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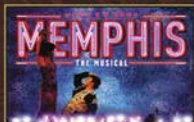
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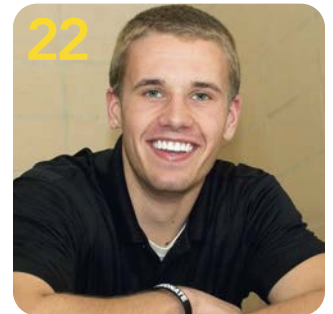
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The bookcases in my office hold “magazines” of the 19th century such as Harper’s and McClure’s Magazine. A common example would be The Century Magazine I have nearby as I write. It is Volume 32 of 1897, bound in half leather with imprinted end papers, and contains articles on topical activities (bicycling), loss of suburban villas on the rural reaches of Manhattan Island. Dozens of editorials commit the management to opinions on the honesty of politicians and “beauty as a principle.” No less than 56 poems extol “fishin’,” an “Idyl of the Kitchen” and “The Latest Fad” (crystal gazing).

The 960 page volume contains hundreds of woodcuts and would have been far too costly for all but the very rich.

Not leather bound, but much more useful to the great mass of Fox Citizens of today is my favorite magazine...FOX CITIES Magazine. As we start our thirtieth year in publishing, I’ve taken to thinking back on the hundreds of talented people who have helped deliver the best value in publishing.

Starting with the distribution team who deliver copies to hospitals and clinics, restaurants and retailers, hotels and businesses; freelance writers and photographers who deliver work to editors; editors and their interns who scour the community for its most unexpected and unusual aspects; graphic artists and designers who bring all this to life by applying the style and color that attract the eye. And, the sales team who present this bouillabaisse to businesses throughout the community whose advertising makes all this possible.

My continued awe and thanks go to all these talented and committed people.

Marvin J. Murphy, publisher



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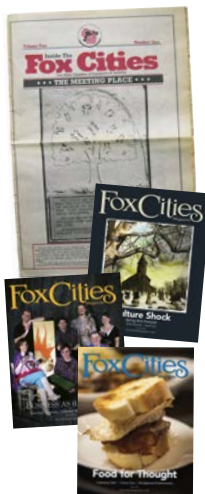


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Forrest Crone served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Navy helicopter pilot.

Your legacy is what you pass forward to others

Everyone has a story to tell. That's the idea behind the Legacy Project at Touchmark on West Prospect. Residents are able to reminisce about their past and write their stories down to later share with families and friends. The process engages people and ignites their creativity, says Katie Escribano, Touchmark's Life Enrichment/Wellness director.

"Sometimes, people may think they don't really have much to say, but once you get them to start talking, it's fascinating. Touchmark's Legacy Project is a way for people to channel their memories and record different parts of their lives," she says.

Research shows people can add brain cells throughout their life — as well as delay the onset of dementia — by participating in activities like the Legacy Project.

While some residents focus their stories on their entire lives, others choose just a segment. Some projects may be a few typewritten pages, while others are much longer. Touchmark resident Forrest

Crone wrote a 59-page journal on his educational experiences and his long military career. The 81-year-old views his writings as a way to share things about himself with his family.

"I never knew my grandparents, and I don't see my grandson much — he lives in Texas — and I

never really talked about what I did when I was in the military with my son," Forrest says. "Now they can read this and learn a lot more about me."

Forrest grew up in northern Illinois and hadn't planned on going to college, but once he joined the workforce, he knew getting an education was essential to his future. He eventually earned an appointment to the U.S.

Naval Academy in Annapolis and became a helicopter pilot. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a pilot and traveled throughout the world.

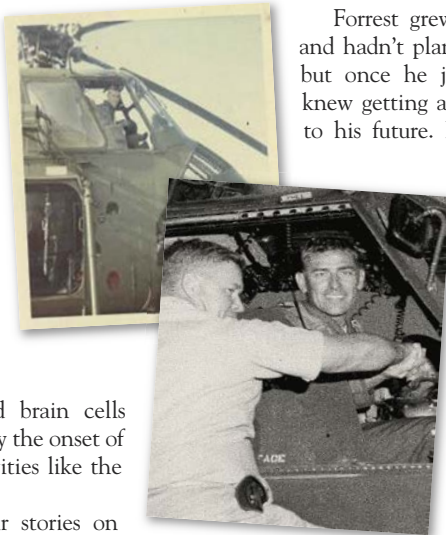
"It was an amazing experience. I've been in all 50 states and 41 different countries," Forrest says.

At Touchmark, facilitator Lori Coonen helps residents with their stories. She asks different questions that help get the ideas flowing and provides guidance as residents assemble their stories.

"As you write, you remember more. The writing brings back memories of friends and friendships," Forrest says. "It really engages your mind."

Forrest admits he's not a professional writer, but that doesn't matter. "People just need their memories, and it all flows from there," he says. "Anyone can do this. You just sit down and start writing."

To find out how you could participate in Touchmark's Legacy Project, contact a member of the Full Life team at 920-372-0109.



Forrest Crone



2601 Touchmark Dr., Appleton
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Down the Garden Path

Gardens of the Fox Cities's new self-guided ecosystem walking tour offers the knowledge of a nature specialist mixed with the peace of arboreal solitude. Partially funded by a DNR grant to educate the public about invasive species, the new tour through 22 gardens encourages curiosity about the many ecosystems represented in miniature.

Premiering May 1 after a community breakfast and guided garden walking tour, the new signage, brochures

and enhanced forest will be available throughout the summer to families and enthusiasts looking for an informational stroll at a personalized pace. "The whole concept is to get families out in nature" says Lynn Van Vreede, executive director of The Gardens. "We give them the tools for nature to be pleasurable and interesting."

The tools include a rental backpack containing binoculars, maps, bird watching guides and a scavenger hunt. "The map highlights our 22 gardens, where they are and their themes," Van Vreede says. New this year is the Laura Batterman Memorial Garden, featuring an all-season palate from spring blooms to fiery fall color. If you prefer a canopy of green, the 10 acre forest with its new outdoor classroom will walk you through the four stages of forest growth.

Whether learning about the emerald ash borer, or just soaking in the sights and smells of spring, this new self-guided opportunity lets visitors individualize their nature experience.

For more information call 993-1900 or visit gardensfoxcities.org.

