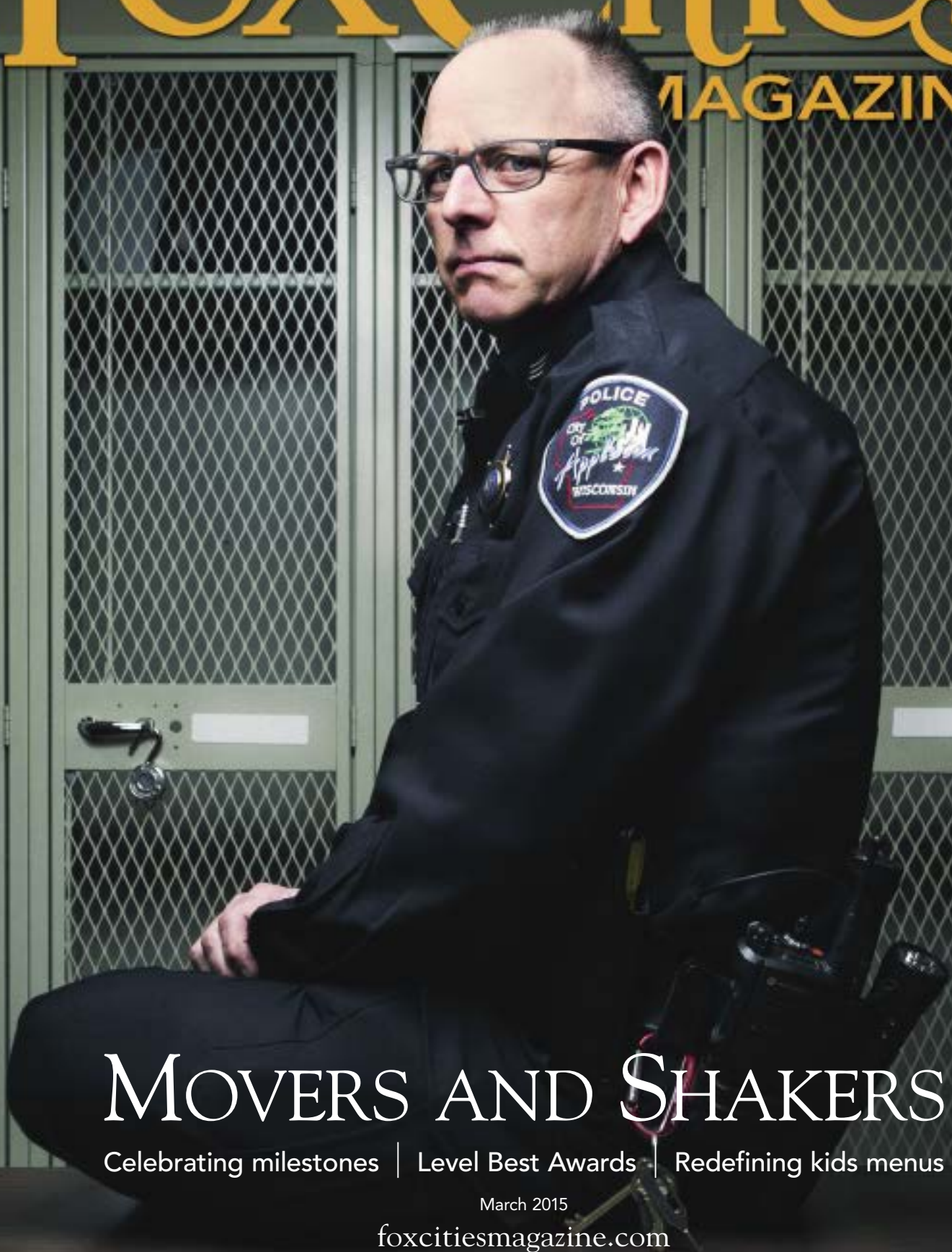


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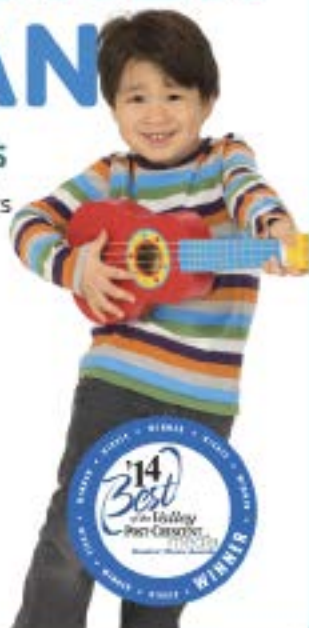
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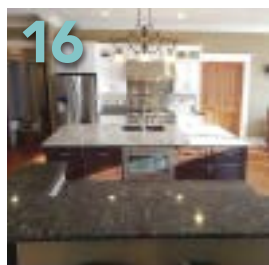
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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Transition

Artist hopes to leave lasting impression

Artwork explores Charles B. Mitchell's organic journey through life

Fifty years of being a professional artist has brought Charles B. Mitchell to some interesting places.

Beginning with Saturday classes at the Chicago Art Institute, a young Mitchell began to follow what was destined to be his career path.

"It opened up my eyes to see art, not only how it was installed in a museum, but ecosystems," he says.

Shortly before graduation, he took up a part-time apprenticeship before working up to senior apprentice, at the Ray-Vogue School in Chicago, now a part of the Illinois Institute of Art — Chicago.

Mitchell was drafted during the Vietnam War Era and trained as an artist before becoming a combat illustrator who photographed what was happening on the homefront.

The artist would go on to do children's book illustrations with Random House, Harper & Row and Encyclopedia Britannica. Individuals familiar with the "Dick and Jane" books may have seen Mitchell's early work. He achieved recognized success and awards as a figurative illustrator.

At the same time, Mitchell was participating in the Contemporary Art Workshop in Chicago where he "was playing with color for two years" and taking inner city children on tours through the Lincoln Park Zoo. It was there he developed an interest in small mammals and birds.

Following his apartment and vehicle being broken into, Mitchell packed up his Buick with his cat, and headed to Wautoma to study migrating water fowl. He also took up fly fishing.

"It's like archery. You love the flight of the arrow, but it's not about hunting," he says motioning with a flick of his wrist as if out with his rod.

Mitchell illustrated the book "Le Shack: a very SPECIAL fishing place" by Jim C. Chapralis. He received recognition for his wildlife art by traveling to shows in Kansas City, Minnesota and Illinois. He also won the Wisconsin Great Lakes Stamp and Wisconsin Inland Trout Stamp in 1990.

It wasn't until later in his career that Mitchell discovered his latest art form.

"In 1994, I discovered printmaking. I thought it was a process I never wanted to get into because it seemed too technical and mechanical," Mitchell notes. "I like it because it's full of happy accidents."

One such "accident" became a group of work that makes Mitchell smile.

"(One night,) I didn't know what to do with myself. I took my shirt off and stuck it on the press and that became the 'Men's Shirt Series,'" he says.

Mitchell works with a variety of objects in his prints.

"You may see imagery there that relates to nature. I use original forms in my work including roots, various weeds, dried flowers, fish," Mitchell explains. "The process, you can get so much detail with the press."

Mitchell encourages individuals to see his work on the second floor of the Appleton Public Library, the Neville Public Museum and in private collections, including businesses like Quad Graphics. He has won several notable awards and had his work featured in several museums, including the Field Museum, and was acquired by The Pentagon Collection in Washington, D.C.

"It's about accepting art as this big filtration system. At the very end, what comes out of it is what will live on and inspire others," Mitchell says.

— By Amy Hanson



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All of this would be cause for excitement, but add in a birthday party celebrating 123 years of service to the community and 3,650 lives saved in 2014, and you have huge reason to celebrate!

In 2014, the FVHA was one of 50 humane societies in the country to be accepted into the national Rachel Ray Challenge. The organization had no idea that the challenge was going to open doors and give them so many additional tools to save lives. Doing things a bit differently was exciting and it wasn't unusual for the association to send 50 animals to new homes each week. If that weren't enough, they began a partnership with PetSmart Charities to save more lives. Humane societies in southern states didn't have homes for many puppies and adult dogs. The FVHA was one of 15 shelters in the country that was asked to facilitate adoptions for these pets. The program has been widely successful for the FVHA and is bringing many new families to the center to



adopt. The PetSmart partnership has helped find many pets new homes with 100 percent of all of the adoptable animals at the association going into new homes.

The association also realized they needed to offer additional services to help owners keep their pets. New programs were developed to offer resources and the end of the year, numbers show they are on the right track (see "2014 Animal Care Report at foxvalleypets.org"). Executive Director Deb Lewis credits much of the association's success with their in-house veterinary team. In 2014, 84 percent of the work that was done was with the homeless, injured and desperately ill animals of our community. Not all pets that come to the FVHA come for new homes. Many came for veterinary care, surgeries, grooming, training, counseling and end-of-life compassionate care. "Being able to have doctors on staff has saved many more lives and offering these services to an owner's pet allows them to take their pet home after receiving the necessary care," Lewis says. "It's a great feeling to be able to solve the problem and keep the pet in their home."

While there is much work to still be done, the FVHA is committed to the healing connection between pets and their families. Our responsibility and pledge to the population and community we serve is to kindly and humanely embrace each pet while providing the highest quality of care possible.



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NOT TO BE MISSED: March events calendar

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ARTS EVENTS

1 | Mamma Mia

An enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, Mamma Mia is a musical smash hit. 1pm and 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.

