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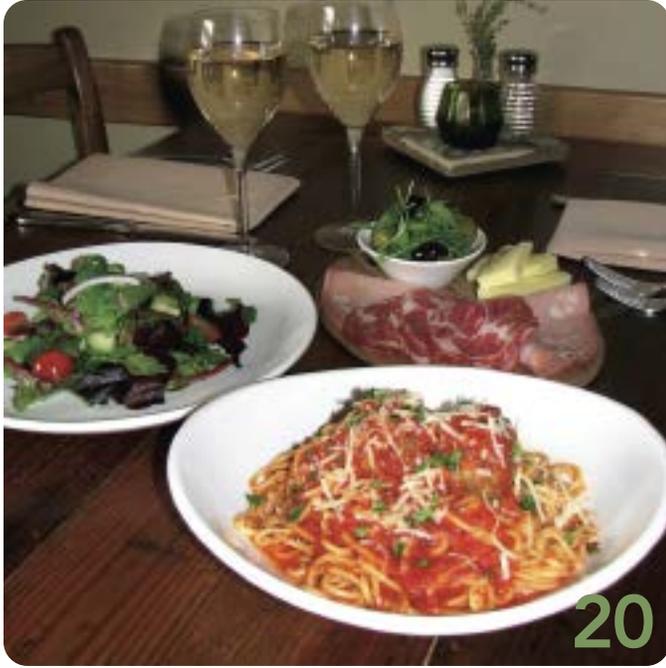
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The new name is just the beginning. The Appleton Building for the Arts and the collaboration of the arts groups within serve as a model of collaboration for the community as a whole.

By Siri Pairin



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From a simple refresh to renovations that reflect your family needs, a trend toward remodeling to age in place is growing.

By Samantha Zinth

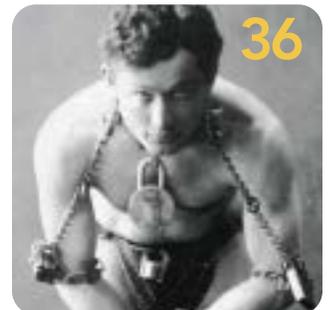


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## from the publisher

I don't remember ever using this space for personal events, but this month a momentous occasion will occur. My mother, Beatrice Schaumberg Murphy will be 100 years old during October.

She lives in her own apartment in a building that is home to some forty other women and a few men that form an unbelievable support system for the entire building.

My mother was born into just this sort of community where women would combine to feed groups of men who had also



gathered to build each others barns or harvest each others crops.

In a world without television, and even limited radio, most entertainment involved gatherings of family and friends very often.

My mother—importantly, Ruth Ann sees her as her mother, too—has touched the lives of countless thankful people through multiple generations and across a wide swath of Central Wisconsin.

For someone who never drove a car in her life, her love has traveled far.

—MJM

## artist spotlight

Chintana Haas' pottery reflects her style: simple, natural and functional.

A collection of ceramic bowls, mugs, jars and vases, Haas' work has reached all corners of the Fox Cities with both its beauty and practicality.

Haas first took to pottery after taking a class in Madison. After learning how to use a potter's wheel, she did her own research on clay and mixing glazes and began crafting original, useable pieces.

"When I first [began], I just did whatever would come out and it'd work," Haas says. "But now I have a purpose. I'll say 'Today I have to make some bowls and I'll do the bowls.'"

Her process starts out with preliminary sketches of the intended product, complete with selected colors. Then comes the clay; Haas throws or shapes the clay on a potter's wheel. The next step is a bisque or preliminary firing in a kiln. Before firing a second time, Haas applies glaze. The final product embodies rich earth tones and basic style.

"[She uses] colors we don't get with a lot of other artists," says Linda Muldoon at Coventry Glassworks. "It's somewhat playful."

Haas' work echoes her cultural background. Originally from Thailand, she moved to the United States in 1966 after marrying David Haas, a peace corps volunteer working at the high school in which Chintana taught math.

Thai art, which boasts graceful lines in pottery, architecture and style, is echoed in her linear look.

"I'm a line artist. I love lines," says Haas, "When I do my pottery, I look for lines."

Others notice Haas' passions and hobbies brought out in her work.

"Colors, shapes, patterns, glazes and/or the firing techniques can all reflect influences," says Reedsville artist Patricia Filzen. "I have seen [a] definite connectiveness with her love of gardening and nature."

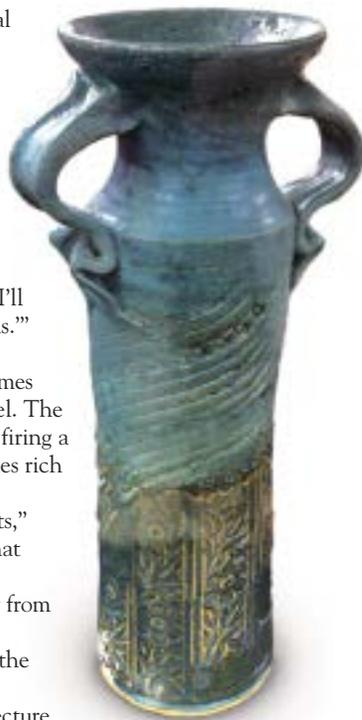
For three months out of the year, Chintana works out of her garage. Most of what she makes, she sells. When she's not throwing new bowls, her favorite piece to make, Haas enjoys knitting and crafting small sculptures.

After the summer season is over, however, Haas likes to put pottery aside and travel with her husband.

"For 2.5 months I produce," says Haas. "Then I will sell. That's it."

Her work can be found at Atlas Coffee Mill, Coventry Glassworks and Wild Apple Gallery.

—By Siri Pairin



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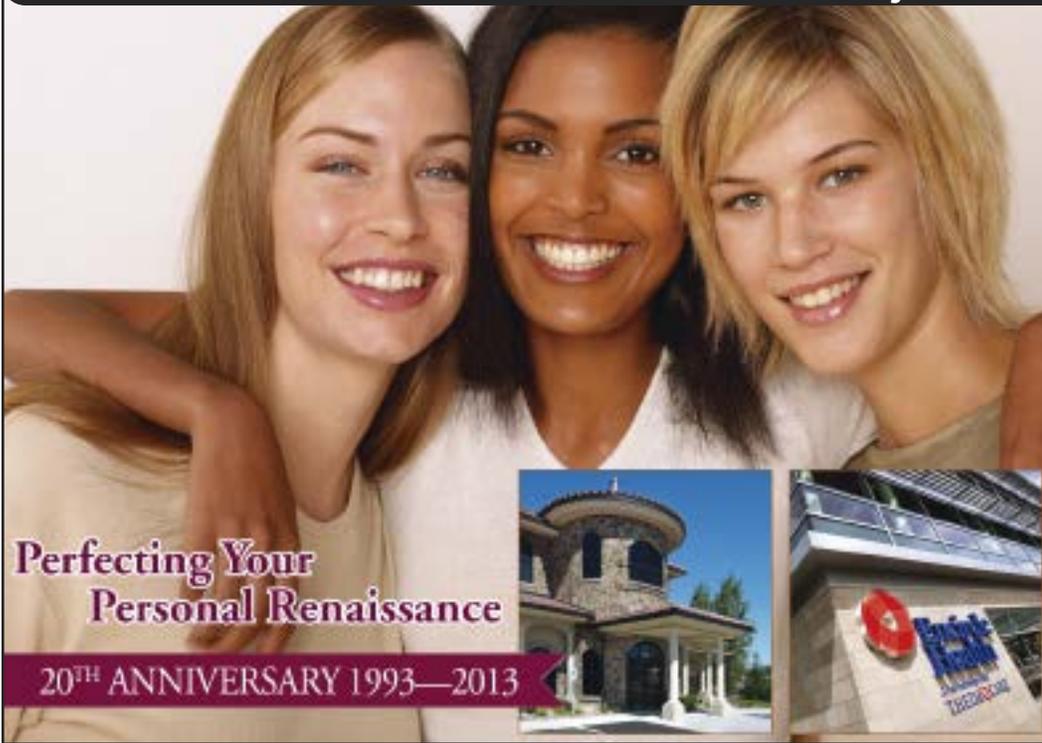
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The surgeons are highly recognized in helping women regain their sense of self after being diagnosed with breast cancer. They perform procedures at area hospitals from Appleton to Oshkosh. Their philosophy of care centers on working closely with a patient and their breast cancer team throughout the process of reconstructive surgery. Fox Valley Plastic Surgery is highly involved with **Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day**, an initiative designed to promote education, awareness, and access regarding post-mastectomy breast reconstruction. The surgeons of Fox Valley Plastic Surgery provide a new option for breast reconstruction, a single stage reconstruction called "Direct-to-Implant."

In 2008, the practice established their Vein Center, an IAC accredited vascular clinic in

Wisconsin. The Vein Center offers five procedures for safely treating veins large and small with minimal downtime, including varicose and spider veins. Once per month, the practice offers an evening seminar for patients. Event dates are posted on their Vein Center webpage, [www.foxvalleyveins.com](http://www.foxvalleyveins.com)

In 2012, the Laser Institute of Wisconsin was created to provide non-surgical treatments, including skin rejuvenation, fat reduction, laser tattoo removal, and laser hair removal.

Dr. Marc Serret, who joined the team last year, brings two new procedures to the practice: migraine surgery and hair transplantation. Patients struggling with chronic migraines can attend a free upcoming seminar on December 11 from 6–7 pm at Appleton Medical Center to learn more about the procedure.

In October, 2013, Fox Valley Plastic Surgery's second location will be available for patients at Encircle Health. The practice looks forward to serving the needs of patients in the Fox Cities at a convenient location on the north side of Appleton.

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## Concert Conglomeration

It's a concert so extravagant, Lawrence University's Conservatory of Music can only stage it every other year.



