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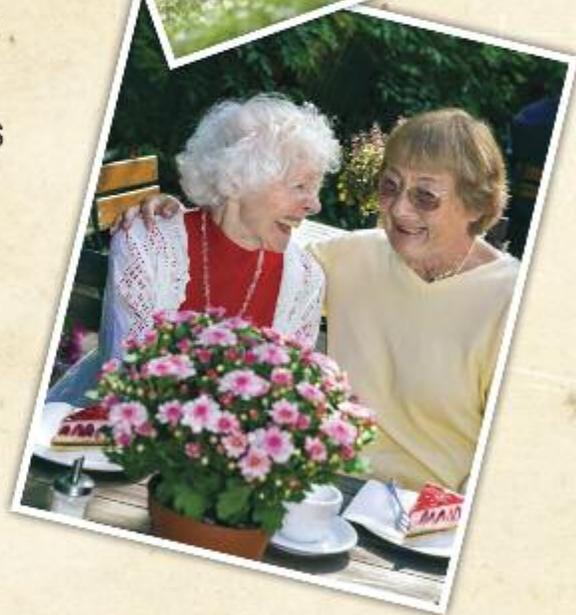
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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Appleton-based toymaker Lisa Thunder has revolutionized the market by creating toys that are fun for children, yet aesthetically pleasing for parents. Her product line, The Homespun Market, is classic, modern and soft, yet refined with a vintage flair.



Name: Lisa Thunder
Residence: Appleton
Medium: Felt, fabric

Thunder, a mom of four by day and toy designer by night, creates unique toy food meant to encourage children to imitate their parents while exploring their imagination through a raw, hands-on approach.

One fall afternoon while Thunder was in the kitchen making pasta, her daughter, who was pretending to cook with her own play food, asked if she could make pasta too. Since she did not have toy pasta, Thunder took to her creative side and sewed up pasta from felt. From there, she started designing other foods and began selling them on her Etsy shop. "It's a lot of fun really," Thunder says. "It's a great stay-at-home job for Mom where I can work more with my kids. I'm having a lot of fun with this!"

Thunder combines inspiration from her children with her polished sewing skills to transform felt into a campfire and s'mores play set, a Thanksgiving feast, and classic play snacks like milk with cookies and ice cream. Thunder has gone further by turning play food into toys that are not commonly seen, like sushi (complete with chopsticks), fortune cookies and even popcorn. The Thanksgiving holiday play set features a

whole turkey with detachable parts, a slice of pumpkin pie, a basket of veggies and even a corn on the cob that can be removed from the husk.

Thunder's contemporary, sophisticated style has appealed to a high end audience throughout the nation. She was recently asked to be a part of the Martha Stewart Made in America Collection, and both her s'mores set and milk and cookies set will be spotlighted on her new Amazon store just in time for the holidays.

Thunder takes customization requests for the upcoming holidays, but will be limiting her handmade orders as the holiday season approaches. "I always joke at Christmas, but it's like I'm an elf," Thunder shares. "It's nice to know that there are kids everywhere who are having fun and playing with something that I made."

Find some of Thunder's work at The Trout Museum of Art gift shop in Appleton or at thomespunmarket.com.



—Hibah Ansari

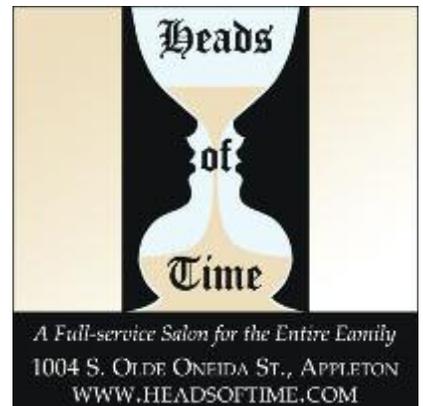
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Menasha Corporation's New Headquarters Supports Employees; Represents Growth and Community Presence

Menasha Corporation's newly constructed headquarters in Neenah reflects an innovative and forward-looking company and serves as an inviting destination for customers, employees and suppliers from around the world. The 102,000-square-foot facility opened in September and replaces the corporation's previous headquarters at 1645 Bergstrom Road in Neenah.

Established in 1849 in the Fox Cities, Menasha Corporation is one of America's oldest privately held, family-owned manufacturing companies, specializing in retail merchandising packaging and displays, plastic reusable containers and pallets, protective packaging interiors, and packaging supply chain and fulfillment services. It operates two subsidiaries, Menasha Packaging Company and ORBIS Corporation, and employs approximately



5,400 in more than 100 facilities in North America, Europe and Asia.

Company growth over the last five years and the increasing demands for a more collaborative work environment drove the decision to build. The new building is more than double the size of the previous building and also houses the corporate office of Menasha Packaging Company. Features inside the building include reclaimed wood from the company's previous building, glass walls and over a dozen open and informal networking spaces that encourage face-to-face interaction. Also included in the facility is Menasha Packaging Company's Retail Integration Institute, which is a replica retail store and customer collaboration space.

The new building is more than an upgrade from its previous aging office building. It is a reflection of an innovative, dedicated workforce that has a shared sense of purpose and pride in the company's products and services. It represents growth, a commitment to the future, and the continuation of a legacy of being a responsible community partner.

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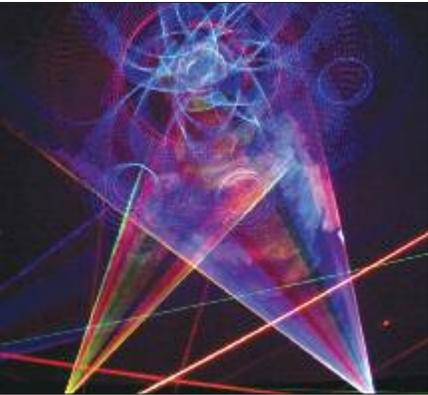
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TOP 12 MUSICAL MUST-SEES

Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone

November 5 at 7:30 p.m.

At the age of 15, Peter Noone achieved international fame as "Herman," lead singer of the legendary pop band Herman's Hermits. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.



Laser X

November 12, 19 & 26 at 8:15 p.m.