3-4 | Shen Yun

A group of leading Chinese artists come together with a wish to revive authentic Chinese culture and share it with the world. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

4 | Million Dollar Quartet

Tony award-winning Broadway musical, inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.

6 | Laughter is the Best Medicine

Armed with nothing but their sharp wit, comedians Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood will take the stage to raise funds for the ThedaCare Family of Foundations. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 830-5847.

12-15, 19-22 | Mary Poppins

Appleton North Theater presents "Mary Poppins." Show times vary. 997-3994.

13 | Madison Ballet: Groovy

Artistic Director W. Earle Smith premieres a new ballet choreographed to music that defined the 1960s in America. 7:30pm. The Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

14, 15 | Great Cross-Country Race

Assembled for Sports Day, the animals cannot find anybody to compete with the fleet-footed hare in the cross-country race until the slow-moving tortoise agrees to challenge him. Show times vary. Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton. 739-4441.

19 | Montana Repertory Theatre's The Great Gatsby

In this stage adaptation, you are transported back to the Roaring Twenties as you follow would-be-writer Nick Caraway chasing his own American dream. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

22 | The ARTgarage Performers Spotlight

Per la primavera (for spring) is the theme as interpretive dancer, Amanda List, performs to the music of Patt Bray and Dick Cayer. 2:30pm. The ARTgarage Community Stage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

22 | Moscow City Ballet's Swan Lake

Swan Lake is one of the most famous romantic ballets of all time, filled with drama and exquisite choreography. 7pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts. 895-0071.

26-29 | The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play

A joyful and powerful musical drama retells the timeless story in an exciting stage production appropriate for all ages. 1pm, 7pm. Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, Appleton. 450-0568.

MUSIC EVENTS & CONCERTS

6 | Dervish

The international touring band will perform at the Thrasher Opera House, showcasing the vocals of Cathy Jordan and award-winning instrumentals of Tom Morrow. 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.

6 | N.E.W. Curative's Annual Music Fest and Auction

Entertainment will be provided by Let Me Be Frank Productions. The evening will start with a traditional perch dinner and end with opportunities to walk away with prizes. 6pm. Riverside Ballroom, Green Bay. 268-1161.

7 | Mary Eisenreich

This performer brings a night of Irish tunes, background stories and an invitation to sing along. 7pm. The ARTgarage Community Stage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

7 | Winter Warmup: Music & Art at the Museum

View inspiring exhibits while enjoying the sounds of amazing local musicians, like Gypsy Trip, at the Neville Public Museum this winter. Noon-3pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

8 | A Trans-Siberian Evening

Mark Wood's attack of playing the violin leads to comparisons with some of the rock era's most renowned guitarists. This Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra concert will also feature the Oshkosh Youth Symphony and Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West High School choirs. 7pm. Alberta Kimball Civic Auditorium, Oshkosh West High School, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

8 | Music @ the Library

Featuring New Horizons Orchestra-Fox performing a blend of light classical, pop and show tunes. 2-3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

11 | Blackberry Smoke

Blackberry Smoke on their "Holding All the Roses Tour" will perform with special guests Temperance Movement and Leon Virgil Bowers. 7pm. Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. 405-1194.

12 | Danú 20th Anniversary Tour

A high-energy concert filled with traditional Irish favorites and a new repertoire in celebration of their 20th Anniversary. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

12 | Gaelic Storm

Gaelic Storm infuses traditional Celtic music with modern influences that updating the genre for a new generation of fans. 8pm. Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. (800) 895-0071.

13 | John Statz w/ Paul Otteson

John Statz returns in support of his new CD, "Tulsa," including smart songs about life, the road and the American experience. The show will be opened by Paul Otteson. 7pm. Kavarna Coffeehouse, Green Bay. 430-3200.

13 | Lawrence University Artist Series Presents Heidi Stober

Concert features Heidi Stober, soprano, and the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra. 8pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6612.

13 | Shonlock and Loftland

The hip-hop/pop group will perform. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy. 435-3269.

14 | Celebrate Spring

The Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra will present works by Saint-Saens, Collins, Copland and Ravel in their spring-inspired performance. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

14 | The Crossing

A band composed of cello, violin and bagpipes. Come enjoy this St. Patrick's Day show at Cup O Joy. 6:30pm and 8:45pm. 435-3269.

15 | Neenah Community Band Spring Concert

The band will perform a free concert; donations are appreciated. 2pm. Perry Hall, UW Fox Valley, Menasha. 886-6060.

18 | Gordon Lightfoot - 50 Years On The Carefree Highway Tour

The event is sure to be a great thrill for live audiences and anyone who enjoys hearing great music and seeing a living legend in person. 8pm. Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. 405-1194.

19 | Jazz at the Trout

Join us in the gallery for intimate performances by renowned jazz artists. This month features the Laura Caviani Trio. 7:30pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Exhibit shares artist's vision of America

Referred to as a "Yankee naturalist," the works of well-known American artist Winslow Homer are on display now at the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh. The "Winslow Homer In America" exhibit is on display through May 31.

"Winslow Homer is certainly one of America's most beloved artists," says Laura Fiser, the Paine's curator of Collections and Exhibitions.

The exhibition features 125 original wood engravings by Homer, a 19th century painter and printmaker who lived from 1836-1910. "He began his professional career in 1857, working as a freelance illustrator for Harper's Weekly and other popular publications of the day," according to the Paine's website, thepaine.org. "With a keen sense of observation and artistic originality, Homer created dozens of iconic images depicting politics, war and everyday life in America from the late 1850s through the late 1880s."

"It shows a real interesting look of what was happening in

the United States at that time," Fiser adds.

The exhibit's three-decade timeframe spans from the Pre-Civil War Era through the Civil War and the Industrial Age.

"Homer was one of the best storytellers of the time period," Fiser explains. "He was a historian and almost a journalist chronicling that period of history."

Most often known for his seascapes and landscapes from the last two decades of his career, this exhibit shows another side of his work.

An educational resource area is set up in the space adjacent to the gallery featuring the exhibit. Corresponding programming is noted on thepaine.org. Admittance to the exhibit is covered by the cost of general admission.



Homer's "Snap-the-Whip." Image courtesy of the Paine Art Center and Gardens

"Homer was one of the first artists who really focused on establishing an American vision," says Fiser. "It's fascinating to me the level of detail he was able to achieve in black and white."

— By Amy Hanson

Experience a Trans-Siberian evening

What better way to spend your night than by listening to familiar classical pieces and rock tunes played in an electrifying style by a local orchestra? Mark Wood, a founding member of the Tran-Siberian Orchestra, will be featured in "A Trans-Siberian Evening" at the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra concert on March 8 at 7 p.m. in Alberta Kimball Civic Auditorium at Oshkosh West High School.

"(Mark Wood) does not perform with them now, but he (plays) the electric violin and it's going to be really exciting to expand our audience reach and include our community in a concert like this," says Miyoko Grine-Fisher, Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra executive director.

The concert also will feature the Oshkosh Youth Symphony Orchestra and Oshkosh North and Oshkosh West high school choirs.

"We decided to develop some of the students because Mark Wood is going to do a week-long residency, called 'Electrify Your Strings' with the Oshkosh Area School District," says Grine-Fisher. "Since the Oshkosh Youth Symphony is part of the Oshkosh Symphony, we thought we'd give them an opportunity to participate with him, too."

"The choirs are singing two songs with him," adds Bridget Duffy, Oshkosh North High School choir director. "We are singing rock favorites 'Stairway to Heaven,' originally performed by Led Zeppelin, and 'Carry On My Wayward Son,' originally performed by Kansas."

"There will also be classic rock songs that we are playing that involve really lush strings and full winds and brass so that's kind of a cool take on some of the classic rock tunes that people would know as well," says Grine-Fisher.

Whether you have a love for classic rock, orchestra, or simply want to support the community by enjoying a night packed with great music, this is a concert you will not want to miss.

For tickets or more information, visit grandoperahous.org.



Photo courtesy of Mark Wood

— By Jessica Morgan

20 | Open Mic Night at Cup O Joy
Sign-up online. 7pm. Cup O Joy. 435-3269.

20 | The Priests
Three Roman Catholic priests from Northern Ireland who just happen to have three voices that fit together magically. Frs. Eugene, Martin and David say, "When we sing, we pray." 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts. 895-0071.

21 | Bandstand Boogie!
The Diamonds hit the Grand stage with their all-new show, BANDSTAND BOOGIE! Featuring songs performed on America's all-time favorite music performance TV show, "American Bandstand." 7:30pm. The Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2355.

21 | The Appleton Boychoir Legacy Concert
Include singers from many generations to celebrate Appleton Boychoir's tradition of bringing song to thousands of boys. This performance includes the Master Singers, treble choirs and The Legacy Ensemble. 4pm. Appleton West High School Auditorium. 955-2224.

21 | Lawrence Academy of Music Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble
7pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6632.

21 | Redstar Express
A bluegrass group will perform. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy. 435-3269.

22 | Music @ the Library
Featuring Dolce performing a blend of folk, Irish and gospel music on the hammered

dulcimer and guitar. 2-3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

22 | Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir
Trinity Lutheran Church will open their 150-year anniversary celebration by hosting the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary choir of Mequon at their worship services. 8am, 10:30am. Trinity Lutheran Church, Neenah. 722-6712.

28 | Lawrence Academy of Music Girl Choir Performance
2pm and 7pm. Lawrence Memorial Chapel, Appleton. 832-6632.

