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Leif Larson’s paintings often depict wild figure narratives in an immediate, eye-catching style. “When it comes to my style, I’ve always walked to the beat of my own drum,” says Larson, a Milwaukee native. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 2005, Larson became increasingly involved in the Fox Valley artistic community. Many of Larson’s works have garnered critical attention at numerous galleries, causing viewers to wonder how anyone could dream up the enchanting ideas portrayed in his art.

“In a lot of ways, I’m impulsive with my art, whether it’s in the content or in the medium itself,” Larson says. “There are different levels of impulsive, but the most important part of creating art for me is listening to myself and trusting myself. As I get older, I find myself becoming more flexible with my styles and expressions in my art. Ultimately, I believe in trying to tell stories with a blend of humor and seriousness. I believe in humanity and people and I hope to make something that can give people joy and a moment of serious reflection, even if that reflection only lasts for a few seconds.”

Larson was featured as Appleton Public Library’s artist-in-residence through March and April, a position that included conducting workshops and public outreach. In the future, Larson hopes to continue that outreach, especially with aspiring artists.

“I’ve had 10 strong years of painting and I hope to continue doing that, but I’m really interested in giving back to the community as much as I can. I hope to have a positive influence on others, whether it’s through teaching, classes, giving private lessons, or lecturing; I really want to help others develop a creative attitude in life,” he says. “People might think that you need to be a genius if you want to be an artist, but it’s really all about having a positive attitude and listening to yourself. The world needs creativity now more than ever, and I want to help foster that creativity in any way I can.”

Larson’s work is currently displayed in Take Me to the River’s “Tributary” exhibition in which artists across diverse mediums examine how their personal relationships shape the community. The show runs through July 7 at Sounds Alive Music and Arts Education Center in Neenah.

For updates on Larson’s work, visit www.leiflarson.com.

— By Dan Meyer
“A community without art is invisible to the world.”

Alex Schultz found himself returning to this quote so often that it became the tag line for his arts advocacy organization, Sculpture Valley. The Appleton-based nonprofit is working to establish the Fox Valley as a nationally recognized arts and culture destination.

“Art gives us an identity,” says Schultz, who serves as president of Sculpture Valley. “There’s a bubbling under the surface and Appleton is absolutely eager and ready for this.”

To achieve this goal, Schultz and Sculpture Valley Co-founder Rob Neilson are launching Acre of Art in July. Acre of Art, a program of Sculpture Valley, is poised to be Appleton’s first outdoor public sculpture competition and juried exhibition.

The rotating exhibition, funded by area businesses and individual sponsors, will introduce up to 12 new public art pieces each year on two-year leases. This means at any given time, Appleton’s downtown and riverfront districts will host up to 24 sculptures created by artists throughout the Upper Midwest. After a two-year run, sculptures will be removed and replaced with a new crop of art. Sponsors will have the option to buy the work before it is released for public sale or returned to the artist. Sculpture Valley intends to purchase one work per season to be placed permanently within city parks, urban green spaces or along public trails.

Sculpture Valley has several potential art sites selected, but the final selections will be dependent on sponsors and the artwork itself.

“The goal is to have the pieces spread wide. You may have to go to The Refuge, down to the riverfront or the parklet on College Avenue so you see how art works in the community. That’s the challenge of this, to find the right pieces and give them their own space,” Schultz says.

Neilson, an associate professor of art at Lawrence University, says the project offers dimensional artists an opportunity to show their work while enhancing Appleton’s public spaces.

“It’s a means for people to engage with the community and engage with art, to grapple with big, beautiful ideas,” he says. “It creates discussions about what we value, how we see ourselves and our place in the state, in the country and the world.”

Neilson and Schultz point to the success of creative initiatives like Mile of Music as proof the area is eager for more art. The duo first conceived Acre of Art while attending Mile of Music.

“Rob and I would do the Mile thing and we’re walking from one venue to the next thinking, ‘It sure would be nice to have something else engaging me while I’m taking part in this,” Schultz says.

Sculpture Valley is now partnering with Mile of Music, as well as Appleton Downtown Inc.’s Creative Downtown Appleton, Tundraland Home Improvements and Boldt Company to bring Acre of Art to life.

Mile of Music Co-founder Dave Willems says he was excited by the prospect of adding more visual art during the music festival which occurs August 3–6, as well as throughout downtown year-round. Mile of Music is sponsoring a sculpture.

“As downtown Appleton becomes a bigger destination, making public art accessible is what’s going to create a more well-rounded experience,” Willems says. “Rob and Alex have put together a pretty impressive project. This is a big leap forward in how the Appleton community can embrace the concept of public art.”

In June, a panel of local judges will review artist submissions and select works based on their visual and cultural impact as well as their relation to the selected sites. Installation will occur in July with an opening reception to follow. Special events and tours during Mile of Music are also being planned.

While Acre of Art is the first endeavor of its kind in Appleton, Neilson says it plays off the creative momentum that already exists in the area which offers advantages for individuals looking to make an artistic impact.

“The scale of Appleton really is the beauty of a place like this,” he says. “[Schultz] and I can put sculptures out there and change the aesthetics of a city as just two guys with an idea. If this were Chicago, we couldn’t do anything to change the face of it, but in Appleton we can. And I’m convinced it’s ready.”
not to be missed

MUSIC

Beer, Brats and Beethoven
July 1
A free family musical celebration sponsored by Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Stadium, Appleton. 733-4152.

