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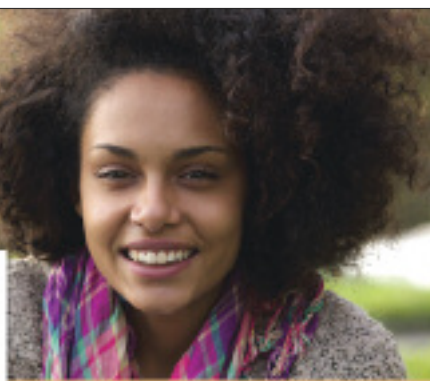
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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Memory Cape

Experimenting in nearly every art form, Appleton artist Elyse-Krista Mische is a mixed media artist. “I work with most any media,” she says. “My favorite would have to be drawing.” For Mische, drawing isn’t always what it seems. “I turn my drawings into 3D art pieces to bring them to life.”

Art has always been a part of Mische’s life, but it took a serious turn while she was studying pre-medicine at Appleton’s Lawrence University. “My freshman year I remember sitting in a botany class learning about plant reproduction, doodling in my notebook and thinking, ‘What am I doing?’ My notebooks were quickly being filled with more drawings than notes,” she says. “In my sophomore year, I realized I needed to be an artist.”

During her time at Lawrence, Mische mainly focused on drawing and printmaking, interspersed with some ceramics classes. After graduating from Lawrence in 2011, Mische created Worry Birds, an Etsy business specializing in handmade ceramic birds reminding people not to worry. In 2014, while serving as manager of The Fire art studio in Appleton, Mische went to North Carolina to learn how to blacksmith. That’s not a typo – she learned the trade typically associated with Medieval times. “The point of going was to learn to work with more textiles, metals and sculptures,” Mische says.

Proving her diverse artistic skills even further, Mische recently completed a three-story mural in downtown Kaukauna as part of the second Bazaar After Dark night market. The mural is based on Mische’s “Tick Tock Tapestry,” a piece embracing growth, vibrancy and the ephemeral.



Tick Tock Tapestry

“The mural [is] a bold statement piece and adds a funky floral, feel-good elegance to downtown Kaukauna,” Mische says.

This month Mische will travel to Orgiva, Spain for a residency with Kids Space. She was also awarded a residency with Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee that runs from June to May 2018. Fox Valley locals can see Mische’s work at the Friend of a Friend art exhibit at The Draw in Appleton during the month of May.

From her travels near and far to mundane daily interactions, Mische says her artistic work serves as a scrapbook of her experiences.

“I am a very observant person,” she says. “From the stories I overhear to the people I see, my art is my way of documenting memories into a story.”

— By Nicole Witmer



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Residence: Appleton
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Twig's Beverage
Gift Shop & Museum



Twig's Beverage was started in 1951 by Floyd Hartwig. During his service in the Korean War, Floyd would send his military paychecks back home to his mother. These paychecks were used to invest in glass bottles. After returning home from the war, Floyd and his softball buddies started up a bottling plant. Floyd, or "Twig" as he was known around town, purchased some land at 711 S. Washington Street in Shawano, Wisconsin. Here he began a Wisconsin tradition.

around 60 total in Wisconsin. Many of those companies have gone out of business. However, Twig's remains in operation. After Floyd's health declined in 1986, his son, Dan Hartwig, decided to take over the company. In 1995, the company expanded and began distributing Sun-Drop, Crush, Sunkist and other drinks throughout Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Michigan area. Today Dan is the president and owner of Twig's Beverage.

In the early 2000's, Twig's implemented a bottled water line, labelled "Shawano Drinking Water." The product is bottled and distributed from the same location. Custom labelled water is also offered through Twig's.

In 2014, a new production line for nonreturnable glass bottled soda was added. Twig's now produces their own line of gourmet sodas and also offers co-packing services and custom labeled sodas on this line.

As of January 2015, Twig's opened the Sun Drop University Museum and gift shop. The museum displays many artifacts and items centered around a well-loved product.

Beginning in 2016, Twig's chose to donate a portion of the profits from grape soda sales to the "Forget Me Not Fund" in support of Alzheimer's Disease awareness and education in the Wolf River Region.

The public is invited to visit the museum. Guests can walk the streets of old Shawano, learn the history of Sun Drop and Twig's, sample sodas at the tasting bar, view vintage pop machines and visit the gift shop for mementos from your visit. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the summer. Learn more at www.twigsbeverage.net or find us on Facebook.

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Twig's Beverage had a humble beginning. Floyd would sell a case of soda and use the money he made to buy a loaf of bread for his wife and family. Lacking fancy equipment, Floyd would make his soft drinks by mixing in the ingredients with an axe handle. Earlier brands offered by Twig's Beverage included Bullseye Rootbeer and Goody Orange. It wasn't until the inventor of Sun-Drop, Charles Lazier, asked Floyd to sell and distribute his product, that Sun-Drop made its way into the Shawano area.

In the 1950's, many bottlers competed in the local arena. There were two other bottlers in Shawano and



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COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

The Churchills in Appleton May 13

Winston Churchill's great-grandchildren, Randolph and Jennie Churchill, will speak about their illustrious namesakes and great-grandparents Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill. Free to the public. 3–5pm. Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton. 997-0584.

Bark in the Park Rescue Reunion May 20

A celebration for rescued pets and their people with fun activities and events throughout the day including a pet costume contest, vendor fair and a tennis ball drop from a construction crane. 9am–2pm. Lions Park, Greenville. 733-1717.



Festival of Spring May 20

Free outdoor event featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale and more than 100 vendors of original art, crafts, plants and garden supplies. 9am–4pm. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

Hmong Cultural Arts Night May 26

Free event offering a variety of arts and cultural programs including live music, visual arts, dance, fashion show and more. Hosted by Appleton Public Library. 6–9pm. Long Cheng Marketplace, Appleton. 832-6177.

Appleton Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony May 29

Parade starts at the corner of College Avenue and Appleton Street, heads east on College Avenue to Meade Street, north on Meade to Pacific Street, east on Pacific to the entrance of historic Riverside Cemetery. 9am. Downtown Appleton. 450-6907.

HISTORY EVENTS

Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal with Mark Moran May 13

Moran, author of multiple antiques reference guides, will tell you the story behind your family heirloom, flea market find or prized antique and give you his opinion about its market value. Registration required. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

History Treasure Tour May 17

Twelve Brown County historical organizations will open their doors free to the public for the third annual History Treasure Tour. This event encourages the public to explore Brown County's rich historical past with hands-on activities, behind-the-scenes tours and exclusive access to expert staff, in unique historical environments. 4–8pm. Various locations, Brown County. 448-4460.



Gunfighters of the Old West May 18

Does a shot in the back qualify as a gunfight? Presented by Bob Schmall, retired history lecturer. 7–8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6170.

ON STAGE

ArtRAGEOUS May 13

With captivating vocals, intricate choreography and exciting audience interaction, ArtRAGEOUS takes you on a unique visual journey. The ArtRAGEOUS troupe pays tribute to a variety of art forms, pop icons and musical genres. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.



Beautiful - The Carole King Musical May 30–June 4

The inspiring story of Carole King's rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with husband Gerry Goffin, to becoming a successful solo act. 30–3, 7:30pm. 3, 2pm. 4, 1 & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

Mamma Mia! May 12–14

This smash-hit musical combines ABBA's greatest hits with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship. 12, 7:30pm. 13, 2pm & 7:30pm. 14, 1pm & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 733-3760.