29 | A Far Cry
Based in Boston, this 18-player chamber orchestra features alumni of the New England Conservatory of Music. 7:30pm. Historic West High School, Green Bay. 338-1801.

29 | Sacred Choral Concert
The Fox Valley Lutheran High School choirs will share their sacred choral selections. 6pm. Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton. 739-4441.

OPENING EXHIBITS

2 | Photographs by Stephen Fusfeld
Thru Apr 30. Enjoy photographs by Stephen Fusfeld. Located in the lower level exhibit hallway. Appleton Public Library. 832-6392.

7 | 70th Art Annual Juried Exhibition
Exhibit is an all media, juried exhibition of artwork done by artists currently living in the counties of Northeastern Wisconsin or Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Neville Public Museum. 448-7860.

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The exhibit will be in Milwaukee and Green Bay prior to its stop in Appleton and then continue on to Eau Claire and Superior. Location stops are planned six months out.

“Compared to other historical societies, we’re very complex,” explains Jim Draeger, director of outreach for the Wisconsin Historical Society. “The exhibit introduces people to the various things we do. ... We hold the histories on many communities in the state of Wisconsin.”

The Wisconsin History tour is a “snapshot” of the types of documents, photos and other artifacts the Wisconsin Historical Society preserves for future generations. In addition to the traveling exhibit, the society teams up with the local historical societies to present a quarter of the exhibit that is specific to the area. In Milwaukee, that portion focused on brewing.

“We try to find things that are relevant in that community at that time,” Draeger says.

In Appleton, visitors will experience the “History of Magic” in Wisconsin done in conjunction with the Circus World

Museum, and a panel discussion featuring the history of the Fox River and the locks is planned. Other lectures, workshops and special events are in the works as well, including a History Happy Hour at Jim’s Place on College Avenue.

“The exhibit is designed to be interactive,” Draeger notes. Very detailed maps from the Sanborn-Perris Map Company, initially used for fire insurance purposes, also will be on display. The maps show every building on a street at the time it was made, including places like mills, dry good stores and carriage houses, Draeger explains.

“It’s really neat because you can look up and see how your community evolved over time,” he adds.

— By Amy Hanson



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13 | Toward Textiles

Thru Oct 11. An exploration of the expressive possibilities of fiber through the work of 27 contemporary artists. Material Fix, the large group exhibit anchoring the series, features 22 artists, and is accompanied by one video installation and three smaller exhibitions. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

17 | Wisconsin History Tour

Thru April 27. An outreach initiative of the Wisconsin Historical Society, this traveling exhibit is crisscrossing the state to bring history to life. Includes local history and programming by historians and authors. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS

7, 14, 21, 28 | Oshkosh Saturday Winter/Indoor Farmers Market

Approximately 40 vendors offer in-season produce. A variety of handcrafted items, prepared foods and other goodies also are available with live music. 9am-12:30pm. Merrill Middle School. 252-2533.

7, 28 | New Leaf Winter Farmers Market

Pick up fresh vegetables, bakery, prepared foods and handcrafted items. Enjoy live music and food demos. 8am-noon. KI Convention Center, Green Bay. 437-3423.

7 | Hops & Props

Tickets include sampling of beers from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, live music, tasting guide and a commemorative beer glass. 7-10pm. Experimental Aircraft Association, Oshkosh. 246-6541.

19 | Kids Food Event 2015

Top chefs demo their winning recipe and assist kids in making it. 4-7pm. Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. 432-4397.

28 | Maple Syrupin' A Celebration of Spring

Explore the age-old tradition of making maple syrup. 9:30am-3pm. Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve, Suamico. 448-6242.

29 | Coin Show

Join the Fox Valley Coin Club at their 60th Annual Coin Show. 9am-4pm. Darboy Club, Appleton. 850-8008.

FUNDRAISERS

7 | Big Blue Bash

The Service League of Green Bay will hold their annual fundraising bash, which will feature live entertainment as well as raffles and silent and oral auction packages to fit everyone's tastes. Dinner served. 5pm. Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Appleton. 730-2156.

11 | Benefit Concert for “Dan’s House of Hope”

The Xavier Jazz Band performs with guest artist Bob Baca. Donations to Dan’s House of Hope are encouraged. 7pm. Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, Appleton. 450-0568.

14 | NAMI Fun Raiser

Unity of Appleton will host a FUN Raiser for NAMI Fox Valley including live music, bucket raffles, activities for kids, snacks and great conversation. Proceeds benefit NAMI Fox Valley. 1-4 pm. Unity of Appleton. 739-4823.

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LECTURES, READINGS, DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2 | Adult Afternoon Program: This Superior Place

Author Dennis McCann will discuss his book and the beautiful area of Bayfield. Books will be available for purchase; book signing to follow. 2pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

2 | UW-Green Bay Students Present Conservation Research

Students carry out research related to UW-Green Bay's Cofrin Memorial Arboretum and other University-managed natural areas in Northeastern Wisconsin. 2-4pm. Christie Theatre, UW-Green Bay. 465-5032.

3 | After Thoughts With Lora Warner

Gatherings showcase university faculty, staff and guests, and convene women — and often “a few good men” — after their workdays for learning, enrichment and fun. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2726.

4 | “Great Decisions” Lecture Series

Kathleen Bartz Culver, assistant professor and associate director of the Center for Journalism Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will present a lecture entitled, “Privacy in the Digital Age.” 7:30pm. Fort Howard Theater, St. Norbert College, Green Bay. 337-3181.

5 | Girlfriends Read Book Group

Features fun, snacks and fabulous books. Current book: “Rodzina.” 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6330.

13, 27 | Soup with Substance at Green Bay Botanical Garden

Hike, snowshoe or blaze your own skiing trail at Green Bay Botanical Garden. Then come indoors to enjoy homemade soup, bread and dessert along with a garden-related presentation. 5:30-8:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. 490-9457.

16 | Knit2Gether

Come join a free multigenerational knitting circle. 6-9pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

17 | The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust

Angela Schluter, daughter of Edith Hahn Beer, the Nazi Officer's Wife, tells a fascinating story from both her perspective and that of her mother's, and how it affected her upbringing. 6pm. Neville Public Museum. 435-5220.

18 | The History and Mystery of Gemstones

Four-part lecture series. 7 p.m.

19 | The Civil War and Central Wisconsin

Local historian Kim Heltemes will present the local history of the Civil War. 7-8:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

19 | Islam: Beyond the Myths, Breaking Down the Barriers

Amer F. Ahmed is a scholar, intercultural diversity consultant and college administrator. His engaging multimedia presentations address a range of critical questions about Islam and Muslims in the United States. 11:30am. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, SC132, Green Bay. 498-5483.

19 | Frontiers in Science

An expert will discuss advances and key issues in science and research, and what it means for us. 3:30pm. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, SC128, Green Bay. 498-5483.

20 | Spring Thaw Symposium

Green Bay Botanical Garden's symposium features a variety of speakers who present on trendy and relevant garden-related topics. Lunch provided. All day. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

30 | Erasing the Distance: Mental Health Stories

True stories from people whose lives have been impacted by mental health issues sculpted into monologues and scenes. A moderated, interactive dialogue follows every performance that explores the play's themes, identifying mental illness signs, symptoms, recovery options and community resources. 11:30am. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, SC132, Green Bay. 498-5483.





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'Fly' around the world

Experience a "flight" of another variety when hops join props at EAA's annual event featuring both beer and airplanes March 7 at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh.

"I think it's a unique venue to hold an event like this," says Kelly Zanders, EAA housing and event coordinator, of Hop & Props. "Each year we keep getting more and more brewers."

Adults, 21 and older, are invited to book their general admission ticket, which includes museum entrance, commemorative beer glass, tasting guide and more. Doors open at 7 p.m. A VIP Pre-Event Dining Experience, featuring Hops & Props Brewmaster Founders Brewing Co. paired with food from Becket's, is available from 5:30-7 p.m. for an additional cost. Ticket pricing and purchasing is available at eaa.org. Event funds will support museum activities offered by EAA. Tickets can be purchased at the door if available. All brewers are listed online, too.

"We're showcasing it online, which is nice so people can plan out their route in advance," Zanders shares.

Attendees can travel around the world by sampling beers from their backyard and beyond as Hops & Props features a mixture of more than 250 ales, lagers, mixed styles, wheat beers, fruit varieties, stouts, English bitter, porter meads and more. Whether you have a discerning palette or have yet to discover what makes your taste buds tingle, the evening is an opportunity to try the creations of microbreweries and distributors who also will teach samplers about the process and history behind each beverage. Rinse stations are available as well.

Music from live bands — Dead Horses, SPIN, and Paddygrass — also will be on tap for the evening. Take in the sounds ranging from acoustic to premium party rock to Irish bluegrass and gospel. Coffee, sweets, sodas, wine, spirits and five heavy hors d'oeuvre stations by Machine Shed in Appleton also will be available.