This laser show features the top alternative songs of the '90s which helped usher in a major cultural shift, as serious-minded, image-free bands blew hair metal and pop off the airwaves almost overnight. Barlow Planetarium at UW-Fox Valley, Menasha. 832-2868.

Jazz at The Trout

November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Warren Wiegatz, Pam Duronio & Tim Stemper combined their creative passions to form a lively and contemporary jazz/pop, bossa/samba music ensemble called VIVO. For this concert, Fox Valley native Tony Wagner will be laying down the grooves along with one of Milwaukee's most on-call and exceptional bassists Dwayne Williams. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Sonny Knight and the Lakers

November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Devoted to classic R&B and soul, this powerhouse band delivers an evening of musicianship from an era long gone in an energetic live show. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway

November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

This performance recreates the greatest moments from the finest shows of the century, featuring the actual stars of shows such as The Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, CATS, Jesus Christ Superstar and Jekyll & Hyde. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.

An Evening in Ireland

November 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus welcomes guests Leahy's Luck and The Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance for a collaborative celebration of traditional Irish music and dance. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

Crystal Bowersox

November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Crystal's emotive folk, rock and country style has been catapulted from the cramped coffeehouses and cavernous subway tunnels of Chicago to millions of homes across America, when she placed second in Season 9 of American Idol. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.



Crystal Bowersox



Lawrence Academy of Music String Orchestra (ASTRO) and Fox Valley Youth Symphony Philharmonia

November 19 at 3 p.m.

The Academy's String Orchestra (ASTRO) and the Fox Valley Youth Symphony Philharmonia perform on the Chapel stage. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6632.

Lawrence Academy of Music Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble

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The Academy's Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble perform on the Chapel stage. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 835-6632.



Straight No Chaser

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra

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With its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest bands of all time. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.

Autumn featuring Edgar Meyer

November 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Edgar Meyer joins the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra for two Double Bass Concerti, including one of his own compositions. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

Straight No Chaser: "I'll Have Another" 20th Anniversary Tour

November 26 at 8 p.m.

The captivating sound of 10 unadulterated a cappella voices comes together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

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THEATER & COMEDY

Xavier Theatre presents **Fiddler on the Roof**

November 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7pm,
November 16 at 6:30p.m.

Set in a small Jewish village in Russia, "Fiddler On The Roof" is the story of dairyman Tevye and his attempts to preserve his family's traditions in a changing world. Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, Appleton. 733-8840.



Disenchanted! **The Hilarious Hit Musical**

November 11 at 7:30p.m.

Forget the princesses you think you know – the original storybook heroines have come back to life to set the record straight. After multiple sold-out runs nationwide, these royal renegades toss off their tiaras to bring their hilariously subversive, not-for-the-kiddies musical to you – and what you thought about princesses will never be the same! Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.



Steven Wright

November 12 at 8p.m.

Academy Award-winning, Emmy- and Grammy-nominated comedian Steven Wright continually sells out theaters internationally with his skewed, comedic view of the world. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

August: Osage County by Tracy Letts

November 12 at 7p.m.

UW-Fox Theatre brings to life this award-winning play in a special reader's theatre production. This play boldly addresses family and the inherent struggles that exist in modern relationships. UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, Menasha. 832-2646.

Ron White

November 17 at 8p.m.

Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White relays tales from his life, ranging from growing up in Texas to becoming one of the most successful comedians in America. For mature audiences. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

All My Sons

November 17-19 at 7:30p.m.; November 20 at 2p.m.

During World War II, Joe Keller and Steve Deever's machine shop made defective airplane parts, causing young pilots to die. Deever went to prison and Keller became wealthy while his son went missing in action. This American classic by Arthur Miller portrays a mother's hope, a father's guilt and a terrible secret revealed. Fredric March Theatre at UW-Oshkosh. 424-4417.

FILMS & TALKS



Museum Movie Night: **"Bridges at Toko-Ri"**

November 8 at 6:30p.m.

Travel back in time and experience the golden age of cinema at EAA's Skyscape Theater Royale, a free series of classic aviation film screenings. EAA, Oshkosh. 426-4800.

Find Your Ancestors

November 12 at 2p.m.

A guest speaker will discuss a genealogy topic. Appleton Public Library. 832-6170.

I'm Home + Art Fair

November 15 at 6p.m.

Join Matt Bero, creator of Morty the Moose mural and mastermind

behind Catalyst, for a presentation on community, his Millennial Trains Project experience and a curated art fair featuring local artists and crafters. Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Visit imhomegb.com for tickets.

International Film Series: **"La Strada"**

November 16 at 7p.m.

A traveling showman purchases a young girl from a poor widow to be his wife and partner. They join a circus where she meets a high-wire artist who causes her to question her choices. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.



The Thing (1982)

December 2 at 7p.m.

Friday Fright Night, free admission. Rated R. Time Community Theater, Oshkosh. 231-5500.

Indie Lens Pop-Up: **"Meet the Patels"**

December 6 at 7p.m.

Ravi is almost 30, an actor and single. After breaking up with his white girlfriend, Ravi enters the traditional Indian American matchmaking system at his parents' wishes. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

