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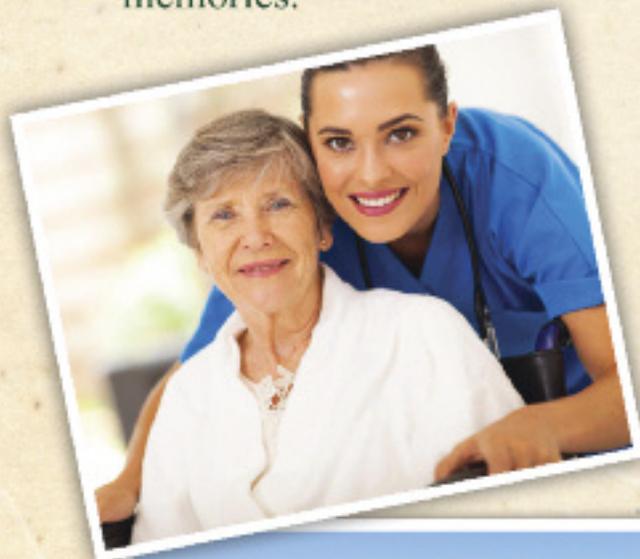
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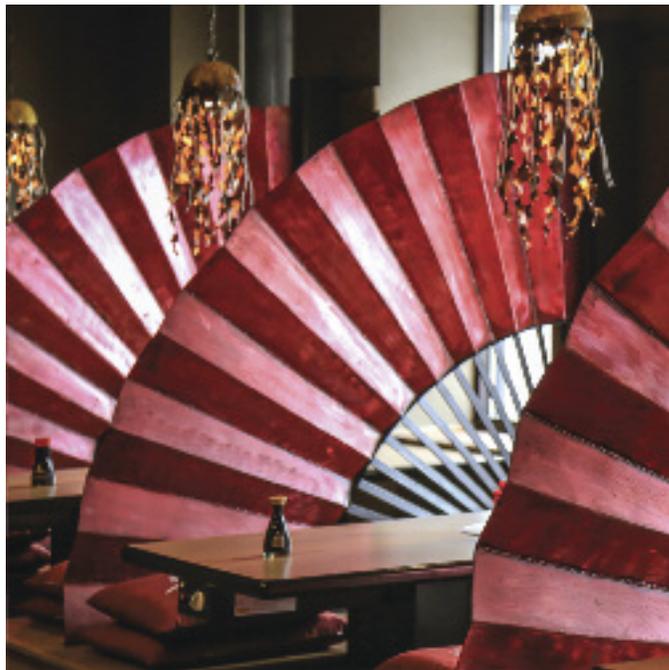
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Food for Thought
Changes to Fox Cities dining scene brings menu of options
By Amy Hanson

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Food frenzy

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Variety and vivacity

Fine art with a graphic designer's touch

Whether depicting plants, animals, buildings or people, Kathryn Wedge's paintbrush brings life that is at once soft and vibrant, representational and stylized, to the canvas. With an eclectic background ranging from architecture to graphic design, Wedge melds various influences into one distinct character through her painting.

"I have been doing art since I was probably in grade school," says Wedge, going on to describe an early spark when she won a calendar contest for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as a freshman in high school. "My artwork got a lot of attention and I got a lot of good vibes from doing that," she adds.

Continuing to paint throughout high school earned Wedge a one-year scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for art. Afterward, she studied in the School of Architecture for a year before deciding to transfer to UW-Oshkosh to further pursue art.

Now based in Neenah, Wedge works full time as a graphic designer, also serves freelance clients and still has the opportunity to create, show and sell her paintings. "My career as a fine art painter really started to develop around 2000," she explains. "I had left a full-time graphic design position to spend more time at home with my kids. When that door somewhat closed, I started looking at what I could do more seriously with my fine arts."



"Fox River Paper," 24-inch wide by 18-inch high, Acrylic with people that can help me find out more about exhibitions and galleries I could show my work in."

Wedge began entering shows, participating in workshops and building relationships with different organizations. "By entering juried exhibitions, I was able to make the connections I needed to get my work in front of a larger audience," she says, noting her membership in both the Wisconsin Visual Artists and Wisconsin Watercolor Society. "Those types of affiliations really put me in touch with people that can help me find out more about exhibitions and galleries I could show my work in."

After several years, Wedge returned to the graphic design business, and almost in tandem another great opportunity presented itself. "I did illustrate a children's book in 2008," she explains, referring to "The Monarch's Gift: A Journey Through the Life of a Monarch Butterfly" by Wisconsin naturalist Stephanie Feuerstein. "A friend introduced me to the author because we both had a passion for monarch butterflies. This woman I met told me she had a book about a monarch butterfly for children and I said, 'Oh that's funny, I'm doing my first solo exhibition in a few months and it's on monarch butterflies!' She gave me her words, and we realized that a lot of the book was already painted with the work I'd already done. I painted a few more and we self-published the book."

The majestic monarch is just one of Wedge's many artistic specialties. "I take inspiration from nature and also from people and places that I've been. I do architectural things, which kind of speaks back to my architectural training," she says. "I have so many things that interest me it's very hard to pin down a favorite. It's really taking something blank, a canvas or a piece of paper, and creating something on it. That's the part that's my passion. It doesn't necessarily matter if it's a person or a building or a tree."

Wedge's creative process is dynamic and ongoing, and she finds inspiration wherever she goes. "I'm kind of out and about a lot," she says. "If something visually catches my eye I'll make notes and sketch something. I'll snap a picture of it and then use that back in my studio. I go back into my studio and I draw things and crop things, and bring things into Photoshop. If I like a portion of one thing and a portion of something else, I'll mash them together and find something that interests me enough to start painting."

Wedge's work can be found on her website kathrynwedge.artspan.com. She can be contacted online or at 729-9398.



"I Do," 15-inch wide by 22-inch high, Watercolor



Name: Kathryn Wedge
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— By Clare Bruning

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American National Bank Fox Cities



*Business Banking Team:
(Top) Paul Northway, Lon Rupnow and Mike Sanders; (Bottom) Dave Englebert, Brent Walbrun and Trevor Emers*

American National Bank responds to local businesses' needs

From the start

American National Bank Fox Cities started out as just an idea of several Fox Cities business owners. The founders saw a need for a bank that provided financial services for the area's small businesses. They decided to create a bank that would have a local focus and provide the kind of personal service they did not find at the big holding company banks. The dream became a reality through the efforts of the bank's first president, John Hennessy, and a group of entrepreneurial bank organizers. The bank opened its doors on June 14, 1993 as a full-service business bank, nationally chartered and FDIC insured.

Local business bank

American National Bank Fox Cities is focused on the prosperity of businesses in the Fox Cities and surrounding area. "Like the majority of our clients, we are a locally owned small business with our roots in the Fox Cities. We have a great appreciation for small business, and everything we do goes back to benefit this community," says Paul Northway, executive vice president of business banking.

The local decision-making model allows the business banking team to be very flexible and responsive to client needs. Business owners can be assured that decisions were made by an experienced and thoughtful team of bankers. Nearly half of the employees have been with American National Bank for 10 years or more. In general, there has

been very little staff turnover in the bank's history, which allows for continuity in the bank's operation.

Though American National Bank's business is money, they value their customer relationships more than the transactions themselves. Similar to the low turnover of employees, the bank's customer base has proved to be loyal. When the bank loans money, they want to make sure that both parties will benefit from the transaction. "Mutually beneficial relationships are the key to long-term relationships," says David Blohm, current bank president.

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If ever there was a time in American history when thinking adults and voters — terms which should be synonymous — need to take the time to read “The Federalist Papers,” that time is now.

Written at our country’s founding by three of the greatest political thinkers in modern history, is a series of 85 letters to the primary newspapers of the day under the pseudonym, Publius. These thoughts centered on how our government might be so constituted as to avoid the calamitous outcome that governments had for time immemorial experienced.

As John Jay, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison were aware, weak governments had historically failed to secure the safety from external enemies for their citizens. Arguably worse, strong governments had become the enemies within that had subjected citizens to predations worse than attack.

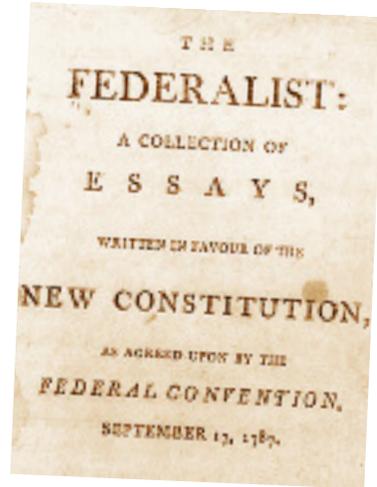
Fear and loathing of all-powerful central governments, such as the monarchies of Britain and France, encouraged Madison to staunchly resist the arguments for country as opposed to republic. Not only were the 13 colonies not disbanded as encouraged by Hamilton, they remained powerful local states and the value of

local control encouraged the creation of 37 additional states over time, constituted locally to serve the unique needs of people therein.

Each of the 85 letters is a short, concise, intensely reasoned argument concerning the traps and pitfalls inherent in creating a new government where mainly a vacuum had existed after the British were sent home.

Most Americans would, I believe, argue that since the 1780s, when “The Federalist Papers” were written, the majority of the states have more aptly handled their affairs than has the federal government. Few state governments have ignored their own several constitutions in such a egregious fashion and to such destructive result.

And, while all governments tend to usurp their control of the private lives and property of citizens, the states have generally displayed a more measured response to the need to avoid



anarchy. Voices cry out today from across the political spectrum for change. Most of these complaints are generated by anguish, not reason. Perhaps a country of more than 300,000,000 people can only be held intact by a dictatorial government as in China where 1.3 billion people do mostly as they are told. But for those of us who cherish freedom, I believe now is the time when the price of freedom must be

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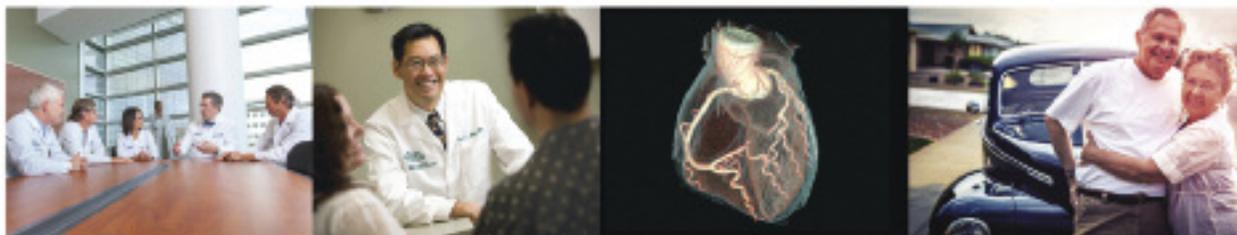
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ARTS EVENTS

- 1 | Carried Away**
Presented by Wild Space Dance Company, it reflects their commitment to fostering the work of emerging choreographers and cross-discipline collaborations. 8pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-7000.
- 2 | Survivor: Gilligan's Island** 秀
Parody musical revue by the Fox Valleyaires promises fun. 3 & 7:30pm. Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, Appleton. 739-7553.
- 5-10 | Motown the Musical**
The true story of Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the music mogul. Tue.-Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 2 & 7:30pm, Sun. 1 & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 8 | Wild Kratts Live!** 秀
Off "To the Creature Rescue!" the Kratt Brothers activate some fan favorite Creature Power Suits to confront a comic villain. 7pm. The Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.
- 9, 10 | DanceWorks**
Faculty and student choreography representing a diverse medley of styles. Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm. UW-Green Bay University Theatre. 465-4200.
- 14-17 | Dream Role**
Back by popular demand, 100 performers come together to bring the house down with favorite songs. Th-Sa 7pm, Sa-Su 2pm. UW-Fox Valley, Menasha. 832-2889.
- 14 | Neville Public Museum Dinner Program** 秀
"The Last Wooden Shoe Carvers in America." Dinner at 5pm, program at 6pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.
- 15-17, 21-23 | Hysterical Productions: Into the Woods**
An irreverent Tony Award-winning musical deconstruction of works by the Brothers Grimm. April 15-16 & 21-23 7pm. April 17 2pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2850.
- 15 | Mark Morris Dance Group and Music Ensemble**
Beautiful and moving modern dance with a powerful score help both classical and familiar compositions come to life on stage. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 18-24 | Fox Cities Book Festival**
Local, regional and national authors featured in events, readings, signings and more. Times and locations vary. foxcitiesbookfestival.org
- 20 | The Improvised Shakespeare Company**
A fully improvised Elizabethan style play based on audience suggestion. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 23 | Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse** 秀
Lilly finds endless adventures fueled by her delightfully oversized imagination. Ages 4 and up. 12:30 & 3pm. UW-Green Bay. 465-4200.

