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© Charles Dunning, Doty Bridge In Fall. (Doty Park in Neenah)

Everyday images of the Fox Cities continue to inspire photographer Charles Dunning.

Hailing from North Carolina, Dunning has entrenched himself here capturing moments in Fox Cities’ communities. He states on his website that he aims to “capture and communicate the beauty, emotion and vibrancy of life.”

His work documents the unique pleasure of life on the water in Wisconsin. His shots show idyllic summer days on Mackinac Island, people lounging on boats in the Menasha Marina and sailors on a windy day on Lake Winnebago.



Name: Charles Dunning
Residence: Neenah
Medium: Photography
Price range: \$35–210 depending on framing.

“My key inspiration was seeing the Wayne Bryan Bridge in Neenah lit up at night. There is a plaque which lists the names of all the donors that made the lighting possible,” Dunning says. “I realized there are beautiful sites all over the Fox Valley made possible by individuals. So it became a question of ‘How can I capture the beauty of the Fox Cities?’”

Dunning and his wife Beth moved to Appleton in 1963 where he went to graduate school at the Institute of Paper Chemistry. Outside of work he pursued his interest in photography. He started using traditional darkroom methods, but was excited by the advancements of digital photography.



© Charles Dunning, Lighthouse at Sunrise (lighthouse at Kimberly Point in Neenah)

“When I saw how digital photography was progressing, I sold my darkroom and started getting interested in digital photography...Finally the resolution matched up to what you would see in film,” he says.

Today, Dunning uses the Giclée digital printing process, which creates a very resolution photo to ensure every detail is captured.

Dunning gets creative when it comes to capturing the perfect shot.

“I do get on rooftops to shoot them,” he says. “I look especially for the scenes where the landmarks are reflected on the river. I watch carefully for days where the water is still, which aren't a lot of days out of the year.”

As part of his ongoing effort to capture memories, Dunning re-photographs and edits damaged antique paintings and pictures to restore the colors to the original, mend imperfections or fix wear and tear.

His work will be on display at the Bergstrom-Mahler Arts Festival in Neenah's Riverside Park July 20th, and at Art at the Park in Appleton's City Park July 27th. He also has ongoing displays at The Hang Up Gallery and Affinity Health Clinic, both in Neenah, as well as his website: landmarkvistas.com.

— By Eym Wecker

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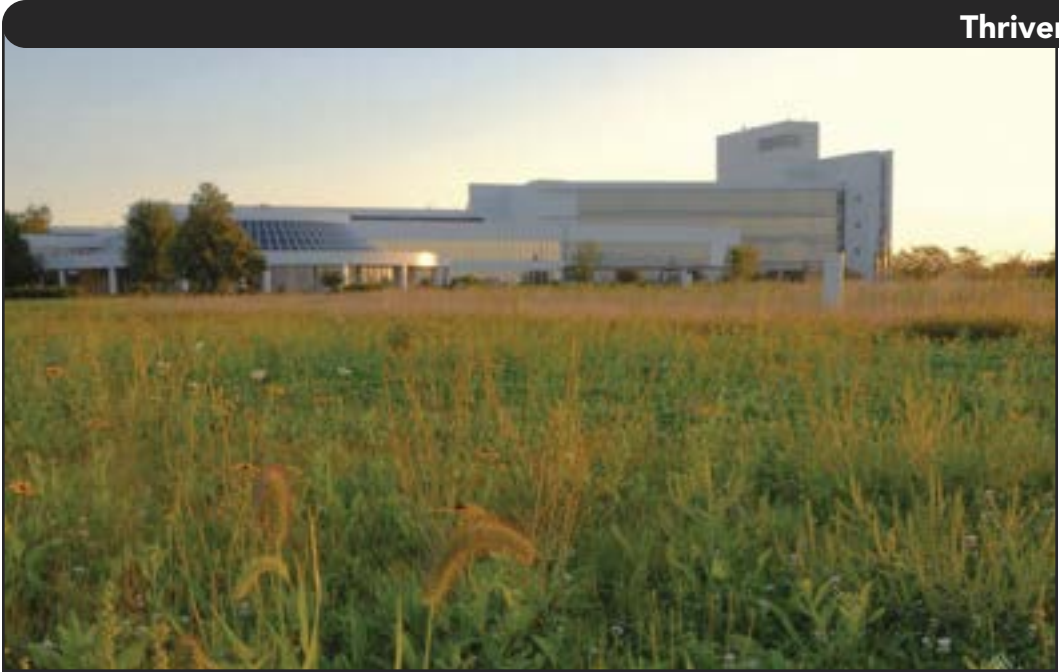
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- 2 | **Man of La Mancha**
Enter the mind & the world of Don Quixote as he pursues his quest for the impossible dream. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.
- 4 | **International Folk Dance Workshop**
This year's event features Jennifer Forbes-Baily. 10am–11pm. South Greenville Grange Hall. 822-5042.
- 4 | **Varshavski & Shapiro**
The Russian piano duo performs. 7:30pm. Silver Lake College, Manitowoc. 683-2184.
- 4 | **Sarah Kelly & Friends**
Two-time Grammy nominated artist Sarah Kelly performs her edgy Christian music. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 4 | **First Friday Concert Series**
An annual performance by Steven Paul Spears. Stunning & magical every year! 2–3pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 4–6, 10–12 | **KHS Theater Presents: In The Heights**
Combining traditional Broadway fare w/ hip hop, salsa & rap to tell stories, this musical is a potent reminder of the importance of chasing one's dreams. Th–Sa, 7–11pm; Su, 2–6pm. Kimberly High School. kimberlytheatre.com.
- 4–5, 11–12, 18–19, 25–26 | **Improv Comedy**
F & Sa, 7:30 & 9:30pm. ComedyCity, De Pere. 983-0966.
- 4–6, 11–13 | **Little Shop of Horrors**
A down and out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. F, 7pm; Sa, 1 & 7pm; Su 1pm. The Byng Community Theater, Abrams. 826-5852.
- 5 | **The Official Blues Brothers Revue**
A combination of the comedy & hits from the original movie that pays homage to Chicago's rich history of blues, gospel & soul music. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.

- 5 | **Close to You: The Music of the Carpenters**
Lisa Rock & her 6-piece band create the timeless sounds of Karen & Richard Carpenter. 7:30pm. Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts, Sheboygan. 208-3243.
- 5 | **Kohler Memorial Theatre Distinguished Guest Series: Itzhak Perlman**
The final show of the 70th season features world-renowned violinist Itzhak Perlman. 8pm. Kohler Memorial Theatre. 458-1972
- 5 | **Monroe Crossing Bluegrass**
Monroe Crossing Bluegrass features a blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel & heartfelt originals. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 5, 12 | **Saturday Night Dances**
Arlie Schneider performs Apr 5. The band for Apr 12 TBA. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.
- 6 | **Symphonic Band 35th Annual Pops Concert**
The 35th Annual Pops Concert will include a potpourri of light classics & popular music in the style of the Boston Pops. 3pm. Fond du Lac High School Performing Arts Center. 907-7678.
- 6 | **Chaminade Women's Chorus**
Spring Concert. 2pm. First United Methodist Church, Appleton.
- 6 | **Sunday Concert Series: Randal Harrison Trio**
A repertoire of mostly original compositions drawn from the great masters of the American jazz tradition. 2–3pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.
- 7, 14, 21, 28 | **Folk Dancers of Fox Valley**
Watch or participate in traditional folk dancing. 7:30pm. Memorial Building, Menasha. 734-4029.
- 9 | **Step Afrika!**
Using kicks, stomps, claps & chants, Step Afrika!'s high-energy performance is a feast for both eyes & ears. 7:30–9:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.
- 10 | **The Intergalactic Nemesis—Live-Action Graphic Novel, Book One: Target Earth**
A 1-of-a-kind theatrical experience that mashes radio drama w/ comic books. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 494-3401.