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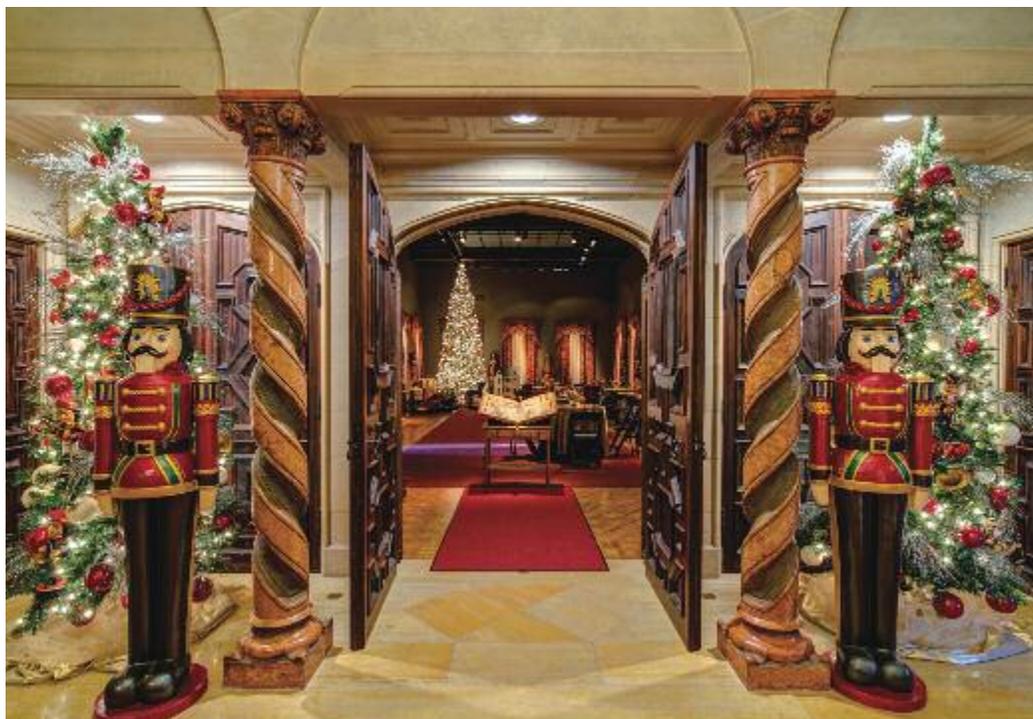
Nutcracker in the Castle: 10th Anniversary

Celebrating 10 years of delighting audiences, the Paine Art Center & Gardens in Oshkosh presents the scenes of the beloved Nutcracker story within the historic mansion.

From the opening party scene with a giant Christmas tree to the magical Land of Sweets and the enchanting Sugar Plum Fairy, the tale unfolds throughout more than 20 elaborately decorated rooms and spaces, including upwards of 70 Christmas trees.

There are three different ways to experience Nutcracker in the Castle: self-guided tours, candlelight tours and guided tours narrated by Godfather Drosselmeyer. The Paine's conservatory will be transformed into a fairyland as it hosts the Sugar Plum Fairy's Cupcake Café. Guests can stop in for a cupcake from Tamara's the Cake Guru and a cup of hot cocoa after their tour.

Tours run November 18–January 9. For dates, times and cafe hours, visit www.thepaine.org.



Eric Reischl Photography

A HISTORIC HOLIDAY

Step back in time with these history-infused happenings



DECK THE HALLS

Experience the historic Sawyer Home decorated in its holiday splendor. The life-size Christmas Village exhibit windows will delight with a wonderful display of festive holiday decor, and the center will showcase the incredible "Biggest Little Show" wooden toy circus made in the 1940s. Nov. 19–Dec. 31. 10am–4pm. Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5763.



HOLIDAY MEMORIES

See the animated characters that once adorned the sidewalk windows of H.C. Prange's Department Store, including Bruce the Spruce. The historic David Taylor House and Weinhold Log Cabin will also be decorated as it was for Christmas in 1870. Nov. 25–Dec. 30. Sheboygan County Historical Museum. 458-1103.



VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TOURS

Hearthstone Historic House Museum will be lavishly decorated with more than a dozen trees and holiday decor. Highlighting the classic works of Charles Dickens, tours begin Nov. 26 with special evening tours on Fridays in December that feature live music and costumed docents. Hearthstone Historic House Museum, Appleton. 730-8204.



HAZELWOOD HOLIDAY TEA

Come enjoy a luncheon of tea, sandwiches, and sweet and savory treats, all served with old-fashioned flair! This program also includes a tour of Hazelwood Historic House, decorated in classic Victorian splendor. Reservations requested. Dec. 2–3, 1pm. Hazelwood Historic House, Green Bay. 437-1840.



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Visitors can help prepare a Christmas meal in a historic kitchen, listen to 100-year-old holiday tales and learn how Christmas has been celebrated throughout Wisconsin's history. Dec. 10 & 17, 12–6pm. Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Green Bay. 448-5150.

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Warped Holidays

Celebrate the merriest time of a year a little differently on December 2 when the ARTgarage in Green Bay debuts Warped Holidays, an exhibit featuring edgy, holiday-themed works from artists in a variety of mediums.

Kim Pigeon-Metzner, artist resource director at the ARTgarage, anticipates that the show will offer a satirical commentary on the commercialization of the holiday season.

"Everyone wants to associate the holidays with warm and fuzzy, but I want to get the other side of what the holidays are about," she says.

The show runs through December 29, with an opening reception on December 2 from 6-9 p.m. at the ARTgarage.

For more information, visit www.theartgarage.org



Flower Power

"They Might Have Guns, But We Have Flowers," an all-women art exhibit, will open at The Feather and Bone Gallery inside The Draw on November 8. The exhibit will showcase works from local female artists comparing the positivity of love and nature against the negativity of guns and war.

Appleton painter and show curator Abigale Veith was inspired by a video taken after the 2015 Paris terrorist attacks. In the video, a father tells his son not to fear terrorism because "we have flowers," which represent the power of love over fear.

"The main idea of this show is to promote peace and nature versus terror and violence," Veith says. "I wanted a women's show to drive the concepts of love and regrowth that we desperately need in this time of war."

Veith says the show will celebrate the often undervalued strength found in themes of femininity, nature and love.

"A woman's body can create and carry new life. I want [this show] to push that meaning even further," she says.

An opening event is scheduled for November 8 from 6-9 p.m. The show closes on November 23.

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The History of the Menominee

In honor of Native American History Month, the Neenah Historical Society presents an evening with Menominee Tribal Member Alan Caldwell, who will share an overview of the tribe's history and culture. Caldwell, a former faculty member of the College of Menominee Nation, is a leading expert in the state on the history and culture of the Menominee, and his program will provide insight into the early years of Neenah and Menasha.



"The Menominee people have made Wisconsin their home for thousands of years. Understanding their history and culture helps us understand and appreciate this area we, as Wisconsinites, now call 'home,'" says Neenah Historical Society Executive Director Jane Lang. "Sharing history and culture helps us connect to each other and appreciate and value our uniqueness as well as our commonality."

This presentation is free and open to the public. It will take place at Neenah Public Library on November 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Asylum: Out of the Shadows

The History Museum at the Castle in Appleton will open an unprecedented exhibit on November 17. "Asylum: Out of the Shadows" will be the first attempt by a Wisconsin museum to interpret the evolution of treatment for people with mental health problems. The exhibit will explore behavioral and mental health told through the history of the Outagamie County Asylum.