MUSIC & CONCERTS

- 4 | St. Norbert Community Band**
Comprised of college and local community members. 7:30pm. St. Norbert College Abbot Penning Hall of Fine Arts, De Pere. 403-3950.
- 4 | Songs, Stools and Stories**
This musical night brings to life the creative explosion that was country music in the '90s. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800)895-0071.
- 8 | Lawrence University Artist Series**
Featuring American pianist Jeremy Denk. 8pm. Lawrence University Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6749.
- 9 | An Evening with the Gaither Vocal Band**
Featuring Bill Gaither, Wes Hampton, David Phelps, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles and special guests. 6pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. (800)895-0071.
- 10 | Kimberly Community Band**
Social with punch and cookies to follow. 2pm. JR Gerritts Middle School, Kimberly. 419-1040.
- 10 | Music @ the Library** 秀
Featuring Liam O'Brien playing finger-style original folk songs and covers. 2pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 10 | The Appleton Boychoir American Liberty Concert**
From patriotic songs to the grassroots music that made us who we are, the Boys will perform the music of John Philip Sousa, Hoagy Carmichael, Oscar Peterson, Lee Greenwood and more. 4pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 955-2224.
- 12 | Mnozil Brass**
Seamlessly blending technical virtuosity and comedic brilliance, the septet has become an international sensation. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2527.
- 15 | Instrumental & Vocal Jazz Concert**
St. Norbert College Jazz Band & Vocal Jazz students. 7:30pm. St. Norbert College Abbot Penning Hall of Fine Arts, De Pere. 403-3950.
- 16 | Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles**
7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 16 | Lawrence Academy of Music Piano Festival**
8am-5pm. Lawrence University Music Drama Center, Appleton. 832-6632.
- 17 | St. Norbert College Bell Choir**
Directed by Dr. Linda Cook, the choir will be presenting a concert of traditional, contemporary and novelty music. 1pm. St. Norbert College Dudley Birder Hall, De Pere. 403-3950.
- 17 | WAMI Award Show**
The winners and nominees of the 36th annual Wisconsin Area Music Industry Awards will be saluted, alongside a remarkable slate of Hall of Fame honorees. 7pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 19 | Riverview Gardens Concert Series: Year Two**
In collaboration with Lawrence University and New York-based chamber ensemble Decoda. 5:30pm. Riverview Gardens, Appleton. 733-2354.
- 21 | 6:30 Thursdays: music from every angle**
Alt-Nostalgia - Gypsy Trip. 6:30pm. Fort Howard Hall, Weidner Center. 465-2400.
- 21 | Jazz at The Trout, Season VI: The Evolution of Jazz**
Dave Bayles (Conventional Piano Jazz Trio). From ragtime and blues to contemporary and beyond, this season presents a progression of sounds comprising jazz music from the past 100 years to today. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Lawrence University hosting first student film festival

Film lovers and movie buffs will rejoice this April when Lawrence University plays host to the first Associated College of the Midwest Film Conference and Festival. More than just a showcase, the film festival aims to celebrate talents and lay the foundation for a greater regional filmmaking community.

Taking place over the weekend of April 1-3, the festival's highlight will be numerous film screenings showcasing the best of the student film submissions. Ranging from six categories — narrative, experimental, documentary, animation, public service, performance and music videos — the organizing committee has received an overwhelming number of 150 quality submissions. These come from students from many ACM members — Colorado College, Grinnell College, Carleton College and Lawrence University — just to name a few.

"I am very happy about the cleverness and artistry (the students) brought to their works," says Catherine Tatge, artist-in-residence at Lawrence and one of the festival's

organizers. "We have a fantastic selection lined up." As this is an equally important education opportunity, the festival also includes a film conference with lectures, seminars and discussions, as well as workshops and master classes taught by professionals in the film industry. All submissions by the students will go through a selection process with a jury of not only professors, but also professional filmmakers. All works screened and presented during the weekend will be handpicked by this jury.

The ACM Film Festival is a continuation of Tatge's work building the Film Studies Department at Lawrence University. After five years since its conception, the Film Studies Interdisciplinary program has become very popular among Lawrence students, with extensive filmmaking equipment and facilities. With this year's festival, Tatge hopes to create a strong network connecting Film Studies faculty and students in the Midwest.



Photo courtesy of Lawrence University

"I hope this will continue as an annual event," shares Tatge. "We hope to attract more students, colleges and professionals ... to make it a rich and substantive experience for the community."

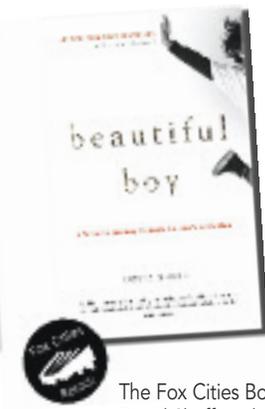
All events during the festival are free and open to the public. For a detailed schedule, visit lawrence.edu.

— By Anh Ta

Local festival is one for the books

Fox Cities Book Festival has officially been booked and this year's event will be bringing in some major authors.

"We are very excited to have Leonard Pitts as part of the festival this year. (Pitts) is a nationally syndicated columnist whose column has been appearing in area newspapers for years," says Jeff Kuepper, a past president of the board. Pitts will be appearing in Perry Hall at the University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley on April 18 at 6:30 p.m.



The Fox Cities Book festival also has paired with Fox Cities Reads to bring in David Sheff, author of "Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction." Sheff will be appearing on April 18 at noon at UW-Fox and at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Chute High School Auditorium. On April 19 at 10 a.m. he will be at the Appleton Public Library and at 1 p.m., he will present at the Menasha Public Library.

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— By Brooke Van Roy

22-23 | Christine Ebersole Cabaret

Go on a journey with Ebersole in an intimate cabaret setting that allows you to get up close and personal with the two-time Tony Award® winner. 8pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3782.

23 | Bethel Music Worship Night

Jeremy Riddle, William Matthews, Jonathan and Melissa Helsler, and Steffany Gretzinger perform. Join an authentic night of worship, encouragement, and prayer as we love God together and pursue His presence. 7pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3782.

23 | Wanting Memories: Unlocking dementia through music

Music provides a connection for dementia and Alzheimer's patients and a respite for their caregivers. This concert will connect caregivers and our audience to the positive memories shared with their loved ones. 7:30pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-9700.

24 | Lawrence Academy of Music Piano Festival Recital

Winners from the Academy's Piano Festival perform. 1pm. Harper Hall, Lawrence University Music Drama Center, Appleton. 832-6632.

24 | Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: We Live for Love Tour

The evening promises to be an unforgettable journey with this female rockstar who forged a path for today's artists and still rocks today alongside her husband who changed the face of the pop charts throughout the 1980s. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

24 | The Legacy of Brotherhood: Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus

Choral production of contemporary, sacred and patriotic music including the premier of commissioned piece "A Nations Strength" by composer Zachary J. Moore. 1:30-3pm; Xavier High School, Appleton. 915-0330.

30 | Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra: American Harmony

Immerse yourself in a collection of music celebrating this great country. Hear works by John Williams and Aaron Copland, plus the Midwest premiere of John Harmon's symphony Crazy Horse: Legendary Hero of the Lakota. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

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OPENING EXHIBITS

1 | Certificates of Presence: The Photograph of Livia Patikne

Thru May 8. Over a number of years Patikne repeatedly took photographs of carefully composed flower arrangements, as well as portraits of herself in different guises. Lawrence University Wriston Art Center, Leech Gallery, Appleton. 832-6621.

1 | Jill H. Casid, Kissing on Main Street

Thru May 8. This exhibit aims the instant-developing Polaroid camera at the four-way intersection of sex, imaging technology, vulnerable exposure and policing that is public intimacy. Lawrence University Wriston Art Center, Kohler Gallery, Appleton. 832-6621.

1 | The Archive as a River: Paul Vanderbilt and Photography

Thru May 8. Vanderbilt, an archivist, photographer and visionary, who was hired by the Wisconsin Historical Society to curate and organize a treasure trove of images and photographs. Lawrence University Wriston Art Center, Hoffmaster Gallery, Appleton. 832-6621.

3 | Arts Unlimited

Thru Apr 28. Sponsored by the Green Bay Arts Unlimited organization. Artist reception Sun. Apr. 3, 1-3pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

15 | Wisconsin War Stories

Thru July 3. In partnership with Wisconsin Public Television, this exhibit brings history into the modern age. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

16 | Life and Death at Fort Howard

Thru Apr. 9, 2017. In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Fort Howard, this exhibit connects Green Bay to other fortified settlements in the region under American command during the War of 1812. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

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Reduce, reuse, recycle: it's a familiar mantra used even more often with the approach of Earth Day each year. How can you do your part? This year, the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass is helping to find creative ways to solve this problem.

"Recently, we've been doing a lot of recycled glass classes," says Studio Coordinator Dawn Passineau. "A lot are just for adults. This project will be similar, but more kid friendly."

"Recycled Glass Family Fun for Everyone" contains three different activities led by Sara Rezin, an experienced glass sculptor in her own right and a fused-glass teacher at the

museum. Participants will be guided through constructing flower pots from discarded bottles and given the soil and seeds to fill it in commemoration of Earth Day. They will then have the opportunity to paint their own art on window panes to create sun catchers, and even shown a demonstration on the art of glass cutting.

"The best part of this event is the opportunity to create something beautiful in a beautiful space," says Jennifer Stevenson, marketing and communications director at the Bergstrom-Mahler. The event was introduced last year in conjunction with an exhibit at the Bergstrom-Mahler focused on nature and reusability. Because of the event's great success, it will be held again this year on Earth Day, April 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The event teaches participants how to make functional and artistic glass pieces and gives children hands-on experience with creating and reusing. "It's a fun thing for kids to do for Earth Day because it shows you don't have to make any waste to create something new," states Passineau. "I think getting their hands on the soil is a positive thing for them."

For more information, visit bmmglass.com.

—By Sarah Perret-Goluboff



Photo courtesy of Dawn Passineau

23 | An Artistic Discovery
Thru May 22. Annual exhibition of high school art features artworks from students in Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

29 | (In)visible: Homelessness in Appleton
Thru Apr 2018. A glimpse into the everyday life of the homeless through their own photos and writings. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS

2 | Run 4 Home 5K 📞
This Scheels run is a PaceSetters "Experience the Sport of Life" premiere event. Offering a 5k and a ¼-mile, ½-mile and 1-mile Youth Run. 8am. Fox Cities Stadium, Appleton. 729-7906.