2013 is the year, and the event is the Kaleidoscope Concert, which features every ensemble in the Conservatory's repertoire. This fourth

biannual, multi-faceted concert takes the stage of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center at 8pm on Oct. 5.

The logistics for this 75-minute performance involve 12 ensembles and 300 students in constant motion. Normally, the band, choir, orchestra, percussion, opera and jazz ensembles have their own performance venues, and don't have to worry about other performers, says Phillip Swan, co-director of Choral Studies at Lawrence and this year's concert director.

"It's a non-stop event, there is no clapping from beginning to end," Swan says. "One group will finish and then another will start, and a huge challenge is helping to make sure that the program is paced [correctly]."



The concert may go from a string quartet in the balcony, to a choir piece on stage, to a saxophone and marimba duet in another balcony to the orchestra back on stage.

The concert's name is fitting and represents the range of musical ensembles that perform in the concert, Swan says. "This concert is a chance for people to look at all the colors we [have in the] Conservatory."

For information, call the Lawrence University Box Office at 832-6749.

—By Sara Stein

## arts events

thru Oct 12 | **Let Me Be Frank Productions: My Big Fat Pulaski Wedding—The Honeymoon's Over**  
1 & 8pm. Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. 895-0071.

1-20 | **Miracle on South Division Street by Tom Dudzick**  
A heartfelt family comedy. Tu-Su 7pm. Peninsula Players Theatre, Fish Creek. 868-3287.

4 | **Lawrence University Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band**  
8-9:30pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.

4 | **Festive Fridays: Spanglish**  
Salsa, merengue, reggaeton, funk, R&B & more in English & Spanish. Must be 21+. 6:30-9:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 457-0677.

4 | **Chanticleer**  
The San Francisco-based chorale ensemble performs. 7:30pm. Ralph Holter Auditorium. Green Bay. 338-1801.

4 | **First Friday Concert Series**  
Classical Guitar w/ Dr Christopher Cramer performing music from Renaissance-20th century. 2-3pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

4 | **Alpin Hong**  
Concert. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 | **Improv Comedy**  
F & Sa, 7:30 & 9:30pm. ComedyCity, De Pere. 983-0966.

4-6 | **Hidden Studios Art Tour: Art Along the Ice Age Trail**  
Featuring 20 WI artists exhibiting work featuring the back roads of East Central WI. F, Sa, 10am-5pm; Su, 11am-4pm. Studios around Waupaca. 715-258-0195.

5 | **Lawrence University Kaleidoscope Concert**  
8pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 832-6749.

5, 12, 19, 26 | **Gallery Walk**  
Sa, 6-9pm. Downtown Oshkosh. 426-3232.

9 | **M-M-Mel Tillis**  
Tillis was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2012 by President Obama. 2pm & 7pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

11 | **Lawrence University Artist Series: St. Louis Brass Quintet**  
8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6749.

11 | **Dinner Show & Dance**  
The Del Rays, 50's & 60's music. 6-9:30pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

11 | **The Midtown Men**  
This production reunites 4 stars from the original cast of Broadway's Jersey Boys to celebrate the music that defined the '60s. 7:30pm. Weidner Center, Green Bay. 494-3401.

11 | **Project 86**  
A rock/post-hardcore/alternative style band from Orange County, California. 7:30-9:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

12 | **Fox Valley Symphony**  
"Festa Italiana." 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

12 | **Saturday Night Dances**  
Jim Vollmer-Waltzes, Foxtrots, Swing, Polka & more. 6:30pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

12 | **Lawrence University Choirs**  
8-10pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.

12 | **Daren Streblov**  
Nightclub-tested/family-approved clean stand-up comedy. 6:30-8pm & 8:30-10pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

12 | **Oktoberfest!**  
Featuring 3 German masterworks by Wagner, Strauss & Beethoven. Before the concert, enjoy beer tasting, Bavarian travel info & folk music in the lobby. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 435-3465.

13 | **Music @ the Library**  
Featuring B. Alford performing contemporary folk. 2-3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

13 | **Lawrence Symphony Orchestra**  
8-9:30pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.

14 | **Fashion Joins the Arts: Star Influences on Current Fashion Trends**  
A fashion show and luncheon inspired by the ongoing Katharine Hepburn exhibit at the Trout Museum of Art. 11am-1:30pm. Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton. 733-4089.

14-15 | **The Intergalactic Nemesis, Live-Action Graphic Novel**  
See pullout at right. M, 6:30pm; Tu, 7:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

15-20 | **Memphis**  
The story of a white radio DJ who wants to change the world & a black club singer ready for her big break. Tu-F, 7:30pm; Sa, 2pm & 7:30pm; Su, 1pm & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.

18 | **UWFox Valley Concert Band**  
Under the direction of Dr. Marc Sackman, the band presents music inspired by folk traditions from around the world. 7pm. Perry Hall, Menasha. 832-2600.

19 | **Harpeth Rising**  
7:30pm. Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. 982-2890.

19 | **Open Mic**  
Come take the Cup stage. 7pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

19-20, 25-26 | **"Oktoberfest: the Tradition"**  
Part of Palace Dinner Theatre's 2013 season of unique shows. Dinners are 1 of a kind, always thematic as well as part of the show. F-Sa, 7pm; Su, 1pm. Palace of Reifs Mills Dinner Event Theatre, Denmark. 732-3172.

20 | **Lawrence University Academy of Music Faculty Showcase Recital.** 1-3pm. Harper Hall, Music-Drama Center, Appleton. 832-6632.

20 | **Sunday Concert Series: CHILL**  
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*Book One: Target Earth* tells the story of 1930s reporter Molly Sloan and her assistant as they work to solve a murder and save the earth from ill-intended sludge monsters. The story is told through the presentation of three actors, one keyboardist and a sound effects person and is complimented by projected graphic novel images throughout the performance.

"If you relish tales of fantastic adventure, if you love an edge-

of-your-seat cliffhanger...if the art of classic comic books leaves you saying 'WOW,' [then] *Book One: Target Earth* has what you crave," says Danika Williamson, John Michael Kohler Arts Center Performing Arts Coordinator.

The show, she says, is full of pop culture references to cult favorites such as *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Star Wars* that combine with the "whiz-bang" effect of fantastic visuals to recreate the great Golden Age of comic books.

"This is not your mother's theater," says Williamson. "Although I don't know your mom; I am sure she would relish in this intergalactic experience!"

—By Siri Pairin



**21 | Potluck & Entertainment** 🍷  
Polkas, waltzes & fox trots by Good Time Dutchmen. Bring a dish to pass. 12–2pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

**21–23 | Blue Man Group**  
Blue Man Group is known for their theatrical shows & concerts combining comedy, music & technology to produce a totally unique form of entertainment. 7:30pm. Weidner Center, Green Bay. 494-3401.

**24–26 | Halloween Rocks** 🎃  
Join werewolves, vampires & mummies for a creepy, campy musical romp through your favorite Halloween hits. 8pm. Perry Hall, Menasha. 832-2646.

**25 | Armouraires Quartet**  
Comprised of 6 men w/ a combined total of 37 years of singing w/ various groups. 7:30–9:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

**26 | An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin**  
Starring in television, theater, movies, animation & video, Lily Tomlin has won numerous awards as 1 of America's foremost comedians. 7:30–9:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

**26 | Saturday Night Dances** 🎵  
Carol & the Keynotes—Polka is their specialty, plus waltzes, country & a little Rock 'n Roll. 6:30pm. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.

**26 | Cello Fury**  
This group combines 3 classically trained cellists & a rock drummer from PA. 7:30–9:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

**27 | Lawrence Academy of Music Faculty Showcase**  
Concert. 1–3pm. Harper Hall, Lawrence Academy of Music. 832-6632.

**27 | Music @ the Library** 🎸  
Don Dorff performs old-time country tunes on the guitar. 2–3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**29 | 10th Annual Fox Cities Choral Music Festival**  
High school choirs from throughout the region come together to learn, grow & sing as 1 under the expert direction of a nationally renowned guest conductor. 7–9pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.

**30 | Improvisation Group of Lawrence University**  
8pm. Harper Hall, Music-Drama Center, Appleton. 836-6612.

**30–31 | Hello, Dolly!**  
Sally Struthers ("All In the Family," "Gilmore Girls") stars as the strong-willed matchmaker Dolly as she travels to Yonkers, NY, to find a match for the ormyer "well-known unmarried half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.

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## Musical Memoir

The Grand Opera House in Oshkosh is living up to its name.

Considered opulent when it first opened in 1883, The Grand is celebrating its 130th anniversary this season. To mark the occasion, the theater will show off its recently refurbished good looks and feature favorite performers such as Natalie MacMaster and husband Donnell Leahy, making one of their two Wisconsin performances at the Grand

"I've been in theater for about 25 years, and it's impossible to recreate the experience of going to see a show in a place that's been around for 130 years," says Ryan Odorizzi, The Grand's marketing and community relations manager. "It was built before electricity and the advantage of a sound system."

The history of The Grand has not always been so, well, grand. A popular venue for much of its early history, the theater faded from prominence in the mid-1900s. A restoration in the 1980s saw it reopen as a performance venue, but serious structural flaws threatened the building's future in 2009.



Natalie MacMaster

A controversial \$2 million restoration was finally begun after a new partnership between the city and Opera House Foundation was forged. The Grand reopened in 2010 restored to its historical luster with several new features added, including the Grand Lounge.

The Grand Opera House's 2013-2014 season runs through May. For information, visit [grandoperahouse.org](http://grandoperahouse.org).

—By Sara Stein

## opening exhibits

For a complete list of exhibits, go to [foxcitiesmagazine.com](http://foxcitiesmagazine.com)

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**Chintana Haas**  
thru Oct 31. Haas' pottery work, 1st floor.

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Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658

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thru Feb 16. Glass artists of the NEW North.

Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-5958

**Woodcarvings by Pudge & Mary Degraff**  
thru Nov 3. Dedicated to the much beloved Door County wood carver.

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

**Successful in Business, Extraordinary in Art: The Artistic Legacy of Francis Howe Hardy & Ferdinand L. Hotz**  
thru Oct 9. Watercolors by Hardy as well as a collection of 75 never-been-seen paintings spanning a 50-year period by Hotz.

**Focus on the Door Juried Photography Exhibition**  
thru Oct 15. The Hardy invites photographers working in all mediums & styles to participate.

Godschalk Gallery, St. Norbert College, De Pere. 337-3181

**Peter Poplaski: Sketchbook Drawings**  
thru Nov 2. Featuring prints of ink drawings Poplaski completed as daily warm-ups prior to his work as an inker @ Superman DC of Marvel Comics.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144

**Emery Blagdon: The Healing Machine**  
thru Jan 2014. A complex art environment in which paintings & mixed-media sculptures come along w/ mineral elements & electrical conductors.

**Ray Yoshida's Museum of Extrordinary Values**  
Thru Feb 2. Offers an unprecedented examination of Yoshida's home in the greater context of his artistic oeuvre of paintings, drawings & collages.

**Alter Egos**  
thru Mar 2. More than 100 masks from Ray Yoshida's & the Arts Center's collections will offer viewers the opportunity to contemplate the myriad faces we present to ourselves & the people around us.

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**Joseph Yoakum: Unfolding Landscapes**

Oct 13–Feb 23. An exhibition of more than 30 drawings by Yoakum that pay tribute to Yoshida's referring to the act of drawing a scene as a "spiritual unfolding."

**John Shimon & Julie Lindemann: The Wisconsin Project**

Oct 13–Feb 23. A 1949 Wisconsin Nash, miniature wigwams & vintage postcards are just some of the objects the artists will include in their expression of Wisconsin as "place."

Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 746-0707

**Craig Blietz - A 20 Year Survey**

thru Nov 5.

Mosquito Hill Nature Center, New London. 779-6433.

**Carol Toepke**

thru Oct 27. Photography.

National Railroad Museum, Green Bay. 437-7625

**The Christopher Railroad China Collection**

thru Jan 2014. The 600+ pieces in this exhibit will open a unique window into the bygone era of rail travel.

Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460

**Native American Games: The History of Lacrosse**

thru Oct 20. Highlights a few of the games played by the Oneida & Menominee Nations of Wisconsin w/ a focus on lacrosse. Features excerpts from the documentary, Sacred Stick, which tells the story of lacrosse among the nations of the Iroquois Confederacy from the game's origin to the current status of the Iroquois Nationals.

**MuseumPLACE: A Celebration of Community**

thru Nov 17. Features a series of thematically-linked, interactive stations & immersive environments designed to engage visitors in activities, challenges & storytelling, while collecting visitor responses to "big idea" questions about our museum's - & our community's - future.

**Annual Juried Art Exhibition**

thru Jan 5. The 69th Art Annual Juried Exhibition highlights 30 artists from Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. This exhibit will include photos, mixed media, paintings and ceramics.

New London Public Museum. 982-8520

New London Remembered thru Jan 25. The changing look of a Midwestern town.

Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903

**Chihuly Venetians**

thru Oct 13. From the George R. Stroemple Collection.

Peninsula Art School & Gallery, Fish Creek. 868-3455

**Making Our Mark**

thru Oct 5. For the first time in their 48-year history, Peninsula School of Art is hosting a juried student exhibition. Celebrates the achievements of the students, many of whom are now professional artists.

**Night Lights: Photographic Light Paintings**

Oct 12–Dec 28. Without computer software or special photographic equipment, photographers who do light painting use light sources as simple as flashlights & glow sticks to create dramatic effects.

Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409

**Total Print Show**

Oct 4–Nov 29.

Silver Lake College Art Wing, Manitowoc. 684-6691

**Bonnie de Arteaga: Sumi Phrasebook**

Oct 17–Nov 16. Prints, sculpture & encaustic paintings based on gestural brush paintings in the sumi style.

The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089

**Katharine Hepburn: Dressed for Stage & Screen**

thru Dec 15.

Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Riverside Gallery, Manitowoc. 684-0218.

**Bells & Whistles, Flags & Flashes:**

Lost Languages of the Lakes thru Mar 2014. While today's ships have modern communication rooms, 200 years ago sailors on the Great Lakes used bells, flags, whistles & flashes of light to send messages. This hands-on exhibit lets children & adults communicate like a Great Lakes sailor.

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

**Capturing Modernity: Art, Fashion & Artifice**

thru Nov 27. Leech Gallery

Alison Stehlik—ceramics thru Nov 27. Hoffmaster Gallery

Stephanie Williams—Homegrown thru Nov 27. Kohler Gallery.



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## community & cultural events

- 5 | **Fall Family Festival** 🍂  
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- 5 | **Fall Family Fun Day** 🍂  
Family oriented activities & crafts, wagon tours of the wildlife area, renewable energy displays, games & activities. 11am-2pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 715-758-6999.
- 5 | **8th Annual Geocaching Event**  
See how many geocaches you can find on the Navarino Wildlife Area. 8:30am-2pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 715-758-6999.
- 5 | **Sunset Wagon Ride**  
2 hour wagon tour, viewing stops @ Wolf River Flowage & Pike's Peak flowage. 4-6:30pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. 715-758-6999.
- 12 | **Diamonds & Denim**  
An evening of glass blowing, dinner & dancing on the farm to benefit educational programs at Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. Neenah. 751-4658.
- 11 | **St. Gabe's Brewfest**  
An evening of beer and wine tasting, food and live music. 6:30-11pm. Neenah Riverwalk Holiday Inn. 725-4161
- 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 | **Zoo Boo!** 🍂  
Trick or treat with the animals and roving ghosts and ghouls at the Brown County NEW Zoo. 3-8pm. Green Bay. 434-7841.
- 12 | **Iron Pour Event**  
Witness the fiery iron pour, listen to live music & enjoy seasonal refreshments. For a small contribution, participants of all ages may create their own iron tile by etching into sand and resin molds. 4-8pm. Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek. 868-3455.
- 12 | **Applefest**  
Come out & enjoy everything apple. Vendors, entertainment, food & more. 9am-5pm. Downtown Two Rivers. 755-2775.

- 13 | **Public Cave Tour & Dig**  
Tours are led by experienced Wisconsin Speleological Society tour guides. 10am-3:30pm. Cherney Maribel Caves County Park, Manitowoc County. [wisconsincaves.org](http://wisconsincaves.org) or 830-6484.
- 18-19, 25-26 | **Halloween at Heritage Hill State Historical Park** 🍂  
Trick or treating, a costume contest, scary storytelling & campfire s'mores throughout the park. 5-9pm. Green Bay. 448-5150.
- 19, 26 | **Family Art Days** 🍂  
Connect w/ your family and get creative together w/ paints, pastels, clay & more! 9am-12pm. Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek. 868-3455
- 21 | **Memory Cafe**  
Music is on the agenda as our DJ, Jack Speech, plays music from some of your favorite artists of the 50s & 60s. 1:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

## fundraisers

- 5 | **Warrior Princess Mud Run** 🏃  
A non-competitive 5K run w/ fun & unique obstacles. Proceeds support Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs. Mosquito Hill Nature Center. New London. 832-1666.
- 11 | **Wild About Science Annual Auction & Event**  
Wild About Science will culminate w/ a celebration of art & science. The Butterflies & Friends art collection will be auctioned off to support The Einstein Project. 5:30pm. Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. Appleton. 884-8800.
- 12 | **5K Run/Walk for St. Joe's Food Pantry**  
The 5K Course Features the Very Popular "Trestle Trail!" From Germania Hall into charming Downtown Menasha then joins the Trestle Trail over Lake Butte Mort and back again. 7am. Menasha. 475-7116.
- 16 | **UWFox Third Thursday**  
This networking event will benefit Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha. 4:30-7pm. UWFox Communication Arts Center Thrivent Lobby. Menasha. 832-2889.
- 19 | **Annual Soup Walk**  
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**25 | "Wicked Fun" Halloween Costume Fundraiser**

A fundraiser for Compassionate Home Health Care to benefit adults & children w/ physical, mental, emotional special needs or a long-term illness. 3-10:45pm. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Banquet Facility. Appleton. 216-8414.

**25 | Dance Against Violence Sock Hop**

Ninth annual Dance Against Violence Sock Hop evening charity event sponsored by the non profit nic foundation. 6:30pm to Midnight. Grand Meridian. Appleton. 968-2621.

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**2 | Understanding the Value & Function of Grief Symptoms**

This workshop will help caregivers explore the soul-based function that grief symptoms play in the life of the mourner. 9am-3pm. Liberty Hall, Kimberly. 465-2642.

**2 | Downtown Book Club**

Discussion of Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James. 12-1pm. Harmony Cafe, Appleton. 832-6173.

**3 | Walk a Mile in My Shoes**

A look @ the Hispanic community. Co-sponsored by the Department of Community Development, City of Appleton. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**5 | Outagamie County Master Gardeners**

Putting your garden to bed for the winter. 10-11:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**9 | A Very Brief Introduction to Irish Myth & Legend**

All of us have heard of leprechauns & banshees. But do you know the origins of those words? Come discuss this (very) brief introduction to the mysterious & wonderful world of Irish myth & legend. 7pm. McGuinness Irish Pub, Appleton. 277-7803.

☪ = Suitable for families with young children. ☎ = Reservation required.

**14 | Let's Talk About World War II**

Celebrate Family History Month! Share a book or share your story. 4-5pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**16 | Appleton Historical Society Speaker**

Dawn Ruchele will discuss the history of Pierce manufacturing as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. 7-8:30pm. Atlas Mill, Appleton. 540-3699.

**16 | Fox Valley Embroiderers' Guild-Whitework Embroidery**

International embroidery teacher Barbara Kershaw will present. 7pm. Trinity Lutheran Church. Appleton. 993-9171.