—By Matt De Stasio



arts events

- 1-5 | **Disney's The Lion King** ❧
W & F, 7:30pm; Th & Sa, 2 & 7:30pm; Su, 1pm & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 2 | **Lawrence University Heavy Metal Ensemble Concert**
Includes the world premier of a work composed for HMELU by composer Peter McConnell. 9pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 3-4 | **Makaroff Youth Ballet Spring Concert 2013**
Featuring the Fox Valley Symphony Youth Orchestra. Original choreography by Jeanette Makaroff. F, 7pm; Sa, 10:30am. UW-Fox Valley Perry Theatre, Menasha. 257-8288.
- 3 | **Nabori, Salsa**
10-piece band featuring explosive percussion, vocals, & an amazing horn section! 6:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.
- 4 | **1st Saturday Performance: Bev Smith & Judy Crain**
These ladies will 'enlighten' us on well-known authors' or performers' personal & professional lives. 7pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.
- 4 | **Lakeshore Wind Ensemble: An American Salute**
A tribute to the Armed Forces, past and present. 7:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-4733.
- 4 | **MacDowell Male Chorus**
On The Road with MacDowell. 7:30pm. Memorial Chapel @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 915-0330.
- 4 | **Mike Mangione & The Union**
7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 4-5 | **Lawrence Academy of Music Student Recitals**
Sa, 12:30-5pm; Su, 12:30-5pm. Harper & Shattuck Halls @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 5 | **FVL Spring Band & Choir Concert**
6pm. Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton. 739-4441.
- 8 | **UW-Green Bay Jazz & Vocal Jazz Ensembles**
7:30pm. UW-Green Bay University Theatre. 465-2400.
- 9 | **Jazz Small Groups Forum**
4:30pm. Harper Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-7000.
- 9-11 | **The Plough & the Stars**
Set against the backdrop of the Easter Rising in 1916, Sean O'Casey's play takes a serious & heartfelt look at the political & social changes thrust upon the Irish working class. 8pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 9 | **Lawrence University Music Presentation: Shaolin Jazz The 37th Chamber**
Multimedia parallels between jazz & hip hop culture. 8pm. Warch Campus Center, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 10 | **Gretchen Parlato**
Parlato closes the four-concert Jazz Series. 8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6749.
- 10 | **Fox Valley Concert Band**
Featuring current UWFox students, alumni & members of the community. 4pm. Communication Arts Center @ UWFox Valley, Menasha. 832-2625.
- 10 | **UW-Green Bay Hand Drumming & New Music Ensembles**
7:30pm. UW-Green Bay University Theatre. 465-2400.
- 10-11 | **America Sings**
7:30pm. St. Norbert College Walter Theatre, Green Bay. 403-3864.
- 10-11, 17-18 | **Bach Suite in D Minor & Peter and the Wolf**
Spring dance showcase. F, 7pm & Sa, 2pm. Valley Academy for the Arts, Neenah. 279-1578.
- 11 | **Fox Valley Symphony Inspirations**
7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 11 | **Lawrence Academy of Music Piano Recitals**
12:30pm-5pm. Harper Hall & Shattuck Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 11 | **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Edo de Waart, music director**
The majestic MSO closes the Civic Music season. 7:30pm. Ralph Holter Auditorium, Green Bay. 338-1801.
- 12 | **Lawrence University Horn Ensemble Recital**
3pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 12 | **American Guild of Organists**
7:30pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 12 | **Lawrence Academy of Music's Shaolin Jazz Chamber Ensembles**
3pm. Harper Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 13 | **Lawrence University Guitar Studio Recital**
8pm. Harper Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 14 | **FVL Jazz & Choraliers Concert**
An evening of song, dance & jazz! 6:30pm. Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton. 739-4441.
- 16 | **Lawrence University Opera Scenes**
Vocalists perform excerpts from the world's great operas. 8pm. Stansbury Theatre @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 16 | **Jazz at the Trout: Janet Planet & Tom Theabo**
7:30pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 17-19 | **Disney's Beauty and the Beast** ❧
The first performance by St. Mary's students in the new Fine Arts Education Center. Take pictures w/ Beauty after the show. F, 7pm; Sa, 2 & 7pm; Su, 2pm. St. Mary Central High School, Neenah. 722-7796 x 104.



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- 17 | **Delfeayo Marsalis Octet**
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- 18 | **The Brass-E5: Presented by Brown County Civic Music**
Replacement concert for March 8 cancellation. 7:30pm. Green Bay West High School. 338-1801.
- 18 | **3rd Saturday Performance: Band of Seahorses**
7pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.
- 18 | **Lawrence Wind Ensemble**
8pm. Lawrence University Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 19 | **Lawrence University Composition Studio Recital**
1-2pm. Harper Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 19 | **Gamelan Concert**
5pm. Lucinda Coleman Hall, Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 19 | **Lawrence University Percussion Ensemble (LUPE)**
3pm. Lawrence University Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 19 | **Balinese Music & Dance**
Featuring Lawrence University's Gamelan Cahaya Asri & the Lawrence Academy of Music's Community Gamelan. 5pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-7165.
- 20 | **Jazz Small Groups Concert**
8pm. Harper Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-7000.
- 22 | **Lawrence Jazz Band Concert**
3pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 23-25 | **Rockin' the 1960s**
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- 25 | **Lawrence Symphony Orchestra**
8pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 26 | **Lawrence University Horn Studio Recital**
8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 26 | **String Chamber Music Recital**
6:30pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 26 | **Lawrence Symphonic Band Concert**
3:30pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 27 | **Lawrence University ViBE Recital**
Student Bassoon septet featuring arrangements of classical music. 6:30pm. Warch Campus Center @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 28 | **Lawrence University Guest Recital: Joe Locke, jazz vibraphone w/ Dane Richeson, percussion**
8pm. Harper Hall, Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 30 | **Lawrence Symphony Orchestra Composer's Forum**
Performance in an open rehearsal format of compositions by current conservatory students. 6:10pm. Memorial Chapel @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 30 | **Lawrence University Voice Department Area Recital**
11:10am. Warch Campus Center @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 30 | **Hybrid Ensemble Concert**
8pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 31 | **Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble**
8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.

opening exhibits

- Allen Priebe Gallery, UW-Oshkosh. 424-0147
Senior Fine Arts Exhibition
May 8-12.
- Appleton Public Library. 832-6173
Lenny Nagler
May 1-Jun 28. Oil paintings in first floor exhibit space.
- ARTgarage. 448-6800
Green Bay Art Colony Group Exhibit
May 1-31.
- The Aylward Gallery, UWFox, Menasha. 832-2626
Watercolor on YUPO and High Fire Ceramics thru May 3. Watercolors by Lynn Artz & ceramics by Eric King.
- UWFox Spring Student Art Show
May 17-Jun 14. Featuring the selected works of the Fall 2013 UWFox art students.

Come Together!

The South Greenville Grange #225, the oldest continuously operating grange in Wisconsin and one of nine active granges left in the state, sits on the rural crossroads of Highway 76 and County Road BB in Greenville. Times have changed since the building's construction in 1929, but the 15 active grange members from the Fox Cities community are working diligently to restore the building and rework the local grange to once again become a connective resource to the community.

Founded by the Freemasons, the Order of Patrons of Husbandry – more commonly known as “the grange” – was a national fraternal organization for farmers. Established in 1867, the grange's initial goal was to band farmers together in order to prevent another civil war. Throughout history, the grange has been politically active, most notably supporting the women's suffrage movement. The physical buildings would house meetings, potluck dinners and social dances.

Though a tight knit organization, the grange has always had an interest in providing for its surrounding community.

Members are currently in the process of restoring its historic structure to meet updated building regulations. This includes fixing the septic system, updating the kitchen, patching the brickwork and more. The restoration is an ongoing process, but building regulations should be met by the first event, a folk dancing troupe, on April 20. Chapter president Tyler Menting emphasizes that “the organization is worth restoring as much as the building itself.”