5 | Open Chess Night
Drop in for a friendly game of chess. All ages and skill levels welcome. 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

8 | Creative Coloring for Adults
Color, listen to music and socialize. 1pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

11 | Cocoa and Coloring Night
Coloring for grownups. All materials supplied. 6:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

15 | Coloring with the Classics
Work on your masterpiece while listening to a piano performance. For all ages. 3:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

16-17 | Antique Show & Sale
Featuring quality antique dealers. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Tri-County Ice Arena, Neenah. 730-8204.

19 | Business Expo
Hosted by Fox West Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Modern Woodmen. 3:30-7pm. Holiday Inn, Appleton. 931-2925.

21 | Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society Kitchen Tour
Tour five Neenah-area homes and enjoy tastings, demonstrations, prizes and raffles. All proceeds go to help those in need in our community. 10am-2pm and 4-8pm. 810-1635 or nmesociety.org/kitchen-tour/.

22-24 | Little Chute Windmill Miniature Quilt Show
First annual show featuring quilts with perimeters totaling less than 144 inches. 9am-4pm. Little Chute Windmill, downtown. 788-4679.

23 | Party for the Planet 🌱
Annual animal birthday party to celebrate Earth Day, including educational activities. 9am-2pm. N.E.W. Zoo and Adventure Park, Green Bay. 434-7841.

28 | B.A.B.E.S., Inc. Lip Sync Challenge
Teams compete for awards. Proceeds support the family focused mission of B.A.B.E.S., Inc. Child Abuse Prevention Program. 5-9:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

30 | Glow 4 It, 5K
Family friendly race for all fitness levels. Proceeds go to SOAR Fox Cities, Inc. a non-profit agency dedicated to providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Registration 7pm. 1451 McMahon Drive, Neenah. 731-9831.

30 | 16th Annual Volunteer Center Human Race
A 5k walk, 5k non-competitive run or one-mile walk with more than 50 different nonprofits participating. 9:30am-noon. Thrivent Financial Grounds, Appleton. Kristin.cates@voluntercenter.net.

LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2 | Artist in Residence: Steve Ballard
Ballard will discuss his project, Salon de la Refuse, and the process of salvaging products for artistic use. 10am-noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

2 | Outagamie County Master Gardener Association Garden Conference 📞
In addition to speakers, enjoy a buffet lunch, snacks, door prizes and vendors to help usher in spring. 8am-3:30pm. Liberty Hall, Kimberly. 731-0164.

4 | Adult Afternoon Programs
Polka Heartland: Why the Midwest Loves Polka. Led by author and folklorist, Rich March. 2pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

6 | Men Journeying Through Grief
Affinity Visiting Nurses invites all men who have experienced the death of a loved one to join others to receive support. 6pm. Affinity Visiting Nurses office, Neenah. 866-236-8500.

6 | Prison Reform
Stephanie Gyldenvand, organizer of the ESTHER Prison Reform Task Force, presents a lecture on restoring our criminal justice system. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

7, 21 | Adult Grief Support Group
Affinity Hospice's grief support group for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. 6 p.m. Oshkosh Senior Center. 232-5300.

7 | Caregiver Insights
Establish a strong support network. Share stories and gain insight and confidence in your role as a caregiver as well as ways to take care of yourself, physically and emotionally. 1-2:30pm. Affinity Visiting Nurses office, Neenah. 866-236-8500.

8-10 | Ikebana featuring Women Who Run with Scissors & Embroiders' Guild of America
Floral arrangements, botanically themed fiber art and needlework. 9am-5pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

9 | Memory Cafe
For those with early stage dementia, mild memory loss or cognitive impairment, and their family and friends. Discussions, information, camaraderie and fun. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

9 | Ninth Annual Garden Talk
Programs include Beds, Bales, Buckets and Brews; Orchids are like Chocolate; and Succulent Succulents. Tickets available at Community First Credit Unions; proceeds benefit Fox Valley Technical College students needing emergency assistance. 7:30pm. Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. 735-5738.

11 | Spark! Paper Valley History 📞
Designed for caregivers and loved ones living with memory loss. The program will engage participants in an interactive exhibit on Paper Valley History and host coffee and conversation afterward. 1-2:30pm. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.



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Stuart Sizemore, Lake Geneva, Korean War. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin Public Television

History enlivened at the Trout

Those who do not study the past are doomed to repeat it, or so the old trope goes. However, oftentimes history can seem far removed from our day to day lives. The Trout Museum of Art is partnering with Wisconsin Public

Television to bring history into the modern age in the upcoming exhibit, "Wisconsin War Stories."

"The importance of an exhibit like this is plentiful," says Pamela Williams-Lime, president of the Trout Museum of Art. "It gives a voice to the veterans and to a community largely unable to connect about these issues without an outlet like this exhibit."

Williams-Lime emphasizes the importance of this exhibit being considered in an artistic light, as well as within historical context. For this reason, the portrayals of the

veterans will be exhibited with object labels and, with the help of Wisconsin Public Television, some will even be featured with an audio-visual component to further aid the telling of these stories.

The exhibit covers war veterans from World War II, the Vietnam War, and the Korean War. "This is the first time that the three collections will be shown together," Williams-Lime shares.

Focused on the educational possibilities of this exhibit as well, the Trout provides gallery guides to further draw viewers into the exhibit. These guides focus on both the works of art themselves and the historical context in which it was created. In addition to accessing the veteran community, the exhibit, running from April 15 to July 3, aims to address these wars within the context of the Fox Valley community.

"We're trying to work with other sections of the community in order to present a well-rounded exhibit. By partnering with as many people as we can, we think the exhibit and the story will be more comprehensive," Williams-Lime says.

For more information, visit troutmuseum.org.

—By Sarah Perret-Goluboff

13 | Being Mortal Film Discussion

The film follows New Yorker writer and Boston surgeon Atul Gawande and shows how doctors are often uncomfortable talking to patients about chronic illness and death. Co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Coalition for Advanced Care Planning. 6:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

13 | Non-fiction Book Discussion

Featuring the book "Mark Twain: An Illustrated Biography" by Geoffrey Ward. Led by Bob Schmall, a retired history lecturer. 6:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

14 | Cookbook Book Club

Share cooking tips, recipes and all things related to food. Bring along a small dish to pass if you'd like. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

14 | History Programs

"Discovering Native American History in the Lake Winnebago Region" presented by UW Oshkosh Professor Jeff Behm. 7pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

18 | Knit2Together

Newcomers welcome. 6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

20 | Downtown Book Club

"Shotgun Lovesongs" by N. Butler. Noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

FILMS

1-3 | Associated College of the Midwest Film Conference and Festival

Times vary. Lawrence University, Appleton. lawrence.edu.

4 | Monday Morning Matinee

Featuring "Yellow Submarine." This film series is designed for persons with cognitive disabilities but anyone may attend. Refreshments served. 9:30-11am. Free. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

7 | Thursday Night @ the Movies

Featuring "Man Up," rated R. Refreshments served. 6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

12 | Museum Movie Night - Fire Birds

Experience the golden age of cinema at EAA's Skyscape Theater Royale. 6:30pm. EAA AirVenture Grounds, Oshkosh. 426-4800.

14 | Thursday Night @ the Movies

Featuring "Miss You Already," rated PG-13. Refreshments served. 6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

25 | Classic Movie Monday

A princess rebels against her royal obligations and explores Rome on her own. Refreshments provided. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7515.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

2 | Outagamie County Master Gardeners Class

Perennials and native plants. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

2 | The Process of Assemblage

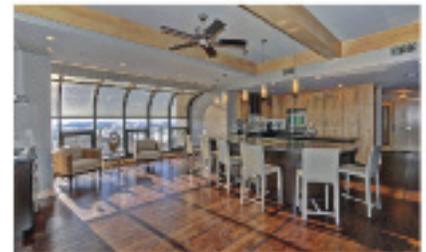
A further exploration of assemblage with Artist-in-Residence, Steve Ballard. 3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

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Exhibit illustrates love, loss at Fort Howard

Whether it be about the fight over the love of a girl or the revelation of an old jacket, the Neville Public Museum is thrilled to bring new light to an old piece of Green Bay's history with their upcoming exhibit, "Life and Death at Fort Howard."

"The exhibit is about a military fort in Green Bay that not many people know about," says Lisa Zimmerman, a curator at the Neville. "We're excited to bring it to the forefront, it's about the establishment of the fort and its relationship with the townspeople."

And relationships are exactly what they're emphasizing with the inclusion of some

engaging relics. "We're really focusing on this first hand account," says Zimmerman. "So, if artifacts can support these things, that's even better."

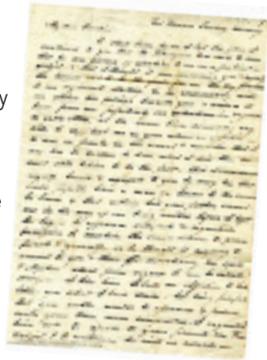
Among those artifacts is a lost letter written by Fort Howard's Lt. Loring to a girl named Caroline about Lt. Bloodgood. "We have an undelivered love letter that represented a love triangle between two lieutenants and the commanding officer's daughter," shares Zimmerman. "(It's) a love triangle that people can relate to today."

And, just a few years after the battle of the heart between lieutenants Bloodgood and Loring, Lt. Amos was faced with his own heart-stopping encounter. "We have a coat that is very rare," states Zimmerman. "(A coat) that one of our lieutenants was murdered in."

Shot by one of his own privates, Lt. Amos was killed while wearing a jacket that the museum will have on display. The coat tells an intriguing story of its own,

featuring a hole in the left side and several missing buttons.

Along with the exhibit, the Neville will be pairing with Heritage Hill to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Fort Howard in August. "Heritage Hill has buildings that tell a different story,



► **Watch for more information about Fort Howard's anniversary in the May History Issue of FOX CITIES Magazine as well.**

which focus on the living history. We're able to complement that with the artifacts," Zimmerman points out.

The exhibit opens on April 16 and will be running through April 2017. For more information, visit nevillepublicmuseum.com.

—By Brooke Van Roy

4, 11, 18 | 8 Steps to Your Perfect Meal

Chef Ace Champion will walk you through eight culinary principles, with two class sessions that include demonstrations — and sampling. 11am-1pm, 2-4pm. UWFox Valley, Menasha. 832-2636.

4 | On the Road with Master Gardeners: Bringing it Home

Landscape and planting ideas from the United States, Europe and Mexico. Free. 7pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

9, 16 | Bat House Workshop

Join the Naturalists at Barkhausen to build a box that will attract bats. Bring a hammer. 10am. Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve, Suamico. 448-6242.

9 | Find your Ancestors

Deb Anderson of UW Green Bay Special Collections and the Wisconsin Historical Society Area Research Center will provide information about which records are available and how to research the archives. 2pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

11 | Master Gardeners Present: Perennial Vegetables

The basics of perennial vegetables. 6:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

14 | Creative Writing @ the Library

Today's topic: What a Cliche! Led by Sharrie Robinson. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

22 | Earth Day Recycled Glass Fun ♻️

Make a bottle flower pot to plant a seed, use recycled window glass to create a sun catcher and see how to cut a glass bottle into pieces to be repurposed. 5:30pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

23 | April Showers Bring May Flowers

Create a piece of yard art mounted on a metal stake. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

25 | Money Smart Event: Managing Retirement on a Fixed Income

Join Alan Prah, education and marketing leader of financial information and services for an informational talk. 6:30pm-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

28 | Creative Writing @ the Library

One-Line Prompts. Led by Sharrie Robinson. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

30 | Introduction to Glass Beadmaking

Basic beadmaking techniques will be covered in this three-hour introductory class. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS & CLASSES

1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29 | Toddler Time

Story time for children from 12-23 months with a caregiver. Th 9:15am-9:45am. Tu & F 10:30am-11am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

2-3 | German Heritage Cultural Celebration

Includes food, music, stories and activities throughout the weekend. Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.

