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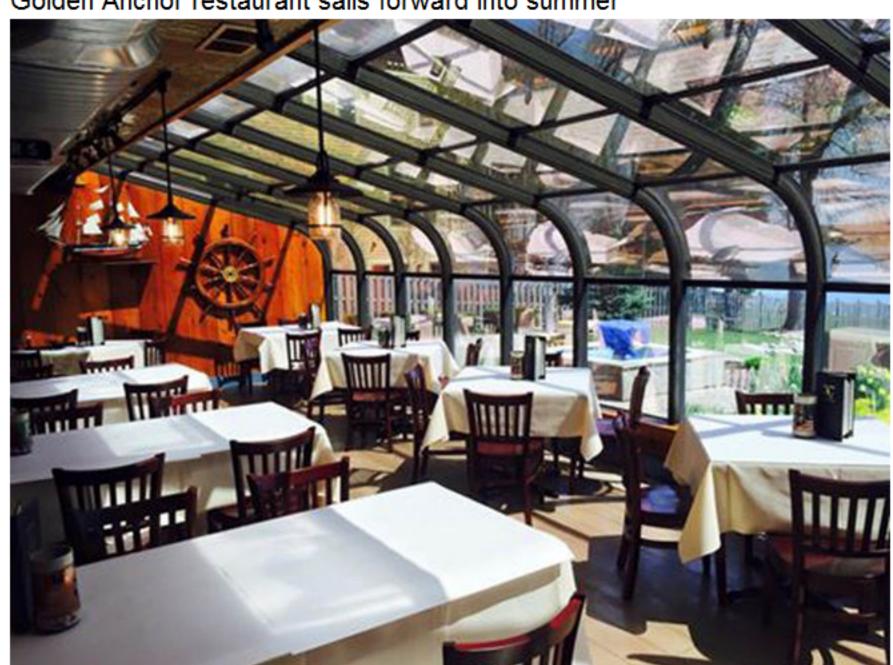


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Golden Anchor restaurant sails forward into summer

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The atrium area of the dining room is shown at the revived Golden Anchor, which opened a month ago. Dennis Stukel is the executive chef. Photo By Submitted By Sheila Nero June 18, 2015 PRINT (0) COMMENTS F Share < 114 in SHARE reddit this! When the revived Golden Anchor sponsored the Pewaukee Lake Water Ski Club's debut show on Memorial Day, and the ski show emcee thanked the restaurant, a ripple of questions moved through the audience on the beach: "Oh, is Golden

The restaurant on Pewaukee Lake's northwestern shore took a while to reach its own debut. It experienced a delay, for example, in getting its liquor license this spring.

Open since May 18, the former Dylon's Steakhouse offers a small boat dock that brings in customers who order takeout or stay to eat. A pelican statue at the front door sets the tone for the maritime atmosphere inside the restaurant that seats 60, with 20 more chairs at the bar. Decor includes nautical art and the golden anchor artifact from the original Golden Anchor restaurant of decades ago.

The menu

Anchor open? Have you been there? Did you like it?"

Executive Chef Dennis Stukel, a native of Pewaukee, leads the kitchen, with its Raw Bar featuring daily raw and baked oyster selections. Smoked tuna dip and a shrimp pot dinner join steakhouse cuts including a 6-ounce petite filet and a 16-oz. rib-eye. Sandwich options include a lobster roll, a crabcake sandwich, a 10-oz. Capt. Jack burger and a tenderloin steak sandwich.

Wisconsin touchstones include fried smelt and Ma Baensch's herring, along with a Friday fish fry menu of perch, walleye, fried cod and poor man's lobster.

The background

Chaz Hastings of the town of Erin in Washington County bought the property in March from John Werner of Oconomowoc. Hastings, who owns Milwaukee Harley-Davidson-Buell Motorcycle Sales, said, "After the initial difficulties we had in opening, I am happy to see how well-received The Golden Anchor has been by the community."

Hastings and his Golden Anchor business partner, Josh Neureuther, also are partners in Old Town Inn and Von Rothenburg Bier Stube in Germantown. Hastings owns Madam Belle's Silver Dollar Saloon in Richfield, Tally Ho Pub and Grill in Erin and Bottoms Up tavern locations in Butler and South Milwaukee, with a West Allis location opening in September.

The tables

A range of diners, from children to seniors, gathered during a recent weekend lunch. Most wore shorts; tan and navy blue were popular. Each day, 20 to 40 customers arrive by boat, Neureuther said.

Neureuther, who is a native of Stone Bank, said, "Growing up in the area, I remember all the lakeside restaurants that provided great food and service to people in shorts coming off boats or just having summer fun. The Golden Anchor was one of them. Our goal is to bring back the casual and fun environment and serve great food."

Party requests are handled depending on day of the week and group size. A children's menu, high chairs and crayons are available. While the patio has no food service, diners can take drinks outside to enjoy the view.

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Good to know

Golden Anchor

Website: goldenanchor-wi.com

Address: N26 W30227 Maple Ave., Pewaukee Phone: (262) 361-4235.

Fare: Daily seafood specials, steaks and sandwiches

Reservations: Recommended. Walk-ins also accepted. Prices:\$6.75 for soup, \$14.95 for a cod dinner and \$36.95 for a 16-oz rib-eye steak.

