park in Delavan on Turtle Branch.

Shorefishing opportunities.

#### CONGDON PARK POND

Located at the junction of Interstate 43 and State Highway 50 on the east side of Delavan.

Urban fishing water - shoreline is accessible to public.

#### **GENEVA LAKE**

Two locations: Village Park in Williams Bay, and Library Park in Lake Geneva. Shoreline fishing.

### MILLPOND PARK URBAN FISHING POND

In Millpond Park on the south side of the Village of East Troy.

Urban fishing water – shoreline is accessible to the public. Fishing pier.

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of digital images into the traditional printed photography exhibit promises an innovative and exciting new gallery experience that you will not want to miss," they added.

Best of Show and Outstanding Youth Awards, in addition to the awards in each of the four themed categories (Open Print, Open Digital, Human Interest Digital, and Built Environment Digital) will be presented.

For more information, visit whitewaterarts. org or contact Jeff McDonald, Exhibit Chair at waa.franachen@gmail.com or Kim Adams, WAA Gallery Director at wwartsalliance@gmail.com.

#### **Key dates**

Exhibition: July 5-July 27 Awards reception: July 6, 1-4 p.m. Submissions close: May 26 Notification of acceptance: June 9 Drop-off (prints): June 30-July 1, 4 to 6 p.m. Pick-up (prints): July 28, 4 to 6 p.m.

#### **About Fran Achen**

The Whitewater Arts Alliance honors Fran Achen's contribution to Whitewater by sponsoring the Annual Fran Achen Juried Photography Exhibition.

Born in Kenosha in 1916, his interest in photography began after high school. He spent almost two years delivering cars for the Nash automobile factory.

"It seemed like such fun to explore America, so that started my interest in photography and geography, which became my major in college," he said.

In 1938, when Achen enrolled at Whitewater State Teachers College, it was the first year it went over 1,000. He remembered being the last one to register, making it 1,008.

While an undergraduate student at the college, he served as a photographer for both the Royal Purple and the former Minneiska yearbook, and was a freelance photographer for the Janesville Gazette, making "a buck a picture."

While attending college, Fran met his wife, Lydia. They were married for 55 years and had three children – Chap, Randi and Jim.

After graduating from college, Achen taught social studies for a year before being called up for military service in World War II. He served almost four years as the commanding officer of an entirely African

American medical unit whose primary duty was to recover wounded soldiers from the front lines.

When the war was over, he pursued his interest in photography by working in a studio in Madison, and later by purchasing a photography studio in downtown Whitewater.

In 1956, after selling the studio, Achen continued to serve the community as a teacher at Whitewater High School where he taught his favorite subject, geography. He later became assistant audio-visual director for the Janesville school system.

He retired in 1979 but never retired his camera, continuing to photograph the life and events in and around the Whitewater area.

In the 1980s, Achen donated nearly 400 photographs to the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library. UW-Whitewater also has an extensive collection of his photos.

Although his photo taking slowed down in his later years, Achen said he was never afraid to flip the shutter on what he believed could be a lasting memory or a special photograph.

Whitewater Arts Alliance, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization. For more information, visit whitewaterarts.org.

## 2025-26 fishing seasons

Opening day for Wisconsin fishing is traditionally the first Saturday in May. Season dates are often specific to the species of fish as well as the water body.

Early inland trout (catch and release) Jan. 4 to May 2

General inland trout May 3 (5 a.m.) to Oct. 15

General inland fishing May 4 to March 1, 2026

Largemouth Bass Northern **Zone Harvest** May 4 to March 2, 2026

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> Lake Sturgeon Sept. 2 to Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

Species not listed have no open season. For species that are listed, it is illegal to fish for those species during the closed season - this includes catch-and-release fishing. Temporary or emergency rules may be enacted, which could change the fishing season dates for a species or body of water. If that happens, the DNR advises to look for signs posted at boat landings.

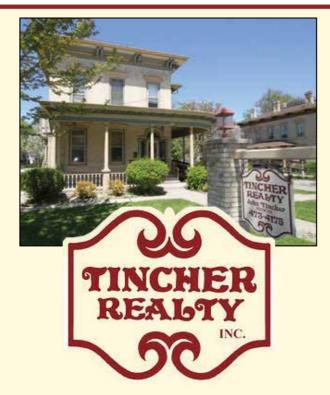
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Season dates for fishing in Wisconsin may vary to fish species and the water body. There are two free fishing weekends each year including the first Saturday and Sunday in June.