2 | Aladdin: Missoula Children's Theatre

Starring 60 local students. 3 & 7pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

4, 11, 18, 25 | All Star Readers: Tweens

An after-school program for children in 4th, 5th and 6th grade who are English Language Learners. Registration is required. 4:45-5:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4, 11, 18, 25 | Book Babies

Lapsit story time for babies that do not yet walk. 9-9:45am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4, 11, 18, 25 | Fun With Books 📖

An after school program for children in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade who are English Language Learners. 4:45-5:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4, 11, 18, 25 | Play and Learn

Designed to help children ages 3-5 develop pre-reading skills and social skills. Siblings welcome. 1:30-2:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4, 11, 18, 25 | Time for Twos

Story time with music and puppets designed for children 24-35 months accompanied by a caregiver. 11-11:45pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4, 11, 18, 25 | Wonderful Ones

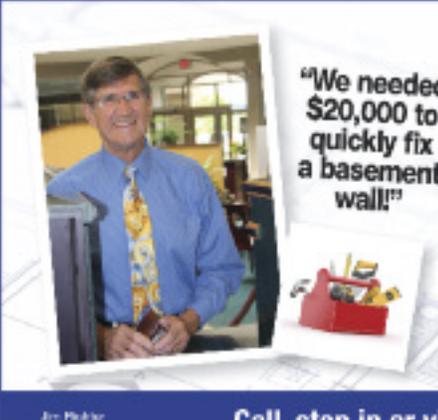
Story time for new walkers to children aged 23 months that provides lapsit time as well as cognitive development. 10-10:45am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4 | Messy Monday

This free, drop-in program is for 2- to 6-year-olds accompanied by a caregiver — your child creates a messy masterpiece, and we provide the supplies and the clean-up. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6301.

5, 12, 19, 26 | Little Wiggles Story Time

Story time for children birth-23 months with a caregiver. 5pm-5:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.



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5, 12, 19, 26 | Musical Movin' Storytime 📖
Children ages 3-5 will experience stories, music and movement that will help them learn language, literacy and listening skills. Appleton Public Library. 9:30-10:15am, 10:30-11:15am & 1:30-2:15pm. 832-6177.

5, 12, 19, 26 | Our Time
Story time for children 3-5 years old. Caregivers welcome. 10-10:30am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

5, 12, 19, 26 | Twilight Time
Story time for children 2-8 with a caregiver. 6:30pm-7pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 | Lapsit
Story time for children 2 or younger; 3-year-olds welcome with a caregiver. 10am-10:30am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

6, 13, 20, 27 | Baby Time
Story time for children birth-11 months with a caregiver. 9:15-9:45am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

6, 13, 20, 27 | Baby Lapsit Story Time
Enjoy rollicking rhymes, super stories, and merry music during this story time session geared for babies birth-24 months. Older siblings are welcome and encouraged to bring along their own special stuffed toy or doll. 10:15am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

6, 13, 20, 27 | Storyvine Stories
Music, puppets and more at this interactive family story time. 9:30-10am & 10:15-10:45am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

7, 14, 21, 28 | Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead
This engaging story time focuses on the themes of science, technology, engineering, art and math. For children 3-5. 9:30-10:15am, 10:30-11:15am & 1:30-2:15pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

7 | Young Audiences: Destination Africa
Travel with The Trout and newVoices! Explore the continent of Africa through songs, stories and sounds to discover just how diverse its many cultures are. 4:15-6pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

8 | Footloose Friday
Kids dance at the Neenah Public Library in a new monthly activity program for ages 2 and up. 9:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

9 | 28th Annual Big Event for Little Kids
A fun-filled fundraiser geared toward children under 10 and their families. Characters, singing, performances, art projects, interactive health, sporting and nature exhibits, and vehicles such as a backhoe, school bus and motorcycle to explore. 9am-3:30pm. Shopko Hall, Ashwaubenon. 469-1236.

9 | Cupcake Wars 🍰
Decorate a cupcake using provided materials. The best cupcake wins! Ages 11-14 are welcome to attend. 1pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6301.

9 | Mayhem in the Mud 🌧️
Don't be a Dud – come have some fun in the MUD! Join us for an early spring day in a wetland. We'll be mud builders, chefs, artists and biologists all in one day. By the time we're done with this medley of mud, you'll be covered from head to toe! Bring a change of clothes to wear home. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

9 | Pooches and Pages 🐕
A reading opportunity for children from the first grade to the fifth, allowing them to read to therapy dogs who will sit patiently. 10am-noon. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

9 | Watercolor Fun 🎨
For kids ages 9-12, come out and join artist Deb Bartelt as she teaches more about art and technique. 1-3pm. The Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

10 | Financial Literacy Free Day at The Building for Kids
Teach your kids how to save and spend wisely, and have fun doing it! Earn Museum Money to learn how to budget, save, spend and share. Noon. The Building for Kids, Appleton. 734-3226.

11, 18, 25 | Spring Stories
Celebrate the return of warmer weather with three weeks of spring stories. Each week will include a fun craft. Perfect for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. 10:10am. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

11 | Storyland
Story time for children 5 years old and up. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

12, 26 | Lego Lab
Spend some time after school building with Legos. 3-4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

15 | Baby Story Time
Stories, songs and fun for children birth-6 with a caregiver. 10-10:30am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3690.

16 | Pooches & Pages 🐕
Practice your reading skills in a fun and furry way by reading to a therapy dog. Kids in grades 1-5 are invited to sign-up for a 15-minute time slot to read to a canine friend. 10:30am. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

17 | Spectrum Saturday
Spectrum Saturday is designed to give families with children on the autism spectrum a lower sensory experience. Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.

20, 22, 23 | Storybook Stars Presents: Clifford the Big Red Dog
Join us for storytime with a few of our favorite Clifford books, written by Norman Bridwell. Meet the star of the books, have your family's photo taken with the character and make a craft with your children to take home! Wed., Fri. & Sat. 1:30pm, Wed. & Fri. 10:30am. Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.

23 | Family Studio: Foil Leaves, Collaborative Tree
Drop in to the 5th floor studios and create art as a family with this fun opportunity to engage in hands-on creative projects in the Fox Cities Building for the Arts studios 10:30am-1pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

24 | LEGOs at the Library
A monthly Lego challenge for children 5 and up. Legos provided. 1:30-2:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

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Feeding the Fox Valley

By Clare Bruning

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin opens warehouse, begins initiatives

A brand-new, 40,000-square-foot warehouse in Little Chute is home to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin's new Fox Valley facility, a northern hub that is doing good work to end hunger in Wisconsin. Since its launch Nov. 1, the new space has been opening doors for more volunteer engagement, creative innovation and quality food for the community's hungry than ever before. Feeding America's bountiful efforts, combined with the enthusiastic reception from the community, are the first steps on the road toward a hunger-free Northeastern Wisconsin.

What is Feeding America?

Executive Vice President Patti Habeck explains, "Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is a regional food bank, and we cover 65 percent of the state." That's a network of 36 counties and more than 550 hunger relief partners. Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin's main site is a 90,000-square-foot warehouse located in Milwaukee, but the Fox Valley warehouse serves 26 counties and more than 200 partners from Fond du Lac north.

The rest of the state is covered by four other food banks. "All of us belong to Feeding America National," continues Habeck. "It's the third largest domestic hunger relief organization in the country — actually in the world."

Feeding America has a wide scope and a long reach. "We collect food on a very large scale and distribute it to food pantries, meal programs, emergency shelters, nonprofits, anybody that's serving food to low-income families," says Habeck, who estimates about 11 million pounds of food is distributed in this area each year.

The majority of the food distributed by Feeding America is produce and protein, foods essential to good nutrition and healthy lifestyles. The organization has created programs with the corporate offices of many major food companies to access these resources. "We go out and proactively find the sources of protein, produce and the healthy food that's really going to help people not only live, but thrive and stay healthy," says Habeck.

The Fox Valley facility does not typically provide direct service, meaning it isn't the place that serves food directly to the people. "That doesn't mean that we can't, it just means that we don't right now because we have enough network in this area of other pantries. We work through them rather than try to duplicate an effort," explains Habeck. A full list of partner programs that do provide direct service can be found at feedingamericawi.org/content/list-partner-programs.

Volumes of volunteers

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin also is expanding its range to include more volunteers. The new Fox Valley location opened Oct. 30, replacing a much smaller facility in Omro, which at approximately 12,000 square feet did not have the capacity for volunteers.

"We were able to serve the community

out of that (facility), but we couldn't accommodate volunteers. When we built this facility, we intentionally did it so that we could," says Habeck, noting that the new location can handle 125 volunteers a day.

Feeding America volunteers help with operations of all kinds, from sorting food, pulling and packaging orders from food pantries, working in offices, writing, cleaning and so on.

"Volunteers are so critical because Feeding America has a very lean budget. For every dollar that is budgeted, we would rather that go toward feeding people than toward administration," says Senior Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships Rayna Andrews. The organization receives no government funding, and yet for every dollar, 97 cents goes toward food and 3 cents goes toward administration. The amount of food that must be sorted and redistributed cannot be handled without a large volunteer contribution.

Mike Otto, a retired Fox Valley resident who has spent at least nine hours a week since early December at Feeding America, is one such volunteer. He sorts food, tags and wraps pallets before turning them over to the forklifts, works in meat packaging rooms and helps load trucks for pantries picking up food.

The Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin food bank in Little Chute is strategically located off Interstate 41, in the heart of the Fox Valley.



"It's a good reason to get up in the morning, gives you a good feeling," says Otto of his volunteer work with Feeding America. "The name in itself tells you how much good they do. It helps a lot of people."

The Northeast Wisconsin location's volunteer goal for 2016 is to log more than 40,000 hours, a huge leap from the low volunteer participation at the Omro warehouse. So far, they're on track.

"We're able to engage larger organizations, public and private," explains Andrews. "It's a way to serve the community, but a lot of corporations and groups are seeing it as a team-building opportunity as well."

"It's things like that that really make us happy," says Habeck, "being able to help the community and to have the community members come in here and help us, too."

Strategies for solving hunger

Along with a new facility and volunteer growth, Feeding America is heading in a new and ambitious direction: from feeding the hungry to solving hunger.

"We have new leadership, and we have a new mission statement and a new strategic plan," explains Habeck. "In the past, it was all about food in and food out. We just knew we had to feed people. That has all changed now with the direction that charitable food resources are moving in."



Volunteers from Thrivent Financial sort apples donated by Wood Orchard in Door County in the new facility's "clean room."

The new warehouse makes it possible to move from a simply transactional objective to a more holistic approach to ending hunger. Feeding America's new Strategic Plan emphasizes "four pillars of household stability; Food, Health, Housing and Employment," and outlines four objectives that Feeding America centers its work on: Serve, Solve, Lead and Advance. Through various collaborative projects and innovative developments, the organization has already started to improve the quality of living for those in need.

