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from the publisher



Wisconsin is about to “pocket” another 900 million dollars in savings from operations. This is one of several savings logged in recent years as a result of higher income and frugal expenditure. In fact, most of the money gained or saved has not, or is not, being pocketed by the state but is being allocated to lowering our taxes.

So, it is with a certain smug bemusement that one might watch the many television ads currently being run and paid for by the unfortunate businesses and residents of that veritable tax-hell New York. It must be particularly galling for these overtaxed businesses, struggling to survive in a state run by politicians who profess to believe that taxes do not affect business decisions when the cost of the ads and the tax breaks they tout must be caused by dunning their hard work.

New York is promising 10 years of no taxes for startup and expanding businesses that locate in particular areas of that state.

Imagine being forced to fund the start up or expansion of a competitor after years of being overtaxed by a profligate state government.

The almost incredible irony of the recent pronouncement by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo detailing the many undesirables that, in his opinion, New York can do without defies credulity. On his list are some of the very sort of people who might take up an entrepreneurial challenge.

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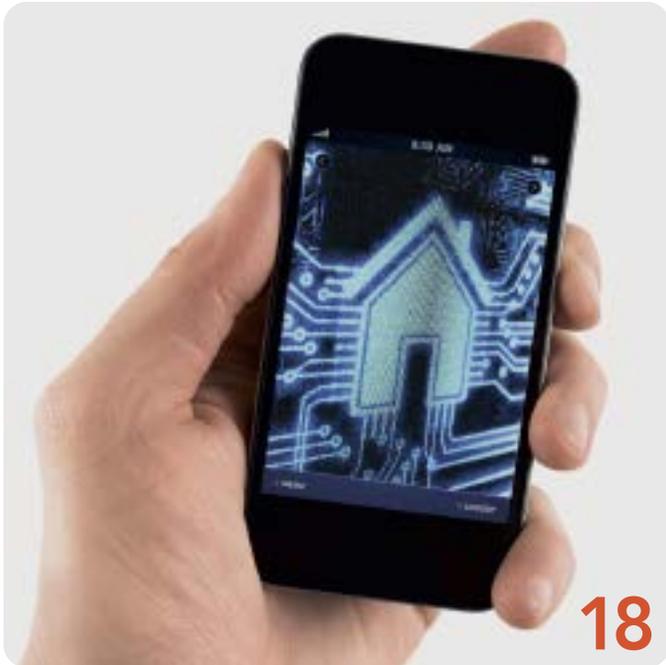


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Peaceful Woods, 32" h x 25" w

been featured in catalogues and books sent to galleries around the country.

Bishop says she has always loved art. She has experimented with water colors and for a while pursued oil painting on wood, though the smell of the paints eventually prompted her to look for alternative outlets.

What guided Bishop toward fiber art was the 1976 Bicentennial celebration and a revival of interest in quilting. Bishop didn't stay with quilting long, as she quickly became tired of following patterns. She connected with offshoot groups that challenged her as an artist and allowed her to try new things and new materials.

The inspiration for most of Bishop's work comes from the outdoors, and she takes a lot of photos that

provide the images for her creations. One of her favorites is "Walk of the Cranes," a piece she created featuring four sandhill cranes that won 1st place in the 2010 Secura Fine Arts Show and was juried into the IQA Fall Houston show that same year.

"Every year these cranes would visit our property up north," Bishop says. "I take a lot from nature."

Though she holds down a full time position, Bishop usually spends about 25 hours a week in her studio working on her art. She does commissioned works as well as creating from her own inspirations. A member of several fiber art and quilting groups, she teaches at a variety of workshops as well.

"I have a great time sharing my passion," she says.

Bishop's work will be appearing in several shows in 2014.

— By Sean P. Johnson

All Pat Bishop needs to create is a needle, thread and piece of fabric. Oh, and an image in her head.

From there, Bishop creates her art. Much of the time, it will be an outdoor scene, as she admits to loving all things nature. From a distance, the piece will resemble an impressionist painting - until you step closer and realize what looks like brush strokes are actually individual pieces of colored fabric meticulously sewn into place to create an image.

"I've been sewing since I was about 10 years old," says Bishop, who when not working on her art, works full time as the chief financial officer for Agape of Appleton. "I got into what I'm doing now probably about seven years ago and I love it. I get to do what I want to do."

And does it quite well. Bishop's work is a staple of state and regional art shows, garnering medals and ribbons with regularity. She has earned top honors in the annual Secura Fine Arts show two times and her work has



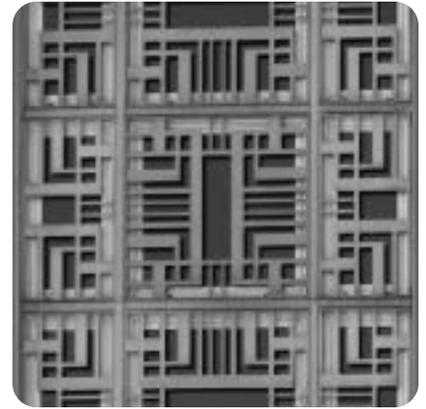
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Gardens residents enjoy dining at one of three campus restaurants. At left, residents give their dinner order while enjoying a glass of wine.

The Gardens at Felician Village – Celebrating Active Lifestyles

Voted #1 Senior Independent Living in Manitowoc County Four Years In a Row

It's no secret why The Gardens of Felician Village has been voted #1 Senior Independent Living in Manitowoc County four years in a row. The main reason is that The Gardens provides a compassionate community for the residents to celebrate active lifestyles and live life the way they enjoy it.

Socializing is very important in life and one of the most important aspects of living at The Gardens is offering different opportunities for the residents to get involved. Wii bowling has been one of the favorite activities of the residents since it debuted at The Gardens. Whether they play or watch, the residents are able to cheer each other on or just talk about how their day has been.

If Wii bowling isn't your idea of a good time, exercise activities are also offered to keep you limber and active. The Lounge is perfect for watching the big game on the large, wide screen TV, enjoying scheduled social events or trying out the beverage bar and dance floor for birthday and anniversary parties. Don't worry, if those activities don't interest you, there are always enough alternative activities to look forward to. From arts and crafts projects and Bingo to shopping trips and movie nights, not only is it the goal to make sure you enjoy living at The Gardens, but that you have fun, too.

Everyone builds up an appetite throughout the day. The Gardens offers a few different dining venues. The Village Café provides a great location for meals, baked goods, refreshments and conversation with friends. If you are looking for something more like a diner, the Bistro is just the place for you. The Bistro offers a full menu for casual meals and take-out. Last, but not least, is the Wisconsin Room. The place to be is the Wisconsin Room if you desire elegance, exceptional

service and quality entrees. The meals are always changing to give you a variety of foods to enjoy.

Whether you choose between an apartment or a garden home, you will feel safe and secure while living at The Gardens. Other than the entrances to the main lobby, all doors are locked from the outside to provide you with worry-free living.

The garden homes and apartments come equipped with a variety of amenities for your convenience and enjoyment. Picture this, you walk into your new home and it has an open floor plan. Walking through your kitchen, you notice beautiful oak cabinets with a full size stove, refrigerator, microwave and garbage disposal. As you continue to walk through, you notice the beautiful woodwork throughout as you approach the laundry room which is equipped with a washer and dryer. There is abundant closet space throughout the apartment. Each apartment has individually controlled heat and air conditioning.



Residents at The Gardens enjoy their spacious apartments and garden homes, each with a washer/dryer and plenty of storage space.

If you live on the first floor, there is a patio outside your double patio door. If you live on the second floor, the patio doors open onto a covered deck. Underground parking is available to keep your vehicle nice and warm during the cold winter months. Garden homes come with an attached garage. With those kinds of amenities, it's hard not to love living at The Gardens.

If you are looking for convenience, security and socialization, take a look for yourself. The garden homes and apartments both offer one, two and three bedroom options. If you would like to schedule a tour and get more information about living at The Gardens, please call Roselle Holschbach at (920) 684-7171, ext. 409. Make The Gardens your new home today.



