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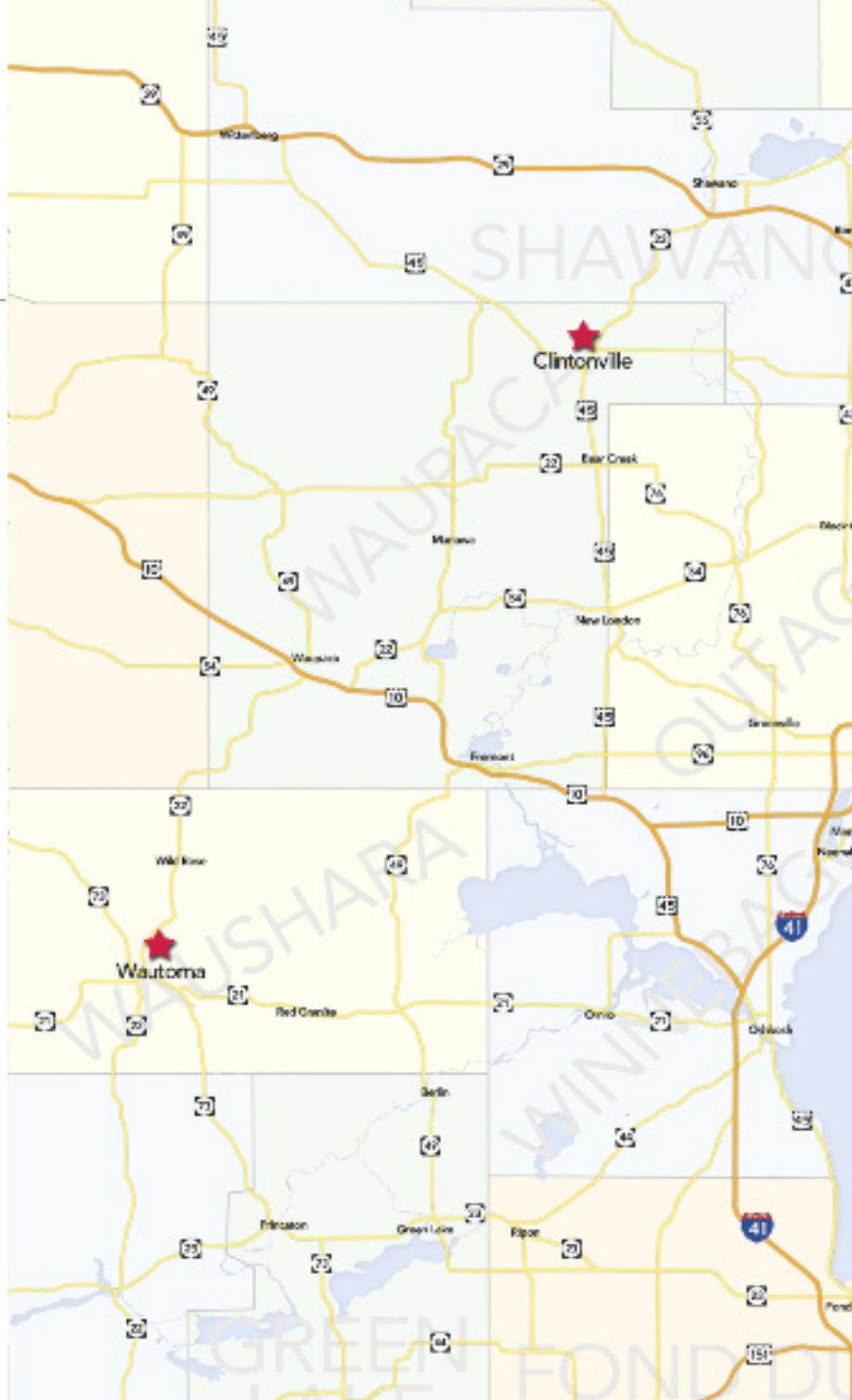
# Choose Your Adventure

Think of our special Worth the Drive edition of FOX CITIES Magazine like a choose your own adventure book – each choice will impact your outcome, but there are no wrong answers, only new communities to discover. This year we take a look at five very different, but equally intriguing destinations: Chilton, Wautoma, Clintonville, Oconto and Sheboygan Falls. All within a short distance from the Fox Cities, these five locales can easily be added to your summer travel wishlist.



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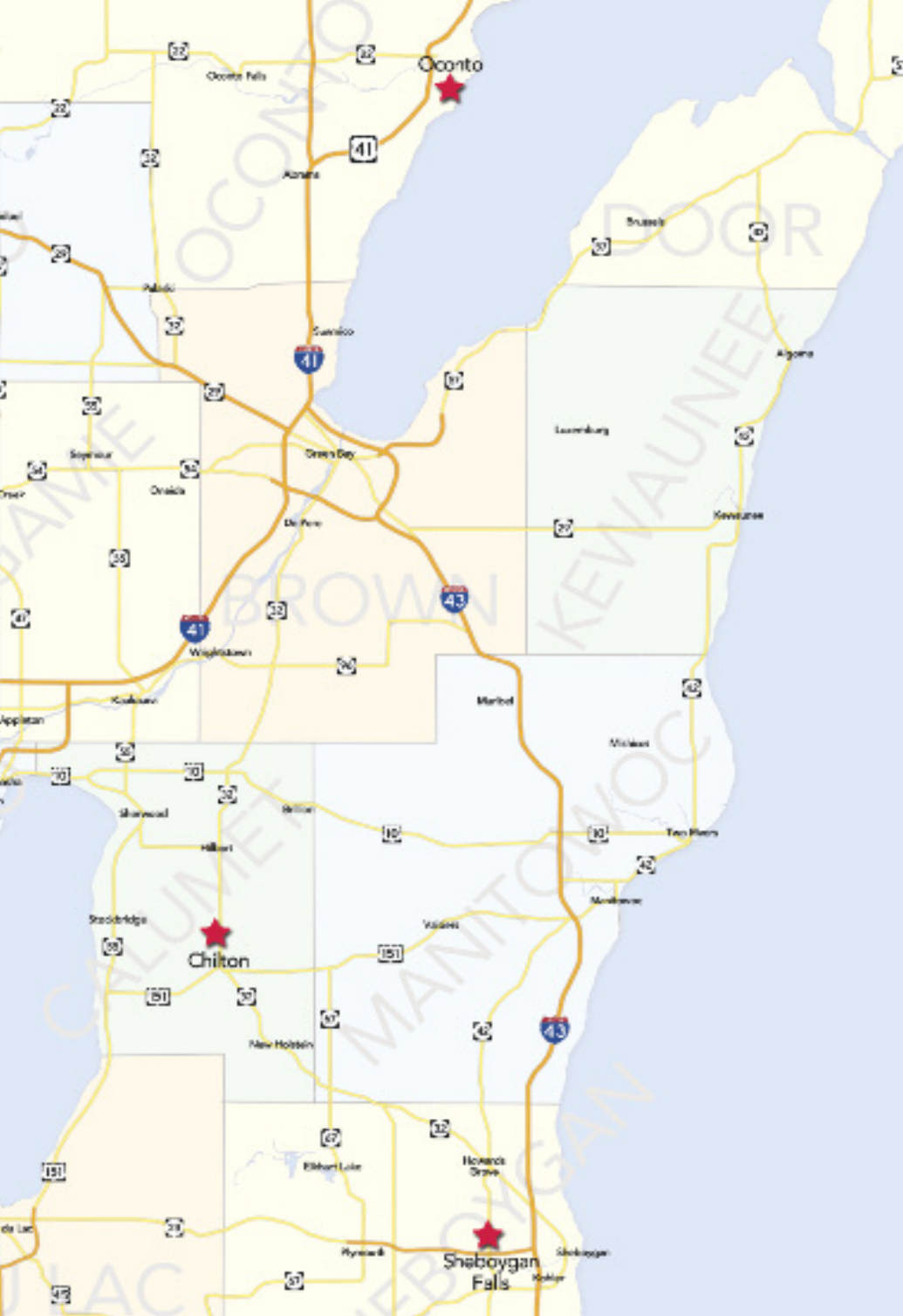
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# Chilton

By Amelia Compton Wolff



Chilton has the “rural cool” thing down pat and it doesn’t even know it. Natural beauty, salt of the earth people and an unhurried pace — to locals, it’s just everyday life. To everyone else, it’s an act of rebellion. From time to time, it’s thrilling to trade city lights for something less obvious.

