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Gordy Bubolz turned a love of wakeboarding into a premier wakeboarding camp

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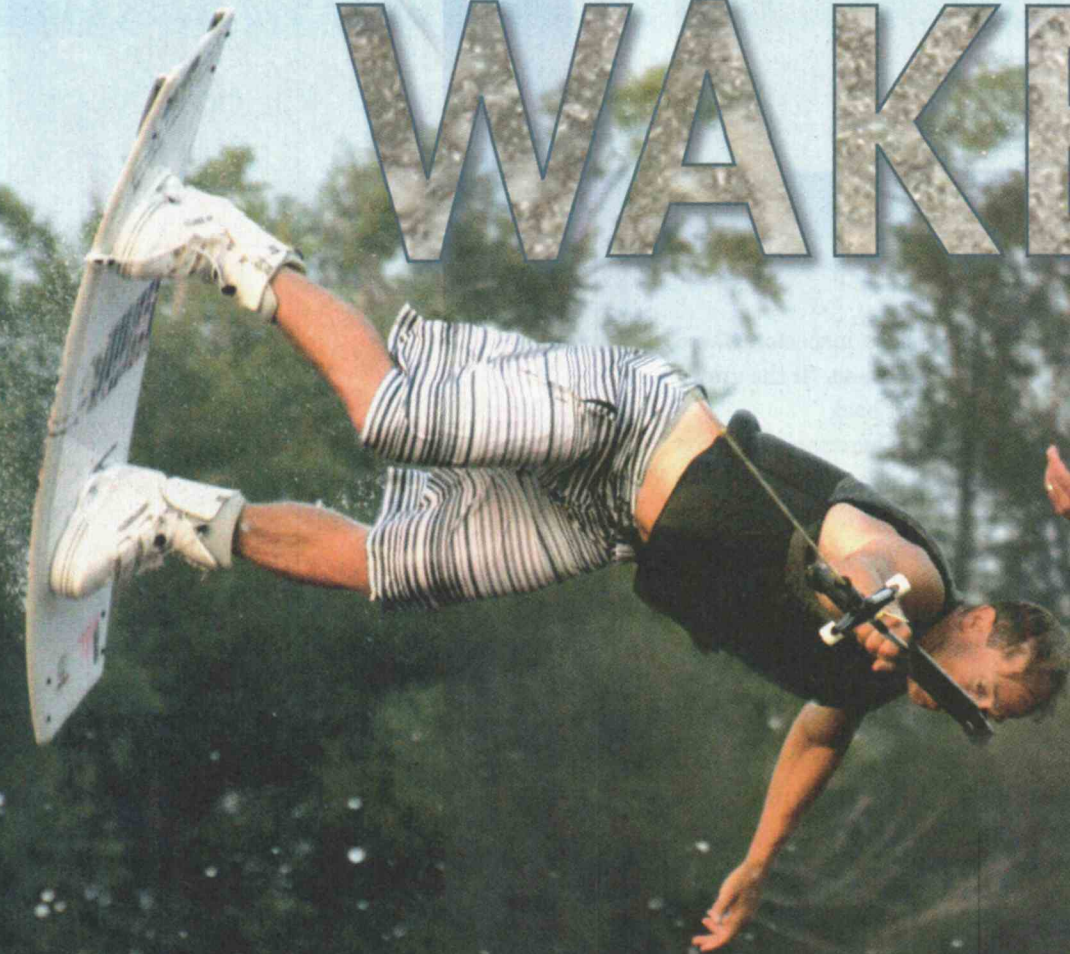
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Former national wakeboard champion Gordy Bubolz grew up in Appleton as a member of a water-loving family. That has blossomed into his ownership of a prestigious wakeboarding camp in Fremont that has been held each summer for the past 17 years.

Gordy's father, Gordon "Allen" Bubolz, helped found Wisconsin Water Ski Federation and is inducted into the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall

of Fame. All seven of his children participated in water skiing as they grew up, but Gordy took a different avenue.

"My dad got me up on skis for the first time when I was about 8, but I didn't really like it a whole lot," Bubolz says. "When I was about 11, my older brother knew I was kind of reluctant because I was a little bit scared of it. It was a hot day in July. Dad was in the boat, my older brother, Bill, was

holding me and telling me what to do. He said, 'If you let go of this rope, I'm going to kick your butt,' so I didn't let go of the rope! After I got going for about 200 yards, I thought, 'This is fun. I'm glad I did that.'"

For the rest of the summer, Gordy went out skiing every single day, and he developed a love for the sport. While attending water ski camps in Florida, he became hooked on the new sport of wakeboarding.