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## Why many people love living on a lake

There's nothing some people love more than a lake house. In fact, many think that everyone should be living on lake front property.

Not only is can it provide endless recreational opportunities, property value, and plenty of entertainment, but countless other positives.

Here are some of the top reasons why everyone should consider having a lake home, according to a blog posted by staff from the Weeders Digest – a company specializing in lakes and ponds.

There's something so peaceful about spending your free time sitting out on the dock.

In fact, living near the water has even been proven to make people healthier.

#### **ENTERTAINING**

When you live lakeside, everyone wants to spend time at your house. And most people love having a

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Not only can living on a lake provide endless recreational opportunities, property value, and plenty of entertainment, it can provide spectacular views of sunrises and sunsets.

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great place for family and friends to party.

#### FISHING

Let's just say your supply of fresh fish won't run short, and you don't even have to go to the store.

Additionally, being able to fish – whether from the shoreline, pier or your boat – opens up many possibilities to spend time with some of the younger – or older – people in your life.

#### **CHILDREN**

There's nothing kids love more than a lake in their backyard as it offers much to explore and an extra level of fun.

They can spend summer days swimming and playing, with the only difficult part often being for the parents in getting them out of the water.

#### PROPERTY VALUE

Resale value when you live on a lake

remains a huge positive if and when you decide to move.

Purchasing a lake home – and during the years spent enjoying it – will likely be well worth the investment for the amount of time your family and friends will spend on or next to the water.

Man's best friends usually love the water just as much as their people do.

Your dogs will be forever grateful when you give them a lake to play in. Watching them enjoy themselves will also bring an added level of enjoyment to the family.

#### **SUNRISES**

This is a given because the only thing that beats a stunning sunrise view from your own private beach, pier or yard...

#### **SUNSETS**

... is a sunset from that same spot.

Neither of them ever get old as Mother Nature can sure put on a show of spectacular colors reflected on the water.

#### **LIFELONG FRIENDS**

You'll very likely make amazing friends living on a lake - whether full-time neighbors or weekend visitors of a lake cottage.

From bonding over morning coffee, an evening cocktail or even a cookout to time spent on the water taking in some fun recreation - lake living provides some of the best bonding time.

#### COMMUNITY

The communities that form around lakes are also extremely unique and one of the positives those who live on lakes enjoy.

It's very likely that you and your neighbors will have a lot of shared interests, many that will no doubt revolve around the body of water in your backyards.

#### **PRIVACY**

You'll have more privacy at a lake home than some homes offer even with fences on all four sides.

And for those lake homes that have neighbors on either side, the opening to the water will still offer some much-needed breathing room.

#### **WILDLIFE**

The animals scurrying or flying around your yard when you live on a lake are sure to be fascinating.

Spending time observing the wildlife activity will be better than what can generally be found in the regular suburbs or even at a public beach because of the additional privacy offered.

The bottom line is living on a lake isn't for everyone but for those who do, there are many positives.

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## Area students honored by arts foundation

Several Walworth County high school students – including Hazel Bartlett of Whitewater – were honored for their outstanding works of art during an awards program April 10 as part of the annual Student Art Show presented by the Geneva Lake Arts Foundation at Gallery 223 in downtown Lake Geneva.

The \$750 Neal and Dotsy
Heffernan Memorial Award for
the best of show was presented to
Conner Reed of Elkhorn Area High
School for his drawing titled "My
Groove." The award was presented
by Jane Ipsen of the Lake Geneva
Rotary Club.

The \$500 Louis Mergener Memorial Award for outstanding work was presented to Elliot Vail of Big Foot High School in Walworth for his ceramic tea set. The award was given by Tracy Mergener in honor of her father Louis.

Alexia Anaya of Badger High School in Lake Geneva received the \$500 Martin Smith Memorial Award for the most creative work for her oil painting titled "Deception Then Deterioration."

The \$500 John Larson Memorial Award for the most innovative work was presented to Jaelyn Logterman of Delavan-Darien High School for her "Connection of Music" painting done with oil and gouache.

The foundation presented the \$500 Young Emerging Artist Award to Yaris Aranda of Elkhorn Area High School for her digital artwork titled "Portrait of God."