Nature abounds in Chilton. The area offers family-focused outdoor fun for every season, from a renowned nature center to a drive-in movie theater. Foodies will have fun too. With a population of just under 4,000, Chilton is the Calumet County seat and in the heart of the official “Supper Club Capital of the Midwest.” (Unofficially, that also makes it the Old Fashioned Capital of Wisconsin.) From the Wisconsin Micro-Brewers Beer fest in May to the citywide Christmas Celebration in December, visitors will discover what makes Chilton a destination worth visiting more than once.



## RECREATION

### Adventure Awaits

Looking for an adrenaline rush? **Gravity Park USA** offers weekly competitive bike and ATV racing from April through October. Stop by on Friday night for the action-packed Dirtgrinder Series competition and Killsnake Clubhouse's famous fish fry. With a bird's eye view of the race track, the clubhouse offers free spectator admission.



Just five miles east of Chilton is the **Killsnake Wildlife Area**. Here, birders can view sandhill cranes and bobolinks in summer and short-eared owls and rough-legged hawks in winter. Hikers can walk for hundreds of yards amongst the prairie grasslands. From canoeing the Manitowoc River to gathering wild edibles, the 7,000-acre wildlife area offers a bounty of recreational opportunities.



Golfers will want to schedule a tee time at **Hickory Hills Country Club**. This 18-hole golf course is open to the public and a favorite of locals and visitors. Make sure to check out the Friday fish fry served June through August and the haunted Halloween golf cart rides in October. Another family-friendly option is to throw some discs at Chilton Elementary School's 9-hole disc golf course.

### Top 5 Ledge View Nature Center Must-Dos

*This 105-acre nature center offers everything from educational programs to cave tours.*

#### 1: Explore a cave.

Get dirty on a tour of Ledge View's underground bedrock caves, formed by ancient groundwater and glacial meltwater. Guided tours are available spring through fall. Reservations recommended. Mark your calendar for the kid-friendly Halloween candlelight tours scheduled October 20–21 from 5:30–8:30pm.



#### 2: Climb the Tracy Wagner Memorial Tower.

This 60-foot observation tower offers panoramic views of the Chilton countryside.

#### 3: Visit the bat barn.

There are several interactive activities inside the center's exhibit hall including the bat barn featuring live bats and an exhibit with live young lake sturgeon.

#### 4: Hike the quarry overlook.

There are two miles of hiking trails and this overlook provides a great view of the dolostone quarry located on the property.

#### 5: Celebrate maple syrup.

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## Annie

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## Escarpment Bicycle Tour

August 6

Bikers choose from routes between 8 and 100 miles at this 30th annual ride. Family-friendly routes with a quick swim at New Holstein pool. Registration required. 6:30am-4:30pm. Ledge View Nature Center.

## Steam & Gas Engine Show

August 12-13

Antique farm machinery show featuring Case tractors and equipment, model steam engine display, toy show and flea market. 10am-4pm. Calumet County Fairgrounds.

## Calumet County Fair

September 1-4

Filled with family entertainment, appetizing fair food, exhibits from area youth and local bands, the "Biggest Little Fair" in Wisconsin is sure to be fun for all ages. Times vary. Calumet County Fairgrounds.



## Crafty Apple Festival

September 9

Apple dishes, apple desserts, even an apple/pumpkin brew! Over 100 craft and food booths, pumpkin bowling, live music and kids events. 9am-4pm. Downtown Chilton.

## Rural Arts Roadtrip

October 13-15

Travel the scenic roads of southeastern Wisconsin to visit artists in their studios while they offer demonstrations of their work. 13-14, 9am-5pm; 15, 10am-3pm. Various locations including Meuer Farms and Heritage Orchard.

# ATTRACTIONS

## Fun on the Farm

Agri-tourists have lots to love in Chilton

No fishing license? No problem. Spend a day reeling in perch and bluegill at **Evergreen Valley Fish Farm**, no license necessary. The farm, located near Chilton, has three man-made ponds offering fishermen and women of all abilities the chance to catch a fish. Keep the fish you hook for a per pound fee or catch and release. Evergreen Valley Fish Farm is open by reservation only so call ahead to make an appointment.



For visitors looking for produce, each season brings something new to **Meuer Farm**. In June and July, guests can head out to the fields and pick their own strawberries and peas. The farm's pick-your-own pumpkin patch is open mid-September through October, as is the epic 10-acre corn maze in two phases. The farm also hosts food and art events, including a summer dinner series that includes a cash bar, four-course dinner prepared by a local restaurant and farm presentation. Check out their website for dates.



Fall is a great time to visit Chilton, particularly **Heritage Orchard**, open late summer through fall. Located about 10 miles west of Chilton overlooking Lake Winnebago, the orchard offers dozens of apple varieties for picking. Visit the farm market for freshly picked apples, pumpkins, squash, award-winning apple cider and apple cider donuts. Select your treats and head out to Hawthorne Hollow for a picnic.



Don't let the name fool you – **Polly's Pumpkin Patch** offers much more than pumpkins. From pick-your-own strawberries in June to pre-picked blueberries in August, visitors will find the freshest summer berries alongside homegrown vegetables, cheese curds and baked goods in the farm market store. In fall, guests can weave their way through the 15-acre corn maze, test out the 40-foot slide or play a game of pumpkin bowling.

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### 1: Go to an outdoor movie.

Take in a double feature under the stars at **Chilton Twilight Drive-In Theater**. Arrive early to squeeze in a round of mini golf before the show. Open Wednesday through Sunday during the summer.



### 5: Pick up some local produce.

The **Chilton Farmers Market** runs Fridays, June 16–October 27 from 11am to 4pm at the Chilton Eagles Club. Swing by the freshest seasonal produce and locally made goods, which make perfect souvenirs from your visit.

### 2: Step back in time.

The **Calumet County Historical Society Museum** is located in Chilton and has many items from the area's past on display including antique machinery, old cars, photographs and more. Open Sundays 1–4pm, June through September. Free admission.

### 3: Stroll the riverwalk.

This ¼ mile paved trail hugs the **South Branch of the Manitowoc River** and provides a rare moment of quiet within an urban setting. The best access to the riverwalk is located at the Chilton Public Library.

### 4: Taste cheese at Vern's.

**Vern's Cheese** has been a fixture in Chilton since 1964. Their specialty shop has everything you need for a proper picnic, from cured meats and crackers to local wine and beer. Of course, there is plenty of cheese to sample as well.

**Quinney Estate Winery**, located west of Chilton near Lake Winnebago, is a family-owned, 5-acre winery and vineyard that produces small batch wines from grapes grown



onsite. The winery focuses on three wines per year and the Marquette Reserve has won awards at the San Diego International Sommelier Challenge over the past three consecutive years. The winery is open by appointment only so call ahead to arrange a tour.

### 7: Enjoy live music.

The **Thursday Night Concert Series** at Hobart Park runs through August 10. Some locals prefer to watch the music from their vehicles parked on the green space in front of the bandstand. To show the musicians your appreciation after a song, honk your horn and flash your lights.

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## Rummage Queen

There's a 24/7 rummage sale located in a storefront on Chilton's main drag for those midnight shopping cravings. Operated by Rowland's Calumet Brewing Co. Owner Pat Rowland, the store is rather unassuming from the street. Inside the unmanned store, it looks like a thrift store that runs on the honor system (but there are security cameras, so no funny business). Several dozen local families contribute to the sale with items like clothing, household essentials and decor. Simply document your purchase by placing the item's tag in a binder and place your money in the locked cash box. You might not find any family heirlooms, but the novelty alone is worth a stop.

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## DINING

### Supper Club Capital of the Midwest

Chilton sits smack dab in the middle of Calumet County, otherwise known as the “Supper Club Capital of the Midwest.” Many of the county’s small communities were settled by Catholic Germans in the mid-1800s. These settlers established churches first and then communities, including social gathering places, cropped up around them. These social dinner establishments that are unique to the Upper Midwest became known as supper clubs. Just south of Chilton is one such establishment that has roots dating back to the 19th century, **Roepke’s Village Inn**. Today the supper club serves hand-cut steaks, German entrees and seafood. Roepke’s is especially famous for its Friday night fish fry and extensive salad bar, which is a meal on its own. A trip to Chilton would not be complete without at least one supper club stop and Roepke’s is a local favorite.