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arts events

- 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28 | Improv Comedy**
F & Sa, 7:30 & 9:30pm. ComedyCity, De Pere. 983-0966.
- 3 | Human Trafficking Awareness Through the Arts**
Renaissance School for the Arts students will display & discuss their human trafficking art projects. 6:30-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 3, 10, 17, 24 | Folk Dancers of the Fox Valley**
Watch or participate in traditional folk dancing. 7:30pm. Memorial Building, Menasha. 734-4029.
- 6 | Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead**
This Tom Stoppard play centers on the misadventures & musings of 2 minor characters from William Shakespeare's Hamlet. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 6 | Cirque du Art**
The 4th unveiling of the Art Meets Heart Community Mosaic. 5-8pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.
- 7-8 | An Evening w/ Judy Collins.**
Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide w/ her unique blend of interpretative folk songs & contemporary themes. 8pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 8 | Great Music from Around the World**
Rossini, He, Bernstein, & de Falla perform "Barber of Seville Overture", "Butterfly Lovers Concerto", "On the Town" & "Three Corners Hat". 7:30-10pm. Weidner Center, Green Bay. 435-3465.
- 8 | Diamond Rio**
7:30-9:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.
- 8 | Michael Lee Ammons & the Water Street Hotshots**
The Water Street Hotshots perform vintage blues. 7pm. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

- 12-28 | Wicked**
Tu, 7:30pm; Sa, 2pm & 7:30pm; Su, 1pm & 6:30pm. Special Matinee Show, Feb 13, 2pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 13 | Rock of Ages**
In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker & they fell in love to songs of the 80s. 7:30pm. Weidner Center, Green Bay. 494-3401.
- 14 | Jim Cole Celebrates Valentine's Day**
Jim Cole's subtly textured songs & finger-style guitar playing evoke an outpouring of emotions as he touches hearts w/ his music. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 14 | Sunday Concert Series: Beef Tea.**
Bluegrass, indie rock, Irish Celtic, Americana & folk. 2-3pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 14 | Kohler Memorial Theatre Distinguished Guest Series: Five Guys Names Moe**
Tony Award-Nominated Broadway show & the musical stylings of Louis Jordan. Kohler Memorial Theatre. 8pm. 458-1972.
- 15 | Chris Botti**
7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.
- 15 | Beef Tea**
Beef Tea hails from Sheboygan County, Wisconsin w/ a fresh mix of Bluegrass, Americana, indie & contemporary styles. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 15 | Willy Porter**
Porter is a master at free-form jam playing. 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.
- 15 | Bill Staines**
For almost 40 years, Staines has traveled back & forth across North America, singing his songs & delighting audiences. 7:30-10pm. Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. 982-2890.
- 16 | Door County Opry**
The Door County Cowboy Church presents country music in the tradition of an Opry. 2pm. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.
- 18 | TAIKOPROJECT All-Stars, Japanese Drumming & Music**
America's premier taiko company blends sounds of the bamboo flute, arimba & Japanese harp w/ a heart-pounding display of percussion. 6:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.
- 20 | Aaron Neville.**
Aaron Neville has spent five decades capturing New Orleans' spirit of undying hope in music, both as a part of the Neville Brothers & on his own in an esteemed solo career. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.
- 20 | Tom Guillon & Friends**
Jazz @ the Trout Season III presents Tom Guillon & Friends. Advance tickets recommended. 7:30-9pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 22 | Words on Fire**
Musicians pair w/ poets to create a real coffeehouse atmosphere. 7pm. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.
- 22 | Harry Manx**
Harry Manx blends blues, folk music & Hindustani classical music. 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.
- 22-24 | Mid-Winter Art Exhibit & Bottomless Soup Bowl Feed**
View student, professional & non-professional art while enjoying delicious soup served in unique handmade bowls available for purchase. 11:30am-4:30pm. New London High School, New London. 932-7624.
- 27-28 | Tarzan**
Th & F, 7pm; Sa, 2pm & 7pm; Su, 2 pm. Perry Hall, Menasha. 832-2646.
- 27-28 | Rooms & Blooms**
The mansion bursts w/ floral arrangements & creations for the 5th annual floral show. Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.
- 28 | The Vagina Monologues**
V-Day Door County presents the award-winning play on women's sexuality & strength. 7pm. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

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- Allen Priebe Gallery, UW Oshkosh. 424-0147**
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Feb 7-26. Artist Reception: Feb 13, 6:30pm.
- Annex Gallery, UW-Oshkosh. 424-0147**
Laura Davis: Fist Rings & other Interior Designs
Feb 7-26. Artist Reception: Feb 13, 6:30pm.
- Divine Comedy**
Feb 28-Mar 26. 100 prints commissioned in honor of Dali's Dante's Inferno prints.
- Appleton Public Library. 832-6173**
Gary Hanks
thru Feb 28. Landscapes & Seascapes, graphite drawings. Lower level.
- ARTgarage. 448-6800.**
Amy Eliason
Feb 1-28
- The Aylward Gallery, UWFox, Menasha. 832-2626**
Meredith Setser
thru Feb 7. Artist reception & gallery talk, Jan 16, 5pm.
- Charlotte Darling: Celebrating 55 Years in Stone**
Feb 17-Mar 14. UWFox Scholar Series Lecture, Feb 17, Noon. Closing reception, Mar 14, 5 pm.
- Baer Gallery at Bush Art Center, St. Norbert College, De Pere. 337-3181**
Howard Pyle in Wisconsin
thru Feb 7. Traces the history of paintings by the author & illustrator, who arrived in Green Bay in 1904. Public reception, Dec. 5, 5pm.
- Katie Ries: This Land is Your Land**
Feb 17-Mar 14. Urban Land Scouts introduces the basics of ecoliteracy & land stewardship using the structure & ephemera of traditional scouting. Public reception, Feb 20, 5pm.



'Rock of Ages' rocks the Weidner Center stage

Before it was adapted into a film starring Tom Cruise, "Rock of Ages" was a Broadway show that brought the music of the '80s to stages across America. This show will be visiting the Weidner Center in Green Bay on Feb. 13.

"The most appealing aspect for 'Rock of Ages' is the combination of the music and the love story," says Diane Nagy, director of marketing for the Weidner Center. "It has been a worldwide phenomenon and with the 2012 'Rock of Ages' movie it has drawn in a whole new audience."

The show features hits such as "Don't Stop Believin'," "The Final Countdown," "Wanted Dead or Alive" and "I Can't Fight This Feeling."

Because of the great array of '80s music, the show attracts a different audience than most musicals. Nagy says.

"Some fans may have never seen a live musical. They may have been lovers of this genre of music for years, and this production of 'Rock of Ages' takes that music to a whole new experience for '80s classic music lovers."

Thanks to the movie version, the show may be more popular than ever.

"Those who have experienced 'Rock of Ages' through the movie for the first time can't help but want more of the show. The experience of live theatre is truly unique," Nagy says.

Since the show's 2005 premiere, it has kept audiences coming back to see additional performances. "'Rock of Ages,' with its contagious music is a feel-good love story told through the hit songs of one of the greatest decades—the '80s," she says.

— Nicole Dunbar



No Place Like Home

Soulful sounds from saxophones, trumpets and piano will again fill the gallery of The Trout Museum of Art now that Jazz@The Trout has made its way home.

With strict requirements regarding exposure to food and beverage, the recently concluded Katharine Hepburn Exhibit forced the concert series from its regular home for the first two performances. Instead, crowds gathered at McKnight & Carlson during the run of the Hepburn exhibit.

Now, performers will again use the unique gallery space to give the Trout that hip, jazz club feel—at least for a few hours.

“The environment of each show is like going to a Jazz Club,” says Pamela Williams-Lime, executive director of the Trout Museum. “Audience members can have a glass of wine and enjoy the performances.”

The temporary change of venue did not seem to hamper the crowds who attend the jazz series, now in its fourth season. Both shows at McKnight & Carlson reached their maximum capacity, and the remaining shows are expected to do the same.

The four remaining performances of this season include Tom Gullion & Friends, Bobby Shew, Mike Kubicki and Nancy King & Steve Christofferson, each promising to be musically enticing.

Performances are at 7:30pm every third Thursday of the month, from January to May. For information, visit troutmuseum.org/jazz.

— Ashley Ivanssek

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658

Creativity in Our Midst

thru Feb 16. An exhibition of glass artists of the NEW North.

Frank Juarez Gallery, Sheboygan. 559-7181

Theory of Forms

thru Feb 8. Stefani Quam explores the concept of time through repeating shape & pattern intuitively & spontaneously in her work.

Variables

Feb 15–Mar 22. LJ Douglas & Gary Justis work in a process of free association using intuitive lights, mechanical hints from the materials they use & other nonlinear methods to create. The key to their work process is to remain open to change & variation, hence the title of the show.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144

AAIEEEE!

thru Feb 23. Presents works by both emerging & established comic book artists.

Joseph Yoakum: Unfolding Landscapes

thru Feb 23. An exhibition of more than 30 drawings by Yoakum, pays tribute to Yoshida referring to the act of drawing a scene as a “spiritual unfoldment.” He found that the locations pictured revealed themselves only after the drawing was completed.