- 10–12 | **Dream Role 3**
Ninety minutes of show stopping hits from cinema & Broadway. The area's best talent will come together to bring the house down w/ their favorite songs. UWFox Theatre. Th & Fri, 7pm; Sa, 2pm & 7pm. 832-2646.
- 10–12 | **Never Kiss a Naughty Nana**
Mr. Broadbent created the house of the future. After 4 years unable to sell it, he is determined to offload this white elephant by any means necessary. 7:30pm. Goodrich Little Theatre, Fond du Lac. 923-2206.
- 11 | **Paul Jacobs**
Brown County Civic Music Association hosts the Grammy Award winning organist. 7:30pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 338-1801.
- 11–13 | **Beauty & The Beast**
Based on Disney's animated feature film, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of more than 35 million people worldwide. Fri, 7:30–10pm; Sa, 2–4:30pm & 7:30–10pm; Su, 1–3:30pm & 6:30–9pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.
- 12 | **Ode to Joy!**
Featuring soloists Kelley O'Connor, Kelly Markgraf, Steven Paul Spears & Courtney Sherman. 7:30–10pm. Weidner Center for the Performing Arts, Green Bay. 435-3465.
- 12 | **Red Molly**
This Americana trio has been bringing audiences to their feet w/ gorgeous 3-part harmonies, crisp musicianship & warm, engaging stage presence. 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake. 294-4279.
- 12 | **Oshkosh on Broadway**
Oshkosh "celebrities" & friends take to the stage in an evening of song & dance. 7:30pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.
- 17 | **Mike Kubicki, Tribute to Horace Silver**
Jazz at the Trout Season III presents Mike Kubicki. Advance tickets recommended. 7:30–9pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.
- 17 | **Black Maria Film & Video Festival**
The independent film festival tour will again make a stop at UW-FDL Prairie Theater to celebrate experimental & cutting-edge short films. 6:30pm. UW-Fond du Lac. 929-1100.

- 18 | **Don Shire**
Trumpet music & stories from Shire's travels around the world where he has shared his music as far as the rain forests of South America. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 19 | **Redstar Express Bluegrass**
Traditional Bluegrass featuring the songs of Bill Monroe, the Stanley Brothers & Doc Watson. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 22, 24 | **Fatoumata Diawara**
Malian-raised singer/songwriter Fatoumata Diawara performs a joyous amalgamation of vibrant & understated songs about love, politics & empowerment. Apr 22, 6:30pm; Apr 24, 7:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.
- 25 | **Daryl Stuermer of Genesis**
Enjoy Stuermer's unique interpretations of some of the biggest Genesis & Phil Collins hits of the late '70s, '80s & '90s as well as original jazz fusion from his 8 solo albums. 7:30–10pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center. 730-3760.
- 25 | **The Hit Men**
A collection of former members of mega-star bands performs classics of the 60's & 70's. 7:30–9:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.
- 25 | **Tent Show Radio**
Tent Show Radio Live celebrates its 20th Anniversary radio show. 7pm. Door County Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.
- 25 | **Dinner/Dance**
The Del Rays are the featured musical guests. Doors open at 5:30 & dinner will be at 6pm. Entertainment to follow. 5:30–9:30. Thompson Community Center, Appleton. 225-1700.
- 25 | **Paul Aldrich**
Known for his award-winning track "Mock & Roll," Paul Aldrich will entertain w/ clean & clever comedy accompanied by acoustic guitar riffs. 6:30 & 8:45pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 26 | **Appleton Boychoir 35th Anniversary Spring Concert**
7pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 955-2224.
- 26 | **Hollywood Hits & Humor**
Fox Valleyaires Men's Barbershop Chorus performs hits from Hollywood & Broadway. 3–5pm. Xavier High School Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 766-1861.

Celebrating 35 Years of Song

The Appleton Boychoir will emerge from winter with a dynamic blend of classical pieces in a spring concert celebrating 35 years of performing in the Fox Cities.

Under the helm of new Executive Director Hilary Armstrong, the spring concert, 4 p.m., May 3 at the Lawrence Memorial Chapel, will be a celebration of the choir's success featuring stories and music from its history.

Appleton Boychoir has proved to be a pillar in the Fox Cities arts community. The audition-only choir has traveled the world exhibiting its talent.

"I think we're the only stand-alone all-boy choir in Wisconsin," says Armstrong of the unique appeal of the Boychoir.

The Ambassador Choir will be performing a special feature for the anniversary show.

"They are doing some portions from Oliver [Twist] at the beginning, which will be costumed and choreographed," says Armstrong.

The concert will also feature the Master Singers, which includes alumni and other adults singers from the area, says Armstrong. Music from classical composers such as Galuppi, Brahms, Britten & Rutter complete the program.

Tickets: boxoffice.printtixusa.com/appletonboychoir/eventcalendar.

— by Eryn Wecker



- 26 | **South Shore Chorale**
South Shore Chorale presents the music of Beethoven & Brahms w/ Fond du Lac native Jestin Pieper as the featured piano soloist. 7:30pm. Fond du Lac High School Performing Arts Center. 922-9012.
- 26 | **Open Mic Night**
Come take the Cup stage! Contact jano @ cupojoy.com to sign up. 7pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.
- 27 | **Music @ the Library**
Hallelujah Chorus & the Young at Heart Singers performing Patriotic & spring songs. 2–3pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.
- 29 | **Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano**
Enjoy some of Mexico's most beloved songs & songwriters. 7:30–9:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

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Founders Hall Art Gallery, UW-Manitowoc. 683-4735
The Steampunk Project
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Jack Richeson School of Art & Gallery, Kimberly. 757-5415
Art From the Gardens
Apr 1–May 3. A non-juried exhibit of paintings depicting trees, plants, fruits vegetables & flowers found in nature or a garden. Co-presented by the Trout Museum of Art & Creative by Design.

John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144
Emery Blagdon: The Healing Machine
thru Apr 6. Made of 400 pieces, Blagdon created a complex art environment in which paintings & mixed-media sculptures co-mingled w/ mineral elements & electrical conductors.

Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 746-0707
Show & Tell
thru Apr 16. Art collectors share favorites.
39th Annual Salon of Door County
Apr 20–May 28. Door County high school students from all five schools show a wide variety of work in all media. Reception, Apr 22, 7–8:30pm.

Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409
Endangered Places, Historic Spaces
Apr 4–May 30. Water's Edge Artists
The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089
Private Collections Exposed: From Classic to Contemporary
thru Apr 6. The 53 pieces in the "Private Collections" exhibit includes works from Grant Wood, Alexander Calder, LeRoy Neiman, Andy Warhol & Marc Chagall.

Step Afrika! Steps into the Fox Cities PAC

It's all about the footwork when Step Afrika! stomps the stage.

Step Afrika!, a step group founded in 1994 and based out of Washington, performs at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center on April 9.

"[The group] has performed on prestigious stages across the world. We are thrilled with the opportunity to introduce the Fox Cities audience to this world-renowned group," says Tara Brzozowski, director of marketing and public relations for the Fox Cities PAC.

Step Afrika! isn't just any step group, however. The group combines stepping with other types of dance, such as tap

and hip-hop. The performers come from all over the country. While some have been dancing their whole lives, many began stepping while in college.

"Step Afrika! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping which uses the body as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and spoken word," Brzozowski says.

The group will appear as part of the Boldt Arts Alive! Series, which highlights the world's cultures through a variety of art forms.