### Local Brews:

#### Rowland’s Calumet Brewing Co.

Rowland’s Calumet Brewing Co. has been brewing craft beer since before hipsters wore skinny jeans. Today it is Chilton’s only microbrew pub, but it follows in the footsteps of a long brewing history in Calumet County. The former Calumet Brewing Company, one of several now defunct breweries in Chilton, was the last to close its doors in 1942 after nearly nine decades in business. Forty-eight years later, Bob Rowland opened Rowland’s Calumet Brewing Co. in 1990, naming it in tribute to Chilton’s last operating brewery. The brewery produced 80 barrels of beer its first year and has continued to grow. In 2006, Bob’s son, Pat, took over operations and today it is a must-stop during any visit to Chilton. Try the Fat Man’s Nut Brown Ale, with rich, roasted nut notes, or the moderately hopped Calumet Amber with a sweet caramel malt flavor. The brewery also offers homemade root beer for non-imbibers.



## Dining To-Do List

*These eateries will keep you fueled from morning to night*

### Breakfast

Start your morning with an organic coffee at **Terra Verde Coffeehouse**. For sustenance, try the Norwegian bagel with salmon lox, tomatoes, marinated onions and cream cheese, or customize your own egg bowl with meats, cheeses and veggies. You can even pick up a growler of iced coffee, tea or kombucha for the road. **Lupita’s Bar & Grill** is another great breakfast option. They open at 8am everyday and serve up Mexican breakfast dishes like huevos rancheros and chilaquiles. Top it off with a glass of horchata or a fresh fruit smoothie and you’re ready for a day on the town.



### Lunch

For an easy grab-and-go lunch, hit up **Hilde’s Deli & Bakery**. Choose from sandwiches and salads made daily or have them whip up one on the spot. Hilde’s also offers hot options each day such as broasted chicken and fish. Feeding a crowd? Consider the homemade pizza, particularly the 30-inch BAP (which stands for Big Appetizing Pizza). It’s legendary. **Pla-Mor Lanes** offers a large menu and the grilled salmon sandwich comes highly recommended by Chilton Chamber of Commerce



President and former chef Pat Rowland, who usually orders two at a time. **Ethel’s Pub & Grill** serves up a large selection of creative burgers, including the Ethel Burger – a bacon cheeseburger topped with fried onions, chipotle BBQ sauce and onion rings.

### Dinner

**Pete’s Fisherman’s Inn** has a bacon burger that is made with local meat from Pipe Meat Market with bacon ground into the burger. In Rowland’s words, it’s “the bomb.” He recommends trying it topped with fried onions and cheese and a side of sour cream fries. If you’re traveling with a group, **Papa Don’s Pizzeria & Buffet** is perfect for parties and picky eaters. From soup and salad to pizza and chicken, this buffet offers something for everyone.



### Dessert

**Scoops Ice Cream House** is the cherry on top of a great day in Chilton. Choose from the “Sweet 16” lineup, flavors that are always on standby like salted caramel, mint chip and blue moon. Eight rotating seasonal flavors, like pistachio almond and s’mores, round out the offerings.

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# Clintonville

By Dan Meyer

Planes, trains and automobiles all share the spotlight in Clintonville's history (sadly, there are no John Candy sightings on record). Founded in 1855, Clintonville was added to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway line in 1878. The line ran for more than 100 years before closing in 1995. Clintonville is also home to the Seagrave Fire Apparatus plant, currently the longest-running manufacturer of its kind in the United States. Fire trucks aren't the only reason Clintonville High School's mascot is the Trucker. The town is also the birthplace of four-wheel-drive technology, an invention by the aptly named Badger Four Wheel Drive Auto Company. Clintonville's municipal airport was once home to one of the largest airlines in the country: North Central Airlines, founded in 1944. The airline quickly became a major player in the industry, flying to over 100 locations in the United States. The airline was eventually incorporated into Delta Airlines, but its history remains in the spirit of the town.

Clintonville has a rich and storied history, but its national recognition isn't entirely from the 20th century. In 2012, mysterious noises shook the town. There was no obvious source to the sound and Clintonville was covered by national news outlets as a different kind of "Boomtown."

Eventually, scientists determined that the town had been hit by a 1.6 magnitude earthquake, just the second recorded earthquake in Wisconsin since 1947.





# Hot Events

Your Clintonville datebook

## Sauerkraut Festival

August 5-6

It's no surprise that you can find a Sauerkraut Festival in northern Wisconsin. Drive on up for Polka, games, crafts, car shows and other activities that celebrate the quintessential Wisconsin experience. 8pm-12am, St. Mary's Church, Bear Creek (seven miles south of Clintonville).



## Firemen's Festival

August 11-12

The Seagrave Fire Apparatus plant is just one of many connections between Clintonville and their firefighters, all of which are in attendance at their annual Firemen's Festival. The festival kicks off with a parade of local community leaders, bands, and (naturally) the wide array of fire trucks in the town. The rest of the festival features games, music, activities for the kids and the perfect solution to the dog days of summer - water fights. Friday, 5pm-12am and Saturday, 11am-12am, Olen Park.

## Fall Frenzy

September 16

Fall Frenzy is one of the best ways to see the community of Clintonville out in full force,



with children's activities, great food, crafting tables and music performances bringing out visitors of all ages. 10am-3pm, downtown Clintonville

## ATTRACTIONS

### Five Must-See Spots

*Appreciate the beauty of the great outdoors and learn about the rich history of technological innovation at these attractions.*



#### 1: Four Wheel Drive Museum

It's no surprise that the birthplace of four-wheel drive technology would have its own museum, but Badger Four-Wheel Drive Auto Company (now known as Four Wheel Drive) has maintained its museum remarkably well over the years. The museum chronicles the development of four-wheel drive and its growth in the industry while displaying many makes of the first cars to use four-wheel drive in the country. The museum is open Saturdays from 1-4pm until September.



#### 2: Arbor View Gardens

Arbor View Gardens has been a work in the making since 1975, inspired by a love of gardening and a deep interest in the variety of plants capable of growing in Wisconsin. The 35-acre botanical garden features more than 1,000 species of non-invasive plants and officially opened to the public in 2000. The gardens continue to flourish today, thanks to methodical record-keeping and continued support from visitors. It's hard to beat the beauty of hundreds of plants in full bloom. Open Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm.

#### 3: Blueberry Haven

The seeds of Blueberry Haven were first planted in 2002. Now, the family-owned business has over 15,000 Highbush blueberry plants available for picking from mid-July through August (or until the berries run out!). Blueberry Haven allows you to pick your own berries, or you can buy the pre-picked blueberries, ready to be made into pies, smoothies, muffins, or just eaten one by one until you're coming back for more. Open Tuesday-SSaturday from 7am-1pm.

#### 4: Glendale Farms

Glendale Farms and Blueberry Haven are a match made in heaven. Glendale Farms is also located just outside of Clintonville, offering PYO (Pick Your Own) strawberries, peas and beans. The family-owned farm has existed in its present location since 1893 and began growing strawberries in 1978. If the drive up to Clintonville has you too tired for picking your own berries, Glendale Farms also offers pre-picked berries. Open Monday-Thursday from 7am-7pm and Friday-Sunday from 7am-5pm.

#### 5: Great Wall of China

Who would've thought you could find the Great Wall of China right in Clintonville? According to legend, the town has the unique honor of being the only place in the world outside of China to host a section of the wall. The section was given to the community by Sun-Yat Sen due to Four Wheel Drive's innovations in engineering. Visit Pioneer Park to see it in addition to one of the most unique collections of stones in the state.

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## History of North Central Airlines



North Central Airlines may be relatively unknown today, but it was once one of the largest airlines in the nation. Founded in 1944 with just two planes flying out of Clintonville, the company continued to grow until it flew more than 56 aircraft to over 100 destinations across the United States. The airline's most

iconic craft was the DC-3, used from 1951 to 1969. In 1958, the number of DC-3s in the North Central Airlines fleet grew to 32, passing every other airline in the country. So what happened to North Central Airlines? It eventually followed in the footsteps of many other airlines around the country and consolidated into Delta Airlines in 1978. Although the name may have changed, you can still find the history of one of Wisconsin's largest airlines in Clintonville today.