— By Amy Hanson

FILMS

- 4 | International Film Series: Cinema Paradiso**
The now classic Cinema Paradiso offers a nostalgic look at films and the effect they have on a young boy who grows up around a village movie theater in this Italian comedy drama based on the life and times of director Giuseppe Tornatore. Doors open at 6:30pm, film at 7pm. Neville Public Museum. 448-4460.
- 5, 19 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies**
TBD. Refreshments served. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 12 | Thursday Night @ the Movies**
TBD. Refreshments served. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 14 | Thursday Night Movie: Dumb and Dumber To**
For tweens and up will feature "Dumb and Dumber To." Rated PG-13 and runs 109 minutes. Free popcorn and beverages provided. 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6330.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

- 2 | Embracing Wellness: Essential Oils**
Learn natural and cost effective ways to reduce stress, balance emotions and support the immune system with Oiler Judy Owen. 6:30-9pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 7, 14, 21, 28 | Head & Bust Portraiture**
Learn the basics of drawing the head and bust-proportions, perspective, form, light and shadow. Includes drawing from a live model and is open to all experience levels. 8am-noon. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 7, 14 | Build a Bluebird House**
This family oriented event will explain the reasoning and values of constructing nest boxes for bluebirds. Participants will construct a house from a cedar kit. Bring along a hammer. 10am. Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve, Suamico. 448-6242.

- 7 | Wall Pocket Vase**
In this class, we will fuse two layers of glass with kiln-safe paper in between the layers. This will create a space that will act as a pocket to hold the flowers. 10am-noon. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.
- 11 | St. Norbert Workshop — Pestos & Vinaigrettes**
Chef Tom Vandebusch, a chef at St. Norbert College for more than 10 years, will guide participants in the creation of a variety of pestos and vinaigrettes. 5-7:30pm. St. Norbert College Campus, De Pere. 403-3089.
- 12 | Tech Talk: How to Plan the Perfect Vacation**
Join us for our Tech Talk Tuesday Series to plan the perfect getaway without all of the stress of booking tickets, hotels, cars, planes and trains! No registration necessary. 1:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6330.
- 12 | Zumba Grande Siete**
The Appleton YMCA will be hosting a high-energy Zumba party from 6:30-8:30pm. Childcare is available for fee. Children also invited to ZumbaAtomic from 5:30-6pm. 886-2124.
- 13 | Yoga Grande**
The Appleton YMCA will be hosting Yoga Grande from 6:30-8:30pm. 886-2124.
- 14 | St. Norbert Workshop — "Flying Start": China**
Instructor Ping Wang will guide participants on a virtual trip through the cities and countryside of mainland China. 10am-noon. St. Norbert College Campus, De Pere. 403-3089.
- 14 | Survey Glass Class**
Try a bit of everything. We will have a chance to try flame-working, fusing and glass enameling all in one class. 5:30-8:30pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.
- 19 | ThedaCare Knee Pain Relief Workshop**
Free community program is designed to help people who suffer from knee pain. David Conrad, MD, a fellowship trained orthopedic surgeon with ThedaCare

Orthopedics Plus, will facilitate the program. 6:30-7:30pm. ThedaCare, Appleton. 731-4101.

- 24 | St. Norbert Workshop — Pie Making Class**
Led by baker Kathy Dunn, participants will learn about making pastry, double-crust pies, lattice-top pies, crumb crusts, fruit fillings, cream pies and more. Each participant will go home with a fresh pie to bake. 5-7:30pm. St. Norbert College Campus, De Pere. 403-3089.
- 28 | Finding Your Voice: gladU Workshop Series**
This session will focus on communication and self-expression, and is part of a larger program for girls grades 8-12. 9-11:30am. Cassandra Voss Center, St. Norbert College campus. snc.edu/gladu.
- 28 | Reclaimed Boardwalk Prairie Butterfly Bed Build**
Convert a piece of old boardwalk into your very own prairie butterfly planting bed. 1-3p.m. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.
- 31 | St. Norbert Workshop — "Flying Start": Japan**
The workshop will present a virtual trip through the countryside and metropolitan areas of Japan, focusing on Kyoto. 6-8pm. St. Norbert College Campus, De Pere. 403-3089.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS & CLASSES

- 3 | Stage Doors Education Series: Doktor Kaboom! — Look out! Science is Coming!**
The good Doktor takes his audience on an educational tour of the modern scientific method, using humor and comedy while demonstrating spectacular applications of the physical sciences. 10am & 12:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-5101.
- 4, 11, 18 | Family & Teen Open Gym**
Open gyms will be held on Wednesday evenings for teens and their families (14 and under must be accompanied by an adult). The gym

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From boardwalk to butterfly beds

What's old is new again. Such is the case at the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve in Menasha. Now in year two of four, the reserve features over a mile of boardwalk, which is in the process of being replaced and the reclaimed wood is serving a new purpose.

Luke Schiller, naturalist and program coordinator, is inviting the public to participate in the Reclaimed Boardwalk Prairie Butterfly Bed Build. All the nails were pulled out of the boards and they were cut to length in preparation for the build being offered from 1-3 p.m. March 28.

"We got to thinking that pollinators are kind of in rough shape right now whether they're honey bees or butterflies," Schiller shares.

Habitat destruction, including perfectly manicured lawns, are a root cause for the decrease in pollinators who depend on grass for food and shelter.

"Part of Heckrodt's mission is to not only preserve the reserve, but also educate the public," Schiller says.

Twenty-one beds, which will fit in the backseat of a four-door car once constructed, will be available for \$25 each.

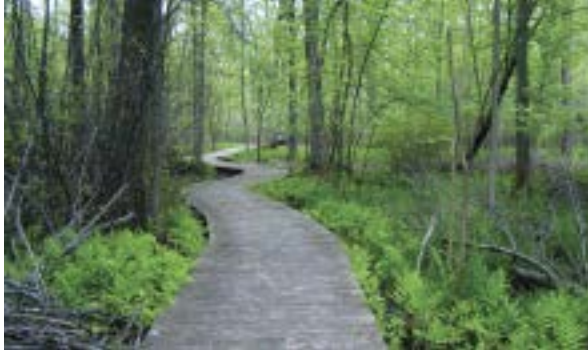


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The cost includes plants to fill the planter. A voucher will be given to attendees to come back in mid-April to pick up their flats. Advanced registration and payment are required.

The first portion of the workshop will be a presentation by Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter who will discuss the importance of native plants, birds and insects in landscape design. Attendees will then be able to assemble their planters. Hardware is provided. Participants are encouraged to bring cordless drills.

"We see it as a win-win," says Schiller. "I'm really excited to turn trash into something salvagable that protects the environment."

For more information and to register, contact Schiller at 720-9349 or lukes@heckrodtwetland.org.

— By Amy Hanson

will be supervised, a volleyball net and balls will be provided but attendees should bring their own basketballs. 6:30-8:30pm. Shattuck Middle School, Neenah. 886-6060.

7 | Art Activity Day: Animal Sculptures

Make your favorite animal or a fictional animal out of glass between 10am-1pm. 751-4658.

8 | Jim Henson's Dinosaur Train: Live! Buddy's Big Adventure

The series encourages basic scientific thinking skills as the audience learns about life science, natural history and paleontology. 3pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts. 895-0071.

9 | Stage Doors Education Series: Dinosaur Train: Live! Buddy's Big Adventure

The series encourages basic scientific thinking skills as the audience learns

about life science, natural history and paleontology. 10am & 12:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-5101.

10 | Stage Doors Education Series: Ivy + Bean, The Musical

Based on the New York Times best-selling children's books series by author Annie Barrows and Illustrator Sophie Blackhall, this is the story of an unexpected friendship between two very different 2nd-graders. 10am & 12:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-5101.

14 | Young Audiences: Music from Head to Toe

Children can sing, dance and make music with their whole bodies and newVoices, then make a self-portrait in the studio in this free series. 10-11:30am. The Trout Museum of Art. 733-4089.

21 | Junior Museum Expedition Leader Workshop

Teens will explore museum careers, learn methods in museum interpretation, and develop an in-gallery interpretive program using objects from the museum's teaching collection. 10am-3pm. Neville Public Museum. 448-7851.

28 | Mud (glass mud) Painting for the Whole Family

Welcome the early muddy days of spring by learning a new glass painting method! The colorful paint may be spread by squeeze bottle, palette knife or brush. 11am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

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CENTENNIAL celebration

By Amy Hanson

Neville Public Museum turns 100

With roots dating back a century ago, the Neville Public Museum owes its beginnings to a group of nine women who formed the Green Bay Art Club. They put together a temporary display of found objects, which led to the creation of the museum and opened up the possibility for art opportunities in Green Bay.

"Their idea was to bring the world to Green Bay," says Beth Lemke, Neville Public Museum executive director. "How novel of an idea in 1915 before smartphones and social media."

The museum took shape in the basement of the Kellogg Public Library and in 1927 it expanded. The site where the museum is today was constructed in the early 1980s following a referendum before the county to take over operation of the Neville and build a new building. The current site opened to the public in April 1983 and continues to be operated by the county.

"The reason that it grew is because the people built on the shoulders of those before them," says Ann Koski, past executive director of the museum. "There were important people in the community who felt the museum was important and worked to build it so."

In Koski's time at the Neville, she worked to break the barriers of what was going on in the museum world and attract the attention of the community. One such exhibit that did so brought dinosaurs to the Neville. At the time, a single dinosaur cast cost about \$50,000. Rather than purchase a cast, Koski set forth with the assistance of Jim Lawton, then curator of exhibits, to rent some.

"One skeleton does not an exhibit make," Koski notes as she explained how she convinced Lawton

that even though renting "wasn't done," it was something they needed to try.

That year, the Neville saw 300,000 visitors.

Whether the future of the Neville holds more blockbusters remains to be seen, but the hope is that the museum becomes less reactive and more proactive.



Taken in 1915, in the basement of the Kellogg Public Library, the first exhibit by the founding women of the Neville Public Museum featured shawls and historic artifacts borrowed from area residents.

"We're at a really exciting time. This world is changing at a rapid pace," says Lemke, who assumed her position in October 2013.