"It's not going to solve hunger to just put more food out into the community. That only kind of puts a little Band-Aid on the problem," says Habeck. "It really is about solving hunger, and that is very possible."

Collaboration is key

Collaboration with a variety of organizations is a big part of what makes Feeding America's new strategy especially powerful. So far, collaboration is happening in several ways: from being part of a Community Foundation Poverty Initiative to a cooperative mental health program.

Another work-in-progress is a partnership with Women in Trucking, a national organization based out of the Fox Valley. Feeding America hopes to put a workforce development program into place to help women learn warehousing and trucking skills, addressing food insecurity and poverty as well as workplace inequality.

"What we really want to do is get everyone who has an interest in being a part of solving hunger to come around the table. We can't do it alone, they can't do it alone, but together we have all the resources," says Habeck. "There's plenty of food and money in this



Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin officially opened the new food bank in Little Chute on Oct. 30, 2015 with a VIP event and ribbon cutting. From left to right: Ted Balistreri, chairman of the board; Patti Habeck, executive vice president; Charles McLimans, president/CEO; Diana Walker, and William Bohn, chairman-elect.

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area, and if we would be able to get everyone around the table and addressing the same problem, we would really be able to solve hunger."

Realizing the vision

Feeding America's vision of a hunger-free Wisconsin cannot be achieved on its own. It takes small contributions to form an effective whole, and those contributions can start right at home in the Fox Valley.

"People ask us all the time what would help us the most," says Habeck, ready with an answer. "We're always looking for three things: food, funds and/or friends. Any of those things are great. A volunteer is as important to us as a financial donor. A financial donor is as important as a food donor."

"Whenever our volunteers come in, we treat that as an educational opportunity," says Andrews. "The more people know, the more they're inspired to take action."

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FOOD *for* Thought

By Amy Hanson

*Changes to Fox Cities dining scene
brings menu of options*

New restaurants and cafés brought their expertise to the table this year as they welcomed patrons to explore a variety of flavors. Others changed hands as new owners took over spaces vacated by previous establishments and still others recognized the need to expand. Here is a taste of what happened and what lies ahead for food in the Fox Cities.

Photo courtesy of Katsu-Ya of Japan

NEW OPPORTUNITES

Katsu-Ya of Japan

"I've been getting a lot of good feedback on the location," shares Lisa Nakashima, manager of Katsu-Ya of Japan, who says people were happy to see an established restaurant expand in downtown Appleton.

The new location, which opened to the public on Jan. 14, is now double in size. Nakashima says it had outgrown its old College Avenue location. The new space also has a more modern feel while staying true to the restaurant's roots with the tanuki for good luck, sake kegs and traditional lanterns.

"We're trying to keep it a really cozy atmosphere," Nakashima explains. "We know our customers loved our old building and we're trying to bring (that feeling) in."

The new restaurant has hibachi dining rooms separate from the bar and lounge, and a sushi room. A Yakiniku or Japanese barbecue station also has been added.

Broken Tree Pizza

"What sets our product apart from other pizzerias is that we do your classic cheese, pepperoni and sausage, but we're not afraid to throw something unique on a pizza," explains Keith Schreiner, owner of Broken Tree Pizza, of his wood-fired pizza. "We've had a fairly overwhelming response from the valley since we opened."

Broken Tree, which opened May 5, 2015, has been thriving via word of mouth, Schreiner shares.



Broken Tree Pizza
Photo by Julia Schnese

In addition to pizza, Broken Tree also offers calzones, a salad bar and lunch buffet. The Fun Guy and the Dixie Chicken are just two of the pizzas getting attention from customers.

"The great thing about pizza is it's kind of a blank canvas and you can do so many things with it," shares Schreiner who has two young children. "Pizza is one of those foods we all can agree on."

As Schreiner notes, the versatile staple goes well with celebrations from birthday parties to football games to holidays and has become part of many families' traditions. With that thought in mind, Schreiner also purchased the name and equipment from Cherry On Top Ice Cream Shop after they closed in December 2015. Schreiner hopes to have the ice cream shop, which will be in The Marketplace in Neenah next to Broken Tree, open by this month.

Town Council Kitchen & Bar

Town Council Kitchen & Bar recently joined the downtown Neenah dining scene in early March with new French flavors.

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American cuisine,” shares Chef/Owner Jonathan Horan who was trained at Le Cordon Bleu in French cuisine and returns to the Fox Cities with his new venture.

Town Council Kitchen & Bar has a good portion of seating at the bar and can accommodate

combines farm-focused catering services within a 50-mile radius of the community, product line assistance for local farms and menu item development.

“We get a chance to go deep into what farms do so that’s great fun,” Darling shares.

restaurant accessible to the hispanic population. He also added more vegetation selections, a kids menu and seafood options.

“The response has been good. The people who knew our food are even more excited to try new things,” Juarez says. Lindo Michoacan also incorporates more meat options, like barbacoa, a goat meat marinated in a mole sauce.

Home Buger Bar

After working at the former Mad Hatter in Appleton for a year as their assistant manager, Mandy Ferg went on to purchase the business with her husband, James. The couple took over on Jan. 1, closed for two weeks and reopened as Home Burger Bar on Jan. 16.

The focus of the restaurant is burgers and appetizers, but don’t expect just your regular burger on the menu. A top-seller is the Crabgoon, a beef patty topped with homemade dip, green onions, wonton strips, and a sweet and spicy sauce.

“We definitely have burgers you won’t find everywhere else,” Ferg shares. “I tried to go with as different as I can. ... I try to push the envelope to make something new and different that we haven’t already had.” While some burgers carried over from Mad Hatter, a Burger of the Month also is offered.

Ferg admits that when she dines out, she’s apt to gravitate to specials because she wants to try new things and hopes her customers will do the same. She wanted to maintain a sense of “home,” which she says comes from the state of Wisconsin in the design and feel of Home Burger Bar with touches like a new bar top, bar back and lights made from vintage license plates. She describes the establishment as “a bar that serves excellent burgers,” but also is family friendly.

Café Debé

“I had been approached by Fox Valley Hematology & Oncology when they opened,” Owner Deborah Wichman shares of her new venture, Café Debé, that opened Sept. 21, 2015 in Appleton. She is no stranger to the food business, however, after opening her catering business in Neenah seven years ago, which continues to operate.

Café Debé, open Monday through Friday, serves hot soups, fresh-made salads and sandwiches, a full coffee bar and bakery items, including cookies, bars and mini cheesecakes made from scratch, which are available for dine-in



Town Council Kitchen & Bar
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45-50 people total. The small-format restaurant focuses on a seasonally rotating menu with a selection of cocktails, beer and wine that also will change. “We’ve seen that format work in other markets we’ve worked in and wanted to bring it here,” Horan says, adding there will always be at least one dish that includes either beef, pork, poultry, fish or is a vegetarian option. He also plans to do in-house made charcuteries, pasta and small plates.

“We’re going to try to keep it fresh, lively and energetic,” says Sean Hathaway-Casey, general manager.

Guests can look into the kitchen from the bar. The restaurant’s layout is open and features different areas for socializing, like a long table that will seat parties of six to eight guests or be used for communal dining.

The restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday beginning with a happy hour menu at 4 p.m. and switches to a separate menu at 5:30 p.m. for the dinner crowd. Four to six Sunday Fundays also are planned for throughout the year with a laid-back, limited menu.

Heirloom Kitchen Company

Co-owned by Tracy Darling and Brooke Werner, Heirloom Kitchen Company in Brillion

Heirloom Kitchen Company’s kitchen is in the same building as Bakkheia Wine Bar and Eatery, and supplies their menu selections.

Darling, originally from Brillion, had the intention to do something like what she’s able to do now when she returned to the area four years ago, but went to Village Hearthstone as its executive chef.

“It was good for me to see and assess the area,” she explains. Heirloom Kitchen Company also will be teaming up with the local farmers market and hosting unique, themed dinners.

Lindo Michoacan

Pedro Juarez, Jr. is ready for a restaurant of his own, but as the owner of Lindo Michoacan in Appleton, he’s bringing his family along for the experience.

Between grocery stores and restaurants, Juarez’s family has at least 13 years of experience on the Fox Valley food scene.

“What we offer is the authentic, made-from-scratch food,” Juarez explains. “I learned everything from them. It was fair of me to bring them along.”

After the family’s last restaurant on College Avenue, Juarez opted to move away from downtown to Richmond Street to make his

or to go. The café offers seating for 40, with an additional 50 spaces in the atrium and 30 more on the patio.

“We have more people coming in every day,” Wichman says. “You can come in and out of here in three to four minutes, but still get a healthy lunch.”

Linda & Logan’s Family Dining

Following 19 years of employment with Galvan’s in Appleton, 12 as a partner before it changed ownership, Linda Bovair decided to try her hand at a new restaurant. The result is Linda & Logan’s Family Dining in Kaukauna, which opened Jan. 11. Bovair bought the site, which was the former home of Plum Hill and then Kangaroost, vacant in November 2015.

“Everything we can possibly make from scratch, we make from scratch,” Bovair shares, noting there’s anything from Italian to Mexican to American options, along with homemade soups, on the menu. Come this summer, Bovair is excited to open the restaurant’s patio, which will seat 30-35 people.

Bovair is grateful to the City of Kaukauna for being so welcoming and accommodating with her new business, along with assisting with parking. There is a public parking lot across from the restaurant and another paved lot is being created around the corner to help with traffic from the public pool, park and 1000 Islands Environmental Center.

“They’ve been fabulous to us. Really, they’ve gone above and beyond to help us be successful,” Bovair says.

Foxxo Chicken & BBQ

Fried catfish, perch, chicken, ribs, brisket, collared greens, red beans, okra and hush puppies are just some of the Foxxo Chicken & BBQ’s menu selections.

“There’s no food around here like it — you’re not going to get fried catfish elsewhere,” says Devin Burks, co-owner with his wife Shiequane. He also cooks at the 30-seat Menasha eatery. “It’s just down-to-earth cooking.”

Burks wanted to bring the food that he learned to cook with his mother and grandmother, along with the men in his family, to the area.

Mr. Brews Taphouse

On June 15, Mr. Brews Taphouse joined the Fox Valley dining scene as it opened near Lock No. 4 on the Fox River in Appleton.

“People like the selection of craft beers and our burgers,” shares Tammy Verhagen, co-owner with her husband Craig, of the 47 craft beers on tap that change out weekly, along with bottled mainstream options.

For non-beer drinkers, Mr. Brews also offers red and white wines.

“It’s something new, it’s exciting, it’s opening up avenues for a lot of small businesses,” Verhagen notes. “For my husband and I, it was about the business model and concept.”

The relaxed, casual restaurant provides a simple menu focused on burgers, but also includes a chicken sandwich, salads, a kids menu and fresh-cut fries, which are made to order and cooked in sunflower oil. The restaurant seats 137 patrons inside and 60 outside during the warm months.

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The Kentucky Bourbon Classic at Mr. Brews Taphouse. Photo by Julia Schnese

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Egyptian Delights

After four years at the Downtown Appleton Farmers Market, Ezzeldin “Ezz” Ismail was ready to take his business to the next level. Egyptian Delights opened its Appleton location in February. Ismail also plans to return to the market.

He came to Wisconsin from Alexandria, Egypt in 2009; his wife is an Oshkosh native. Ismail notes he was drawn to the food business after noticing many ethnic families in the area had restaurants of their own. He looks forward to sharing his culture with the community.



Macaroni Bechamel at Egyptian Delights
Photo by Julia Schnese

As his business starts, he describes it as a café which is open daily with menu items including hibiscus juice, gollash, kofta, stuffed grape leaves and baklava.