## RECREATION



### THREE TOP-NOTCH PARKS

*Nothing beats sitting back and relaxing in some of Clintonville's most well-known parks situated along the Pigeon River.*

#### Olen Park

Olen Park has recreation options for everyone, ranging from summer classics like disc golfing, baseball, tennis and basketball to wintry pursuits like ice skating. The park is just one block away from Main Street and serves as home to the Clintonville A's, Clintonville's amateur baseball team. Olen Park is the heart of a thriving Parks and Recreation program, featuring 15 different park facilities within the town's boundaries.

#### Pigeon Lake

Pigeon Lake makes up a large majority of Clintonville's eastern border, feeding into the Pigeon River cutting through the middle of town. The lake is ideal for the casual fan of fishing, with a wide variety of fish and beautiful views of the adjacent Riverside Golf Course. The lake's close proximity to the town's boundaries allows for casual fishing without taking up the entire day with long stretches of travel.

#### Picnic Point

Picnic Point was given its name for a reason: the park's well-kept grounds and outlook over Pigeon Lake have made it an ideal picnicking destination. The park offers a hiking trail from the lake to points along the Pigeon River and connects with the Pickerel Point Neighborhood Playground. The Point's western-facing location makes it the perfect place to watch the sunset reflecting off the gentle waters of Pigeon Lake.

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## DINING



### Arty's Legendary Cocktails

Pay homage to Clintonville wherever you may be with Arty's Legendary Cocktails, a brand of "twist and pour" ready-made cocktails based in Clintonville. The company was founded in 2012, although the work for its premiere recipe, the Old Fashioned, began years before. The line of drinks features classic cocktails like the Moscow Mule and Bloody Mary without any of the tedious mixing, measuring or muddling that goes along with making them. Arty's Legendary Cocktails are available at retail outlets throughout the Fox Cities, so give them a taste before you head out to the land from which they came.

### Worth the Dine

*Chow down on Clintonville's specialties at the diners you don't want to miss.*

#### Cindy B's Pub and Grill

Looking for a local favorite with that hometown atmosphere? Cindy B's is the place to go. Run by Cindy B herself, the Pub and Grill offers classic drinks and dining options with fantastic weekly specials. Cindy B's is a must-stop for authentic Clintonville cuisine and fantastic service.

#### Schultz's Bluebird Cafe

Schultz's Bluebird Cafe has irresistible options for breakfast and lunch, offering classic breakfast dishes with serious authenticity. Schultz's is the real deal: a diner surviving through the years while other restaurants can only imitate its charming appeal. Schultz's offers homemade donuts, buns and pies and is known for its hometown hospitality. Even if you can only spend a few hours in Clintonville, Schultz's is well worth the visit.



#### Big Sal and Cheesy's Pizza

Big Sal and Cheesy's isn't your average restaurant. This hidden gem specializes in pizza (with monsters like The Big Cheesy Supreme), but it offers many other dishes that are just as good. From burgers to breakfast staples to wings and appetizers, Big Sal and Cheesy's Pizza will make you feel right at home.



#### The Living Room Coffeeshop

The Living Room is your classic coffeeshop, replete with caffeine and comfy couches. The family-owned shop began as little more than a dream 10 years ago, but has since become one of the most beloved shops in the area. The Living Room also offers unique gifts perfect for summer visitors.

### Meal You'll Remember

Looking for a challenge? Head on over to The Bear's Den, a sports bar with serious burgers. The most ambitious visitors will want to test their eating abilities with The Towering Kodiak burger, a sandwich with two half-pound patties, three third-pound patties and two brat patties along with bacon, cheese, mushrooms and onions. The burger is topped off with bacon-stuffed cheese blocks, pushing the weight of the sandwich over the three-pound mark. The Towering Kodiak is not for the faint of heart, literally or figuratively.





# Oconto

By Dan Meyer

Oconto's fresh forest air and breathtaking views of Lake Michigan capture the essence of Wisconsin's northern communities. The small town takes its name from the Oconto River, a tributary of Lake Michigan that weaves through the downtown district and much of Oconto county.

The city of Oconto was incorporated in 1869 during Wisconsin's 19th century logging boom. The area's history stretches even further back than that, as Oconto and its neighboring communities have been inhabited by the Menominee tribe and their ancestors since 5000–6000 BCE.

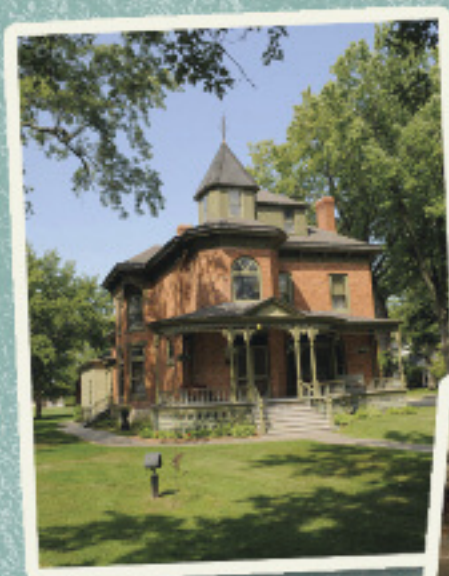
Centuries after the first traces of civilization began in Oconto, the city witnessed an event that seemed decidedly biblical: in 1952, 175 million leopard frogs emerged from local marshes and swarmed the town after Lake Michigan flooded and elevated the water levels in nearby wetlands. Fortunately for the town and visitors alike, the frogs no longer inhabit the town, making a trip to Oconto fantastic and frog-free. Today, Oconto's lasting connection with nature and its proximity to Lake Michigan allow visitors to spend their time enjoying beautiful parks and outdoor events. The area also features hundreds of miles of ATV and snowmobile trails for those who'd like to experience Oconto's natural surroundings at a faster pace.





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# Hot Events

Your Oconto datebook

## Oconto County Historical Society Art Show

July 23-August 7

The 13th Annual OCHS Art Show exhibits art from anyone connected with Oconto County, covering nearly every medium imaginable. Although there are occasionally exceptions, the hours for the exhibit usually coincide with the museum hours. 12–4pm, Beyer Home Museum.



## Crivello's 13th Annual Tubing Event

August 5

BYOT – Bring Your Own Tube (or other flotation device, if you prefer). The 13th annual tubing event on the Oconto River is complete with DJ entertainment. Transportation to the drop-off site is provided, followed by 3–4 hours of relaxed floating along the river. 11am, Crivello's.



## Oconto County Historical Society Cemetery Walk

September 21-22

The Cemetery Walk is the only time of the year when seeing historical figures alongside their own graves isn't terrifying. Groups are guided from grave to grave by lantern-bearing guides, meeting various historical figures from the area. 6pm, Oconto Catholic Cemetery.

## Harvest Fest

September 30

Nestled between the shores of Lake Michigan and the beautiful forests of Northern Wisconsin, it's hard to imagine Oconto not having a fall celebration. The festival lives up to expectations, offering crafts, produce, and music. The celebration is a great event for all ages. 9am–3pm, Pecor Street.



## Trail of Terror

Fridays and Saturdays, October 8–28

There's no better way to get the best bang for your buck from any Halloween scares than by going somewhere you've never been before. The Trail of Terror is the largest haunted trail in the state and will send shivers down your spine all the way home. 7–11pm, 4295 County Highway J.

# Attractions

## Oconto's History, Brick by Brick

There is all kinds of history in Oconto, but two architectural beauties stand out. It's not uncommon to see churches sprawling across various Main Street communities in the Midwest, but they're rarely the first church of their kind.



Oconto is home to the first church built exclusively for worship by the **First Church of Christ, Scientist**—not to be confused with Scientology—and was just the second church built by the denomination in the country. The gothic building dates back to 1886 and the interior is largely unchanged since its original construction. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and remains in use to this day.

Built in 1868, the **Beyer Home Museum** is one of the oldest remaining buildings in Oconto. The property spans a full block and is home to other historic buildings like the **George E Hall Annex** and a historic, carefully restored log cabin from Wisconsin's earlier days. The Annex features several exhibits relating to the general history of Oconto County, including a history of nearby rivers and their role in shaping the community along with two vintage electric cars. One of the newest openings on the historic lot is the **Carriage House**, housing various artifacts that might have gone unnoticed if not for the meticulous attention of the historical society. The Carriage House opened in 2016 and offers tours during the Beyer Home's normal hours. The next fact may give anyone with a mortgage a serious case of heartburn: when the expansive Beyer Home was put up for sale in 1878, it was eventually purchased for \$568. The museum is open 12–4pm every day through Labor Day.