Curator Nick Hoffman says that while the content may be challenging, it is a crucial conversation for our community to have.

"As state and even local budgets fluctuate, that can have so much impact on how we as a society care for our most vulnerable and how we support mental



Some of the first residents and employees of the Outagamie County Asylum posed for this image in about 1890. Image courtesy of the History Museum at the Castle.

health agencies," he says. "Those decisions don't just impact the facilities and the people they serve, they impact all of our lives."

The exhibit will be divided into six thematic sections, each focusing on an element of life at the asylum. Visitors will see rare artifacts, including an electroshock therapy machine, ink blots and nursing uniforms. Exploring the evolution of patient care from 1890 to the present day, the exhibit touches on the evolving uses of electroshock therapy, straightjackets, counseling and medication. Visitors will enter recreated rooms of the historic asylum building by walking into an isolation room, day room and even a doctor's office.

By focusing on the individuals who lived and worked at the asylum, the exhibit strives to personalize the stories and remove stigma. Visitors will be able to download a cellphone tour application where they will select one of eight individuals to follow through the exhibit, including real employees and residents.

Hoffman says this exhibit will explain the changes in how society defines and treats mental illness, as well as challenges, perspectives on mental health.

"We want to break down stigma," he says. "The exhibit shows where we've been, but hopefully it starts a conversation on where we are going."

To learn more, visit www.myhistorymuseum.org.

—ACW



Want to score tickets to a showing of *The Bodyguard*? The award-winning musical based on the hit film is coming to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in January and now's your chance to attend for free.

To enter, send us a "Carpool Karaoke" video of you performing a 10 second clip of your favorite track from the show, including "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," "I Will Always Love You" and many more classics. Gather your friends or go it solo, lip-dub or sing yourself — however you choose to perform, we won't judge.

One grand prize winner will receive four tickets to *The Bodyguard*, a gift certificate toward dinner before the show and a merchandise package worth \$75. One runner-up will receive two show tickets.

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Nov. 11, 4–6 p.m.
Houdini Plaza, Appleton.

Local artists and downtown Appleton businesses display colorful wreaths, trees and stockings available for silent bidding during Festival of Trees (Nov. 11–Dec. 1) benefiting educational programs at the Fox Cities Building for the Arts. Stop by Houdini Plaza for the official lighting ceremony and continue the excitement afterward at The Trout Museum of Art.

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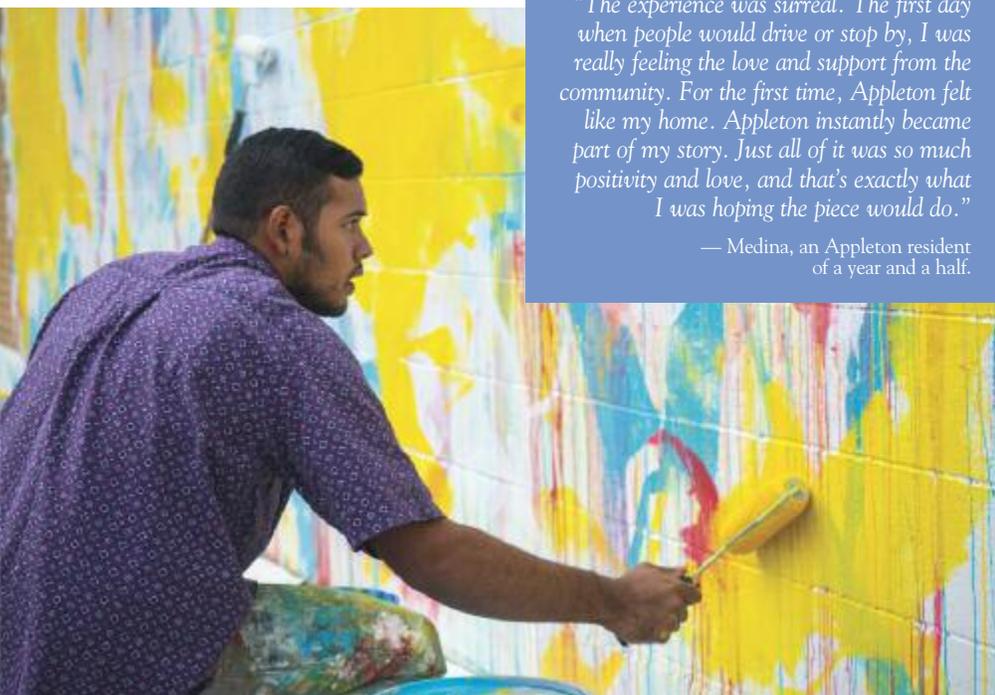
Muralist Irineo Medina brings a little love to Wisconsin Avenue

“It was right after the weekend that the police shooting happened in Dallas and there were five deaths in one weekend. I was sitting at my desk thinking, ‘What do we need right now?’ The different skin colors reflect that we all just need a little love; it doesn’t matter what ethnicity or race you are. I feel like now with everything that’s happening in the United States, we just need to embrace each other. Art, especially public art, is a good vehicle to uplift your community.”

— 25-year-old Irineo Medina, a muralist and Fox Communities Credit Union employee, shares his inspiration behind his mural at 230 E. Wisconsin Avenue in Appleton.

“The experience was surreal. The first day when people would drive or stop by, I was really feeling the love and support from the community. For the first time, Appleton felt like my home. Appleton instantly became part of my story. Just all of it was so much positivity and love, and that’s exactly what I was hoping the piece would do.”

— Medina, an Appleton resident of a year and a half.



Making a Mural

Business Marketing Officer Heather Wessley, of mural sponsor Fox Communities Credit Union, explains the steps her committee took to develop this mural which was created with support from Sherwin-Williams, Jack’s Maintenance Service and Pulse Young Professionals Network.

