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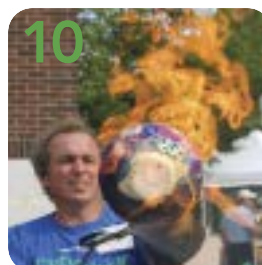
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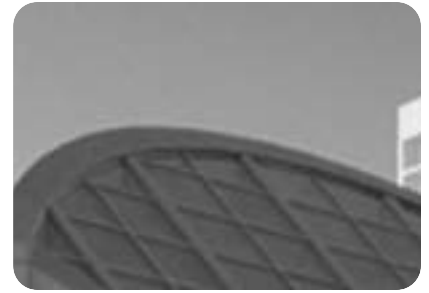
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## Arts events

### 1-2 | Bye, Bye Birdie

Based on the true story of Elvis Presley being drafted into the Army in 1958 and the ensuing media circus of his departure. An Attic Theatre performance. 7 pm. UWFox Communication Arts Center, Menasha 734-7887.

### 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 | The Mystery of Irma Vep - A Penny Dreadful

This uproarious comedy takes audiences on a hilarious journey from an austere English manor to the exotic pyramids of Egypt. Peninsula Players Theater, Fish Creek. Tu-Sa, 8pm; Su, 7:30pm. 868-3287.

### 7 | My Life with the Green & Gold

Join Jessie Garcia as she shares behind-the-microphone insights into the Green Bay Packers and other Wisconsin sports teams. 6:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

### 12 | Antique Appraisals featuring Mark Moran

Antiques expert Mark Moran will appraise your family treasures. All are welcome to attend and observe. 4-8pm. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370 ext.104.

### 15 | Art on the Town

Stroll The Avenue or catch a free ride on the Downtown Cool Trolley to explore and enjoy music, performing arts, visual arts and even the art of food & beverage. A map and artist details will be available to download each month. 6-9pm. College Ave., Downtown Appleton. 954-9112.

### 15,16 | Arts on the Square

An eclectic celebration of the arts with a street dance & a juried art show and sale, live music, theater, dance & participatory events. F 5-10pm, Sa 10-4pm. Downtown City Square, Waupaca. (715) 258-5141.

### 16 | Square Fare

Spend a day in historic downtown shopping an array of unique vendors. 8-1pm. Opera House Square, Oshkosh. (800) 366-4189.

### 20 | Art in the Afternoons

Meet in the museum lobby for a different 15-minute gallery tour every time. Noon. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 20-24, 26-31 | "Butler"

The Midwest premiere of a very clever and amazingly sharp-witted Civil War drama.

Major Benjamin Butler's first day at a Union hold-out fort in Virginia is greeted by a request for sanctuary from the smart and stubborn Shephard Mallory, a runaway slave. Peninsula Players Theater, Fish Creek. Tu-Sa, 8pm; Su 7:30pm. 868-3287.

### 22-24 | Artstreet

Celebrate the arts in the streets of downtown Green Bay with 200 visual artists from throughout the country exhibiting for sale original works. F, 4-11pm; Sa, 10am-10pm; Su, 10am-5pm. Downtown Green Bay. 435-5220.

## Music events & concerts

### 1, 8, 15 | Fridays on the Fox

Free summer concert series features various musical performances. Concessions open at 5pm, concert begins at 6pm. 5-9pm. CityDeck, Green Bay. 437-5972.

### 2 | Jack Van Geem & Jonathan Singer, marimba explorations of dance music

Jack Van Geem has played marimba since 4. Jonathan Singer's, master percussionist, group Xylopholks has delighted audiences on the street and in concert venues from New York to India. 7:30-9:30pm. Memorial Chapel, Lawrence University, Appleton. 212-6117.

### 2 | The Krause Family Band

Famous for close harmonies and original songs in a folk, Americana style. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

### 5, 7, 9 | Peninsula Music Festival: Symphonic Season — Week One

Violinists Vadim Gluzman and Igor Yuzefovich, cello performer Hai-Ye Ni, and emerging conductor Chia-Hsun Lin perform during the opening week of Peninsula Music Festival's 62nd season. 7:30pm. Door Community Auditorium. 854-4060.

### 6, 13, 16, 23, 30 | Green Bay City Band Concert

Free, themed concerts on Wednesdays and Saturdays in downtown Green Bay throughout the summer. 7:30pm. St. James Park, Green Bay.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 | Evening Concert

Wednesday evening concerts on the multi-use concert lawn at Shattuck Park. Bring your blanket or lawn chair. 6-8pm. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

### 6, 13, 20, 27 | Dine on Deck

Live music and lunch series featuring various musical performances. 11:30am-1:30pm. CityDeck, Green Bay. 437-5972.

### 7 | Concerts @ The Gardens: Kevin Van Ess and Talk of the Town

Enjoy live music in the Agnes Schneider Terrace. 6-7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Gardens. 490-9457.

### 7-10 | Mile of Music

Mile of Music's second season—Mile 2 will feature more than 200 artists and 60-plus venues along downtown Appleton. 5pm Aug 7; noon, Aug 8-10. Downtown Appleton. 750-5031.

### 7, 14 | Open Mic on M.I.K.E.

Relax on the Festival Green listening to the music of summer at free open-mic concerts on the M.I.K.E. stage. Share your talent or simply enjoy local performing artists. ARTcafe and food trucks provide food, or, bring picnic dinner. 5-7:30pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

### 7, 14, 21 | Concerts at the Garden

Bring the whole family out to enjoy live music. Bring a picnic dinner and chairs. Wine, beer and snacks will be sold during each concert (alcohol carry-ins are not permitted). 6-7:30pm. Agnes Schneider Terrace, Green Bay. 490-9457.

### 7, 14, 21 | Out to Lunch Concert

Bring or buy a lunch and enjoy a mid-day break. A variety of entertainment will be featured with a restaurant vendor of the week. 11:30am-1pm. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 | Lunchtime Live Summer Concerts

Enjoy acoustic music by local musicians on your lunch hour! Bring your lunch, grab takeout from a downtown restaurant or purchase on-site from local vendors. 11:30am-1pm. Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 954-9112.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 | Heid Music Summer Concert Series

Move and groove to the music of summer on center stage in downtown Appleton!. Your favorite adult malt beverages, soda and water will all be available, along with food from downtown bars, restaurants and vendors in the park. Houdini Plaza or Jones Park, Appleton. 954-9112.

### 7, 14, 21, 28 | Summer in the Park

Summer concert series features various musical performances and food vendors. Free to attend, attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. 11:30am-2pm. Whitney Park, Green Bay. 437-5972.

### 9 | The Stuedemann Family Choral

This Family Group is made up of twin brothers who married sisters. Add in the eight kids ... and you have a unique mix of Chamber Choral, Acappella and some instrumentals. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy Green Bay. 435-3269.

### 10 | Ziggy Marley

Ziggy Marley honors his father's reggae musical legacy while casting his own bright light. 8-10pm. Door Community Auditorium, Fish Creek. 868-2728.

### 11 | Music @the Library

Scott Dercks, classical and contemporary guitar player, performs at the Appleton Public Library. 6:30-7:30pm. 832-6173.