Members hope the grange will eventually play host to a variety of community events, including an art show in July and a natural birthing expo on Labor Day. A stage on the second floor can hold theater and music events and the kitchen can be used for canning, catering and weddings. Grange members hope to host their own farmers market. Other possibilities include film screenings, bingo nights and dance programs. Above all, according to Menting, the grange should be a “place where ideas are exchanged again...a place where people realize that their neighbors are their neighbors again.”

The grange is currently looking to grow their membership and holds meetings twice per month. For more information, visit facebook.com/GreenvilleGrange225.

—By Cameron Carrus



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Duck and Cover

Jane Lang, a Neenah native and executive director of the Neenah Historical Society, was contacted by a fellow resident who told her that they possessed the contents of a 1960s era fallout shelter which was discovered in their backyard. When the shelter was opened, it had filled with groundwater. Fortunately, numerous items including a geiger counter, medication, hunting supplies, food and toilet paper were well preserved in water tight boxes.

These artifacts will be featured in a recreation of the fallout shelter in an exhibit titled "Take Cover, Neenah!"

Backyard Family Fallout Shelters in Cold War America" at the historical society during the months of May and June. The exhibit will be located in a garage in the Octagon House's "backyard."

Fallout shelters were built in response to the fear caused by the Cold War in the 1960s. In case of a nuclear attack, underground shelters of only 8 x 10 feet could sustain the lives of a family of six for several months.

In addition to the shelter, two rooms in the back of the Octagon House will provide a multimedia presentation of life during the Cold War. A vintage television is rigged to play the "Twilight Zone"

episode on fallout shelters, and a vintage radio will play music of the era, as well as announcements on civil defense.

Much of the work done on the exhibit was volunteer based. Most notable were UW-Oshkosh history and theater professors Stephen Kercher and Roy Hoglund, respectively. Kercher oversaw an accurate historical recreation, and Hoglund designed the set. Lang hopes the exhibit is "engaging and theatrical."

"The exhibit really brings up some interesting social questions," Lang comments. What would you bring into your fallout shelter? What if you had a fallout shelter, but your neighbors did not? Answer these questions for yourself after walking through the exhibit this spring. Hours are Sundays 1-5pm and by appointment May-June. Call Lang at 729-0244 or email neenahhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more information.

—By Cameron Carrus



Baer Gallery at Bush Art Center, St. Norbert College, De Pere. 337-3181
Senior Art Exhibition
thru May 3.

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658

UW-River Falls Glass Legacies
Apr 13– Sep 1.

Francis Hardy Center for the Arts, Ephraim. 854-2210

Wall-to-Wall Exhibition
May 26–30. All gallery walls are covered from floor to ceiling w/ artwork of all sizes & kinds created by local/regional artists.

Frank Juarez Gallery, Sheboygan. 559-7181

Progeny
May 9–Jun 15. By Melissa Musante. Incorporating time based media elements, sculptural objects, and traditional abstract painting Musante hopes to invoke reflections on all stages of the child.

Impressions of the Southwest...and Beyond
May 9–Jun 15. A collection of watercolors inspired by artist Evie Grasse's travels from Wisconsin to the American Southwest during the winter months.

Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery, UW Oshkosh, 424-2281

Green Medicine: Shamans and Science in the Hmong Culture
May 6–11.

History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370

Food: Who We Are & What We Eat
May 15–Oct 16. Explore how & why local food traditions were established & continue today.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144

Uncommon Ground
Apr 12–Sep 22. This new series considers the changing relationship between people & the natural world. Artists have been commissioned to create site-specific works derived from a common theme.

Heroes Surround Us: An Exhibition without Borders
May 26–Sep 8. This exhibition will feature portraits on paper or newsprint that depict an inspiring person.

Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 746-0707

39th Annual Salon of Door County High School Art
thru May 28. Door County high school students from all five schools show a wide variety of work in all media.

National Railroad Museum, Green Bay. 437-7623

Children's Discovery Depot
May 18. Featuring a variety of hands-on activities that encourage families to play together including a train simulator, a model train layout, railroad safety cartoons & more.

Neenah Historical Society. 729-0244
Take Cover, Neenah! Backyard Family Fallout Shelters in Cold War America
May 5–Jun 30.

Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460

The Artist as Teacher Part I: The Fine Arts
thru May 5.

Who are the Hmong?
thru May 5. Discover the Hmong culture from their transition to the U.S., to a traditional Hmong house built on Neville grounds- in this exciting exhibit.

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National Railroad Museum, Green Bay. 437-7623

Jodey Lenfestey Children's Discovery Depot
Opens May 18. This interactive exhibit includes a "see-through" steam locomotive, Safety Theater, Green Bay Railroad Play Table & more.

New London Public Museum. 982-8520

History of the Barbie Doll
thru May 18. A look at an American Icon w/ guest curator & Barbie Doll expert Sharon Korbeck-Verbeten

Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5799
Folk Art

Thru spring 2013. This display of homespun American folk art honors the personal expression & raw talent of 19th & 20th century Wisconsin artists.

Mathas Kitz and Family
Thru spring 2013. Marvel at the creative genius of the Kitz family, kin to the mastermind behind the Apostles Clock, w/ this display showcasing the family's many talents & trades.

Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903

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thru May. A survey of cut paper sculpture by artist Michael Velliquette.

Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409

Bruce A. Niemi: Contemporary Metal Sculpture

thru May 31. Sculptures characterized by an uplifting positive nature, faith in God, the power & beauty of nature, & the energy & balance of dance.

Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc.
683-4501

Youth Art Series

thru May 26. The Rahr-West Art Museum is invigorated by scintillating youth art from Manitowoc area schools & home school students.

Artsplash

May 12-Jul 7. Exhibiting the work of outstanding artists who participated in 2012's "Artsplash," a showcase of local artistic talent in Manitowoc's downtown funded in part by a Wisconsin Arts Board Creative Communities grant.

Richeson School of Art & Gallery,
Kimberly, 560-3777

Art from the Gardens

thru May 18. Local Artist Exhibit in partnership w/ The Trout Museum of Art & Designing Women.

Richeson 75 Landscape, Seascape & Architectural International Juried Art Exhibit

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Wriston Art Center Galleries.
Lawrence University, Appleton.
832-6621.

Caitee Høglund (LU '12)

thru May 5. Exhibition designed from the Permanent Collection in Leech Gallery.

Sonja Thomsen

thru May 5. Photographic installation in Hoffmaster Gallery.

Rafael Salas

thru May 5. Paintings in Kohler Gallery

Annual Senior Art Exhibition

May 24-Jul 28.

community & cultural events

4 & 5 | African Violet Show & Sale

Come see hundreds of beautiful African violets & related plants on exhibit & for sale. Sa, 10am-4:30pm; Su, 11:30am-3pm. St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall, Oshkosh. 426-3764.

10 | National Public Gardens Day

Free admission. 9am-4pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

11 | Heirloom Plant Sale

Choose from 50 varieties of tomatoes, 25 varieties of peppers, a large selection of herbs, annuals & perennials. 8am-3pm. Gardens of the Fox Cities, Appleton. 993-1900.