1. **Find an artist.** Irineo had approached our marketing department about supporting a mural and we had a similar project in the works, so the timing was perfect. We loved the idea of working with a member of our Fox Communities Credit Union family.
2. **Develop a mock-up.** As a committee, we identified several concepts that we wanted the mural to include, like showcasing diversity and highlighting the history of Wisconsin Avenue. Then we asked Irineo what he wanted to do and he developed the final design from there.
3. **Determine the location.** We had a couple locations on Wisconsin Avenue that we pursued, but they fell through. Eventually we connected with the building owner of 230 E. Wisconsin Avenue who loved the idea and helped us get the information we needed for the permit quickly.
4. **Get the permit.** We worked with the City of Appleton to get the logistics, like size and measurements, pinned down. They loved the idea of having it done on Wisconsin Avenue. The permit was all done electronically which was convenient.
5. **Paint.** Irineo is very passionate about this project. He painted through the night to make sure he would be able to finish it and people could see it in progress during Bazaar After Dark [a Pulse Young Professionals event held along Wisconsin Avenue on September 28].



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Take Me to the *River*

By Amelia Compton Wolff

Community exhibit brings art to historic industrial site

The Fox River's influence on the historic Eagle Mill at Grand Kakalin in Kaukauna is undeniable. Nearly 150 years ago, its very walls were constructed using the limestone rubble produced when early settlers blasted the riverbed to open it for navigation.

"This building was literally built from the river," says developer Randy Stadtmueller, president of Stadtmueller & Associates, a placemaking firm that has worked with community leaders since 2012 to preserve

and repurpose the former flour mill, which now houses the Kaukauna Public Library and Expera Speciality Solutions.

With that connection to the natural landscape in mind, this month a community art exhibit, "Take Me to the River," will occupy more than 11,000 square feet of the historic Eagle Mill. The month-long exhibit will fill two of the building's

vacant river-level suites with the original works of more than 20 visual, performing and literary artists.

Artist representative and exhibit coordinator Jean Detjen says the exhibit was born out of the desire for more unusual venues to see and show art in the Fox Cities.

"There's art hidden in people's basements, studios and garages, but there's no better way to experience art than to see it up close with the ability to meet the artist, ask questions and really let the story behind the art come alive," Detjen says.

Detjen received approval to use the space at Grand Kakalin free of charge from Stadtmueller, who says supporting the exhibit aligns with several of his firm's core goals — neighborhood revitalization, adaptive reuse and riverfront development.

"The community aspect of the arts is very fundamental. It's good to have that play out in the context of this building," Stadtmueller says. "It's especially true in this case when you're bringing so many different artists together from so many communities. The arts and heritage aspects of the building are a way to give us perspective, and really, that's what community building and placemaking is all about."

Neenah-based painter Michelle Richeson has been showing her oil and pastel work for more than 10 years, yet this exhibit provides some new opportunities for the seasoned artist.

"Just the energy level of working with a collaborative group like this and with so many different kinds of art, I've never done it before," she says.

The historic venue, which plays a large role in the character of the exhibit, is in part what drew Richeson to participate.

"When you display artwork it looks so different in every venue, so for me it's exciting to see what it would look like in this kind of venue," she says. "I think it's great for people to see how art interacts with



communities in this kind of space."

The exhibit will feature several pop-up events throughout its duration, such as live storytelling and fashion shows, which will be announced on the exhibit's Facebook event page.

A kick-off event is planned for Friday, November 4 and will include multi-sensory immersive experiences from digital projection mapping to live dance and musical performances. Writer Joanna Kosowsky Dane will be making large scale ephemeral collages and mobiles made from writings about rivers. Hillary Reynolds of folk/pop band Peridot will be performing at the closing celebration on Friday, December 2.

Detjen says her goal for the exhibit is part of a greater vision to grow the creative economy throughout the Fox Cities, with collaboration and riverfront redevelopment being key components.

"This area was settled first for its proximity to the river and was eventually taken over by industry. Now we are opening the river back up to the community," she says. "Art has a way to bring people together and when you combine that with nature, really beautiful things happen." 

WHAT: Take Me to the River, a community art exhibit

WHERE: River Level Suites 1 and 2 of the Historic Eagle Mill at Grand Kakalin in Kaukauna

WHEN: November 4–December 2. Monday–Friday, 12–5 p.m. Public opening on Friday, November 4 from 6–10 p.m. Evening and weekend pop-up events will be announced throughout the month.

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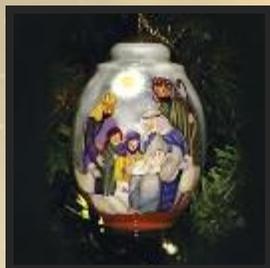
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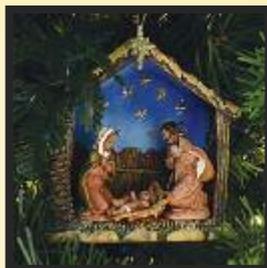
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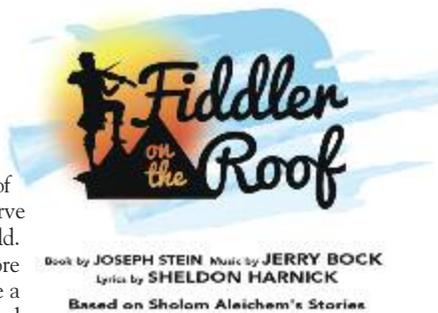
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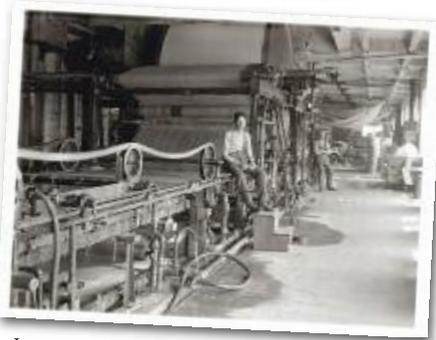


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"This season, there's a reemergence of shiny metallics," says Greg Curtiss, lead designer at The Wreath Factory in Menasha. "We are going to see golds and silvers paired with crisp whites or bold jewel tones." The clean simplicity of a single solid color lets the metals take center stage. Mix gold and silver ornaments of diverse shapes in a glass vessel. Tapered candles in glass holders add height, giving a visual lightness to the setting.