John Shimon & Julie Lindemann: The Wisconsin Project

thru Feb 23. A 1949 Wisconsin Nash (a car built in the state), miniature wigwags, & vintage postcards are just some of the objects the artists will include in their expression of Wisconsin as “place.”

Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 746-0707

Show & Tell

Feb 2–Apr 16. Art collectors share favorites. Reception, Feb 2, 5–6:30pm.

Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460

Out of the Shadows-Fuera de las Sombras

thru Feb 9. Out of the Shadows is the latest installment of Community Square in MuseumPLACE: A Celebration of Community. The exhibit’s mission is to show not only the diversity of the Hispanic Community, but also its long history.

Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5799

In Company W/ Angels: Seven Rediscovered Tiffany Windows.

Feb 8–May 11. Created by Tiffany Studios in New York City & named for the angels of the Bible’s Book of Revelation, the windows were crated & stored in various garages & sheds until their rediscovery in 2001.

Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409

Of the Earth

thru Mar 28. Lisa Lehmann w/ select WI Photographers

community & cultural events

2, 9, 16, 23 | Guided Snowshoe Hikes

Take a naturalist-guided snowshoe hike & learn how some plants & animals handle winter. Hikes last 1–2 hrs depending on weather. 1pm. Ledgeview Nature Center, Chilton. 849-7094.

5 | Soup & Ski

Explore the Sanctuary’s trails on cross-country skis w/ one of our naturalists then head to the Nature Center for a warm bowl of soup for lunch. 12–1pm. Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. 391-3671.

8 | Winter Family Festival

Enjoy Olympic-themed games, crafts & activities with your family. Snowy Plains Kennel will share children’s stories, dogsled demonstrations & a meet & greet with their sled dogs. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.



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Divine Look of Dali

The Devil should always look so good.

You can get a first hand view of the imagery of Hell, Purgatory and the glory of Heaven through the eyes of two masters perhaps most responsible for our impressions of them—Salvador Dali & Dante Alighieri—when the Annex Gallery at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh opens Salvador Dali: The Divine Comedy.

The Divine Comedy, Dante's epic poem recounting his imagined journey through Hell, Purgatory & Heaven during Easter of 1300, is considered the preeminent work of Italian literature and among the greatest works of world literature. It presents an image of the afterlife and an allegory for a theological journey towards God.

In the 1950s, the Italian government commissioned Dali to create a series of illustrations for a deluxe edition of The Divine Comedy to honor the 700th anniversary of Dante's birth. Between 1951 and 1960 Dali created a series of 101 watercolors for that book. Wood engravers carved 3500 blocks to reproduce Dali's masterpiece in 100 woodblock prints, though the artist's deal with the Italian government would fall apart.

Limited copies were later published in France. The blocks were then destroyed.

Works representing the full set of woodblock prints will be presented in the exhibition, which is on loan from the Ewing Gallery at the University of Tennessee.

The exhibit opens February 28 and runs through March 26 in the Annex gallery space.

— Rachel Martens



- 8 | **Poetry @ the Library**
Kick-off Marathon for teens & adults. Come read your own poetry or share a favorite poem. 1-4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 8 | **Light up the Fox Illuminated Skate Show**
Fox Valley Figure Skating Club performance. Thomas Edison's birthday celebration in the pavilion; learn about his inventions & life. 6:30-7:30pm. Jones Park, Appleton. 850-9357.
- 8 | **EAA Skiplane Fly-In**
In past years, more than 30 skiplanes have landed at Pioneer Airport to participate in the event. In case weather conditions do not permit aircraft arrivals, several activities will continue as planned, including complimentary chili & birthday cake for EAA's matriarch Audrey Poberezny. 10am-1:30pm. EAA AirVenture Museum's Pioneer Airport, Oshkosh. 426-6599
- 11 | **Soup & Ski** ☎
Explore the Sanctuary's trails w/ 1 of our naturalists then head to the Nature Center for soup. 12-1pm. Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. 391-3671.
- 13-16 | **Boat Show & Waterfront Lifestyle Expo**
Th, 4-8pm; F, 2-8pm; Sa, 10am-8pm; Su, 10am-4pm. Brown County Arena & Shopko Hall, Green Bay. 494-3401.
- 14 | **Snow Moon Snowshoe Night Hike**
Learn about the Snow Moon while hiking. 6pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 758-6999.
- 14 | **Soup with Substance Series**
Hike, snowshoe or blaze your own skiing trail at the Garden. Then come indoors to enjoy homemade soup, bread & dessert. A short garden topic will be featured & the evening will end with live music. 5:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.
- 14 | **The Great Backyard Bird Count**
The Sanctuary will be holding a bird-counting event from the Sanctuary's bird feeders located inside the Nature Center. 9:30am. Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. 391-3671.
- 14 | **Death by Chocolate**
Downtown Appleton becomes a dessert-lovers' paradise as local restaurants feature their treats. 4:30-8:30pm. Downtown Appleton. 954-9112.
- 15 | **Snowsakes & Snowshoes—Open House**
Enjoy games, arts & crafts, skiing & winter geocaching. 9am-1pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 715-758-6999.
- 15 | **CELEBRATE commUNITY**
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18 | **Family Game Night**

Drop in at any time & pick the board game of your choice to enjoy w/ your family. 3:30-7pm. New London Public Library. 982-8519.

20 | **Pursapalooza**

Annual event featuring the talent of local artists & celebrities. Includes a live & silent auction-unusual, eclectic & handmade purses, jewelry & wearable art, fashion show, live jazz music & food. 5:30pm. Marian University, Fond du Lac. 926-1414.

20 | **Cross Country Skiing**

The Sanctuary has groomed ski trails that are great for beginner & advanced cross country skiers. 6-7pm. Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. 391-3671.

21-22 | **Candlelight Snowshoe Hike**

Snowshoe or ski the one mile loop from the nature center across the boardwalk & back by the light of the stars, moon & candlelight. 5-7pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 758-6999.

22 | **New London Chamber of Commerce Beer Tasting**

Vendors bring in beer, wine & flavored soda for sampling. Following the beer tasting there will be live music. 6pm. Crystal Falls Banquet Facility, New London. 982-5822.

22-24 | **Mid-Winter Art Exhibit & Bottomless Soup Bowl Feed**

View student, professional & non-professional art while enjoying delicious soup served in unique hand made bowls that are available for purchase. 11:30am-4:30pm. New London High School, New London. 982-7624.

28 | **Soup with Substance Series**

Hike, snowshoe or blaze your own skiing trail at the Garden. Then come indoors to enjoy homemade soup, bread & dessert. A short garden topic will be featured & the evening will end with live music. 5:30-8pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

lectures, readings, discussions & presentations

3 | **On the Road w/ Master Gardeners**

Tour w/ Don Brill as he takes you to the gardens of SW England, where English gardeners go in May to explore & see plants they can't grow. 6:30-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

5 | **Downtown Book Club @ Harmony Cafe**

Free-for-all. Choose a book about a presidential wife (fiction or non-fiction). 12-1pm. Harmony Cafe, Appleton. 832-6173.

5 | **Understand Breast Cancer Through the Lens of History**

Clifford S. Pukel, M.D.'s presentation analyzes breast cancer, its natural history, diagnosis & treatment. He explores modern-day treatments such as surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy & immunotherapy. 6:30-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

6 | **Mark Holey**

Mark Holey of the US Fish & Wildlife Service discusses fish preservation in the Great Lakes. 7pm. Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-5958.

6 | **The Young & the Restless: Emerging Thoughts of a New Generation of Glass Artists**

University of Wisconsin Glass faculty discuss their work in glass & trends they see in the work of their students. 6:30-8pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. 751-4658.

10 | **Suburban Homesteading: Emerald Ash Borer is Here, Now What?**

Kimberly Miller, horticulture educator for the Winnebago County UW-Extension & assistant urban forestry coordinator for the WDNR, will discuss the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer in the state & Winnebago County & why we should care about this invasive species. 6:30-8pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

15 | **St. Norbert Distinguished Lecture Series**

Dr. Dierdre Egan-Ryan discusses how the American appetite for travel is embedded in culture. 9-11am. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

20 | **Family History Research-Neenah Historical Society**

UW-Oshkosh Archivist Joshua Ranger provides information on doing family history research using resources in the Fox Valley & beyond. 7-8:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

24 | **Suburban Homesteading: Raising Chickens**

John Holzwart of Moonwise Herbs will discuss the methods of raising chickens in your urban backyard. 6:30-8pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

25 | **St. Norbert Distinguished Lecture Series**

Dr. Jamie O'Brien discusses national culture's influence on management. 9-11am. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.