**19 | Geneology 101: Where to Start**

Celebrate Family History Month! Learn the basics of researching your family history. 11am-12:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**22 | Compassionate Fox Cities Symposium**

A message of peace delivered by Arno Michaelis, former white supremacist and author of "My Life after Hate" and Pardeep Kaleka, son of a murdered Sikh leader in Milwaukee. 9am-12pm. Meet the authors from 2-3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**24 | Artist Families as Collaborators & Business Partners, Part 1**

Panel discussion with: Kristin Thielking & Keven Brunett, Wes & Wesley Hunting. 6:30-8pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. Neenah. 751-4658.

**films**

**1 | Tuesday Night Movie**

Presenting "Iron Man 3"(PG-13). 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

**8 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies**

Featuring "Bringing up Baby" in conjunction w/ the Katharine Hepburn exhibit @ the Trout Museum of Art. 4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**10 | Thursday Night @ the Movies**

Featuring "We Steal Secrets: The Story of Wikileaks." Film discussion to follow led by Jason Brozek, assistant professor of government & Stephen Edward Scharff, professor of international affairs. 6-8:40pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

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## Great Inspirations

Billy Mills knows a bit about overcoming obstacles.

The only American to win the gold medal in the Olympic 10,000 meter run, he will bring his message of inspiration and

perseverance to the Fox Cities Oct. 8 when he speaks at the Boys & Girls Club Leaders and Legends: Celebrating Great Futures fundraiser.

A member of the Oglala Tribe of Lakota, Mills overcame poverty, prejudice and anonymity to accomplish one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history. His story inspired the movie "Running Brave," and he is the author of two books and spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

"I used my free will to choreograph my dream," says Mills, who now gives back to the people and community who helped him along by encouraging other young people to choreograph their own destiny.

"The concept of the Boys & Girls Club saved my life," he says. "I want to pass that on to another generation."

Orphaned at age 12 and raised by his grandmother, Mills took up running and boxing in his youth. Running would eventually earn him a scholarship to the University of Kansas, where he earned a degree in physical education. While serving in the Marine Corps after graduation, Mills qualified for the 1964 Olympic team in the 10,000 meters, then set an Olympic record with his dramatic win.

"He has dedicated his life towards helping youth overcome any obstacles they might face," says Marta Weldon, Boys & Girls Club director of resource development. "He represents what is possible."

Visit [bgclubfoxvalley.org](http://bgclubfoxvalley.org) for information about the event.



—By Susannah Gilbert

### 14 | Monday Matinee

Featuring "Quartet." At a home for retired musicians, the annual concert to celebrate Verdi's birthday is disrupted by the arrival of Jean, an eternal diva & the former wife of I of the residents. 1-3pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

### 15 | Tuesday Night Movie

Presenting "The Croods" (PG). 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

### 17 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Featuring From "Here to Eternity." Celebrate Family History month—World War II stories. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 31 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Featuring "Evita." Co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Symphony. 4-6:15pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

## classes & workshops

### 1 | Creative Journey

Read & write poems with local poet, Laurel Mills. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 3 | Imagination Connection

Stamping w/ Kathy Beck. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 5 | Releasing & Healing Your Soul Retreat

Learn about the beauty of fall as you release & heal what no longer serves you. 9am-4pm. The Bridge-Between, Denmark. 864-7230.

### 7 | Suburban Homesteading—Preserving Meats

Presented by Christine Kniep, UW-Extension Family Living Educator. 6-8:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

### 8 | Creative Journey

Native American culture w/ Lisa Hurst. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 9 | What's that Scat?

Investigate animal droppings to solve mysteries. 6-6:45pm. Gardens of the Fox Cities, Appleton. 750-5462.

### 15 | Creative Journey

Show & Tell members' stories. Bring & trade artist trading cards. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 16-17 | Schwalm Embroidery

Barbara Kershaw, international embroidery teacher, presents Diamonds & Doves, a Schwalm embroidery piece. 9:30am-4:30pm. The Marq, DePere. 993-9171.

### 21 | Knit2Together

Multi-generational knitting circle. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 22 | Creative Journey

Rosemaling basic history & simple brush strokes w/ artist Dodie Davies. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.



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24 | **Seasonal Decorating with Native Plants**

WOFVA members Loris Damerow & Rebecca Eyer will help you bring the beauty of the prairie to your table by creating a dried arrangement to take home. 6:30-8:30pm. WILD Center, Neenah. 749-7807.

29 | **Creative Journey**

Share a favorite Halloween story or poem. Dominoes & board games. 10am-12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

**children's events**

1 | **Family Movie Night**

Join us for a prehistoric comedy adventure about a family that travels a spectacular landscape after their cave is destroyed. 6-7:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

1 | **Tween Scene: Build-A-Bot**

Use an old windup toy and molding clay to create a one-of-a-kind robot. Then wind it up and watch it go. 3:30-4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 | **Family Storytime**

Every Monday and Tuesday. M: 10-10:30am or 6:30-7pm, Tu: 10-10:30am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3664.

1-31 | **Fall Storytimes**

Baby Time; W, 9:15am. Toddler Time; Tu & F, 10:30am. Lapsit; W & Th, 10am. Our Time; Tu, 10am. Evening Family Storytime; Tu, 6:30. Caregiver required except Our Time. Neenah Public Library. 886-6335.

3, 10, 17 | **Family Storytime**

Join Ms. Ann & Mopsy for stories, rhymes, & music perfect for children ages 0-6 & their parents/caregivers. 10:15-10:45am. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

4-5 | **Creepy Crawlies Halloween Event**

Activities for Halloween Heckrodt-style include live owls, make & take craft, storytelling & a not haunted hayride. 6-9pm. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

8 | **Tween Scene: Game Time**

Compete with your friends in the old school Words with Friends... Scrabble. 3:30-4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

11-13 | **Sheboygan Children's Book Festival**

Meet acclaimed authors & illustrators, take part in workshops, and make art w/ amazing illustrators. Book signings & sales plus costumed book characters & fun musical entertainment for children & families. 10am-5pm. Mead Public Library, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Bookworm Gardens, Sheboygan. 459-3400.

12 | **Halloween Treats**

Make your favorite Halloween treats in glass - candy corn, candy bars & more. Other fun Halloween activities will also be available. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658.

12 | **BOOfest Crafts**

BOOfest coincides with the final Neenah Farmers Market. While you're there, bring the kids to the Library to trick-or-treat and make a slightly spooky craft. 9am-2pm. Neenah Public Library.

14 | **Building Bonanza**

Create cool structures with building toys. Use your imagination and have fun during this hour of free play and design. 6:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

15 | **Turtle Tots Preschool Adventure**

Explore the outdoors to find seeds, colored leaves & other seasonal treasures. Find out how animals get ready for the long, cold winter months. 9:30-11am. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

15 | **Tween Scene: Painted Book Ends**

Take a book end and paint it any way you like. Try something inspired by a favorite book or hobby. 3:30-4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

26 | **Imagination Movers**

Imagination Movers is a kid-centered rock band that can be described w/ the motto, "Reach high. Think big. Work hard. Have fun!" 2pm. Weidner Center, Green Bay. 494-3401.

28 | **Tween Scene: Make-A-Mummy**

Bend, shape, and create your very own wire mummy. 3:30-4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

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# THE HEART OF ART

## *in the Fox Cities*

By Siri Pairin

Behind any thriving community exists a strong commitment to the arts that fosters dynamic creativity. This creativity flows through the Fox Cities as tenaciously as the Fox River.

Much like the river's current, this driving force is not always seen on the surface, but is ever-present and responsible for unique ideas and cutting-edge innovation within the Fox Cities. It encourages free thought and enables expression of humanity.

The heart of this spirit can be found in the collaborative efforts behind the recently renamed Fox Cities Building for the Arts.

"We decided to change the name of the building to the Fox Cities Building for the Arts because it better represented what was going on in the building," says Pamela Williams-Lime, Trout Museum of Art and Fox Cities Building for the Arts president, "[It] is more reflective of what is happening here and it's a better way for us to communicate that to the community."

The building, formerly known as The Reigel Building, The Appleton Art Center, and The Trout Museum of Art was recently rechristened

The Fox Cities Building for the Arts and houses five of the Fox Valley's most prominent arts organizations: Appleton Boychoir, Fox Valley Symphony, Makaroff Youth Ballet, newVoices (formerly White Heron Chorale) and the Trout Museum of Art.

"When the Appleton Art Center became the Trout Museum of Art, a lot of the local community just looked at it as a museum and didn't really feel they needed to be involved in it anymore, [and that] it wasn't a community group," says Michelle Richeson, a local visual artist and Fox Cities Building for the Arts board member.

But the changes extend beyond a name change; new opportunities and more accessible space are in store for all five organizations.

"We are in the middle of a capital campaign to address the needs of all the organizations living in here," says Williams-Lime.

Often forced to rent space to hold meetings, the organizations residing in the building are now able to use renovated office space on the third floor. The space includes a board room conducive to holding rehearsals, receptions and small performances.

Along with a revamped third floor, renovations to the fifth floor will take place to better address recently kick-started educational programming.

The name change and inter-group cooperation will also serve as a collaborative model for non-profit organizations.

"The capital campaign, in the process of changing from the Trout Museum to the Fox Cities Building for the Arts, was done intentionally to better serve both what we as a non-profit are trying to do, but also to help the other organizations as well," says Williams-Lime. "We're talking about a collaborative business model and collaboration between the organizations."

Kathi Seifert, chairman of the board of the Fox Cities Building for the Arts, says this model will produce and encourage ideas that better define operations within non-profits, whether they are arts-related or not.

"If we work on how more effectively we can work together and share resources or learn from each other, utilizing the same resources could not only save money, [but] provide more efficiency for

each and every one of the organizations,” says Seifert.

The increased efficiency and communication between the arts organizations within the building are expected to not only provide an example for other non-profits, but also allow for more joint projects that include multiple, or all, groups.