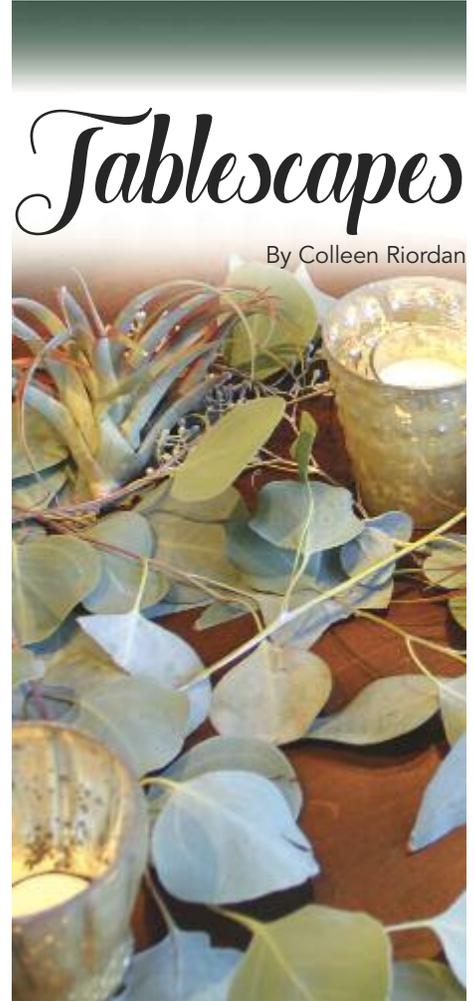
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Design Credit: Greg Curtiss, The Wreath Factory



COMFORT IN NATURE

"Natural elements are still going to be a driving force this season. There's more casualness to design lately," says Leslie Wilson, owner and interior designer at Bellwether Interior Design in Neenah. Thin wood slices can become unique charger plates. Simple dinnerware, a few tree trimmings and checked gingham bring comfort to the table.

Photo & Design Credit: Leslie Wilson, LEED AP, Bellwether Interior Design



EFFORTLESS CUTTINGS

"Foliage, texture and the all-natural look are super hot right now," says Casee Meach, owner of Branching Out & Co. in Appleton. "You can go to your local florist or your own yard. It gives a really fresh look." She recommends holiday greens because they dry well, which allows you to set the table several days before a party. Paired with air plants and succulents, this bold greenery provides texture to the table and is low-maintenance for even the blackest of thumbs.

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Play with your place cards, suggests Curtiss. "A personalized ornament tied around a napkin makes a great gift and tells your guest where to sit." He also recommends miniature wrapped presents or ceramic animals. The snow-colored sparrows add character and dimension to a formal setting. Mirrors can be unique plate chargers and reflect the light and energy of the room.

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THE MODERN HUNT

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"Mix the fancy—like mercury glass—with wood. It kicks it up a notch," says Rebekah Myers, designer at Branching Out & Co. "It makes your table look a little more elegant without going all glass, all gold, all silver." A pinecone-shaped candle holder made of driftwood adds an earthiness to the vintage look of mercury glass votive holders. Mix and matched candles bring warmth to any dinner party.

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Mon–Fri, December 26–30 at 5 p.m.

The Garden transforms into a stunning winter landscape featuring botanical light displays inspired by its natural features. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

Christmas Stars

December 1–3 & 8–10 at 7 p.m.

December 4–5 & 10–11 at 1 p.m.

This Broadway-style, holiday-themed extravaganza features singers, dancers and actors ages 5 through senior citizen. Over 1,000 gorgeous costumes, beautiful sets, lighting and staging make it one of the Midwest's premiere holiday attractions. Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, Appleton. 733-8840.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

December 3 at 1 & 4 p.m.

The Appleton Boychoir trebles along with the rich adult sounds of the MasterSingers combine to celebrate the advent and birth of Jesus. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 955-2224.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

December 9 at 4 & 8 p.m.

In its platinum anniversary year, TSO is bringing back its treasured tale, "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve." Resch Center, Green Bay. 800-895-0071.

Holiday Pops!

December 9–10 at 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

The Dudley Birder Chorale joins the Birder Studio of Performing Arts and the Holiday Pops Orchestra for a musical extravaganza! Conducted by Dudley Birder. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.

The Nutcracker

December 9 at 7 p.m.; December 10 at 4 p.m.
December 11 at 1 p.m.

Makaroff Youth Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker in its entirety. Stansbury Theatre at Lawrence University, Appleton. 257-8288.

DATE NIGHT

The Brian Setzer Orchestra Christmas Rocks! Tour

November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The iconic guitarist, songwriter, vocalist and three-time Grammy winner Brian Setzer and his 19-piece orchestra whip up a huge dose of retro holiday cheer. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

Hope for the Holidays

November 17 from

5:30–8:30 p.m.

This Valley Cats Cat & Kitten Rescue fundraiser features food, music, prizes and more. Bridgewood Resort Hotel, Neenah. For information, visit valleycatsrescue.org.



Christmas at the Chapel

December 17 at 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Join newVoices to celebrate the true meaning of the season with 75 voices lifted in praise and joy, featuring your most-loved Christmas songs, audience sing-alongs, and a candle-lit finale. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-9700.

Holidazed and Confused Revue

December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

With a sack full of all-new sketches, The Second City's Holidazed & Confused Revue continues to be the holiday season's most time-honored, riotous send-up of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and everything in between. Rated R. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

Holiday Concert featuring Steve March-Tormé

December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

For their 50th anniversary holiday concert, Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra will be joined by local legend Steve March-Tormé as they perform traditional holiday music. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.



Lorie Line: A Merry Little Christmas 2016 Holiday Tour

December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Simple but elegant, Lorie will be playing all of the favorite traditional carols that make her show unique. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

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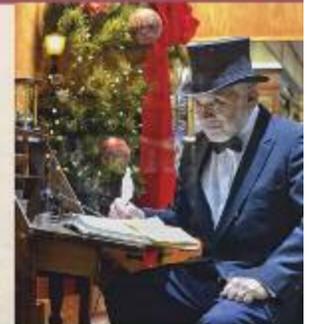
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FAMILY FUN

A Christmas Carol

November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

This celebrated adaptation of a holiday classic is presented by The Nebraska Theatre Caravan. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

November 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The beloved TV classic comes to life on stage with all your favorite characters including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster and, of course, Rudolph. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.