Lemke says the museum is formulating a master plan with the help of an outside agency that will have the right blend for how to tell the museum's story and raise funds while seeking an active way to engage the public. The typical lifespan for presenting a museum's core exhibition is 20 years and the Neville is now at 31 years.

"The big opportunity we have for change is looking at our core storyline," says Lemke. "It's always a delicate balance of attendance and revenue."

She also is hoping for a restructuring of museum artifacts.

"There are a lot more pieces in storage than there are

on display," says Lemke of the Neville's archives. Her goal is to put them online in a meaningful way that engages visitors to come to the museum as well.

"I would love to see some of those collections that are in the 'vault' rotated out and advertised," says Linda Rauscher, current president of the Green Bay Art Colony, formerly the Green Bay Art Club. "I think the general public doesn't know what's in the vault."

To celebrate the 100 years of the museum, a year-long celebration was kicked off in January.

This is just one of many exhibits the Neville has hosted over the past century.

"The museum has had wonderful exhibits over the years," says Troy Streckenbach, Brown County county executive. "The Packer Hall of Fame exhibit that has been there for almost a year has been a wonderful exhibit and brought a highlight to the area." Visitors can catch "Touchdown! Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, Inc. at the Neville Public Museum" until March 15.

"The exhibit that was the most stunning and risk-taking was 'The Mysteries of Egypt,'" adds Kramer Rock, Neville Public Museum Foundation chair emeritus. "It was quite a draw. That was probably the most significant exhibit memory I have."

A challenge with the Neville is finding exhibits that will fit into its existing structure, which offers just over 17,000-square-feet of exhibition space, with almost half of it occupied by the core exhibition.

Lemke has been working with Evergreen Exhibitions, a provider of traveling museum exhibits based in Texas, to break up some exhibits and bring them to the Neville. Two such exhibits on the docket are "Spies, Traitors, Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America" coming May 23 and "EXTREME DEEP: Mission to the Abyss" beginning Sept. 9. Other programming also is planned. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org for details.

"I hope that the Neville continues to be relevant to all community members," Rock says. "I hope that our world doesn't become so introspective that they'd rather stay at home and watch a virtual tour of the Neville on their computer instead of seeing, smelling and touching the things at the museum."

Lemke encourages patrons to be a part of the Neville's future.

"If you haven't been to the Neville in a while, come back, have a conversation, we'd love to hear what you think," she shares.



Pictured left: "Touchdown! Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, Inc. at the Neville Public Museum"

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Cause to celebrate

Oshkosh Public Museum marks 90 years

By Amy Hanson

The Oshkosh Public Museum is inviting the public to celebrate an important milestone in its history with a "90th Anniversary Celebration" gala event planned from 5-7:30 p.m. March 26.

The former home of Edgar and Mary Sawyer was donated to the city of Oshkosh in 1922 for the benefit of the public. Ninety years later, what started as a small collection of artifacts at the library was moved into the museum that opened its doors on Nov. 8, 1924.

The gala will be included with regular admission for non-members and be free to museum members. The evening also will feature a preview of the "Hometown Stories: Oshkosh" show that is scheduled to air in April on PBS. Current exhibits like "The Art of the Brick," running through June 14, also will be open for viewing. Cake and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

The museum is in the early stages of planning a new exhibit entitled, "People of the Waters" that will replace the "Wetlands & Waterways" exhibit that has been around 16 years. The old exhibit told the story of life along the water, but is now outdated and static, says Karla Szekeres, Marketing and Membership coordinator. The new exhibit will be interactive and include an archeology pit that visitors can walk over.

"We're really excited to have this coming," Szekeres says. "Today's visitors are looking for more interactive exhibits. They want to touch, feel, do."



Photos provided by The Oshkosh Public Museum

The process for tearing down "Wetlands & Waterways" is estimated to begin later this year in phases and it will take until the end of 2016 or the beginning of 2017 to complete the new exhibit, Szekeres shares.

Artifacts will be taken out, catalogued, put in storage and sorted in a collection of storage units. Not all the artifacts will go into the new exhibit. New artifacts, yet to be determined, will be incorporated into the space. The museum is working with Split Rock Studios based in Minneapolis on creating the premise and designing the space. Focus groups with community members and teachers also have been instrumental.

"We knew things needed to be refreshed, but we wanted to hear from them what was missing," says Szekeres who adds that this is the first of many changes within the next 10 years that the museum will undergo as they look at all of the galleries and how to make the museum more engaging as a whole.


For more information, visit oshkoshmuseum.org.

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2015 NARI LEVEL BEST AWARDS

By Amy Hanson

Every space within a home serves a purpose. No matter how large or small, attention to detail can make all the difference. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry “Level Best” Awards honor the remodeling work of local contractors who help homeowners achieve their dream spaces.

This year, the judges recognized standouts in five categories from members of the Fox Valley Chapter of NARI. Winners range from home retreats to kitchens needing a little TLC.

Judging this year's Level Best Awards:
Bob McKinney, faculty member with the
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Residential Bath \$25,000 to \$50,000

WINNER: Mosquito Creek Home Renovations LLC

Things got a little steamy in this bathroom redo. Quality materials, tile and wood created a spa escape right in the homeowners' basement. The steam shower — capable of using essential oils — included multiple body jets, rain shower head, a bench to fit two and a sleek, hand shower unit. The clean, contemporary design with earthy colors also incorporated storage for towels and other bathroom needs.

“There are a lot of different ways you can use this bathroom,” adds Fagerlind.

To properly ventilate the space, the glass shower was built with a transom window that can be used for venting steam and a high-volume bathroom fan that allows for removal of additional moisture. The slopped ceiling, featuring sealed, low-voltage LED lighting, assists with runoff to help water down the drain. Due to the large-format tile, a Schluter linear drain was installed.

“That was lovely, it was warm and inviting,” shares Peters. “The linear drain was a nice, clean detail.”

Residential Kitchen under \$30,000

WINNER: Distinctive Renovations

Having a kitchen that would accommodate a family of six that grew into a family of 13 when seven foster children were added to the mix became essential in this renovation. There was an extreme shortage of storage, not enough meal prep space, limited air circulation for the volume of food being prepared and not enough room for the growing family, with children ranging from 3 to 19. Universal design was applied when planning the space.

“It was really that the kitchen worked, but it wasn't great,” says Susan Fassbender, co-owner of Distinctive Renovations. “They really are beautiful people. ... It's one of those projects that make you smile. They needed it, they needed it so bad.”

The homeowners desperately wanted smooth traffic flow and the opportunity to create assembly lines for meal preparation.

The eat-in portion of the kitchen was eliminated in favor of a snack area for the younger children and a landing space for groceries since the adjacent dining room could work for sit-down meals.

“The design team and the contractors did this very well in a tight space,” says Peters. “The parameters and challenges were answered very well.”





Residential Kitchen \$60,001 to \$100,000

WINNER: Mosquito Creek Home Renovations LLC

Prior to a facelift, this particular kitchen was facing a few speed bumps with an awkward traffic flow and minimal storage space. It was important to the busy family to move the seating out of the work area and have a bar-height, L-shaped counter and stools. The original island also was outdated with broken cabinets.

"They like to get the family together to eat whatever meals possible," says Fagerlind. "We definitely found a better way to utilize the space that they had."

Now, the family can work around one another, plug things in without tripping on cords, has easy accessibility to the trash and doesn't have to deal with the hassle of difficult-to-clean surfaces. Low- or no-maintenance materials, like quartz countertops and e-granite sinks, were important to the homeowners and designed to conceal scratching, staining and sealing. The new work triangle also improved the flow from stove to sink.

"They took a nice kitchen and made it a 'wow' kitchen," says judge Pete Weyenberg, realtor with Coldwell Banker, The Real Estate Group Inc.

Basement \$50,001 to \$100,000

WINNER: Mosquito Creek Home Renovations LLC

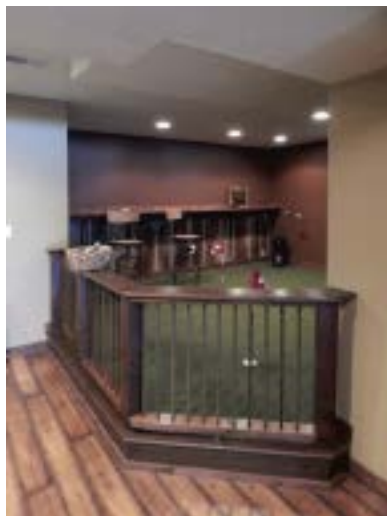
Reclaiming a space with reclaimed and rustic materials was the focus of this relaxed basement environment reminiscent of a ski lodge. The project, which spanned from a finished family room to game room to gym — and, putting green — was designed with the family's love of skiing and golf in mind.

"The putting green in the basement was the unique feature because it was something we did because the husband is an avid golfer," says Ali Fagerlind, Mosquito Creek Home Renovations LLC design specialist.

The green, which was raised with a slab floor system, incorporated professional-grade, synthetic nylon turf, and professional cup and flags with staggered holes. It was surrounded by a railing system constructed from rustic tin and old rebar to keep the family dogs out.

The coloring of reclaimed metal inspired the palette for the basement's color scheme and was tied into all the walls throughout the space. A variety of wood finishes also complemented the chosen hues. Mosquito Creek reached beyond their standard suppliers, with the help of the homeowners, to find aged timbers, barn woods and metals.

"I think they used a very unique range of materials," says judge and designer Jennifer Peters. "It just wrapped it up beautifully."