Lunchtime Organ Recital
July 5
Organist Dr. David Bohn will perform a selection of pieces on the 1926 Austin theater organ in the museum’s Ogilvie Hall. Free. 12-1pm. History Museum at the Castle, Appleton. 735-9370.

Diana Ross
July 12
Ross’ famed and extraordinary career as a singer and songwriter has spanned almost five decades. 8–11pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

ON STAGE

The Sunshine Boys
June 7–11 & 13–16
Presented by Attic Theatre. Top-billed vaudevillians Al and Willie as “Lewis and Clark” are grudgingly reunited when CBS requests them for a “History of Comedy” retrospective. 7-10 & 13-16, 7pm. 11, 2pm. UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, Menasha. 734-7887.

Other Desert Cities
June 28–30 & July 1–2, 5-8
Presented by Attic Theatre. Brooke Wyeth returns home after a six-year absence to celebrate Christmas and announces she is publishing a memoir dredging up a tragic event in the family’s history. 28–30 & 1, 5-8, 7pm. 2, 2pm. UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center, Menasha. 734-7887.

Unnecessary Farce
June 21-25

Footloose
July 27–30 & August 2–6
Presented by Riverside Players. A dancing ban instituted by a preacher brings his rebellious daughter and the new kid in town closer together. 27–29 & 2–5, 8pm. 30 & 6, 7pm. Riverside Park, Neenah. 886-6060.

ARTS EVENTS

Studio Art Class: Red Wine Painting
June 17
Red wine isn’t just for drinking! Get creative in this new class and learn how to take one of your favorite adult beverages and create beautiful artwork. Ages 21+. 5–7pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Art on the Town
July 21
Enjoy music, food and art, including impressive chalk art, as you stroll and shop along College Avenue. 6-9pm. College Avenue, Appleton. 994-9112.

Art at the Park
July 30
This treasured community event showcases the work of nearly 200 participating artists from throughout the country. 9am–4pm. City Park, Appleton. 733-4089.

Information is subject to change, we recommend confirming dates and times with the organizer. To have your event considered for publication, submit online at foxcitiesmagazine.com.
**COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS**

**Community Festival: Louisiana**  
**June 10**  
Explore the music, stories, food, art and more of Creole and Cajun cultures. 11am–3pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

**Juneteenth Festival**  
**June 11**  
Eighth annual celebration of freedom, unity and community. Free for all ages. 12–6pm. City Park, Appleton. 832-1564.

**Summer Kickoff: Bike to Boogie**  
**June 14**  
Dance to the sounds of Boogie and the Yo-yo’s, enjoy a locally-brewed beer from Lion’s Tail Brewery and kickoff summer in style. Ride your bike to the event and receive a raffle ticket for prizes. 6-9pm. Plexus front lawn, Neenah. 722-1920.

**High Wheel Weekend**  
**June 17**  
The Manitowoc County Historical Society and The Fitness Store present this event featuring members of The Wheelmen, a national group of high-wheel bicycle enthusiasts. Guests can ride with the Wheelmen, play games and watch demonstrations. 9am–4pm. Manitowoc County Historical Society. 684-4445.

**Hops on Hill**  
**July 27**  
Enjoy dozens of craft beers and tastes of Green Bay’s best restaurants at this music-infused gathering to benefit the preservation and education needs at Heritage Hill State Historical Park. Tickets required. 6-8pm. Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Green Bay. 448-5150.
Art on the Streets

Nightlife in Green Bay just got a little stranger. On Broadway Inc. is launching a new night market series this July where weird is welcome. The series, called igNight Markets, are scheduled for July 15, August 19 and September 16. Locations will rotate throughout unusual niches in Green Bay’s Broadway District.

Brian Johnson, executive director of On Broadway Inc., says he hopes the night market series will create a stronger appreciation for the arts in Green Bay in a way that is edgy, but also inviting. The markets are placing an emphasis on interactive art with live muralists, blacksmiths, poets, glass blowers, theater and dance troupes performing throughout the summer.

Visitors will also be able to purchase art from various vendors. Food carts will provide a variety of dining options throughout the night with sitting areas available. Beverage vending at igNight will feature beer from local breweries like Tifftown Brewing, Hinterland, Stillmank and Badger State.

An igNight launch party is scheduled for June 10 from 6–10 p.m. and will feature a pop-up performance by musical artist LOLO, a Mile of Music fan favorite.

For more information visit www.ignightmarket.com or call 437-2531.

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Native American Celebration

The Menominee and Oneida Nations invite you to the historic Charles A. Grignon Mansion in Kaukauna for a day of Native American dancing, crafts and food on June 24. Grab your lawn chairs and make your way down to the Mansion to see the Menominee Woodland Boys & Girls Club perform dances featuring traditional stories at 1 p.m. Men and boys will perform the Menominee Fish Dance symbolizing the return of the sturgeon to their spawning beds which, in turn, will promise a good harvest. Women and girls will perform the Swan Dance celebrating the return of spring by mimicking the migration of our feathered friends. The Oneida Smoke Dancers will also be performing. Visitors can feel free to take part in some social dances too.