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## RECREATION

### A Day Outdoors, Four Ways

Whether you're the consummate outdoorsman or just have a soft spot for historic city districts, Oconto is the perfect place to be on a sunny day.

#### 1: Take a stroll through downtown Oconto

As one of the logging communities that popped up in Wisconsin during the 19th century, Oconto has deep ties to Victorian architecture of the 1850s. The Victorian style is not identical from house to house, however, and Oconto's **self-guided walking tour** allows the curious visitor to enjoy the unique stylings of 33 houses and other structures in the downtown area. Brochures for the walking tour can be obtained at the Oconto Visitor Center.



#### 2: Relax on the lake

If you'd rather spend the day on the water, head over to **Breakwater Park** along Lake Michigan. With over 50 boat slips available for rent, Breakwater Park is the ideal destination for anyone hoping to spend the day under the sun, listening to the rhythmic rush of waves against the hull.

#### 3: Hike through the forest

It's easy to forget how fortunate we are to live near the abundant wilderness of northern Wisconsin, spanning miles upon miles and bringing new life to the air from seemingly endless forests. (A day or two in Nebraska will quickly remind you how fortunate we really are.) One of the largest expanses of forest in Wisconsin is the **Nicolet National Forest**, extending down to the areas northwest of Oconto. The national forest is home to the **Cathedral of Pines**, a swath of trees that miraculously survived Wisconsin's logging boom and date back to the 1600s.



#### 4: Watch wildlife at the marsh

The area immediately surrounding Oconto is abundant with natural areas. One such area is the **Oconto Marsh**, a 928-acre wetland area with hundreds of different native species. The marsh is ideal for amateur ornithologists, housing species ranging from bald eagles and loons to snowy owls and great blue herons. The marsh has been preserved for decades, allowing it to retain its uninhibited majesty.

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## Hometown Q&A

Caroline Imig is the mastermind behind Wayne's Family Restaurant's pies, winning more than 20 blue ribbons at the National Pie Championships in the past seven years. She won a blue ribbon for her Nut Pie at the 2017 Championships in Orlando.



### How did you get your start making pies for Wayne's?

I've been a farmer all my life, and my husband was killed on the farm. I saw the restaurant had an ad for a pie-maker and I thought, "Oh, I can do that, I bake pies a lot at home." I applied here, and I've been baking pies here now for about eight and a half years. The last seven

years, I've been going to the national pie championships. It has pie bakers from all over the country and Canada. I have 25 national championships so far.

### Do you think the pies have become a bigger part of the community as you've become more successful?

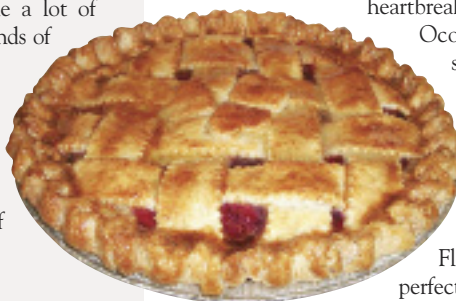
Yes, I think so. The restaurant has become very popular for the pies. We get a lot of tour buses here and about once a month we get a pie bus, where they come just for the pie. It's been exciting, I've enjoyed it very much. I love my work.

### Do you have a favorite type of pie?

You know, I bake a lot of different pies, but I try to go by the seasons. Apple, lemon meringue, caramel apple and cherry are popular year-round of course. We also make a lot of different cr me pies. I make over 100 different kinds of pies, but no, I don't think I have a favorite.

### What's one of your favorite parts about the National Pie Championships?

There's one part of the competition where you have to create your own pie. It can't be anything that's been published, so that's always kind of interesting (laughs).



## DINING

### Brunch, Bass and Blue Ribbons

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#### American Staples

When it comes to local restaurants, there isn't a more reliable dining style than classic Americana. Whether it's burgers and milkshakes or chicken fingers and iced tea, the genre of American flavor is alive and well. If you're dying for a great burger, **Shake a Burger** is the place to go. The classic burger joint will take you back to the days when great burgers were cheap and each restaurant had its own personality. If you're looking for a sit-down, diner atmosphere, check out **Crivello's**. The restaurant offers everything from pizza to perch platters to satiate your hunger after a long day in the woods or downtown district.

#### Big Servings and Lakeside Dining

**Angry Eddie's** is also in the classic American style of dining, but it takes the style to a new extreme. Many of the names on Angry Eddie's menu are memorable, but none of them come close to the instant classic Big Ass Pretzel, a pretzel so large you might want to bring an extra friend (or four) to help you finish it off. Angry Eddie's offers massive portions to ensure that both you and your wallet will feel great after leaving the restaurant. Looking for seafood instead? Head over to **The Dockside**, located near Breakwater Park. The restaurant specializes in fresh seafood but carries options for all tastes. The Dockside is a great option for any visitors looking to end the day with a great meal along the shores of Lake Michigan.



#### First-Class Dessert and Dining

**Wayne's Family Restaurant** looks relatively unassuming at first glance; the restaurant, built in the style of a low-slung farmhouse, fits in with the pastoral landscapes of rural Wisconsin. Don't let appearances fool you, because a trip to Oconto without a stop at Wayne's is nothing short of heartbreaking. More than 1,000 local residents voted in Oconto's annual Restaurant Week Celebration, selecting Wayne's as their favorite place in town. The restaurant features classic entrees, salads and breakfast favorites, but anyone from the area can tell you that Wayne's is known for its blue-ribbon pies. That description isn't an exaggeration: Wayne's has won nearly two dozen blue ribbons at the National Pie Championships in Orlando, Florida. Without a doubt, a pie from Wayne's is the perfect souvenir to bring back from Oconto.

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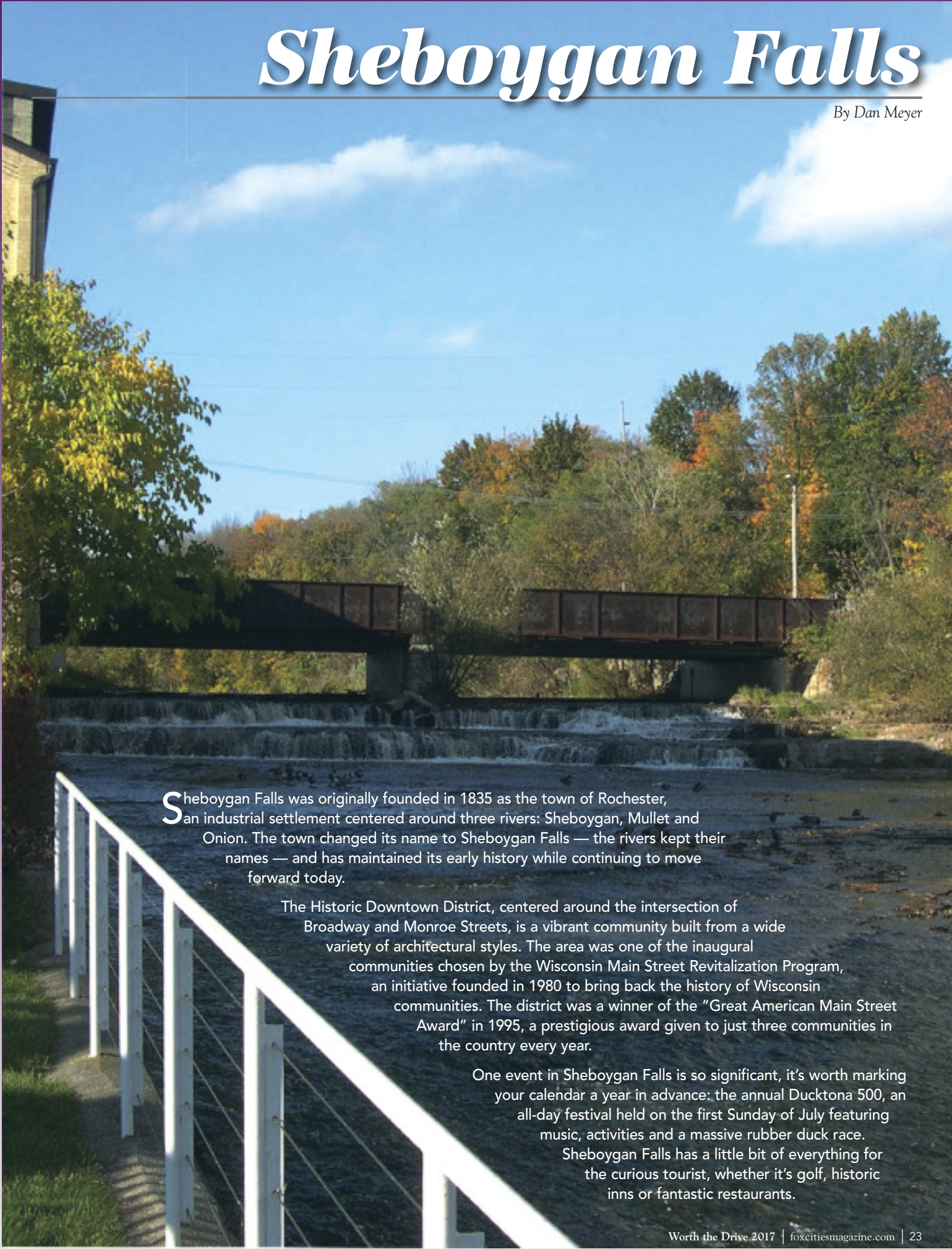
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# Sheboygan Falls