The Young Audiences Fine Arts Series, one of the first collaborative projects set to run from January through May, will involve all five organizations and aims to introduce families into all areas of the arts. Each organization in the building will stage a 40 minute interactive educational performance for audiences of young children and families. With each performance, audience members will also complete a hands-on arts project relevant to the presentation.

“It’s an example of where we’re looking to collaborate because each of our missions has a piece of education in it,” says Williams-Lime. “You find common threads and you make a bigger presentation instead of each organization programming independently.”

Seifert says more collaborative programs will help increase engagement in the arts by community members.

“The collaborative programming will bring people together and help them not only learn about the arts but have fun, enjoy the arts and feel proud of the different things they can do from a creative standpoint,” says Seifert.

Rebecca Fitton, an alumnus of both the Fox Valley Youth Symphony and Makaroff Youth Ballet, participated in a collaborative performance with the two organizations this past spring.

“Not only did the dancers and musicians learn from the performance, but many community members were entranced by the power of youth artists,” Fitton says.

For Fitton, these collaborations can both involve the community and enhance the arts themselves.

“Different art forms are both naturally intertwined and compliment each other well,” Fitton says. “It makes complete sense to honor their relationship by renaming the building.”

Williams-Lime says she hopes the Fox Cities Building for the Arts collaborations will accentuate this relationship.

“[Art] is woven into everybody’s soul whether they know it or not,” says Williams-Lime. “What we’re trying to do is put a little emphasis on that.”

With fine arts often one of the first programs to be cut in schools, the revamped Fox Cities Building for the Arts can help fill the void and serve as a hub for artists both professional and amateur.

“It really made me think about where I put my money and my time,” says Richeson. “So few people give to the arts and it’s something the whole community does enjoy.”

Along with engaging the community in the arts, the Fox Cities Building for the Arts programming can help foster important skills and allow for creative development among youth.

“It’s so important that we engage our youth in the arts and really help them focus on

creativity and problem solving,” d Seifert says. “Not only is art something to enjoy, but I truly believe that engaging in the arts encourages creativity, which can in turn encourage innovation, which helps drive the future.”



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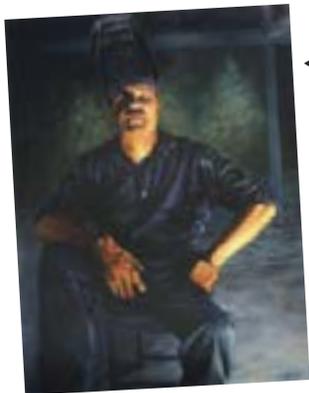
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# 19<sup>th</sup> annual golden fork awards

By Sean P. Johnson

*The annual Golden Fork Awards give our readers an opportunity to recognize and reward the chefs and restaurants creating great Fox Cities dining experiences. The ballots have been counted and the results are in. What FOX CITIES Magazine readers are rewarding this year are those culinary*

*experiences that challenge their expectations for presentation, flavor and style. Congratulations to the restaurants that have emerged as favorites, and we look forward to the new dishes and combinations both winners and emerging challengers will treat us to in the coming months.*

## Beth Baer admits she's a tough customer to please when it comes to dining out.

"The Usual" is not part of her repertoire, says the Menasha resident, who also has culinary school in her background. She seldom heads out just to grab a bite. Instead, she is always on the lookout for a unique dining experience.

"If I can make it at home, there's no reason for me to go out," says Baer, describing how she looks over a restaurant and its menu. "I'm looking for the wow factor. Show me something that I have not seen before."

If the 2013 Golden Fork awards are any indication, the chefs and restaurants making up the Fox Cities dining scene are rising to the challenge. FOX CITIES Magazine readers gave the highest accolades to establishments daring to show culinary moxy by stretching the boundaries for taste, presentation and atmosphere.

Restaurants such as **Carmella's: an Italian Bistro** (seven Golden Forks), **Zuppas** (four Golden Forks), **The Kangarooost** (Best New Restaurant) and **Cena** (Best Butting Edge Cuisine) were often described as "creative" or "unique" by readers casting ballots.

Certainly, long time favorites such as **Mary's** (Cooking Most Like Mom's), **George's** (Best Steak) and **Fratello's** (Best Waterfront Dining) did well. The voting also revealed Neenah readers with strong loyalties to their local establishments, resulting in five taking home Golden Forks this year.

Yet, it was the restaurants willing to challenge diners with creative dishes while providing responsive service and a distinctive atmosphere that attracted the most attention.

"I think people are looking for something that will be of value, something that does not fall short of their expectations when they go out," says Nicole DeFranza, co-owner of Carmella's, which picked up its fourth consecutive Golden Fork for Best Overall Restaurant. "We have a lot more people coming to this area from other areas and we are seeing a much more diverse food culture develop."

Which could certainly account for one of the up-and-comers that stood out in this year's Golden Fork balloting. **Osorios Latin Fusion** finished as the runner-up in seven categories. The restaurant has been open less than a year.

Katie Unke, an Appleton resident who dines out at least once a week, was disappointed Osorios didn't take home at least one of those Golden Forks.

"When I first went there, I was not quite sure what to expect," says Unke. "They really like to experiment and it turns out great."

Osorio co-owner Kim Finnell took the second place finishes in stride, citing more established competition. She attributes the restaurant's rapid rise to the chef team's ability to create thoughtful entrées, as well as diners' willingness to try unfamiliar combinations.

"On a first visit, we see that folks like to play it safe a little bit," she says. "On the next visit, we see they are willing to push the boundaries and try things."

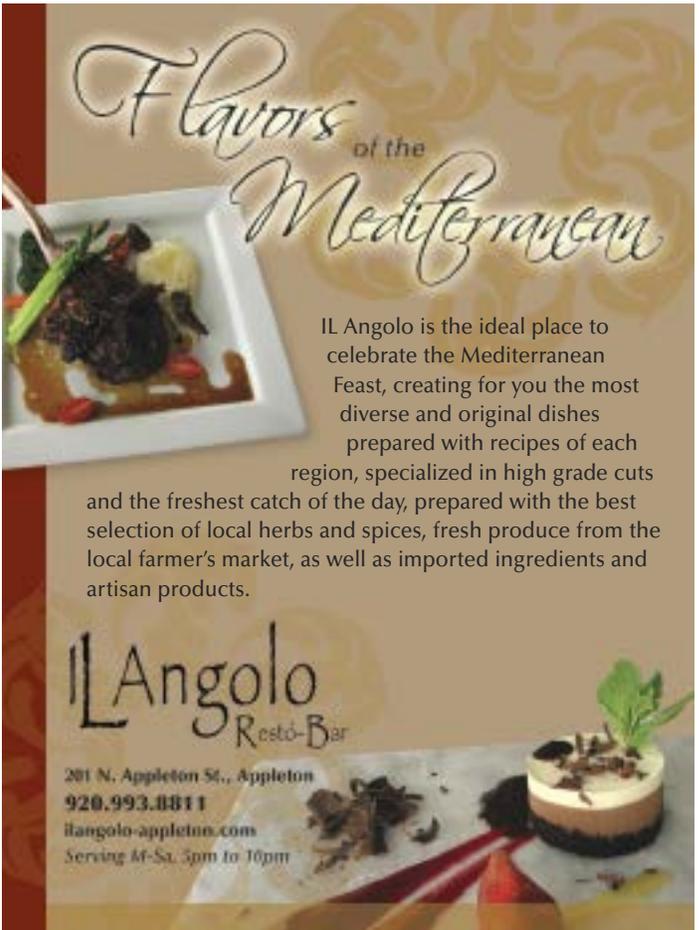
That emerging spirit of dining adventurism is what keeps restaurant owners, general managers and chefs constantly shopping for new ideas.

The team at Carmella's always has one eye on the cooking shows and the other in cookbooks and magazines scouting for new ideas, DeFranza says. Often, great ideas come from visits to other restaurants when traveling.

"It could be a completely new idea, or something that sparks us to build in a dish we already have," she says. "We are always looking."

Those creations are just what diners such as Unke and Baer are searching for.

"We are starting to see some restaurant's come up with some pretty diverse dishes," says Baer. "We need more of that in the valley."

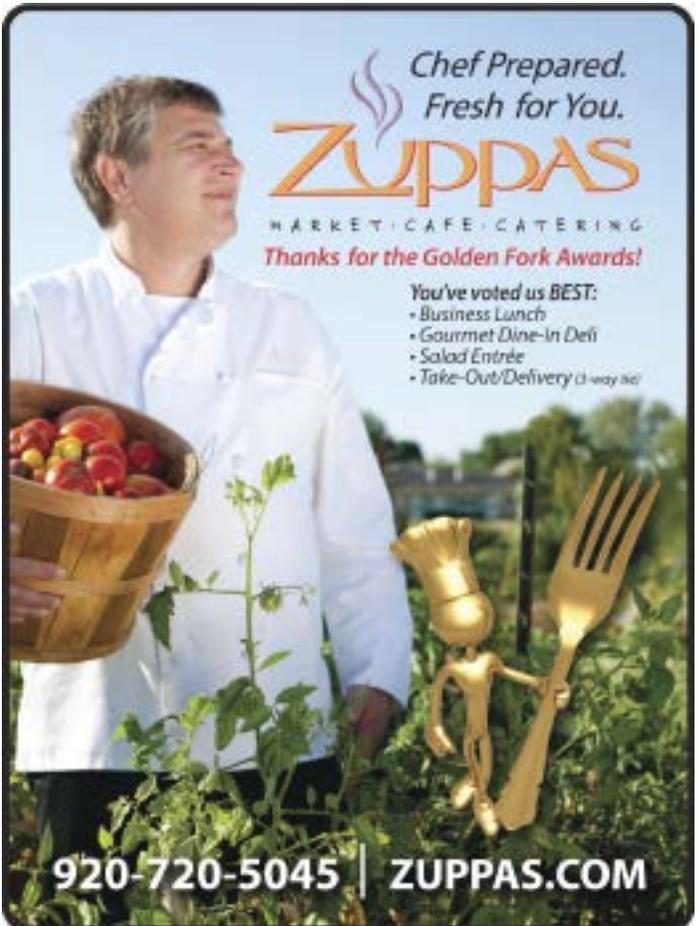


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- 1st Carmella's: an Italian Bistro
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## BEST new restaurant