Crafts will be available for children before and after the performance and a historian will also be talking about Menominee history in Wisconsin. Indian tacos, hamburgers and brats will be available for purchase as well as the ever-popular fry bread, a traditional food Native Americans serve at home and gatherings. Recipes vary between tribes and the Menominee and Oneida Nation invite you to try their own rendition. A twist on the crowd-favorite, Indian tacos are traditional tacos served on fry bread.

The Woodland Boys & Girls Club hope to pass on knowledge of Menominee traditions to the youth, as well as the community through song and dance. The Mansion will also be open for docent-led tours from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. as well as from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tour admission prices can be found at www.grignonmansion.org or by calling 766-6106.

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MOVIE NIGHT

Cozy up with your favorite people for a fun movie night out

Bike-In Movie Night:
Big Trouble in Little China
June 15

Sing
June 23
In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario’s attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than anticipated. Free. Rated PG. 7:30–10pm. Wanick Park, Sherwood. 989-1589.

Jaws
July 1
A giant man-eating great white shark attacks beachgoers on Amity Island, prompting a hunt by the local police chief with help from of a marine biologist and professional shark hunter. Rated PG-13. 7 pm. Time Community Theater, Oshkosh. 231-5500.

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Tributary
June 2–July 7
Regional artists express across diverse mediums how relationships with our inner selves, our natural landscapes and each other shape our community. M–F, 3–8pm. Sounds Alive Music & Arts Education Center, Neenah. 574-6841.

37th Annual SECUERA Fine Arts Exhibition
June 7–June 25
This is one of Northeast Wisconsin’s top competitive, juried fine arts exhibitions featuring work from the region’s most talented artists. Tu-Sa, 10am–4pm. Th, 10am–8pm. Su, 12–4pm. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

Settling the Ghost:
a contemporary art exhibition
July 14–August 6
Young Space and Standard Projects present a group exhibition of contemporary visual art by international early-career and emerging artists. The project utilizes the global reach of the Internet and collapses it in an unexpected place — a former police station in rural Wisconsin. Open by appointment. Standard Projects, Hortonville. young-space.com/settling-the-ghost

Butterflies & Family Ties
There are rarely opportunities to see hundreds of butterflies in one location, but Appleton’s City Park will provide that opportunity in one of the most visually striking events of the season. On June 17, Parent Connection will be holding their ninth annual Butterfly Festival which kicks off at 9 a.m. With fun activities such as face painting, inflatable activities and butterfly demonstrations, the festival reaches its peak just before noon with the release of more than 1,000 butterflies.

“Every year, there are a lot of unique activities for kids like the butterfly relay race, hair painting, yarn caterpillars, butterfly face masks, planting station, art projects, football toss, yoga in the park and spinning the prize wheel. Each activity is sponsored by local organizations who are excited to interact with and provide a fun experience for families,” said Patricia Heeg, special events coordinator at Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin. Parent Connection is a program of Family Services, which has been providing services for individuals and families since 1899.

Donations and sponsorships from the Butterfly Festival are critical components of Parent Connection’s revenue, which funds parenting workshops and other resources that encourage, strengthen and support families in northeastern Wisconsin. The Festival’s slogan is “Helping Families Fly” and takes its theme from the program’s goals. According to Wendy Schwalbe, program manager of Parent Connection, “The goal of Parent Connection is to help new parents transition into parenthood and give them the tools needed to be the best parents they can be. It is like nurturing a cocoon and watching the butterfly unfold and eventually fly on its own.”

For more information on the festival, visit Parent Connection’s website at familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection/butterfly-festival.

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Wonder Garden

The fantastical world of lush England woodlands will be making its way to the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh. “Wonderland: Photographs by Kirsty Mitchell” will showcase large-scale photographs of theatrical characters set against elaborate scenes bursting with colors of the passing English seasons. Mitchell is an award-winning photographer and fashion designer from Surrey, England. She has collaborated with hair and makeup artist Elbie Van Eeden to compose intense, dream-like versions of her homeland.

Each piece will be accompanied by videos documenting the artist’s creative process. Mitchell has dedicated this series to her mother, Maureen, who passed away from a brain tumor in 2008. “Wonderland” is not only an escape from reality, it is a way for the artist to come to terms with her grief. Mitchell quickly gained a worldwide following and has made the series available to all viewers in “The Wonderland Book.” The Paine will be introducing Mitchell’s work for the first time at an American museum, from June 17 to October 15 in the Main Gallery. Members of the museum can preview the exhibit on June 16, where Laura Fiser, the Paine’s curator of collections and exhibitions, will lead a gallery talk.

More summer events at the Paine Art Center and Gardens can be found on their website www.thepaine.org.

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FESTIVALS AND FARMERS MARKETS

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FESTIVALS

June

June 4-24 | Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival
Music, rides, kids entertainment, parade, walk/run, cheese tasting, cheese carving demo, cheese curd eating contest, cheese breakfast & grilling contest. 2, 5pm-11am, 3, 10:30am-12m & 4, 5pm-12m. Doyle Park, Little Chute. 788-7380.

June 4 | Art on the Island
More than 70 artists/craftspeople representing a wide variety of arts and crafts fill a tree-lined park on Lake Winnebago. Food, live music, kids’ crafts, free admission & parking. 10am-4pm. Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac. 322-0495.

June 9-10 | Brilliance Fest
On Friday, famous electric light street parade at 9pm. On Saturday, History House special exhibit 9am-12pm, carnival games, vendor fair, live music & rummage sales all weekend. Peter Park, Brilliance. 418-1576.