### 12, 14, 16 | Peninsula Music Festival: Symphonic Season — Week Two

Alain Trudel, conductor; Winston Choi, pianist; Susanna Self, flautist; Robert McConnell, emerging conductor and a variety of soloists perform during the second week of Peninsula Music Festival's 62nd season. 7:30pm. Door Community Auditorium. 854-4060.

### 14 | Concerts @ The Gardens: Patchouli

Enjoy live music in the Agnes Schneider Terrace. 6-7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Gardens. 490-9457.

### 14, 21 | Leicht at Nite

Free concert series featuring various local musical acts. Aug 14: The Cougars, Aug 21: Johnny Wad. Gates open at 5:30pm. 6:15-10pm. Leicht Memorial Park, Green Bay. 437-5972.

### 15 | Larry Delawder Comedy & Music

Larry was nominated seven years for the "Singing News Fan Awards" as Instrumentalist of the Year. 7:30pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay. 435-3269.

### 19, 21, 23 | Peninsula Music Festival: Symphonic Season — Final Week

Gabriela Martinez, pianist, Jiang Xie, emerging conductor, and Elena Urioste, violin performer, perform during the final week of Peninsula's Music Festival's 62nd season. 7:30pm. Door Community Auditorium, Door County. 854-4060.

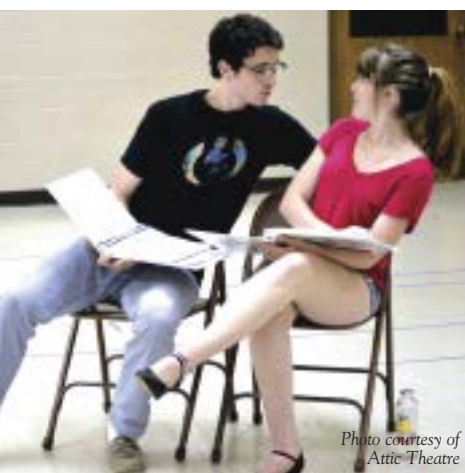


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## From Elvis to Bieber: 'One Last Kiss'

The year is 1958, and rock 'n' roll star Conrad Birdie has just been drafted to the Army. Amongst the chaos and pandemonium of a beloved heartthrob leaving for duty, a fan contest is devised in which Conrad will give one lucky fan a final kiss before his departure.

If this plot sounds familiar, it is because the storyline is based on the real-life events of when Elvis Presley was drafted in 1957. This month, the Attic Theater of Appleton will unveil its production of "Bye Bye Birdie," the musical satire by Michael Strouse and winner of four Tony Awards.

"Audiences will be surprised at the timelessness of the story," says Director Berray Billington. "The fans surrounding Elvis were just like the modern One Direction or Justin Bieber fans. The story really comes full circle."

The rich history of The Attic Theatre and its dedication to keeping productions local also make this a standout show to see. The cast of almost 50 locals boasts actors aged 8 to 70 years old, and even includes a whole family.

"It's great to see your friends and neighbors putting themselves onstage to act and participate. It's organic," says Billington.

The show promises throwback dance numbers and music, along with clean, family friendly comedy, and an unfussy, purely entertaining evening for audiences.

"Bye Bye Birdie" will run on Aug. 1-2 at 7 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center in Menasha.

—By Mia Sato

# Music multiplies during Mile of Music

The Mile of Music festival is set for Aug. 7-10 and will feature more than 600 performances.

Live music will be available at about 60 venues and bands will get 50-minute sets to play their own music.

The festival will return for a second year and between 15,000 and 20,000 people attended the event last summer. Dave Willems, co-founder and director of Mile of Music, said that two to three times that amount is expected this year.

In preparation for the turnout, new features have been added to the festival. One of the new features this summer is the mystery music stage.

"We're going to have music at a specific venue and you won't know what's behind the black curtain," Willems said. "The black curtain will come up and whatever you get is what you get, whether it's a rock band, jazz band or whatever. That will be a new wrinkle and it will be fun."

Also new this year is the addition of Jones Park, which will join Lawrence Memorial Chapel and Houdini Plaza as a main stage.



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VIP tickets are for sale for \$150, which will give access to the larger venues during the four-day event and admission to the bonus kick-off festival.

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center will hold the kick-off concert on Aug. 6 to jump start the Mile of Music festivities.

— By Alex Olp

## 19 | Steely Dan

Watch Walter Becker and Donald Fagen perform their American Jazz Rock. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3782.

## 21 | Best of Summer Concert

Features winners of an online voting competition who will come together for a battle-of-the-bands showdown. 6-10pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

## 21 | Concerts @ The Gardens: John Kelley & Fusion Express Orchestra

Enjoy live music in the Agnes Schneider Terrace. 6-7:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Gardens. 490-9457.

## 22 | Open Mic Night

Cup O Joy hosts an open mic night. 7pm. Cup O Joy, Green Bay.

## 23 | The Grand Slambovies

New York-based folk-pop group. 7:30pm. Thrasher Opera House. 294-4279.

## 25 | Music @the Library

Ben Vanden Boogaard, acoustic pop with folk influences, performs. Families are welcome. 6:30-7:30pm. 832-6173.

## 30-31 | Fox Jazz Fest

Features local, regional and national jazz artists. Music starts at noon. Jefferson Park, Menasha. 749-2787.

## Opening exhibits

### Now | The Life and Times of Robert W. Ebendorf: Jeweler and Metalsmith

Thru Jan. 18, 2015. This exhibit presents an in-depth look at this innovative and influential contemporary metalsmith. Described as a "cornucopia" of information, Robert W. Ebendorf has spent 50 years creating jewelry, assemblages, and hollowware from metal and found objects. Racine Art Museum. (262) 638-8300.

### 1 | 19th annual Alive in the Arts

Ongoing. A juried exhibition. Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409.

## 2 | Under the Hat!: The Many Worlds of Dr. Seuss

Thru Oct 31. Take a peak "Under the Hat!" and explore imaginative worlds through the art of Theodore Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. From his well-known illustration art, to the oddities of his "unorthodox taxidermy," to his early work in wartime advertisements — join us to see Dr. Seuss like never before. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

## 8 | Women Who Run With Scissors

Thru Oct 3. Fine art quilts. Plymouth Arts Center. 892-8409.

## 24 | Members and Manitowoc County Artists

Thru Sep 14. Local artists and RWAM membership showcase their artistic talents. Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc. 686-3090.

## 30 | Unbound: Beyond the Boundaries of Traditional Fibers and Fabrics

Thru Oct. 14. An invitational exhibit that will feature a diverse selection of fiber work by local and regional artists. Francis Hardy Center for the Arts, Ephraim. 854-2210.

## 31 | Arts/Industry: Collaboration and Revelation

Ongoing. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Arts/Industry residency program with a sweeping, first-ever retrospective exhibition of works created by artists-in-residence in the Pottery, Foundry and Enamel Shop of plumbingware manufacturer Kohler Co. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

## Community & cultural events

### 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Green Lake Farmers Market

More than a dozen vendors sell their produce, flowers, meat and bakery. Vendors also sell handmade items. 3-7pm. Playground Park, Green Lake. 294-3231.

