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One submission per category per person will be accepted. Deadline for submission is Friday, June 12. Winners will be published in our August 2015 issue.



## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



### Avocados and studio art classes

*Lawrence professor captivates viewers through sculpture, public art*



**Name:** Rob Neilson  
**Residence:** Appleton  
**Medium:** Sculpture and public art  
**Price range:** \$3,000–5,000

In a mysterious white-brick building, nestled behind College Avenue, is an art studio full of metal and wooden sculptures. The creator of these sculptures is Rob Neilson, Frederick R. Layton professor of art and associate professor of art at Lawrence University. Neilson successfully balances being a well-known sculptor, public artist and professor — at the same time!

Born and raised in Detroit, Neilson started his art career by creating things out of old junk and steel — which he originally had no idea was even considered “art.” It wasn’t until entering art school in Detroit that Neilson realized his love of creating these things was something he could pursue. With that said, it’s no surprise Neilson’s favorite medium to work with is sculpture. “We are three-dimensional beings; we exist in a 3-D world. There’s something real and substantial about creating these objects,” he states.

Some of Neilson’s inspirations include pseudoscience, advertising, religion, toys and playing. Although Neilson has his own thoughts behind his art pieces, he hopes viewers are able to form their own separate opinions of his artwork. “I have my content that I use to make those kinds of aesthetic decisions one must make. However, I don’t want it to be so overt that I don’t give the viewer room to engage with the piece and come to their own decision about what the work may be saying.”

As Neilson continued to receive positive feedback for his public artwork and sculptures, he was led from Los Angeles to Appleton, where he resided for the past 11 years. “I moved and didn’t think I’d stay — but I like what I do here, and like the fact that the university seems to value art and the role the visual arts can play in a liberal arts education. So, here I find myself 11 years later.”

Despite being a successful artist with a competitive portfolio, Neilson still holds teaching to the same level of seriousness. He states, “Images are how we mediate in the 21st century. Visual arts help students understand the role of images, how others use images, how they are manipulated and how to use language.” In a liberal arts school, Neilson says that additionally, students need “to understand how to communicate and synthesize information in general to navigate the world. Making a beautiful painting isn’t all you need to do.”

For the immediate future, Neilson has two public art projects in the works in Washington D.C. — one in an elementary school and one in a special education facility. A great combination of his love for teaching and love of public art, these pieces are sure to be captivating. If you are ever around the Los Angeles area, be sure to look for his famous giant avocado, complete with a globe in the place of its pit. Locally, viewers can see a permanent public artwork of Neilson’s at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, titled “Monument to St. Elizabeth of Hungary.” To see more of Neilson’s work, visit his website at [robneilson.com](http://robneilson.com).



—By Kristina Verhasselt

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Answer: Bethel Lutheran Church  
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WOB recognizes Wisconsin is quickly becoming noticed for more than just dairy as craft brewers populate the area. There are more than 70 Wisconsin beers available at WOB. We say cheers to that! Some beer partners are Hinterland, Fox River Brewing Company, Stone Arch Brewery, and Central Waters. WOB locations in Appleton and Wauwatosa are the only taverns to exclusively sell Appleton Beer Factory brews, and during EAA's AirVenture, all beers on tap will be from Wisconsin.

Another unique feature at WOB is the Infusion Tower. Tempting the taste buds of adventurous beer drinkers, selections are infused with a variety of fruits, vegetables, herbs, sweets and more to create unique flavors with recipes changing daily. A sampling of some of the flavors have included: jalapeno and lemon with Wisconsin farmhouse ale, and Summer Shandy with fresh oranges to name a few.

In addition to its drinks, WOB serves beer-centric food. Menu highlights are the flatbread pizzas and the German Pretzel, a WOB original served with different mustards and house-made beer cheese. Word on the street is there's a new contender in the chicken wing game, too!

Popular flavors are Dry Rub and Chipotle Porter. Lunch and dinner is served every day at WOB, along with Beerunch on Sundays. Select menu items will change seasonally.

Unwind while enjoying both the bar area and dining space at WOB. Thirteen TVs and games like Cribbage, Rock'em Sock'em Robots and Connect Four add to the laid-back atmosphere. Looking for entertainment? Take in local musicians, and occasionally groups from Milwaukee and Minneapolis, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, which are the most rocking evenings at this new establishment. Business is thriving and select reservations are now being accepted. Guests are encouraged to call for details.

Things also are heating up outside! As the weather warms, watch for the glass folding doors to open and take in the patio. With plush patio seating surrounded by ferns and outdoor heaters, it's the perfect spot to have a drink, watch the big game, listen to music or catch up on conversation. The patio is set to be fully covered, essentially making the space usable for three seasons of the year.

WOB is here to stay and looking forward to growing in the Fox Valley as they continue to partner with local charities, including Make-A-Wish, and the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Watch for details on upcoming Beer Schools and tournaments, too. WOB welcomes returning guests and new visitors to pull up a stool. You'll like what's on tap and there's more to come.



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# NOT TO BE MISSED: June & July events calendar

For a complete listing of current exhibits and our expanded events calendar, go to [foxcitiesmagazine.com](http://foxcitiesmagazine.com).

## Celebrate 'Downton Abbey' at the Paine Art Center

The allure of "Downton Abbey" is coming to the Paine Art Center and Gardens! The show's producers recently announced that season 6 will be the final installment in the series, so now is the perfect time to get the behind-the-scenes look at the costumes of some of your favorite characters and episodes. The exhibit, titled "Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times" will be at the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh from June 20-Sept. 20.

"Downton Abbey" is a critically acclaimed PBS Masterpiece Series set in the early 20th century, and follows the lives of the Crawley family in their fictional home at Highclere Castle in Newbury, England.



Photo courtesy of the Paine Art Center

Laura Fiser, curator of collections and exhibitions at the Paine Art Center, says that the exhibit will feature 36 period costumes and a fashion overview from the first four seasons of the

show. "Downton Abbey" is set in a time period when the world was rocked by events like the sinking of the Titanic, World War I and the beginning of the Jazz Age. "This time period witnessed immense changes in people's lives and in the way they dressed," says Fiser.

"We are a great fit for this exhibit because our museum is very similar to the mansion of the family in the show," says Kelli Marsicek, marketing director at the Paine Art Center, referring to the English estate.

The Paine Art Center is planning several different educational and special events to celebrate this exhibit. Marsicek noted that one of the featured events will be "tea and tours," where visitors can partake in a tea in the conservatory, followed by a tour of the exhibition. All activities will be listed on the museum's website closer to the opening of the exhibition.

For more information, contact the Paine Art Center at 235-6903.

—By Maggie Ward

## ARTS EVENTS

### June

#### 2-7 | Dirty Dancing

Tues-Fri at 7:30pm, Sat 2pm and 7:30pm, and Sun 1pm and 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

#### 5-7, 11-13 | Godspell

Hysterical Productions presents Stephen Schwartz's timeless musical. 7:30pm on June 5-6 and 11-13, 2pm on June 7. The Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2355.

#### 5 | 5 Milers Dinner Show

Enjoy a great performance and delicious meal. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

#### 6 | Saturday Night Dance

Dance the night away at the Thompson Community Center. Susie with Strings will entertain all night long. 255-1700.

#### 16-21, 23-28, 30-July 5 | A Real Lulu

Nice guy Ned Newley knows nothing about politics. Unfortunately for him, he somehow just became the governor of Vermont. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Sundays at 7:30pm except July 5 at 4pm. Peninsula Players Theatre, Door County. 868-3287.

#### 17-18, 20-23 | A Chorus Line

St. Norbert College Music Theatre presents the award-winning hit musical. 8pm Jun 17, 7:30pm Jun 18, 20-23. Walter Theater, St. Norbert College, De Pere. 403-3950.

#### 19-21, 24-27 | Attic Theatre's Father of the Bride

The Banks family turns a simple June wedding into a hilarious romp. All shows at 7pm, except for June 21 at 2 pm. James Perry Theatre at UWFox, Menasha. 734-7887.

#### 19 | Jay Owenhouse - Dare to Believe

A mind boggling, spell-binding experience that will keep you on the edge of your seat! 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

### July

#### 8-12, 14-19, 21-26 | Dial M for Murder

A tingling, suspense-filled thriller. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun at 7:30pm; except July 26 at 4pm. Peninsula Players Theatre, Door County. 868-3287.

#### 9-12, 14-18 | Attic Theatre's The Lion in Winter

The witty matching of England's King Henry II and his exiled Queen Eleanor as they maneuver to name an heir to the throne. All shows at 7pm, except for July 12 at 2 pm. James Perry Theatre at UWFox, Menasha. 734-7887.