June 10 | 27th Annual Manitowoc Garden Fair
A gardener’s paradise in downtown Manitowoc! More than 90 vendors selling plants including annuals, perennials & herbs. Crafters & artists sell their selling garden art, fine crafts, statuary & furniture. Free, rain or shine. 10am-3:30pm. Washington Park, Manitowoc. 882-2050.

June 10 | Oshkosh Irish Fest
Enjoy music, food, dances, presentations, vendors, 5k, raffle, & more! 11:30am-1pm. Leach Amphitheater, Oshkosh. 573-0959.

June 11 | 60th Annual Winnebagonland Art Fair
Fine art & crafts, juried event for the whole family including a Silent Auction. Plenty of art to choose from; multiple art medias are represented. Food vendors & music to entertain. South Park, Oshkosh. 10am-4pm. 303-9200.

June 9-11 | 24th Annual Lighthouse Festival
Coordinated by the Door County Maritime Museum. Join us for three days of boat excursions & guided land-based tours to 11 historic Door County Wisconsin Lighthouses. Varying tour times available between 9am-9pm, 743-5958.

June 20-24 | Country USA

June 15-18 | Chilton Summer Festival
Including a citywide rummage sale, city band concert Thursday night at 7pm at Hobart Park, brat fry Friday at 10am. fireworks Friday at dusk, street dance Saturday at 8pm and the state’s biggest Father’s Day parade Sunday at 11am. 418-1650.

June 16-17 | 39th Annual Metro Jam
Free two-day music festival with national, regional & local acts in a full spectrum of music. Featuring a Friday headliner Ruthie Foster. 5:30-9:30pm Friday, 12-10pm Saturday. Washington Park, Manitowoc. 681-5980.

June 17 | 28th Annual Strawberry Fest
Featuring a downtown art/craft fair with more than 100 vendors from across the Midwest, strawberry shortcake, a children’s costume contest, live entertainment, great food & more. Events begin with city band concert Fri. at 7pm, continuing with events Sat. from 9am-4pm. Waupaca. (715) 238-7743.

June 17 | 9th Annual Butterfly Festival
Fun-filled family event with face painting crafts, games, inflatable activities, butterfly demonstrations & food. 9am, City Park, Appleton. 739-4226.

June 17 | Midwest Sunsplash Music Festival
Run/walk/bike, art, dance, food, drinks, live music including folk, funk, jazz, blues, salsa, yodelica, polka, rockabilly, bluegrass and more! Benefiting Youth N Neenah. Free Admission. 10am-10:30pm. Main Street between Racine Street and Mill Street and Faith Technologies parking lot, Neenah. 984-4102.

June 22-24 | Darboy Chickenfest
Community festival celebrating chicken, complete with fireworks, live music, carnival rides, vendors, games & a Chicken Chow 22, 6:30-12am; 23, 6:30pm-12am & 24, 12pm-12am. Darboy Community Park, Appleton. 996-1153.

June 30-July 2 | Woodland Indian Art Show & Market
An art competition & market showcasing the unique artistic styles of Native Americans in the upper Midwest & Northwestern regions of the United States.

July 3-7 | Festival Foods Fireworks
Daylong Independence Day celebration with live entertainment, patriotic ceremonies, veteran salutes, fantastic food, children’s activities, ski show & the Festival Foods Fireworks. Events all day, fireworks at dusk. 1pm, Memorial Leicht Park, Hagemeister Park, Main Street Bridge, & CityDeck, Green Bay. 437-5972.

July 4 | Gills Rock 4th of July Celebration
Join the Door County Maritime Museum for an event-packed day with music, a boat regatta & fireworks at dusk, 5-10pm. Door County Maritime Museum. 743-5958.

July 4 | HomeTown 4th of July Celebration
Omno’s Annual HomeTown Parade, music by the Cougars & James Due. Food will be available. Omno-Rashford Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fireworks display at dusk. Events begin at 12pm. Omno. 685-6960 ext. 23.

July 6-9 | Lifest
Annual Christian rock festival. 8am-midnight daily. Sunnyview Expo Center. Oshkosh. (800) 955-5433.

July 7-9 | 3rd Annual Subfest
A festival celebrating the sub marine freshwater capitol of the world. Submarine street art, a submarine sandwich eating competition, water ski-show, food, drinks, fireworks and more. 7-8 9am-10pm; 9, 9am-3pm. Downtown Manitowoc. 684-0218.

July 9 | Faire on the Green
From photography to jewelry to watercolors & pottery, enjoy the works of more than 100 talented artists & craftspersons. Featuring antiques and retail items, wine & beer tasting, chicken, live music & entertainment.

July 10-13 | Rock USA
Thu. 1pm, Fri & Sat, 11:45 am. Ford Festival Park, Oshkosh. 882-4949.

July 15-16 | Midsummer Festival of the Arts
Shop 300 artists’ booths, enjoy live music, participate in family activities, gain free admission to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. 10-5pm, 15, 10am-5pm, 16, 10am-4pm. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 456-6144.

July 15 | Acoustic Fest
Free music festival of diverse, accomplished acoustic musicians & family entertainment. 11am-9pm. Washington Park, Manitowoc. 686-3070.

July 16 | 42nd Annual Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass Art Festival
The festival features fine arts & crafts from artists across the region in a variety of media, as well as great food, children’s activities & a beer garden. 10am-4pm. Riverside Park. Neenah. 751-4658.