“I was surprised, shocked even, how many people had been to the Middle East,” shares Ismail who has received good feedback. “I think it will be a good business. I believe the American people have a good adventure to try new food.”

Chung’s Sandwich Bar

Located inside Long Cheng Marketplace in Appleton is Chung’s Sandwich Bar, which serves Bánh Mi sandwiches — including selections like beef, chicken, barbecue pork, tofu and pork meatloaf — on toasted baguettes with mayo, jalapeños, fresh cilantro, cucumbers, pickled daikon and carrots. Chung’s has been open since August 2015.

“We want them to have that crunchiness when they bite into the sandwich,” shares Maiyoua Thao, owner of Chung’s, who brought the sandwiches to the area after visits to see family in Laos and at the suggestion of her son. Bánh Mi sandwiches are very popular street market fare in Laos, Thao notes.

A Bánh Mi sandwich from Chung’s

“Every time we wanted it, we had to go to the big cities,” she says. “A lot of people comment that it’s the best Bánh mi they’ve had.” Thao adds that many customers from outside the area will come in and buy multiple sandwiches to take with them.

In addition to the sandwiches, Chung’s also serves salads, soups, French fries, stuffed chicken wings and Kimchi.

Song’s Cuisine

Song Siebert serves egg rolls, fried rice, stuffed chicken wings and other fare at Song’s Cuisine in Appleton. The egg rolls, as she explains, are made with more simple flavors, more meat and the finest quality ingredients.

There’s something on Song’s menu, however, that is unexpected — pasties. A pasty, known for its connections to Upper Michigan, is a small, pie-like pastry that usually contains meat.

While Siebert intended to just make the type of food she specializes in, people kept stopping by prior to her opening asking if the pasty would be part of her menu.

Song’s, which opened Jan. 13, 2015 occupies the space that once belonged to The Pasty Koop. When a friend offered up his 1937 recipe for pasties, Siebert did some research and decided to try making them.

“It didn’t look that good, but my house smelled amazing for that week,” she says. Siebert had her friend taste the result and then took an excursion to Michigan to check it out in person.

“The pasty is basically a godsend to me,” says Siebert who believes she’s the only one in the area making pasties. “I wanted to nail that down really good and provide a quality product for my customers.”

Eggrolls Inc.

When Blong Yang opened Eggrolls Inc. in Grand Chute on June 15, 2015, he was looking for a way to bring Hmong egg rolls to the masses in a healthy way.

Blong’s “higher-end, fast food” as he calls it focuses on baked Hmong egg rolls that are two to three times the size of a typical egg roll and go through a three-stage baking process that keeps the outer shell crispy and the inside moist. All of the meat for the egg rolls, with the exception of shrimp, come from The Meat Block in Greenville.

Blong shares that he didn’t want to reinvent the wheel and took note of what other successful, healthier, fast food chains were doing. While Eggrolls Inc. is not currently a franchise, Blong hopes to create that, or at least multiple locations, down the road.

“You can get egg rolls at a number of places locally,” Blong notes. “The food that we’re making is for the population as a whole, not just our population. ... We didn’t want to be another mom and pop egg roll store.”

In addition to egg rolls, cabbage rolls, lettuce wraps, Pho rolls, spring rolls and egg roll bowls are on the menu, along with gluten-free options. Over 75 percent of Blong’s business is currently takeout for lunch and dinner, he shares. He also offers small catering and delivery through fooddudesdelivery.com.

Freshii

After teaching for four years, Desiree Geffers decided to switch gears and try a different career path following her dining experience at a Freshii in Chicago. Geffers, who has been a dancer her whole life and competed in the Miss America program, has been into healthy eating for awhile.

“I was always looking for a place to eat that was fresh and affordable,” she shares. “The community has been awesome. It’s been interesting to see all the dietary needs and be able to meet that.”

Geffers, who co-owns the Appleton Freshii location that opened June 22 with her fiancée Jake Nerenhausen and future father-in-law Scott Nerenhausen, describes the franchise as healthy, casual, affordable and on the go for those who are focused on their overall health and well-being, along with seeking options to fit their lifestyle. The produce is cut onsite and Freshii also offers a Juice Cleanse, Meal Box program, and delivery during the week within 10 minutes of the restaurant. A map of the delivery radius can be found on their website.

Timshel Cafe

In December 2014, a tenant moved out of The Marketplace in Neenah that made room for an unexpected business venture. Timshel Cafe, which opened a year ago this April “felt like the right thing to do,” shares owner Umer Sheikh of his business housed in the building he also owns.

The name of the café comes from the Hebrew word meaning, “Thou mayest,” and the idea that everyone has a choice, explains Sheikh. While it may be more expensive, he believes in bringing in products that are socially responsible.

“Whatever we do here, we want to do it right. If we’re not comfortable eating it, we’re not going to serve it,” he says. “We’re incredibly proud of what we’re doing behind the scenes.”





Timshel Cafe
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Tea, sandwiches, soups and breakfast items also are served at Timshel. The bakery items are made from scratch daily.

Sheikh credits manager Noelle McGinnis for making Timshel work and says had she not agreed to come aboard, the café likely wouldn't exist.

"My thought process has always been, you find the right person and get out of their way. — Noelle is a rock star," he says.

CHANGING HANDS

The Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill

"Our menu has changed a lot," explains Renee Thiede, bar manager at The Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill, which was formerly Cheyenne's Sports Bar & Grill and reopened in September under new ownership.

Thiede shares that the burgers have been upgraded with meat coming from The Meat Block in Greenville. Some of the popular burgers are The Cheese Head Burger made with cheese curds, aged cheddar and Swiss, and The Prime Time Burger with hickory smoked bacon, pepper jack, onion rings and garlic aioli. The Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill also upgraded its pizzas with a new crust recipe and a switch in sauces. Customers

will find a Blackened Salmon Sandwich and The Appleton Club House on the menu as well.

"We have our very friendly servers. It has that feeling of 'Cheers,'" Thiede adds of the restaurant's vibe.

While its interior looks largely the same, the restaurant has received bigger TVs, gambling machines and lighting above the bar, with some decor updates.

City Cafe

After five months of ownership, Yee and Thong Vu are making the former location of CSI Appleton in City Center Plaza their own and have already opted to expand their business after acquiring where Green Gecko once was as well. The expansion of City Cafe began on Feb. 22 and has allowed the restaurant to sell food and do service out of the new space while cooking in the former.

"It has always been a dream of my husband and I to open a business," Yee shares.

City Cafe serves a mix of both Western and Eastern cuisine, adopting some of CSI's recipes and incorporating more soups and curries. An example is Thai Tomato Basil with Chicken, which Yee describes as a very simple dish with flavor. To educate customers, she puts videos up on Facebook to explain recipes, offers samples and

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rotates out the menu. The healthy, fresh selections are made to order and the service is quick to accommodate breakfast and lunch crowds.

Yee is no stranger to the restaurant business. She grew up helping her parents, the owners of Mai's Deli.

"I was part of their journey and their dream, so it made me realize that I could have my own journey and dream as well," she says.

D2 Sports Pub

Adding to the existing D2 Sports Pub locations in Green Bay near Lambeau Field and Austin Straubel Airport, Anduzzi's in Appleton was renamed as another D2 location following a change in the partners of the restaurant from four owners to three, shares Mike Lenarduzzi, an owner in the business.

D2's menu remains similar, with items ranging from Ahi Tuna to pizzas to salads to wraps.

"We have the same model we've always had," explains Lenarduzzi, noting D2 will still cater to sporting events and Mile of Music, while offering a great late-night bar scene.

Jacks or Better

A mainstay in the culture of Little Chute, Jacks or Better, returned Oct. 15 when new owner Matthew Spielbauer reopened the restaurant, last known as the Flying Dutchman.

The casual dining establishment focuses on steak, seafood, pasta and barbecue for lunch and dinner. Breakfast is served on Sundays.

"It was a family gathering place for a number of years," shares Spielbauer who adds that his family was friends with the previous Jacks or Better owners. "You were always made to feel welcome and the food was always good."

Paninoteca

Donny Orozco is looking to bring some Dominican flavor to the Fox Cities. As the new co-owner of Paninoteca in Appleton with is brother, Freddy, the restaurant is seeing customers throughout the day.



Tostones Tropical — fried green plantain and smoked pork chops with sweet peppers in tropical tomato sauce — at Paninoteca
Photo by Julia Schnese

"Our food is different than Mexican food," Orozco says of the misnomer. "It's time we bring something to town." Orozco also is hoping to introduce more of the Dominican culture to the community with special events.

Some new menu options that are going over well with customers are El Tipico, a chicken breast served with rice, sweet peppers and a mango glaze, and fried and mashed plantains.

"When you eat it, you feel the difference," he says. "People love those dishes."

Sai Ram Indian Cuisine

After the Chalasne family said goodbye to their beloved restaurant of 16 years in August 2015, Sai Ram Indian Cuisine in Appleton didn't stay closed for long.

Reopening on Oct. 5, the menu remains the same, but the management has changed.

"The food is really awesome," shares Priya Sivakumar, business manager, adding the Makhani

remains a popular dish. "They had a very good customer base."

Sivakumar says she has seen even more customers coming in and staff has been added to accommodate the increase. Interaction with customers also is a priority.

"Since it is a family owned business, we try to stop at each and every table," Sivakumar shares.

EXPANDING POSSIBILITIES

Houdini's Escape Gastropub

"We were up to our gills with the little kitchen we had," explains Cole Plamann, general manager of Houdini's Escape Gastropub in Appleton, of their recent expansion. "It's been nothing short of a full success."

The revamp of the restaurant with its new kitchen has provided the opportunity to serve three times as many customers daily with more bar

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space to help push the gastropub feel. Adding a new patio space also was part of Houdini's revamped look. The patio provides seating for 40, while inside there is seating for 75, with 35 of that coming from the bar.

The restaurant has been playing with new menu items, which they expect to launch in spring and tie to the opening of the patio. Customers also have 180 craft beers to pick from.

"The plan is that now that we have the space to do so, I want to gear the menu around more local products," Plamann says.

The newly expanded open kitchen offers not only transparency about how food is prepared, it also adds an entertainment value to Houdini's. Where the old kitchen used to be, there's now space for a stage to accommodate performers two to three times a month.

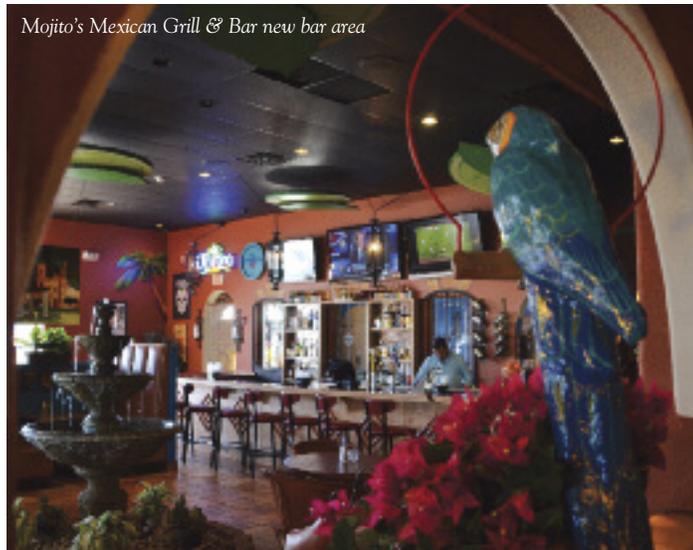
Mojito's Mexican Grill & Bar

"We wanted to have that quaint, cozy, welcoming feel," says Shirley Vazquez, owner of Mojito's Mexican Grill & Bar in Appleton with her husband Luis, of the new bar area that opened Feb. 28. "It has improved the atmosphere in this restaurant 20-fold."

