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Greetings!

On behalf of the people of Wisconsin, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Badger State. We look forward to showing you why Wisconsin is known worldwide for its hospitality, goodwill and gracious people.

From the scenic bluffs of the mighty Mississippi to the shores of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, Wisconsin's magnificent landscape makes for one of the most beautiful places on earth. Wisconsin also offers a variety of world-class events, terrific accommodations, good food and reasonable prices that make our state a leading travel destination.

As Governor, I am proud to welcome you to Wisconsin. Whether you want to hike a state park, fish in one of our many lakes or attend a Milwaukee Brewers game, we hope you enjoy your time in Wisconsin.

I am confident that you will enjoy your adventure here, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sincerely,

Jim Doyle
Governor

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COVER: EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh is the world's largest gathering for recreational pilots and aviation enthusiasts (see page 28). Photo courtesy of EAA.

INSIDE COVER: The PGA Championship returns to Whistling Straits in Kohler (see page 33). Photo courtesy of Kohler Co.

Travel Green Wisconsin

For well over a century, Wisconsin has been a midwestern vacation destination. Today, tourism is the third largest industry in the state generating more than \$13 billion annually and employing more than 300,000 Wisconsinites.



The success of Wisconsin's tourism industry has been largely dependent upon the quality and diversity of our natural resources – the state's scenic lakes, streams, rivers, forests, prairies, and the wildlife that inhabit them. Understanding this, Wisconsin is committed to preserving this pristine natural product.

Travel Green Wisconsin is a Wisconsin Department of Tourism initiative that encourages tourism operators to reduce their environmental impact. Designed to promote smart, eco-friendly business practices, Travel Green is a win-win concept. Launched in 2006, the program has been embraced by every sector of the state's travel and hospitality industry.

As you travel, look for the Travel Green Wisconsin logo. Businesses displaying the Travel Green certificate demonstrate their commitment to a sustainable Wisconsin tourism industry.

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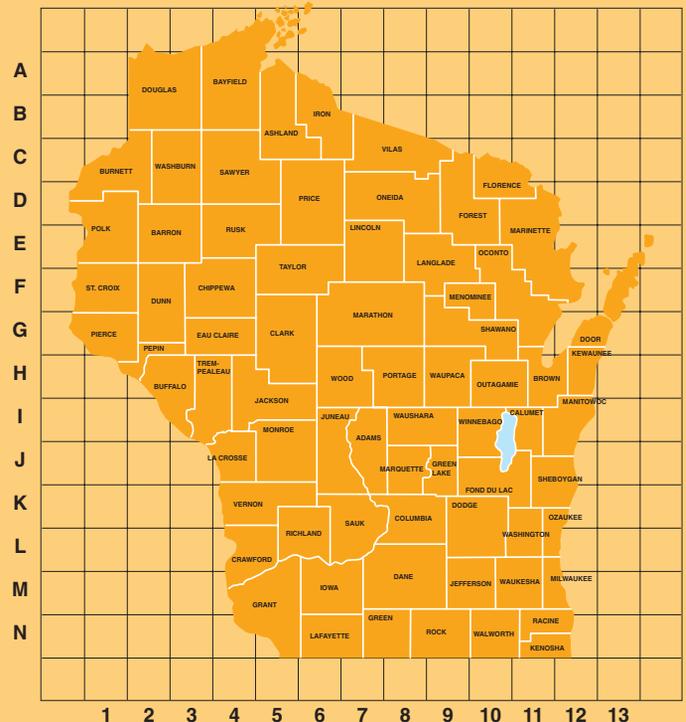
How To Use This Guide

Events in this calendar are arranged chronologically, by date. Within dates, events are listed alphabetically, by city. To help you locate Wisconsin cities, each listing also includes its county location, shown in parenthesis at the end of the listing. Use this map grid to locate counties.