By Dan Meyer



Sheboygan Falls was originally founded in 1835 as the town of Rochester, an industrial settlement centered around three rivers: Sheboygan, Mullet and Onion. The town changed its name to Sheboygan Falls — the rivers kept their names — and has maintained its early history while continuing to move forward today.

The Historic Downtown District, centered around the intersection of Broadway and Monroe Streets, is a vibrant community built from a wide variety of architectural styles. The area was one of the inaugural communities chosen by the Wisconsin Main Street Revitalization Program, an initiative founded in 1980 to bring back the history of Wisconsin communities. The district was a winner of the “Great American Main Street Award” in 1995, a prestigious award given to just three communities in the country every year.

One event in Sheboygan Falls is so significant, it’s worth marking your calendar a year in advance: the annual Ducktona 500, an all-day festival held on the first Sunday of July featuring music, activities and a massive rubber duck race.

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## Sheboygan Falls Sidewalk Sale

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## Sheboygan Falls Summer Concert Series

July 12, August 9

July's concert will feature JJARU, a local ensemble specializing in a unique blend of rock, folk and blues. August's concert features Red Star Express, a group of music veterans from across the state who bring their own touch to the bluegrass/gospel sound. 6–8pm, Settler's Park.



## Celebrate Falls: A Taste of the Falls

September 28

With so many great options, how can you visit every Sheboygan Falls restaurant if you're only visiting for a day or two? Fortunately, this event solves this dilemma by offering a selection from most of the restaurants in Sheboygan Falls. Make sure to come hungry; the dishes at Celebrate Falls are too good to resist. 5:30–8pm, The Bull at Pinehurst Farms.

## Main Street Memories

December 2

The theme of this year's Christmas Parade is "A North Pole Christmas." In addition to the classic Christmas parade essentials, Main Street Memories offers horse-drawn wagon rides, Santa sightings and other fun holiday activities. 4:30pm, Main Street.



## LODGING

### TWO GREAT STAYS

There are plenty of places to stay in Sheboygan Falls for a multiple-day visit, but there are two historic inns worth noting. **The Rochester Inn** has nearly as much history as the town itself. Built in 1848, the inn was once Sheboygan County's only post office and was later repurposed as Sheboygan Falls' general store. Rochester Inn's Greek Revival architecture and its signature two-story

suites will bring you back to the period when Wisconsin was one of the newest states in the country. For the traveler who plans to spend their mornings driving and putting, there's no better option than **The Fringe**, a spacious, four-room converted carriage house originally built in 1922. The family-owned inn is near Sheboygan Falls' own golf course, making for an easy commute to the greens.



## Selfie Spot: **Settler's Park**

Located along the banks of the Sheboygan River, Settler's Park was built in 2001 making it the newest park in Sheboygan Falls. The park offers the perfect vantage point to enjoy flowing waters, the dam and riverfront bluffs. Visitors will find plenty of benches and tables along the winding paths. The scenic overlook deck and gazebo make it the perfect location to snap a selfie.

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**2: Bring out your competitive side at the Odyssey Fun Center**

Bowling enthusiasts of all ages don't need to worry about getting homesick when they visit Sheboygan Falls. The Odyssey Fun Center offers open bowling during the day and Galactic Bowling at night, a can't-miss twist on traditional bowling. The Odyssey also hosts summer volleyball leagues and comedy nights during the fall and winter, making a trip to the Fun Center an event for the whole family.

**3: Visit Bemis Manufacturing's Bath Shoppe**

Still looking for that unique gift or souvenir? Look no further than Bemis Manufacturing's Bath Shoppe. Bemis Manufacturing, headquartered in Sheboygan Falls, is an industry leader in many plastics-based products. In fact, they are one of the top producers of toilet seats in the country. This showroom displays more varieties of toilet seats than you could imagine, in all colors of the rainbow, providing you the perfect souvenir you couldn't find anywhere else.

**4: Immerse yourself in Sheboygan County's history**

The Sheboygan County Historical Research Center has over 1 million pieces of information, ranging from pictures to articles to old business documents. Shirl Breunig, executive director of the Sheboygan Falls Chamber says the building itself is one of the area's best historic landmarks with a fascinating past. "It was saved just a few hours before the wrecking ball would've torn it down," she says. "The Center isn't just valuable to Sheboygan Falls, but to the whole county as well; it's where people go to trace their family history, their genealogy, and learn more about the community. It's a hidden gem and a wealth of information, and most people from outside the area have no idea how incredible the Center is." The Research Center is open Tuesday–Friday from 9am–4pm and Saturday from 8:30am–12pm.

**5: Take a historic walking tour**

Sometimes the best way to enjoy a new city is an old-fashioned stroll through its downtown area. Fortunately for visitors, Sheboygan Falls' downtown area is the recipient of national awards for its remarkable preservation of historical aspects over the years. A historic walking tour through downtown Sheboygan Falls is a great way to pass the afternoon, although people watching isn't technically included on the list of attractions. Wondering what you'll see on the tour? Download a map at [sheboyganfalls.org](http://sheboyganfalls.org).

**6: Get your orchard fix in at Dutter's Gibbsville Orchard**

Dutter's Gibbsville Orchard isn't your ordinary apple orchard. Although there are plenty of opportunities to pick your own apples at the orchard, Dutter's also hosts numerous events and festivals throughout the year. Whether it's concerts or wagon rides, Dutter's knows how to mix it up. Check out their Facebook page to stay up to date.

**7: Spread your wings at the Aviation Heritage Center**

The Aviation Heritage Center features fascinating pieces of Wisconsin's aviation history and some of its unique episodes in private and public flying. The Center often brings in pilots from these episodes to share their experiences, offering a once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity for people of all ages. Their most recent exhibit, The North Central Airlines Commemorative Exhibit, details the rise of one historic Wisconsin airline and some of the aircraft that helped to make its mark on the map. The Aviation Heritage Center is open Wednesday–Sunday from 11am–4pm.



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## DINING

### Meal You'll Remember

It's time to treat yourself. After all, you've earned it! Here's how an unforgettable meal might look at Catalunya, Sheboygan Falls' restaurant specializing in French, Portuguese and Spanish delicacies. Kick things off with an appetizer of calamari, served with Piri Piri aioli. Catalunya has soups, salads and burgers, of course, but try out the Paella Valenciana. The dish takes a bit longer to make, but it features a delicious combination of chorizo, chicken, shrimp, clams and mussels, all cooked together with saffron rice. Looking for a unique brunch spot? Catalunya serves up global entrees like chilaquiles and Basque crepes on Sundays from 9am-1pm.



### Dining To-Do List

When you need...

#### A classic hamburger: **The Point Drive-In**

Some "vintage" burger joints are nothing more than an attempt to invoke nostalgia, but this is the real deal. Founded in 1949, The Point celebrated its 68th birthday on June 23. The restaurant offered carhop service until 1992, when a dining room was added and The Point became a full-blown restaurant. The roller skates are gone, but the family-owned business' friendly atmosphere and classic burgers are here to stay.