#### 19 | 41st Annual Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass Arts Festival

Support the arts in our community. 10am-4pm. Riverside Park, Neenah. 751-4658.

#### 24-26, 29-Aug. 1 | Attic Theatre's Harvey

Elwood P. Dowd and his six-foot, one-inch invisible rabbit friend stress the lives of Elwood's sister, Veta Louise Simmons, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, in this perennial favorite by Mary Chase. All shows at 7pm, except for July 26 at 2pm. James Perry Theatre at UWFox, Menasha. 734-7887.

#### 26 | 55th Annual Art at the Park

The works of nearly 200 artists from throughout the county. Music, local food vendors and children's art activities. Presented by the Trout Museum of Art. 9am-4pm. City Park, Appleton. 733-4089.

#### 27 | The America The Beautiful Tour

A Prairie Home Companion's America the Beautiful Tour delivers classics from the past 41 years. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

## CONCERTS & MUSIC EVENTS

### June

#### 18 | Los Lonely Boys with Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers

A mix of rock, Texas blues, swaggering country and lively Tejano beats. 8pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

#### 19 | Akropolis Reed Quintet

Green Lake Festival of Music presents a free preview concert featuring a passionate performance of traditional and contemporary music. 7:30pm; pre-concert conversation at 7pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 748-9398.

#### 23 | Mavis Staples

For six decades, Staples has been a solid rock of American music. 8pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

#### 25 | The 5 Milers Folk Music Benefit Concert

Benefits the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra, The Thompson Center and the Child Advocacy Center of the Fox Cities. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

#### 29 | Melissa Etheridge — This is M.E.

Melissa Etheridge will play hits like Come to My Window and I'm the Only One along with songs from her latest album, This Is M.E. 8pm. Door Community Auditorium, Door County. 868-2728.

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## City band continues tradition

Appleton will be far from lacking in concert opportunities this summer, especially with the Appleton City Band in full swing every Tuesday night. Band president and clarinet player An Gehrman expects another amazing season with the band.



Photo courtesy of the Appleton City Band

Thaldorf's first year with the band, and he led them in a variety of pieces from "The Stars and Stripes Forever" to a Beatles medley.

Since not all of the members — in fact, very few of the members — are in a music-related profession, the bond between the band members is even more special. "The people in this band are people who just want to play their instrument and be a part of this tradition," Gehrman says. "We have a strong commitment and we've been here for over 70 years."

Band members and audiences alike can continue to be a part of Appleton's history every Tuesday this summer from 7-8 p.m. at the newly renovated Pierce Park Pavillion. Gehrman says she loves engaging with audience members of all ages. "We do listen to suggestions!" Gehrman says. "If you have a song you'd like to hear us play, let us know. We always try to do our best." The band will start performances on June 9 and continue for 10 weeks through the month of August.

—By Margaret Koss

## July

- 5 | Primo (First Course) by the Green Lake Chamber Players**  
The Green Lake Festival of Music presents Karen Kim, violin; Renee Skerik, viola; Tom Rosenburg, cello; Andrew Armstrong, piano. 3pm; pre-concert conversation at 2:30pm. Thrasher Opera House. 294-4279.
- 9 | Field Report**  
Wisconsin-based indie roots band, Field Report, centers around the passionately lyrical songs of Chris Porterfield. 8pm. Door County Auditorium. 868-2728.
- 11 | A Night to Remember**  
Witness that powerful evening firsthand as it is recreated by the A Night to Remember cast, who also will play favorites like Blue Suede Shoes, Great Balls of Fire, and Hound Dog. 8pm. Door County Auditorium. 868-2728.
- 12 | The Jupiter Quartet**  
Green Lake Festival of Music presents Nelson Lee and Megan Freivogel, violins, Liz Freivogel, viola, and Daniel McDonough, cello. An intimate, passionate and thrilling performance. 3pm; pre-concert conversation at 2:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 748-9398.
- 19 | The Charlie Daniels Band**  
8pm. Door County Auditorium. 868-2728.
- 23 | Steel Wheels and Dom Flemons**  
Based in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, this dynamic four-piece string band marries old-time musical traditions with their own innovative sound, selling out venues from coast to coast. 8pm. Door County Auditorium. 868-2728.
- 31 | Cabaret! A Vocal Celebration of Arias & Songs**  
Green Lake Festival of Music presents opera, Broadway and classical favorites. 1pm with luncheon at noon or 7:30pm; pre-concert conversation at 7pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.

- 31 | Lyle Lovett and his Large Band**  
Together, Lovett and his band hoot, rock and rollick. 8-11pm. Door County Auditorium. 868-2728.

## OPENING EXHIBITS

- June 3-Sept. 13 | Photography Centennial: Steaming through the American Century**  
Photographs of the S.S. St. Mary's Challenger, a Great Lakes steamboat, taken by Christopher Winters. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-7860.
- June 5-July 12 | 53rd Annual Juried Exhibit**  
Works by local and regional artists. The Hardy Gallery, Ephraim. 854-2210.
- June 6-28 | Art Space Collective 20th**  
Artwork from all of the Art Space Collective Inc. members. Art Space Collective, Oshkosh. 426-3232.
- June 9-Oct. 25 | Norman Rockwell: A Portrait of America**  
Explore Rockwell's remarkable ability to capture America's changing political and social landscape during the middle of the 20th century. The Trout Museum, Appleton. 733-4089.
- June 20-Sept. 20 | Dressing Downtown: Changing Fashion for Changing Times**  
Educational and special events celebrating this exhibit are planned. Activities will be listed on the museum's website. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.
- June 21-July 26 | Gary Melchert's Model Car Collection**  
Features 1/8-scale models. This show appeals to automobile enthusiasts and anyone interested in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Seymour Community Museum, Seymour. 833-6064.

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## Art at the Park returns for 55th anniversary

Mark your calendars now for this year's Art at the Park! The festival, put on by the Trout Museum of Art, promises to be just as big and fun-filled as in years past. Art at the Park will be held July 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Park, located at 500 E. Franklin Street, Appleton.

Each year, the festival draws tens of thousands of visitors who come to participate in the events and see the works of more than 200 participating artists. The event features musical entertainment, local food vendors and plenty of children's art activities.

Lindsey DePasse, marketing and events coordinator for the Trout Museum, says that this year's Art at the Park will include more children's events than prior years, including a kid's art show, creative station and interactive activities like face-painting. The festival also will have a collaborative art project for all ages. "We always have a community art project and this year it's



Photo courtesy of the Trout Museum of Art

going to be a large American flag mosaic in the center of the park," says DePasse.

DePasse says that this year is very important for the museum. "We are especially excited about this year's Art at the Park as it is the community's 55th annual year of celebrating a Fox Cities tradition!" says DePasse.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, contact the Trout Museum of Art at 733-4089.

—By Maggie Ward

### July 4-22 | Small Works Exhibition

A juried exhibition featuring work by regional artists. 6-9 pm. Art Space Collective, Oshkosh. 426-3232.

### July 13-Jan. 15, 2016 | New London Photographers

Learn about photographers that lived in New London during the 19th and 20th centuries. New London Public Museum, New London. 982-8520.

### July 17-Aug 30 | Collection Invitational and Collector's Choice Benefit

Features two works from each artist, one of which is donated for the Collector's Choice Benefit, the organization's largest fundraiser. The donated works are featured in a silent auction. The Hardy Gallery, Ephraim. 854-2210.

### July 17-Aug 30 | Community Mosaic Project

Constructed of 300 individual works of art submitted by community members, youth and artists of all skill levels. Throughout the duration of the exhibit, the general public has the opportunity to purchase one of the 300 numbers; all proceeds benefit the nonprofit organization. The Hardy Gallery, Ephraim. 854-2210.

### July 26-Oct 18 | Great War to Great Gatsby: 1914-1929

Focuses on an era of high prosperity in the U.S. and how it set local lives apart from people in other countries, through film, photographs, and artifacts. Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5799.

## COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS

### June

#### 4, 11, 18, 25 | Heid Music Summer Concert Series

5:30-8:30pm. Downtown, Appleton. 954-9112.

#### 4, 11, 18, 25 | Lunchtime Live Concerts

11:30am-1pm. Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 954-9112.

#### 4, 11, 18, 25 | Out to Lunch Concert Series

Bring or buy a lunch and enjoy live entertainment. 11:30am-1pm at Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

#### 5, 18 | Recreational Kayaking

Instructional lessons. 1-4 pm. Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve, Suamico. 448-6242.

#### 5 | Bat Hike

An evening of bat exploration. 7:30-9pm. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

#### 6 | 35th Annual Bark in the Park

Join the Fox Valley Humane Society for this event, featuring a 1.5K Pledge Walk and Kids Fun Run. 8:30am-noon. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Grounds, 4321 N. Ballard Rd., Appleton. 733-1717.