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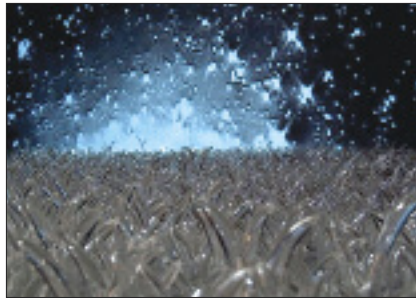


ART EVENTS

Art on the Town

May 19

Stroll down College Avenue while enjoying music, performing arts, visual arts and food. This month's theme is "Celebrating Culture." 5-8pm. Downtown Appleton. 954-9112.



Community Art Day

May 20

Join Fox Cities Building for the Arts, Fox Cities Educators for the Arts and local art teachers for a free, family celebration of art activities. 10am-1pm. Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 733-4089.

Tributary Art Exhibition opening night

June 2

Opening night of this exhibition (June 2-July 7) features music by Auralai and multi-sensory art experiences such as live painting and projection mapping. 6-10pm. Sounds Alive Music & Arts Education Center, Neenah. 486-1920.

Quantum

Through August 20

This exhibition, created by Jon Clark, Angus Powers and Jesse Daniels, features a glass, light and sound-filled environment that engages our senses through glass surfaces, video projections with flickering light, as well as atmospheric sound designed to suggest changes in light and time. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

CLASSES & FILM

Suburban Homesteading: Container Gardening

May 8

The basics of container gardening with Kimberly Miller, horticulture educator, Winnebago County UW-Extension. 6:30-8pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

Silent Film Series: Across to Singapore

May 22

It's romance and adventure on the high seas in this 1928 film starring Joan Crawford and Ramon Navarro, set to live organ accompaniment. 6:30pm. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.



Family Studio: Found Object Sculptures

May 27

Create art as a family during these drop-in sessions highlighting hands-on creative projects. Materials provided. 10:30am-1pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Indie Lens Pop-Up: Real Boy

May 30-31

A coming of age film about Bennett, a transgender teenager with dreams of musical stardom. Free and open to the public. 30, 7pm. 31, 10am. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

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World Percussion with Jazz

May 18

Jazz at The Trout celebrates a variety of jazz styles, ranging from classical to contemporary, Brazilian to Appalachian funk. 7:30-9:30pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.



Tony Bennett

May 27

With worldwide record sales in the millions and dozens of platinum and gold albums to his credit, Tony Bennett is a

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Celebrations will continue on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Algoma's Crescent Beach where visitors can fly kites, enjoy water-themed yoga and meditation or make storm-water stencil art. James May Gallery has

been working closely with Friends of

Crescent Beach, a nonprofit organization working to advocate the improvement and enjoyment of the beach, along with other artists, community members and activists.

Kendra Bulgrin, director and curator of James May Gallery, was inspired by water's magical pull to find ways to conserve and celebrate water. "It was important to me that the event could span the great political divide and bring us together," Bulgrin says. "I wanted an art event that could celebrate the beauty of water, and at the same time bring people together to protect it."

Art of Water will run from May 4-29. Although the exhibit will be free for all ages, James May Gallery and Friends of Crescent Beach will be accepting donations to continue advocating for water conservation. More information can be found at www.jamesmaygallery.com or at @jamesmaygallery on Instagram and Facebook.



Kendra Bulgrin, *Divided & Drifting*



Michael Boonstra, *False Horizon*

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THREE EXHIBIT OPENINGS



Estamos Aquí: Celebrating Latino Identity in Northeast Wisconsin

May 6

"Estamos Aquí" (which translates to "we are here" in Spanish) features artifacts and personal stories of many Latino families in Northeast Wisconsin. The bilingual exhibit celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions that have endured emigration from Latin America. This collaborative exhibit was developed with museum staff and the Hispanic Community Resource Center (Casa Alba). Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.



Making a Hometown: Life in Neenah's Progressive Era

May 7

This Neenah Historical Society exhibit chronicles the story of how industry and community-building organizations worked together during the Progressive era (1890-1920) to establish the community we still enjoy. Open 12-4pm on Sundays May-June and by appointment. Hiram Smith Octagon House, Neenah. 729-0244.



Century of History: 1917-2017

May 30

Celebrating its 100th birthday, the New London Public Museum is featuring this local history exhibit showing how life has changed in New London over the past 100 years. A new Curiosity Corner with hands-on activities for children of all ages opens May 22. New London Public Museum. 982-8520.

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BIKE WEEK

A sampling of events celebrating Bike Week (May 14–21).
Learn more at facebook.com/BikeWeekFV



Poetry Ride May 13

Get a head start on Bike Week by joining Fox Cities Cycling Association to hear about the Public Works Poetry program and then a ride to see poetry locations around town. Casual pace ride for all ages and abilities. 1–2:30 p.m. Appleton Public Library.

Evening Slow Roll Neenah May 18

Join Cranked Bike Studio for a fantastic Evening Slow Roll around Neenah. Don't forget your helmet, lights and a smile. This ride will roll at about 10-12 mph for 8-10 miles. 7–8:30 p.m. Shattuck Park, Neenah.

Neenah-Menasha History Ride May 25

Join FCCA, Neenah Historical Society and Menasha Historical Society on a trip through the rich history of both cities. 6–7:30 p.m. Start location TBD. Check Facebook page for updates.



History on the Go

May marks the return of the History Museum at the Castle's popular Get Up and Go History tours, a series of interactive events presented in partnership with Fleet Feet Sports Fox Valley. The walking and biking tours explore the region's past and present, often uncovering offbeat and little known stories from local history. On May 31, the "Asylum Revisited" walking tour will reconstruct the Outagamie County Asylum grounds behind



Brewster Village using historical photographs and maps. The "Jailbreakers, Bootleggers & Highwaymen" walking tour on June 21 will visit sites associated with crime and vice in downtown Appleton. The "Atomic Appleton" bike tour on August 9 will explore what Appleton was like during the 1950s. Most events meet at the History Museum

at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Stay tuned to the History Museum's Facebook page for updates on the full schedule. Registration is required for tours. Sign up online at www.myhistorymuseum.org or call 735-9370.

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Nature's Images Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

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For more information, visit 1000islandsenvironmentalcenter.org.

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The Big Cheese

Kick off June Dairy Month the only way Wisconsinites know how – with ample amounts of cheese at the Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival in Little Chute. The festival takes place at Doyle Park, June 2-4. The three-day festival includes live entertainment, a Saturday morning parade, plenty of cheese sampling and a cheese curd eating contest. The Big Cheese Breakfast takes place Sunday, June 4 from 8 to 11 a.m., serving up pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs (with cheese, of course) at the Little Chute Civic Center. This year's festival gets an artsy addition with the Cheesefest Side(Art)Show featuring goods from local artists and craftspeople. Vendors will be selling their handcrafted items from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 during the festival. Artist Stephanie Harvey will be painting a mural near the basketball and tennis courts during the art market and various performance artists will provide entertainment. Since its inception in 1988, the festival has donated more than \$1 million to community organizations, projects and schools. For more information and an event schedule, visit www.littlechutewi.org or call 423-3869.

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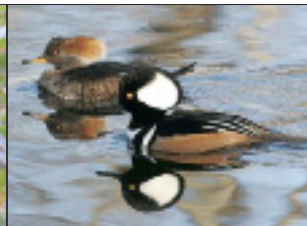
ANIMAL KINGDOM

Take a walk on the wild side at these happenings.