## 2 | EAA Runway 5K

Participants of all ages can run or walk the aircraft-lined, 3.1-mile route around EAA's AirVenture grounds. Registration includes Saturday admission to EAA. 7am-noon. AirVenture Grounds, Oshkosh. 426-6281.

## 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 | Manitowoc Farmers Market

The farmer's market features more than 80 vendors selling produce, flowers, and crafts. 8am-2pm. 8th & Quay streets, Manitowoc. 686-6930.

## 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Future Neenah Farmer's Market

8am-noon. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

## 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Downtown Kaukauna Farmers Market

Local vendors. 7:30am-noon. Corner of Second Street and Hwy. 55, Kaukauna. 858-4669.

## 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Downtown Appleton Farmers Market

Downtown Appleton features the area's largest farmers market with more than 150 vendors. Vendors sell fresh fruits & vegetables, and more. 8am-12:30pm. College Avenue, between Appleton & Durkee streets, plus Houdini Plaza, Appleton. 954-9112.

## 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Downtown Fond du Lac Farmers Market

The farmers market features Wisconsin-grown produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, meats and cheese. They also feature crafts, arts, pottery and other handmade items. 7am-12pm. Western Ave. & Linden St., Fond du Lac. 322-2006.

## 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Downtown Green Bay Farmers Market

Downtown Green Bay features a weekly farmers market consisting of more than 150 vendors. Vendors sell fresh produce and more. 7am-noon. S. Washington, Doty and Stuart streets. 437-5972.

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# Artstreet dazzles public with live art demonstrations

After 32 years, Artstreet in Green Bay continues to funnel about 200 artists into the downtown area for public enjoyment.

Admission to Artstreet is free. It is a three day event and is open Aug. 22 4-11 p.m., Aug. 23 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Aug. 24 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The event is located at 301 N. Adams St, Green Bay.

Nicki VanStraten, program and event coordinator at Mosaic Arts, says organizers are planning on featuring more live demonstration stages this year to wholly highlight the process of crafting art.

"This allows the artists to be fully seen by their patrons and they are not crowded in one location," VanStraten says.

Last year, demonstration artist Margie Lindbloom was featured. She traveled the world to find stones to carve into jewelry, and she created pieces right in front of spectators.

Artstreet encompasses artwork like jewelry,

ceramics, graphics, photography, sculpture, and unconventional forms like edible art, container garden art and the book garden, highlighting literary arts.

Not only does Artstreet entail visual artists, it also includes a plethora of performing artists like Rooftop Jumpers, a pop group, and Brass Differential, a New Orleans style jazz group.

There are staggering amounts of events to cover in two days, so a feature that is back by popular demand is the "sneak peak" on Friday, which prolongs the event to three days in length.

"Sneak peak was such a success last year. Half of the artists will be there on Friday," VanStraten says.

—By Emily Showers



Photo courtesy of Mosaic Arts

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | **Saturday Neenah Farmers Market**  
8am-noon. Shattuck Park, Neenah. 722-1920.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | **Oshkosh Farmers Market**  
Features homegrown farm products such as vegetables, fruits, herbs, bakery, meats, cheese and more. 8am-12:30pm. 400 & 500 blocks of N. Main St., and 100 block of Church Ave., Oshkosh. 252-2532.

4, 11, 18, 25 | **Monday Night Slow Riders Bike Ride**  
Novice-level rides, weather permitting. Riding at a speed of 8-10 mph for one hour on Fox River Trail. More information at Bayshorebikeclub.org. 6pm. Fox Point Boat Landing, De Pere. 866-3158.

5-6 | **"If Tombstones Could Talk" Allouez Cemetery Walk**  
Meet several of Green Bay's past residents, who now rest at Allouez Catholic Cemetery, some dating back to the fur trade era. Hear first-person accounts of their lives, loves and experiences. 6:30pm. Allouez Cemetery, Green Bay. 437-1840.

5, 12, 19, 26 | **Tuesday Morning Bike Rides**  
Weather permitting. Cyclists ride as a group with occasional stops. Trail pass required. More information at Bayshorebikeclub.org. 9-11am. Fox Point Boat Landing, De Pere. 866-3158.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Wild Wednesdays**  
Half price admission to the NEW Zoo. 6-8pm. NEW Zoo, Green Bay. 434-7841.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Midweek Farmers Market**  
More than 40 vendors sell produce, meats & cheeses, baked goods, specialty food and handcrafted items. Featuring live music each week. Plus, on the first Wednesday of each month, the Appleton Public Library hosts special events and activities near the Valley Transit Center by the Miativity Room. 3:30-7:30pm. Washington Square, Appleton. 954-9112.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **The Waterboard Warriors Ski Show**  
On the downtown waterfront between the Main Street and Walnut Street bridges. Features 30 skiers, three boats, safety assistants and dock assistants. 6pm & 7pm. CityDeck, Green Bay. 437-5972.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Farmers Market on Broadway**  
Presented by Bay Care Clinic. Fresh food, a variety of vendors and music. Check onbroadway.org for specific listings. 3-8pm. Broadway Street, Green Bay. 437-2531.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Sustain Greenville Farmers Market**  
3-7pm. Hwy. 76 and Parkview Drive, Greenville. 757-9373.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Free Evenings at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens**  
Visit the gardens for free on Wednesday evenings. Children's activities from 4-6pm at the Discovery Station in the Children's Garden. 4-8pm. Green Bay Botanical Gardens. 490-9457.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Downtown Fond Du Lac Farmers Market**  
Wisconsin-grown produce, plants, flowers, and handmade items. 12-5pm. S. Main & Sheboygan streets, Fond du Lac. 322-2006.

7 | **Taste on Broadway**  
More than 30 local restaurants competing for Best Taste, Best Plate, Best Dessert, and Best Booth. Event includes more than 20 brews on tap, wine and three music stages. 5pm-midnight. Historic Broadway District, Green Bay. 437-2531.

7, 14, 21, 28 | **Menasha Farm Fresh Market**  
Summer concert series featuring various musical performances and food vendors. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. 2-6pm. Downtown Menasha on Marina Terrace. 967-3600.

7, 14, 21, 28 | **Oneida Farmers Market**  
Fresh fruit, vegetables and more. 12-6pm. N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida. 819-1933.

7 | **Walk/Run on City Deck**  
Walk or Run with the City of Green Bay every other Thursday. 12pm. Pine St. Landing on the CityDeck, Green Bay. 448-3365.

8-9 | **Rogers Street Days**  
Music, food, refreshments and games for kids. Rogers Street Fishing Village, Two Rivers. 793-5905.

9 | **Run or Dye 5K**  
Run in this event and get blasted with safe, eco-friendly, powdered dye turning you into a technicolor canvas by the finish line. Winnebago County Fairgrounds, Oshkosh. (801) 981-4235.

9 | **Flower Fairy Tea Party**  
A luncheon tea party followed by fairy themed games and activities. 12:30-2:30pm. Hazelwood Historic House, Green Bay. 437-1840.