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Defying Gravity: Wicked Back by Popular Demand

The witches of Oz return to Northeast Wisconsin this month when "Wicked" flies back to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center as it celebrates 10 years of Broadway success.

"The story of 'Wicked' spans generations because of its compelling message of acceptance and friendship" says Tara Brzozowski, director of marketing and public relations for the Fox Cities PAC. "The show recently celebrated its 10th anniversary on Broadway and captivates audiences with its stunning costumes, magical set pieces and memorable music."

"Wicked" is the untold story of the witches of Oz: the green-skinned Elphaba and the beautiful, blond Galinda. The production, filled with music & lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, follows these girls as they form an unlikely friendship & embark on a journey to the Emerald City, where they ultimately become the Wicked Witch of the West & Glinda the Good.

What makes "Wicked" so popular is the combination of powerful music, a connection to the cultural icon "The Wizard of Oz," and moving characters. As a returning production, "Wicked" appeals to audiences who couldn't make the 2011 show, as well as longtime fans eager to relive the experience & see a new cast in their favorite roles.

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- 25 | **St. Norbert Distinguished Lecture Series**
Rebecca McKean discusses marine fossils found in Utah & the ocean that was once there. 9-11am. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

films

- 21 | **Movies @ the Door: Letters to Jackie**
Remembering President Kennedy is a TLC original film based on Ellen Fitzpatrick's book, "Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation". One of the letters featured was written by Door County resident Gretchen (Lundstrom) Farwell. 7pm. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.
- 21-23 | **Green Bay Film Festival**
Now in its 3rd year, this festival presents a variety of experiences in one location. Showing many genres of films, this festival also includes talk backs, seminars, awards, parties, introductions to Wisconsin tax incentives all in typical Midwest fashion. Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay.

classes & workshops

- 1 | **Master Gardener Conference** ☎
Learn about plants, pollinators & pests at the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association's annual Winter Escape/Summer Dreams conference. 8am-3pm. Reeve Memorial Union, Oshkosh. 231-5745.
- 4 | **Creative Journey**
Media Stars highlights of the APL media collection by Diana Sandberg, APL audiovisual librarian. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 11 | **Creative Journey** ☎
Basic Cake Decorating w/ Jenny Fuerstenau. Participants will design/decorate their own 6-inch iced/filled cake. Please register for this session on the Appleton Public Library website at apl.org. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 12 | **Computer Basics, Parts 1 & 2** ☎
10:30am-12pm; 2-3:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.
- 13 | **Internet, Pts 1 & 2** ☎
10:30am-12pm & 2-3:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.

- 15 | **Snakes of the World** 🐍 ☎
Join local snake specialist Steve Keller on a hands-on journey learning about snakes of the world. 1-2pm. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.
- 18 | **Creative Journey**
Game Day, including Two Truths, One Lie. Bring your Artist Trading Cards for trading. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 19 | **Email, Parts 1 & 2** ☎
10:30am-12pm & 2-3:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.
- 20 | **Excel, Parts 1 & 2** ☎
10:30am-12pm & 2-3:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.
- 25 | **Creative Journey**
Explore your creativity! Show & share a personal collection. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 26 | **MS Word, Parts 1 & 2** ☎
10:30am-12pm & 2-3:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.
- 27 | **Social Networking** ☎
10:30am-12pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.
- 27 | **Intro to Facebook** ☎
2-3:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 867-3690.

children's events & classes

- 1 | **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**
Stuffed animal sleepover. 1pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 1 | **Mixed Media Daisy** ☎
Guest artist Christine Herman will teach mixed media art. Students will create an inspirational daisy on a 6"x12" block of wood. 9am-12pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 758-6999.
- 1 | **Take Your Child to the Library Day**
Stop in to check out materials, get a library card for you & your child, enter to win a door prize & enjoy special activities. 10am-2pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.
- 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 | **Family Storytime**
M, 10-10:30am or 6:30-7pm;
Tu, 10-10:30am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3664.

- 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 | Toddler Time**
Storytime for children 12–23 mos. 10:30am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 4–7, 11–14, 18–21, 25–28 | Story Time**
Preschool children. Tu, 6:15–7pm; W, 9:30–10:30am; Th, 10–10:45 & F, 10:30–11:15am. New London Public Library. 982-8519.
- 4, 11, 18, 25 | Evening Family Storytime**
2–6 y.o. storytime. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 4, 11, 18, 25 | Our Time**
3–5 y.o. storytime. 10:00am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 | Story Babes**
Interactive stories, songs, & activities. For children birth–2 w/ adult. W, 11–11:30am. New London Public Library. 982-8519.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 | Baby Time**
Storytime for children 0–11 mos. 9:15am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 | Family Story Time**
Perfect for preschoolers & their parents/caregivers. 10:15–10:45am. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.
- 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 | Lapsit**
Storytime for 2 y.o. & young 3s. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 | Toddle Time**
Storytime for children 12–23 mos. 9:15am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 | Family Story Time**
Super stories await you. Perfect for preschoolers & their parents/caregivers. 10:15–10:45am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 | Tween Scene**
Kids in grades 4–8 are invited to enjoy some after school fun at the library w/ cool projects & activities. 3:30–4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.
- 6, 20 | Book Groups—Page Turners**
8–11 year old book group. 3:45pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 6 | Book Group—Girlfriends Read**
8 y.o. & up. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 8 | Pooches & Pages**
Kids in grades 1–5 are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to a canine friend. 10–11am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

- 8 | Make & Take Valentines**
Make & take valentines. 1pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 8 | Art Activity Day: Make a glass valentine or letter**
Make a glass valentine or letter for someone you care about. Using glass paints write a message w/ glass on glass! Stencils & stamps can be used to brighten up your valentine. 10am–1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass. 751-4658.
- 13 | Lego Mania** 📞
Come build w/ us! Each month we have a new theme to inspire you. We provide the Legos. 3:45–4:30pm. New London Public Library. 982-8519.
- 15 | Pooches & Pages** 📞
Kids in grades 1–5 are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to a canine friend. 10am–12pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.
- 20 | Movie Morning for Tots**
Bring your pillows, blankets & stuffed animals for a short (30–45 minutes) movie & craft perfect for kids 2–5y.o. 10–10:45am. New London Public Library. 982-8519.
- 21 | Turtle Tots Preschool Adventure—Winter Wonderland** 📞
Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow! Let us take a closer look at snowflakes & icicles. 9:30–11am. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.
- 22 | Despicable Me**
Early dismissal movie. 1pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.
- 24 | Craft Night w/ The Learning Shop**
Enjoy a night of art as our friends from The Learning Shop supply you w/ materials to make your own crafty masterpiece. 6:30–7:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

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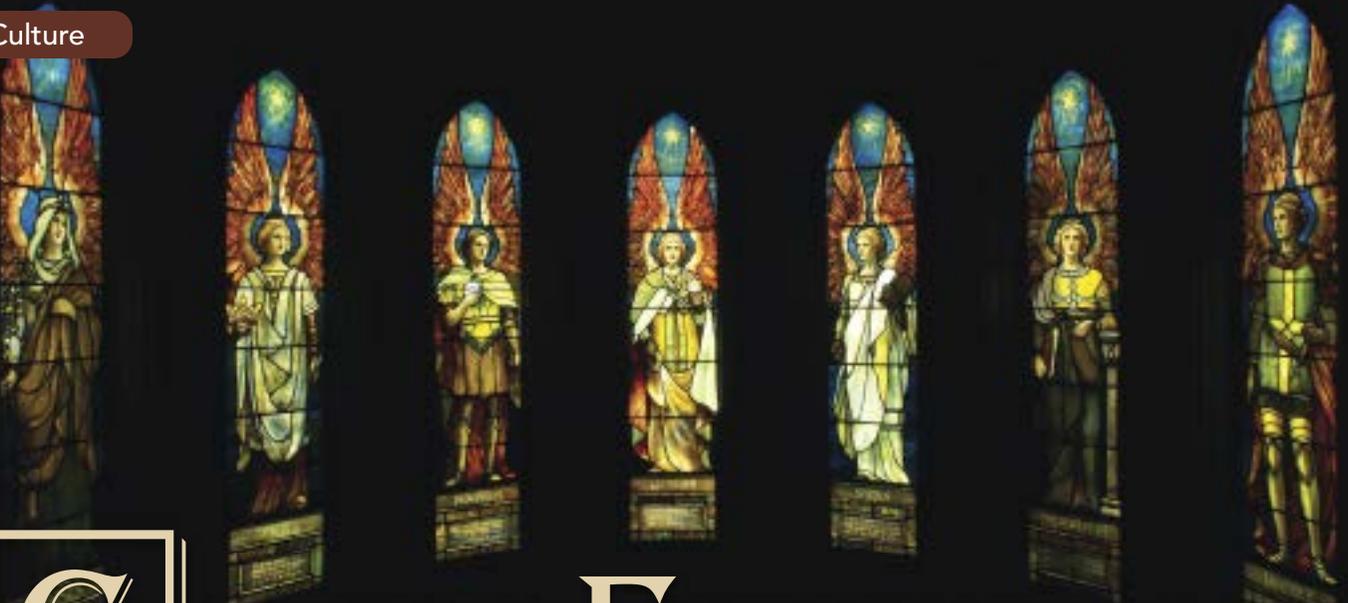


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GREAT EXHIBITIONS

By Sean P. Johnson

There has always been more to Katharine Hepburn's mystique than meets the eye.