12 | Mother's Day at the Gardens

Free for all moms. Buffet style brunch by reservation until 1pm. Free admission for each brunch guest. 9am-5pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

16 | Taste Bud

An outdoor culinary experience & rare & unusual plant auction. 5-8pm, Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

17-19 | 37th Annual Midwestern Model Ship & Boat Contest & Display

Modelers from throughout the United States fill the Riverview Room w/ exquisite models throughout the weekend. 9am-5pm. Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Manitowoc. 866-724-2356.

18 | Festival of Spring

A free outdoor festival featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale & over 200 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants & garden supplies. 9am-4pm. Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

18 | Master Gardener Assoc. Plant Sale

Vendors offering garden-related merchandise. 8am-3pm. UW Extension Office, Appleton. 585-6684.

18 | Plant Sale

Perennials, annuals, houseplants & garden accessories. 8am-4pm. Paper Valley Garden Club, Appleton. 486-4352.

18 | Astor Neighborhood Walking Tour

Walk from house to house in a guided tour & learn what makes this neighborhood so special. 10am-2pm. Hazelwood Historic House, Green Bay. 437-1840.

18 | Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Tour On The Town

Taste wine, cheese & chocolates throughout Downtown Appleton. 1-5pm. College Avenue, Appleton. 954-9112.

19 | Cellcom Green Bay Matathon

7am-12pm. Lambeau Field, Green Bay. 432-6272.

27 | Memorial Day @ Heritage Hill

Music, speeches, poems & ceremonies to honor those who have & still are serving our country. 10am-4:30pm. Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Green Bay. 448-5150.

27 | Appleton Memorial Day Parade

From Downtown Appleton to Riverside cemetery for Memorial Day ceremonies. 9-11am. Appleton. 954-9112.

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Celebrate the beginning of summer and the food Wisconsin is famous for — cheese! — at the 25th annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival in Little Chute from May 31 through June 2. The festival features about 25 events from a cheddar cheese walk/run and a cheese curd eating contest to a cheese-themed parade on Saturday morning. An incredible 15,000 attendees are expected to fill Doyle Park throughout the weekend.

Visitors enjoy this family-oriented festival because there is plenty to do for every age group. A juggler, animal petting zoo and balloon creations are just a few of the many children's events. A special fireworks show is scheduled for Friday evening.

In celebration of the festival's anniversary, Vic Ferarri and the Symphony on the Rocks will be performing. Ferarri is one of the most anticipated bands of the weekend and will perform on Saturday from 8pm–12am. This rock and roll band with a 28 piece symphony only performs in the state a few times a year, but is not a stranger to the Cheese Festival.



Al Zierler, chairman of the festival's Board of Directors, says the musical entertainment is always one of the most popular aspects of the festival. "One of the reasons the festival has been so successful with attracting visitors is the high caliber musical entertainment that we provide each year," Zierler says.

Boogie & the Yo-Yoz, Boxkar, Homemade Brew, and Straight Chuters are some of the bands that will be performing during the weekend's festivities.

All festival proceeds are donated to various groups, organizations and charities throughout the Fox Valley. This year, organizers are expecting to surpass the \$1 million mark.

Festival hours are Friday, 5pm–12am; Saturday, 11am–12am; Sunday, 11am–5pm. Tickets are available for purchase at the Little Chute Village Hall, Village Park and Recreation Department,

Vanderloop Shoes, Capital Credit Union and the Bank of Little Chute.

For more information and schedule of events, visit littlechutewi.org/cheesefest or call 788-7390 ext.202.

—By Sara Stein

31 | Garden Fair

Over 100 vendors of garden plants, landscaping ideas, accessories, music & food. 5–8pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

31, Jun 1 & 2 | 25th Annual Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival

Cheese carving, children's activities, carnival rides & more. F, 5pm–12am; Sa, 8am–12am; Su, 11am–5pm. Doyle Park, Little Chute. 788-7390.

11 | Native Plant Sale

Sponsored by Wild Ones Fox Valley to promote host & nectar plants to help the monarchs. 9–11:30am. Wild Ones Fox Valley, Neenah. 749-7807.

16 | Dine for Disaster

Dine out at participating restaurants to support the American Red Cross. All day. 733-4481.

18 | Party on the Farm

Music, great food, mystery & more. Fundraiser to grow our farm. 11am–2pm. Bridge-Between Retreat Center, Denmark. 864-7230.

18 | Things That Go!

A benefit for local charities presented by Kings Daughters Charity Circle. 50 types of vehicles, food vendors & entertainment & more! 10am–2pm. Pierce Park, Appleton. [Facebook.com/thingsthatgofoxcities](http://facebook.com/thingsthatgofoxcities).

19 | Fox Cities Vintage Fashion Show

Vintage clothing sale, silent auction & celebrity autographed memorabilia. Proceeds fund the Community Clothes Closet. 2–4pm. Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton. 731-7834.

30 | Packer Celebrity Bartending

Help players and alumni support local children & adults w/ Cerebral Palsy. 6–10pm. Green Bay Distillery. 337-1122.

lectures, readings, presentations & discussions

4 | Organic Gardening

Learn from the Outagamie County Master Gardeners how to work w/ nature to improve the environment. 10–11:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

6 | Fox Valley Symphony Book Club @ the Library

Lives & music of the great composers. 12–1pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

6 | On the Road Again w/ Master Gardeners

Visit Australia. 7–8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

fundraisers

4 | Annual Fundraiser: Cabaret on Broadway!

Hosted by the White Heron Chorale. Solos, duets & small groups perform Broadway songs. 7:30pm. Outer Edge Stage, Appleton. 832-9700.

9 | Silent Samaritan Luncheon

Raise funds to provide counseling for women in need. Keynote speaker: Leota Ester. 11:30am. Miron Construction Community Room, Neenah. 886-9319 x116.

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- 7 | **Creative Journey**
Field Trip to Picture This Studio. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 10 | **Lunch at Lawrence** ☎
The Wisconsin Project: "Examining Wisconsin Through Postcard Views Made & Found" Julie Lindemann & John Shimon, Associate Professors of Art. 11:30am-1:30pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6612.
- 12 | **Ethnomusicology Lecture**
Christina Sunardi speaks about her research on traditional cross-gender dance of East Java, Indonesia. 8pm. Harper Hall @ Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-7165.
- 15 | **The History of Theatre**
Presented by Ken Anderson, Associate Professor of Communication Arts, Emeritus, UW-Fox Valley. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 16 | **Creative Community**
Bring your latest crafting project & supplies to the library & hang out w/ other crafty types. 6pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.
- 20 | **Knit2Together**
Multi-generational knitting. 6:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 20 | **Meet Wisconsin Authors Series**
Featuring Lee Mothes, author of Keep Out! Build Your Own Backyard Clubhouse. Book sale & signing. 4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 21 | **Creative Journey**
Swap Meet plus bring one wrapped white elephant item. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 22 | **Wooden Shoe Carving Demo**
4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 23 | **Keeping a Balanced Bug Population**
Presented by Linda Williams, a Forest Health specialist w/ Northeastern Wisconsin DNR. 6:30pm. Wild Ones Fox Valley, Menasha. 749-7807.
- 23 | **Holistic Health: Massage**
Presented by James S Besaw, Health Practitioner, Life Designs. 6:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 25 | **Remembering Loved Ones** ☎
Plant a tree in memoriam. 10am-2pm. The Bridge-Between Retreat Center, Denmark. 864-7230.
- 28 | **Creative Journey**
Writing on the Spot. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