— by Nicole Dunbar



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4–6 | **Happy Birthday Houdini!**
Celebrate the birth of the famous magician by learning basic close-up illusions like card tricks in the museum lobby. Regular admission applies. 11am–4pm. The History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370

7–13 | **Fox Cities Book Festival**
Celebrate your favorite books and meet both local and nationally known authors. Times and locations vary. See foxcitiesbookfestival.org for daily schedules.

10 | **Evening w/ Sandhill Cranes**
Watch up to 3,000 Sandhill cranes come in to roost for the night. Binoculars & spotting scopes available. 7pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. (715) 758-6999.

11 | **Taste of the 70s**
Sample the beers that made Wisconsin famous in a 1970s themed evening. Try classics like Old Milwaukee, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Schlitz & Miller High Life. 7–9pm. The History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.

12 | **Ultimate Ladies Day**
A special women's day including a champagne breakfast & fashion show. 10am–4pm. Downtown Neenah. 722-1920.

12 | **TuTu Much Fun: Featuring the Makaroff Youth Ballet**
Dancers & Artistic Director Jeanette Makaroff demonstrate the basics of ballet. Learn about costumes & create your own drawing in the style of Degas. 12–2pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

26 | **Family Festival: Egypt**
Experience traditions that comprise Egypt's culture/ Performances, art activities, demonstrations, storytelling & authentic food. 11am–3pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

26 | **Celebrate Earth Day**
Plant sale, wagon rides, pond creatures, recycling shoes, spring wildflower hike & kid's crafts. 11am–2pm. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. (715) 758-6999.

26 | **Navarino Trail Fun Run/Walk**
10K, 5K, & 1 mile kid runs to support environmental education. 9am. Navarino Nature Center, Shiocton. (715) 758-6999.

26 | **Run Away to the Bay**
Race from Oshkosh's Menomonee Park to The City Deck in downtown Green Bay. Teams provide their own support vehicle & can divide the 11 race legs however they like as long as the entire distance is covered by the team. 7am. 203-2904.

26 | **Fox Valley Humane Association Open House**
Drop in to learn about programs offered & meet adoptable animals. 4–7pm. Fox Valley Humane Association, Appleton. 733-1717.

May 3 | **Mother's Day Sip & Shop**
Sip – Dine – Shop! Enjoy a night of dining, dancing, sipping (free wine & cash bar), raffles & shopping, shopping, shopping! Tickets on sale now: \$35ea. (21 and over only), at www.eventdivapromotions.biz. A portion of ticket sales & vendor fees benefit the Fox Valley Humane Association. 5–9pm. Darboy Club, N9695 Cty. N, Appleton.

fundraisers

8 | **Dining in the Dark**
Navigate a 5-course meal, using just your sense of touch, smell & taste. Proceeds benefit WI Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired. 6:30–8:30pm. GingeRootz Asian Grille, Appleton. 738-9688.

10 | **5th Annual Neenah-Menasha Emergency Society Kitchen Tour**
Tour 5 kitchens & enjoy tastings & demonstrations. 10am–1:30pm & 4:30–7pm. Homes in Neenah & Menasha. 215-3212. Ticket info @ nmesociety.org.

21 | **Ladies of Bluegrass Music Festival**
A lively & fun Bluegrass music festival to raise money for cancer charities. Bands include: Zoomie's Patsy Cline Tribute, Spare Time, Truman's Ridge, Eric Lambert & Co.,



Earth Day Comes Alive

Earth Day is more than a day. It's a challenge to change your way of life.

This month, businesses and organizations across the Fox Cities will hold events not only to highlight ways to make the earth healthier, but to spur you into year-round action for a better environment.

"We hope that our Earth Week activities encourage people to more carefully consider their role on the planet and, through this consideration, become more engaged citizens of the earth," says

Catie DeMets, co-president of Greenfire, a student organization at Lawrence University.

Greenfire will be holding several events and an Earth Day Fest at the end of April.

Outside the academic setting, Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore will host two events. The first is a free electronics recycling day April 12.

"We offer this free event to give our community an easy way to comply with the electronics recycling laws [and] keep harmful and hazardous materials out of our landfills," says Matthew Daniels, general manager of Fox Cities Habitat ReStore.

This event will be followed by a Green Building Expo on April 26, which will give the community an opportunity to learn about new products and services that make building projects more sustainable and energy efficient.



—by Nicole Dunbar

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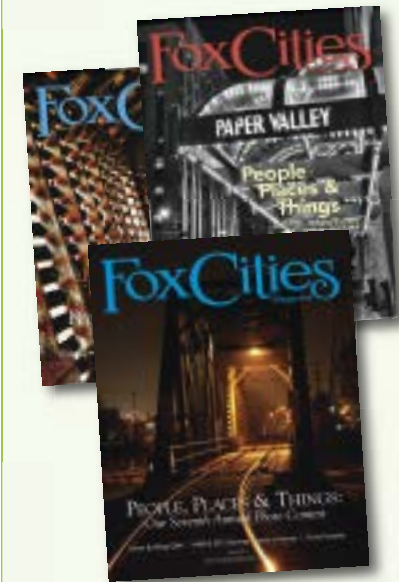
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2 | **Downtown Book Club**
Discuss the 2014 Fox Cities Reads book, "Wonder", by P.J. Palacio. Participants may bring their own lunch. 12–1pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

3 | **Let's Talk About...**
What's on your mind? 10–11am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

7 | **Poetry @ the Library**
Open Mic. Read your own poetry or a favorite poem. 4–5pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

8 | **Author Visit: Wendy Welch**
Wendy Welch's book, "The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap", is about the little bookstore that could. 6:30–7:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

9 | **2014 Fox Cities Reads Author Visit**
Featuring P.J. Palacio, author of "Wonder". 2–4pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

10 | **Lemonade Stand Economics**
Money smart event featuring Geoff White. 6:30–7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

10 | **Author Visit: Marnie Mamminga**
Marnie Mamminga discusses her book, "Return to Wake Robin: One Cabin in the Heyday of Northwoods Resorts". 4–5pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.



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Diamonds in the Rough

Nothing quite says spring like the crack of a bat and the snap of a leather baseball glove.

This month, minor league baseball returns to Northeast Wisconsin. Both the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and the Green Bay Bullfrogs plan new amenities to enhance your experience at the local ballpark.

“We’re celebrating the 20th anniversary this year and have a lot of great surprises for fans to look forward to” says Chris Mehring, director of media relations for the Timber Rattlers.



Some of the Timber Rattlers’ new promotions for 2014 include a variety of themed jerseys, nine different bobble heads and, on throw back nights, tickets and concessions at 1995 prices.

Up the road in Green Bay, the Bullfrogs will mark its eighth season with a new ownership group looking to grow the fan base.

“We bought the Bullfrogs in late November and held listening sessions, we wanted feedback from the fans” says Liz Kern, a member of the new ownership group.

Improvements at Joannes Stadium include replacing the chain link fence behind home plate with a high visibility net, a new concession building featuring fun “State Fair style food” and a kid’s game area.

The Timber Rattlers throw out the first pitch April 3. The Bullfrogs get underway May 27th.