July 21-23 | 50th Winneconne Sovereign States Days
A weekend filled with a parade, street dances, fireworks, a carnival, flea markets, art shows, & more. 21, 9am-midnight; 22, 9am-23; 23, 8am-5pm. Marble Park, Winneconne. 410-7574.

July 21-23 | Paperfest
Family-oriented festival that raises money for nonprofits in the Fox Valley. 21, 5:30pm-1am; 22, 9am-11:30pm; 23, 11am-7:30pm. Sunset Park, Kimberly. 997-9700.

July 25-30 | Outagamie County Fair
Big-name entertainment, fair exhibits, commercial exhibits, midway rides & food. 25, 5-10pm; 26-29, 10am-midnight; 30, 10am-6pm. Seymour. 833-2941.

July 26-30 | Oshkosh Main Street Music Festival
A celebration of the City of Oshkosh and the downtown community. Features 100+ musicians, Artists, Comedians & Entertainers. Venues throughout Oshkosh. oshkoshmainstreetmusiconline.com.

August

August 3-6 | Mile of Music

August 3-12 | Sturgeon Bay Maritime Week
A variety of maritime events happening in various places around Sturgeon Bay. Events include a Sake’s challenge, the 26th annual Door County Classic & Wooden Boat Festival, live music and fireworks. Times vary, Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay. 743-6246.

FARMERS MARKETS

Downtown Appleton Farm Market
Saturday, June 17-Oct. 28, 8am-12:30pm. College Avenue from Appleton Street to Drew Street and Howard Plaza, Appleton. 954-9112.

BayCare Clinic presents Farmers Market on Broadway
Wednesday, May 31-Aug. 30, 10-8pm & Sep. 6-7, 3-7pm. Broadway St., Green Bay. 437-2531.

Chilton Farmers Market

De Pere Festival Foods Farmers Market
Tuesdays, May 23-Oct. 31, 7am-noon. 1001 Main Avenue, De Pere. 336-6502.

Fish Creek Settlement Shops Farmers Market
Wednesdays, June 7-October 18, 9:30am-1:30pm or sell-out. Cancelled if thunderstorms. One mile south of downtown Fish Creek, 9116 Hwy. 42, 688-1788.
Downtown Fond du Lac Farmers Market
Wednesdays, June 7-Oct. 25. 11am-3pm. S. Main St., Plaza and Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac. Saturdays, May 13-Oct. 28. 8am-noon. On Main St. from Western Ave. to Sheboygan St., Fond du Lac. 322-2006.

Downtown Green Bay Farmers Market
Saturdays, May 27-Oct. 28. 7am-noon. S. Washington Street from Walnut to Stuart St., Green Bay. 437-5972.

Green Lake Farmers Market
Fridays, May 26-Sep. 3-6:30pm. Town Square, Green Lake. On the corner of Hill and Mill Street. 294-3231.

Downtown Kaukauna Farmers Market
Saturdays, June 10-Oct. 14. 7:30am-Noon. 101 Crooks Ave, the parking lot on the corner of Second St. & Hwy. 55, Kaukauna. 166-6304.

Little Chute Village Market
Thursdays, June 15-September 28. 3-7pm. Windmill Plaza at 130 W Main St, Little Chute. 788-7380.

Manitowoc Farmers Market
Saturdays, May 6-Oct. 28. 8am-2pm. Tuesdays, June 6-Oct. 31. Noon-6pm. 8th and Quay St., along the Manitowoc River, Manitowoc. 686-6930.

Menasha Farm Fresh Market
Thursdays, June 8-Oct. 26. 2-6pm. 140 Main St., Menasha. 967-3608.

Future Neenah Farmers Market

Future Omro Farmers Market
Thursdays, June 1-Oct. 12. 4-7pm. Scott Park, Omro. 685-7055.

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Saturdays, June 3-Oct. 28. 8am-12:30pm. 400 & 520 Blocks of N. Main St. & 100 Block of Church Ave., Oshkosh. 252-2532.

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Wednesdays, July 19-Sept. 27. 3-7pm. South Park, Shelter #1 & 2 at the corner of South Park Ave. & Georgia St., Oshkosh. 252-2532.

Plymouth Farmers Market

Pulaski Street Market
Mondays, June 19-Sept. 25. 4-7pm. Corner of Wisconsin and Pulaski Streets. 822-4400.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 9am-1pm, Saturdays 8am-2pm. June 3-Oct. 28. Fountain Park, on the corner of 8th St. & Erie Ave., Sheboygan. 457-7722.

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SPLASH CITY

Six community leaders usher in summer with a soak

Photography by David Jackson
Hair styling by April Reno and Amy Seefeldt

Whether dry or drenched, these Fox Citians are fierce. Some run restaurants, others organize art shows, but all of them make our community a more interesting place to live. Let’s raise a glass to their contributions and lack of inhibitions.
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Liborio Torres Osorio and Kimberly Finnell
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The Incredible Work of Bees and Their Keepers

By Amelia Compton Wolff

Backyard beekeepers face challenges, but reap sweet rewards

When it comes to beekeeping, Laura Hetland adheres to the words of American writer and naturalist Henry David Thoreau who said, “The keeping of bees is like the direction of sunbeams.”

Hetland, an Appleton native, believes the insects are inexplicably linked to the world as we know it and intimately bound to all the earth’s essential functions.