Bird Hike
May 9

Spring is a great time to see many species of migrating birds. Hear warblers sing, red-winged blackbirds call and discover many of the species that call the preserve home. 8-9:30 a.m. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.



Bio Blitz
May 13

Walk the trails taking pictures of plants and animals with your smartphone or mobile device. Staff and volunteers will help identify and submit data to iNaturalist for a fun way to learn about flora and fauna. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1000 Islands Environmental Center, Kaukauna. 766-4733.



Frog-tastic Celebration
May 20

Make and take a toad house, see live exotic reptiles and frogs found in Wisconsin and take a guided frog hike at this celebration of frogs. Registration appreciated. 1-3 p.m. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

100 Years of Service

The Salvation Army-Fox Cities is celebrating 100 years of service in 2017.

"We're probably one of the oldest, if not the oldest, social service agencies in the Appleton area," says Robb Waugus, director of communications and financial development. "We've been carrying out our work since 1917."

The organization works to meet the community's needs by providing emergency disaster services, homelessness prevention and services and operating an emergency food pantry. Last year, the emergency food pantry provided 1 million pounds of food to Fox Cities residents in need. In 1985, the local chapter started the Fox Cities' first noon feeding program for anyone in need of a meal.

Waugus says The Salvation Army's local programs and services are staffed by "an army of volunteers."

"In 2016 we had probably 3,000 to 4,000 volunteers throughout the year including our bell ringers who clocked 9,000 hours of bell ringing service," he says.



To honor volunteers, donors and community partners, The Salvation Army will host a Centennial Dinner on May 11 at The Grand Meridian in Appleton. The event will celebrate long time Red Kettle bell ringers and corporate partners like Thrivent Financial who have helped raise over \$3 million through the annual Thrivent Red Kettle Match Day.

"Salvation Army is part of a huge collaborative effort in the Fox Cities," Waugus says. "This area is so unique in its caring for whatever cause there may be, from supporting local churches, the arts or education. This community really steps up."

Waugus says adhering to the organization's core values has kept it successful for the past 100 years. "We are in over 130 countries worldwide. It's about identifying local needs and addressing them by organizing volunteers," he says. "A commitment to helping those in need is our guiding force, whether here or outside the community."

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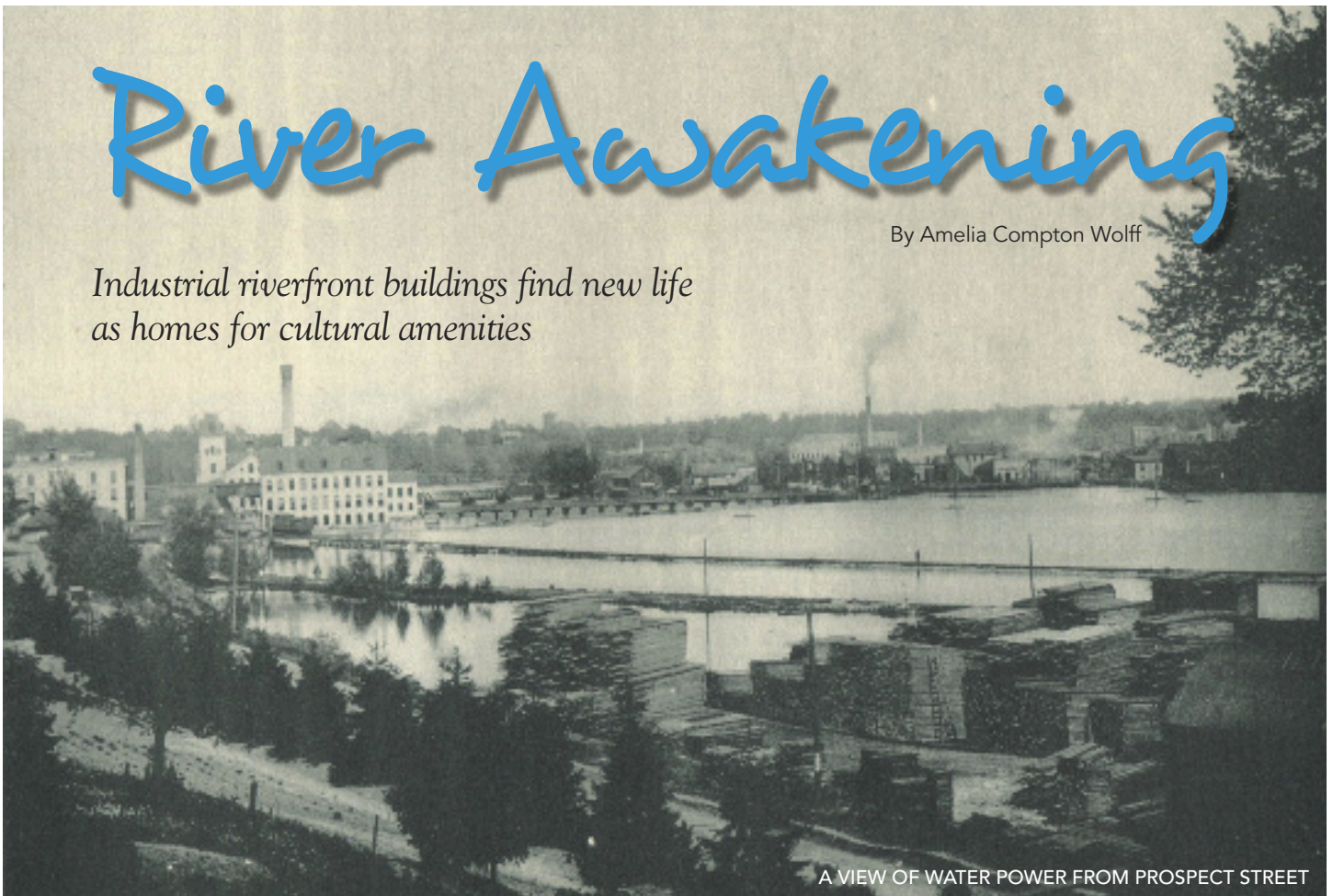
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River Awakening

By Amelia Compton Wolff

*Industrial riverfront buildings find new life
as homes for cultural amenities*



A VIEW OF WATER POWER FROM PROSPECT STREET

Architecture has a way of telling a community's story. This is especially true in the Fox Cities where a quick inventory of riverfront buildings reveals the Fox River Valley's historic prestige in papermaking and industry of many kinds.

It's all thanks to the immense natural power of the wild Lower Fox River that was tamed for energy by early settlers in the mid to late 1800s.

"Each community really was originally centered around that water," says Randy Stadtmueller, president/principal of Stadtmueller & Associates in Neenah. "The oldest parts of our communities are there and industrial uses were there."

The designs of early industrial buildings along the Fox River were dictated by their function. Jim Draeger, state historic preservation officer with the Wisconsin Historical Society, says many were based on the prototypes for industrial textile mills developed on the east coast during the industrial revolution. Architectural historians today call them textile loft buildings.

These long, narrow, brick buildings feature many windows and little ornament, Draeger explains. They were designed to be cost effective, fire resistant, maximize natural light and ventilation while withstanding the heavy weight and vibration of machinery. These historic edifices dotted along the riverbank are shrines to the paper mills of our past and evidence of the innovation that occurred here.