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Residential Kitchen \$30,000 to \$60,000

WINNER: Mosquito Creek Home Renovations LLC

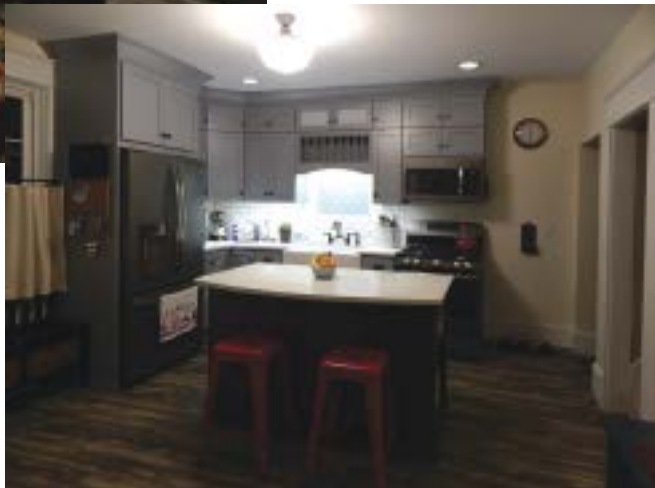
This residential kitchen took the "country" out of farmhouse-style design, while embracing the home's almost 120-year-old history.

"A lot of people when they think of farmstyle kitchens, they think of roosters on the wall," says Fagerlind.

Instead, new, modern amenities, such as dishwasher and cabinet-depth refrigerator, blended seamlessly in this updated space. More general and task lighting was added, storage and functionality increased, and a focal point centered around an apron-front sink. The color palette was kept neutral so accessories could be updated from time to time.

"That's one of those things as a designer, they kept a nice, neutral space, but they made that nice pop of color with the stools," says Peters.

Solid wood cabinets with Shaker-style doors were a good marriage between traditional and modern styles. Recessed lighting throughout the kitchen and LED strip lighting under the cabinets illuminate the space.



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FVL's enrollment stands at 550. Students enjoy learning in a safe, comfortable environment with a low student-teacher ratio. The school offers a full range of courses for students of all academic levels from guided studies to college-credit capable courses. FVL students have scored well above state and national averages on college tests, including the ACT. Over the past five years, the scores have been among the highest of all the high schools across the Fox Cities, according to the Appleton Post-Crescent.

"Ninety-plus percent of FVL students continue their schooling after high school," according to Guidance Director Craig Charron. "Our students are well-prepared for

the college and university setting. Our career guidance and Naviance programs help students find schools and scholarships."

The school enjoys a distinctly international flavor. International Program Coordinator Laura Gucinski points out that FVL's I-20 international program has hosted 50-

contending again this spring.

FVL also features an excellent Fine Arts program. According to Granberg, "Our auditorium is a gem. It's a great venue for our band and choir programs, as well as our FVL Theatre performances. Plus, we meet there daily for chapel worship." With seating for more than 900, FVL's Auditorium hosts numerous community events.

The Wisconsin School Choice Program is new at FVL this year. "The 20 seats we were granted have been a real blessing for families seeking an excellent Christian education," says Granberg. "We're excited to see how this program expands as parents get a stronger voice in how their tax dollars are spent on educating their children."

Granberg continues, "Service and leadership are two qualities we work hard to develop in our students. As a Christian school, whether it's in class or part of our array of co-curriculars, we want students to know they are the next generation of leaders."

Tours are available and interested students in grades 6th through 8th can participate in the new shadowing program outlined on the school website. The campus is located at 5300 N. Meade St. on Appleton's north side.



Sports and co-curricular events give FVL students the chance to wear their school colors and show their spirit.

plus students for the past seven years. "We welcome new faces from around the world — China, Europe, Korea, South America and more. It's a great experience for the internationals as well as for our students and faculty."

FVL's STEM Academy partners with Milwaukee School of Engineering, offering courses in engineering principles and specialized classes in aerospace and computer software engineering. The VEX Robotics Team competed in the World Championships last year and is



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Behind the badge

By Amy Hanson

Fox Valley area officers share their experiences in the line of duty

From the days of “The Andy Griffith Show” to today’s “CSI” spin-offs, the world has changed since the times of Mayberry. Law enforcement makes its way to TV screens nightly through the news or popular programming, but what do men and women who carry the badge really encounter?

“It’s not like TV, not everything is going to be solved in an hour,” says Jeff Malcore, Lt. of Investigations with the Neenah Police Department.

Headlines and plot lines also don’t always

provide an accurate portrayal of what happens within police departments, especially the ones right in our own backyard.

“There are tens of thousands of confrontations a day,” Malcore shares of what officers across the country face daily. “The confrontation in Ferguson (Mo.) just went crazy. It’s frustrating when we’re all painted with the same brush.”

Here is a look at officers who are making a positive impact in the line of duty in the Fox Valley area.

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Sgt. John Wallschlaeger, Appleton Police Department

Just as the side of an Appleton Police Department squad car states, Sgt. John Wallschlaeger is "Fighting Crime ... Solving Problems."

At the age of 38, Wallschlaeger joined the Appleton Police Department in 2002 after taking up a second career in law enforcement beginning in 1993. He felt there was more to life than selling cars and discovered his calling was Crisis Intervention Training.

"It would probably be the pinnacle of my career," he says. "If there wasn't so much stigma associated with mental illness, more people would probably talk about it." One in four families are affected.

Prior to CIT, the mentally ill were criminalized without getting to the bottom of the problem, says Wallschlaeger. He aimed to change that in 2003 when he approached then Appleton Police Chief Richard Myers and was sent to Akron, Ohio in 2004 for training.

"That was like giving me a blank check," Wallschlaeger says. "Once people discovered we had this training, the phone has never stopped ringing." The APD was the first department in the state to adopt CIT. Due to Wallschlaeger's impact, there are now 1,500 Wisconsin officers who have been trained on the Memphis Model of CIT.

"His legacy as an Appleton Police Department officer will be the strong foundation he's provided officers on how to appropriately respond to a crisis involving a member of the community living with mental illness," says Appleton Police Chief Todd Thomas.

While Wallschlaeger has received CIT awards and positive feedback from fellow officers, it was never about him, he says. He will retire in April to devote his attention to CIT full time.

"I did become very determined to make this program stick," Wallschlaeger shares. "I realized I had to make a commitment. I realized this was bigger than me."



Sgt. John Wallschlaeger
Photo credit: Dave Jackson

Patrol Officer Chris Groeschel, city of Menasha Police Department

Chris Groeschel, 2010 NAMI Officer of the Year, believes in giving back to his hometown, the city of Menasha. Now, as a patrol officer for the police department, he feels his role is the "calling" he was meant to be doing after being in electronics for 11 years.

"The taxpayer paid for me to go to school. Now is my chance to give back," he says. "That gives you the incentive and push."

Groeschel, who has become involved with Crisis Intervention Training, doesn't believe in pushing help upon people, but wants to get services to individuals who could benefit from them most.

He continues to check in periodically with people he has come in contact with during his career.

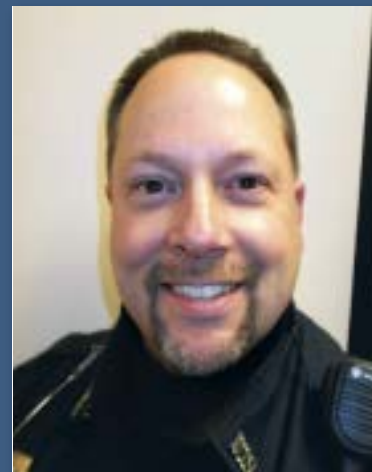
"You didn't know what was out there until you got in this job," he says. "You don't know about everyone with mental health issues because they're so buried in the system."

Groeschel is now extending help to his fellow officers by implementing a peer support program at Menasha PD.

"Every bad incident is a drop of water in the glass and sooner or later, it's going to overflow," he shares. "You're always looking at stuff, you can't always leave it at the door."

He's aiming to eliminate the stigma surrounding officers who are in need of assistance. Now, when they are involved in cases of significance, the eight agencies within Winnebago County who are participating in the program, are being proactive about talking to officers, and in some cases, their families. The departments also are checking in with new recruits more often.

"Chris is one that really embraces the concept of community both in and out of service," says Police Chief Tim Styka. "He is one who has really taken an interest in not only the problem, but getting to the root of it."



Patrol Officer Chris Groeschel
Photo courtesy of Menasha Police Department

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An advertisement for Century 21 ACE Realty featuring five female real estate agents. They are standing together, smiling, and holding yellow "SOLD" signs. The text "The Fab Five" is written in a large, stylized font. Below it, it says "Outstanding Agents. Outstanding Results." and "More than \$24 Million in sales in 2014!". At the bottom, it says "A home sold every 2 days!". The Century 21 logo is on the right, and the ACE Realty logo is below it. The agents' names and phone numbers are listed at the bottom: Sara VanWychen (920.809.0080), Lisa Ihde (920.450.3021), Carria Powell (920.268.9816), Julie LaSee (920.858.7615), and Jennifer Schmitt (920.450.0664).

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Officer Tiffany Tesch, Fox Valley Metro Police Department

"No" is not a word that's part of Tiffany Tesch's vocabulary. She's constantly wearing different "hats" and interacting with the community, both on and off duty as an officer of Fox Valley Metro Police Department.

"From the time I was little, it was something I was always excited about," says Tesch of the opportunity to enter law enforcement. "I am definitely not a delicate flower by any means."