- 1st The Kangaroo
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## BEST ambiance

- 1st Carmella's: an Italian Bistro
- 2nd Fratello's Riverfront Restaurant

## BEST chef team

- 1st Carmella's: an Italian Bistro
- 2nd The Kangaroo

## BEST live entertainment

- 1st Cena
- 2nd Stone Cellar Brewpub

## BEST waterfront dining

- 1st Fratello's Riverfront Restaurant
- 2nd Pullman's at Trolley Square

## BEST patio dining (non-waterfront)

- 1st Ground Round Stone Cellar Brewpub
- 2nd Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

## FAVORITE hidden gem

- 1st Basil Cafe Stone Cellar Brewpub
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## BEST presentation of entrée

- 1st Carmella's: an Italian Bistro
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## BEST waitstaff

- 1st Carmella's: an Italian Bistro
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## BEST wine list

- 1st Flanagan's Wine Review
- 2nd Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

## BEST cutting-edge cuisine

- 1st Cena
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## MOST vegetarian-friendly

- 1st Fresh
- 2nd Kangaroo

## BEST steak

- 1st George's Steak House
- 2nd Vince Lombardi's Steakhouse

## BEST ribs

- 1st Famous Dave's BBQ Shack
- 2nd Texas Roadhouse

## BEST seafood

- 1st Red Lobster
- 2nd Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

## BEST fried/broasted chicken

- 1st Mary's Family Restaurant
- 2nd Van Abel's of Hollandtown

## BEST fish fry

- 1st Ground Round
- 2nd Mark's East Side

## BEST gourmet pizza

- 1st Cannova's
- 2nd Glass Nickel

## BEST traditional pizza

- 1st Cranky Pats Pizzeria & Pub
- 2nd Frank's Pizza Palace

## BEST dessert

- 1st Carmella's an Italian Bistro
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## BEST salad entrée

- 1st Zuppas
- 2nd Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

## BEST soup/chili

- 1st Mary's Family Restaurant
- 2nd Osorio's Latin Fusion

## BEST burger

- 1st Ground Round
- 2nd Mihms Charcoal Grill

## BEST sandwich

- 1st New York Deli
- 2nd The Kangaroo

## BEST breakfast

- 1st Weathervane
- 2nd Blueberry Hill Pancake House

## BEST brunch

- 1st The Kangaroo
- 2nd The Orchard

## BEST buffet

- 1st Golden Corral
- 2nd Andrew Commons

## COOKING MOST like mom's

- 1st Mary's Family Restaurant
- 2nd Third Street Diner

## BEST greasy spoon

- 1st Mihm's Charcoal Grill
- 2nd Third Street Diner

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- 2nd Cy's Asian Bistro

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- 1st Bao Ju Mandarin Gourmet Dong Po
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- 1st Menasha Grill
- 2nd Kato's Cajun

## BEST sushi

- 1st Nakashima of Japan
- 2nd Katsu-Ya Japanese Restaurant Koreana

## BEST noodle dish

- 1st Basil Café
- 2nd Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

## BEST greek/mediterranean

- 1st Apollon Fine Dining
- 2nd Josef's Gyros

## BEST indian

- 1st Sai Ram Indian Cuisine
- 2nd India Darbar

## BEST mexican

- 1st Solea Mexican Grill
- 2nd El Azteca

## BEST italian

- 1st Carmella's: an Italian Bistro
- 2nd Victoria's Italian Cuisine

## BEST café

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## BEST cup of coffee

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## BEST chain restaurant

- 1st Olive Garden Panera Bread Co.
- 2nd Culver's

## BEST business lunch

- 1st Zuppas
- 2nd Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

## BEST gourmet dine-in deli

- 1st Zuppas
- 2nd New York Deli

## BEST take-out/delivery

- 1st GingeRootz Asian Grille Kangaroo
- 2nd Zuppas

## BEST non-chain fast food

- 1st JD's Drive In
- 2nd Kangaroo

## BEST late-night dining

- 1st Sal's Pizza
- 2nd Greene's Pour House

## BEST bar & grill

- 1st Greene's Pour House
- 2nd Stone Cellar Brewpub

## BEST supper club

- 1st George's Steak House
- 2nd Dick and Joan's 220 Club



## BEST overall

### Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

The accolades keep piling up for Carmella's: an Italian Bistro. For the fourth consecutive year, the Appleton eatery received the nod for Best Overall Restaurant in FOX CITIES Magazine's 2013 Golden Fork Awards.

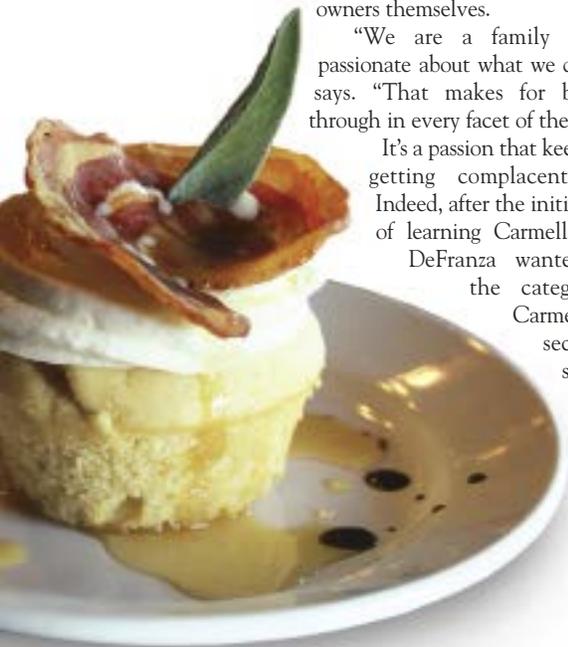
That tops a list of seven Golden Forks for 2013, one more than co-owners and sisters Nicole and Kristen DeFranza collected in 2012. Carmella's continuing popularity validates the sisters' vision of providing patrons a distinctive dining experience with the atmosphere and nuances you would expect sitting in their home kitchen.

"The menu is really unique," says Katie Unke of Appleton, a regular visitor to Carmella's. "The waitstaff is just amazing and they are really good at explaining what things are and how they go together."

Nicole DeFranza also attributes the restaurant's success to the passion and work ethic of the staff, from chefs to waitstaff to the owners themselves.

"We are a family that's really passionate about what we do," DeFranza says. "That makes for better follow through in every facet of the restaurant."

It's a passion that keeps them from getting complacent, she says. Indeed, after the initial excitement of learning Carmella's had won, DeFranza wanted to know the categories where Carmella's finished second. Now, she has goals for 2014.



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### Cena

The phrase "cutting edge" can mean a lot of different things. To Cena general manager Brian Leslie, cutting edge means having a dedicated bunch of people working for him and letting them do what they do best - create one-of-a-kind, unconventional dishes.

"I really go by the phrase, 'he who manages least is he who manages best,'" Leslie says. "I worry about the price, but as far as the creative aspect, that goes to [head chef] Colton Roberts and his crew."

Roberts takes traditional classics and tweaks them to add different influences and create original dishes, Leslie says. For instance, he will take the dark meat of a chicken and tea-smoke it, then mix it with gorgonzola cheese and spinach - something different from most traditional preparation.

Chad Leder, a regular visitor, says the plates at the downtown Appleton restaurant always have a great presentation to them, and he enjoys the simple, intimate atmosphere and the quality of service.

"Though their menu is not extensive, the selections change seasonally and they use fresh, local ingredients in unique ways," Leder says.



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It also earned the Neenah establishment the 2013 Golden Fork for Best Bar & Grille.

"I actually wish I could hang out there more," Solowicz says. "We just have great experiences when we go there. The food is great and when you walk in you always see a familiar face."

Owner Bobby Greene attributes the success of Greene's to several things, from a menu more diverse than a traditional bar & grille to unique weekly specials. The bottom line, he says, is the award validates a simple principle: take care of the customer.

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Though chasing the truck is a lunchtime thrill, owner Kelly Barnes says Kangaroost can offer things Kangaroostaurant cannot: a place to sit, for starters, as well as plated fork and knife dishes as opposed to soups and sandwiches.

"We want the Kangaroost to feel like a place where people gather, not just to come and eat, but to have meetings, or catch up and get coffee," Barnes says of the Kaukauna eatery.

Brunch is especially popular at the 'Roost, scoring an additional Golden Fork for Best Brunch.

A dedication to creating homemade food from local ingredients also draws people to Kangaroost. It's what brings fans like Geri Justinger back.

"Knowing where my food comes from is very important to me," Justinger writes. "There are not a lot of restaurants in this area focused so keenly on local/fresh ingredients."



## BEST breakfast

### Weathervane

The winds blew in Weathervane's favor as this new Menasha restaurant picked up the Golden Fork for Best Breakfast.

Owner Pat DuFrane attributes Weathervane's success to a solid business plan, staff that go out of their way to give customers a pleasurable dining experience and a dedication to cooking with fresh, quality ingredients.

"I know I can't do everything, so I stick with what I'm good at, which is breakfast and lunch," DuFrane says.

Weathervane aficionado Liz Williams says that her whole family enjoys visiting the restaurant because it is a "complete experience".

"The food is fresh and not processed tasting. You can tell that the food is cooked to order," she explains.

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## BEST asian food

### GingeRootz Asian Grille

GingeRootz co-owner Doris Ng attributes this year's Golden Fork for Best Asian to their variety of menu items and the good service behind them.