"The Fox River Valley was a Silicon Valley of the industrial age, where entrepreneurs engineered new products and processes and became industrial leaders whose impact spread widely and whose goods transformed our economy," Draeger says. "[The architecture] tells us of an age of innovation and invention when America transitioned from a primarily agricultural economy to one based on extraction and industrial manufacturing. They tell of the lives of workers who came to the Valley from farms and foreign countries to find a living in a booming and rapidly changing time."

There is no doubt that Wisconsin is still a top paper producer. The Fox Valley is home to some of the country's largest and most prominent paper companies such as Kimberly-Clark and Neenah Paper. However, with technological advances and a lessening reliance on hydroelectric power, many mills have closed or moved operations, leaving behind their riverfront homes.

Now that the tides of industry have turned, what does that mean for the architecture that directly resulted from it?

"These changes in the paper industry have really opened up the opportunity to preserve these buildings," says Stadtmueller, whose firm redeveloped such historic industrial sites such as Appleton's Atlas Mill and Kaukauna's Eagle Mill. "These opportunities and the public's interest in them is part of this river really coming into our

being. We get to remake it because it's been something else."

Today these industrial relics are being redeveloped into artist studios, restaurants and apartments, reflecting a shift from traditional industry to the information age.

"We have a community that rather than turning its back on the river is now wanting to face the river and use it for recreational purposes, so we are finding ways to create accessibility," Stadtmueller says. "That's sort of an awakening."

Grand KaKalin, Kaukauna

Kaukauna Public Library, Expera Specialty Solutions and office/retail spaces

According to Wisconsin Historical Society records, the Eagle Paper and Flouring Mill was built in 1872 by half brothers Col. Henry August Frambach and John Stoveken. It was the first paper mill in Kaukauna, originally manufacturing paper using straw, cloth rags and waste paper. Eventually it would become the first mill in Wisconsin to manufacture paper from ground wood pulp, a development that greatly impacted the paper industry as well as the Fox Valley's economy. During the early 1880s, the Eagle Mill grew to be the largest paper manufacturer in the state. It was eventually sold and housed the Kaukauna Paper Company and Union Bag & Paper Company

before joining the nearby Thilmany Paper complex. Today the former mill development on Thilmany Road is known as Grand KaKalin, a name derived from the Menominee word, "Ogag-kane," which means "stopping place of the pike." The 80,000-square-foot limestone building houses the Kaukauna Public Library as well as the headquarters of Expera Specialty Solutions, with other spaces for lease. When redeveloping a historic building, Stadtmueller says assessing the potential of the existing neighborhood is key. Grand KaKalin's neighborhood presented an interesting challenge, Stadtmueller says. "For years, nothing was there except the mill. It was really a drive-by location. The community support that eventually went into this project was about making it into part of the community," he explains. "It's easy to perceive that these old manufacturing buildings are eye sores. It starts with the community and the river, but how do you nurture it into being a desirable place for people to work and be?"

"Historic preservation is not just about the past, it is about making the past a part of our future."

— Jim Draeger, state historic preservation officer, Wisconsin Historical Society

repurpose when they were introduced to the Appleton Woolen Mills by a local broker. "We looked at it over several years and finally decided there was an opportunity there to convert it into apartments," says Schultz, who owns Keystone Development, a co-developer of the property. "We're creating 60 unique apartments with 55 different floorplans because of the building's historic nature. You can't create that character in a new construction." The 3-story, 110,000-square-foot building will be divided into one, two and three-bedroom units featuring hardwood floors, lofted ceilings and exposed brick. Schultz says units should be available for rent by the end of June. Maintaining the historic character of the mill was vital to

Schultz. "The value of the building is its historic character," he says. "We're preserving and repurposing it into apartments so its lifeblood can go on."

The Draw, Appleton

Art gallery, office space and artist studios

Located on Appleton's S. Lawe Street overlooking the Fox River's Lock 3, this former Riverside Paper Company corporate office has been reimagined as a sanctuary for artists and art lovers called The Draw. The building was originally constructed in 1939, according to city records. In 2011, the Riverside Paper Mill across the street was demolished to make way for the Appleton Eagle Flats, a mixed-use residential neighborhood. The Draw houses The Feather and Bone art gallery on its main floor, with additional artist studio spaces on all three levels (river level, main floor and second story). There is also a 125-square-foot flex-space on the river level that is available for short term rentals, by the day or week. "Today communities have sprawled out in all directions so preservation isn't just about buildings and recreation isn't just about the river," Stadtmueller



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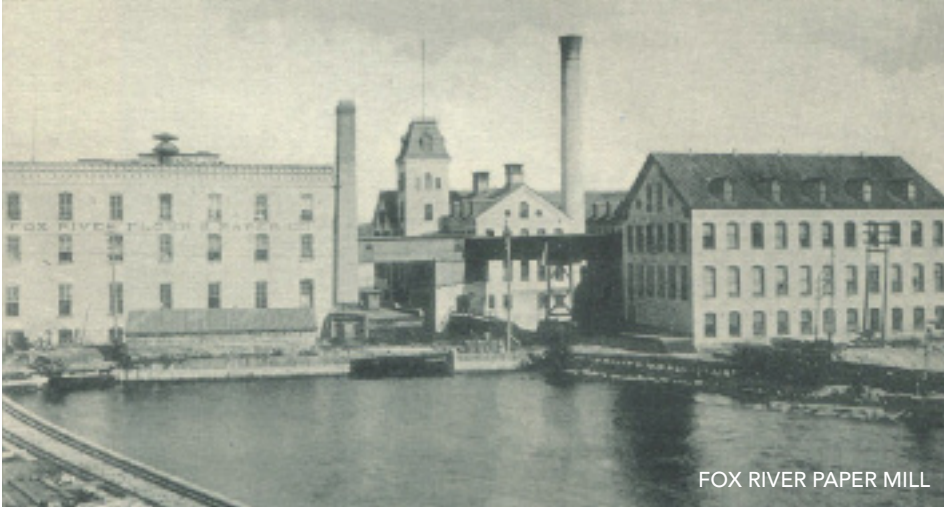
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says. "It's about combining things so that historic city centers are redeveloped, released, renovated and preserved."

Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant, Appleton

Restaurant

Kimberly-Clark's Vulcan Paper Mill was built in 1881. It was the company's first mill to produce book paper and one of three buildings lit on September 30, 1882 with the first Edison central hydroelectric power station. With the development of fast-running machines in book paper, the Vulcan Mill, as well as the adjacent Tioga Paper Mill, became non-competitive. They were dismantled in 1908. The following year, Kimberly-Clark built a hydroelectric power plant in its place and named it after the former Vulcan Mill. When it was built, the Vulcan Hydroelectric Power Plant provided power to Kimberly Mill's two new paper machines. Kimberly-Clark closed operations at the Vulcan Power Plant in 1974. It was later owned by Wisconsin Electric Power Company, now known as WE Energies. Today the riverfront land at the site is Vulcan Heritage Park and the former hydroelectric power plant is now Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant. Repurposing these buildings provides a dual benefit, Draeger says. "We preserve these buildings because it makes economic sense to do so," he says. "They also add to the rich character of their communities, and people treasure the opportunity to live and work in them."