- 30 | **Autism 101**
Presented by Diane Nackers, president of Autism Society of the Fox Valley. 4-5pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

films

- 1 | **Green Bay Film Society**
Wisconsin Public Television's 2012 Film "Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars & Breweries." 7pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 465-2097.
- 7 | **Tuesday Night Movies: Parental Guidance**
Free popcorn & pop. 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 13 | **Monday Matinee: Les Miserables**
Rated PG-13. 1pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 15 | **Green Bay Film Society**
Presenting the 2011 Italian Film "Shun Li and the Poet." 7pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 465-2097.
- 16 | **Thursday Night @ the Movies**
Zero Dark Thirty. Rated R. 6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 19 & 20 | **Red Cliff (China, 2008)**
Historical costume drama presented by NEW World Cinema. Su, 2pm & M, 7pm. UWFox Valley, Menasha. 734-0013.
- 21 | **Tuesday Night Movies: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** 🐶
Free popcorn & pop. 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 23 | **Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies**
Les Miserables. PG-13. 4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

classes & workshops

- 4 | **Naturally Clean** ☎
Learn how to clean your home w/out using harsh chemicals. 9am-12pm. The Bridge-Between, Denmark. 864-7230.
- 20 | **Suburban Homesteading: Food Fermentation**
Sauerkraut & Beyond, presented by Linda Conroy. 6:30-8:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 21 | **Mosaic Birdbath & Wrought Iron Stand** ☎
Create your own mosaic masterpiece. 5:30-9pm. Gardens of the Fox Cities, Appleton. 750-5462.

children's events

- 4 | **Art Activity Day: Celebrate Moms**
Make a glass pendant for Mom & other Mother's Day activities. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658.
- 6 | **Garden Stories**
Stories about gardening & activity. 10:15-11am. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.
- 7, 14, 21 | **Celebration of Mexican Heritage (Cinco de Mayo)** ☎
This program gives children a hands-on learning experience from an instructor who speaks fluent Spanish. 10:30am. The Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226 ext. 12.
- 14-18 | **Storybook Stars w/ Ladybug Girl**
Preschool story & craft time. Sponsored by Menasha Corporation Foundation. 10:30am. Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.
- 15 | **Touch A Truck**
See big trucks up close & meet the community helpers who drive them. 10am-12pm. Memorial Park, Neenah. 886-6060.
- 18 | **Frog-tastic Celebration**
Make a craft, see live frogs, games & a hike. 1-3pm. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.
- 18 | **Springtime on the Farm @ Heritage Hill State Historical Park**
Typical chores & activities that occurred on Wisconsin farms at the beginning of the 20th century. 10am-4:30pm. Heritage Hill Historical Park, Green Bay. 448-5150.
- 21 | **Turtle Tots Preschool Adventure** ☎
Are bats really blind? Learn a little more about these flying mammals. 9:30-11am. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

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Fox Cities By the Numbers: *Then* vs. *Now*

There's no denying the growth of the last 30 years (check out our population if you don't believe us), but when it comes to things like poverty, ethnic diversity and unemployment, has much changed since FOX CITIES Magazine was founded?



Fox Cities population

Then: 164,314
Now: 234,793

Unemployment rate

Then: 6.9%
Now: 6.7%

Median household income

Then: \$18,883
Now: \$52,374

Average price for a gallon of gas*

Then: \$1.16
Now: \$3.70

Residents with at least a high school diploma

Then: 71.6%
Now: 90.6%

Ethnic demographic breakdown

<i>Then:</i> Caucasian - 98.5%	<i>Now:</i> Caucasian - 93.5%
American Indian - 0.8%	Hispanic - 3.5%
Asian - 0.4%	Asian - 2.9%
African American - 0.2%	African American - 1.8%
Hispanic - 0.1%,	2 or more - 1.7%
2 or more - 0.0%	American Indian - 1.6%

Median home value

Then: \$44,100
Now: \$169,700

Percent of persons in poverty

Then: 4.5%
Now: 12%

Cost of an old fashioned**

Then: \$2.50
Now: \$4.50

Number of chain restaurants in the Fox Cities

Then: 22
Now: 155

Turn to page 26 to see what else has changed in dining.

*U.S. average. **Mark's East Side, of Appleton, prices

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry 2012 Community Profile, 1984 Appleton City Directory, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Energy



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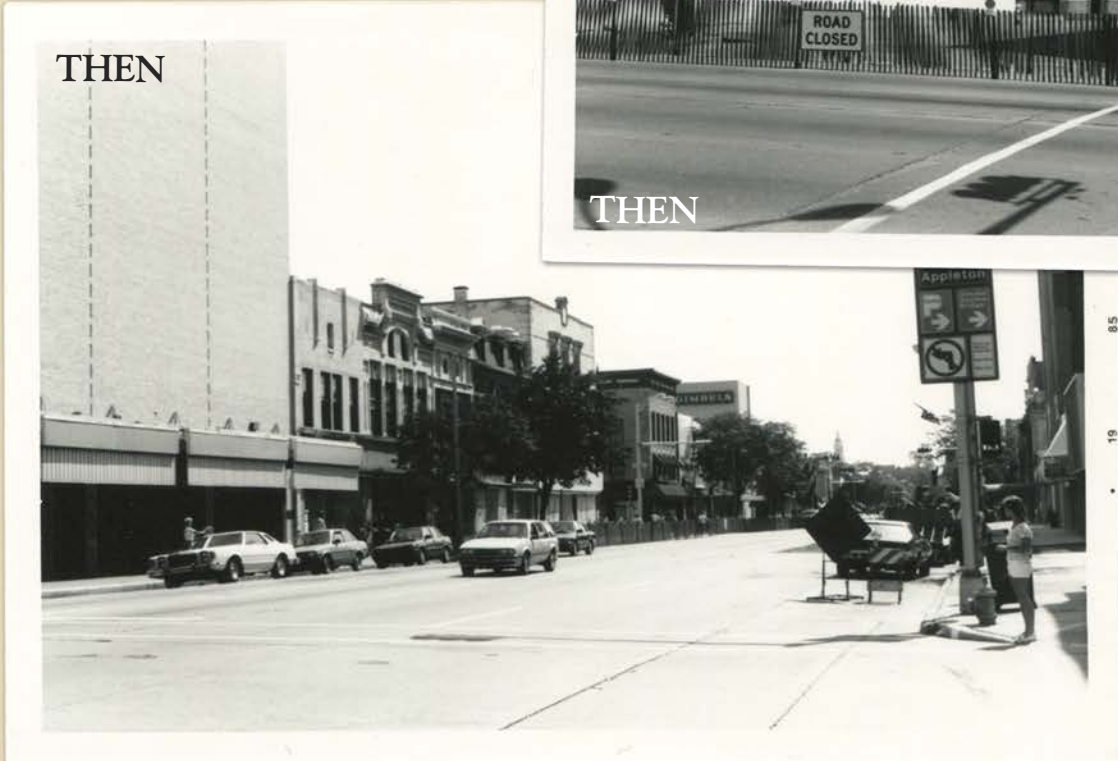