#### 6 | Community First Free Fishing Day

We'll supply the bait and have additional rods and reels that can be borrowed. Activities for the kids and a small-scale fishing tournament for all young shore fishers. Prizes awarded. 8am-noon. Jefferson Park, Menasha. 720-9349.

#### 9, 16, 23, 30 | Appleton City Band

The Appleton City Band will perform every Tuesday until Aug. 11 at Pierce Park, Appleton. 7pm. 739-0950.

#### 10 | Little Chute Bike Tour

Join the Kimberly-Little Chute Public Library and History Museum at the Castle for a leisurely 5-mile bicycle tour of local history. Little Chute Public Library. 6pm. 788-7825.

#### 10, 25 | Evening Concert Series

Free live music every Wednesday. 6-8pm. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

#### 13 | Flag Day Parade

The Appleton City Band and many more groups will take part. Starts at the corner of Oneida St. and Wisconsin Ave., Appleton. The parade starts at 2pm. 739-0950.

#### 13 | Wild Ones Door County Trip

An all-day bus trip to Door County. Visit [foxvalleyarea.wildones.org](http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org) for registration. 730-3986.

#### 19 | Let's Go Froggin'

Join us at the preserve for an evening frog hike. Learn about frogs and toads found in Wisconsin. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

#### 20 | Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association Garden Walk

Tour five Fox Cities' gardens, including Anne VanHandel Garden, Gardens at Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Learning Garden at Columbus Elementary School, Anne Rausch Garden and Sandi Anderson Garden. 10am-4pm. [ocmga.net](http://ocmga.net).

#### 23 | Grilling with Beer

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade presents a live grilling competition with local chefs. 6pm. Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton. 725-8992.

### July

#### 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Out to Lunch Concert Series

Bring or buy a lunch and enjoy live entertainment. 11:30am-1pm at Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

#### 7, 14, 21, 28 | Appleton City Band

Each Tuesday through Aug. 11. 7pm. Pierce Park, Appleton. 739-0950.

#### 8, 22 | Evening Concert Series

Free live music every Wednesday. 6-8pm. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

#### 9, 16, 23, 30 | Heid Summer Concert Series

5:30-8:30pm. Downtown, Appleton. 954-9112.

#### 9, 16, 23, 30 | Lunchtime Live Concerts

11:30am-1pm. Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 954-9112.

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**20-26 | EAA AirVenture 2015**

The annual EAA Airventure will feature one of the most harrowing and triumphant adventures in space exploration history as members of the Apollo 13 crew and team will participate in activities throughout the festival. Times Vary. Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh. 426-6523.

**LECTURES, READINGS, DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**June**

**6 | Art Demonstration**

Artist-in-Residence, Beth Servais, will present an Art Demonstration on the first floor of the Appleton Public Library. 10am-noon. 832-6173.

**8 | SPARK! Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms**

A program for caregivers and loved ones living with memory loss led by a trained museum educator who will engage participants in interactive exhibit experiences. 1-2:30pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

**13 | Bilingual Conversation Club**

Practice your English/Spanish speaking skills with engaging learning activities with our facilitator. 10-11:30am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3662.

**17 | Downtown Book Club**

Discuss Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah. Led by Howard Porter. Feel free to bring your lunch. Noon-1pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**18 | Prohibition!**

Join the New London Public Museum for a talk about the Prohibition Era. 2-3pm at St. Joseph's Activity Room, located at 107 East Beckert Road. 982-8520.

**22 | Meet Wisconsin Authors**

Meet Sara DeLuca, author of The Crops Look Good: News from a Midwestern Family Farm. Books for sale and signing. 4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**25 | Collective Collage**

Artist-in-Residence, Beth Servais, will show collage making. 10am-noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**July**

**13 | SPARK! Neon Signs**

A program for caregivers and loved ones living with memory loss led by a trained museum educator who will engage

participants in interactive exhibit experiences. 1-2:30pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

**11 | Bilingual Conversation Club**

Practice your English/Spanish speaking skills with engaging learning activities with our facilitator. 10-11:30 am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3662.

**FILMS**

**June**

**4 | Kimberly Memory Project**

Library volunteer Mary Lamers recorded video interviews of Kimberly residents who can remember the early days of the village. 6:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

**11 | Thursday Night @ the Movies**

Featuring Selma. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s historical struggle to secure voting rights for all people. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**15 | Monday Morning Matinee**

Featuring Bambi. Rated G. 9:30-11am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**18 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies**

Featuring Wonder Woman. Refreshments served. 4:10-6:10pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**18 | Walk a Mile in my Shoes**

Film screening of Forgotten History, a documentary created by Lawrence University student Zach Ben Amots and filmmaker Catherine Tatge. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**July**

**11 | Family Movie Day: McFarland, USA**

Disney movie that follows novice runners from McFarland, a poor small town in California, as they give their all to build a cross-country team under the direction of Coach Jim White. 1:30-3:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

**17 | NLPM Vintage Movie Night**

Hosted by the New London Public Museum. Grand Cinema Theater, New London. 982-8520.

**27 | Teen Movie Day**

We'll have pizza and be showing a new release. Check the Kimberly-Little Chute Library website for details. Grades 6 and up. 1:30-3:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

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# Submarine discussion results in full-blown summertime festival

If a festival celebrating the submarine freshwater capitol of the world sounds like a blast to you, look no further than the 1st Annual SubFest. A three-day long festival from July 10-12 sponsored by the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc, SubFest has a little bit of everything — from an appearance by Jim Bates from the movie, “Run Silent, Run Deep,”



Photo courtesy of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum

to a naval art exhibit at the Rahr-West Art Museum.

Manitowoc is home of the USS Cobia submarine, the best-preserved WWII submarine in the world and the original inspiration for

SubFest, according to Rolf Johnson, CEO of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. What first began as a night out between Johnson and two colleagues, quickly formed into the brainchild of SubFest. “I was having drinks with the director of the Capitol Civic Centre and the director of the Rahr-West Art Museum, talking about submarines and wanting to collaborate together,” states Johnson. “We’re now reaching out to local businesses so they can get involved. Many veterans groups, as well as film buffs, are also being reached — we’re reaching out to the entire United States.”

Some key attractions of the festival include a showing of the submarine movie, “Run Silent, Run Deep,” fireworks over the Manitowoc River, and various performances at the Capitol Civic Centre.

The theme of this year’s SubFest is WWII, but will be subject to change throughout the following years. “The festival will be able to refresh itself every year,” announces Johnson. “We’re looking at future themes, some of which are submarines in pop culture, even the Beatles’ ‘Yellow Submarine.’”

Visit [wisconsinmaritime.org](http://wisconsinmaritime.org) for a complete listing of SubFest activities!

—By Kristina Verhassel

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### June

- 6 | Outagamie County Master Gardener Seminars**  
The topic for this session will be roses. 10am-11:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 8 | Master Gardeners Present: Vegetable Gardening**  
Join the Outagamie County Master Gardeners to learn a few basics to start your own vegetable garden. 6:30-7:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.
- 11, 25 | Creative Writing @ the Library**  
This session will focus on sharing what you’ve written with a ten-minute or less excerpt. Led by Sherry Robinson. 10am-noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 13, 20 | Starting to Paint in Watercolor**  
Learn everything you need to know to start producing paintings of watercolor. Ages 15-plus. 9am-12:30pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 15 | Knit2Together**  
This multi-generational knitting circle is always open to newcomers. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 20 | Neville Soda Series**  
Learn how soda is made and how to make it at home. Go home with two 12-ounce, naturally carbonated sodas. 1-2pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.
- 22 | Comic Book Workshop**  
Comic book artist, Carli Ihde will talk about her work and teach how to create comic books and graphic novels. 1:30-2:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.
- 23 | Health and Wellness Educational Seminars**  
Learn about Heart Disease. Presented by Greg Reynolds 4-5pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6713.
- 27 | Stencil Art Workshop**  
Design and create your own reusable stencil art. Ages 15-plus. Noon-5 pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

- 29 | Making Fleece Blankets**  
Work in groups to make blankets to be donated to local shelters. 1:30-3pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### July

- 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1 | Sketching and Drawing**  
Develop the skills and techniques to achieve higher levels of sketching and drawing proficiency. For ages 15-plus. 8am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 13-25 | Science at the Beach**  
Learn about the physical and nano-scale science behind your favorite beach activities. Paper Discovery Center. 380-7491.
- 20 | Neville Soda Series**  
Learn how soda is made and how to make it at home. Go home with two 12-ounce, naturally carbonated sodas. 1-2pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.
- 20 | Introduction to Knitting**  
Learn the basics of casting on, knitting and finishing a piece. Participants will leave with suggestions for books and online resources to continue developing their skills. 10:30am-noon. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