—by Katie Stuhmer

28 | **How to Be Your Own Agent, Editor, Publicist & Publisher**
An overview of tools available to writers, demos on word-processing, finding markets for your work, promotion & self-publishing. 7pm. Oshkosh Public Library. 236-5205.

films

3 | **Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies—Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey**
The story of two dogs & a cat who try to find their way home after their masters move. Rated G. 4–6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

4 | **Mid-Week Matinee: Saving Mr. Banks**
The story behind Walt Disney’s efforts to bring the story “Mary Poppins” to the big screen. Rated PG-13, 1–3pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

14 | **Monday Matinee: Gravity**
The story of a medical engineer & an astronaut working together to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in space. Rated PG-13. 1–3pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

17 | **Thursday Night @ the Movies—Radical Adjustments: The Life & Times of Marilyn Reed Lucia**
Co-sponsored by Compassionate Fox Cities. 6–8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173

24 | **Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies—DisneyNature: Earth.**
A remarkable story of three animal families on a journey across our planet—polar bears, elephants & humpback whales. 4–6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

classes & workshops

1 | **Nuts 2 U!**
GBBG member and nut enthusiast Jim LaLuzerne will give an overview of edible nuts that can be grown in the Green Bay area, with particular emphasis on growing, harvesting & preparing hybrid hazelnuts. 6–7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

3, 10, 24 | **Digital Photography w/ Larry Jankowski**
An overview of Larry Jankowski’s approach to photography is through the understanding that photography is a science, a technical skill & an art discipline. 5:30–8pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

5 | **Outagamie County Master Gardeners**
Companion planting: plants that help each other. 10–11:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

5 | **Spring Thaw Symposium**
Chic Gardening–Green & Glamorous w/ Kelly D. Norris, Rich Eyre & Jeff Epping. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

7 | **On the Road w/ Master Gardeners**
Romantic Gardens of France w/ Tom Wentzel. 7–8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

8 | **Creative Journey**
Calligraphy: Letter Perfect. Experience basic calligraphy w/ artist Joan Damie. Supplies provided. 10am–12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

10 | **Green, Fresh & Flavorful**
Instructed by Susan Beno, Culinary Specialist. Learn about and enjoy the spring colors and flavors of various vegetables and their uses. Samples will be provided. 6–7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

10, 24 | **Creative Writing @ the Library**
Explore creative writing through a variety of prompts & exercises. Opportunities to share your work will be available. Led by Sharrie Robinson. 10am–12pm. Appleton Pubic Library. 832-6173.

15 | **Creative Journey**
Film Series “Art: 21.” Bring your artist trading cards for after the film. 10am–12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

15 | **Backyard Composting**
Lisa Stubbe of Landscape Artisans will teach how to turn your organic yard waste into high quality finished compost. 6–7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

17 | **Hypertufa Planters**
Two part class organized by Green Bay Botanical Garden. In the first part, create a hypertufa planter then return May 22 to plant. 6–8pm. Rose-Hill Gardens, Hobart. 490-9457.

21 | **Knit2Together**
Multi-generational knitting circles. Newcomers always welcome. 6:30–8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

21 | **Put A Little Smoke in Your Grill**
For the beginner to the professional back yard grill, learn some of the award winning tricks and formulas for making rubs, seasonings, brines and sauces, to smoking meats the right way from Pitmaster T. Bacon. 6–7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden.

22 | **Creative Journey**
Sing-a-long. 10am–12pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

23 | **Create your own Rain Barrel**
Join Master Gardener Rod Stenmagen for hands-on instruction on how to create your own rain barrel. 6–8pm. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

26 & 27 | **Wire & Bead Jewelry: Mixed Media w/ Beth-Wenger Johnstone**
Create a necklace by making glass beads on day 1, then learn wire jewelry techniques to incorporate your beads into a necklace or bracelet. 9am–5pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658.

27 | **Earthly Creations**
1–3pm. Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

29 | **Creative Journey**
Led by Gayle Schultz. 10am–12pm. Seth’s Coffee & Bake Shop, Little Chute. 832-6173.

May 3 | **Ethan Allen Window WOW Workshop**
Plug in to the best-dressed looks in window fashions, mingle with new styles & chat with our designers to discover unexpected design twists that give windows the WOW factor. RSVP by Apr 30. 9:30–10:30am. Ethan Allen, Green Bay. 920-499-0808.

children’s events

1 | **Super Heroes Academy: How to be a Super Hero**
Join us for super hero tales, games, crafts, activities, treats & some outrageous fun. 6:30–7:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 | **Toddle Time**
Storytime for children 12–23 mo. old. 10:30am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | **Evening Family Storytime**
2–6 y.o. storytime. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | **Storytime—Our Time**
3–5 y.o. storytime. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

2 | **Storybook Stars: Clifford the Big Red Dog**
Interactive storytime featuring a costumed character. 10am & 2:30pm. The Building for Kids, Appleton. 734-3226.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | **Baby Time**
Storytime for children 0–11 mo. old. 9:15am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 | **Lapsit**
Storytime for 2 y.o. & young threes. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

3, 17 | **Book Groups—Page Turners**
8–11 y.o. book group. 3:45pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

3, 10, 17, 24 | **Toddle Time**
Storytime for children 12–23 mo. old. 9:15am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

5 | **Big Event for Little Kids**
More than 50 hands-on creative & scientific activities are available. 9am–3:30pm. ShopKo Hall, Green Bay. 469-1236.

5 | **WinnePLAYgo Garden Kickoff**
Plant seeds, create a garden marker, dress up the scarecrows, water the flowers & learn. 10:30am–12pm. Children’s Museum of Fond du Lac. 929-0707.

5 | **The Big Read**
Participating local libraries offer story time, songs & activities! For children 8 and under. 10–11am. Various local libraries. 832-5123.

5, 12–13 | **Great Bunny Train**
Join the Easter Bunny for a fun-filled day at the National Railroad Museum. 9am–5pm. National Railroad Museum, Green Bay. 437-7623.

7 | **Wild About Nature w/ Children’s Author Rick Chrustowski**
Discover the fascinating ways Rick Chrustowski observes nature & the step-by-step process of making a book. 6:30–7:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

10 | **Lego Mania**
Come build w/ us! Each month we have a new theme to inspire you. We provide the Legos. 3:45–4:30pm. New London Public Library. 982-8519.

10 | **Book Group—Girlfriends Read**
8 yrs old+. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

12 | **Mayhem in the Mud**
Make a dirt craft, dig in the dirt & stomp in the swamp. We’ll also sample some dirt dessert & grimy grog. 12–3:30pm. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve. Menasha. 720-9349.

12 | **Pooches & Pages**
Kids in grades 1–5 can sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to a canine friend 10–11am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

12 | **Art Activity Day: Real Eggs to Glass Eggs**
Add texture & designs onto a real egg that will then be made into glass. You can even choose the color. 10am–1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. 751-4658.

14 | **National Library Week Event: Book Bingo**
Celebrate National Library Week & win prizes playing book bingo featuring kid lit characters. Great for kids in grades K–5. 6:30–7:15pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

15 | **Turtle Tots Preschool Adventure—Lunch for a Bear**
Identify the kinds of foods black bears like to eat & where they would live. Take a walk to look for places a bear might live on the reserve. 9:30–11am. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

19 | **Pooches & Pages**
Kids in grades 1–5 are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to a canine friend. 10am–12pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

21 | **Spring Break Special: The Soda Pups**
Check out the agility & obedience tricks of those doggone cute Soda Pups: Ginger Ale, Sierra Mist, Squirt, Dr. Pepper & Root Beer. 10:30–11:15am. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

22 | **Lorax Day**
Celebrate Earth Day w/ stories & activities about Dr. Seuss’ famous tree-loving character, “The Lorax”. 3:45–4:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7825.