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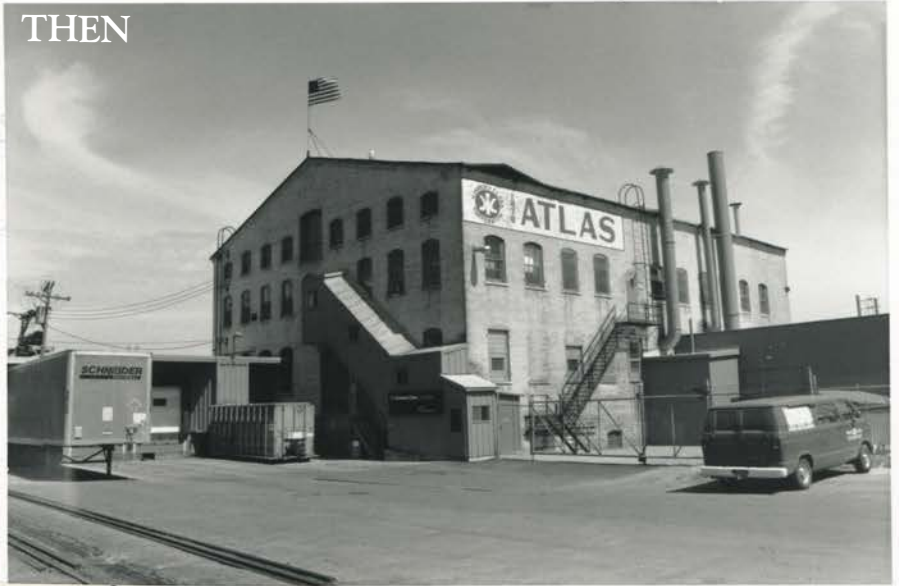


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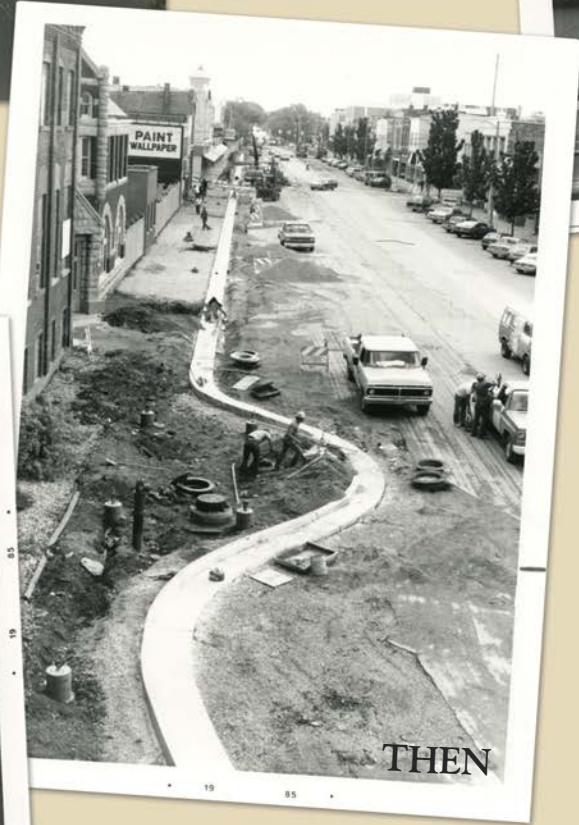


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Futuremakers: **A 2043 preview**

By Amelia Compton Wolff

Anniversaries remind us how far we've come. As FOX CITIES Magazine celebrates 30 years of producing its pages, we look to those individuals and organizations carrying our community into the next 30 and beyond.

Rather than sit behind an expansive desk, **Tim Bergstrom** pulls up a chair alongside me.

"It's one of my [general manager's] birthdays today," he reminds himself out loud. "I sing to everybody."

That's right. If you happen to be one of 1,200 Bergstrom Automotive team members throughout Wisconsin, expect the company's executive vice president to serenade you on your birthday, maybe even from atop that epic desk of his.

"Your job as a leader is to make sure your team is engaged," the 36-year-old



Neenah native says. "If I can stand on a desk and tell them how special they are and they can tell their family or just feel better about life, you impact everyone at that moment."

Bergstrom takes his leadership philosophy beyond his family-owned business, one of the Top 50 largest automotive groups in the country, and into the Fox Cities community. His involvement with the Theda Clark Foundation and Theda Care Finance Committee supports his belief that solid healthcare is a key component to a thriving, long-standing community. This year, Bergstrom will serve as co-chair of the United Way Fox Cities Leadership Giving Committee.

Creating a vibrant community, now and in the future, for residents of the Fox Cities is high priority for Bergstrom and one he claims would be slow-going alone.

"Our team is what drives our ability to support this community. I couldn't do what I'm doing without them."

"Sustainability" has become the buzzword of the environmental movement, but Sustainable Fox Valley (SFV) believes it's more than that.

"It's environmental, economic and social issues. Those three things all have to work together to really ensure the quality of life for people now and in the future," says **Julie Filapek**, Neighborhoods Initiative Coordinator for SFV.



Filapek, who also serves as the director of development for the Fox Valley Symphony, became involved with SFV in 2008 shortly after relocating to her hometown of Appleton. Today she collaborates with citizens and community partners to identify and expand neighborhood assets, thus revitalizing communities and building a solid base of grassroots leadership.

"We have some amazing leaders, philanthropy and incredible visionary people in this community," Filapek, 43, says. "I feel what we're lacking is a broad base of people who are actively engaged in making the place where they live better. Individual people can make a difference."

With support from grants from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Filapek was part of the team which worked to rejuvenate Appleton's Arbutus Park by removing invasive species, planting a butterfly garden and organizing summer concerts. For a community to flourish in the future, Filapek believes citizens must live in neighborhoods alive with social connections.

"Neighborhoods are going to thrive because of the people in them. Real and lasting change, when it's needed, won't come from anywhere else."

A community's longevity is due largely in part to its economic diversity and viability.

That's where **Kip Golden** comes in. Golden, 40, serves on the Fox Cities Economic Development Corporation (now the Fox Cities Regional Partnership), the Appleton Downtown Incorporated Economic Development Committee and City of Menasha Redevelopment Authority, among others, in addition to his role as vice president of industrial business development at Miron Construction.

Golden, a native of Little Chute, served on the leadership committee responsible for forming the Fox Cities Regional Partnership, a public/private partnership working to build the local economy by supporting retention, expansion and attraction of primary employers in northeast Wisconsin.

"We all know this is a great place to work, live and raise a family, but nobody does outside of here," Golden says. "We need to be out there telling people so they can start bringing new jobs to this area in order



for us to keep this area the way it is."

Beginning in August, Golden will serve as chairman of the Fox Cities Chamber Board of Directors. Already he has received offers of mentorship by community leaders who went before him.