## CHILDREN’S EVENTS & CLASSES

### June

- 6 | Blowing In The Wind**  
Mollie Turchan will show attendees how to turn a garden glove into an ornament. Ages 5-12; must be accompanied by an adult. 11am-4 pm. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.
- 6 | June Art Activity Day: Draped Glass Flower Pots**  
10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.
- 8, 15, 22, 29 | Messy Mondays** ☎  
Free summer program for children 4-8. For exploration of shape, texture and color with a guarantee of making a mess! 1-1:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 10 | Read and Build with the Library**  
Storytime and LEGO building activity for children ages 4 to 8. 3:30-4:30pm. Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5763.
- 13 | Pooches and Pages**  
Children read aloud to registered therapy dog. 10-11am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6335.
- 15-27 | The Science of You**  
Learn how your body connects you to the world around you. Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. 380-7491.
- 16 | Sandal Hop and Story Walk**  
Kids can dance, sandal hop and visit with community representatives at various stations. 6-8pm. Menasha Public Library. 731-9831.
- 17 | Bubble Wonders with Geoff Akins**  
Geoff works magic with bubbles to demonstrate that anything is possible. 10:30-11:30am. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.
- 17 | Children’s Story and Activity Time**  
An hour of fun and a story surrounded by Norman Rockwell’s iconic artwork. 10-11am. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 17 | Make Your Own Super Hero**  
Learn Photoshop tips as you transform a headshot photo into a superhero. Appleton Public Library. 3-4pm. 832-6173.
- 17 | Randy Peterson in Concert**  
Summer library program kickoff concert. 1:30-2:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 731-9831.
- 19 | Captain Underpants Party**  
10:30-11:15am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.
- 23 | Exploring Wetlands**  
Andrea from Heckrodt Wetland Reserve presents as part of the Passport to Nature Every Hero Has a Story summer library program. 10am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.
- 24 | Pre-School Summertime Fun**  
Pre-school students, ages 3-6, will create art with bubbles. 10-11am. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 24 | Stuart Stotts in Concert**  
Songs for Heroes In Your Library. 1:30-2:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.
- 27 | Make a Welcome/Name Sign**  
Adults may participate for an additional fee. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 1-3pm. 751-4658.

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## July

### 1, 8 | Pre-School Summertime Fun

Pre-school students, ages 3-6, will create art with bubbles. 10-11 am. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 1 | Magic with Bruce Hetzler

Part of the Every Hero has a Story summer library program. Free fun for all ages. 1:30-2:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 | Messy Mondays

Free summer program for children 4-8. For exploration of shape, texture and color with a guarantee of making a mess! 1-1:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

### 6-10 | Young Artists: The World of 3D Art

Work with clay, metal and plaster. Each week-long camp includes all materials, daily snack and fun! Ages 5-8. 8:30 am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 11 | July Art Activity Day: Lightning Bolt Keychain

Make a keychain or pendant using pre-fused glass and fire-on decals. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 11 | Make A Friend Portrait

Bring a friend or parent and make a glass portrait of them. 10 am-noon. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 11 | Pooches and Pages

Children read aloud to registered therapy dogs that are gentle, calm and polite and listen patiently without judgment. 10-11am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6335.

### 13-25 | Science at the Beach

Come and learn about the physical and nano-scale science behind all your favorite beach activities. Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. 380-7491.

### 13-17 | Art Explorers: Painting

Discover new mediums and techniques while learning about famous painters throughout history. Each week-long camp includes all materials, daily snack and fun! Ages 7-11. 8:30am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 13-17 | Art Immersion: Japan

Explore Japan through temples, scrolls and ceremonies to discover how they impact the development of modern anime and manga. Each week-long camp includes all materials, daily snack and fun! Ages 12-16. 12:30-3:30pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 13 | First Aid Basics for Teens

1:30-3pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### 15 | Children's Story and Activity Time

Join The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton for an hour of fun and an exciting story surrounded by Norman Rockwell's iconic artwork. 10-11am. 733-4089.

### 16 | Sandal Hop and Story Walk

Dance the sandal hop, boogie, get some exercise, and explore stories on our Story Walk course. 6-8pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

### 20-24 | Discovering Composition

We will write reactions to artwork and colors, shapes, lines and words to create meaningful compositions. The week-long camp includes all materials, daily snack and fun! Ages 7-11. 8 am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 20-24 | Emerging Artists: A New Perspective

Students learn the basics of grid drawing. Each week-long camp includes all materials, daily snack and fun! 8:30 am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 22 | Children's Parade

Children age 12 and under and their families are invited to march in costume on decorated bikes or wagons. Sponsored by Building for Kids. Parade begins at 6pm from the Houdini Plaza and continues at 6:30pm at City Park. 734-3226.

### 22 | Find the Superhero in YOU!

Magic and Science Guy Jim Lenz will share his story of heroism and take you on a journey of engaging science exercises and magical surprises. 10:30-11:30am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### 22 | Zoomalota Magic with Steven Dickinson

Part of the Every Hero Has a Story summer library program. Includes a balloon twisting workshop. 1:30pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

### 24 | Return of Superhero BINGO

Enjoy a super second time earning prizes with cards featuring your favorite superheroes. 10:30-11:30am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### 27-31 | Emerging Artists: Off The Grid

Students learn the basics of grid drawing. Each week-long camp includes all materials, daily snack and fun! 8:30am-noon. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 29 | David Landau Music and Laughter for Kids concert

Sing-a-long, part of "every hero has a story" summer library program. 1:30-2:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

*Calendar listings submitted to FOX CITIES Magazine are subject to change. The public is welcome to submit events online or to [calendar@foxcitiesmagazine.com](mailto:calendar@foxcitiesmagazine.com).*



## Flag Day celebrates Old Glory, unites community

Celebrating America becomes a universal attitude across communities in the United States around this time of year, with Memorial Day behind us and the Fourth of July quickly approaching. But a holiday that isn't as widely celebrated across the country is Flag Day — a holiday that the Appleton community has been celebrating for 65 years now with its annual Flag Day parade on June 13.

"The history behind the Appleton Flag Day Parade really precedes itself," says Eric Stadler, the Military and Veteran liaison for the parade. "The Appleton Elks who started the parade in 1950 did it the right way and put all of their efforts into it. It's become a family tradition here."

Stadler is in charge of the military and veteran units who appear in the parade. "We welcome and celebrate all branches of service, but each year we also highlight a different military service," he explains. "This year, we are honoring the U.S. Navy, so they will lead the parade and feature highly decorated Navy veterans." Though the official Parade Grand Marshal is the American Flag, the Honorary Parade Marshal will be the Rear Adm. Jerry Clusen.

Flag Day has a message and mission entirely its own from other American holidays, making the parade especially distinct. "The Flag Day Parade is more joyous and upbeat, because it's honoring the Flag and what it stands for. The community rallies behind the Flag and celebrates its meaning," Stadler says.

The parade will feature a variety of patriotic units, from veterans' organizations to marching bands, including the esteemed 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from Cherry Point, N.C. Don't miss the parade in downtown Appleton at 2 p.m., and visit [Appleton.org](http://Appleton.org) for more information about the route and included units.

—By Margaret Koss

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# A day at the beach

By Cassie Beyer

*Area lakes provide opportunities for summer fun*

*Photo courtesy of Kohler-Andrae State Park*

**A**fter a cold Wisconsin winter, everyone deserves some time in the sun. Thankfully, the Fox Cities and surrounding area offers a wide variety of outdoor activities year round, including several fantastic beaches in our local parks. These offer a wide range of summer opportunities both on the water and off to those looking for a day or weekend getaway.

## **Plamann Park, Appleton**

For a day at the beach in your own backyard, Plamann Park, just north of Appleton, offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including a man-made lake and beach. “The park offers a fun, friendly atmosphere,” explains Brian Feest, recreation director for the Outagamie County Parks Department.

Plamann Lake includes a diving platform, regularly cleaned sand, a concessions stand and grills. New playground equipment was added to the grassy area around the beach in May, and swimming lessons are available in July and August.

The 257-acre park offers plenty of additional entertainment opportunities as well, such as baseball diamonds, volleyball courts, tennis courts and horseshoe pits. Trails lead walkers through a variety of terrains, from open areas to heavy woods.

The park also contains two rather unique features. The first is an onsite children’s farm where kids can view and pet a variety of young farm animals. The second is a 27-hole, 5-star rated disc golf course. “It’s very popular in the area,” says Feest. “Several years ago, the Disc Golf Association tried to visit every course in the country and thought ours was one of the best.”

The park is open year round from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the beach section available June 6 to August 16 from 1 to 7 p.m. Lifeguards are on duty.