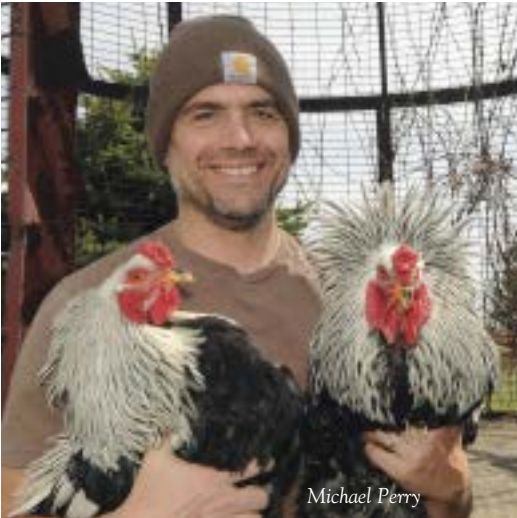
24 | **Movie Morning for Tots**
Bring your pillows, blankets & stuffed animals for a short movie & craft perfect for kids ages 2–5. 10–10:45am. New London Public Library. 982-8519.

26 | **Royal Tea Party**
1pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

26 | **Kid Fuse: Glass Flowers**
We will design & create 3 fused glass flowers which will be fired & attached to a metal stem. 2:30–4:30pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658.

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You won’t need to twist the dial to catch this performance of Tent Show Radio.

Since 1994, Tent Show Radio has been heard weekly all over the country, featuring host Michael Perry, as well as a number of live guests. After 20 years of broadcast, the show will appear live in two Northeast Wisconsin venues.

“Tent Show Radio is a truly unique evening that will include musical selections by the Blue Canvas Orchestra, a few songs and monologues from Michael Perry and performances by the show’s special guests,” says Tara Brozowski, director of marketing and public relations at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.

Tent Show Radio Live will be making stops at the Door County Auditorium on April 5; and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center follows May 8.

“In celebration of their milestone anniversary on public radio they are taking the show on the road and we are excited to welcome them,” Brzowski says.

—by Nicole Dunbar



A Learning Experience

By Sean P. Johnson

Library of the future may look different, but its mission remains the same

Janice Quinlan has glimpsed the library of the future.

She sees it in the morning, when the children's area is packed with parents and youngsters taking part in reading and literacy programs. She sees it in the afternoon, when adults congregate in the library's conference rooms for programs ranging from book clubs to discussion groups.

Of course, she also sees it when she peers into the computer lab where users can access technology they could not otherwise use.

In some ways, the future looks a lot like now—a place to learn and experience new things.

"The mission goes back to what it was when libraries were founded," says Quinlan, executive director of Friends of the Appleton Public Library. "It's about being a community resource—whether

that's buying and lending books or buying and sharing technology."

That central tenet of the library as a community resource will gain in importance as libraries move further into the digital age. As technology becomes more pervasive in the consumption and sharing of information, a community access point becomes even more important.

"Regardless of the format, libraries will always play a role for access to information," says Colleen Rortved, director of the Appleton Library. "A library is a great platform to be able to come and learn things."

The future of libraries has been a hot topic of late in Appleton, where the process of defining the library of the future and how it will interact with the community took a formal turn during more

than a year of study and meetings with community focus groups, well-known futurists and staff.

The results are reflected in APL 150, a strategic plan that takes the Appleton Library to 2047, when it will celebrate 150 years. The study charts a course for the library to become a community hub for connecting people, ideas and experiences.

"Libraries are really in a unique position in that we can be a great platform to be able to come and learn all sorts of things," Rortved says.

Just how that learning will take place is still a work in progress, though we are beginning to see signs of how it may work.



As we progress further into the digital age, there will likely be less of a demand for physical books – though that too is a debatable point. Federal law designed to protect copyright holders from the wholesale theft experienced early in the Internet age actually make sharing a digital resource more difficult than sharing a physical book.

What's clear, though, is that libraries are changing from a focus on acquiring books and objects to an emphasis on people, discovery and interaction.

"One of our roles will be to close the technological divide," says Vicki Lenz, director of the Elisha D. Smith Public Library in Menasha. "But an important role will be programming. Our job will be helping to build communities by bringing people and ideas together."

Libraries will take on a broader role of a community space, rather than just a repository of knowledge. While that role will be retained, there will be more opportunities for interaction, sharing and even entrepreneurship.

In essence, it will become a vital creative space in the community.

"Libraries are so much more than just a collection," says Jennifer Stephany, executive director of Appleton Downtown Inc., and a member of the vision team that helped to draft a new strategic plan for the Appleton Public Library.

What particularly excited Stephany was the feedback from young entrepreneurs who see the library as a potential space where they could research, collaborate and make connections to grow new business opportunities and products.

Having a place they can do those things and share technology beyond the reach of most startups would make the library an attractive venue and help strengthen the community, she says.

"The entry barrier for tomorrow's entrepreneurs is technology they might not be able to afford on their own," Stephany says. "if they can access it through the library, then we have created a whole new cooperative workspace for downtown."

For many of the region's public libraries, a shift to the future has already started, even if it's not a conscious one. Programming for young children, teens and adults exposes them to new ideas and skills.

As that takes shape, it could mean the library functions as a place where young entrepreneurs access technology and tools a startup company just could not afford. Speakers and artists might use the space along with tutors and teachers to share their passion and information.

The New London Public Library is working on an experiment that provides a glimpse of how that might work.

In the latest technology budget, Library Director Ann Hunt purchased two Raspberry Pi computers, which she has asked students to learn how to program, then share what they have learned with others.

"In the future, its going to be about access to information, not so much physical resources," Hunt says. "We will be the ones to help those who don't have it."

Another option Hunt is considering is bringing in experts to teach hands-on classes such as bike repair. It's all about providing space and opportunity to share ideas and collaborate, she says.

What libraries will physically look like is still being worked out.

One of the reason the Appleton Public Library initiated its study was to better understand its future space needs. The current building may need renovation or replacement and staff wanted to anticipate the needs.

The city of Appleton was expected to begin preliminary discussions in March about the future of the building.

While that future will include many new opportunities, don't look for books to disappear just yet.

"We will have books around for a long time yet," Quinlan says. "But there is a paradigm shift coming. It's really becoming a place for community collaboration."

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Food for Thought

A Surge of Artisan Cooking Moves into the Fox Cities

By Sean P. Johnson

The Fox Cities restaurant scene is always a work in progress. If the comings and goings of the past year tell us anything, it's that it can change at a moment's notice.

It always offers something new, though, and this year it was the growth of artisan cooking, both with new openings and the expansion of existing eateries.

A culinary adventure awaits.

Appleton Beer Factory. Photo by Julia Schnese.



Gather Americana Restaurant

ARTISANS ARISE

The newest player on the Fox Cities dining scene joined an emerging group of restaurants creating new flavor combinations for diners.

Gather Americana Restaurant and Deli, which opened its doors in February, was created to meet the demand for farm-fresh ingredients and artisan flavor combinations, says operating partner John Chastain.

"People are asking for clean and crisp flavors," says Chastain.

Which is exactly what Chef Kyle Cross intends to deliver with a menu of simplified dishes he described as "clean and fresh."

"We are not going to do 10 to 12 things on a plate. We are going to keep it very simple and do it really well," Cross says. "We're going to have a delicate touch with the food and let it speak for itself."

The emphasis on fresh ingredients extends to a garden wall Gather—the restaurant's favored shorthand name—will use to grow herbs and greens, as well as the bar and deli areas.

Gather will carry a rotating selection of 24 craft beers and feature wines on tap as well as by the bottle. When the restaurant is not serving, the deli will offer artisan cheeses, charcuterie, salads and soup.



COOKING WITH BEER

Joining Gather in bringing scratch cooking and artisan creations to the Fox Cities dining scene was Appleton Beer Factory, which celebrated a long-awaited opening in December.

The College Avenue eatery debuted following a three-year conversion of an old auto parts store into a pub and microbrewery.