The foundation also honored five students with Awards of Recognition of \$100 each. They were presented to Isabel Halbesma, East Troy High School, for her oil painting "A Diabetic Reality" and Hazel Bartlett of Whitewater High School for her pen stipple work titled "My Dear Livvie."

The other three recognition awards were presented to Layla Vos, Badger High School, for her "Under the Sea" ceramic mugs; Rubi Soto, Catholic Central High School in Burlington, for her "All Nations Come Together" painting; and Kylee Amstute, Williams Bay High School, for her ceramic work titled "The House of Harmony."

The judges were Lisa Dukowitz of Burlington and Caroll Pearson of Lake Geneva. Both are former high school art teachers and awardwinning artists who are members of the foundation.

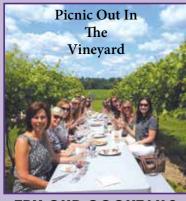


Hazel Bartlett of Whitewater High School received a \$100 Geneva Lake Arts Foundation Award of Recognition for her pen stipple work titled "My Dear Livvie."

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## A look at the history of Whitewater, Rice lakes

(This article was posted by Whitewater area waterfront realty specialist Robert Sivek on his website, lakehomeinfo.com.)

Located in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest in Walworth County, the Greater Whitewater Lake and Rice Lake area is known for its outstanding views, area lakes, and recreation opportunities.

Wisconsin is one of the best places in the world to see the impact of the Ice Age. The effects of the most recent period of the Ice Age are most visible in Wisconsin; therefore, the latest period of the Ice Age is known as the Wisconsin Glaciation.

Over 20,000 years ago, the Green Bay Lobe and the Lake Michigan Lobe met along a line extending from Walworth to Kewaunee County. The two massive lobes of glacial ice met and created a series of ridges that are 120 miles long (Kettle Moraine State Forest: A Geologic and Cultural History 2011). As the ice melted, kettles of all sizes where formed. These kettles, scattered throughout Wisconsin, gave rise to the name, the Kettle Moraine.

A smaller Whitewater Lake, an 80acre Bass Lake, a Round Lake, and a pre-glacial valley was formed. The area between Whitewater Lake and Bass Lake was primarily marshy land with beautiful, forested hills divided by a high ridge.

#### **HISTORY OF THE LAKES**

The following history of Whitewater and Rice Lake is based on the publication, "A History of Greater Whitewater & Rice Lakes" written by Sarah De Lazzer with historians Marian and Charles Cruse and designed by Lynne Palombi. The publication was originally published in 1997.

#### The first settlers

Native Americans were the first settlers in the area. By 1844, the first group of 37

Norwegian immigrants settled in the area on the wooded high grounds of Whitewater Lake. In the early 1840s, the first dam was built near the current Rice Lake area. The following decades brought more settlers to the area and the Town of Whitewater grew.

#### **Start of the Greater Whitewater Lake Vision**

In 1926, two local promoters of Whitewater developed a plan to construct a dam where Whitewater Creek flowed into Whitewater Lake. Their vision was to create a spectacular body of water and a potential resort area. To connect the three smaller lakes, the surveyor indicated that the water level of Whitewater and Round Lake needed to be raised nine feet, Bass Lake seven feet, with a dam at 12 feet.

The Whitewater Realty Company was formed and powered the project. The company agreed in advance to make payments to property owners for land that would be covered as the water rose. In time. the dam was built, and it was estimated it would take 13 months before the lake would reach the expected height of 12 feet.

However, the water rose quicker than anticipated as the nation entered the Great Depression. The Whitewater Realty Company was under-capitalized and had counted on land sales to pay off flooded land options. Unfortunately, when they could not make payments, landowners wanted their land back. These landowners got organized and forced legal action to remove the water from the land of those who filed suit.

#### The opening of the dam

The dam was opened in 1930's and the beautiful 721 acres of clear blue waters with 11 miles of shoreline returned to its swampy state. The dream of the Greater Whitewater Lake lived on in the memories of citizens

who were involved in the original project.

#### The revival of the vision

In 1945, Whitewater attorney Ralph V. Brown who attended the original festivities of the first closing of the dam revisited the dream of a Greater Whitewater Lake. He found that the law allowed county park commissioners to request and invest county funds to improve water ways. With the ability to request funds, coupled with the power to condemn lands, he had the legal action to bring the Greater Whitewater Lake vision back to life. The political process to close the dam once again began.