## **High Cliff State Park, Sherwood**

Described as one of the seven natural wonders of Wisconsin by Travel Wisconsin, Wisconsin’s Department of Tourism website, High Cliff State Park in Sherwood offers plenty to do for everyone in the family.

The beach itself benefits from the inclusion of a bathhouse with flush toilets, showers and changing areas so you can clean up before heading home. There’s also a playground for the kids. Picnic areas, some of which allow pets, offer tables and grills. Swimming is allowed, although there is no lifeguard on duty.

For the fishermen in the family, Lake Winnebago and Butterfly Pond offer numerous kinds of fish. Fishing equipment can even be borrowed at no cost from the park office. Bait is available at the Harbor House in the marina.

The park offers boaters, windsurfers, kite boarders and paddlers four developed and one undeveloped boat launches, as well as a 100-plus slip marina where boats can stay overnight.

More than 15 miles of hiking, biking and horse riding trails show off the rich ecosystem of the park — historical locations such as Native American effigy mounds, a lime kiln and a lime quarry, and a magnificent view from the top of the 200-foot Niagara Escarpment.

“People come on a regular basis to escape the city,” shares Linda Guelig, park manager. “They really enjoy the natural beauty such as wildflowers and birds and hiking in the back woods. It’s something you don’t necessarily find in a city park.”

Making it a weekend getaway? The park also offers more than 100 camping sites, with showers, flush toilets and limited electric access.

The park is open year round from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## **South Park, Waupaca**

South Park in Waupaca recently received the Waupaca Chamber of Commerce’s Grand Facelift Award for extensive improvements. This included replacing the bathrooms with handicap accessible ones and replacing of old playground equipment with a “universal playground,” which has considerable wheelchair accessibility.

And, there is more to come. These renovations are just the first part of a four-part project, so keep a lookout for additional improvements.

“South Park has had a long-standing tradition of being the place to go in terms of a public beach in the city of Waupaca,” explains Mitchell J. Swenson, vice president of tourism with the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce.

The beach looks out over Shadow Lake, one of the many lakes for which the Waupaca area is known. Facilities include changing rooms, vending machines and bathrooms, as well as a diving dock, fishing pier, kiddy dock and boat launch. Lifeguards are on duty from Memorial Day weekend until late August, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting, and swimming is allowed outside of those hours at the swimmers’ own risk. Swimming lessons also are offered throughout the summer.

The 100-year-old park also is home to the Hutchinson House Museum. More than 150 years old, the home is the oldest in Waupaca and was moved into the park in 1954. It now operates as a museum, showcasing life in the Victorian Age and artifacts of early area settlers. The house is open 1 to 4 p.m. on weekends as well as on Memorial Day and July 4. Admission is free.

The park itself is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. year round.



## Shawano Lake County Park and Campground, Shawano

Patti Peterson, tourism manager at the Shawano Chamber of Commerce, can't contain her enthusiasm on the subject of Shawano Lake County Park and Campground. With more than 530 feet of sand, "it's by far the largest open frontage (in the area), with a sand beach they maintain beautifully. They've done a great job of keeping it up," Peterson explains. That includes grills and umbrella tables in the picnic areas, a modern playground, and even a shop offering snacks, hot dogs, beer, soda, ice and firewood. Volleyball, basketball and tennis courts are all available, as are horseshoe pits and a softball diamond, creating a great atmosphere for the entire family.

"The beach has a very gradual slope so it is perfect for families with younger children and large enough to accommodate older kids and adults," explains Keith Marquardt, Shawano County Parks director. "We also have a beach cleaner which we use every day so the beach is perfectly groomed. This removes all the weeds, rocks, cigarette butts, etc."

Shawano Lake offers plenty of swimming, boating and fishing opportunities, with a fishing pier, multiple boat launches and a boat wash. For

those looking to try something new, pedal boats and kayaks also are available for rental. Meanwhile, an outdoor rinse station and an indoor shower house lets you clean off at the end of the day.

The site also offers 90 campsites away from the beach with electrical and water hookups and a dump station for RVs. In addition, there are a handful of non-electric tent sites, and even the ability to rent tipis for the night.

## Hattie Sherwood Park, Green Lake

The Green Lake area offers several points of access to the lake itself, the largest being Hattie Sherwood Park. Located near the downtown area of the city of Green Lake, it's easily accessible and offers nearby shopping opportunities.

The park's beach offers boat launches, canoe landings, fishing opportunities, a playground, diving pier and flush toilet restrooms. Nearby grassy areas are great for picnics.

Liane Walsh, program and event coordinator for the Green Lake Chamber of Commerce, highlights two specific events in the area. July 25 is an annual water ski show which can be viewed from the park. It's also a great place to view fireworks displays. She highlights the sheer beauty of the beaches, as well as an area that specifically

makes it easy to get small children into the water.

The park is next door to the city-owned Hattie Sherwood Campground, which also has access to the beach, complete with boat launch and fishing opportunities. Hiking and biking trails are accessible from

the campground, and a playground is available just in case the kids still have energy after your day on the water. Electric hook-ups, modern restrooms and showers are all included onsite.

## Kohler-Andrae State Park, Sheboygan

Kohler-Andrae State Park, just south of Sheboygan, offers a magnificent view of Lake Michigan. "The majority of people come for the two miles of beach frontage," explains Carolyn Morgen, superintendent of both Kohler-Andrae and Harrington Beach state parks. The cordwalk to the dunes is particularly popular, from which you can see both the lake and the park's tree line.

The beach area sports several picnic areas, and swimming is allowed, although there are no lifeguards present. A big feature is the pet-friendly picnic area. "This is a place to take families, and it's safe. Law enforcement officers patrol the park," Morgen continues.

And, you'll be in good company. Nearly a half million people visit the park every year, making it one of the busiest parks in the state.

For those looking for an educational component to their trip, the park includes Sanderling Nature Center, which offers a variety of programs from May to October for adults and children alike. Here, visitors can learn more about the ecology of the park and view the surrounding area through a rooftop observation deck.

The park offers a total of seven summer trails which go through a wide variety of terrain, including sand dunes, wetland, forest and open fields. There are signs along the way to point out various natural features, such as plant and animal life, as well as geographical features. Black River Trail is open to horses, bicycles and hikers.

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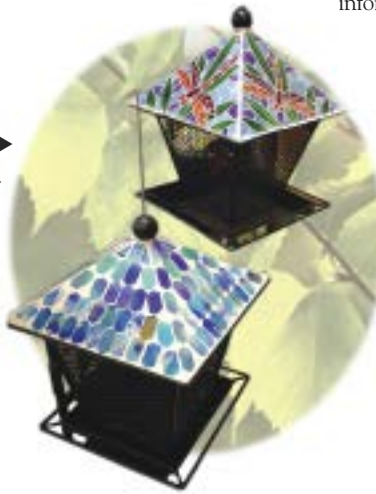
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FOX CITIES Magazine caught up with area professionals on location at places relevant to their professions just in time to usher in warmer temperatures. They were ready to dive into summer by showing off "suits" of another kind during our annual photo shoot.