Fox River Mills, Appleton

Apartment complex

Sitting on the north bank of the Fox River, the former Fox River Paper Mill consists of three buildings dating back to 1883. The mills manufactured book and writing paper in impressive quantities – 18,000 pounds of writing and 8,000 pounds of book paper daily. "The Fox River Paper Mill which began in the 1880s as the Lincoln and Ravine/Rag mills shows the full flowering of the paper industry as large industrial mills were capitalized and the paper industry became a major economic engine for the region," Draeger says. Two of the buildings served as paper converting plants as recently as 1985. New England influences can be seen in the Italianate-styled Lincoln and Fox River Mills, an architectural style that gained popularity on the east coast in the mid-1800s. The mills were redeveloped as studio, one, two and three-bedroom apartments by The Alexander Company of Madison. Completed in two phases, the \$15.5 million project was finished in 1992 adding 175 apartment spaces to downtown Appleton.

Atlas Mill, Appleton

Atlas WaterFront Cafe, Paper Discovery Center and businesses

Founders of Kimberly, Clark & Co. (Kimberly-Clark Corporation today) and other investors opened the Atlas Paper Company on the former site of the Whorton Brothers Saw Mill in Appleton. Built in 1878, it was one of the company's first papermaking facilities, making wrapping paper as its first product. The Atlas Paper Company was destroyed by fire in 1888, but was rebuilt in five months. In 1914, the mill was renovated and production was shifted from wrapping paper to specialty papers such as box cover paper and colored school paper. In the 1920s and '30s, Atlas Mill began producing wallpaper, helping make Kimberly-Clark a leader in wallpaper production. The mill was converted into a research and development plant in 1956 and eventually closed in 2000. A \$5 million renovation in 2004 converted the 52,000 square-foot mill into the Paper Discovery Center, home of the Paper Industry International Hall of Fame, and mixed retail and office space. "These mills tell us of the



ATLAS PAPER MILL

spirit of community and industrial invention that made the Fox River valley what it is today," Draeger says. They help us to understand how things came to be the way that they are and how the Valley was settled and developed."



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100 Years STRONG

By Amelia Compton Wolff
Photography by David Jackson

72-year Oshkosh Corporation veteran helps company celebrate centennial

Clarence Jungwirth recalls sitting in a foxhole beneath a radiant New Guinea moon, updating the daily log of killed and wounded infantrymen on his portable typewriter set atop a discarded box.

“The army needed that record every day, so during lulls in combat I would do the paperwork by moonlight,” says Jungwirth, an Oshkosh native.

It was early January 1943, the moon was full and Jungwirth was serving in combat with the 32nd Infantry Division of the United States Army in World War II. Jungwirth will turn 98 years old this year, but he still remembers the crystal clear tropic air and brilliance of that

South Pacific moon like it was yesterday.

“You can’t imagine how bright the moon is in the Southwest Pacific,” he says. “I mean, you could read a newspaper under the full moon.”

Jungwirth possesses several traits that aided him not only during his military service, but in his remarkably long civilian career that followed with Oshkosh Corporation. First is that ironclad memory. Next, is his independent spirit. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, is his ability to adapt.

In 1945, after three years at war, Jungwirth returned home and began his career at a relatively young Oshkosh Corp. where he ran the company’s new blueprint machine, despite

having no engineering education or experience.

“God blessed me with an adaptability,” Jungwirth says. “When I started at Oshkosh in the engineering department, there was no room for mistakes, but I adapted like a duck takes to water. I became an engineer by osmosis.”

Oshkosh Corp. founders William Besserdich and Bernhard Mosling knew a thing or two about adaptability. Not quite 30 years prior, the duo had founded the Wisconsin Duplex Auto Company using designs for four-wheel-drive vehicles that had been rejected by more than 50 automakers.

The first four-wheel-drive truck prototype, known as “Old Betsy,” drove the company’s early

growth. By 1945, the company topped 100 employees, including Jungwirth as the fourth employee to join the engineering department. Today, the Fortune 500 Company employs more than 13,000 people worldwide and their specialty trucks, truck bodies and access equipment can be found in 150 countries across five continents.

As an engineer, Jungwirth designed components for various truck models. He was on the team that designed the WT-2206 snow removal vehicle as part of the company's first major defense contract in the mid-1950s. In 1976, Jungwirth worked on the development of a Heavy Equipment Transporter (HET) which would land Oshkosh Corp.'s first U.S. Army contract. This contract was a milestone in the company's history as a major supplier for the U.S. Armed Forces and some of these vehicles, the largest product in the company's defense portfolio, are still in use today.

Standing at 5 feet 4 inches tall, Jungwirth jokes, "The smallest guy was working on the biggest trucks."

Due to the success of the HET program, Oshkosh Corp. won another major contract to supply Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (HEMTT) to the U.S. Army in the 1980s. Jungwirth retired in 1987, but as a self-described workaholic, he began looking for work after only six months out. Because of his vast engineering knowledge, Jungwirth was rehired in 1988 to work in Oshkosh Corp.'s service department. He continues to work every weekday morning, fielding calls from drivers worldwide who need to locate parts for the company's longest-running trucks.

Working at Oshkosh Corp. for 72 of its 100 years gives Jungwirth some perspective. He says the company's commitment to producing long-lasting, quality vehicles (as well as his unparalleled memory) is what affords him his job today.

"We have trucks that were built in the '30s, '40s and '50s that are still in the field today and I know what kind of parts to get for them," Jungwirth says. "My memory has enabled me to help customers all over the world."

Bryan Brandt, vice president of global branding and communications, says empowering employees like Jungwirth to be problem-solvers is vital to the company's people-focused culture, a value that has remained constant since its inception.

"If you look over the course of our 100 years, there's a thread of perseverance and it's always our people persevering, making this company what it is today," Brandt says. "As we look forward, we try to keep building that culture of perseverance. It doesn't matter what comes at us."

That shared desire to persevere has kept Jungwirth coming into work every day for the last 72 years.

"I love a challenge," says Jungwirth, with a spark in his eye that belies his age. "If I can solve a problem, I get a thrill out of it."



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BACK *to Life*

By Amelia Compton Wolff
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Little Chute lock house renovation preserves a piece of the past

On Mill Street in Little Chute sits a small but sturdy home that is swimming with history.

It sits along the canal system of the Fox River which was built in the late 1800s to house 17 hand-operated locks. The only fully restored, hand-operated lock system in the United States today, this series of locks and canals made the Lower Fox River navigable to boat traffic, bolstering manufacturing and economic growth.

The 1-1/2 story, Colonial Revival style home was constructed in 1909 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the residence of the lockmaster who was responsible for operating the locks by hand, day and night, using a turnstile crank to open and close the doors.

"Today the locks close at 10 p.m., but they didn't always," says Candice Mortara, past president of Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, a nonprofit organization committed to celebrating and preserving communities along the Fox and Lower Wisconsin rivers. "Lockmasters had to be available 24/7, so it was common practice to have a home nearby provided for them."

The Little Chute Guard Lock House was home to many different lockmasters and their families until 1983 when the Army Corps

discontinued the designation of the Lower Fox River to commercial traffic. The historic "river house" sat empty until 2015 when it was renovated through the volunteer and fundraising efforts of Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway which leases the house from the Fox River Navigational System Authority.

Throughout the nearly two-year renovation process, descendants of former lockmasters and those who grew up nearby would stop to share their memories with volunteers. Some recalled being allowed to operate the lock tender's crank while others remembered hanging out in the abandoned house as teenagers in the '80s.

"I didn't expect so many people to have such fond memories of the house," Mortara says. "It was cool to hear all the different stories."

For their work on the lock house, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway received the 2016 Wisconsin Historical Society Historic Preservation Award. They also received Outagamie County Historical Society's 2017 Carolyn Kellogg Historic Preservation Award which recognizes an exemplary effort to maintain, restore or reuse a historic site or object representing some aspect of Outagamie County history.