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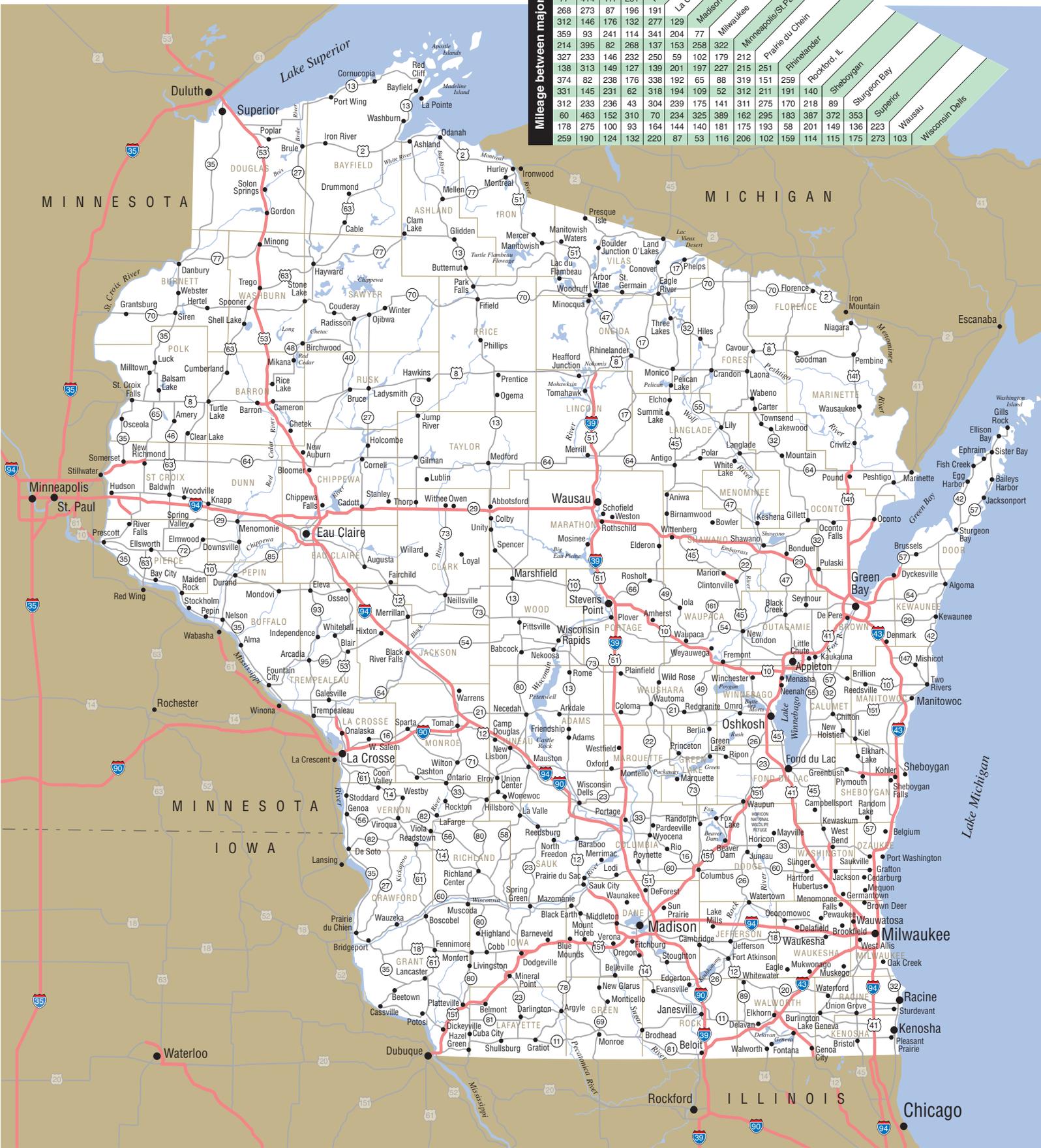
KANSASVILLE

Easter Egg Hunt: Visit with the Easter Bunny & Smokey Bear. Egg Hunt will be held for children 0-10 years of age. Kids, bring your own basket. Bong State Recreation Area. 9am-noon. 262/878-5600. (Racine Co.)