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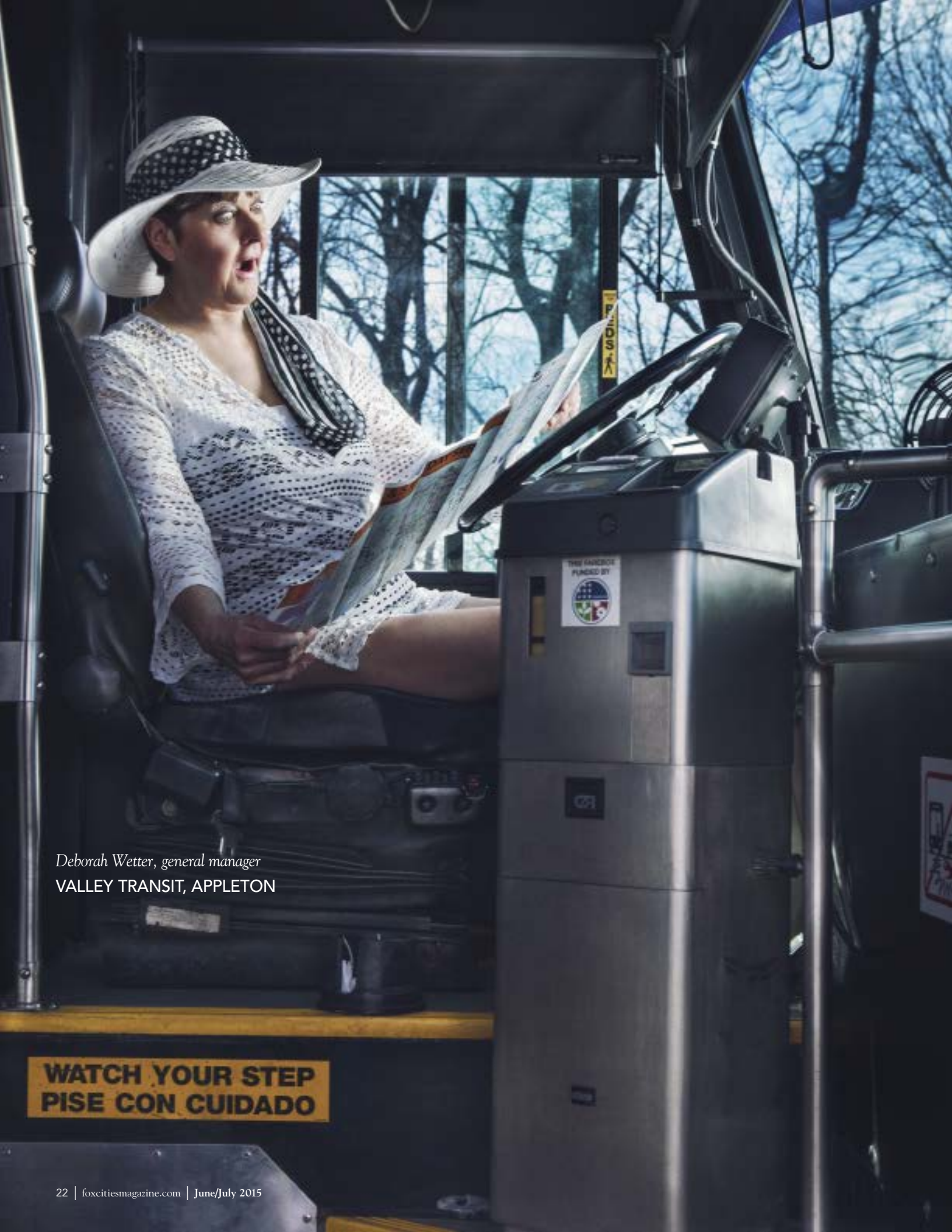


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# 2015 FESTIVALS & FARMER

## AREA FESTIVALS

### June 5-7 | Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival

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### June 11-14 | Oshkosh Irish Fest

Enjoy music, food, dancers, presentations, vendors, 5K, raffle, and more! Bring your wee little ones for Little Leprechaun Land, participate in our Irish Fest 5K, or just enjoy some great music in this beautiful park on the water. June 11-12, 5-11pm, June 13, 12-11pm, June 14, 10am-2pm. Leach Amphitheater, Oshkosh. 573-0959.

### June 14 | 58th Annual Winnebagoland Art Fair

The Winnebagoland Art Fair is a fine art and craft, juried event for the whole family. Plenty of art to choose from; 24 art medias are represented. Food vendors and music to entertain. South Park, Oshkosh. 10am-4pm. 233-6270.

### June 14 | Founder's Day

Discover your roots by celebrating and learning about the various groups that made Manitowoc County what it is today. This year's event includes Native American tribal dances, Norwegian and Czech cooking, as well as various polka bands. Noon-4pm. Pinecrest Historical Village, Manitowoc. 684-4445.

### June 18-21 | Chilton Summer Festival

Including a city-wide rummage sale all day Thurs and Fri, city band concert Thurs night at 7pm at Hobart Park, brat fry Fri at 10am, street dance Fri at 8pm, youth fishing contest Sat at 7am, golf outing Sat at 8am, fireworks Sat at dusk at the outdoor theater followed by a free movie, and the state's biggest Father's Day parade Sun at 11am. 418-1650.

### June 19-20 | 37th Annual Metro Jam

Free two-day music festival with national, regional and local acts in a full spectrum of musical styles, including Fri headliner Naima Adedapo. 5:30-9:30pm Fri, noon-10pm Sat. Washington Park, Manitowoc. 683-5980.

### June 20 | 7th Annual Butterfly Festival

Fun-filled family event with face painting, crafts, games, inflatable activities, butterfly demonstrations and food. 9am City Park, Downtown Appleton. 739-4226.

### June 25-27 | Darboy Chickenfest

Community festival celebrating chicken, complete with fireworks, live music, carnival rides, vendors and games. Thurs 5-10pm, Fri 5pm-midnight and Sat 11am-midnight. Darboy Community Park, Appleton. 996-1153.

### July 3 | Festival Foods Appleton Fireworks

Fox Cities' best fireworks display sponsored by the Appleton Area Jaycees, with live music, children's activities, and food and beverages available. Fireworks start at about 9:20pm. 5-11pm. Memorial Park, Appleton. 730-1770.

### July 3-4 | CommunityFest

Co-sponsored by the cities of Neenah and Menasha. Afternoon and evening activities including the Parade of Lights in Neenah on July 3, and activities in each city at Riverside Park in Neenah and Jefferson Park in Menasha all day July 4. Noon-10pm July 3, 8am-10:30pm July 4. 886-6100.

### July 3-5 | Altrusa Polkafest

Great Polka Bands, themed basket raffles and food! Fri 6-10pm, Sat 12:30-8:30pm, Sun Polka Mass at 10am, and music 11:30am-6:30pm. Romy's Nitingale, Black Creek. 731-8869.

### July 4 | Festival Foods Fire over the Fox

Daylong Independence Day celebration with live entertainment, patriotic ceremonies, veteran salutes, fantastic food, children's activities, ski shows and the Festival Foods Fireworks. Events from 1-9:30pm. Memorial Leicht Park, Hagemeister Park, Main Street Bridge, and CityDeck, Green Bay. 437-5972.

### July 4 | Gills Rock 4th of July Celebration

Join the Door County Maritime Museum for an event-packed day in Gills Rock. Hear tales from a mystery writer, Patricia Skalka, and listen to music from Katie Hal and Rich Higdon. Plan to stay for the evening and enjoy food and music by River City Six, as well as a boat regatta and fireworks at dusk. Door County Maritime Museum. 743-5958.

### July 4 | Hometown 4th of July Celebration

The streets along Main Street will be filled with spectators as Omro's Annual Hometown Parade begins at noon. After the parade, head over to Scott Park for fun, music by Dead Horses and other local musicians and games. Food will be available for purchase by many nonprofit groups. Later, the Omro-Rushford Volunteer Fire Department will light the sky with their Annual Firework display at dusk. Noon. Omro. 685-6960 ext. 23.

### July 9-12 | Lifest

Annual Christian rock festival in Oshkosh. In addition to the musical performances, Lifest will have activities including a 5k Fun Run, Art Space, outdoor games, kids activities and a prayer journey. 8am-midnight daily. Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh. 955-5433.

### July 10-12 | 1st Annual Subfest

A festival celebrating the submarine freshwater capitol of the world. Includes appearances by Jim Bates from "Run Silent, Run Deep," and naval art exhibits. Manitowoc. 684-0218.

### July 12 | Faire on the Green

Experience the largest free outdoor arts and crafts fair of the summer. From whimsical mosaics to original art and fine crafts, enjoy the works of more than 200 talented artists and craftspersons. Featuring antiques and retail items, fair food and live entertainment. 9am-4pm. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 239-6903.

### July 17-19 | Paperfest

Family orientated festival that raises money for nonprofits in the Fox Valley. Three days of fun for all ages through games, arts and crafts, sports, music and food. Fri 5:45pm-1am, Sat 9am-1am, Sun 11am-7:30pm. Sunset Park, Kimberly. 997-9700.

### July 17-19 | Winneconne Sovereign States Days

More than 40 years after the mapping mistake that left Winneconne out of the state of Wisconsin, the city still celebrates its day of secession and sovereignty. A weekend filled with a parade, street dances, fireworks, a carnival, flea markets, art shows and more. Fri 8pm-midnight, Sat 8am-9:30pm, Sun 8am-5pm. 410-7574.

### July 18-19 | Midsummer Festival of the Arts

Shop 135 artists' booths, enjoy live music, participate in family activities, gain free admission to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center and partake in some delicious cuisine. 10am-4pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

### July 18 | Acoustic Fest

Free music festival of diverse, accomplished acoustic musicians and family entertainment, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year! 11am-9pm. Washington Park, Manitowoc. 686-3070.

### July 19 | 41st Annual Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass Arts Festival

The festival features fine arts and crafts from artists across the region in a variety of media, as well as great food, children's activities and a beer garden. 10am-4pm. Riverside Park in Neenah. 751-4658.

### July 21-26 | Outagamie County Fair

Carnival, big-name entertainment, junior fair exhibits, commercial exhibits, midway rides and food. Tues noon-10pm, Wed-Sat 9am-midnight, Sun 9am-6pm. Seymour. 833-2941.