The self-proclaimed "tomboy" and "adventure junkie" is involved in everything from fundraisers for Special Olympics to mentoring a student in the Little Chute School District. She does, however, also use her vacation time to volunteer as a mentor among other officers and survivors (children over 18) at C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) Camp for children, ages 6-14, who have lost their parents in the line of

duty. This summer will be her fourth year going to East Troy where the camp is held at the Salvation Army Lake Camp.

"It paid dividends because I don't think I'd be where I am without those experiences," says Tesch who doesn't have children of her own. While she admits the first year of the camp was a bit overwhelming and exhausting, the experience was eye-opening.

"It's the most crazy, rewarding experience I've ever had," she shares. "You're all there for the same purpose, to be there for these kids. ... You make impressions for a lifetime even if you don't talk to them all the time."

Chief of Police Erik Misselt says Tesch is "very generous with her time."

"She's a bundle of energy and a great officer," he adds. "She is dedicated to the profession and people."

Photo credit: Dave Jackson

Capt. Mike Velie, town of Grand Chute Police Department

Trouble in neighborhood hotels and motels led to an increased volume of calls in the town of Grand Chute prompting the police department to pursue further action.

"We realized the benefit of proactive policing," says Capt. Mike Velie. "Addressing issues before they became a problem."

Grand Chute has more hotels — 23 — than the whole Fox Valley combined, which led to the department's creation of best practices and polices, along with a new ordinance introduced in 2012 and soon thereafter, the Community Hotel Interdiction Program or "CHIP."

With CHIP, hotel owners are being held accountable for how many calls of service are made to their respective locations.

Now, a certain amount is allotted, based on the number of rooms at the establishment, before a citation is issued.

"You're responsible for your property and who stays at your property and you're going to be held accountable," Velie says.

Appointed liaison officers work with area hotels to make sure they're on track and how they can make things safer for guests. They can, however, fluctuate in a tiered scale from "1" to "3" — "3" being the highest volume of service calls.

Since starting the program, the department has seen a 20 percent decrease in hotel-related calls involving drugs, prostitution, homicides and other problem areas. Additional benefits include making the businesses safer for employees and guests, reducing neighborhood crime and raising property values. Other departments are taking notice as well and calling for details on the initiative.

The now accredited department also recently received a ProPhoenix Significant Program Award for the strides that have been made with this effort.

"Accomplishing the task itself and also the award is meaningful because it was important to the community," says Chief of Police Greg Peterson. "Being recognized for that accomplishment and receiving the ProPhoenix Award is really icing on the cake."



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Lt. of Investigations Jeff Malcore, city of Neenah Police Department

After 30 years in law enforcement, Jeff Malcore is preparing to trade in one title for another. The Lt. of Investigations for the city of Neenah Police Department will leave the line of duty this month to become a full-time Criminal Justice instructor at the Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Center.

"We're really trying to teach them (students) that they have to see before they shoot," explains Malcore who has been with Neenah PD for 27 years, including his most recent position with the SWAT Team. "They have to see a threat before they react to the threat."

The newly opened Public Safety Training Center houses two indoor and four outdoor ranges. According to Malcore, students take "baby steps" to work up to getting comfortable with shooting a .40 Caliber Glock handgun, after utilizing a laser or paint ball-type gun of similar size and weight.

"My goal is always to teach my students

to be better than I was," Malcore adds. "You can have an awesome career. Just keep your attitude straight."

The center also has DAAT training rooms, along with a bank, hotel, bar, gas station/convenience store, single-story house, two-story house, plane and more to help officers with their training.

"We're really blessed to have something like this because we can put our officers in real-life situations," says Malcore, adding that things have come a long way since his days of training.

Students also are lucky to have an instructor who can pass along knowledge from a varied career.

"Much of Neenah PD's reputation throughout the state (and beyond) is due to Jeff's diligence as a trainer," says Chief Kevin Wilkinson. "I've never been an amputee, so I can't say I know how it feels to lose a limb. But losing Jeff, albeit to an ally, feels a bit like the department has lost a hand ... a very talented hand."

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department

Just as in the days of Sherlock Holmes, when a crime happens, there is detective work to be done. In this day and age, however, the crimes are changing.

"It's been amazing the things they've been able to solve," says Winnebago County Sheriff John Matz. "A lot of it is just by rolling up their sleeves and working as a team."

"That's part of why this division is special," adds Detective Lt. Chris Braman of the work the detectives do in evidence processing, interviewing and obtaining warrants. "Even though a person may have done something that repulses you, you still have to go in and interview them and get them to trust you."

The department investigated four heroin deaths last year and is making tracking these crimes a priority. The Winnebago County Drug Enforcement Unit launched in January and will assist area departments who are struggling to keep up with the increasing demand.

"We're holding them accountable for the death and not just dealing a small amount of heroin," says Matz.

Chicago is one of the largest sources for drugs in the country, according to Braman. As the drugs move north, prices increase. Five years ago, a bindle, or personal use-sized portion of heroin, cost \$20-30, but has increased to \$40-60 on average. A gram, or 10 bindles, has gone from \$125 to \$250 and are being cut with sleeping aids, flour and other unknown items.

"There's no way to tell if it's any different," says Braman, noting that addicts will continue to snort and use the drug intravenously because it's an "immediate hook." A wide range of individuals of varying age and social status use the drug.

"That's why we have to be empathetic," says Braman. "None of us have ever had an addiction problem, but until you walk a mile in someone else's shoes (you don't know what they're facing)."



Detective Lt. Chris Braman
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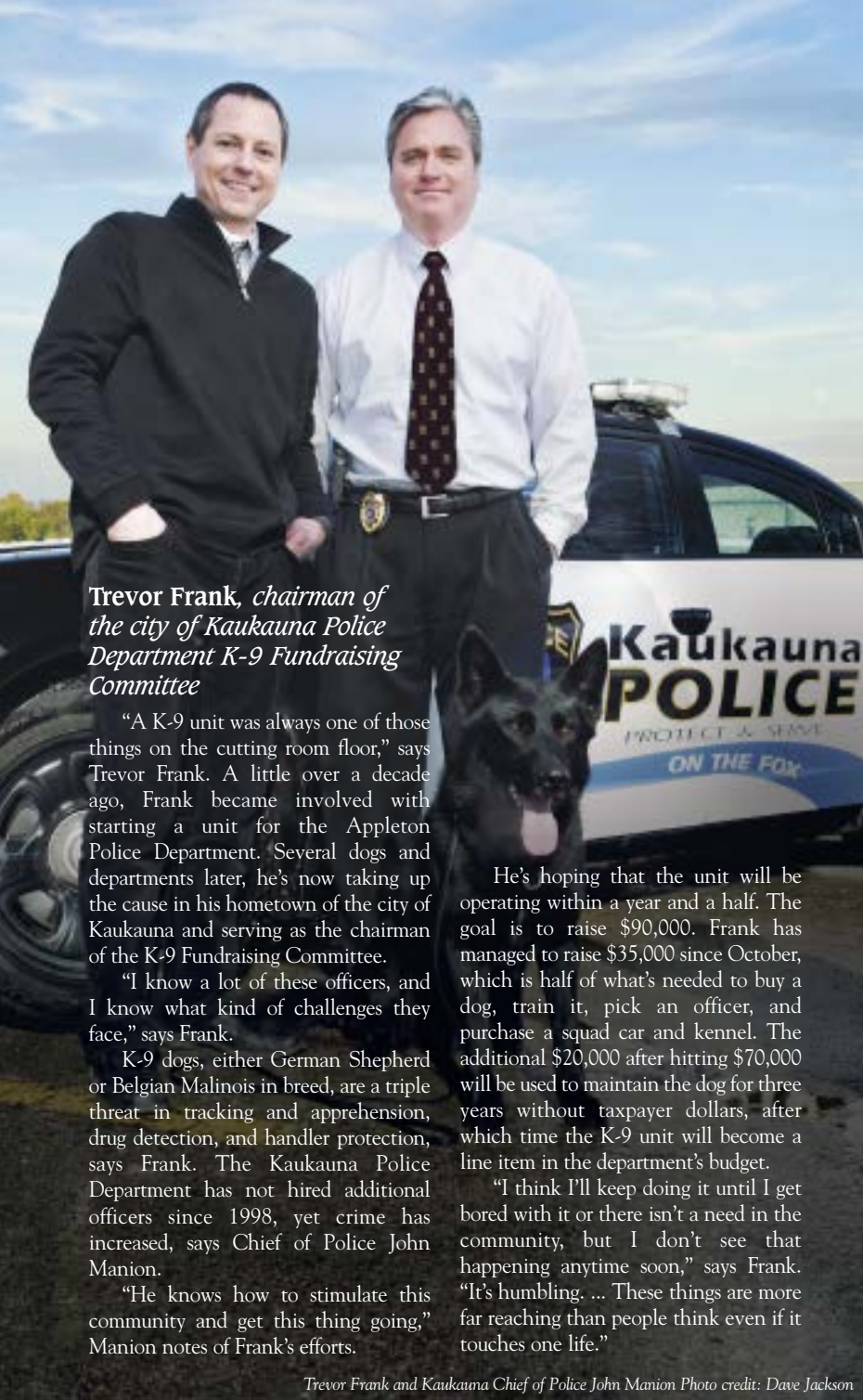


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Trevor Frank, chairman of the city of Kaukauna Police Department K-9 Fundraising Committee

"A K-9 unit was always one of those things on the cutting room floor," says Trevor Frank. A little over a decade ago, Frank became involved with starting a unit for the Appleton Police Department. Several dogs and departments later, he's now taking up the cause in his hometown of the city of Kaukauna and serving as the chairman of the K-9 Fundraising Committee.