15 | **Wild Ones 35th Anniversary Celebration**  
Wild Ones celebrates 35 years since nine visionary women formed the Wild Ones Garden Club. Join them for a weekend of events. F and Sa 8am-8pm, Su 8am-12pm. WILD Center, Neenah. 730-3986.

16, 21 | **Green Bay Kayak Tours**  
Experience local waterways in a new and exciting way. Kayaks and other necessary gear will be provided. 9am. Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve, Suamico. 448-6242.

21 | **3rd Thursdays**  
Networking benefit for Missoula Children's Theatre. Food, live music and a cash bar. 4:30-7pm. Communication Arts Center, UW Fox Valley, Menasha. 832-2889.

21 | **Oneida Farmers Market Bash**  
Food, fun, music, authentic Native American jewelry, crafts and produce. Games, free balloon animals and more. 12-6pm. Oneida Tribe Development Center, Oneida. 496-7423.

## Fundraisers

3 | **McClone Strike Out Cancer Day**  
Community Benefit Tree invites families struggling with pediatric cancer to apply for tickets to McClone Strike Out Cancer Day. The afternoon at the Timber Rattlers stadium begins with a tailgate party for the families. 1:05pm. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Stadium, Appleton. 422-1919.

6, 13, 20, 27 | **Summer Lunch Cookouts at Green Bay Botanical Gardens**  
GBBG serves hamburgers, brats, chicken and hot dogs with a choice of side and beverage. Admission to the Garden is included in the cost of lunch. All proceeds directly benefit Child and Family Programs. 11am-1pm. Green Bay Botanical Gardens. 490-9457.

7 | **The Arc Fox Cities' 23rd Annual Golf Outing**  
Raises money for individuals with developmental disabilities. Gather a foursome of friends or colleagues together for a lot of laughs and

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## Jazzing up the Fox Valley

"Jazz" is an umbrella term for a wide variety of uniquely American musical styles. According to Jonathan Johns, marketing director of Fox Jazz Fest, the festival is aiming to keep that music alive in the Fox Cities.

The festival runs Aug. 30-31 noon to 6 p.m. with a free jazz clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday.

A wide assortment of jazz artists will gather together at Jefferson Park in Menasha to celebrate jazz in all of its forms and styles.

Fox River Brewing Co. will offer wine and locally brewed beer along with several vendors who will be onsite selling food.

"It's a beautiful setting on Lake Winnebago, it's free, the music is world-class and the food is great. There's no reason not to come," says Lori Lacey, director of Fox Jazz Fest.

The festival will feature nationally recognized musicians including Grammy-nominated jazz vocalist Denise Donatelli and celebrated jazz drummer Matt Wilson, as well as local musicians including jazz bands from four area middle and high schools.



Photo courtesy of Fox Jazz Fest

Johns values the opportunity to provide students, who often participate in extracurricular jazz bands, with experience in a festival setting.

Fox Jazz Fest is a great, family friendly festival to cap off a summer of entertainment in the Fox Cities.

—By Jennifer Clausing

memories. Register online at [arcfoxcities.com](http://arcfoxcities.com). 8:30am-6:30pm. Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links, Wrightstown. 731-9831, ext. 114.

### 11 | CASA Classic Golf Outing

CASA of Brown County holds a golf outing to raise funds to provide advocates for abused and neglected children in the courtroom. Visit [casbc.org](http://casbc.org) for full schedule of events. For registration information call 437-2272. 10am-6:30pm. Brown County Golf Course, Hobart.

### 15 | 2014 Schneider Community Credit Union Nitelite Run

This timed event travels the streets of Green Bay with the intent to let you party the night away with music, glow sticks, and fun. DJ stations along the way feature 80s, 90s, today's hits, techno and country. Proceeds go to NEW Community Shelter and Children's Museum of Green Bay. 884-2989.

☎ = Suitable for families with young children.

☎ = Reservation required.

## Lectures, readings, discussions & presentations

### 6 | Downtown Book Club

Choose a mystery or police procedural to share. Led by Howard Porter. Noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 7 | Meet the Author Series

Presented by Brian Fielkow, author of "Driving to Perfection." Books for sale and signing. 6:30-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 11 | Preserving Vegetables with Christine Knipf

Part of the Suburban Homesteading series. Free and open to the public. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library, Shattuck Room. 886-6315.

### 14 | Art & Dinner Evening at the Paine

Gallery talk followed by a gourmet dinner. Laura Fiser, curator of Collections and Exhibitions, will give insights on the exhibition, "Matisse as Printmaker." 5:30-8:30pm. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903, ext. 28.

### 18 | Memory Cafe: Luau

For those experiencing early stage dementia, mild memory loss or cognitive impairment, and family and friends of those affected. An opportunity for lively discussion, information, camaraderie and creative fun. 1:30-3:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

### 19 | German Roots of Wisconsin Brewing: From the Iron Age to the Information Age

Lecture by Bettina Arnold in conjunction with the Agriculture to Tavern Culture: The Art, History and Science of Beer exhibit. 7pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4462.

### 19 | Non-Fiction Book Club

Discussion of contemporary nonfiction in the Gegan Room. 2pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3690.

### 25 | Dehydrating & Storing Vegetables with Christine Knipf

Part of the Suburban Homesteading series. Free and open to the public. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library, Shattuck Room. 886-6315.

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## Do it Live!

Museum Day Live! is set to sweep across the nation for a 10th consecutive year on Sept. 27. This year, six museums in Wisconsin — including The Trout Museum of Art in Appleton — will participate in the free, one-day event.

Smithsonian Magazine has announced that more than 1,500 museums from around the country are offering free admission to anyone with a downloadable Museum Day Live! ticket. The event is meant to imitate the Smithsonian Institution's facilities in Washington, D.C., which allow free admission for the public everyday.

"Museum Day Live! is a great way for us to reach a broader audience," says Emma Reiser, operations manager of The Trout Museum. "We are always interested in new ways to bring people into the museum, especially those who might otherwise not visit."

And it is worth a visit this year. "We will be showcasing a two-story papier mâché (Dr.) Seuss Hat on top of our museum entrance," adds Reiser. The community was invited to join in the construction of the papier mâché hat on July 26 in Houdini Plaza and July 27 at City Park. The Trout Museum exhibit titled, "Under the Hat: The Many Worlds of Dr. Seuss," gives visitors the chance to explore the imaginative worlds of Dr. Seuss and discover that art is not only limited to the confines of the real world.

The exhibit is intended to reach people of all ages, as it will feature book illustrations for children and showcase the "secret art" of Dr. Seuss, which is geared more toward adults. Children also may attend Dr. Seuss storytime inside the museum or watch any of the three movie screenings outside The Trout Museum throughout the day.

This is the first year The Trout Museum will be participating in Museum Day Live!, as they join the Wisconsin Maritime in Manitowoc, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau and several others located in Wisconsin.

Reiser is optimistic the event will create more exposure for The Trout Museum. "We look forward to seeing good traffic on Museum Day Live! and hopefully bringing in visitors who have not visited our museum before."

Tickets allow each individual and one guest access to any of the participating museums. They will be available for download beginning this month. Visit [smithsonian.com/museumdaylive](http://smithsonian.com/museumdaylive) for your free ticket and more information.