The remodel integrated both the dining rooms and bar experience at Mojito's. It also allowed for a better presentation of the alcohol selection the restaurant offers, more visibility between the spaces and easier access for the staff to a bar area while making customers feel like they're on vacation with the sounds of the fountain and karaoke on Friday nights at 9 p.m., which was moved from the back bar. There also are four TVs in the space.

"It gives people more of that different dining room experience," Vazquez notes of the space beyond the bar that was once used more as a party room, but also is now open at least five nights a week for dining.

The back bar is currently under construction to be converted to a space for banquet and catering services and will seat 169 people with a raised area for bridal parties. The room also will include its own bar and can be utilized for business gatherings and presentations as well. Vazquez hopes to have the area complete within 30 days, which would be right around the middle of this month.



Mojito's Mexican Grill & Bar new bar area

WeatherVane Restaurant

Pat DuFrane is anxious to gain extra space for the WeatherVane Restaurant in Menasha. With its new expansion, the restaurant, which DuFrane owns with his wife Julie, will not only gain additional seating, but also another kitchen, waiting area, bar and small gift shop. The DuFrane's daughter, Melanie, also is a partner in the growing business that celebrates five years May 2 and served 75,000 people last year. A kitchen and dining area renovation was done in 2013.

The new expansion, which DuFrane hopes to have open for business by the first part of June, will allow the WeatherVane to seat up to 160 guests when complete and afford space for a soup and salad bar, and buffets. The restaurant, however, will remain open during construction.

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Perfecting rice



Q. "I've always had trouble making perfect rice. Can you help me?" —Dale, Darboy

A. Well Dale, the proper rice selection and the amount of liquid used when cooking the rice play a significant role to get the perfect rice we are looking for.

Sometimes, we want a rice that is light and fluffy like in a pilaf or other side dish, so we will probably use long-grain white rice and a ratio of 2 parts liquid to 1 part rice. If we want a rice that is somewhat creamy like for making risotto or rice pudding, we would likely start with a short-grain rice like Arborio and prepare it using a ratio of about 3 parts liquid to 1 part rice. Other times, we might want a rice that is slightly firmer for a cold salad application or when we want it to flow freely from the spoon, so we would use a long-grain white rice and a ratio of about 1½ parts liquid to 1 part rice.

Of course, the healthiest rice for us to eat is brown rice, which is the least refined and still contains the healthy outside bran and all of its nutrients and fiber. Because brown rice still contains the bran, the cooking time is about three times longer and uses much more liquid due to evaporation during cooking.

Does this help you, Dale?

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Chef Jeff Igel is Program Director of Culinary Outreach at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. "Chef Jeff" has spent his entire career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, serving in many capacities.



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"If you want good breakfast food and sandwiches, that's what we do," DuFrane shares. "People really seem to enjoy it and come out. It's a meeting place."

Osorio's Latin Fusion

The thought of enjoying margaritas outside was enough for Kimberly Finnell, co-owner of Osorio's Latin Fusion in Appleton with her husband Liborio, to consider adding a patio, she joked.

"We love eating outdoors when we can. The summer is so short," she added. "Our customer base was begging for it for years actually."

Because the space where the restaurant is located is leased, options were limited. Upon closer inspection, however, the potential of removing and improving existing landscaping was realized to create a new patio that opened in August 2015.

As soon as the weather is consistently above 60 degrees, Finnell plans to have it open for business again. The patio seats up to 40 guests and will likely have a special bar menu. Entertainment options also are being explored.

"I just have this picture of a really beautiful summer time and people out enjoying," says Finnell.

ON THE HORIZON

Dairyland Brew Pub

Just in time for the Green Bay Packers season, Dorri and Bernie Schmidt plan to open Dairyland Brew Pub in Appleton in August in the former Moose Lodge.

The pub will focus on Wisconsin dishes from build-your-own burgers and brats to a Friday fish fry.

"It's just making sure that we have the best Wisconsin cheeses," Dorri says, noting she's also hoping to hold tastings from different cheese and sausage companies from throughout the state. She plans to have 40 taps of Wisconsin craft beer available with some domestic options. Wisconsin wines also will be available.

"Wisconsin is a really great state, it has a lot to offer," Dorri adds. The restaurant will seat 90 people indoors and additional 16 on the outdoor patio. For those who enjoy entertainment, live bands on the weekend, pool and dart tournaments, projection screen concerts and karaoke also are planned.



The "famous" Irish Burger at Spats
Photo by Julia Schnese

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS

Spats Food & Spirits

It's not everyday that a restaurant in the Fox Cities is recognized globally for a menu item. Spats Food & Spirits' recognition by Yahoo.com Travel as having "the most over-the-top hamburger" in Wisconsin came as a surprise to Bill Neubert, owner with his wife, Julie.

The Irish Burger, which received the nod is just one of Spats' burgers to push the boundaries of beef. The 1/3-pound burger is topped with corned beef, 1000 Island dressing, sauerkraut and Swiss cheese. The burger became a permanent fixture after it was added as an experiment for St. Patrick's Day three years ago.

"I think it's a unique burger. I never saw one on a menu before," he adds. "Sometimes they work and sometimes they don't, and this worked."

Village Hearthstone

Upon the departure of Tracy Darling as executive chef, some staffing changes began to take shape at Village Hearthstone in Hilbert. Kevin Woods went from sous chef to executive chef and Sally Peck went from running the catering operations to assuming the role of director of fun and general manager. As Peck explained, it was time to look at the bigger picture of maintaining quality staff.

To avoid turnover at Village Hearthstone, the owners examined benefits, more professionals were hired for the kitchen and other trained staff were added.

"Generally, we have a really good buy-in for this kinder, gentler kitchen," Peck shares. "We still want to strive for excellence, but we want to do that in an environment where you can survive and pay your bills."

While customers may not realize the restaurant has been around 19 years, its only



within the last five that its concept has changed making the food more thoughtful and on trend, carefully handled and focusing on a menu that is changed seasonally with an emphasis on local and regional ingredients. Popular dinners, like the Dinner on the Farm event coming up on July 7, are slated to continue.

As Peck notes, it's a delicate balance between partnership, community, food and employees that makes the restaurant and the new philosophy work in a cohesive manner.

Lion's Tail Brewing Co.

Alex Wenzel started his career as a chemical engineer, but decided to move in another direction after concocting his own beer for several years. Wenzel now owns Lion's Tail Brewery in Neenah with his wife, Kristin.

Lion's Tail offers a dozen taps with seven to eight of those coming from Wenzel. He plans to have eight to 12 new releases each year.

As a complement to the brewery, Wenzel recognized patrons may wish to enjoy some food

with their beer, but he fully admits that he doesn't know food and there was no room to add a kitchen into the brewery's plans so he paired up with Broken Tree Pizza and Remington's Restaurant to create a unique solution. Broken Tree's full line-up of pizzas are available, while Remington's created a menu meant to pair with Wenzel's beers including Pulled Pork Nachos, a Pub Burger with wasabi sauce and appetizers.

"It just seemed like two close neighbors who had really good food and we could get creative and do it that way," Wenzel says. "I love the idea of people coming down here and hopping between the destinations."

Patrons have the option of ordering through Lion's Tail, calling in their own delivery to another restaurant, or bringing food in, Wenzel explains. In addition to these options, he also offers cheese plates, chocolate pairings and frozen pizzas prepared onsite.

Olive Garden

Patrons now have another option when it comes to food delivery. Olive Garden Catering and Delivery, a service of Olive Garden in Appleton, is available for orders of \$125 or more with a 15 percent delivery charge added.

"Basically, instead of coming and picking it up yourself, we set it up for you," explains Joseph Meola, general manager of the service that started in November and gained popularity during the holiday season. Businesses, hospitals and those throwing parties have tried the convenient option. While any menu item is available, Meola notes that the combos, which include two entrees like chicken parmesan and fettuccine alfredo, salad, drinks and a dessert have been the best sellers.



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Bringing technology to teeth

By Amy Hanson

Advances bridge the gap in patient services, comfort

Going to the dentist doesn't have to be scary. While it may not be a person's favorite appointment to make, technology has made the experience effective, efficient and enjoyable while allowing patients the access they need to dental services.

"The standard of care in dentistry keeps changing," admits Dr. Elissa Edwards with Elite Smiles Dental in Appleton. She adds that technology is becoming the norm, but she's still trying to figure out what options fit best into her practice after graduating in 2010.

"You could go crazy with technology as a dentist, but if it's not going to help the patient, there's really no point," shares Edwards.

While she wants to open the dialogue and be able to effectively answer patient questions, she doesn't want to overwhelm them either. Edwards says getting to know the patient and earning their trust is most important to her as it is to other area dentists who say the patients come first.

"I get so many hugs in a week where people say, 'That wasn't so bad,'" she adds.

Digital X-rays are just one step in making dental visits easier.

"They're a lot quicker than traditional film and less radiation," explains Dr. Jessica Pasono, a general dentist with Smiles on Calumet in Appleton.

X-rays of the past involved a chemical print process to develop the film, notes Dr. Douglas Nelson of Appleton. Now, however, they provide a bigger picture, both exposure and effects can be altered and they show a 3-D image from the head to the neck, which provides a much clearer view.



A series of photos can be taken from different viewpoints that allow dentists to go through the images a millimeter at a time. The technology

also allows for the mapping of nerves and a roadmap of sorts as to where the sinuses lie, Nelson explains.

Cone beam imaging is also something Edwards has been using in her practice.

"It takes all the guess work out of things so you're also more prepared," she says, along with focusing the appointment and patient time.

Nelson notes that the 3-D technology is helpful in finding an abscess tooth and placing implants. The angles, depth and everything about how the implant is placed can be predetermined, Nelson says, adding that he sends the information to a lab in Germany who sends a milled guide back to him to be used during the procedure.

"By using the guide, you don't make the mistake of hitting where the tooth was," Nelson shares. Implants are made from titanium and come in varying lengths and sizes. Titanium is now the preferred material for implants because studies have shown that bone will grow to the titanium and the implant becomes part of the bone.

Intraoral cameras also aid in taking photos of teeth. A camera, which looks like a wand, is hooked up to a computer and monitors allow patients to see what dentists are seeing at

the same time, along with providing enhanced visibility of teeth in question.

"No. 1 is being able to educate the patient and having them understand what's going on in their mouth," says Pasono. "When you pop a film, it's right up on the screen."

Barnes & Associates Dentistry in Appleton also makes use of intraoral cameras.

"It's so helpful for patients to see a photo of a tooth with a crack," explains Ann Deeg, registered dental hygienist. Being able to display the image versus trying to find the right angle with a handheld mirror makes better views possible.

Barnes & Associates Dentistry aims to keep as many services under one roof as possible.

"It allows us to offer patient services that they'd have to go elsewhere for," Deeg says. "In 18 years working here, I've had so many people say to me that I like that I don't have to go to 10 other places."

Another means of technology that is helping with the early detection of dental issues and being used as a screening device is Velscope.

Pasono describes the "safe blue light" as being able to illuminate the oral cavity. Regular tissue will appear green — somewhat like the look of night vision goggles — while abnormal tissue will have a black hue under the light.