#### An award-winning lunch: **The Bread and Bean Eatery**

If you see a line snaking around the sidewalks in Sheboygan Falls, it doesn't mean that a new iPhone just came out. It means that The Bread and Bean Eatery just opened its doors for lunch. With four consecutive Sheboygan County Reader's Choice awards under their belt, The Bread and Bean draws crowds with

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#### Fresh, café fare: **Fall's Café or Daydream Café**

Fall's Café is large by café standards, offering breakfast, lunch and dinner options. If you're looking for coffee, Fall's has the fuel to get you up and running. The café also features great options for burger enthusiasts. Try the Super Burger, loaded with bacon and mushrooms on a half-pound patty. If you're searching for a quaint, coffeehouse atmosphere, stop by Daydream Café. This little café is a local favorite, residing in one of the historic buildings of the downtown district.







# Wautoma

By Amy G. Schaefer

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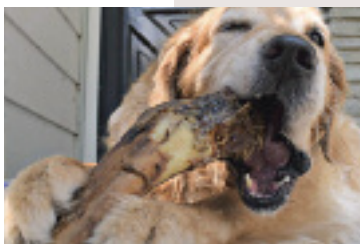


#### Silver Lake

A day spent on Silver Lake is a necessary excursion during your stay in Wautoma. If your accommodations aren't on the water, visitors have access to the lake from three public boat landings. Mark's Quality Marine & Sport Shop offers a wide variety of boats for rent, by the day or week, including pontoons, canoes and kayaks. Blackhawk Marine also offers boat rentals as well as stand-up paddle boards.

#### Ice Age National Scenic Trail

This thousand-mile footpath features Wisconsin's unique landscape that was sculpted by glaciers more than 12,000 years ago. More than 20 miles of the trail, which is one of only 11 National Scenic Trails, pass



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#### Edenwood Ranch & Preserve

This exclusive hunting resort just outside of Wautoma might be where you snag your trophy buck. White-tailed deer, fallow deer and elk roam the preserve located on pristine forested land. A private hunt includes luxury lodging, gourmet food prepared by a personal chef and amenities like heated hunting stands. Call for a reservation.

#### Waushara County Club Golf Course

This 27-hole, public golf course rotates its nines every day so there's always a new challenge awaiting. Before your game, warm up with a bucket of range balls at the practice facility. From the straightforward Lakeview 9 to the challenging Westwoods 9, golfers of all levels will be tested and rewarded for their skill.



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## ATTRACTIONS

### Culture Clash

Music, history and the arts thrive in Wautoma

### Waushara County Historical Society Museum

The Museum is located in the former Waushara County jail built in 1908. The sheriff and his family lived in the front portion of the house and prisoners were held in jail cells in the back. In addition to American Indian artifacts, historical photos and memorabilia, the museum offers a bit of macabre local history. Visitors can stand in the cell where notorious serial killer Ed Gein spent the night after his 1957 arrest and see several rifles that were recovered from Gein's kitchen. Stop in for a guided tour Wednesday 9am-4pm or Thursday 9am-12pm Saturday hours are being determined, so call ahead to confirm.



### McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center

From bluegrass and country to big band orchestras and acoustic quartets, the McComb/Bruchs Performing Arts Center hosts a variety of music and dance programs each season from September through May. The 2017-18 season showcases national and international acts including Firefall, Terry Barber, The Cowsills and Ball in the House.



### Black Hawk Folk Society

This nonprofit organization works to promote live acoustic folk music in Waushara County. Monthly concerts are held on the second Saturday of the month at 7pm. On August 12, the duo Fendrick and Peck will perform blues, bluegrass and folk tunes with a community potluck dinner preceding the concert at 6pm. Concerts are presented at the Mountainview Community Center in Wautoma from August through May. The group also hosts monthly acoustic jam sessions for community members.

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## Music in the Park Concert Series

Second and Fourth Thursdays, June–August

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## Taste of Wautoma

July 12

Discover the best of Waushara County's restaurants, which offer their favorite dishes at this fundraiser for the Wautoma Public Library. 6pm. WWII Memorial Building.



## 4th Annual Art, Craft & Vendor Faire

August 5

Roughly 30 artisans and makers sell their work in a beautiful rural farm setting. Visitors are asked to bring a canned food item for the Waushara County Food Pantry. 9am–3pm. Berkshire Farm, W7536 State Rd 152.



## Augustfest

August 12

Quilt show, food vendors, pony rides, book and bake sale, craft and artisan fair, live entertainment and more. Visit [augustfest.org](http://augustfest.org) for more info. 9am–4pm. Various locations throughout Wautoma.

## Waushara County Fair

August 17–20

Tractor, truck and horse pulls, harness racing,

Demo Derby, carnival rides, livestock auction, commercial exhibits and concessions. 4-H and FFA competitions. Times vary. Waushara County Fairgrounds.

## Moosetoberfest

October 21

Enjoy authentic German food, music and, of course, beer under a heated tent. Live music by Dorf Kapelle. Full buffet and 15 beers on tap. Tickets required. 12–11pm. Moose Inn Supper Club.



## DINING

### Old-School Eateries

History buffs and foodies will be equally accommodated during their stay in Wautoma. One of the most storied local establishments began as a log cabin resort and has emerged as a beloved supper club, motel and entertainment destination.

**The Silvercryst**, nestled in a grove of virgin pine trees overlooking Silver Lake, has roots dating back to 1894. Dine in the supper club's lakeside or hillside dining rooms for the classic experience. The full menu offers signatures such as a 14-ounce top sirloin and one-pound pork chop. The bar and lounge area offers a more casual atmosphere and menu including crispy thin-crust pizza made from a 60-year-old secret recipe. Diners can relax with a drink on the sandy beach and live entertainment is offered year-round. The lounge opens daily at 9am during the summer and June through August lunch is served from 11:30–2:30pm. Dinner is served nightly.



### Selfie Spot

Strike a pose with Boris the Bull, the giant bull statue outside Silvercryst Supper Club. It's been a local landmark and the restaurant's calling card since it was added in the 1960s.



Keep heading down Highway 21 to discover another of the area's classic dining icons, **Milty Wilty Drive-In**. This all American drive-in celebrates its 70th season this year and is a tradition for a reason. Milty Wilty's has a vintage 1950s vibe (that means they accept cash and check only) with a neon sign that attracts tourists like bugs to a light. The local love for Milty Wilty also runs deep. How many restaurants can say they have a Facebook fan club? Search "The Milty Wilty Fan Club" to see for yourself. Famous for their frozen custard and old-time milkshakes, Milty Wilty also serves burgers, hot dogs, fish and pizza. Visitors can order at the window or a carhop will take your order carside.

On the Horizon:

### Living Stone Bistro & Coffeehouse

The Living Stone Bistro & Coffeehouse plans to open its doors by early August if construction continues as planned. The bistro, which has been in the works for several years, will offer a build-your-own salad bar, a hot bar and a grab-and-go cooler. The beverage lineup includes fresh juices, espresso drinks, bottled sodas and a selection of alcohol-free "mocktails." For dessert, select from fresh bakery and ice cream treats. Indoor and outdoor live entertainment will be scheduled. Swing by the drive-thru for a quick bite or coffee before embarking on the day's adventure. The bistro will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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### A killer sandwich or salad: Heath Farm Market

This unexpected foodie favorite serves breakfast, sandwiches, wraps, Mexican entrees, salads and delicacies by the pound. The multi-page menu is epic, so make sure to give yourself a few extra minutes to gather your bearings. The Fall Farm to Table sandwich is a customer favorite served on cranberry wild rice bread with roast turkey, white cranberry cheddar and raspberry honey mustard. Pair your lunch with a pitcher of the earl grey and orange iced tea for a summer lunch fit for a garden party. Bonus: the cheeky names of menu items (like the Don't Go Breaking My Artichoke Heart melt) will have you chuckling. Open March through November.

Something spicy (or not):

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### A quick pick-me-up: Candle Freak

One part boutique, one part coffee and wine bar, this little gem has it all. Need a caffeine fix? Stop by the espresso bar and order a latte like the Lady Lavender with espresso, lavender and honey. Want something a little more spirited? Take a seat at the cozy wine bar for a free tasting then order a glass of your favorite varietal. Guests can enjoy their beverage in the upstairs coffee lounge with several seating arrangements or outside on the patio. If the weather is iffy, snag a seat in the so-cute-it-hurts garden shed that's been repurposed into the sweetest gathering spot.