— By Reid Trier



### 26 | Breweries of Wisconsin

Lecture by Jerry Apps in conjunction with the Agriculture to Tavern Culture: The Art, History and Science of Beer exhibit. 7pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4462.

### 27 | Book Talk: 'Apple Betty and Sloppy Joe'

More than a cookbook, it is a compilation of family memories and recipes from four sisters' childhoods in 1950s Oshkosh. The authors will speak and share fun anecdotes and recipes. 7-8:30pm. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370, ext. 104.

## Films

### 7 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

"Heaven is For Real," rated PG. Refreshments provided. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 14 | Thursday Night @ the Movies

"The Impossible," rated PG-13. Refreshments provided. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 18 | Silent Film Series: 'The Black Pirate'

Adventure film about a young man seeking to avenge his father's death by joining the band of pirates who killed him. Live organ music by Frank Rippl. 6pm. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370, ext. 104.

### 21 | Outdoor Movie Night

Bring chairs or blankets. Dusk. CityDeck, Green Bay. 448-3400.

### 21 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

"Freedom Summer." Refreshments provided. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 22 | Family Movie Night

Definitely De Pere hosts. Bring blankets and stadium chairs. 8:30pm. De Pere Community Center. 403-0337.

## Classes & workshops

### 1, 14, 15 | Comics and Cartoons with Andrew Linsens

Develop an original character using pencil and ink then create a series of panels narrating situations for the character. 5-9pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

### 1, 8 | Fiber Art with Kirsten Christianson

Learn the techniques of making paper and finish with sculptures that stand or hang. 5-9pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

### 2, 9 | Mixed Media Drawing and Watercolor with Lee Mothes

Mothes will work with each student on an individual basis. To register visit [troutmuseum.org/classes](http://troutmuseum.org/classes). 10am-noon. The Trout Museum, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 2, 9, 16 | Market Fresh Fitness

Free fitness class led by professional instructors. For a complete list of classes go to [greenbaywi.gov/parks](http://greenbaywi.gov/parks). 8-8:45am. CityDeck, Green Bay. 437-5972.

### 2 | Outagamie County Master Gardeners

Discussion on fertilizing. 10-11:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 5 | Yoga on the Deck by Jenstar Yoga

An evening yoga class on the CityDeck. 6:30pm. CityDeck, Green Bay. 767-8626.

### 5, 12 | Abstract Painting

Students will finish a number of works. Register at [troutmuseum.org/classes](http://troutmuseum.org/classes). 6-8:30pm. The Trout Museum, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 6 | Kilnformed Glass Classes: Fused Glass Garden Art

Create four works of art which will be attached to a metal post. Register at [bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com](http://bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com). 5:30-8pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 6 | Beer Making 101

Presented by Rob Lonsway from Homebrew Market. 6:30-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 8 | Cork & Canvas

Enjoy a glass of wine while creating an abstract painting. No painting experience required. Proof of age is required to participate. 6-8pm. Rahr-West Art Museum, Manitowoc. 686-3090.

### 14, 28 | Creative Writing @ the Library

Classes led by Sharrie Robinson. 10am-noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

### 17 | Bracelets and Earrings Workshop

Beginners and intermediates will develop a color palette and make beads to be made into jewelry after they come out of the kiln. Register at [bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com](http://bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com). 1-4pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 18 | Knit2Together

Multigenerational knitting circle. Newcomers welcome. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

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## Children's events & classes

### 4-8 | Career Camp at The Building for Kids Children's Museum

Campers explore their interests and learn about different jobs in the community. 8:30am-12:30pm. Building for Kids, Appleton. 734-3226.

### 5 | Pages in the Park

Enjoy nature as you read a children's story at page stations along a path at Heesakker Park. 5-7pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

### 5, 12 | Summer Young Artists

Use a variety of mediums to mimic and create art based on the works of famous artists. 11am-noon. Rahr-West Museum, Manitowoc. 686-3090.

### 5, 12, 19, 26 | Summer Visual Arts Camp

Ages 6 and up. Registration fee includes lesson, all materials and a snack. 12:30pm-2:30pm. Miativity Room, Appleton. 422-3899.

### 6 | Franny K. Stein Mad Scientist Book Party

Reading and activities based on the series. Free fun for all ages. 1:30-2:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

### 9-15 | Quarry Quest Preview Exhibition

Open during regular museum hours. Visit [buildingforkids.org](http://buildingforkids.org) for more information. Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.

### 11 | Magnetism Series

This is part of the summer science series. Learn about the properties of magnets through hands-on art and science activities. Free with admission. 10am-4pm. Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. 380-7491.

### 11-15 | Summer Art Camp: 3D Art

Children ages 5-9 will express themselves in all three dimensions. Register at [troutmuseum.org/Summer-Camps](http://troutmuseum.org/Summer-Camps). 1-4pm. The Trout Museum, Appleton. 733-4089.

### 12, 19 | Kids Clay Camp: Orb and Slab Totem Pole

Ages 6-12. Children learn to roll clay slabs, use stamps, roll coils and use the techniques of hand-building with clay. The first week is to hand-build the project and the second is to glaze it. 2-3:15pm. Rahr-West Museum, Manitowoc. 686-3090.

### 13 | Scientific Seek 'n' Find Party

A party based on the periodic table of elements and simple science concepts. Free fun for all ages. 1:30-2:15pm. Menasha Public Library. 967-3670.

### 16 | Spectrum Saturday

A monthly, special sensory experience for children on the autism spectrum and their families. 8:30-10:30am. Building for Kids, Appleton. 734-3226.

### 19 | Turtle Tots Preschool Adventure — Sly Fox

During our hike, we'll look for evidence of the resident fox population. 9:30-11am. Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Menasha. 720-9349.

### 20 | Parkside Pages Party

A party based on classic children's books. Games, a treasure hunt, and activities as part of the Fizz, Boom, Read! summer library program. 1:30-2:15pm. Smith Park, Menasha. 967-3670.

### 21 | Magnetism Camp

Discover the properties of magnets through hands-on science and art activities. 1-3pm. Paper Discovery Center, Appleton. Register by Aug. 14. 380-7491.

### 23 | Harvest Time Art Activity Day

Design and make a glass cob of corn by using glass kernels from all the colors of the rainbow. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Glass projects will be available for pick up at the museum the Thursday following the Art Activity Day. 10am-1pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah. 751-4658.

### 25 | In the Corner with Carol

Join Carol Couillard as she guides kids (ages 5-plus) and families through the exhibit. This month's topic is seeds and flowers. 10:30-11:30am & 1:30-2:30pm. New London Public Library. 982-8520.

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# Enjoying the great outdoors

By Amy Hanson



## Parade of Homes to showcase outside spaces

Summer is the season of lawn chairs, inflatable pools and grilling out. Outdoor environments, however, can be much more elaborate as backyard spaces have become an extension of the indoor home. With room to expand and a budget for additions, options are endless.

Four builders featured in the Valley Home Builders Association Summer Parade of Homes Aug. 16–17 and 21–24 will showcase their vision of outdoor living.

two condos and seven remodels/landscape/outdoor living participants.