The Fox River Navigational System Authority had previously rehabbed the home's exterior, so the \$150,000 renovation by Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway included extensive work on the home's interior including repairing mold, water damage and vandalism.





The home was built in 1909, but was restored to 1930s period decor to match the front porch addition.

“Just about every single person who worked on this house walks away loving it just a little bit.”

—Candice Mortara, past president, Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway

The home features original woodwork that was carefully stripped of layers of paint and refinished. Sherwin-Williams supplied wall paint in colors that were popular during the 1930s.



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All the home's furniture was donated or purchased on eBay or Craigslist, including a working 1930s-era refrigerator.

The renovation was completed in the fall of 2015. That following summer, the 3-bedroom, 1-bath house was used as a vacation rental for travelers visiting the area. "I like the concept that once-upon-a-time in the mid-1900s boats were going by here all the time and it was an active waterway," says Mortara. "While it won't go back to that level of activity, it's nice to see the house used again."



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Brunch Club

The Fox Cities know how to celebrate the meal weekends made famous

By Amelia Compton Wolff & Hibah Ansari

Who doesn't love a meal that is also a verb? Brunching is practically a sport in the Fox Valley, where bacon comes candied and no eyebrows are raised at vodka before noon. In honor of prime spring brunch season, we break down some of the area's most beloved brunches.



CLASSIC BRUNCHES

The Roxy Supper Club, Oshkosh

It's plain to see why The Roxy Supper Club was voted Winnebago County's Best Sunday Brunch. Fresh ingredients are utilized to create plated dishes like the meat lover's skillet, eggs benedict and Wolfie's Drunken Biscuits – biscuits topped with chicken, bacon and green onion then doused in gravy and melted cheddar cheese. On the other hand, you could request Bubba's Breakfast Challenge which features an omelet made your way, pancakes or French toast, a side of mac and cheese, sausage links, sausage patties, bacon, biscuits and gravy or Wolfie's Drunken Biscuits and your choice of toast. The victor who finishes the meal will receive it for free along with bragging rights, of course. The lounge bar also opens at 10 a.m. on Sundays for guests who would like a change of atmosphere.

Queen Bee, Appleton

If you're looking for a unique brunch experience that won't hurt your pocket, Queen Bee serves the best breakfast in town for under \$10. Beyond your classic brunch dishes, Queen Bee's owner, Noor Baha, has incorporated Afghani flavors into some of their most well-loved dishes. The Afghani skillet features a bed of hashbrowns or American fries topped with Afghani-seasoned ground beef, tzatziki sauce and feta cheese. The skillet is served with pita on the side as well as eggs your way. Although Queen Bee is not open for Sunday brunch, you can catch them on Saturdays from 6 a.m. – 1 p.m. or on weekdays from 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mohnen's Family Restaurant, Darboy

Since opening almost 25 years ago, Mohnen's Family Restaurant is acclaimed as one of the most classic diners in Darboy. Mohnen's regulars contest that their all-day breakfast makes it an ideal brunch destination. The Mohnen's team is proud of their made-to-order dishes, such as their famous potato pancakes made with fresh, shredded potatoes. To satisfy a sweet tooth, consider Mohnen's golden brown French toast stuffed with blueberries, raspberries and apples mixed with sweetened cream cheese and topped with more fruit and icing. The endless menu is sure to satisfy even your pickiest friends and family members. And what brunch isn't complete without some ice cream? Try a brownie or turtle sundae next Sunday morning or opt for a hand-dipped Cedar Crest ice cream cone to go.

WHEN BEER AND BRUNCH COLLIDE

Champagne has long had a stronghold on brunch, but when you're looking for something a little less stuffy, beer can be a great alternative. Appleton's World of Beer serves "beerunch" on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to better suit their laid-back, tavern-style approach. Fans of barley and hops will love the beer pancakes, Belgian beer-infused waffles and the "beerunch" burger that comes complete with an IPA sauce. Not sure which brew to choose?



All of the brunch offerings, from the huevos rancheros to the ancho-chipotle bacon and egg sandwich, come with a beer pairing suggestion.

At S.A.L.T. in De Pere, Sunday brunch is served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the restaurant's pub, a hot hangout for beer lovers every night of the week. One of S.A.L.T.'s brunch mainstays is the hot mess hash, a breakfast staple featuring two sunny-side up eggs over roasted potatoes, bacon and veggies, smothered in a beer cheese sauce. The menu rotates frequently, but you'll often find dishes incorporating beer flavors like the General Tso's sweet and spicy pork belly benedict with a beer-mustard hollandaise.

With 40 craft beers on tap (and even more in bottles), Chester V's in Oshkosh is a well-established destination for beer aficionados.

So when the gastropub launched brunch service earlier this year, it was hard not to assume that beer would be an important part of the equation. Rest assured, it is. For \$12, brunchers can imbibe in bottomless "manmosas" – the mimosa's more masculine cousin that swaps beer for the bubbles, usually Spotted Cow or Blue Moon. Cozy up to your Nutella banana waffle at one of the restaurant's four table tenders, pub tables equipped with beer tappers that enable diners to pour their own brew while tracking it on an iPad. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WORTH THE DRIVE BRUNCH: Village Hearthstone, Hilbert

Served every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., brunch at Village Hearthstone is worth the 30-minute trek to Hilbert. Start off your meal with an order of candied bacon or poutine, because it's Sunday and you can. For your entree,

General Manager Jeff Milhaupt suggests trying the shrimp and grits with shaved chorizo and roasted red pepper sauce, but you can't go wrong with the corned beef skillet or plate-sized pancakes. The brunch menu changes frequently, seasonally and with ingredient availability, so make sure to check in often for the latest iteration.



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ROLL CALL

A line up of our favorite sweet rolls, pastries and baked goods

Blueberry Lavender Scone

Seth's Coffee, Little Chute & Seth's Coffee Drive Thru, Appleton

Never dry and always delicious, a scone from Seth's is one of life's simple pleasures. Sit down at the Little Chute location or pull up to Seth's Drive Thru in Appleton to score some for a brunch at home. The flavors are always changing, so make sure to try the latest seasonal offering like this blueberry lavender scone.



Donuts

Happy Bellies Bake Shop, Appleton

Gluten-free donuts used to be something of an oxymoron. Gluten-free donuts that tasted good? Even more so. Then Happy Bellies Bake Shop changed everything. In flavors like lemon poppyseed with raspberry frosting, vanilla sprinkle and toasted coconut, their donuts are baked and free of gluten, dairy and eggs.



Pain Au Chocolat

Timshel Cafe, Neenah

Hand-rolled by head pastry chef Jen Kronberg, these buttery beauties from Timshel Cafe are a true labor of love. The multistep process takes 48 hours to complete, but after one bite you will understand why they are worth the trouble. Flaky and decadent, these croissants are stuffed with chocolate and pair perfectly with a roasty cup of coffee.



Blackberry Almond Coffee Cake Kaukauna Coffee & Tea

This sour cream coffee cake is made with whole wheat flour, whole berries, a touch of almond extract and is topped with slivered almonds and a butter crumble. Some days you might find it in raspberry, but either way, devouring a piece will quickly become your new brunch tradition.



Crèmeux

SAP, Appleton

The cool thing about brunch (as opposed to just plain, old breakfast) is that it can be punctuated with dessert and at SAP in Appleton, dessert is taken very, very seriously. This velvety chocolate custard adorned with fresh berries is the exclamation point to your morning meal.