### July 25 | Settlement Shops Summer Art Fair

Free art fair with artists and artisans from all over Door County and Wisconsin presenting their latest creations including paintings, pottery, glass, photography, handmade soaps, candles and jewelry. 10am-5pm. Fish Creek. 868-9222.

### July 30-31 | Sturgeon Bay Maritime Week

A variety of maritime events happening in various places around Sturgeon Bay. See a list of events on our website, DCMM.org. 10am-5pm. Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-5958.

## FARMERS MARKETS

### Downtown Appleton Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 20-Oct. 31. 8am-12:30pm. College Avenue from Appleton Street to Drew Street, along with Houdini Plaza, Appleton. Wednesdays, June 3-Sept. 30. 2-6pm. 954-9112.

### Downtown Appleton Indoor Farmers Market

Saturdays, Nov-May. 9am-12:30pm. Inside the City Center on College Ave, Appleton. 954-9112.

### Chilton Farmers Market

Fridays, June 19-Oct. 30. Noon-5pm. Chilton Eagles Club, 1041 E. Chestnut Street. (Hwy 32/57 S.) 849-9787.



### June 12-14 | 22nd Annual Lighthouse Festival

Coordinated by the Door County Maritime Museum. This much-anticipated festival gives visitors access to lighthouses that aren't typically open to the public. Join us for three days for boat excursions and guided land-based tours to all 11 historic Door County Wisconsin Lighthouses. Varying tour times available between 9am-9pm. 743-5958.

### June 12-14 | Woodland Indian Art Show and Market

An art competition and market showcasing the unique artistic styles of Native Americans in the upper Midwest and Northeastern regions of the United States. Doors open Sat-Sun at 11am. Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay. 731-8030.

### June 13 | 25th Annual Manitowoc Garden Fair

Gardener's paradise! Wonderful park setting to browse at a leisurely pace. More than 90 vendors selling all kinds of plants, including annuals, perennials and herbs. Crafters and artists will be selling garden art, fine crafts, statuary and furniture. Food vendors will be selling lunch, ice cream and drinks. Free, come rain or shine. 10am-3:30pm. Washington Park, Manitowoc. 682-2050.



# RS MARKETS

## De Pere Festival Foods Farmers Market

Tuesdays, July 7 mid-October. 7am-noon.  
1001 Main Avenue, De Pere. 336-6520.

## Fish Creek Settlement Shops Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 10-Oct. 21. 9:30am-1:30pm or sell-out. Cancelled if thunderstorms. One mile south of downtown Fish Creek, 9116 Hwy. 42. 868-3788.

## Downtown Fond du Lac Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 3-Oct. 28. 11am-3pm. S. Main St. and Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac. Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. 8am-noon. On Main St. from Western Ave. to Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac. 322-2006.

## Downtown Green Bay Farmers Market

Saturdays, May 30-Oct. 31. 7am-noon. S. Washington St. from Walnut to Stuart St., Green Bay. 437-5972.

## BayCare Clinic presents Farmers Market on Broadway

Wednesdays, June 3-Oct. 7. 3-8pm. Broadway St., Green Bay. 437-2531.

## Green Lake Farmers Market

Fridays, May 22-Oct. 9. 3:30-7pm. Playground Park, Green Lake. 294-3231.

## Sustain Greenville Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 3-Oct. 2. 3-7pm. Intersection of Hwy. 76 and Parkview. 757-9373.

## Downtown Kaukauna Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 13-Oct. 17. 7:30-noon. 101 Crooks Ave. the parking lot on the corner of Second St. and Hwy. 55, Kaukauna. 858-4669.

## Menasha Farm Fresh Market

Thursdays, June 11-Oct. 29. 2-6pm. 140 Main St., Menasha. 967-3644.

## Manitowoc Farmers Market

Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. 8am-2pm. Tuesdays, June 9-Oct. 27. Noon-6pm. 8th and Quay St., along the Manitowoc River, Manitowoc. 686-6930.

## Future Neenah Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 20-Oct. 17. 8am-noon. No market on July 4. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

## Future Omro Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 11-Oct. 1. 4-7pm. Scott Park, Omro. 685-7005.

## Oneida Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 25-Oct. 8. Noon-6pm. N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida. 819-1933.

## Oshkosh Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 6-Oct. 31. 8am-12:30pm. 400 & 500 Blocks of N. Main St. and 100 Block of Church Ave., Oshkosh. 252-2532.

## Oshkosh Wednesday Farmers Market

Wednesdays, July 15-Sept. 30. 3-7pm. South Park, Shelter #1 at the corner of South Park Ave. & Georgia St., Oshkosh. 252-2532.

## Plymouth Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 18-Oct. 15. 1-5:30pm. Fairfield Plaza, 2133 Eastern Ave., Plymouth. 457-7272.

## Pulaski Street Market

Tuesdays, July 7-Aug. 25. 4-7pm. South St. Augustine St. 655-8109.

## Riverview Gardens

Saturdays, June 20-Oct. 31. 8am-12:30pm. College Avenue from Appleton Street to Drew Street, along with Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 733-2354.

## Shawano Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 20-Oct. 10. 8am-noon. 201 S. Washington St., Shawano. (715) 851-9834.

## Sister Bay at the Corner of the Past Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 27-Oct. 3. 8am-noon. 1.5 miles south of downtown Sister Bay, Hwy 57 at Country Lane. 854-9242.

## Sturgeon Bay Farm/Craft Market

Saturdays, June 6-Oct 31. 8:30am to noon. Market Square, 421 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay. 746-2427.

## Two Rivers Farmers/Crafters Market

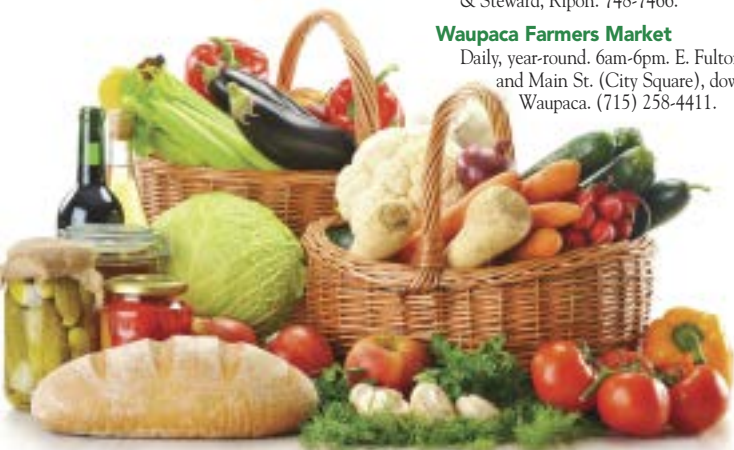
Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. Wednesday 1-5:30pm, Saturday 8-1pm. Central Park, Downtown Two Rivers. 794-1482.

## Watson Street Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 4-7pm. Saturdays 7am-noon. June-Oct. Village Green, corner of Watson & Steward, Ripon. 748-7466.

## Waupaca Farmers Market

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# get grillin'

*Fire up the summer by hosting a cookout*

By Amy Hanson

**A**h, the signs of summer. Birds chirping, flowers blooming, kids playing and wait for it ... the wafting smell of something fabulous on the grill. From meat to vegetables to fruit and desserts, the options are endless, say area grillers.

"I love to grill anything and everything that I can. Especially after winter," says Robert Stanley, general manager of Famous Dave's of Appleton. "I am always experimenting with new cuts of meat and recipes."

Looking for some ideas to get the fires burning? Take a look at what four Fox Valley grillers suggest.

## Grilling vs. barbecuing

"Grilling is a fast, high-heat cooking process mainly used for burgers, steaks and brats," explains Anthony Falbo, owner of Dickey's Barbecue Pit in Appleton. "Smoking or true barbecue is a low-temp, long cooking process with larger cuts of meat that usually have a higher fat content. So, in order to make the meats tender, they have to be cooked for a very long time. We smoke our beef brisket and pork shoulders (pulled pork) for 13 to 14 hours overnight in our hickory wood burning pit."

Grilling puts direct flame cooking on your meat at 500-600 degrees, while barbecuing, or smoking, keeps meat at a low temperature of 200-275 degrees, Falbo notes.

## Good cuts

When selecting a good cut of meat, it's important to go lean, say area grillers. Don't, however, overlook the fat.

"This helps keep the meat moist while grilling

and adds to the flavor," says Stanley. "You always want to start cooking the meat with the fat side up, which allows the juice to be absorbed into the rest of the meat."

Falbo, a fan of grilling rib-eye steaks and brats, buys his meat fresh.

"You want to buy fresh, never frozen meats," he says. "You want to make sure they have a nice marbling, which is the fat to meat ratio. Remember, the fat is where the flavor is at."