As visitors to Appleton's Trout Museum of Art cast glances on "Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Success" during its final days, they saw the glamorous gowns and costumes, trademark khaki pants and historic memorabilia that comprised the exhibit.

What they didn't see was the nearly two-year effort it took to bring the exhibit to Appleton.

"Most museums are planning two to three years out depending on what they want," says Pamela Williams-Lime, executive director of the Trout. "We knew Kent State had the collection and we knew a lot of people did not really know about it yet."

Williams-Lime was able to use that knowledge to secure the exhibit for the Trout, then use it to create a new experience for both the museum and Northeast Wisconsin.

First, it was an exhibit many would not

readily associate with smaller regional venues, so securing it represented a coup of sorts for the Trout. Second, there was a lot more to the exhibit than what was on display at the museum. A fashion show and several other events in the community were staged to support it.

"We want to put together more exhibits like this one going forward," Williams-Lime says.

That sets a high bar. The region, though, seems up to it.

Hepburn was a prelude to a series of high-profile exhibits that will visit Northeast Wisconsin in 2014. Indeed, this trend may have started with the display of Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion at the History Museum at the Castle, and area museums have upped the ante with recent and upcoming shows that include:

- Chihuly Venetians. The Paine Art Center & Gardens in 2013 hosted an exhibit of Dale

Chihuly glass works including 47 vessels, 12 drawings and 1 "chandelier" in the Venetian style from the George R. Stroemple Collection. Chihuly is widely regarded as the most innovative glass artist working today.

- Matisse as Printmaker. The Paine will open an exhibit in June that includes prints made by French artist Henri Matisse owned by the artist's son. The exhibit opens in June.
- In Company With Angels: Seven Rediscovered Tiffany Windows. Created by Tiffany Studios at the beginning of the 20th century, the windows were installed in the Swedenborgian Church of the New Jerusalem in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they remained until 1964 when the church was demolished. Saved from destruction, the windows spent decades packed in crates, nearly forgotten, until their rediscovery in 2001. The exhibit opens Feb. 8.



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- **Divine Comedy.** The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will open an exhibit in February featuring prints commissioned to honor the prints Spanish Salvador Dali, who created his images for a commemorative edition of Dante Alighieri's trilogy. The exhibit opens Feb. 28.
- **Hap Tivey: Sodium Exchange.** This exhibit featured a gallery created by Tivey, considered a pioneer of the light and space movement.

These exhibits would easily be at home in larger, metropolitan institutions in places such as Chicago, St. Louis or New York. However, the dedicated research, vigilance and creativity of museum directors from Northeast Wisconsin have brought them to our region.

It's a trend Kevin Miller, executive director of Fond du Lac's Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts looks to continue.

"I think this can be a big part of getting people to rethink our area," Miller says. "Having these exhibits can help us sell how important it is for these things to come to middle America."

THELMA relaunched itself with style in 2013, opening its renovated space in downtown Fond du Lac with the exhibit by Tivey, whose creations are featured in the both the Guggenheim and Museum of Modern Art in New York.

How did THELMA secure such an exhibit? It was a personal connection that enabled Miller to bring the avant garde artist to downtown Fond du Lac. A local artist who also has studio space in Brooklyn is connected to Tivey and helped make introductions.

The show also fit nicely into THELMA's niche of contemporary art, a niche that also helped it secure the current exhibition from Maia Flore, a French artist whose work has been shown all over Europe. Elevated/Elevee runs until March 30.

"Only someone who is really nice would fly directly from Paris to Fond du Lac in January," Miller says. "Sometimes I feel like we are winning the lottery with these folks."

While personal connections can certainly help, the ability to be creative and not take no for

an answer also plays a big role in a regional museum landing a major exhibit, says Laura Fiser, curator of collections and exhibitions for the Paine Art Center & Gardens.

"There are a lot of ways we can get them to come to us," Fiser says. "But they are not always easy to find. You have to always be on the hunt to what other museums are doing and what's being lent."

Generally, museums identify and secure exhibits through a couple of channels: museums



that periodically lend out or send their collections on tour, third party organizers that put together exhibits for tour and private collectors willing to lend out their collection.

That hunt for for alternative means paid off big for the Paine in 2013 when it was able to land the Chihuly Venetians exhibit after several years on the radar. The Chihuly Studios rebuffed the Paine's initial efforts because its space was simply not large enough for the installations they do. However, Fiser was eventually able to find a

private Chihuly collector who was willing to lend out his collection.

"We learned about an exhibit at a museum in Chattanooga, Tenn. that featured the chandelier and tracked the collection through that," says Fiser. "Thankfully, the Internet has helped a great deal."

This summer's Matisse exhibit will be bit more straightforward. This exhibit comes to the Paine through more traditional means—a touring exhibit organized by the American Federation of Arts. After learning of the first tour, Fiser was able to position the Paine as a host for a second tour of the exhibit.

Just down the street at the Oshkosh Public Museum, the opening of In Company With Angels will cap off a nearly three year effort to secure the stained glass windows. They should seem right at home, as Tiffany Studios designed the interior of the Sawyer home that houses the museum, one of the reasons staff pursued the exhibit.

The stained glass windows will be displayed with other Tiffany artifacts the Sawyers owned, as well as complimentary pieces form a collection in Chicago.

"The windows are just beautiful and were done about the same time as the windows here in the mansion," says Karla Szekeres, marketing and membership coordinator for the Oshkosh Public Museum. "This is the first time a museum in the Midwest will display the windows."

The success of the recent Hepburn exhibit and outreach has Williams-Lime already looking for potentially similar opportunities for the Trout. In particular, she would like to present exhibits that lend themselves to outreach activities similar to the Hepburn exhibit.

Williams-Lime is also working on an upcoming exhibit that includes works from the Trout collection, as the museum is required to display it, in part or whole, at least once every three years. She says the region's success is a good signal of exhibits to come as long as local museum staff continue to be diligent and flexible.

"I think the larger institutions are realizing they need to build interest by sharing their collection," she says. "They recognize there is a need."





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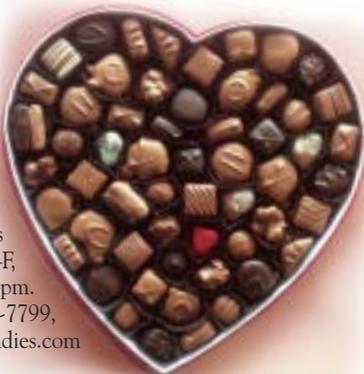
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SMART PHONES CREATE SMARTER HOMES

By Nicole Dunbar

Flashback to the 1980s. Personal computers had just been invented, and technology such as CD's, the Walkman and cassette tapes were the epitome of high technology.

The concept of a "smart home," especially one controlled by a smart phone, seemed confined to the imagination and cartoons such as "The Jetsons."

Even today, the concept still seems far-fetched, despite the recent AT&T TV commercial showing a father turning off the water, locking the door and arming the security system of the family

home while on the porch of a vacation cottage.

We may not be in the Jetsons era yet, but smart homes are on the rise, even here in the Fox Cities.

"In fact," says George Webster, general manager of Sues Electronics in Appleton, "our very first home automation 'smart home' installations started back in the 1990s."

Today's smart homes include technology that integrates the audio, video, heating/cooling, lighting, door locks, security systems and more into one simple automated process, Webster says.

As he points out, most of today's consumers would not buy a car without this sort of technology, so why should homes be any different?

Some of the most popular of Sues' services include home automation, flat panel television installation and home theaters. These technologies have become an essential aspect of smart homes.

In 2012, 66 million smart TVs were sold, and that number has not stopped climbing.