BEYOND THE BLOODY

3 breakfast cocktails sans tomato juice



Irish Breakfast

Houdini's Escape
Gastropub, Appleton

Rising and shining, even after a late night, is made doable with a cocktail like this. It consists of Tullamore D.E.W. Irish whiskey, maple syrup, sweet vermouth, fresh lemon juice and a whole egg. General Manager Cole Plamann says egg whites mellow the cocktail's bold flavors and egg yolk provides a creamy and full-bodied mouthfeel – think Irish whiskey eggnog with a touch of maple syrup. In the words of Plamann, "I am not saying this will cure a hangover, but I'm not saying that it won't."



Blood Orange Fizz

Fratellos Waterfront
Restaurant, Appleton

Fratellos in Appleton started serving brunch on Saturdays and Sundays last fall, which means they also added a menu of morning-minded libations. This Blood Orange Fizz is the drink of choice when you crave something sweet but not syrupy. Green Bay Distillery citrus vodka, blood orange sorbet, peach liqueur and fresh lemon juice are topped with Prosecco for a sophisticated drink perfect for spring.



Flapjack Fizz

The Creamery Downtown,
Green Bay

The Creamery does brunch right, offering drinks with as much wow-factor as their food. This meal in a glass is made with Chopin potato vodka, housemade caramel, Jameson Irish whiskey, butterscotch schnapps, maple syrup, orange juice and heavy cream. In a bold garnish move, the Flapjack Fizz is topped with two caramelized mini pancakes, whipped cream, seasonal berries and both caramel and maple syrup.

OUT ON THE PATIO

Dining al fresco kicks brunch up a notch. Tempest Coffee Collective in Appleton has a beautiful patio planned that will include two pergolas, raised flower beds and possibly an herb garden where guests can enjoy coffee and waffle sandwiches outdoors. Puppies are invited to your next Sunday brunch at The Source Public House in Menasha, where two gorgeous patios (one of which is dog-friendly) will open May 16. The restaurant also features live music on "Bluegrass Sundays" from 2–4 p.m. Looking for an urban experience? Enjoy brunch and cocktails in the midst of the hustle and bustle of College Avenue on the "Spatio" at Spats. During the summer months, guests will typically relax out on the Spatio with their coffee while they read the Sunday paper.



WORTH THE DRIVE BRUNCH:

LaClare Farms, Malone

Brunch with baby goats? We "kid" you not. (Sorry, we couldn't resist.) It happens at LaClare Farms in Malone, just north of Pipe on the east shore of Lake Winnebago, which is about a 40-minute drive from Appleton. Plated brunch is served every Sunday, year round, in the cafe from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many of the entrees feature the farmstead creamery's own cheeses, like the garden omelet made with garlic and herb chevre, spinach, tomato and sauteed mushrooms. After brunch, guests can peruse the cheese aging coolers to see LeClare's award-winning Evalon at various stages of aging. At the opposite end of the cafe is the milking parlor and viewing room with baby goats on display. Stick around until 4:30 p.m. to witness the daily milking of the farm's 700 goats.



CHICKEN & WAFFLES NATION

Further your chicken and waffles obsession with these must-try interpretations

Chicken and Waffles Brunch Pizza

Broken Tree Pizza, Neenah

What's the only way to improve upon our beloved chicken and waffles? Put them on a pizza. Broken Tree Pizza's new Sunday brunch served 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. offers a lineup of brunch favorites in pizza form, including a chicken and waffles pizza. It all starts with a maple syrup base topped with Broken Tree's house blend cheese including mozzarella and provolone. That's topped with diced fried chicken strips and diced homemade belgian waffles. This little slice of heaven is finished with more maple syrup and melted butter (because why not?) for a pizza that's a little more sweet than savory.

Chicken and Waffle Sliders

Bar 430, Oshkosh

After experiencing the original chicken and waffles at their birthplace, Roscoe's House of Chicken and Waffles in Long Beach, Dion Block vowed to bring them home to the Valley. He made good on that promise by introducing chicken and waffle sliders at Bar 430 in Oshkosh, served Saturday and Sunday mornings until 1 p.m. "We like to introduce new items and change things around, but this one is always at the top," says Block, manager at Bar 430. The key to these sliders is the chicken – thigh meat soaked in brine overnight and deep fried to order. The chicken is served with smoked bacon, pepper gravy and maple syrup sandwiched between buttermilk Belgian waffle triangles. "When one of the servers walks out of the kitchen with it, it gets a lot of head turns," Block says of the popular dish. "People are just excited, like a dog waiting for a treat."

Cozy Chicken and Waffles

Cozy Corner, Appleton

For the real deal, soul-food-style chicken and waffles experience, there's no one who does it better than Cozy Corner. (Their classic fried chicken served with Belgian waffles might be their most-Instagrammed dish of all time because it is just that awe-inspiring.) Kick it up a notch with the Cozy Double, fried chicken sandwiched between not one, but two waffles, or the Red Velvet waffle plate which swaps a red velvet waffle for the original. The best part is you don't have to wait until the weekend for these particular chicken and waffles. They are served all day, every day during regular restaurant hours.

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—Curt, Black Creek



A. Pizza of any kind is a favorite for most people and when a pizza is grilled, it gets extra special. An easy way to grill pizza is to convert your grill to an oven. This requires cooking indirectly instead of what we normally do when we grill, which is cooking directly. Set your grill up to bake at the temperature you desire. Everything depends on the thickness of the crust and the amount of delicious toppings we put on it. A thin, crispy crust is usually cooked at 600° F or hotter, whereas a thicker crust pizza is usually cooked around 450° F. When I grill pizza at home, I usually pre-bake the crust on a pre-heated pizza stone for about 5-7 minutes to allow the crust to rise to its maximum height and set up firm enough to add our sauces, toppings and cheeses. Then I'll return the pizza to the grill to let it finish baking, which usually takes another 12-15 minutes. This method produces a nice, crisp crust on the bottom and beautifully browned cheese on the top. Some people grill pizza crusts directly on the grill grate by oiling the dough and cooking them very quickly. While great results can be achieved, there is little room for error with this method as the dough can burn very quickly.

► 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.



BUFFET MADNESS

When you can't decide between French toast and scrambled eggs, get both.

Darboy Club, Appleton

A veteran of the Fox Valley brunch scene, Darboy Club has been offering a buffet-style brunch for at least the last 15 years. Co-owner Mark Tatro says the restaurant's famous broasted chicken is a major brunch draw, but the buffet offers up everything from eggs and bacon to kid-approved French toast sticks. For those seeking lunchtime fare, roast beef, haddock and fried shrimp are among the many options. There are also additional dessert, and soup and salad buffets. Brunch is served every Sunday (except some holiday weekends such as Labor Day and Memorial Day) from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tatro says the restaurant has grown adept at handling large, last-minute groups, although reservations are always appreciated.

Little Chicago, Kaukauna

Brunch at Little Chicago delivers quantity and quality with their extensive buffet spread. Traditional breakfast dishes like made-to-order pancakes, waffles, French toast and eggs any which way are paired with hash rounds, apple-smoked bacon and glazed ham. Indulge in less traditional morning items like fried chicken, tenderloin tips, roast beef, mashed potatoes, a cheesy potato bake, biscuits and gravy and country fried steak. "It's a fairly large buffet," says owner, Butch Kolosso. "We offer things most people don't even think to put out there." Little Chicago's assorted buffet also features a soup and salad bar and homemade desserts. Enjoy this brunch buffet from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at this classic Chicago-style restaurant, without having to make the trek all the way to the Windy City.