"I know a lot of these officers, and I know what kind of challenges they face," says Frank.

K-9 dogs, either German Shepherd or Belgian Malinois in breed, are a triple threat in tracking and apprehension, drug detection, and handler protection, says Frank. The Kaukauna Police Department has not hired additional officers since 1998, yet crime has increased, says Chief of Police John Manion.

"He knows how to stimulate this community and get this thing going," Manion notes of Frank's efforts.

He's hoping that the unit will be operating within a year and a half. The goal is to raise \$90,000. Frank has managed to raise \$35,000 since October, which is half of what's needed to buy a dog, train it, pick an officer, and purchase a squad car and kennel. The additional \$20,000 after hitting \$70,000 will be used to maintain the dog for three years without taxpayer dollars, after which time the K-9 unit will become a line item in the department's budget.

"I think I'll keep doing it until I get bored with it or there isn't a need in the community, but I don't see that happening anytime soon," says Frank. "It's humbling. ... These things are more far reaching than people think even if it touches one life."

Trevor Frank and Kaukauna Chief of Police John Manion Photo credit: Dave Jackson

Outagamie County Sheriff's Department

Thinking outside the box, or in this case a jail cell, led the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department to restructure a facility.

The former 28-bed county juvenile detention facility, which closed in January 2014, now houses adult inmates with medical and mental health issues.



*Capt. Dave Kiesner
Photo courtesy of Outagamie County Sheriff's Department*

"We found that by keeping them in a smaller area — the officers know more about them," says Capt. Dave Kiesner, who also serves as the jail administrator, of inmates receiving the services.

Individuals moved to this area could have health concerns, be at increased risk of suicide or are simply not able to function around the general population where they were previously placed. There also is now an increased continuity in care.

"The whole facility has had a positive impact," adds Sheriff Brad Gehring.

An assessment of all inmates is now done to see what condition they are in, what offenses they have committed, what happens next and how they come out of the system.

"It takes some time to evaluate those issues and for the wheels to turn," says Kiesner. "Every offender is different. Every offender has their own baggage."

"We just don't put them in a cage and turn them loose," echoes Capt. Mike Jobe. "Jail is a great deal more than just locking them up for six months."

An inmate's time behind bars affects not only them, but their family, education and their health. Inmates who choose to assist with chores like laundry and kitchen duties receive time off their sentences. Kiesner adds that they have more invested, more to gain and more to lose if they mess up. The Outagamie County Jail also is a high school equivalency diploma test site and employs a full-time teacher.

"None of this happens without the foresight and leadership of Brad Gehring," adds Jobe. "We really do have to give credit to the sheriff."

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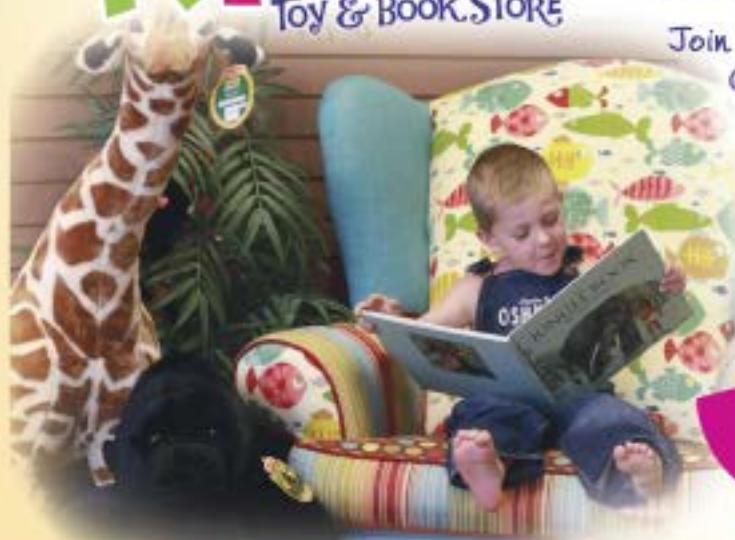
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CHALLENGING children's cuisine

By Amy Hanson

Initiatives redefine kids menus

Pizza, burgers, pasta, chicken tenders. These dishes aren't generally synonymous with healthy eating, but scan any kids menu and you're bound to find these options coming out of restaurant kitchens across the country. It's a vicious cycle for diners and dining establishments that some initiatives and restaurants in the Fox Cities are hoping to break.

About two and half years ago, area healthcare agencies and providers teamed with restaurants to begin SmartPlate. According to the initiative's website, "The mission of SmartPlate is to make it easier for people who want to eat healthy to have that option be identified and available in the restaurant setting."

The focus began with adults and is now moving to children.

"It's a struggle, it's a challenge for families to find healthy meal options, especially with kids menus," says Sarah Wright, public health nurse with the Winnebago Health Department and re:TH!NK, Winnebago's Healthy Living Partnership.

A statistic from the National Restaurant Association on SmartPlate's website, notes that Americans are spending half of their food budgets on restaurant food, which is up from 1955 when it was only 25 percent. Obesity rates also have quadrupled among children ages 6-11 since 1970, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "More than 23 million children and teens in the United States — nearly one in three young people — are overweight or obese," the foundation states.

"There's a lot of talk out there about eating right, and a lot of misinformation," says Scott Roekle, director of operations for the Supple Restaurant Group.

He's beginning the process with the Supple Restaurant Group by "redefining what healthy is."

GOOD CHOICES

Wright admits this isn't an overnight process and it's also a matter of reaching youth early to stress healthy eating. Most children form their habits by age 8, she adds.

"The biggest challenge is you can make the option available, but you need the youth to choose them," she says. "Yes, you can have the corn dog or hamburger, but you have to have a fruit or

vegetable for the side."

Learning from school systems also working to implement healthy choices into their lunch programs has been a benefit, Wright notes.

"In general, restaurants are looking not only for the recommendations, but also 'how do we do that.' We have to help them make the demand and tell people that these are good choices," she says.

When dining, the majority of an individual's plate should be fruits or vegetables, which tend to be the more cost-effective items for restaurant owners, Wright said of the win-win opportunity. She recognizes that just as restaurants may need assistance getting a menu off the ground, that families also are looking for identifiable and affordable options when they open a menu.

"I do think it's a step in the right direction anytime we're giving children more fruits and vegetables," says Wright.

SLICING AND DICING

Generally, restaurants will serve apple slices as a healthy meal side, the problem is they're usually paired with caramel, Roekle explains.

"Culturally, that's what we've done and now we're trying to start talking about doing it differently," he adds. "It was taking apples off the menu and taking away the calories and giving kids another option."

Supple opted for pears. And, for a bit of added



Evan Elrod enjoys a healthy meal of grilled chicken skewers and fresh pears with a honey dipping sauce at Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant in Appleton.

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sweetness — while still being healthy — paired them with honey. Roekle, however, wanted to make the healthy choices about more than just a logo on their kids menu.

The Supple Restaurant Group paired with Kids Live Well, an initiative of the National Restaurant Association and Healthy Dining, which developed specific guidelines for kids menus. Fox River Brewing Company and the Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant locations in Oshkosh and Appleton have been providing healthy options for almost a year now. For example, each meal comes with a glass of skim milk. Parents will find meal options featuring

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~ Sarah Wright,
public health nurse





grilled chicken skewers and whole grain pasta.

"Parents come into a restaurant and they want to make sure their kids are happy," says Roekle. "We have given them a clear and concise package."

ON THE SIDE

"I think a good way to look at the menu is to look over the whole thing, including the appetizers or ala carte options," says Brenda Leigh, a registered dietician with ThedaCare who has four children of her own. "Appetizers are tricky because they're mixed with the cheese or higher-fat options. ... The sides are a place to start. Don't be afraid to ask for something that's not on the menu."

A salad bar or cafeteria also can be a potential healthy option depending on what's loaded on a plate. ThedaCare recently revamped its cafeteria options, which is open for public dining. A newly integrated label system now lets visitors know what kind of choices they're making. Green labels indicate freshly grown options like fruits and vegetables, yellow labels indicate some processing and red labels are reserved for the options including fats, sugars and salts. ThedaCare's guidelines were used in the creation of SmartPlate.

No matter the choice, however, Leigh encourages families to think about what they're eating overall and "not eat out as often." In Leigh's opinion, children also shouldn't be rewarded with food as it sends the wrong message. For those who are dining out on a regular basis, start by looking for healthier choices.

"For most people, you can ease into it. You do want the kids to understand," she adds.

"I don't care if my kids order French fries because we don't eat out that often," she says. Leigh has distinguished food in her household as "sometimes foods" and "always foods," instead of "good vs. bad." Sometimes foods, like chocolate milk and sugar cereals should be limited to twice a day.

"That just keeps the balance and teaches them to regulate," explains Leigh who adds that a child-sized portion is about the size of their fist.

The next time you take your children out to eat, challenge them to order something new.

"It gets kids to eat something a little different," Roekle says. "It's nice that they can have something they feel good about ordering."

"There isn't anybody better that can make decisions for their kids than a parent. If they so desire, they can make these decisions knowing they're healthy," he adds.



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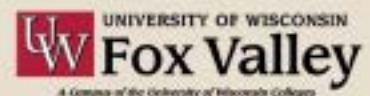
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