GingeRootz offers a wide selection of Asian cuisine, from customer favorite Crystal Shrimp the more recent addition of sushi.

"We offer a new spin with our signature roll," says Ng.

A new spin on old favorites seems to be the theme of the food at GingeRootz, located on Ballard Road in Appleton. Each dish has notes of familiar favorites in Asian food, but with an unexpected touch that makes it stand out.



## FAVORITE hidden gem

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Stone Cellar Brewpub prides itself on using fresh, local and organic products.

That is what Tim Rhodes, culinary professional at Stone Cellar, says keeps loyal customers coming back. The menu for the Appleton establishment reflects that mantra, featuring items from locally raised, grass fed beef burgers to lemon and asparagus ravioli from RP's Pasta in Madison.

"It's a great place to sit outside after a long day of work and enjoy a few of their specialty brews, says regular patron Emily Morehart. "The waitstaff is always responsive and friendly, the food is great, especially the pizza!"

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Peter Kuenzi, chef/owner of the Neenah restaurant, says they try to have fresh and new ingredients prepared each day for their menu.

"Basically, [if people come to eat] every day or a couple times a week, they would always have something new," Kuenzi says.

Ben Gorges, a regular patron, says you don't have to wait 30 minutes at a table to get your food, yet, it is not fast food.

"In the end, it is a great place to get in and out quickly while still having a meal you can be proud of," Gorges says.

## BEST noodle dish

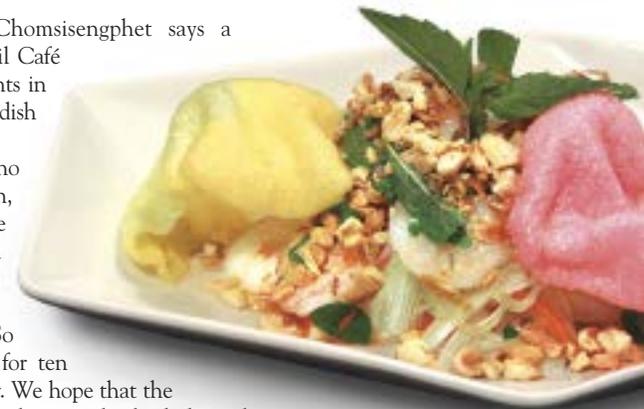
### Basil Café

Basil Café, the sleeper hit of Fox Valley restaurants, received the 2013 Golden Fork for Best Noodle Dish, as well as sharing the Golden Fork for Favorite Hidden Gem.

From the outside, the gray, windowless building in Appleton gives no indication of the warmth, hospitality, and mouthwatering food waiting within. Yet everyday, adventurous new customers venture inside.

General Manager Larry Chomsisengphet says a commitment to quality sets Basil Café apart from other Asian restaurants in the area that may have a similar dish on the menu.

"There are places that do pho and other noodle soups, but again, what sets us apart from everyone else who does it is how much love and time and effort goes into cooking our dishes," Chomsisengphet explains. "So with our pho, we slow boil it for ten hours before we serve it everyday. We hope that the time and love and labor we put in shows in the food, the ambience, and everything else."



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— Rebecca Turchen, Sara Stein and Susannah Gilbert contributed to this story.



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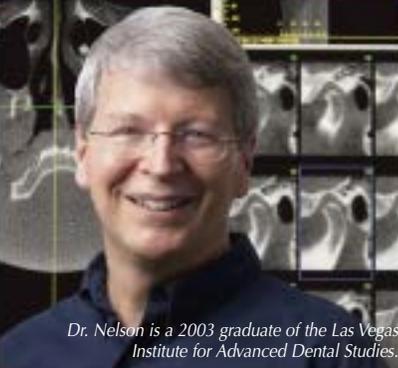
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# Refresh, Renew, Remodel

By Samantha Zinth

## Sara and Jeff Saxby needed more space.

With a teenage son starting high school this fall, the Saxbys were beginning to outgrow their 1700-square foot, open-concept ranch in the Village of Harrison.

“Our son’s room is immediately off of the living space, which was challenging for any of us to invite company over,” Sara says. “We wanted to give him space to hang out with his friends – play games, watch movies, just be a teenager – without mom and dad hovering nearby.”

With 12 years in their current home, the Saxby’s love their neighborhood and location. So

rather than moving, they looked to their unfinished basement for additional space.

“We have a lot of clients who need or want a change, but aren’t interested in relocating,” says Gary Fassbender of Distinctive Renovations in Appleton. “They want to stay in their home, stay in their neighborhood. They’re comfortable in their surroundings and would rather make a change to the existing structure.”

Sara and Jeff Saxby worked with Distinctive Renovations to create a lower-level, multi-purpose space that would accommodate their family’s changing needs. In addition to an entertaining space for their son and his friends,

the Saxby’s also created a hobby room for Jeff and a scrapbooking space for Sara.

“It was designed in a way that there’s really something for everyone,” Sara says. “We can all be downstairs, all pursuing our own interests, without getting in each other’s way. It’s really transformed how we work and play at home.”

## Local Trends

Remodeling projects like the Saxby’s are on the rise in the Fox Cities as the local economy and housing market continue to recover.

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Diane Welhouse of Welhouse Construction Services in Kaukauna. “We’re seeing homeowners complete more of what they’d like for their home, not just what’s required for general maintenance.”

Basement and bathroom remodels are among the most popular elective projects, but contractors are also doing a lot of work to accommodate the needs of an aging Baby Boomer population. Projects that allow homeowners to “age in place” are becoming more common. Such projects include converting a tub to a shower, installing backer boards for grab bars in a bathroom, or building a mother-in-law suite for an elderly parent.

“Many of our clients don’t have an immediate need for these improvements, but they have the foresight to understand they’re going to need them in the future,” says Fassbender, who is a certified aging-in-place specialist. “These projects help ensure that they’ll be able to stay in their home comfortably and safely, even as they get older.”

### The Three C’s

In choosing a contractor, homeowners should be mindful of three primary factors: cost, creativity and quality.

Your budget will determine many of the decisions for your project, so understanding its scope is vitally important for a successful remodel. Consider the obvious expenses, such as labor and materials, as well as the incidental costs, such as adding technology or purchasing new furniture. Your contractor should be able to outline your options to help you realize your vision for the space while

staying within budget.

“We approach each project as if it was our home and our money,” says Welhouse. “We want to be as transparent as possible, to help people make an informed decision about their investment.”

Remodeling projects typically take place within the confines of an existing footprint, making design creativity and quality craftsmanship exceptionally important. Consider how your design choices will blend in with the rest of the house, and pursue creative solutions when it comes to layout and storage. Reputable contractors should be fully insured, offer solid local references, and provide examples of past work.

“It’s a big deal to invite someone into your home,” Welhouse says. “You’re ultimately building a relationship, making



communication styles, personality types, and design-aesthetic exceptionally important. You need someone who is going to ‘get’ what you’re trying to do, and treat it as a shared vision.”

*Continued.*



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## Design Smart

Before you begin your remodel—or even start drawing up plans with your contractor—it's important to consider exactly what you will want and need from the redesigned space.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) notes that design and function should be the homeowner's primary consideration when planning a remodel. Considering your needs up front will ensure your remodel suits both your lifestyle and budget.

"Any project should begin with a thorough conversation between the contractor and the client," says Fassbender. "It's much easier to design when you know where the customer is coming from. I always tell people, let's take a holistic approach upfront. What do you want from the project? What would make your home more functional for you and your family?"

Margi Mann and Jim Coenen worked with Welhouse Construction Services to refinish the basement of their 1800-square foot character home, originally built in 1925. The project, which included gutting the existing basement, egressing a window, building a new bathroom, moving the laundry, and designing an entirely new basement layout, took shape only after thoroughly exploring their vision and needs as homeowners.

"It's easy to get bogged down in the small details, but you have to think about the end game," Margi says. "Beginning with the end in mind allowed us to make several smart decisions for the space, many we hadn't even considered. Honestly, I wish we would have sat down with them much



earlier and developed a 10 year plan for the entire house."

In the planning stages, make a wish list of everything you'd like to see in the space and pare down your budget from there. Or, as Margi Mann suggests, create a long-range plan that will allow you to make changes more gradually.