Along with brewing craft beers, Appleton Beer Factory offers a menu described by Executive Chef and Co-Owner Leah Fogle as "beer-centered comfort food."

"As I have been planning the menu, I have always been thinking how can I enhance the food with beer," Fogle says. "The idea is to take real food and raise it up a notch."

Appleton Beer Factory creates all of its dishes in-house, and Fogle uses local producers whenever she can. Fogle says she is still surprised by the overwhelming response to the menu, much of which is based on recipes she learned cooking with her grandmother.

"It's all been a bit overwhelming," Fogle says. "I still think it's pretty cool that people are asking for my food. That's just wild."

Both the beer selection and the menu items change to reflect the seasons.

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Going GRAY

By Sean P. Johnson

Hot Color Creates a Whole New Palette for Interior Design

The Fox Cities have gone gray. It has nothing to do with the weather, Baby Boomers or an aging population. Instead, the gray overtaking the Fox Cities is part of a hot new color palette taking root with residents, remodelers and homebuilders.

Move over beige and brown, the newest neutral color to move in from the coasts has arrived. Gray, it's not just for battleships anymore.

"I've been working with grays for about a year," says Mary Duba, an interior designer with Sherwin-Williams who has more than 25 years experience. "The grays have stability. You can use them to look elegant and they also can work in an informal setting. Gray is a great backdrop that you can use so many different colors with."

To paraphrase a recent best seller, gray has many shades, and they work well with a variety of fixtures, cabinetry, appliances and furniture, both old and new.

That flexibility allows remodelers to easily connect a newly renovated space with existing rooms and not have it seem out of place, says Susan Fassbender, an interior designer and co-owner of Distinctive Renovations.

"It really goes well with all the other colors people have been using," Fassbender says. "We might have a new kitchen in yellow and the adjacent living space with pink. We can use gray to make the transition. Of course, you have to get the right undertones."

It's more than just paint schemes where this

new trend is appearing, though that is usually one of the easiest and least expensive options for introducing gray into a room. Fassbender says shades of gray have become popular in flooring, tile and woodwork. It's also showing up in carpeting, creating bold options for furniture and other design elements.

"It's all in how you use it," says Barb Skubal, an interior designer with Total Floor Covering in Appleton. "People want to step out and do something different."



A swatch of Sherwin-Williams's gray paint offerings shows variant shades of the color.

Skubal said medium grays, particularly in tile, have become popular options this past year.

New cabinetry lines also are reflecting the graying trend, says Ali Fagerland, a design specialist with Mosquito Creek Home Renovations. She says at least two of the cabinetry suppliers she works with are supplying cabinets incorporating gray stains, which provides a great neutral backdrop for overall kitchen projects.

"We've been seeing this coming for two to three years, but it seems to be blowing up huge in our area for 2014," Fagerland says. "It's timeless, you can change all of the things around it and it still works."

Mosquito Creek recently won a 2014 Level Best award from the Fox Cities chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) for a kitchen remodel featuring gray as part of the color palette.

The range of grays designers are working with include incredibly light shades of stain allowing wood grain to seep through to shades that reflect tints of blue or purple to darker shades such as the slate found in countertops.

Indeed, countertops have been on the leading edge of this latest gray incursion. Many of the popular stone options for countertops just happen to be in the gray palette.

Tina VanCamp, an interior designer with Arn's Cabinets in Little Chute says natural grays such as quartz have become quite popular and provide a flexible canvas around which the rest of the room can be designed.

"It can be used in a natural design or it can support a design that is contemporary," VanCamp says. "For the last two to three years, we've really been seeing it come back. Now it seems to be a more comfortable choice."

This latest gray trend is a comeback of sorts for gray, having fallen out of favor as consumers and designers turned to beige, browns and earth tones when it came to neutral colors.

At Gerhards, the Kitchen & Bath

Store, Manager Amy Gartzke has been watching as grays have taken a shift toward darker, "thunder" grays. She's also seen gray being incorporated into plumbing and fixtures, particularly tubs and vessels where the inside is white, but the exterior is gray.

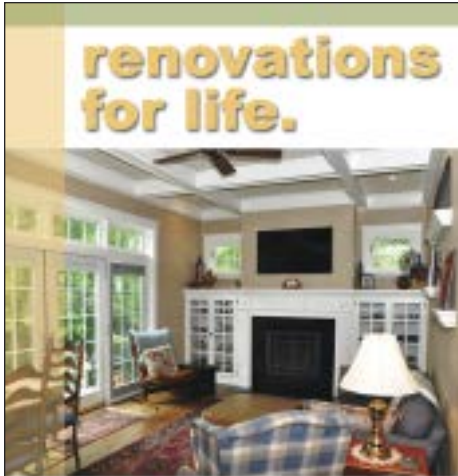
"We are really seeing that rich, warm gray," Gartzke says. "But it's still neutral enough where you can mix things up around it."

Whether gray and all of its shades will have a long stay as the color of choice remains to be seen. Those who work in interior design seem to think it's not going away soon, in part because the palette is much broader than it was 20 years ago.

During its popularity back then, the shades tended to be lighter and gave the space a cool feel, says Diane Welhouse, vice president of operations and design for Welhouse Construction Services. Today's grays are deeper, richer and give off a much warmer feel.

While gray may be the hot color, Welhouse says it's not generally the color customers ask for first. Instead, they will often select it as the second or third color in the palette to unify their initial color choices, she says.

"The customer is not coming in and saying they have to have it," Welhouse says. "But they are finding it a very easy color to work with."



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KANGAROOST HOPS ALONG

In addition to sparking new restaurants, diner demand for artisan, from scratch cooking created opportunities for growth.

Kangaroost, a descendant of the venerable food truck launched by Jay and Kelly Barnes, had been in it's Kaukauna location just about a year when increasing demand for its unique cuisine—particular catering opportunities—prompted a move to more expansive quarters on Prospect Avenue in Appleton.

"Plum Hill was great, but now we have a bigger kitchen and a bigger space," says Jay Barnes. "Now we're not on top of each other."

Kangaroost is putting that new space to work. Barnes says the menu is changing to give diners more options, including new appetizers, new specialty burgers and a speciality grilled cheese sandwich. Other additions include an expanded sandwich selections on the



lunch menu and hand-crafted cocktails.

"Folks asked us to come to Appleton and they have really responded," Barnes says.

SPECIALTY SPINOFFS

The past year has seen another new trend in the Fox Cities dining scene—the spinoff.

During the past year, several well established eateries created spinoff's that specialized in a certain atmosphere or cuisine.

The latest, expected to open this month, is Sap, a creation of the DeFranza family, which owns and operates Carmella's: an Italian Bistro.

Sap will be located in the same retail complex as Carmella's, just a few doors away. Sap's menu will trend toward breakfast and lunch, though it will also feature a deli and will have extended hours. Bakery goods by Carmella's pastry chef will also be prominent, says co-owner Nicole DeFranza.

The name Sap was inspired by family, she says.

"My nephew drew a picture of the restaurant he wanted to own that would serve breakfast," DeFranza says, recalling the story. "He called it Sap."



Sap

Other spinoffs also had roots in family or cultural traditions.

The owners of El Azteca launched Chicken Palace in Grand Chute, using an idea inspired by restaurants in Marco Manuel Montalvo's native Mexico.

Montalvo created Chicken Palace when expanding the Reyes Bakery to its second location.

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from the publisher

FOX CITIES Magazine has for many years accepted interns onto our staff near the completion of degrees in Journalism or English from mostly Wisconsin colleges and universities. These people are attempting to add practically to their classroom training and to enhance their resumes.