These wireless home networks rely on the communication between computers, televisions,

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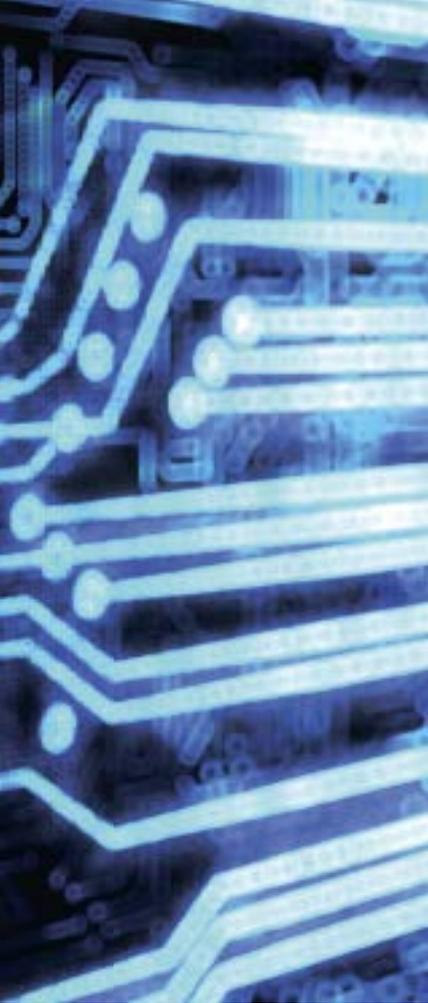
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Like a 5 year-old starting kindergarten, many of houses on display during this month's Valley Home Builders Winter Parade of Homes have the potential to be smart.

They just need a little nurturing from their owners.

If you are specifically looking for the latest in smart home technology, you likely won't find a house with technology resembling "The Jetsons." That's because appliances and components that make up the visible part of smart home aren't always at the top of a new homeowner's list when it comes to furnishing a new house.

But some builders are installing the infrastructure that would support the latest gadgets and gizmos should a homeowner decide to take that next step.

"What you are most likely to see is the basic audio, video and home theater components that can be controlled from anywhere with a smartphone or iPad," says Scott Murphy of Silvercrest Homes. "I'm not sure some of the other things have really caught on yet."

While it may not be there initially, Murphy says houses he is working on are wired to support the new technologies if and when homeowners decide to add them. Home theater is clearly leading the trend, but he can see climate control as the next smart home technology likely to take off.

"I think it won't be long before we see more thermostats, lighting and security being controlled by iPhones and iPads," says Murphy, who himself lives in a house with smart home technology. "The capability is sitting there, we're just waiting for folks to catch up to the technology."

But there will be opportunities to see components of home automation on display, particularly in one of the largest houses that will part of this year's Winter Parade.

Hoffmann Strobel Builders will feature a 7,600-plus square foot home in Fremont that incorporates a plethora of amenities, including a total home automation system that will eventually include an underwater fish camera in the lake.

"We've built more than 400 homes, but never one like this," says Jim Strobel of Hoffmann Strobel. "It's all run from an iPhone."

The house also features a three-story elevator, indoor swimming pool, four fireplaces and an eagle's nest with views of the entrance to Partridge Lake from the Wolf River. There's also a built in aquarium and an in-wall can collection and crushing system that will suck cans from any or four receptacles in the walls, such them into a crusher and deposit them in the recycling.

"We are really working hard to pull it all together for the parade," Strobel says. "This is a really fun one to see it all come together."



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smart phones, tablets and more. This communication provides services such as wireless printing and streaming movies from a computer in one room to a TV in another.

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Long awaited smart appliances are appearing in the marketplace. At this year's Consumer Electronics Show, an annual glimpse into the future held in Las Vegas each January, manufacturers such as GE, Samsung and LG debuted products that enable washing machines, robotic vacuum cleaners and refrigerators to tie into a home network and respond to text or other messages.

With the right setup, a microwave could search the Internet for the best settings to cook food while your refrigerator could tell you what groceries you need.

The next big challenge for manufactures and installers, getting all those different brands to talk with each other. But, one step at a time.

While they might not be wiring for the microwave just yet, Time Warner Cable, recently introduced its IntelligentHome system that provides customers with safer, more energy efficient homes. The system enables home owners to control the security settings, lighting and heating and cooling of their home from a computer or smart phone when they are away from the house.

"Imagine you're away on vacation and realize you left the thermostat set at 72 degrees or left a closet light on. IntelligentHome lets you make adjustments remotely using a PC or smartphone," says Jack Herbert, Regional Vice President of Time Warner Cable. "You can also temporarily disarm the system so a neighbor can come in to check the house. You can even watch live video of your pets at home. The service really brings customers a whole new level of peace of mind and convenience,"

Services such as these not only make homes smarter, but they also make life easier for home owners, especially since the programs can be run from devices that most of today's consumers already own—computers and smart phones.

"The proliferation of smart phones with 'always-on' data connections are very useful in today's world," Webster says.

According to Digby.com, 56 percent of American adults are now smart phone owners, which makes smart home technology easier to access than ever before.

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It is important to note, though, that a smart home cannot be achieved with simple hardware or devices from a generic store. An upgraded wiring infrastructure is usually necessary, which is where companies such as Suess and Time Warner come into play.

These companies are making smart home installations more common and realistic, and in turn making them more affordable. In an article for "GIGAOM," Kevin C. Tofel estimates that by 2017, there will be around 21.5 million smart homes in Europe and North America—an incredible leap from the 2.3 million in 2013.

If technology has made our homes this smart, what else is in store?

Webster says it's hard to predict too far into the future because of the speed at which technology changes. However, he is pretty certain that physical media is going away and home entertainment will soon be an all-streaming, all-the-time experience.

"Although it is challenging to predict the future precisely of course, we feel that in the medium term we will see the end of physical media such as music discs and movie discs," he says. "Instead, we will have instant gratification access to our entertainment. In reality we are already almost there with services such as Hulu, Netflix, Pandora Radio and such."



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Making money management unmistakable

The U.S. consumer is awash in financial information and tools in preparing for their financial future. An Internet search of the words “financial planning” generates millions of Web hits. With all this financial know-how at Americans’ fingertips, it’s reasonable to believe they are doing the things to put their financial house in order. Right?

Wrong. Americans tend to avoid financial goal setting. If they do set goals, they focus on a specific one such as saving for college or retirement. However, they often fail to look at the entire picture, including weaving in their personal values into the equation, which can be critical to building a personalized financial program. A holistic approach to managing your finances links decisions about money with matters of the heart.

Another common mistake is making a financial decision without understanding its effect on other financial issues. One’s choices do not operate independently from one another. Attention to estate protection, for instance, will affect the resources available to address other needs and desires, such as vacations or giving to charity. Financial professionals can help you with decisions to fit within a universe of other money matters.

What are some other areas to consider?

- Confusing full-throttle financial strategizing with just investing. The consideration of mutual funds and other investment products in money decisions is only one option in a sea of other financial tools.
- Thinking that only the rich should pay time and attention to managing their finances. Monetary worth should in no way sway whether or not one hones financial skills and adopts a financial philosophy.
- Believing that it can wait. Time generally helps a well-developed financial program, so getting a jumpstart on retirement planning at a young age works in one’s favor. Also, crises can happen at any age, and financial preparation will help a person get out of those unexpected ruts.
- Neglecting to re-evaluate financial decisions periodically. Reviews should be done on at least an annual basis. Life events—like marriage, childbirth, job changes, home ownership—should also be signals to revisit financial goals.

Financial information is out there, and the more Americans can learn about financial matters, the better. Building financial knowledge, getting started early, seeking help when needed – these will help make personal money management unmistakable for long-term success.

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In the beginning

By Sean P. Johnson

Ornate wedding invitations used to set the mood and look for storybook weddings

The first chapter of any story is critical to setting the mood and hooking the audience to stay with it until the final chapter.

Why should the story of a wedding be any different?

For many couples, the wedding invitation represents the first chance to set the perfect scene for the rest of their storybook day. There seems to be no story too elaborate for an invitation to tell.

"The invitation is one of the first things they send out as a couple, says Samantha Dennis, owner and event stylist for Styled Accordingly, the event planning company she founded in 2012 specializing in weddings as well as corporate and non profit events. "There is so much history in why a couple is together and want to spend their lives together. This is the first chance to start telling the story."

Invitations telling those stories are becoming more elaborate all the time.

The Manns are a perfect case study, says Jennifer Harkness, a graphic designer with Affinity Health Care who designed the couple's wedding invitations.

As the story is told, the couple dated for eight years before Forrest Mann proposed to Bridget Tetzner. When the couple—who now live in the Superior area—approached Harkness about designing the invitation, they wanted to incorporate the story of their long courtship into the invite.

The result: an invitation that opens with the title "How to Marry a Mann in Eight Years."