“Things are on the uptick,” Zich adds. “We have 49 homes and haven’t had that in a number of years.”

Among the entries is a new residence being constructed for Heidi Winch and Tony Phillips.

“This home probably has more going on outside than any other home in Appleton,” says John Jacob, owner of Jacob Construction & Development Inc.

“It looks like really, tiny pebbles. It has glass beads in it as well. It will sparkle tremendously in the sunlight,” says Jason Bartel, Pool Works Inc. designer. “This pool will be nicely equipped when it’s done, yet simple.”

The orientation of the back of the home faces to the west, which will allow for full afternoon sun to warm the patio and pool. The walkout backyard from the lower level also allows for direct access to both spaces, including the hot tub and cooking area.

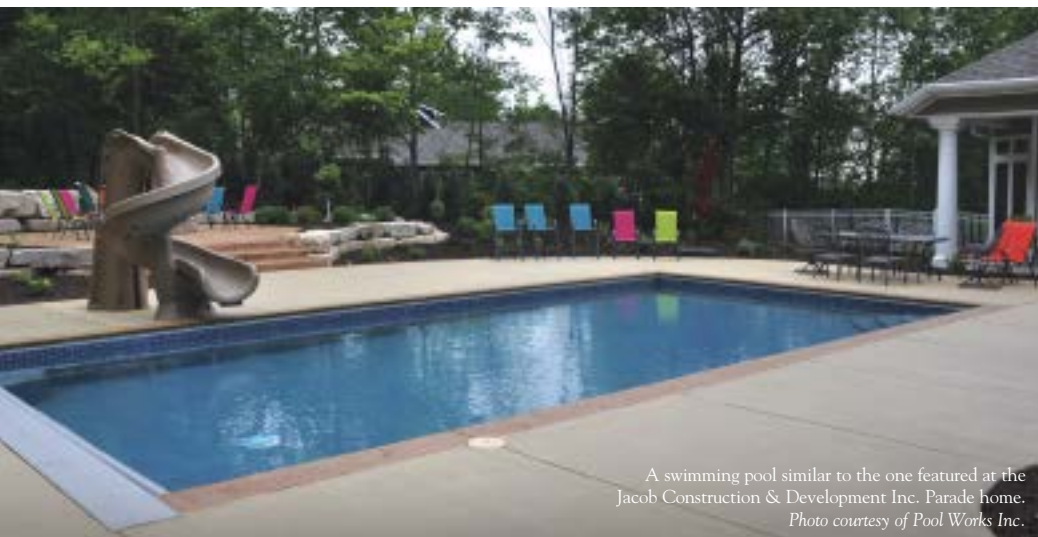
The lower level of the home also was constructed with the outdoors in mind, including features like quick access to a bathroom changing area and shower, laundry room, and bar and refrigerator area for snacks. Carpet was intentionally excluded in favor of a wood-imprinted vinyl flooring product that will withstand wet foot traffic.

A cantilevered, covered deck on the first floor serves as an extension of the hearth room to bring together the two environments.

As an outdoors enthusiast, Jacob appreciates bringing the outside in. This particular home will feature 40-plus windows facing the back of the home.

“It’s important to bring that outdoor living space into your home,” Jacob adds. The size of the lot and orientation of the home on a hill will allow the homeowners to appreciate the sunsets, along with the vistas.

Landscape architect Jeffrey Morris of Schmalz Landscaping has been tasked with creating a multi-layered, bold look with perennials that will provide a sense of privacy, be easy to maintain and keep the landscape looking neat year round without hiding the view.



A swimming pool similar to the one featured at the Jacob Construction & Development Inc. Parade home. Photo courtesy of Pool Works Inc.

“They just really like it because they (attendees) can see the remodels and the new features at the same time,” says Heidi Zich, VHBA director of business development.

Parade-goers will see a variety of spaces in this summer’s parade, which includes 40 new homes,

A 20-foot-by-40-foot heated, lighted, rectangular pool with diving board, Turbo Twister slide and sitting benches is planned. A PebbleTec product will be applied to the steps and benches in the pool, while the walls and floor will receive a blue finish.



Above: Photo courtesy of Steckling Builders LLC  
At left: BerHoff Homes LLC

"You want to give it that nice pop," he says. "Kind of creating a nice outdoor area where you feel like you don't have to go anywhere."

A stamped concrete with a seamless texture in earth tones will be added as well.

"You want it to be more natural, you don't want it to jump out at you," says Matt Bastian, owner of Bomanite of Wisconsin. Factoring in the style of the home is important when selecting a type of finish, he adds.

"I'm just excited for the kids — it's a place for everyone to call home," Winch says of her blended

family, which includes children ages 12, 15, 16, 18 and 21. "Just hopefully to have it filled with people. It will be a very fun house for friends and family."

It was important to the active family to include the gym and golf simulator room indoors, too.

"We all love sports, enjoy watching sports, play sports," Winch adds.

An indoor half court in the gym will feature three hoops, wooden finish flooring, red lane and three-point arch, says Terry Strasser, owner of

Sport Court Wisconsin, a division of Diversified Inc.

The safe, go-to gathering spot is also a space that was planned with the future in mind.

"Making it be a place for the grandkids and where we can grow old," says Winch of her vision. "I've never built a home before. I have to say that I have had the most fun with this."

Another home, included in the parade, also has family in mind.

"As soon as spring hits, we're outside," says Tracy Steckling, co-owner of Steckling Builders LLC with her husband, Rick. "We're probably in the pool everyday. ... We like to keep everyone outside."

The Steckling household includes two children, two dogs and five organic chickens wandering the property. You'll even find a coop in the backyard, along with the ornate patio and pool spaces, play set, vegetable garden and fruit trees.

A wall of the home is being removed and bumped out to convert the guest bedroom into a heated and insulated garden room. More glass will be added to make the room feel open and airy. Steckling looks forward to utilizing the space to start seedlings and expand her garden, she says.

The style of the outside of the home is consistent with the inside. "There had to be harmony from the inside out," Steckling says.

The space, also used for entertaining, has been a work in progress. The pool area, including glass pot fire pits, custom finishes and a central view from the living room and kitchen, was added two to three years after the home was built. It also is at a lower level to avoid the potential chill of wind.

"When you're doing something to this scale and expense, you don't want to just start digging," says Steckling. "This is at the top of my list of things that are worth every cent."

John Hofferber, founder of BerHoff Homes LLC, also is concerned about ways to maximize the most bang for your buck.

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Heidemann in the backyard of his Neenah residence, Hofferber decided it was time for a plan for the space.

"My wife turned to me and said, 'You need to warm it up back here, John,'" he recalls with a chuckle.

The group effort to construct the look of "an old house that fell down" includes a dining area, sitting area with a fireplace that has smoke shelves, an outdoor TV hooked into a sound system perfect for watching Packer games, reclaimed doors to add to the aesthetic and a conversation nook that will include convertible benches the can be raised for catered parties or lowered for seating.

"Our season is real short, but we make the best of that season," says David Vatland of Sound World who helped install the sound system. "I think that's the only reason why people are spending so much money outside. They want to make the best of it."