Hours: Kitchen open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday)

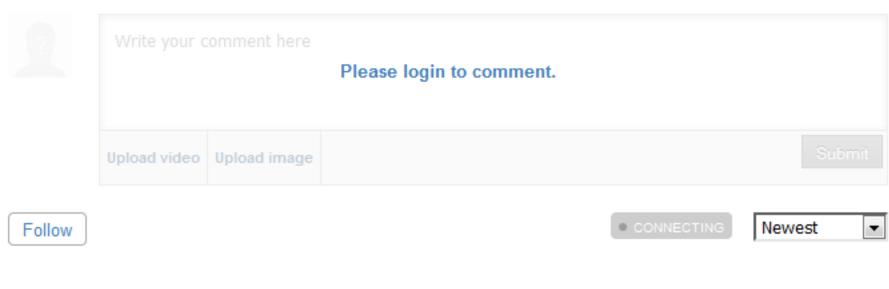
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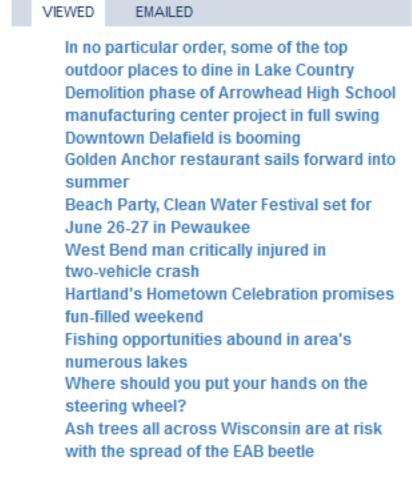
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2015 Lake Country Clean Water Festival: 5 p.m. June 26; 7 a.m. June 27, Pewaukee Lakefront Park, 222 W. Wisconsin Ave., Pewaukee. The festival features water quality education; clean-up volunteer opportunities; water-related recreational activities such as pontoon rides, a water ski show and a paddle sports demonstration; live music; children's activities and food.

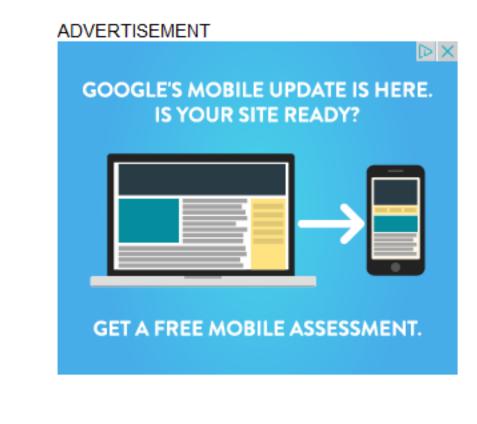
Kuhtz's Third Annual Blues Fest: 5 p.m. June 26; 12 p.m. June 27, Kuhtz' General Store, W335 N6939 Stone Bank Road, Oconomowoc. Two-day festival features eight bands 5 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday. Free.

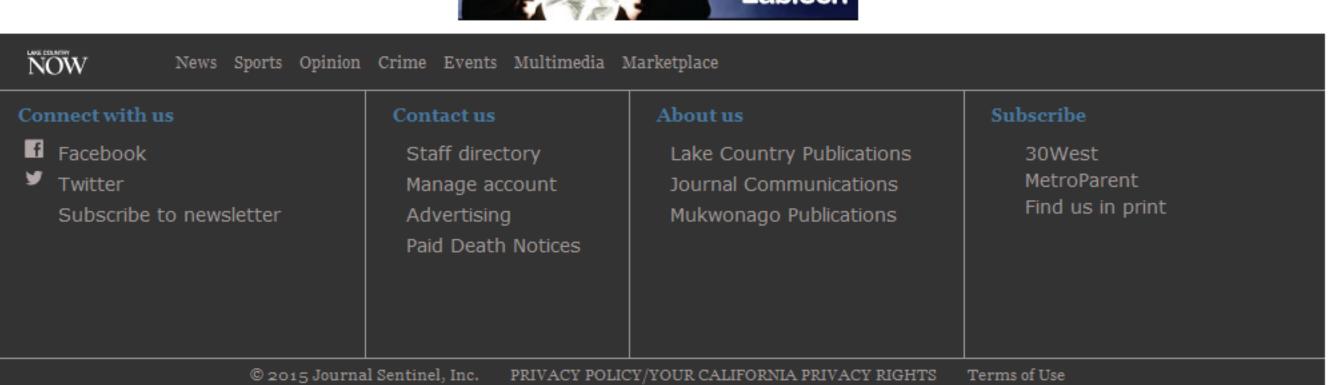
Kids from Wisconsin in Oconomowoc: 7:30 p.m. June 26, Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 East Forest St., Oconomowoc. The troupe consists of 20 singer/dancers and a 13-piece show band. (262) 560-2130. \$10-\$20. Tickets may be purchased online at www.theoac.net.

"Aladdin Jr.": 7:30 p.m. June 26; 4 p.m. June 27-28, Theatre on Main, W359 N5920 Brown St., Oconomowoc. Disney's musical adventure features an Academy Award-winning score. Call (262) 560-0564 for tickets; information at www.theatreonmain.org. \$18 adults, \$15 students and seniors.

Updates to this calendar are made weekly Monday afternoon.

All weekend happenings





Tuesday, June 23, 2015