Mark Dougherty, owner of Mark's East Side in Appleton, opts for Certified Angus Beef and clarifies what to look for in marbling. Consumers should look for pinhead-size flecks of fat throughout the meat, he says. An 81/19 or 80/20 ratio is a good place to start, suggests Shane Johnson, kitchen manager at Milwaukee Burger Company in Appleton. He learned to grill from his dad, and his grandfather was a butcher.

"If you go to a local market, butcher shop or farm, they have one job and that's to supply you with the meat," he says.

If you're not sure what to put on the grill, there are a number of options to consider.

Stanley prefers St. Louis-style cut ribs because of their meat to fat ratio. While pork chops, chicken, burgers, steaks and chicken also work well.

"It's the most pliable. You can do a lot with it on the grill," says Johnson of chicken.

According to Stanley, burgers on the grill should receive two quarter turns on each side and the more you flip a burger during the cooking process, the smaller it becomes. Pressing down on the patty also should be avoided.

If you're looking for a burger that's outside the box, consider buffalo, elk, black bean, turkey or a stuffed patty, says Johnson who encourages grillers to "take flavors and push them a little." For stuffed burgers, take two regular-sized patties and form the meat around your preferred filling, press the edges and flatten it out. They will take longer to cook and can bust open, Johnson warns. His personal favorite is a loaded baked potato burger. Use shredded cheese, finely diced French fries and cooked green onion for your filling. Top the cooked patty with sour cream and bacon.

As for steaks, Stanley says, "the thicker, the better." He prefers porterhouse and T-bones with a 1- to 2-inch cut.

## Preparation tips

If you're not sure what to put on your meat before you put it on the grill, sticking to the basics is a good place to start. Falbo recommends using salt and pepper so you can still taste the meat.

"Pre-seasoning and marinating your grilling meat beforehand will always add something extra to your meal," says Stanley. "This allows the flavors to penetrate your food and enhances the flavor of any meat that you throw on your grill."

"You can close your eyes and pull out the first three things that you pull out of the spice drawer," adds Johnson. Course brown pepper, sea salt, garlic and onion powder are good starters, he shares.

"You can't go wrong with it. It's meant to be," he says, adding to just use a pinch. "Nothing beats a good burger with salt and pepper. ... Seasoning, it's a science. You need to develop it and see what goes with what."



Consider marinating pork chops and chicken ahead of time for additional flavor and moisture.

"I would recommend getting chops that are ¾- to 1-inch thick," says Stanley. "The thin ones tend to dry out quick and are best for in home on the stove top rather than on the grill."

"The longer it sits, the better the flavor profile," adds Johnson who suggests mixing the meat with the marinade on Friday night for a Sunday afternoon gathering.

When it comes to pork, ribs and chicken, Dougherty suggests brining it before grilling. An easy recipe to try is ¼ cup sugar and ¼ cup Kosher salt mixed with a gallon of water. Before grilling, a rub also can be used on poultry and the cavity can be stuffed with a mix of carrots, celery and onion. For a medium-size chicken, cook at about 250 degrees in indirect heat for two hours, Dougherty says.

"Let the seasonings have a chance to seep into the meat so it doesn't come right off," he adds.

Always make sure your meat also is 100 percent thawed before grilling.

"Cooking frozen meat on the grill will get overdone and burnt on the outside while the center remains raw and undercooked," notes Stanley. "Plus, as the frozen center thaws, it releases the water, which will wash away any seasoning that's put on your product."

## Well done

Falbo suggests using the finger test to determine whether red meat is ready to come off the grill. To get an idea of what "medium" should feel like, touch your thumb and middle finger together and feel the fleshy part near your thumb. For "medium well," touch your thumb to your ring finger and for "well done," your thumb to pinky finger. When in doubt, cut the meat open to check for doneness. One plate should also be used to take meat out to the grill and another for when it's done. Wash your hands in between handling food.

"You don't need a toolbox to grill. I've used two sticks before," says Johnson who recommends having serving plates, a set of tongs, spatula, grilling forks and thermometer to get started.



Chicken, on the other hand, should be measured by temperature and register 165 degrees in the fattest part of the meat. Fish should be cooked to 145 degrees.

"One of our family favorites is to put the whole

tenderloin on the grill," says Dougherty who cooks the front and back side of the meat on the grill until the middle is done to medium rare. That way, the further out you go to the edge of the meat, it should have cuts that also will be done to medium, he explains. Before taking the meat off the grill, he warms a platter and then transfers the meat to it, covering it with a clean towel to let it rest for five minutes. This will allow the meat to hold its juices before slicing. Dougherty recommends cutting it at an angle.

"You can feed a variety of doneness," he adds. "We oil the meat to give it some adhesion properties." Dougherty also adds garlic, along with salt and pepper to the tenderloin for extra flavor.

## Gas or charcoal

Just as people have their favorites in grills, there's also a debate over whether to use charcoal or gas when grilling.

"As far as a preference between charcoal and propane, I use both at home. It all depends on what mood I'm in," says Stanley. "At the restaurant,

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### Setting the mood



**Q.** What's the perfect romantic meal to make for my date night?

—Steph, Oshkosh

**A.** Steph, this is a tough question for me to answer for you, but I know how I would answer it for my date night. As I try to do whenever I entertain, I attempt to make all of my preparations in advance so when my guests are present, I can spend time with them instead of in the kitchen. I would have the ambience appropriately set including music, lighting and candles. I would start with a nice wine or a cocktail and have a small starter course, something to arouse the taste buds, but is small and easy to eat. A spicy shrimp with a sweet chutney might be nice, or perhaps a small portion of soup. I would likely have some sort of light salad — nothing heavy, but rather something springy and fresh with a light vinegar dressing, and perhaps an artisan roll. For an entrée, again I would keep it small and light with a 4-ounce portion of meat or fish accompanied by some vegetables prepared nice and crisp (al denté). And, for dessert, as you might have guessed, it would have to be chocolate. Date night is not the time for a slice of grandma's apple pie, right? Something smooth and decadent to go with a nice port wine, a rich coffee or other after-dinner beverage would be perfect.

How does that sound to you, Steph?

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.



we slow smoke our meat in a rotisserie smoker and grill using gas."

"I prefer natural charcoal," states Falbo. "It doesn't add any unwanted flavors to what I am grilling. Propane and natural gas give some meats a bitter flavor and odor."

For Dougherty, he prefers to use lump charcoal with no lighter fluid as it prevents ash and fillers from getting into food, he says. "Start with a good charcoal and go from there," he says.

Experimenting is half the fun, Dougherty adds. Each griller needs to discover what works best for them. Wood chips and other products also are available.

"The flavor is amazing," adds Johnson. "Charcoal is like your electric stove of grilling."

### Measure of success

So, what makes for a good grilling experience? Stanley stresses patience.

"Rushing your grilled items is what takes away from the flavor. Good things come to those who wait," he says.

"Be sure not to overcook your meats or vegetables, there is nothing worse than over-grilled foods," adds Falbo. "You don't want to overcrowd your grill. You want to leave a ½ inch to an inch between your meat."

He adds that meat needs room to cook evenly. Too much on the grill at once will trap heat and cause hot spots or burning.

### Something different

One item that has fantastic flavor on the grill is portabella mushrooms, Stanley shares. "Even

though it's not meat, it is a great alternative," he says. "I place them in a bowl of melted garlic butter for around 5 to 10 minutes, put them on the grill. Cook for around 5 to 8 minutes on each side, depending on grill temperature and top with cheese. I use provolone, but whatever you prefer will work."

Falbo seconds experimenting with veggies, but also suggests fruits, such as watermelon and pineapple. Dougherty also likes peaches.

"When vegetables are grilled, the natural sugars are more evident and add great flavors to your grilled meats," Falbo explains.

To spice things up beyond corn on the cob, try a stuffed jalapeno. According to Falbo, they're simple to make. Start by cutting a jalapeno in half, then remove the seeds and ribs, and stuff with cream cheese. Finish by wrapping with bacon. Cook with indirect heat for about 35 minutes.

Dougherty also enjoys vegetables on the grill and opts for mixing broccoli and cauliflower in a grilling pan. He tumbles the grilled veggies in a bowl with some olive oil after and let the flavors sit.

Fish also can be cooked on the grill in a basket to help it from falling apart while pizza stones are a fun option, too. Breakfast items like ham steaks, sausages and bacon also shouldn't be overlooked. For dessert, cookies, pudgy pies and s'mores are always fun.

"There is nothing more fun than grilling on a summer day with friends and family," says Falbo.

"When you're cooking out it should be for people, not just yourself," adds Johnson. "It's the social aspect."



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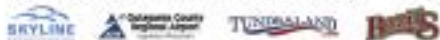


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