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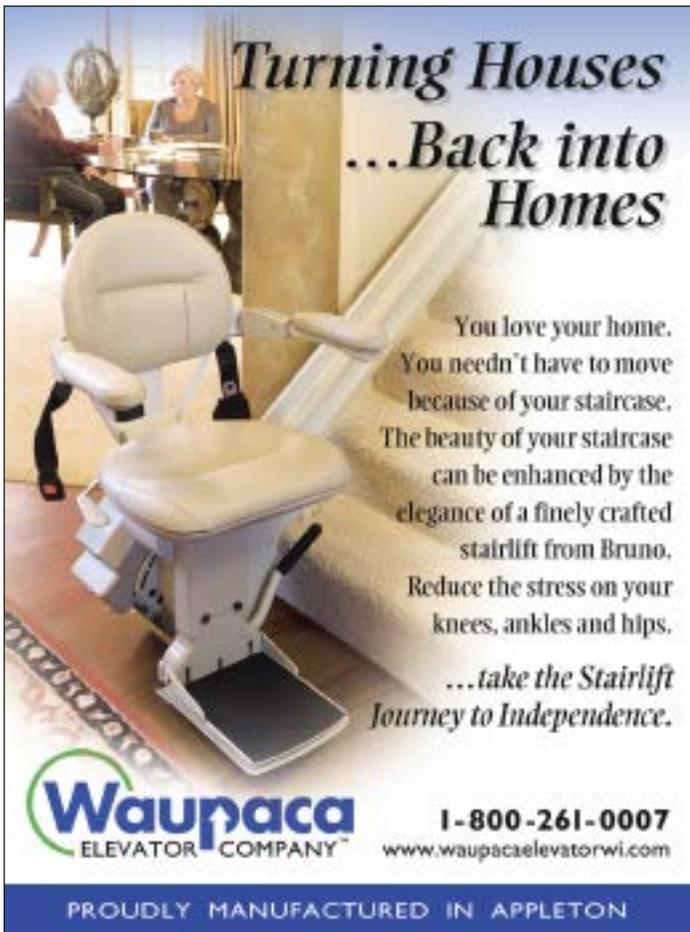
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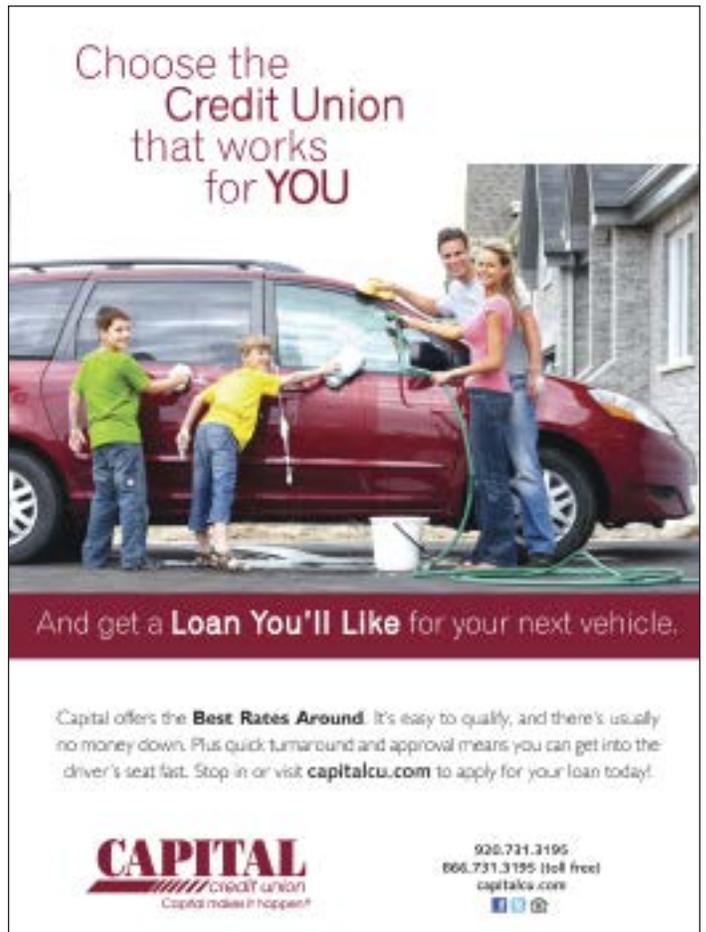
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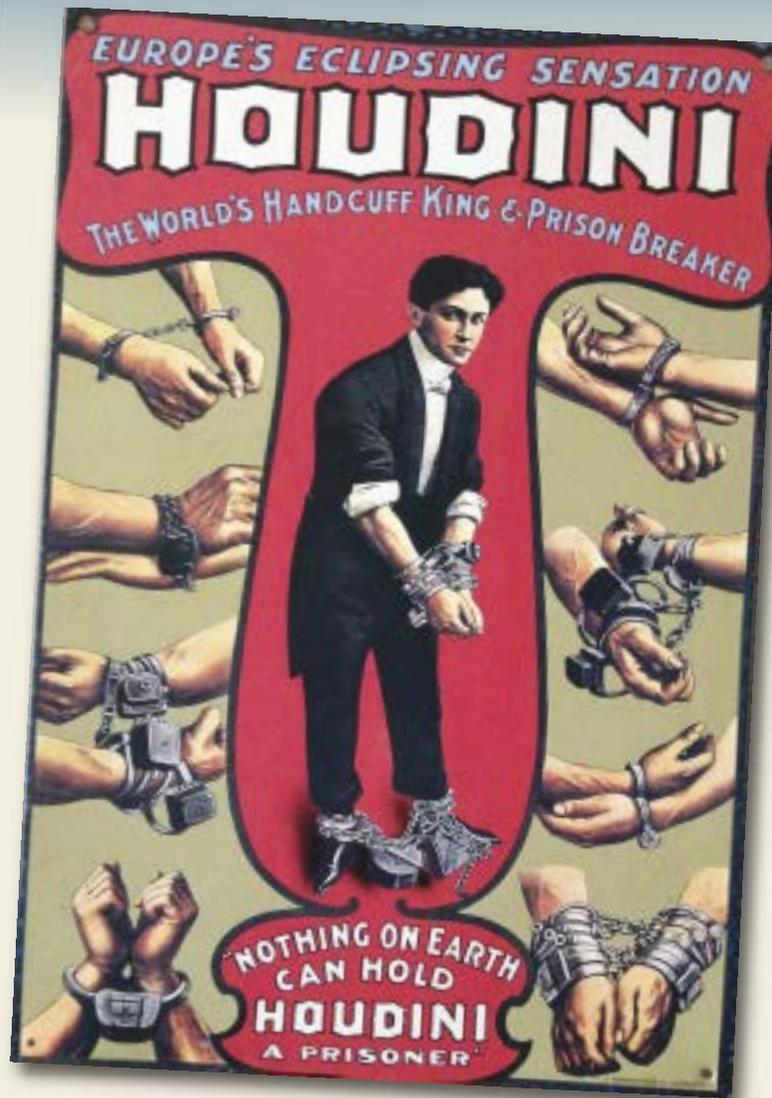
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# The Magic of Place

By Rebecca Turchan



**H**arry Houdini has intrigued residents of the Fox Cities ever since his meteoric rise to fame in the early 20th century.

Houdini is forever remembered as a master magician and escape artist, puzzling and astounding audiences with his daring tricks. Rumors and myths swirl around his name, while legends of his superhuman feats run rampant, ranging from tales of escaping from manacles while under the frozen Detroit River to hanging upside down and picking up pins with his eyelids.

Famous worldwide, he proudly claimed Appleton as his home. For Houdini, Appleton represented the American Dream.

"He has a very important connection to the city. He had lifelong friends here, and memories of prospering. He came from nothing and made himself," says Tom Boldt, a Houdini enthusiast and CEO of The Boldt Company, which worked on the recent renovation of Houdini Plaza in downtown Appleton.

While the magician may have claimed Appleton as his home, many are surprised to learn he was not born here. Indeed, Houdini lived in Appleton for a very short period of his childhood.

Born as Ehrich Weiss in Budapest, Hungary in 1874, little is known about those first early years before Houdini's family left Europe and moved to Appleton in 1878.

Houdini's time in Appleton was one of the happiest periods of his childhood. Compared to Budapest, life was idyllic. His father was a well respected rabbi and founder of the local Jewish community, giving the family

high social standing. Young Weiss was accepted and surrounded by friends who cared for him.

Appleton was the land of opportunity, where with a little hard work, anything could be achieved. Unfortunately, their security soon disappeared when Houdini's father lost his job and the family suddenly foundered into poverty. After four short years, the Weiss family left the area and moved to Milwaukee, then New York to look for work.

That's the end of Houdini's residency in Appleton, but not his connection to the city.

Houdini never forgot about Appleton, and made many return trips as an adult.

After developing an interest in magic in New York, Houdini returned to the Fox Cities to perform at the no longer existing Appleton Opera house with a traveling vaudeville show. Around this time he changed his name to Harry Houdini, invented from an Americanized version of his nickname "Ehrie" and the name of his then idol, magician Jean-Robert Houdin. A few years later, Houdini returned again as an international superstar, proudly displaying his scrapbook of playbills from all around the world.

Throughout these travels, Houdini spoke fondly about Appleton as his true hometown, eventually claiming it as his birthplace.



The Houdini name has been immortalized in the Fox Cities with restaurants, museum exhibits, a school and even a magician's club celebrating its 75th year. But one of the most crucial ways Appleton has chosen to remember Houdini is through the dedication of the plaza on College Avenue. About 30 years ago, an Appleton city planner and amateur magician thought it a shame the city had never recognized Houdini's contribution to the area, instigating the naming of Houdini Plaza.

In 2013, after years of use, the plaza was in need of updating, which happened to coincide with the city's interest in creating a central hub for residents to congregate in downtown Appleton.

"Gathering places are becoming increasingly more vital to downtown areas all over the country," Jennifer Stephany, Director of Appleton Downtown Inc., explains. Houdini Plaza offered an opportunity to create a focal point. To achieve that goal, four crucial elements needed to come together to create the successful gathering space Appleton needed.

Stephany says this process of community building and planning is called "placemaking".

The four pillars of placemaking are: access and linkage, comfort and image, use and activity, and social building. Houdini Plaza satisfies all of these elements, providing a safe, conveniently located, and historically resonant space for people to socialize and gather for community activities.

"I'm excited to see how people use the space in new and untraditional ways in the future," Stephany says.

The updated plaza has already inspired new events and continues to help much loved activities, such as Appleton's enormous farmer's market, grow and prosper. The plaza recently played host to Appleton's first Mile of

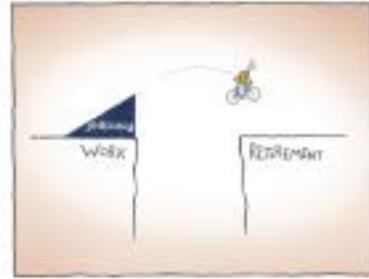
Music Festival, a feat that the Fox Cities' favorite musician and organizer of the event, Cory Chisel, says would not have been possible in the past.

"It started to become more and more feasible [to create the Mile of Music] as Houdini Plaza was being built [...] it just seemed like the town was able to support something like this," says Chisel.

With some of the myths about Houdini dispelled, it would be easy to think of him as nothing more than a traveling performer. But the legacy he has left behind far exceeds that of a simple showman. Houdini inspires both young and old to innovate, work hard, and persevere. Besides, everyone could use a bit more magic in their lives.



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