That's exactly what the couple intends to do. They also prefer not to be a "slave to the party" when they entertain.

"We did it different," Hofferber says. "A lot of times outdoor spaces are about the dining."

He also has added eco-friendly touches like solar exterior lights that will create soft, mood lighting, along with the solar panel that has powered his home since 2008. It creates 3,600 watts an hour.

"I really want to show people that over an average of five years what this home can do," he adds. "This is a way to accomplish a living, breathing house. ... I'm so used to having my house open. We've got houses that are actually negative for the year."

Hofferber, who has been working on the space for two years, plans to continue to evolve it over time until he sells the property.

"It just seems like everyone wants to be outside more and more," says Mark Hartzheim, owner of Hartwood Homes, Inc.

The Appleton home he's constructing for the Van Wyken family will include a 14-foot-by-30-

foot fiberglass pool with stamped concrete around it.

"They work great in the winter climate," says Hartzheim of the pool. "They're becoming more and more popular."

The Van Wykens like to make the most of summer months.

"We spend a lot of our time outdoors, we have two young daughters," says homeowner Rachel VanWychen of the home she will share with her husband, Jake, and a 6- and 3-year-old. "I had a pool when I was growing up and we spent a lot of time around it."

The outdoor space will include a concrete patio space as well, which will feature a fire pit and mounted flat screen TV able to stay out all year. A full gas cooking center also is being planned for the future. The space is meant to function for both family and entertaining.

"It's always nice to have a space where you can get out of the sun and rain," Hartzheim says. "You know those hot summer nights when you want to watch the rain?"

The patio will highlight stucco on the back of the home, stonework on the columns and a wood



Hartwood Homes, Inc.  
Photo by Julia Schnese

ceiling to provide a warmer feel, with the added benefit of absorbing noise. It also will have direct access to the garage.

"I like to build the outdoor spaces so it doesn't obstruct the view from the house," says Hartzheim. "When designing, I try to avoid having to look through them (views). ... The whole idea is to sit out here and enjoy the view."



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Mary Hirvela, marketing  
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## GRAND PRIZE WINNER

"The Old Bag Mill"

Donald Krueger, Kaukauna

Donald Krueger has been shooting images on his iPhone daily since January 2013 and hasn't missed a day since. This particular image was captured as the sergeant was out and about doing patrol in April for the Kaukauna Police Department. "It was shot on a morning when the sun was coming up," Krueger says. The golden hue was produced from the sun reflecting off the windows. How an image affects an individual was a big deciding factor in awarding the top prize in this year's contest, according to moderator Bob Rueckl. "Composition is big, clarity is big," he adds.

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## FIRST PLACE WINNER

"The Feel"

David White, Appleton

During a Saturday morning search for turtles at the Menasha Locks, David White happened upon an unexpected and unsuspecting subject matter. "It wasn't the object of my destination," he jokes. The elderly gentleman was not someone White knew, nor does the photographer believe the fisherman ever noticed his picture was being snapped. "I just tried to zero in on his wrist," White shares of the "spur of the moment" shot. "I thought here's something that applies to the area. ... I looked at it both ways. I thought the details were more meaningful in black and white, particularly his hands." "It looks like I'm being told a fishing story," says judge Julie Poburka. "It looks like I'm being told a story even though there are no words." Judge Mary Hirvela enjoyed "being able to see the wrinkles on the hands," while judge Paul Brunette seconds White's feelings that the image "wouldn't look the same in color."

## THIRD PLACE WINNER

"Patriot Guard Rider"

Christine A. Jackson, Appleton

Moved by the patriotism of an Armed Forces Day ceremony, Christine A. Jackson took her winning image at Greenlawn Cemetery in Neenah. "I was out there taking photos of my husband (Scot) and the event," she says. The symbolic nature of the photograph's nod to veterans and those who serve in the military was a strong deciding factor in why the image was selected by the panel of judges.



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## SECOND PLACE WINNER

"Fly/Fish"

Zachary White, Princeton, N.J.

Surrounded by human and aviary fishers, Zachary White happened to capture his photo by the Menasha Genlaws Dam during a morning last August. "I was struck by the contrast between the built environment and the natural environment," says White. The judges agreed the image was representative of fishing in the area and spoke to those who enjoyed the pastime.



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## FIRST PLACE WINNER

"The Fox"  
Scott Rohloff, Appleton

"This is a cool shot for this because it's going to slow everything down, and look cloudy and white," recalls Scott Rohloff of his process in shooting this photograph. He snapped the image using a thicker glass equal to about a No. 10 density filter and found the right white balance after a bit of experimentation. Rohloff says he was drawn to the old pillars in the landscape. "I like the mystery in the water," shares judge Paul Brunette. Judge Matthew Carpenter also was drawn to the historical context of the shot. "It's not a documentary photo contest, but I like the organic nature," he says.

## THIRD PLACE WINNER

"Winter Forest Chapel"  
Christine A. Jackson, Appleton

Despite frigid weather, a woodsy winter scene was too good for Christine A. Jackson to pass up. "It's just a great place to go out and take photos," she says of The Red Mill Chapel in Waupaca. "It was a cold day. It was so bone-chilling cold," she adds. Jackson worked fast to get the shot since she didn't want to pass up "the right moment for a good shot and good picture. ... I like the black and white medium best with a lot of snow." Judge Mary Hirvela enjoyed the image, but was looking for one missing element. "I think I would like a wreath on the church with a red bow for that pop of color," she says.





## SECOND PLACE WINNER

"Steamy Sunrise Over Doty Island"  
Bridget Balogh, Menasha

A daily routine led Bridget Balogh to a postcard moment. "It's the route I drive every day to take my kids to school," says Balogh. The difference, however, was this particular frigid day in January fell on a Saturday. "I actually had time to stop and shoot a few pictures," Balogh jokes. "It was definitely below zero." The image was taken from the east side of the Racine Street Bridge. The combination of the sunrise and the steam coming off the water caught Balogh's attention, she recalls. "There's a little mist on the water and where the sun comes through the trees is the mist on the water," says judge Bill Aubrey on why the photo got his vote.

## OVERALL HONORABLE MENTION

"Sunset Inspiration" | Chris Hazel, Neenah

Due to the judges' overwhelming response to Chris Hazel's photo, they felt strongly this image deserved recognition. "It's really an awesome picture. It needs something, it's worthy," says judge Julie Poburka. "There's a lot of effort in that," adds moderator Bob Rueckl who notes that it may have been a stronger image if it was cropped differently. A group of dancers set against the picturesque backdrop of High Cliff State Park led to Hazel's image. "I really just wanted to capture the dancers against the landscape," he says. "(I thought) that would be kind of cool if they would be out on the rocks." Hazel's friend, who owns a dance studio, helped him in arranging the shot.



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## FIRST PLACE WINNER

"Mine! Mine! Mine!"