“When you get to play that role as the bees’ keeper or guardian, it’s like you’re protecting the sunshine itself,” she says. “And you’re protecting the flowers that depend on that sunshine and pollination. Beekeeping connects me more to everything in life.”

Hetland first began working with bees when she lived in Hawaii and continues her beekeeping journey back in Appleton through her blog, The Honey Huntress. In Hawaii, Hetland learned how each hive of honey bees has its own distinct personality, usually dictated by its queen’s demeanor. Before entering the hives, Hetland and her beekeeping mentor would spend time in quiet observation of the bees’ subtle movements and flight patterns, searching for clues that would reveal the hive’s needs that day.

“I’m not a religious person, but if I were to claim anything as my religion it would be these bees right here,” Hetland says.

At work, but in danger

For many beekeepers, there is something innately spiritual about the relationship forged between human and hive, and it’s easy to see why. Witnessing the work of bees up close is awe-inspiring.

“You can’t get any closer to nature than with bees,” says Wayne Gerds, owner of Honey Bee Ware beekeeping supply store in Greenville. “So many customers tell me they go out for hours on end just watching their bees.”

Each bee in a colony has a job to do. The queen’s only job is to lay eggs and perpetuate the hive. She is capable of laying up to 2,000 eggs each day. Male bees, called drones, exist only to mate with the queen. Worker bees, which are all female, do everything else, from foraging for nectar and pollen to cleaning the hive. The average worker bee lives for six weeks during honey production season and will make only 1/12 teaspoon of honey in that time.

Gerard Schubert, president of the East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association, sums up the work of bees in three words: fascinating, industrious, beneficial. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, bees accomplish roughly 80 percent of insect crop pollination in the country, or about $15 billion in added crop value. Almonds, apples, blueberries, onions and oranges wouldn’t exist without them. Thirty percent of the food we eat depends on the pollination of bees.

For Schubert, beekeeping is as confounding as it is enthralling, but that’s part of its appeal.

“There’s still so much to learn about bees and why they do what they do,” says Schubert, who has been keeping bees at his apiary in Borth for the last six years. He will have 12 hives this year and at maturity each colony will contain 50,000 to 60,000 bees. “For people who like a challenge, this is an ideal hobby.”

Beekeeping today is a challenge because of the
numerous threats that exist for bees. North American bee populations are declining at an alarming rate. Larry Cain, co-president of the Fox Valley Beekeepers Association, says habitat loss, pesticides and parasites are just a few of the threats bees face.

“We have harmed their habitat by reducing natural areas. We also have become habituated to the use of pesticides and herbicides,” Cain says. “We as a culture need to make some hard choices in how we proceed, especially in regards to beekeeping.”

A survey by the Bee Informed Partnership reports 50 percent of Wisconsin hives were lost during the 2015-16 season. Wisconsin winters are hard on bees and can exacerbate the negative effects of disease and parasites such as the Varroa mite, which is a major contributor to hive loss.

“This isn’t our grandfather’s world of beekeeping when they could put bees in a box and harvest honey with maybe a 15 percent colony loss over winter,” Schubert says. “Today’s beekeepers must become educated on what’s harming the honey bees and be proactive in helping their managed colonies survive.”

**Urban beekeeping**

Bee advocates have proposed urban beekeeping, the practice of keeping bees in urban spaces, to help both cities and bees. Urban bees have shown better winter survival rates, possibly because they are gathering nectar and pollen from diverse sources that haven’t been heavily sprayed with pesticides. Residents enjoy more fruitful gardens, and easy access to raw, local honey, as a result.

Communities throughout the Fox Cities are responding to increased interest in urban beekeeping. Currently Fox Crossing, Grand Chute, Oshkosh, Kimberly, Appleton and Neenah have ordinances that allow the keeping of bees in urban settings.

The City of Appleton’s beekeeping ordinance passed in 2015 and requires prospective beekeepers to pass a one-time inspection with a fee of $145 and to obtain an annual permit for $59. Annual neighborhood approval is also required. All property owners within a 400-foot radius of a proposed hive will be notified and have 14 days to object to a permit. One objection causes a permit to be denied.

Many local beekeepers acknowledge the ordinance is a step in the right direction, but disagree on the yearly neighborhood approval requirement.

“To get a permit, you have to run a gauntlet of requirements,” says Cain, who elected to keep his hives on his Grand Chute rental property rather than at his Appleton home.

Currently, Riverview Gardens and Lawrence University hold the only beekeeping permits in Appleton. Cain anticipates Neenah will permit more small-scale beekeepers under its new ordinance, which passed in April, that requires beekeepers to notify only those abutting neighbors with whom they share a lot line.

Gerds, a third generation beekeeper, says despite “unrealistic” requirements on beekeeping, business at Honey Bee Ware is growing. He says educating the general public on honey bees, which are generally docile, has been crucial.

“We’ve had a steady increase in business for the past several years,” he says. “Ordinances are changing and people are finding out just because there’s a beehive nearby that doesn’t mean you’re going to get stung.”

There are several ways to help bees even if you don’t plan to become a beekeeper. Hetland suggests planting bee-friendly flowers like crocus, bee balm, zinnias and asters. Buy locally-grown, ethically-harvested fruits, vegetables and honey from farmers and beekeepers in the area. Also, skip spraying your yard. Some pesticides are highly toxic to bees. Reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides and herbicides can help avoid harming helpful pollinators.