But, an “intern” Ruth Ann and I observed “on the job” recently really took us aback. Pictured nearby, a waitress taking our

order at a local eatery is a very exceptional six year-old kindergartner.

In a most professional way this young go-getter wrote our order for “2 CA CHIX SAND” with her pink felt

tip and asked if either of us wanted fries with that. All with minimal coaching from the overseeing waiter and her mother who sat across the room.

Joblessness would drop and an older generation would breath more easily if all the members of our younger generations displayed such a willingness to attack the job as our interns or this youngest-I’ve-Ever-Seen apprentice.

Congratulations to her...and to her mother...and to the patient waiter for helping to teach the young.

Completely charmed!

—Marvin J. Murphy

The space was too big for the bakery, so he divided it into thirds and opened Chicken Palace and an ice cream counter selling Michoacana brand ice cream made with fresh ingredients and fruit.

It was the resort areas of Mexico that inspired Shirley Gregory and Luiz Vasquez to create **Mojito’s Mexican Grill & Bar** by Sangria’s, an offshoot of their Sangria’s restaurants.

When the opportunity for a new restaurant presented itself, the couple did not want to create an additional Sangria’s so close to the current Appleton location. Instead, they used Vasquez’s experience living in the Yucatan region of Mexico to create a resort atmosphere in the new restaurant.

Bold colors, live entertainment and large, hand-crafted drinks help give diners a taste of festive locales along the Gulf of Mexico.

“We wanted it to be different, though we still share some core dishes on the menu,” Gregory says. “It’s got more seafood on the menu and it’s a lot more tropical. A lot more wow in the presentation.”

Themed entertainment such as “salsa night” helps complete the resort atmosphere.



“We wanted it to be a nice place you can go for dinner, drinks, music and entertainment,” Gregory says.

“The Gathering Room” at Atlas Coffee Mill



GROWING UP

Perhaps it’s a sign of better days to come. Several Fox Cities favorites saw growth this past year and expanded beyond their original footprint.

Weathervane, **Atlas Coffee Mill** and **Blueberry Hill** all added space or moved into new quarters.

With wait times stacking up, Weathervane Owner Pat DuFrane expanded his downtown Menasha restaurant into an adjacent space, adding 50 more seats. He can now accommodate weekend buffets and large groups.

“We have four to five new menu items coming as well,” DuFrane says. “People are looking for some healthier options for lunch, so I’m looking at some things there.”

DuFrane plans to add a salad bar in April and will be creating an outdoor dining space this spring.

Adding space for larger crowds was also behind the expansion at Atlas Coffee Mill, where owner Sue Bogenshutz recaptured a space she had previously given up and created a gathering space for groups smaller than 100.

Called “The Gathering Room,” the space has helped make Atlas a destination space for smaller events.

In January, **Blueberry Hill** moved into space attached to the Best Western on College Avenue, evolving from serving just breakfast and lunch to hours for dinner as well as managing room service and the bar for the hotel.

While the space may not have expanded, **Seth’s Coffee & Bake Shop** in Little Chute added a liquor license that allows for the sale of craft beer and fine wine as it began growing an evening crowd.

A better plan for existing space was also on the minds of new **Il Angelo Resto-Bar** owners Conrado and Oscar Mendez when they closed in July to reconfigure the bar space to accommodate more tables and new technology.

Extending the restaurant’s usual one-week summer vacation to two, a new bar was constructed, new flooring added, the decor upgraded and a projector and screen incorporated for meetings. The space can now handle 10 tables are more than 40 people.

“It’s working out quite well,” Conrado Mendez says. “We get a lot of private meetings and it’s really helped with that. It just really opened things up.”



NOTABLE NEWCOMERS



We apparently cannot get enough coffee in the Fox Cities.

While existing coffee houses expanded, new players also emerged. The hole created when Starbuck’s left downtown was filled when **Bagelicious** opened its doors in September.

Owners Curt Konetzke and Kyle Fritz introduced a selection of 23 bagel flavors, 10 to 11 cream cheeses, high quality deli meats and cheeses and Intelligensia Coffee to satisfy downtown patrons.

“As we worked our plan, it sort of evolved from a coffee shop to a bagel shop/deli,” Konetzke says. “We found out what was missing from downtown and we filled that gap.”

In November, Liz Stuck opened **All Seasons Coffeehouse** near the Mills Fleet Farm in Grand Chute. The coffeehouse serves a variety of breakfast and lunch comfort foods, including wraps and paninis.



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A. Abby, I've been making my own tomato sauces for years. I highly recommend using fresh tomatoes as this will give you the best culinary experience from the "ground up." Canned tomato products are extremely consistent, and consistency is important if you are in the restaurant business, but for home use it is more fun and adventuresome to prepare a unique tomato sauce each time.

Some basic steps to creating your own tomato sauce include starting by sautéing some onions and garlic in olive oil. Then add the fresh



tomatoes: washed, cored and chunked including skins and seeds. Add oregano, basil, thyme, parsley and fennel and simmer for 4-6 hours on medium heat.

Simmering allows the tomato sauce to reduce and all of the beautiful flavors to marry. While the tomato sauce is simmering, waft your hand over the sauce to your nose. You should not only smell it, but the acid from the tomatoes

will slightly "burn" the inside of your nose. The sauce needs to simmer until you no longer get that "burn" as the acid will dissipate over time.

Then puree the sauce to a fine texture that will pretty much eliminate seeds and skins.

Finally, finish with brown sugar and salt as desired. If you make your own tomato sauce like this Abby, you will have a tremendous sense of accomplishment!



Chef Jeffrey Igel is the chair of the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Department at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. "Chef Jeff" has spent his entire career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, serving in many capacities.

DRINK OF THE MONTH

Recipe courtesy of: Cleo's Brown Beam Tavern

Cleo's General Manager Kim Hamrick created this drink to satisfy customer requests for "something fruity." Inspired by some of the new flavored rums on the market, Hamrick experimented and this drink was the result.



KIMMIE'S FRUIT ROLLUP
1.5 oz Malibu Mango Rum
1.5 oz Malibu Passion Fruit Rum
Splash of orange juice
Splash of cranberry juice
Splash of Sprite

In a highball glass, combine the rum, then add the orange juice, cranberry juice and sprite. For a good frost, give the mixture a good shake before serving.

Coffee was not the only sector to see newcomers. One Fox Cities resident's passion for barbecue resulted in the opening of a **Dickie's Barbecue Pit** franchise along County Highway KK in Buchanan.

"It started with a grill we received for a wedding present," says Anthony Falbo. "From there it grew, and when we started doing events for friends of friends, we figured it was time to turn that passion into a business."

In February, Falbo completed the takeover of the Green Bay franchise. Other newcomers include:
Pizza Ranch opened the first of two locations planned for the Appleton area with a restaurant on North Eisenhower.

Java Warung, opened in late April 2013, adding a new flavor to the growing palette of ethnic options available to diners in the Fox Cities.

The **Loose Wheel Supper Club** opened its doors in Hortonville in mid-September.

Copperstill Bourbon Bar opened in the building near the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in Neenah, offering a wide selection of spirits, along with artisan flatbread pizzas.

A FINAL TRIBUTE

Apollon, a fixture of the Fox Cities restaurant scene, marks its 20th anniversary this April, though it is with a heavy heart since the death of owner Stavros Kodis in October.

The restaurant's founder and chef, Kodis is remembered for his dedication to creating an intimate dining experience for patrons. His menu of Mediterranean cuisine has been widely praised by local diners for years.

"We still have people coming in who were here on day one," says Craig Persha, Apollon's general manager. "He was a great chef. He really knew how to mix flavors."