"We have big city stuff, but we still have that small town attitude where people reach out to you and want to mentor you," Golden says. "Generation to generation, people are doing that and that's going to make us strong and prosperous for years to come."

Marc Busko spent his spring break meeting with the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce president, discussing how to retain young, creative talent in the Valley.

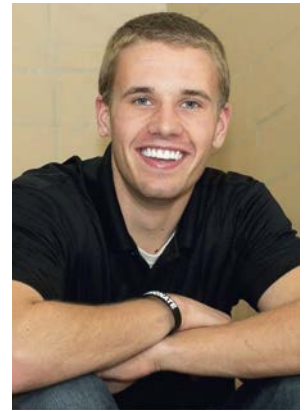
"I want the Fox Cities to be seen as an entrepreneurial hub, so people are motivated to come here to launch a company or a movement. We need innovation and creative space to make this area known for that type of environment," the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh sophomore says.

Maybe this isn't your typical spring break revelry, but Busko isn't your typical 20-year-old either. As founder and "chief passionate officer" of Marc Busko Speaking, the Kimberly High School graduate speaks to auditoriums filled with students in an effort to help them discover their passions.

"I speak to 4th graders up through college freshman, so I see the spectrum of how passions develop," Busko says. "My generation is looking for more than just a job, they're looking for a purpose."

Busko's involvement with leadership organizations such as the United Way Youth Board helped him discover his own passion for speaking and how to turn it into his life's work. As Busko already know, the Fox Valley is a prime landscape for entrepreneurs and it's time to spread the word.

"It can be done by launching a network like the Youth Board, but bring in top entrepreneurs ages 18-30 or starting a hub where you're fostering that innovative community which my generation thrives on. I'd love to help that movement be real here in the Fox Valley."



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Jessica Dennis, co-founder and community developer at Charitabli, is bringing “slacktivism” to a new, local level. For the uninitiated, slacktivism, a hybrid between slacker and activism, refers to social activism that requires minimal effort on part of the activist. (Think during the 2010 Haiti earthquake when the Red Cross solicited micro donations via text message.)

As a board member for the Gardens of the Fox Cities and Haven of Hope Day Care, Dennis found many small non-profits struggled with navigating social media, garnering online donations and cultivating a younger donor base.

“They could see this trend, but didn’t know how to capitalize on it,” Dennis, 30, says.

With lead developer Chris Schmitz and designer Thomas Bishop, Dennis launched the Charitabli website last October in response to the growing needs of non-profits to accommodate the changing culture of giving. Donors can browse featured causes on Charitabli, find one that speaks to them and donate as little as \$10 to a specified need.

“It’s as much an online donation platform as it is a marketing and promotion platform,” Dennis says.

The start-up, located in Neenah’s Marketplace, focuses on the highly social aspect of fundraising and keeping those donated dollars hyper-local. Dennis’s vision is to eventually see a local Charitabli in communities nationwide.

“My dream for Charitabli is for [it] to be synonymous with online giving across the country, like how Facebook is the way to connect with people.”



When **Dustin McClone**, 31, first began frequenting United Way Fox Cities events seven years ago, he noticed a lack of people his age in attendance.

“[United Way] has such an impact on our community,” says McClone, executive vice president of McClone Insurance Group, a third-generation family business. “It got me thinking, how are we going to continue this and make it better for the future?”

Through talks with United Way staff Peter Kelly and Sandy Drexler, McClone helped form the Emerging Leaders Program to give young leaders opportunities to give, advocate and volunteer in their community. McClone chaired the organization for six years and helped the group grow from 12 to more than 500 members.

“When it comes to giving back, this community sets a whole different bar,” the Menasha native says. “Emerging Leaders has been a great conduit for this generation to give back and get involved in a real way.”

McClone serves on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley and the Trout Museum of Art as well as the Leadership Giving Committee of the United Way Fox Cities.

“There’s a strong culture in this community of looking out for the greater good. No matter what growth or landscape changes we have, I wouldn’t want to lose that.”



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Three Decades of Dining



By Amelia Compton Wolff



When FOX CITIES Magazine, then named INSIDE THE FOX CITIES, first sprang to life in 1984, the local dining scene was a bit different. Over the past 30 years, new cultural influences, women in the workplace and even drinking laws have impacted how we chow.

Fast-paced Food

For better or worse, residents of the Fox Cities are busier than they were 30 years ago and restaurant owners have taken note. Diane Van Abel, catering sales manager at Van Abel's of Hollandtown established in 1848, says hectic schedules and the increase of dual-income households have many families relying on restaurants for help when it comes to hosting celebrations or just getting a weeknight dinner on the table.

"When we were kids, you might have a birthday or first communion party at your house. Now mom's working and she's really busy and wants to sit down and enjoy it so we [serve] more parties," Van Abel says. "In general, more people come out to eat for sure."

Monte Michiels, who took ownership of

Michiels Bar & Grill from his father in 1984, decided to serve food at the Menasha restaurant throughout the day rather than close from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in efforts to accommodate the unconventional schedules of busy, modern day diners.

"Thirty years ago you had a different lunch and dinner menu. I look back at those days and laugh now," Michiels says. "With both people working a lot, they don't necessarily go out for lunch between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. We serve seven days a week continuously during the day and we do quite a bit of service during those times."

Jay Schumert, senior general manager at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, says the fast pace of today's business travelers has affected the dining offerings at the hotel. When it opened in 1982, the hotel offered three dining establishments. One of them was Christie's, a French restaurant that offered an experiential (read: lengthy) dining experience. Schumert says business travelers no longer have time in their schedules for a leisurely two-hour meal, so the hotel introduced a more time-conscious concept, Vince Lombardi's Steakhouse, to replace Christie's in 2000.

"The speed of life has changed a lot in the last 20 years. People are working in their rooms at night," Schumert says. "The quantity of work and speed of life has gotten faster. Restaurants have to adapt."

Bar Culture

The 1980s were a tumultuous time for drinking laws in the state of Wisconsin. Measures were taken to increase the legal drinking age from

18 to 21 and there was a crackdown on drunk driving. Stricter laws reduced the amount of alcohol-related traffic accidents and also affected the dining scene, as food and drink are often synonymous with one another.

Jeannie Brice, owner and manager at Frank's Pizza Palace in Appleton, remembers when a good portion of Frank's business occurred at 3 a.m. shortly after the bars closed.

"Those were difficult hours to work. A lot changed with drunk driving laws," she says. "Before it was common to go out after bars for breakfast or pizza and that's not as common anymore."

During the late 1970s and early 80s, George's Steak House piano bar in Appleton was at its peak of popularity, says owner Brad Quimby. A piano player entertained customers six nights a week during this time, but today the musical entertainment is contained to weekends. Even then, the nights just aren't as late, Quimby says.

"Maybe that has something to do with the clientele, but the legal system has definitely changed what people can do," he says. "After-dinner drinks have gone away to a certain extent, so there isn't a demand for the late-night piano."

Quality Conscious

Trends in food come and go (anyone sick of bacon yet?), but some, like a concerted focus on healthful, local fare, seem to have more staying power, says Nick Hoffman, curator of The History Museum at the Castle's new exhibit "Food: Who We Are and What We Eat."