### An old fashioned and a fish fry: Moose Inn Supper Club

Got a hankering for a traditional Wisconsin meal? Indulge the craving at Moose Inn's all-you-can-eat family-style fish fry on Fridays.

With nightly specials every day of the week, the restaurant offers a casual atmosphere paired with upscale entrees. The menu features everything from parmesan-crusted salmon to certified angus New York strip steak and a kid's menu so the whole family will be satisfied. After dinner, stop by the bar, which offers more than 40 different beers. Not a beer drinker? Go for a grasshopper or just another old fashioned.



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Our name translates to “Mexican cravings” and that is what you will find in our family-owned Mexican restaurant. We serve street vendor-style food as well as fine dining caliber delicacies. All meals are homemade from family recipes used in our hometown of LaCañada, Guanajuato, Mexico. Be sure to try a Margarita Flight to sample four delicious varieties! Happy Hour is M & W, all day, featuring 2 for 1 margaritas; Tu, Th & F, 3–6pm featuring \$1 tacos at the bar, \$3 Tecate and \$4 sangrias on Tuesday; \$4 mojitos and old fashioned on Thursday; \$1 fish tacos and \$1 off any drink on Fridays! Open M–Th, 10:30am–9pm; F & Sa, 10:30am–10pm. Closed Sunday.

### The Appleton Street Sports Bar & Grill

124 N. Appleton St., Appleton 731-8885  
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! Open Tu–Sa, 11am. Happy hour daily 3–6pm; Fr, 1–6pm.

### Carmella's: an Italian Bistro

716 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton 882-4044  
Experience authentic Italian cuisine in a European-style setting with a lively atmosphere and knowledgeable, welcoming staff. Select from pastas, entrées, appetizers, salads and sandwiches any time of day. Our divine desserts are all made in-house by our pastry chef. During warmer months, our secluded patio offers an al fresco dining experience unlike any other. We also offer a private dining area for small groups, and off-site catering. Winner of six 2016 FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Awards, including Best Overall. Hours: Su–Th, 11am–9pm; F & Sa, 11am–10pm. Reservations accepted for parties of six or more. [carmellastbistro.com](http://carmellastbistro.com).

### Castilla Bistro & Tapas

213 S. Nicolet Rd., Appleton 749-0342  
Take a culinary tour of Spanish flavors right in the FOX CITIES! Start with a round of sparkling Cava or a pitcher of fruity sangria from the bar before digging into Castilla's menu of traditional tapas, grilled steaks, market-fresh seafood, artisanal cheeses and cured meats. The atmosphere is warm and inviting and the staff is well-trained and knowledgeable. Round out your evening with a house-made dessert and you'll experience a culinary trip like no other. Serving M–Sa, 4–10pm; closed Su. [castillaappleton.com](http://castillaappleton.com).

### Christiano's Real Italian Brick Oven Pizza

1964 S. Koeller St., Oshkosh 891-7100  
W1917 State Hwy 23, Green Lake 294-3200  
200 W. Main St., Wautoma 787-7262  
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### El Patron Mexican Grill & Bar

100 E. College Ave., Appleton 996-0122  
El Patron Mexican Grill & Bar is family-owned, featuring homemade recipes with nightly specials like two for one margaritas on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's a little bit of Mexico in Downtown Appleton! “El Patron is the most authentic Mexican cuisine I have had since returning to Appleton from Texas. The owners, Adela and Miguel, make me feel like I stepped off the streets of Mexico and right into their home and dinner with their family. I love this place!” —Mary M. Open M–Sa, 11am–9pm, Closed Su. Facebook@elpatronmexicangrillandbar.

### Gingerootz Asian Grille

2920 N. Ballard Road, Appleton 738-9688  
Discover how the finest ingredients come together to create a new world of flavor. Stop in for lunch or dinner in our contemporary dining area, or relax in the lounge with a drink from our full service bar. Have a special event on the horizon? From business meetings to birthdays, our private banquet room will spice up any party. We also offer off-premise catering for parties of all occasions. Our cozy patio is open for the season! Open daily 11am–9:30pm. Offering complementary appetizers during Bar Happy Hour: 4–7pm, Su–Th; after 8:30pm, F & Sa. Daily Dining Happy Hour specials 3–5pm. [gingerootz.com](http://gingerootz.com).

### Houdini's Escape Gastropub

1216 S. Oneida St., Appleton 574-2616  
From the beautiful brick patio with three fire tables, to the spotless kitchen with ample room to serve all who enter, Houdini's offers elevated cuisine in a pub atmosphere, which creates a magical dining experience unlike anywhere in the Fox Valley. Order a chef-inspired feature and watch it disappear before your eyes. A selection of more than 160 local, craft and microbrew beers, and a rotating wine list complement our seasonal food offerings. Unexpected menu items aren't the only things mesmerizing guests — enjoy plated brunch Sundays from 9am to 3pm. Open M–Sa at 11am, Su at 9am. [houdiniesescape.com](http://houdiniesescape.com).

### Island Sushi

N162 Eisenhower Dr., Appleton 993-2222  
Island Sushi is home to the only floating sushi bar in the Fox Cities. Select unlimited plates from boats in the “sushi moat” as they float by as well as custom order your favorites from the chef. Perfect for diners who wish to try several types of sushi, our endless variety of raw and cooked rolls plus other specialty items will keep you snagging plates all day or night. Sip a craft cocktail at our adjacent bar where you can also enjoy à la carte made-to-order sushi rolls. Open M–Sa, 12pm–9pm; Private parties available on Sundays.

### Little Diner Xpress

1939 N. Richmond 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 leaner 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!*

### 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. Connect with us on Untappd for our current beer selections! Patio now open! [mrbrewstaphouse.com](http://mrbrewstaphouse.com).

### Muncheez Pizzeria

600 W. College Ave., Appleton 749-1111  
FOX CITIES Magazine Golden Fork Award winner for Best Pizza and Best Non-Chain 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 ciders. Free Cheezy-Breadsticks with any 14- or 16-inch pizza, free delivery, and more freebies, specials, and menu at [www.MuncheezPizzeria.com](http://www.MuncheezPizzeria.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 Biryani Dishes. Lunch: M–Sa, 11am–2pm. Dinner: M–Sa, 4:30–9pm. [sairamcuisine.com](http://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](http://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. The 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.” [vincelombardisteakhouse.com](http://vincelombardisteakhouse.com).

### Zuppas – Market, Café & Catering

1540 S. Commercial St., Neenah 720-5045  
Our top-flight chef team led by Chef Peter Kuenzi, 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 pastries and desserts with coffee or take 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](http://zuppas.com) for daily specials.



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## BEER RECIPES

When preparing BBQ ribs, the sunset shores of Hawaii seldom come to mind, but Chef Peter Kuenzi, owner of Zuppas Café & Catering, 1540 S. Commercial St., Neenah, adds a unique tropical twist to this southern staple with Kona Brewing Company's Big Wave Golden Ale.

Kuenzi says beer can serve as a substitute for liquid in cooking as it is more complex than water or stock, but adds flavor. "The beer adds liquid to this recipe that steams or simmers the ribs slowly and makes them tender," said Kuenzi. "Big Wave's tropical hop aroma adds flavor which works well with the pork in this recipe," he added.



### BIG WAVE GOLDEN ALE PERFECT BABY BACK RIBS

#### Ingredients

- 2 lbs baby back pork ribs
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- Dash of cayenne pepper
- 2 racks of ribs
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 bottles Kona Brewing Company Big Wave Golden Ale
- 1 cup BBQ sauce
- One large slow cooker (at least 6 qts)

#### Instructions

For the dry rub: Place salt, paprika, onion powder, garlic powder, cumin, black pepper and cayenne in small bowl. Mix until blended.

Sprinkle ribs with vinegar and rub into the flesh. Rub the dry rub mixture all over ribs. This may be done the night before for extra flavor.

Spray the insert of a large slow cooker with non-stick spray. Pour the Big Wave Golden Ale into the bottom of the insert pan. Place the ribs in the insert, cutting the rack in half if necessary. Cover and cook on low until the meat is tender, but still intact. About 8 hours.

When ribs are almost cooked prepare the grill for high heat. Place ribs on grill and cook until a nice char is formed. Coat with BBQ sauce.

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