If you do plan to embark on a beekeeping journey, Hetland says to be prepared for a long-term commitment.

“Once you get stung,” she says, “you’re stung for life.”
Tacos are the ultimate summer food. They exemplify freshness. They satisfy without weighing you down. These hand-held portals of deliciousness make simultaneous walking and eating a real possibility – a must during summer festivals when you can’t slow down, even to take a bite. But one of the taco’s best attributes is its chameleon-like ability to suit almost any culinary situation. From traditional to trendy, the taco can be customized in countless ways. These six taco trailblazers show us their favorite interpretations.

*Garlic-Wine Lobster Taco*

Draft Gastropub, Appleton

Summer and seafood go together like pools and pina coladas. Celebrate this culinary marriage with the seafood taco sampler debuting on Draft Gastropub’s menu this month.

The trio includes a cajun salmon taco, a shrimp scampi taco and a garlic-wine lobster taco. All three are topped with chef-made poblano remoulade, carrot slaw and grilled mango chutney for that coveted balance of savory and sweet.
Get your daily serving of fruits and veggies the fun way

FRUIT: **Veracruz Margarita**
Solea Mexican Grill, Menasha, Neenah and Appleton
Fresh-squeezed lime juice, Grand Marnier orange liqueur and premium Milagro tequila create this margarita named for the hometown of Solea owner Eduardo Sanchez. The surprise ingredient is a splash of Dos Equis, a pilsner-style beer, which mellow s the sourness of the citrus juice and creates a smoothness that is oh, so refreshing.

VEGGIE: **Carrot Jalapeno Margarita**
Osorio’s Latin Fusion, Appleton
Adventurous imbibers will adore this savory take on the margarita. Carrot-jalapeno puree is shaken with tequila and Osorio’s homemade lime mix for a fresh and fiery marg you will be craving all summer.

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**Ahi Tuna Taco**
Antojitos Mexicanos, Appleton
Wine tasting flights are so 2010. Today it’s all about the taco flight and Antojitos Mexicanos features a flight of three new tacos each month. The June flight is made up of three open-faced tacos each on a crispy corn tortilla, similar to a tostada. The flight includes a seared ahi tuna taco, scallop taco and calamari taco. The seafood is cooked in a smoky chipotle sauce and topped with mango salsa, avocado, cilantro and spicy mayo. “We chose seafood options because it’s fresh and it hits the spot on summer days with a cold cerveza or a nice margarita,” says Manager Fernando Almanza.

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**Pastor Taco**
Vintage Cantina, Green Bay
The secret to Vintage Cantina’s pastor taco is the pineapple-marinated pork that is roasted on a vertical rotisserie. “We roast the pork on a gyro spit so the customer gets a peek of it as it slowly cooks,” says Executive Chef Ben Raupp, who knows that anticipation is a taco’s best condiment. The pastor taco is available everyday after 4 p.m. and Raupp suggests ordering it “Vintage style” which comes with salsa roja, guacamole and pickled corn.

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**Barbacoa Taco**
Lindo Michoacan, Appleton
Everyone knows the key to a successful taco is the tortilla, and Lindo Michoacan’s corn tortillas are made fresh daily. Co-owner Pedro Juarez says the barbacoa tacos made with goat meat are just the thing if you desire a traditional taste. Lindo Michoacan’s tacos are served traditionally with fresh cilantro, raw onion and lime wedges, but can be ordered American-style with lettuce, tomato, sour cream and cheese.

FYI: The restaurant will be closing for a brief hiatus from June 12–July 10 for remodeling. Trust us, these tacos are worth the wait.

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**¡Salud!**

*Continued*
Q. I like to take advantage of the local pick-your-own orchards, especially strawberries in June. I’m not a jam or jelly person and I don’t can. How can I preserve the berries for use later in the year? — Karen, Darboy

A. There are a couple of things you can do besides jams and jellies to preserve foods for future use, but it really depends upon how you intend to use them in the future. Many people wash their fruits and freeze them on sheet pans until frozen solid and then bag them up. One challenge is that the freezing process bursts the cells of the fruits and causes them to become a bit softer ( mushy) when thawed. Another thing that can be done is to prepare the fruits into pie fillings. Although similar to jam, this is a convenient way to preserve the fresh fruit in the way that you will use it later. Another idea, and probably the way I would preserve them, is as a puree. Using either a blender or similar device, simply take the washed, fresh fruits and puree them until either chunky or completely smooth and freeze. What a wonderful treat this fruit puree will be in the middle of winter for several preparations, including, of course, to turn into a strawberry margarita! I hope this helps you, Karen!

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

Chef Jeff Igel is Program Director of Culinary Outreach at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. “Chef Jeff” has spent his entire career in the restaurant and hospitality industry, serving in many capacities.
WHERE TO DINE

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204 E. College Ave., Appleton 380-0244

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**The Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill**
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At Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill you'll find appetizers, salads, gourmet burgers, made-from-scratch pizza and more. For Friday fish lovers there's pan-fried walleye, haddock, perch and panko crusted shrimp served with your choice of side. Try the blackened salmon or haddock with a side of steamed garlic broccoli or roasted root veggies for a healthy option. We source locally from The Meat Block, Quaker Bakery, Laack's Cheese and more. Ask about our private party room with fireplace. Official Wisconsin Badgers Alumni venue!