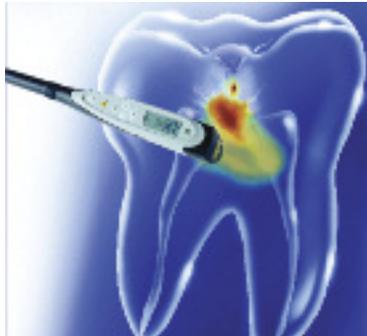
"It helps to see things the naked eye can't," she shares. Since trauma or a burn within the mouth also could appear dark initially, Pasono typically waits two weeks before referring patients for further testing.

Pasono suggests using the Velscope once a year on patients over the age 18, depending on other risk factors.

A cavity detecting UV light technology is used in Edwards' office during hygiene appointments.

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upon how deep a cavity goes. It also will make a noise if the reading is high. According to Pasono, mostly back teeth are of concern.

Thanks to technology, Nelson also is able to save patients time if they need crowns. He has been using the CEREC AC technology since 1998. The system allows for imposing an image of a new crown on a prepped area to see what it will look like on each patient. Once in place, Nelson is then ready to mill the crown onsite.

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"We've got a couple of guides. It's sort of like picking paint," Nelson says, adding that a crown color can be customized within a degree and accents can be painted on.

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Lasers are helpful in dentistry as well because they can aid in better tissue response, stop cold sore growth, minimize canker sores, trim tissue and stop bleeding, according to area dental professionals. Amalgam or "silver" fillings also are becoming a thing of the past. Not only are

composite fillings more cosmetically pleasing, they are safer with no mercury. Amalgam fillings need to be deposited correctly, Deeg notes. Amalgam fillings require the removal of more tooth structure, tend to expand over time and cracks could lead to the need for crowns. Composite fillings only require

conservative prep and bond to the tooth's surface.

In addition to gadgets, strides also have been made in patient comfort through the use of sedation whether it be through pills taken prior to an appointment or the use of nitrous oxide, otherwise known as "laughing gas."

"They're sedate through the whole appointment. They're not out, we can talk to them



and they can talk to us," explains Nelson. "It's probably the thing that brings most people in."

Barnes & Associates Dentistry also offers nitrous oxide to patients at any procedure at no cost.

"If it helps make their visit more enjoyable, that's what we're here for," Deeg says. "We want it to be that very comfortable feeling."

As Nelson notes, some individuals have had traumatic experiences that keep them away from dental visits.

"We try to communicate with people here that they're important to us," Nelson says. "A lot of times once they see it doesn't have to be traumatic, they do a lot better."

"It shouldn't be that way, we don't want it to be that way and we're out to change that phobia," adds Deeg who notes patients return because there are familiar faces at Barnes & Associates Dentistry.

While area dentists agree that they don't want their practices to be confused with spas, other things found in their offices include massage chairs, music through iPods and views of nature. With the windows from patient rooms at Barnes & Associates facing the woods, it's not unlikely to see turkeys wander by.

Paperless record systems also are aiding dentists. Having access to health history, testing and previous visit notes allow for time saving and accuracy while eliminating clutter.

The use of radio systems go a long way with communication as well.

"It helps us to know where the team needs to go," says Pasono of the "good extra." "It helps us be in good communication with one another."

While Pasono is still new as a dentist after graduating in 2014 from Marquette University, she shares that she's learned through technology and continues to stay abreast of changes through continuing education.

"There's so much you can learn and benefit from," she says.

"Patients want to know that they're not seeing someone who is out of date," adds Nelson who keeps up with journals, courses and webinars as well.



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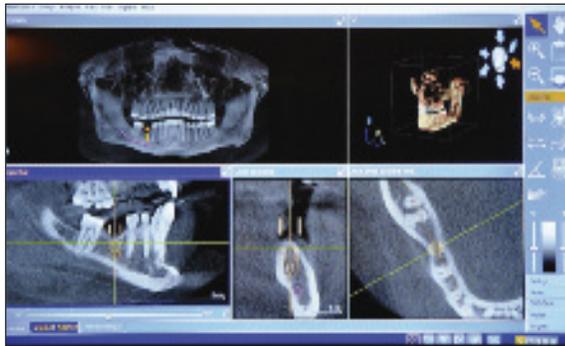
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Test of TIME

By Rob Zimmer

New generation of fencing options defines more than boundaries

The white picket fence has come a long way over the decades, yet it's as popular as ever according to fence manufacturers and installers throughout the Fox Valley. The traditional classic gets an uplift with higher-quality, long-lasting and durable materials, as well as more style options.

"I'm kind of a wood purest," says Jim Marks, owner of Valley Custom Fence, Appleton. "I love working with wood because there's so much that you can do with it. We're basically unlimited."

Marks, who hand crafts fencing onsite or in his local facility, says that wood is still a popular choice for fencing options throughout the Fox Cities, despite the number of low-maintenance vinyl and ornamental aluminum options available.

"We use northern white cedar because it's readily available in our area. The quality is much higher and it's naturally resistant to insects. It's a much more stable wood, meaning it won't bend or warp," he adds. "Wood is the most versatile of all fencing styles because we can do whatever we want with it."



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Planning ahead

Jeff Kaiser, general manager at American Fence, Neenah, says that privacy issues are at the top of the list when it comes to fencing requests throughout the Fox Cities.

"In the Fox Cities, for residential purposes, privacy is the No. 1 reason for fencing requests, with security being No. 2, followed by property definition," he notes.

Kaiser adds that the fencing season is just heating up so it's best to start planning ahead.

"It seems right around Easter that things really start to pick up. People are outside in their yards more after the snow melts and appreciating being outside again. They're starting to think of how to define their property and obtain some privacy," he says.

Homeowners also should factor in some lead times when deciding on options and setting installation schedules.

"Once they call us, we like to schedule an estimate within one week," Kaiser says. "During the busiest season, installation could be as high as six weeks out, though we have crews in other offices who will travel to help out."



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Opening new doors

While the popularity of wood-style fencing for all purposes is still high, Marks and Kaiser agree that new and less worrisome options are becoming even more popular here in the Fox Cities.

The white picket fence has received a facelift in clean, durable, maintenance-free PVC and vinyl, a product that is easy to install, yet higher cost than traditional wood. The payoff, however, is in the long-lasting durability vinyl provides.

"Vinyl is often the most expensive style, but it's very low maintenance," Marks notes.

With vinyl, you also are somewhat tied to what manufacturers will create. The styles are somewhat customizable, but nowhere near as versatile as wood.

As for color options, Kaiser says that white is still at the top of the list, though his company is receiving additional requests for vinyl fencing in tan, gray and newer, textured wood grain styles.

Chain-link fencing is still a popular option in our area with new

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looks that help this style look less institutional and blend into the landscape.

"Here in the Midwest, things take longer to reach us than in more cosmopolitan places, but fencing manufacturers in some areas are straddling the line between chain-link and ornamental, and creating some very impressive designs," Marks says.

This new style of chain-link, sometimes referred to as a "crossover fence" or "mesh panel," is available in many styles and takes the traditional chain-link and elevates it to an attractive, all-purpose option, providing security, attractiveness, property definition and privacy.

Ornamental metal is another popular fencing option, used less for security and more for beauty and property definition.

Like other fencing styles, a whole new generation of ornamental fencing exists, with more styles than ever before providing higher-quality and longer-lasting beauty.

"Most ornamental fence is done in aluminum or in steel," Marks says. "Aluminum tends to be more popular because it doesn't rust. Fence coatings are better than ever."

Because of the painting style, even on steel,

which can rust if nicked, scratched or scraped, Marks recommends simply contacting your fence installer for touchup paint if any of these should occur.

A team effort

When considering fencing options, fence installers recommend property owners have a few things prepared to discuss when contacting a fence partner.

"Knowing your budget is important," Marks says. "We all want to shoot for the sun, moon and stars, but then reality kicks in."

Prospective clients also should be familiar with their property lines, if the fence will be used for property definition.

Many subdivisions have covenants and restrictions in place. Check with your local community for any codes that need to be adhered to.

The more information the client has, the easier the whittling-down process becomes. Many homeowners have a design option or visualization in mind from something they've seen on the internet perhaps, or have designed or drawn themselves.

Many prospective clients have already done their research, Kaiser says, which helps streamline

the process of narrowing down selections by purpose and budget.

Fencing by design

In addition to budget, fencing options also are dictated by the home itself, as well as outdoor elements and structures on the property.

This can mean a combination of fencing styles and options to maximize budget and provide the desired look. For example, a homeowner on a tight budget may decide upon ornamental metal fencing or vinyl for curb appeal in the front of the home, while adding less-expensive chain-link for security around the back perimeter.

"The choice of fence material is driven by the architecture of the home, the surrounding neighborhood and the overall landscape theme," says Andrew Smith, landscape consultant and owner of Independent Landscape Solutions, LLC. "For instance, a 1930s bungalow house with a cottage-style garden calls for a 3-foot white picket fence, not a 6-foot chain-link fence."

"Green fencing," or combining fencing options with plants is an excellent way to maintain a more natural look while providing privacy and security. Trees, shrubs and ornamental grasses can be used to create a living wall.

"This can be done with plantings, or a combination of decorative fence panels and plants," Smith says. "Fence panels with lattice work, or louvers, provide a great way to screen out unwanted views or add privacy to an outdoor living space. These panels can be used by themselves and placed in a 'baffling' pattern, which allows access and air movement, but obscures views."

The goal for many homeowners is to simply achieve a look that ties together everything they've created and designed in the landscape and yard.

"Think of fencing as the frame around a picture," Marks says. "It shouldn't jump out at you. It's nicest when it simply blends in."



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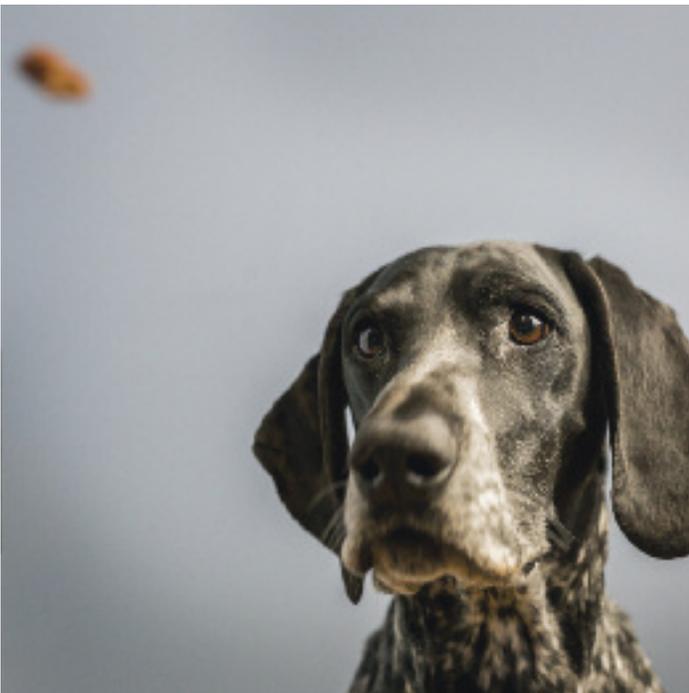
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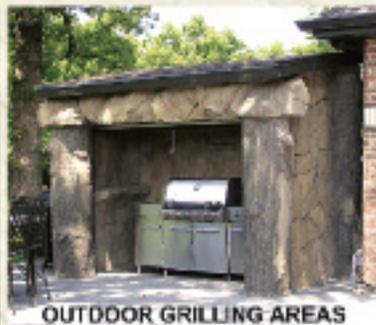
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