The majority of the landowners favored the closing of the dam. To provide additional incentive, the Park Commission members began considering the idea of creating a park. Ken Hackett, who owned the dam site, give the County Park Board the dam site and 13 acres of land for park purposes in April 1945.

The next step was for the Park Board to meet with the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission to determine whether the public safety and health of the community would be harmed by the closing of the dam. Ultimately, it was determined that the public safety and health of the community would not be impaired.

In 1946, the land around the lake was zoned residential. Many of the area property owners sold their land in the interest of creating a state park. During the planning, August Meyer sold 148 acres of farmland, including 600 feet of shoreline frontage, in the interest of creating a beach within the park. This additional land, along with the support of neighboring farmers, made it possible to create a second lake which is now known as Rice Lake.

#### The dam finally closes

In February 1947, the dam finally closes

after years of hard work. The Greater Whitewater Lake and surrounding state park would become a source of health, beauty, and recreation for countless individuals and families to enjoy.

#### **Beginning of Rice Lake**

The citizens push on to extend the Kettle Moraine State Forest with the creation of a second spring-fed lake on the other side of the dam. Additional acres of the Meyer farm were purchased and expanded the state park to 255 acres with 51,000 feet of shoreline. The State Park would include picnic areas, rest rooms, bathing facilities, etc.

#### **Residential development**

The Whitewater Lake Realty Company was formed in 1947 and became the first realtors to sell land in the Moraine Park subdivision. During the early years, as the lake rose, more subdivisions developed, and local businesses/organizations settled on the

#### **Property Owners Assoc.**

The Greater Whitewater Lakes Property Owners Association was formed September 2, 1948, to establish rules and regulations to keep the lake healthy. The association continues to represent the property owners of Whitewater and Rice Lake to "promote, protect, and preserve the environment and the quality of life which led to the initial investment of our resources in this area."

#### **Creation of Rice Lake**

With the land purchased, the next step was to acquire the right to flood the land to create Rice Lake. The eastern and northern side would be state owned, while the southern and western side of the lake

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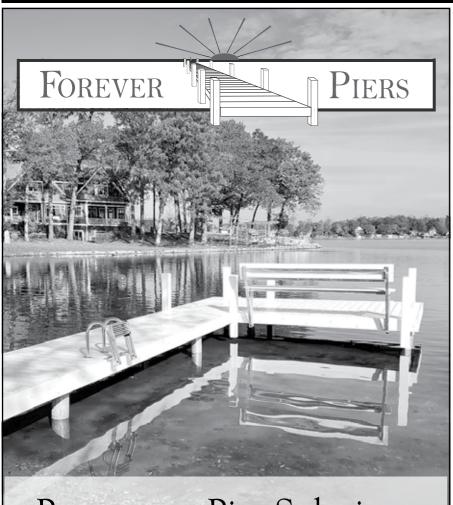


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would be privately owned and subdivided. Initial plans named this body of water State Park Lake until it was officially dedicated as Rice Lake in honor of Dr. Ora Rice in

#### The lakes today

Today, Whitewater Lake spans 705 acres and is the largest lake in the area with a depth of 40+ feet (Whitewater & Rice Lake Fun Facts & Figures). Whitewater Lake is a great place to fish for panfish, northern pike, largemouth bass, and walleye.

Rice Lake spans 167 acres with a depth of 11+ feet and is adjacent to Whitewater Lake (Whitewater & Rice Lake Fun Facts & Figures). Rice Lake is a great place to fish for panfish, northern pike, and largemouth bass.

The Kettle Moraine State Forest surrounding Whitewater Lake and Rice Lake continues to provide enjoyment and recreation for thousands of visitors each year. The Whitewater Lake Segment

features the Ice Age Trail, wooded moraines and kettles, and breathtaking views of the lakes.

The area is well known for its recreation including biking, hiking, camping, crosscounty skiing, water skiing, fishing, boating, and swimming. The State Park Round runs in-between the lakes and provides access to the Whitewater Lake Beach, Rice Lake Dry Prairie State Natural Area, various hiking trails, and picnic areas.

#### **Purchase the publication**

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## Spring concert

The first concert of the season at the Bassett House in April featured Rock River Wind Quintet with all proceeds going to the preservation of the Bassett House. The June concert in the series, at 1 p.m. on June 15, will feature Benjamin Whitcomb and Evan Lopez.

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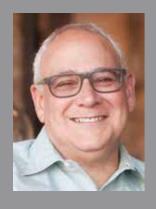
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