The Orchard Cafe, Appleton

The Orchard Cafe's Mediterranean-style patio, inside the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, is home to one of the Valley's most extensive brunch buffets. Served on Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the buffet includes everything from fresh fruit and smoked salmon to pastries and a chocolate fountain. Various chef stations offer up made-to-order dishes such as omelets and fresh cut meats. Senior General Manager Jay Schumert says The Orchard's brunch is open to the public, so there's no need to shy away as non-guests of the hotel. On Mother's Day, brunch is served in the Grand Ballroom and Schumert says the restaurant will serve roughly 1,600 people, so make reservations pronto.

High Cliff Restaurant, Sherwood

Boasting 25 items at minimum, Sherwood's largest brunch buffet happens every Sunday at High Cliff Restaurant from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The buffet offers High Cliff's signature French toast, broasted chicken, tenderloin tips, biscuits and gravy and omelets made to order, among other brunch essentials. A fan favorite is the dessert buffet featuring an assortment of tortes from Manderfield's Bakery. Owner Larry Trucco says in addition to the massive buffet, the views can't be beat. The dining room overlooks High Cliff Golf Course and sits at the gate of High Cliff State Park and Marina, offering views of wooded limestone cliffs. For Mother's Day, the buffet is expanded and served in the dining room and in the lower level ballroom, complete with special additions such as carved meat stations, ice sculptures and a kid's buffet.

WeatherVane, Menasha

WeatherVane delivers a big buffet spread in the heart of Menasha's historic district. "The building itself was built in 1885 and has plenty of character with original brick and a mix of old and new," says owner Pat DuFrane. The Saturday Breakfast Buffet runs from 8 to 11 a.m. and the Sunday Deluxe Breakfast Buffet runs until 1 p.m. At the Sunday buffet, DuFrane suggests a slice of a speciality French toast bake in caramel pecan or strawberry rhubarb. Another popular item is the WeatherVane Scrambler, eggs served on hash browns topped with mushrooms, green peppers, onions, ham, sausage and smothered in cheddar cheese. If you're feeling brave, give the Tsunami Challenge a try. This seven and a half pound mammoth includes hash browns, pancakes and toast along with an omelet of ham, sausage, bacon, mushrooms, American cheese, cheddar cheese, tomato, pepper jack cheese, Swiss cheese, onions, green peppers, and spinach, all rolled within a tortilla and eggs. Those who finish in one sitting will get their dish for free, plus \$50, a t-shirt and will forever be remembered as a "Tsunami Survivor" on WeatherVane's Wall of Fame.



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Photographer Kimberly Carlson captured this image of Kaukauna Lock 4 near the Grignon Mansion. "I had been to these locks many times before, but hadn't seen water running through them so when they opened the locks again I was very excited to see it," she says. "I just love little touches like this that make the Fox Cities unique."

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(920) 968-0300
foxvalleysymphony.com

Fox Valley Symphony performs classical and pops concerts at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center and other venues in the Fox Cities with local and regional musicians. FVSO supports three youth orchestra ensembles.

Grand Opera House

100 High Ave., Oshkosh
(920) 424-2350 grandoperahouse.org

Built in 1883 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Grand presents more than 100 public performances each season, featuring both nationally touring and regional artists.

Hazelwood

Historic House Museum

1008 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay
Open June-August, Th-Su, noon-4pm.
browncohistoricalsoc.org/hazelwood

Hearthstone Historic House

625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton
(920) 730-8204
HearthstoneMuseum.org

History, culture & innovation are "illuminated" in an 1880s Victorian mansion that is the world's first home lighted with hydro-electricity using a Thomas Edison system. Special seasonal exhibits & events include Haunted Hearthstone, Victorian Christmas and the annual Appleton Antique Show.

Military Veterans Museum and Education Center

4300 Poberezny Rd., Oshkosh
(920) 426-8615 mvmwisconsin.com

The mission of the Military Veterans Museum & Education Center is to honor our nation's military history through education and preservation. Displayed vehicles include a Brutus replica Vietnam Guntruck and a Russian T-34 tank. Open Fr, Sa & Su, 10am-5pm. Free Admission!

Neville Public Museum

210 Museum Place, Green Bay
(920) 448-4460
nevillepublicmuseum.org

The Neville Public Museum of Brown County features a variety of new art exhibitions throughout the year, in addition to its history and science exhibits.

New London Public Museum

406 S. Pearl St., New London
(920) 982-8520
newlondonwi.org/museum

The New London Public Museum, celebrating its 100th birthday, is one of only five public museums in Wisconsin. Come explore local, natural and Native American history exhibits and special events during this exciting milestone year.

Oneida Nation Museum

W892 County Road EE, De Pere
(920) 869-2768
oneidanation-nsn.gov/museum
facebook.com/oneidamuseum

The Oneida Nation Museum showcases basketry, beadwork, contemporary art, music and a children's hands-on area. Visit the gift shop, nature trails, picnic area and more.

Peninsula Music Festival

10347 N. Water St., Ephraim
(920) 854-4060
musicfestival.com

Musicians from America's finest orchestra come to Wisconsin's Door Peninsula to present nine different symphonic concerts in three weeks each August at the Door Community Auditorium. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:30.

Peninsula Players

4351 Peninsula Players Rd., Fish Creek
(920) 868-3287 peninsulaplayers.com
Email: tickets@peninsulaplayers.com

Door County's premiere professional live theater presents Broadway-quality performances. The renowned artistic company coupled with the picturesque shoreline setting provide a truly unforgettable theatrical experience. Its 82nd season runs June 13-October 15, 2017.

Plymouth Arts Center

520 E. Mill St., Plymouth
(920)892-8409
plymoutharts.org

Visit us for fine art exhibitions showcasing WI Artists. Original artwork for sale in the gallery & gift shop. We also offer art classes, theatrical and musical performances, a Jazz Crawl, plein air events, art tours, bus trips, lectures, festivals and more.

Rahr-West Art Museum

610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc
(920) 686-3090
rahrwestartmuseum.org

The Rahr-West Art Museum enhances the Manitowoc community by offering exhibits, programs, services and events that serve people of all ages and walks of life. Museum admission is free.

Seymour Community Museum and Historical Store

133 Depot St., Seymour
(920) 833-9835 seymourhistory.org

Open weekends in May then Th-Su, 1-4pm Memorial Day to Labor Day. Interactive exhibits and modern technology with a large section devoted to the history of the hamburger. See the Vietnam tribute, "Wisconsin Remembers", through June. Visit website for details.

Thelma Sadoff

Center for the Arts

51 Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac
(920) 921-5410
thelmaarts.org

Thrasher Opera House

506 Mill St., Green Lake
(920) 294-4279
thrasheroperahouse.com

The nonprofit Thrasher presents year-round performances by internationally renowned acts in a beautifully restored 1910 opera house. Excellent acoustics, intimate venue. Everything but opera!

Weis Earth Science Museum

Open every day except national holidays
1478 Midway Rd., Menasha
(920) 832-2925 weismuseum.org

Winneconne Historical Society Museum

611 W. Main St., Winneconne
(920)582-7643 winneconnehistory.org
Stroll through the past—tour a one room schoolhouse, a 1800s railroad depot, a unique steamboat house and more. Free, family friendly and open to the public Sundays, Noon-4pm. Tours by Appointment.



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