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**Little Diner Xpress**
1939 N. Richardson St., Appleton 734-9962

Stop by anytime to experience why Little Diner Xpress was awarded FOX CITIES Magazine’s Golden Fork Award for Best Diner/Cafe for two years running! Organic coffee, reduced GMOs, locally sourced ingredients and learner selections are what sets us apart. We serve breakfast all day (and night)! If you’re feeling decadent, try a benedict or Cherry-Stuffed French Toast. How about warming up with one of our delicious homemade soups or chili? You’ll feel like one of the family with our super-friendly staff. Open 24 hours every day. Eat Anytime!

**Mark's East Side**
1405 E. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton 733-3600

Mark Dougherty welcomes you to his friendly neighborhood restaurant for the area’s largest selection of German cuisine. Enjoy hand-cut steaks, fresh seafood and house specialties, or relax with friends in our comfortable bar. Offering a wide selection of liquor, import and domestic beer, and an upscale wine list. FOX CITIES Magazine 2016 Golden Fork Award winner for Best Fish Fry. Continuous serving Monday–Friday beginning at 11am, Saturday at 4:30pm. (Closed Sundays). Happy Hour M–Th, 3–6pm. markoeastside.com.

**Mr. Brews Taphouse**
201 S. RiverHeath Way, Appleton 815-3516

Nestled along the Fox River, offering spectacular water and wildlife viewing, Mr. Brews Taphouse features 48 tap craft beers and a selection of wines to accompany our gourmet burgers and fresh cut fries/chips. We also offer chicken, turkey burgers and vegetarian options, as well as salads and a kids menu. Check out our website and find us on Facebook for upcoming events. Reserve our mezzanine for your next gathering. Join us for happy hour M–F, 3–6pm. Open Su–Th, 11am–11pm; F-Sa 11am–midnight. Connected with an Unrapped for our current beer selections! Patio now open! mrbrewsaphouse.com.

**Munchiez Pizzeria**
600 W. College Ave., Appleton 749-1111

FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Award winner for Best Pizza in Fox Valley Late-Night Dining in 2014, 2015 and 2016! Delicious pizzas, subs, salads, wings and more, including the best gluten-free crust around. Pizza lounge with free movies, Wi-Fi and computer. High-quality ingredients — including hand-chopped veggies and fresh Italian sausage. Large selection of Wisconsin beers and cider. Free Cheesy-Breadsticks with any 14- or 16-inch pizza, free delivery, and more freebies, specials, and menu at www.MunchiezPizzeria.com. Open late 11am–3am 365 days a year!

**Sai Ram Indian Cuisine**
253 W. Northland Ave., Appleton 733-3003

One of the finest Authentic Indian restaurant in the Midwest and winner of 14 FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Awards. We offer a menu of options from Vegetarian and Vegan to chicken, Lamb, Seafood and Beef. All dishes are prepared fresh to suit your taste. We also offer variety of best Indian appetizers, famous Tandoori and Biriyani Dishes. Lunch: M-Sa, 11am–2pm. Dinner: M-Sa, 4:30–9pm. SaiRamCuisine.com.

**SAP**
708 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton 257-2194

SAP offers breakfast and lunch classics any time of the day! We use locally sourced eggs from organic-fed chickens in all of our dishes, and our pork is from a farm down the road. Stop in for a coffee or espresso drink and a from-scratch pastry or dessert from our bakery case. Our deli case is full of artisan Wisconsin cheeses and meats, organic rotisserie chickens and house-made favorites. No time to sit down? Order to go! On warmer days, we’ll open the garage doors on our four-seasons patio. Winner of the 2016 FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Awards for Best Breakfast and Best Brunch. M-Su, 8am–8pm. sapbrunch.com.

**Vince Lombardi’s Steakhouse**
333 W. College Ave., Appleton 733-8000

Located inside the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Honored with the NFL’s Most Valuable Property (MVP) Award in 2009. Extraordinary steaks, superb wines and legendary service. Enjoy world-class dining set among Coach Lombardi's personal memorabilia and classic photos. Experience a commitment to excellence in food, beverages and service that is commensurate with the standards of our namesake. Our award-winning restaurant features extraordinary USDA prime cuts of beef and a wine list that Wine Spectator Magazine has named “one of the most outstanding in the world.” vinclombardisteakhouse.com.

**Zuppas – Market, Café & Catering**
1540 S. Commercial St., Neenah 720-5045

Our top-flight chef team led by Chef Peter Kuernzi, urban cafeteria setting and penchant for local ingredients, ensure that your food is creative, fresh and ready fast. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, Zuppas Café offers chef-prepared soups, sandwiches, salads and more. Enjoy handcrafted pastas and comfort food in our home a variety of fresh prepared salads and entrees from our deli. Our Green Room is perfect for your personal or business gathering. M–F, 8am–8pm; Sa, 11am–3pm; closed Su. Visit zuppas.com for daily specials.

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Photographer Adam Shea took this image on a sunny afternoon last July from the upper floor of the One Neenah Center Tower during the Shattuck Park Summer Concert Series. The spiral-shape of the park caught his eye. “It is similar to the golden ratio found in nature,” Shea says. “The golden ratio is something that permeates the entire universe – math, science, art and photography.”
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**PLACES:** Images of the regional landscape, from skylines to sunsets

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