For Harkness, who probably spent close to 80 hours creating all the elements for the invitation, the payoff was helping the couple establish an identity and theme for their celebration.

"I enjoy being able to help them bring that to life," Harkness says. "This is what everyone will see first. The invitation really set the tone for the rest of the wedding."

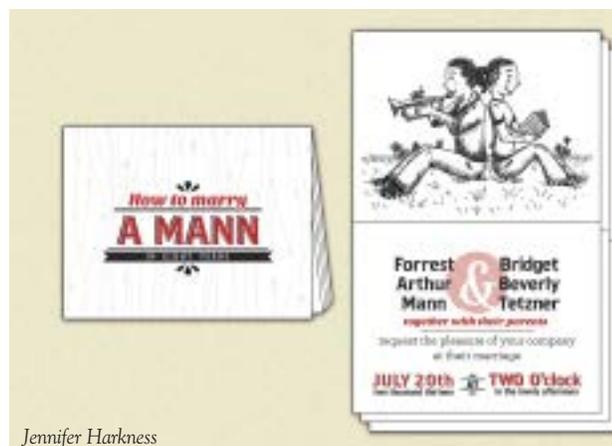
A quick look at Harkness' portfolio or a brief search on Pinterest or Etsy for wedding invitations reveal its more than the stories that have become elaborate. It's not uncommon to see integrated components, elaborate cutouts, specialty papers and bold color schemes.

If you are planning a destination

wedding, you can create an invitation that includes multiple maps and bag tags that match the invitation. A fan of the Great Gatsby? Your invitation can include intricate laser cut artwork to show off your passion for the look.

There is also a growing trend among couples to incorporate items that are custom made or unique to their special day, rather than items that are generic or mass produced.

Search long enough and you will start to notice that many of these creations are made by KatBlu Art & Design Studio, an Appleton-based



Jennifer Harkness



Circle Street by Lindy Adams

business that designs and creates custom invitations and other stationery using laser cutting, letterpress printing and foil stamping.

They don't stop at just invitations, but can also create elements favor boxes and 3D structures that integrate with the invitations.

"When you receive an invitation like these, I think a lot of people decide they have to go to see what it's all about," says Jen Henke, KatBlu's creative director.

Through its website and Etsy store, KatBlu has been selling ornate invitations and stationery to a host of international clients, including sales as far away as Australia. Henke says the Internet, particularly Etsy and Pinterest, have increased demand by making it easier for brides and grooms to seek out what others are doing.

Henke also works with more than dozen wedding planners around the country, which has helped to spread demand for KatBlu's invitations, though that has not as yet translated into local demand. Some of that, she says, is no doubt related to costs.

A simple invitation can start around \$3.50, and as the complexity and number of matching pieces increases, so does the price. Passport wedding sets or sets with complex laser cuts and multiple pieces can easily raise the price to more than \$17 per set.

"We are seeing more demand in the larger metro areas," Henke says. "Plus we have a lot of do it yourselfers here who will take the time and create their own."

That the trend has not fully taken off in Appleton or the greater Midwest does not surprise Dennis, who notes that on the coasts,

the number of guests tends to be much smaller, making it easier to consider the higher prices for the more complex invitations.

"Here in the Midwest an elaborate invitation is still seen as a luxury by many because of the large numbers we invite to weddings," Dennis says.

While cost is always a factor, Lindy Adams says many couples would be surprised at the artistic touches that can be added if they can show some flexibility.

"I like to think that I can work with any budget," says Adams, who specializes in

customizing invitations by sewing fabric elements into them. "Usually there is something we can work out."

A lover of paper and fabrics, Adams began working with invitations in 2009 on a part time basis. She now shows her work at the One of a Kind show in Chicago and is considering it as a full time business. She likes to help couples make a statement about their upcoming wedding, she says.

"It's the first glimpse of the wedding," Adams says. "This is a chance to show the style and look they are going for."

For Harkness, the style and look of her next invitation project is well underway. This one is particularly important to her—its the invite to her wedding at the end of May. She's already settled on the initial design and has made choices for color and paper.

This will certainly be a big one, though it won't be her last.



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Winter's icy grip tends to bring out our comfort food cravings, fueling the desire for warm, sensational homestyle meals. As winter lingers, and those stir crazy feelings begin to overwhelm us, the idea of staying in to cook seems less attractive.

"We go out for this 'home cooked delight' because of the convenience," says Joda Wunderlich, an Appleton resident whose family heads to Third Street Diner in Menasha for home cooking about twice a month.

"Have you ever made a home cooked meal? It's quite a process," she says. "I have our family recipe, but why make the mess at home when I can get them at the Third Street Diner?"

Appleton's Lisa Blohm agrees there is a guilty pleasure to eating home cooking you don't have to cook at home.

"Sometimes you just want to be waited on," Blohm says. "When you do, you want that 'comfort food' that is home made, not from a bag or a can or injected with preservatives."

Fortunately for Wunderlich and other Fox Cities residents, feel-good homestyle food surrounds us, with several restaurant options available when the mood strikes. Restaurants like Mary's, Third Street Diner and Galvan's are perennial favorites when it comes to "cooking most like mom's."

It seems everyone has a favorite dish when they go.

"The Lumberjack skillet or any of their breakfast skillets because everything is on one pan and it is served with pancakes, biscuits and gravy," says Blohm, who visits Galvan's two to three times a month. "My girlfriend comes here from Kentucky and this is one of her restaurants that is a must for breakfast."

For Wunderlich, it's the potato pancakes at Third Street Diner.

"They are, of course, made from scratch, just like my grandma used to make," she says. "Often times we go there just to have them and the very first bite brings me 'home.'"

While the meals could be made at home, sometimes people just want to be taken care of rather than spending the time in the kitchen, says Michelle Kampo, owner of Third Street Diner.

Particularly in those dark days of winter when the cold keeps you indoors most of the time.

"Who wouldn't want someone to take care of you for a while," says Kampo. "Why deal with all the shopping and the leftovers and the waste if you don't have to. It's more economical to go out for home cooking sometimes."

While certainly well known for their potato pancakes, she says three of the most popular homestyle dishes the diner serves up are beef pot roast, meatloaf and liver and onions.

"People love it, but it can stink up the house," she says.

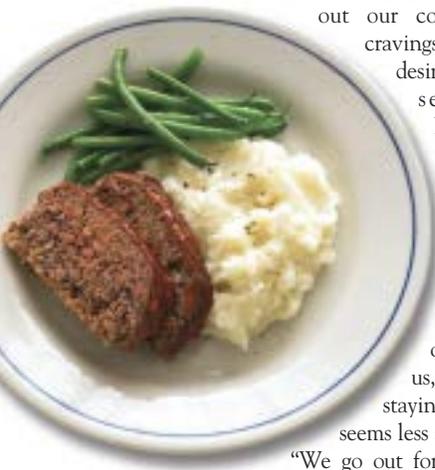
At Mary's, it's the broasted chicken that is one of the restaurant's most popular dishes, but the eatery is also well known for its soups.

"Our soups and broasted chicken are hands down the most popular meals that customers are always coming back for," says Amanda Purdy, manager of Mary's Family Restaurant on North Richmond Street.

Mary's has won the FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Award for "cooking most like mom's" several times.

What really seems to drive diners, though, is the fact they know that even while they are eating out, these homestyle meals are made from scratch just the way they - or their mother - would make them.

"They use fresh ingredients," Blohm says of her favorite Galvan's. "They make their jelly and jams from scratch weekly. They make their own pies from scratch also. They are amazing as well."



Winter's been MEAN for years

No topic has dominated conversation around the Fox Cities these days quite like the weather—in particular the cold.