"Restaurants do react [to trends], but I think it's more the type of restaurants that have evolved locally that really show change, especially with the



green, know-your-farmer movement,” says Hoffman, who points to the success of locally-minded food truck Kangaroo restaurant and its brick and mortar offshoot, Kangaroo.

Michiels confirms that diners have indeed developed a taste for freshness and demand a higher level of quality cuisine.

“People have gotten a bit harder to please and are expecting more out of their dining experience,” he says. “We have to do things fresh, made to order. Pre-made things you used years ago don’t really fly anymore with people expecting a decent meal.”

While Van Abel’s has been using the same family recipe for their famous broasted chicken since the 1960s, there have been some menu additions to answer the call of the health conscious.

“We’ve added salads and wraps to week day business because people are more health conscious,” says Chris Coenen, general manager at Van Abel’s.

Food Memories

From the sausage and beer of early German immigrants to the Southeast Asian fare of more recent years, The History Museum at the Castle’s exhibit “Food: Who We Are and What We Eat,” chronicles the cuisine evolution of northeast Wisconsin.

The exhibit, opening to the public on May 15, tells the story of how food has been shaped by immigration, technology and economics, as well as how food shapes us.



“The exhibit itself is about our local history of food traditions, but we’re also using it as a catalyst to talk a little more broadly about the community, who we are as people and how food is one way we identify regionally,” says curator Nick Hoffman.

Visitors will discover how various home technologies such as electric stoves and refrigerators changed what we ate and they way we ate it. Visitors can share their own time-tested recipes and offer up their personal definition of a supper club — a hotly contested topic. An interactive sturgeon spearing shanty will give guests the chance to experience one of our most unique and regional food ways.



The History at the Museum at the Castle, Appleton, WI

Local food icons including Manderfield’s Home Bakery, Wilmar Chocolates, Frank’s Pizza Palace and Van Abel’s of Hollandtown will be featured in the exhibit. Because food is a high-sensory experience, “smell boxes” will release scents such as brandy and cheese. Flavored jelly beans offer visitors a taste of the food and drink being discussed.

Hoffman hopes the exhibit will reveal the profound ways in which food defines a people.

“In some ways, food is one of the most direct ways to perverse and hang on to [our] culture,” he says.



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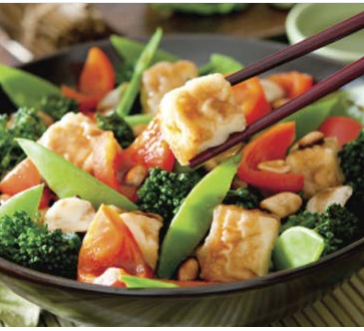
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A more detailed response takes me back to doing my college internship. I was invited by a chef with whom I used to work who had since relocated to Australia to work with him during the summer of 1988. I utilized this international experience to fulfill my internship obligation by working at the Grosvenor Hotel in Adelaide, South Australia. Now Australia, at least back in 1988, was very similar to America when it came to cuisine and culture: a very diverse melting pot.

Although Australian food seemed to have strong French influences, it was obvious that there were many different flavor profiles in the restaurant and dining scene.

On my first day on the job, the chef gave me one condition: I had to try everything. And I did. For the most part, the list was absolutely wonderful including exotic delicacies like kangaroo, ostrich, emu, several varieties of lamb and many local fish. However, the item that still ranks as the worst thing I have ever eaten was lambs brains. To prepare, we poached the little lobes, peeled off the membranes and rolled them in crumbs. Then we flash-fried them and served them with a plum chutney. OMG [sic]. I'm not sure what was worse – the taste or the texture! Thankfully the chutney was very good!

That said, I'll take some good Asian food any time! Thanks for your question, Wendy!



Chef Jeffrey Igel is the chair of the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Department at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. "Chef Jeff" has spent his entire career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, serving in many capacities.

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Schumerth says over the years he has seen a shift of focus from quantity to quality. "People aren't adverse to paying \$12, \$15 or \$20 for a quality glass of wine versus putting down three glasses for 20 bucks," he says.

Ethnic Invasion

In 1984, Michiels remembers one Chinese restaurant, House of Lee, on College Avenue in Appleton. A 1984 City Directory confirms there were three Chinese restaurants, a Japanese steakhouse and two Mexican establishments, not including the Taco Bell or Taco John's both on Richmond Street. The majority of the restaurant listings were for supper clubs and American style diners.

A current Fox Cities business directory reveals a very different story. More than 45 Asian restaurants represent food from China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, India and others.

"Over the last 25 years, the Valley has certainly diversified itself as far as different ethnic food available," says Michiels. "You can get the gamut of what you're looking for."

Immigrants from around the world call the Fox Cities home and this diverse population of people is reflected in our food offerings.

"Within the last 30 years, there's been a larger migration of African Americans and Southeast Asian immigrants, especially the Hmong, who have really had a major impact recently in our local food scene," Hoffman says.

The History Museum exhibit, "Food: Who We Are and What We Eat," details our local food traditions and reveals how immigration has impacted what we eat. By sharing the specific stories of ethnic establishments, such as Mai's Deli, Hoffman hopes the lives of many Fox Cities immigrants will be illuminated.

"Very often immigrants came into the community and went right into the food industry in some way so we knew we wanted them involved," he says.

The sheer number of restaurants for hungry Fox Citians to choose from, ethnic or otherwise, has been one of the most significant changes. "Today you can eat at a number of restaurants with foods from around the world and also enjoy longstanding icons like Frank's Pizza Palace or Van Abel's," Hoffman says.



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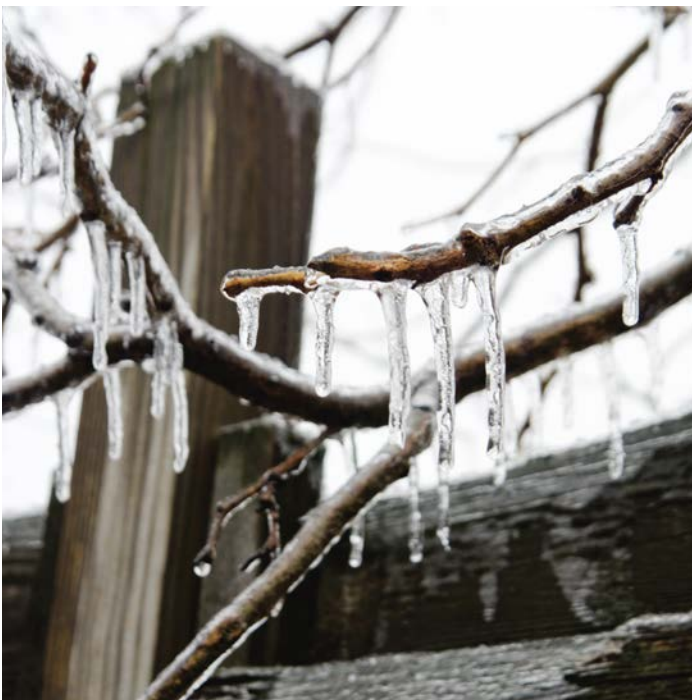
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