Bridget Balogh, Menasha

Bridget Balogh took a series of images to end up with the one that captured a fight between a group of pelicans over a covered fish. In fact, the pelican shown here is not the ultimate winner of the tasty treat. "I just thought it was a really cool moment," Balogh shares. "If we're thinking what's representative of the Fox Cities, it's the pelicans," shares judge Mary Hirvela of why she chose Balogh's shot. With the recent resurgence of the pelican population, the judges felt strongly that this image fit the bill.

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## THIRD PLACE WINNER

"Barn"

Matthew Preissner, Combined Locks

In search of the perfect barn, Matthew Preissner located what he was looking for in Brillion. He had intentionally driven around trying to find just the right structure and went back to one in particular to make sure the light was just right in the morning. "I liked the redness of it," he says. "I thought the color was a little different." While the judges were hoping the sky might have been a tad different in Preissner's photograph, they couldn't deny their love of barns. "I think it ties to the area," says judge Paul Brunette. "I don't know, I'm a city girl, but I still love barns," adds judge Julie Poburka.





## SECOND PLACE WINNER

"Frozen"

Christine A. Jackson, Appleton

Frozen in time, Christine A. Jackson managed to capture the chilling effects of a temperature drop and the judges' attention. "We had just had a snowstorm," she says. "Gosh, there was ice everywhere." Due to the abundance of precipitation on that day in March, Jackson's backyard bird bath had overflowed into its icy state. She experimented with shooting it at different angles to see what looked the best, she explains. "There was really no color in that image so I thought it looked better as a black and white," Jackson adds.

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# A taste of Italy

By Amy Hanson



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## Fox Cities businesses offer the scoop on gelato

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"It's a very romantic product," says Hank Sweeney, national accounts manager for Classic Mix Partners, a division of the Galloway Company in Neenah. "(Customers) want to have that same decadent treat that they had on their trip."

Leisure and business travel has helped to introduce gelato around the globe. Locations including Chicago, Miami, Dallas and New York love their gelato, but like anything new, it takes time for word to spread, according to Sweeney. In the South, people still think frozen custard is pudding, he notes.

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"It's a growing segment that's not going away anytime soon," Sweeney says. "It really lends itself to more daring and creative flavors."

Due to the artisanal approach to gelato, traditional Italian makers typically serve 24–36 different flavors of the treat daily, Sweeney explains. The "whimsical and fanciful" product is part of the lifestyle in Italy. You'll also find flavors for breakfast.

Gelato is served at a warmer temperature, has

less fat and a reduced amount of air churned into it during the freezing process. American ice cream is heavy on the cream and fat content. Gelato is made with milk, cream and sugars, and often contains 3 1/2 to 8 percent butterfat.

"In a perfect world, a pan of gelato will be made in the morning and gone by the afternoon," Sweeney says. "The freshest is the best."

Michelle Witchell, Copper Rock Coffee Company's "gelato fairy," is always sampling what she makes to ensure the quality remains consistent. If it doesn't taste right, it doesn't go out or it gets pulled from the cases at the downtown and north Appleton locations. Copper Rock also sells gelato at the Downtown Appleton Farm Market on Saturdays.

Witchell says she sticks to the authentic Italian process as well, starting with a true base and adding her ingredients from there. It's heated in the machine for eight minutes and frozen for another eight. Sometimes she layers flavors. It then goes into the blast freezer at -40 degrees to flash freeze it and avoid the formation of ice crystals. A pan serves about 25 to 30 people.

"A lot of times it's just things that I'm thinking about when I'm lying in bed," says Witchell who enjoys experimenting with ingredients from basil to sage to pineapple. "Whatever I'm making is my favorite! ... Anything with coffee in it I love because I work in a coffee shop, I love coffee and I'm always surprised how good it tastes."

Witchell has made Grapefruit Sorbeto, Root Beer Float, Wildberry Cheesecake Crunch, and Java Chip with ribbons of chocolate through it. She also decorates each pan with little touches from knife-carved strawberries to a little goat.

"Your eyes see it first" she says with a smile. "Nobody should have this much fun at work!"

Typically, there will be six choices available in the case, but during summer that increases to about a dozen.

She admits that sometimes she has to do a flavor for herself and she draws inspiration from cocktails. There have, however, been a few flops — Olive Oil Parmesan and Bloody Mary — along the way.

Copper Rock Coffee Company  
Photos by Julia Schnese



"Sometimes, I indulge myself and make what I like," she jokes. "I've gotten to know the personality of downtown customers so I really try to make what works." What goes over well at the College Avenue location may not work at the north-side shop, however, which tends to gravitate to more candy-flavored options versus those that highlight fresh ingredients.

"I'm always thinking about what I can do besides eat it," Witchell says of the remaining gelato that is typically leftover from making a pan. She has started making gelato bars and hopes to add in bon bons, croissant sandwiches and homemade cones, or even gelato cakes and pies.

"I'm really just trying to make flavors that are pleasing to everyone's palette," Witchell shares. "It's like when you cook for somebody and they love what you cook."

Aspen Coffee & Tea is another local business serving homemade gelato. It's available at Aspen's Menasha location and their Downtown Appleton Farm Market vendor location on Saturdays. Bakery manager Nora Asplund who makes the gelato also delivers to Aspen Landing in Menasha as well. Aspen Landing customers can buy gelato by the scoop off the dessert menu.

"It made more sense, we can use some of our bakery items in it," says Asplund of selecting those locations and using the Menasha location as the hub for creation. She would like to experiment with more flavors "using big chunks of brownie or almond biscotti. ... Around here I would say people are looking more for chocolate because we have the big brownies."

Among the flavors she's tried are the Lemon Sorbet, Olive Oil and Sea Salt, Chocolate Fudge with homemade fudge, Blueberry Pancake, and Sweet Corn.

"We've had some of our best suggestions from customers," Asplund adds.

She also has seen customers indulge in Gelato Bombs. A scoop of gelato is added to a hot mocha, which makes it foamy and changes up the flavor. Asplund would also like to add shakes to the mix.

"People are really excited about it. There's not many places where you can get homemade gelato," Asplund explains.

Carmella's an Italian Bistro in Appleton has put gelato front and center on their dessert menu, including handmade flavors and an outsourced vanilla bean gelato.

"That's only because we go through so much of it," says pastry chef Kari Mueller of the vanilla bean. She likes to incorporate gelato into a dessert instead of it just being the main dessert.

Mueller also has been known to serve it in place of frosting on cupcakes, like a Lime Cupcake paired with a Kiwi Gelato, or a Basil Gelato served with Strawberry Consommé and Olive Oil Cake.

"We switch it up and we try to do it seasonally," Mueller adds. "I like mixing savory with sweet so I try to experiment. I try to mix the two."

Ingredients such as micro basil, edible flowers and fresh fruits all make their way into Mueller's creations.

"I go to the farmers market. We also work with local farmers," Mueller says. "I work around what the farmers have."

Among the flavors Mueller has concocted are Peach Prosecco, Strawberry Cheesecake, Tangerine Carrot, and Chocolate Hazelnut. Chocolate flavors tend to sell the quickest, Mueller shares. Once a week, she creates four different flavors — three types of gelato (including the vanilla bean) and one sorbet.

"The kids really like it, too," Mueller says. "It's real smooth and silky, and velvety."



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