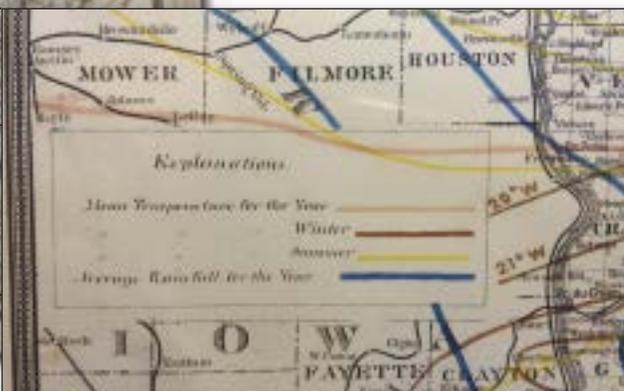
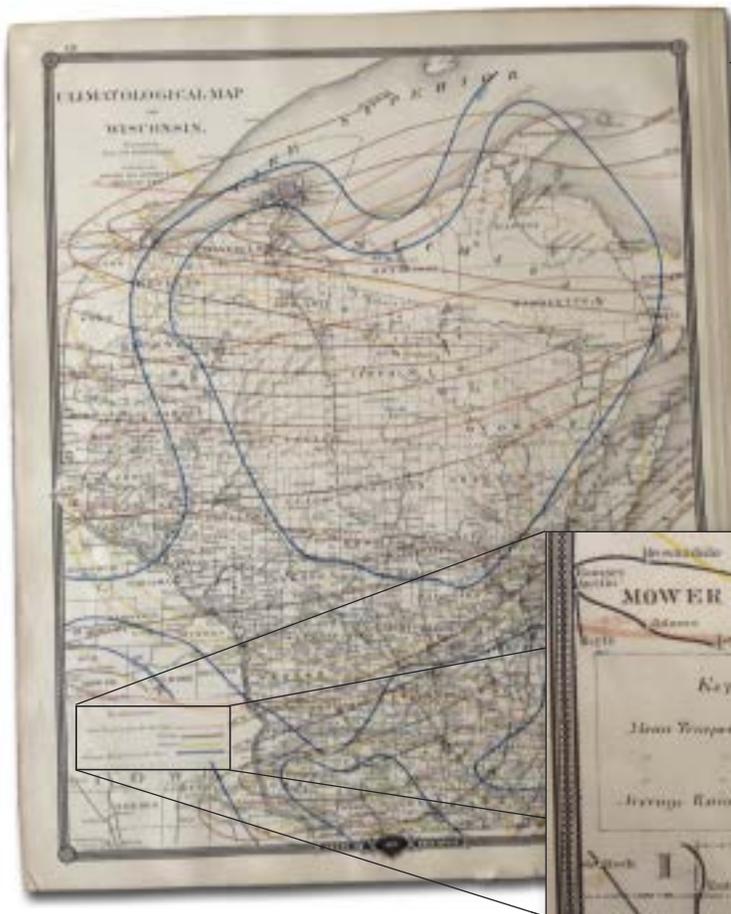
With good reason. January was dominated by highs and lows well below the established daily averages. It's just been brutal and we finished the month in a deep freeze just like we started it.

Perhaps that's what made this Climatological Map of Wisconsin from 1878 stand out. It's not that the temperatures are more extreme—it shows mean temperatures for winter in our area in the 20s, which would seem downright balmy right about now.

It was the description that stuck us. While mean is used on the map in its statistical sense of average, this year it could very easily be the other definition of spiteful or unfair, as in "Old Man Winter is just being mean by keeping the temperatures so low."

The long range forecast for February shows a 70 percent chance the temperatures for the first 14 days will fall below normal.

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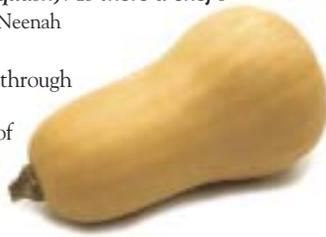
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Q. *I have a difficult time cutting raw squash with a hard outer shell (like butternut acorn, and spaghetti squash). Is there a chef's secret to cutting squash?* —Meredith, Neenah

A. Meredith, any time we force a knife through a solid food product, it can be dangerous. Cutting the tough skin and solid flesh of a squash is a prime example of this.



The most important tips to remember when cutting anything are to:

- make sure you have a sharp knife;
- make sure the product you are cutting is as stable as possible, and
- keep body parts (like your fingers) out of the way.

When I cut a bell-shaped butternut squash, for example, I cut it in half around the middle where the narrow top meets the larger bottom. This creates a flat edge on each half that can rest securely on the cutting board.

From there I peel down away from me on each side of both halves until all of the outer rind is removed. The top of the butternut squash is completely usable and can be diced as needed. The bottom must be split in half in order to remove the seeds.

I hope this helps and makes it a little safer for you as well, Meredith!

CHEF JEFF'S BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

- 1 medium yellow onion, diced small
- 4 T. (½ stick) butter
- 1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chunked (about 2 lbs.)
- 6 cups water
- 1 T. chicken base (or bouillon)
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp. Nutmeg, ground
- Milk or cream (optional)
- Salt to taste

In a medium kettle, sweat the onions in the butter over medium low heat. Add the butternut squash, water, chicken base, pepper and nutmeg. Bring to a simmer and cook until the squash is tender, about 20 min. Transfer the soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Milk or cream can be added at this point if desired. Adjust the seasonings if necessary. Serve immediately with rustic bread for a healthy and satisfying meal. Can be garnished with a little sour cream.

DRINK OF THE MONTH

Recipe courtesy of:
CopperLeaf Hotel

This delicate martini is both unconventional and comforting in the winter months. The subtle flavors of apple and sage blend seamlessly and pair well with the dryness of the vermouth. All measurements can be adjusted to accommodate personal tastes. Sage is an herb not recommended for muddling as the oils are intense and can be bitter when overworked.

WINTER SAGE MARTINI

- 1.5 oz Kettle One Vodka (or other premium vodka)
- 1.5 oz Martin & Rossi Extra Dry Vermouth
- 1.5 oz Fresh pressed apple juice
- 3 Sage leaves

Fill shaker with ice; add vodka, vermouth and apple juice. Rub 2 sage leaves gently between fingers over the mixture and drop leaves in. Shake vigorously until the shaker is fully frosted. Strain into a chilled martini glass and garnish with remaining sage leaf.



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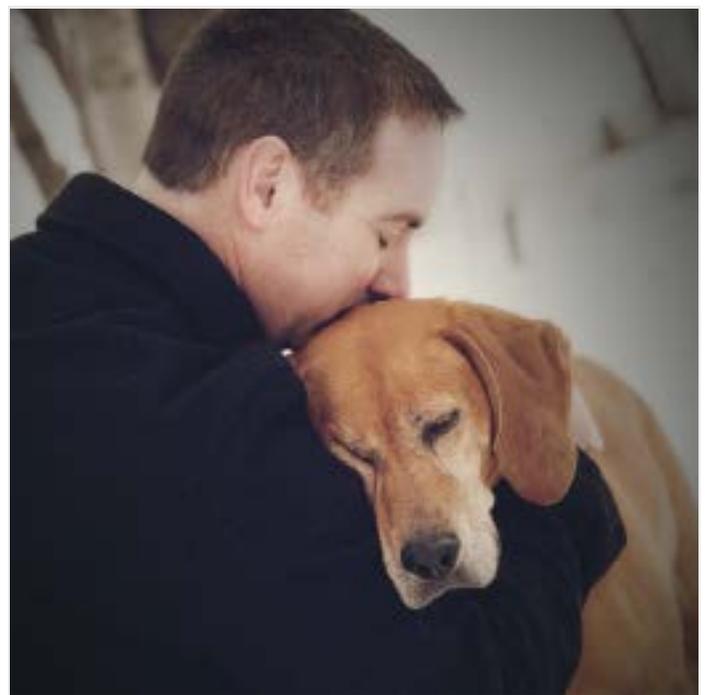
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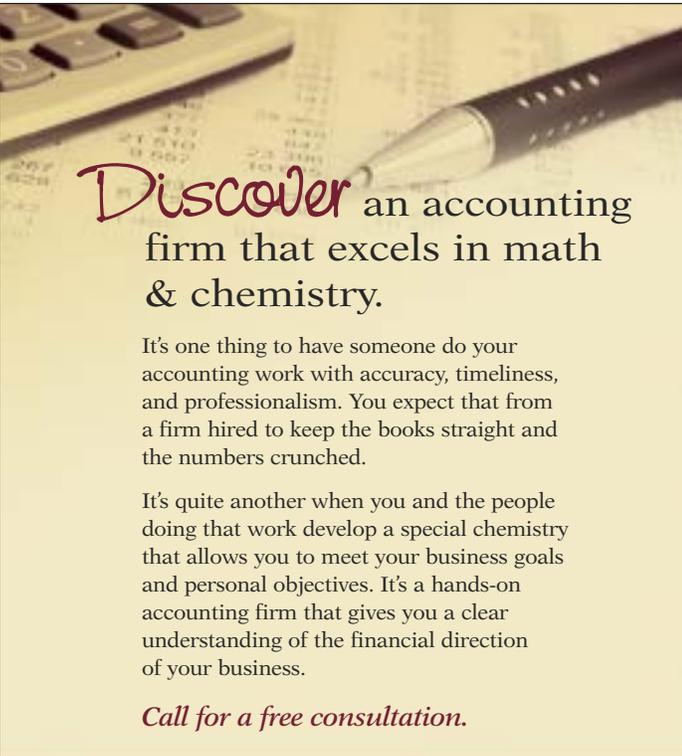
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