A Christmas Story

December 8-10 at 7:30 p.m.

In this hit family comedy, humorist Jean Shepherd pays homage to his Midwest childhood through the misadventures of 9-year-old Ralphie, set during Christmas in 1940. Presented by Oshkosh Community Players. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

Holiday Hay Ride

December 9 at 5 p.m.

Take a ride through the beautifully decorated streets of the Menasha Island. Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, view the reindeer and sample hot beverages and cookies. Tickets on sale at the Parks and Recreation office. Smith Park, Menasha. 967-3640.

Lawrence Academy of Music Girl Choir Concert: Yuletide Carols

December 10 at 2 & 7 p.m.

The Academy's Girl Choir performs on the Chapel stage. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6632.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

A favorite of the holiday season for decades, Oshkosh Community Band's Christmas Carol Sing-Along typically features special guest madrigals from Oshkosh North, West and Lourdes Academy High Schools. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

The Oak Ridge Boys

December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The Oak Ridge Boys kick off this huge show with over 40 years of award-winning music. From rollicking Santa songs to heartfelt standards, this show is a family favorite! Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.

Boogie & the Yo-Yo's Christmas with You 2016

December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Go on a musical journey celebrating Christmas with new adaptations of classics and a few new ones penned by band members. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

HIDDEN GEMS

Handmade for the Holidays Urban Craft Fair

November 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nearly 40 artists from throughout Wisconsin will offer their goods for sale, perfect for holiday gifting. City Center Court at Becket's, Oshkosh. For information, email daintydadies01@hotmail.com.



Holiday in Whoville Grinchapalooza!

November 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See the classic television special, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," on the big screen. Free showings every hour, on the hour. Time Community Theater, Oshkosh. 231-5500.

Kimberly Community Band Holiday Concert

December 4 at 2 p.m.

Enjoy a holiday concert complete with an appearance by Santa with treats for the kids and a social to follow. JR Gerritts Middle School, Kimberly. For information, email kimberlycommunityband@gmail.com.

SconnieMADE Yule Market

December 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This first-ever local artisan market will feature locally made gifts, food, drinks and holiday fun. Gather on Broadway, Green Bay. 412-8454.

Super Secret Christmas Movie

December 3 at 7 p.m.

Psst! This movie isn't allowed to be advertised, but it's rated PG and has been shown before to audience acclaim. Time Community Theater, Oshkosh. 231-5500.

The Hip Hop Nutcracker

December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Digital scenery transforms E.T.A. Hoffmann's story of a palace of sugarplums into a romance set in 1980s Brooklyn. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.



Letters From Santa

Various times and locations

Join the Fox Valleyaires Barbershop Chorus for a night of Christmas classics. The show will include performances by the Generation Gaps, The Mixmasters, Mid-Life Crisis, guest community members and more. Nov 30. Dinner, 6:30pm. Show, 7:30pm. Grand Meridian, Appleton. 739-7553. Dec. 6, 7pm. Featuring the Lawrence Academy Girls Bel Canto Choir. James W. Perry Hall at UW-Fox Valley, Menasha. 757-6153.

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SOUL FOOD

Cozy bites for cold winter nights

By Amelia Compton Wolff
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Winter doesn't have to be a drag. In fact, with food like this it can be downright delightful. Colder temps are the perfect excuse to splurge on our favorite comfort foods, so we've assembled a bucket list of local bites for you and yours to indulge in this winter.



PULLED PORK & HUSH PUPPIES

Down-home cooking is some of the most soul-soothing around. At Appleton's Cozy Corner (winner of the 2016 Golden Fork Award for Best Comfort Food), you might just forget about the plunging temps and falling snow outside. For a little southern style indulgence, owner Natasha Banks recommends trying one of their newest menu items: the triple pork grilled cheese sandwich with a side of hush puppies and fries.



Photo courtesy of Cena

MEATLOAF

It might seem crazy to use the word "whimsical" when describing meatloaf, but when you are talking about the meatloaf cupcakes from Cena in Appleton, there's just no other way. Their homemade meatloaf is frosted with garlic mashed potatoes and a veal demi glaze, sprinkled with toasted wheat berries and topped with a balsamic cherry. Did we mention that the cupcakes are stuffed with cheese curds? Because, oh yeah, they are.



PHO

Pho (pronounced “fuh”) is just the thing when a head cold strikes. Star Anise in Menasha specializes in this Vietnamese soup also known as “the chicken noodle soup of Asian comfort food.” Owner Nkao Vang says the key to pho is in the broth which is simmered for at least eight hours to develop a rich, full flavor. Choose from steak, meatball, chicken, seafood or a combination. While there are many ways to garnish your pho, our favorite is with a handful of bean sprouts, lots of fresh basil and a healthy squeeze of lime.

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A HEARTY WINTER POP-UP DINNER

Presented by Pop Up Fox Cities with Heirloom Kitchen Co., this dinner will feature warming winter cuisine and live music by Patrick Connolly.

What: Welcome Winter’s Hearty Fare pop-up dinner

When: December 7, seatings at 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Where: Dalla Terra Pasta, Appleton

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Q. For Thanksgiving I would like to offer my guests a smoked turkey as well as the traditional roasted one. Would it be better to marinate the turkey or use a dry rub for smoking?

—Tom, Little Chute

A. Without question, my preference is to brine my turkey before smoking it rather than dry rubbing it. The reason for this is the brining process allows the flavor of the brine to penetrate deep into the meat of the turkey, providing every bite with flavor and added juiciness. I use a basic brine of 1/3 cup salt and 1/3 cup sugar for every gallon of water. When brining a turkey, first make sure it is thawed at least partially to remove the neck and giblets that are usually tucked inside. Submerge the whole bird in the brine and allow it to soak in the brine under refrigeration for 4–5 days. This extended period of brining allows the brine to penetrate the meat from both the outside in and the inside out. After brining I do not season my turkey with anything at all. I just smoke the turkey with indirect heat and moderate smoke at 250 degrees. A 15-pound turkey should take about 3 hours and a 20-pound turkey should take about four hours, but allow yourself a little extra time so your turkey can rest before carving. Happy Thanksgiving!