Kodis' vision made Apollon an integral part of the fabric of downtown Appleton. He also took steps to make sure it would remain so. Kodis hired Persha and worked side-by-side with him and Chef Modesto Santander to ensure his vision for the restaurant lived on.

"He did it his way, and now, 20 years later, the restaurant is still going strong," Persha says. "People come here to eat and leave happy. That's a tribute to the way he did things."



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Navigating Through Cancer

By Amy Hanson

Area resources assist patients, families

Shock. Anxiety. Disbelief. Depression.

A cancer diagnosis can lead to a flurry of emotions.

Kimberly Demeny is all too familiar with those feelings.

Her husband, Michael Hermes, lost his battle with cancer on Aug. 14, 2012. After being diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 1992 and beating it, doctors discovered in 2010 that Hermes had a brain tumor – glioblastoma – the most aggressive malignant primary brain tumor.

Hermes, co-founder of Connect Inc., a cancer concierge, had a vision for preventing cancer patients from falling through the cracks. He wanted “to help them become informed and locate the best options available,” according to the nonprofit’s brochure.

“What people don’t know is that they can stop and take a breath,” says Demeny, president and co-founder. “They feel like, ‘I have to get rid of it right away.’... When you’re there as the patient, or someone supporting the patient, it’s a lot to take in.”

Demeny says because of her family’s experiences, “we knew we had an advantage to fight cancer.” Through the Green Bay-based Connect Inc., Demeny works with her sister, Jennifer Hickey, who also is a co-founder and executive director, to raise awareness.

“We kind of fill all those gaps you don’t really think about when you get diagnosed with cancer,” Hickey says. “I think that’s part of the diagnosis process. You’re so overwhelmed you don’t know where to start.”

The nonprofit organization, started in 2012, relies on word of mouth for its free, middle man-type services. The organization assists family members, along with cancer patients, and puts them in touch with everything from support groups to second-opinion resources to financial assistance options to help with arranging childcare and groceries. They do not offer medical advice.

Connect Inc. recently assisted an elderly gentleman from Green Bay seeking treatment in the area and later at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee. The veteran was stressed about how he was going to cover the cost of his mounting medical bills. Connect Inc. was able to write letters on his behalf and get the costs written off.

Making the connection

“I had to make friends with the word, ‘cancer’ or I was going to freak out,” recalls Brenda Bonn. Her mother is a three-time breast cancer survivor and her father fought Non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Bonn was assigned to do research to understand her dad’s diagnosis. Of course, that was before WebMD.com existed, she jokes.

Bonn, who worked at the LivingWell Cancer Resource Center in Geneva, Ill., moved to Wisconsin in 2008. She had a dream of opening a drop-in center here, which morphed into providing a clearinghouse for area cancer-related resources, services and information.

HOPE Cancer Connection of the Fox Valley began as a committee in 2010. The organization officially became a nonprofit in fall 2012 and went live with its rebuilt website in September 2013.

HOPE Cancer Connection, a free virtual 24/7 offering, provides information online regarding local support, events and health and nutrition. The organization’s Medical Council has approved all links found on the website, hopecancerconnection.org.

HOPE Cancer Connection also has the backing of all three of the Fox Valley’s health systems – Affinity Health, ThedaCare and Aurora Health Care. The nonprofit receives support from the YMCA of the Fox Cities and the American Cancer Society. Like Connect Inc., HOPE Cancer Connection does not provide medical advice.

“Everyone has these great resources going, but we need to let people know that we’re here,” says Bonn, HOPE Cancer Connection’s executive director. “It’s one more way of getting that information to them.”

For those without Internet access or in need of more information, HOPE Cancer Connection also serves as a touch point for assistance and research. Bonn says information is mailed to those needing it. She also encourages individuals to be a connection and let the organization know of additional resources and informational holes needing to be filled.

“We’re not just about the patient because cancer affects more than just the patient,” Bonn says. “It affects the whole community.”

**Where to turn:
Area resources**

Connect Inc., a cancer concierge
www.connectcancer.org
2360 Dousman St., Green Bay
(920) 445-8992

**HOPE Cancer Connection
of the Fox Valley**
www.hopcancerconnection.org
446 N. Westhill Blvd., Appleton
(920) 882-1900

Networking resources

To help in the fight against cancer and other illnesses, ThedaCare has started a partnership with the Mayo Clinic Care Network giving its physicians access to Mayo experts and clinical resources. This includes eConsults and AskMayoExpert. These tools aid in diagnosing medical conditions and care planning. The health provider is the first member in Wisconsin.

“It’s always nice to have a big name like, ‘Mayo Clinic’ to back you up,” says Dr. Editha Krueger, a radiation oncologist with ThedaCare. Having that extra bit of reassurance, along with the brand expertise and academics synonymous with the Mayo Clinic name has helped to put patients’ minds at ease, she added. The services are provided at no additional cost to patients.

“They definitely have voiced that it is so convenient. They don’t have to go anywhere or do anything,” Krueger says.

Krueger, who has practiced for 16 years, says it’s been helpful to have another resource available to her.



The partnership process is streamlined through doctor-to-doctor communication. For example, Krueger generates her consult notes and sends them to Mayo, including any imaging and pathology reports, other provider notes and her questions. The system then filters her query to the best physician to match her case and she receives a response typically within one to two weeks.

Occasionally, patients do need to be sent to a Mayo location for further follow-up, but “even if they have to go there, the plan has already been set in motion,” Krueger says.

The level of difficulty is decreased since patients don’t have to worry about arranging an appointment or transferring records.

“Patients can be reassured if they choose to get their care at ThedaCare that it’s easy to get their care and a second opinion through the Mayo Clinic,” Krueger says.



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With the future of libraries a current topic of discussion, a couple of items in the FOX CITIES Magazine Collection honoring the history of those important community institutions caught our eye.

The plate — part of a collector's series issued by Home Savings — features Appleton's first municipal building, built in 1900, which housed the Appleton Public Library on the first floor and city government offices on the second.

This building, located at 121 S. Oneida St., would serve as the library until 1981.

The city moved out in 1939 and renovations in the 1950s added space. By the 1970s, the building could not keep up with the library's needs. After two referenda, the current library was built at 225 N. Oneida St., was dedicated in 1981 and nearly tripled the space available.

The Appleton community has recently begun discussions of building needs as it looks to create a library for the future. Home Savings became a branch of TCF Bank Wisconsin.

The small cobalt blue Mini-Vase features the Carnegie Library that served Neenah from 1904 to 1998. Built with donations from Andrew Carnegie and Theda Clark Peters, the building was constructed for \$28,000 on the riverfront site that houses Neenah's current library.

An extensive remodel in the 1960s added valuable space and was designed in a wraparound plan to preserve the original building. By the 1990s, however, the building could no longer support the library's needs and it was demolished as part of the \$5 million plan to build the current library on the same site in downtown Neenah.

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Wednesday, April 9–Saturday, April 12

Latin American and Spanish Film Festival: Warch Campus Center

Friday, April 11

11:30 a.m. | Lunch at Lawrence: "Shakespeare on the Big Screen: *Much Ado About Nothing?*"; Warch Campus Center

8 p.m. | Artist Series: Orion Weiss, piano; Memorial Chapel

Friday, April 18

8 p.m. | Artist Series: Seraphic Fire with Spektral Quartet; vocal ensembles; Memorial Chapel

Tuesday, April 22

11:10 a.m. | Convocation: Paul Farmer, "In the Company of the Poor"; Harvard professor and co-founder of Partners in Health

Friday, April 25

8 p.m. | *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, op. 45: Lawrence University Choirs and Symphony Orchestra; Memorial Chapel

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