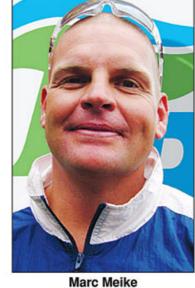
## 'Livin' the Dream'





## Stars of the Tommy Bartlett Show get their feet wet on Lauderdale Lakes

By Cynthia Walker CORRESPONDENT

Delivering the goods - distance jumping, fast-paced trick skiing, flips, pyramids, swivel ballet, wakeboarding, jet skiing, backward bare footing and high-powered boat maneuversare a few of the thrilling stunts Marc Meike and Kristin Armstrong are known to execute on the water.

These two world-class skiers and performers launched their careers in professional water skiing with the Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers, and have been "Livin' the Dream" ever since.

"Livin' the Dream" is the theme for this year's Tommy Bartlett Show in Wisconsin Dells, where Kristin and Marc

are currently performing. Kristin's spouse Jeremy is the show's director with Marc at his side assisting, in addition to taking the aqua stage, performing his favorite skiing

top-notch waterskiing," Jer-emy Armstrong said. "More than half of our skiers have performed in shows throughout the world and hold titles in distance jumping, trick skiing, swivel ballet and bare footing.

Holding a number of these titles are the two skiers from Elkhorn who first got their feet wet in and around Don Jean

Hitting the waves since the age of 7, Kristin, now 30, has won the national title for swivel skiing in 2008, and was also pegged as Wisconsin State Swivel champion in 2008 and Her peers in the Tommy

Bartlett Show voted her MVP Female in 2006 and 2007 and Hardest Working Female Skier in 2006, 2007 and 2009. In addition to skiing with the

Aqua Skiers, she has teamed up with the Minneiska Ski Team in Whitewater and Mad-City Ski Team in Madison.

> she and Jeremy are headed after their last performance in the The couple will remain in the Sunshine State until May 1, when they head back to the Dairyland to begin the 2012

Elkhornite Marc Meike performs with the Tommy Bartlett ski jumpers in Wisconsin Dells. Meike, a world-class water skier, first got his start performing with the

Lauderdale Lakes Aqua

the water his father would swim over and put him back on the skis, while mom Louise, and grandpa Frank manned the boat.

It was a family affair.

Marc's mom, who also water skied competitively, was instrumental in his success on the water as well.

She coached and encouraged Marc, now 39, until he was 16 and skilled enough to stack up to Aqua Skier status.

His brother Alan learned along side him, and today performs with his wife and kids for the Aqua Skiers.

"There was no sleeping

If you go ...

What: End-of-the-season performances

When: Daily, through Labor Day, rain or

Where: Lake Delton, Wisconsin Dells Cost: Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$10 for children ages 6-11; children 5 and younger attend free if they sit on an adult's lap. Each show is 90 minutes with a 15-minute

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of the Tommy Bartlett Show

shine, at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.

intermission.

His diligence paid off. In 1986 and 1987, he won the Wisconsin Backward Barefooting title and MVP at

Despite their national notoriety in the world of water sports, both Kristin and Marc

roots. During the off-season, Marc enjoys working at Kustom Parts & Service in Elkhorn where he gets to be close

to his family and friends. "I'm going to keep skiing as long as I can," Marc said, "but the break is good during

the winter." With the season wrapping up, the two hope to have a big crowd come out Labor

Day weekend to cheer them "Come and see the show and find out what 'Living the Dream' is all about-non-

## County-owned property now on sale

Shane Crawford, deputy county administrator of central services, announced Monday that county-owned properties are on sale through next

month. Sealed bids will be accepted by Walworth County Department of Public Works, Purchasing Division, W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121, until 1 p.m., Sept. 12. For a complete property listing

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stop action," Marc said.

Properties are located in the cities of Delavan, Elkhorn and Lake Geneva; towns of Bloomfield, Geneva, LaGrange, Linn, Richmond, Spring Prairie, Sugar Creek, Richmond, and Whitewater; and the village of Fontana.

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Kueht said as the new year, he looks forward to seeing more success.

"I think those positive results are going to grow and grow," he said, adding, "It's a Students will also acquire lot of work, but it's definitely worth the effort."

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