► To read more from Chef Jeff and get his recipes, go to foxcitiesmagazine.com and click on columns.

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.



BLT

Sometimes a gargantuan sandwich is the only cure for what ails you. At infi.DEL.ly in De Pere, the classic BLT gets some upgrades – just sub pork jowl bacon for the regular stuff, arugula for the lettuce and add beefsteak tomato and tomato jam for the all important "T." It's all packed between two slices of thick, country French bread, a hefty smear of aioli and served alongside a Brooklyn Brine Damn Spicy pickle. Pair this meal with a Netflix binge and it will be spring before you know it.



BONUS RECIPES!

Go to foxcitiesmagazine.com for comfort food recipes like garlic cream cheese mashed potatoes from Chef Alex Shea of Mark's East Side and Pullman's chicken carbonara.



MAC & CHEESE

Cheese-laden pasta may be the comfort food to beat all others, and no one does it better than Zuppas Market Cafe in Neenah. Chef and owner Peter Kuenzi says first he makes a three cheese sauce (cheddar, parmesan and American, to be exact) that is tossed with cavatappi pasta. The pasta is then baked, finished with more cheese, heavy cream and rebaked. A generous topping of parmesan is added upon serving. "Ultimate comfort food to me is something warm, creamy and filling," Kuenzi says. If that's the case, this dish will satisfy your deepest comfort food craving.



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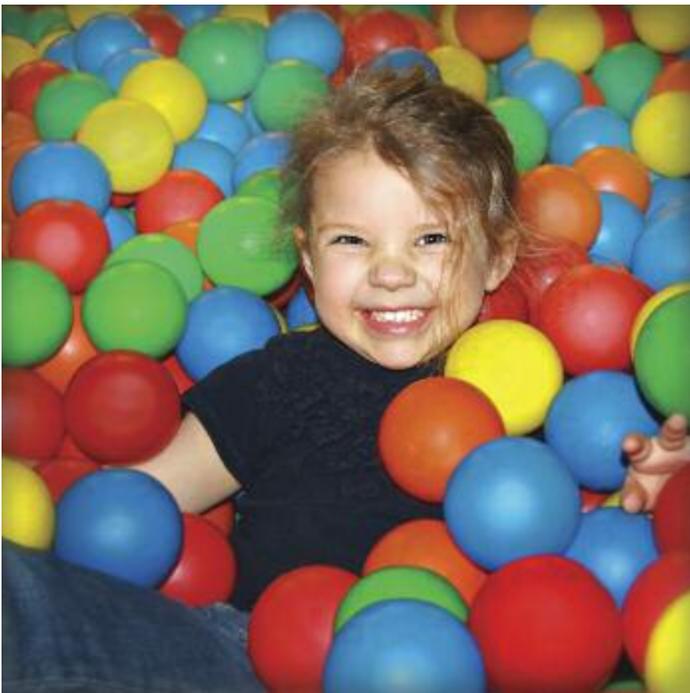
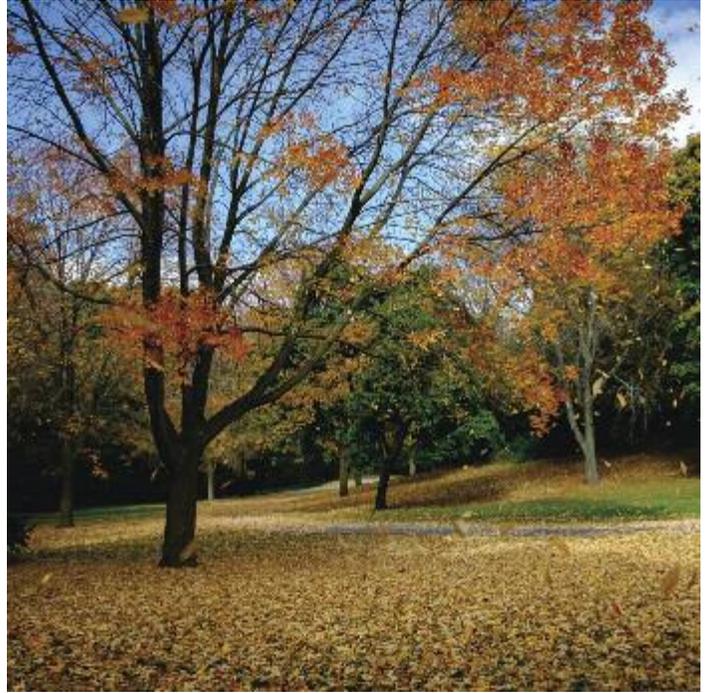
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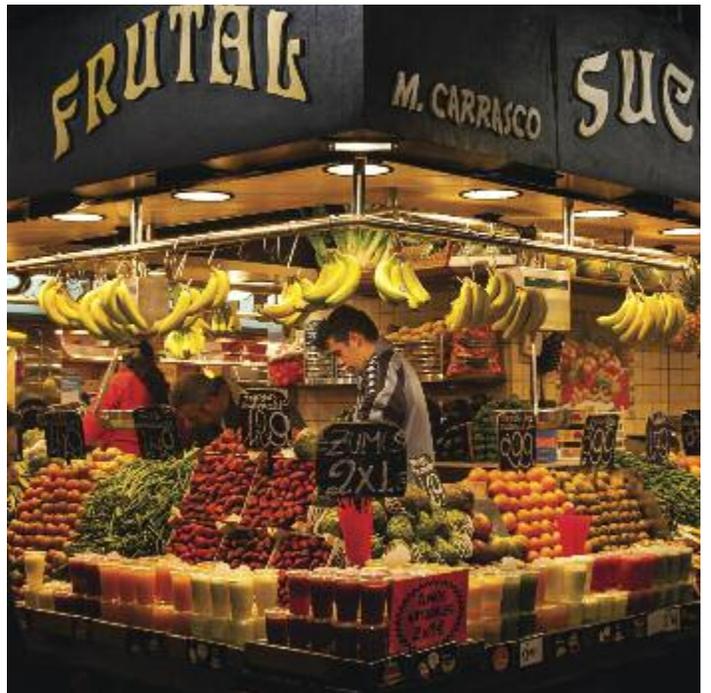
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