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| Calumet, I-11 | La Crosse, J-4 | St. Croix, F-1 |
| Chippewa, F-4 | Lafayette, N-6 | Sauk, K-7 |
| Clark, G-5 | Langlade, E-9 | Sawyer, C-4 |
| Columbia, K-8 | Lincoln, E-7 | Shawano, G-9 |
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| Florence, C-10 | Oconto, F-10 | Washington, L-11 |
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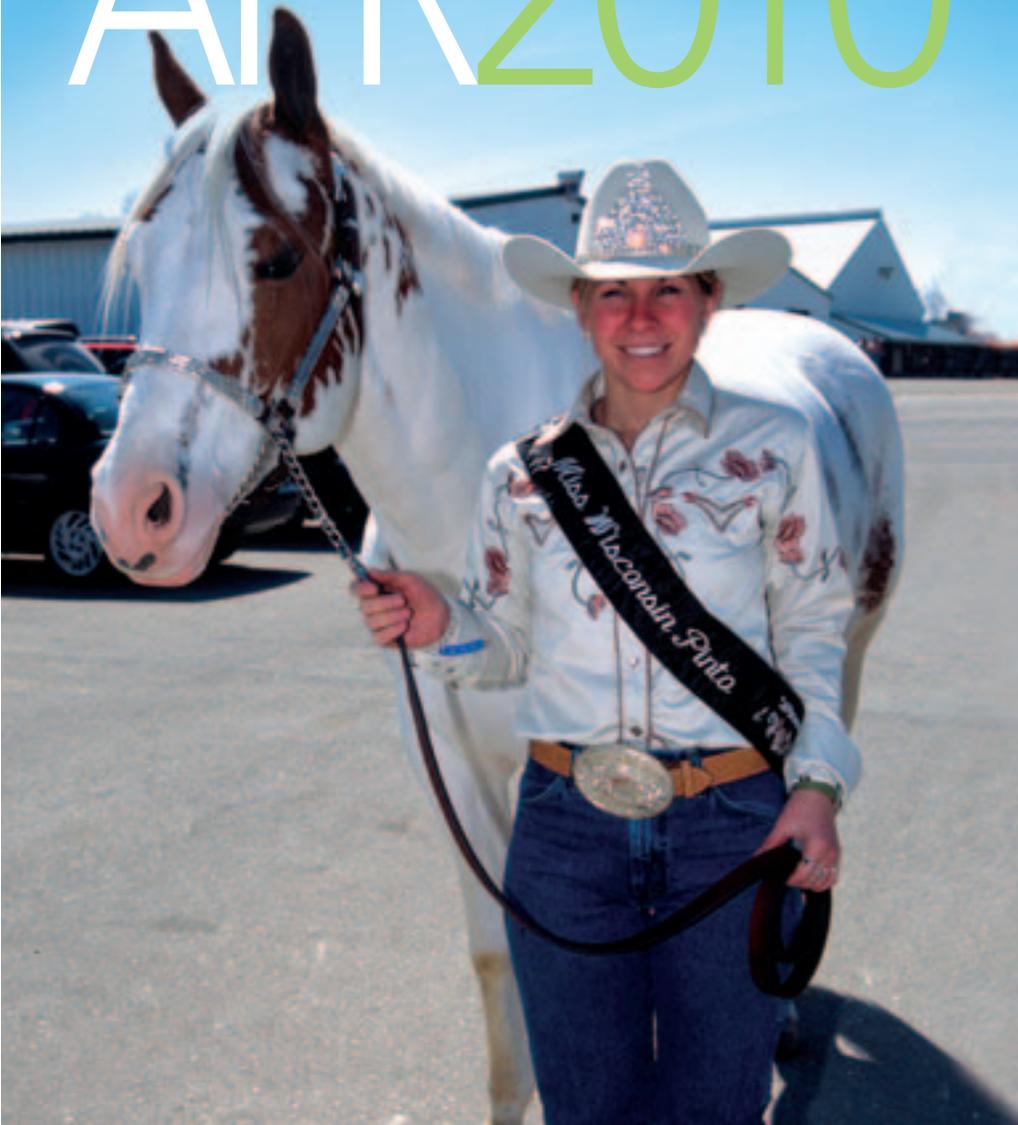
Wisconsin Highway Map



Mileage between major cities

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APR 2010



DOON ABRAMS

IT'S NOT A HORSE SHOW

The Midwest Horse Fair®, one of the nation's top three-day equestrian events, will be held April 16-18, 2010 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Begun in 1979, the fair celebrates its 31st year as a leader in equine education and entertainment in 2010.

Every year the Midwest Horse Fair® gets bigger & better, and 2010 will be no exception. On Friday evening, the thrills and spills of professional rodeo come to the fair with a performance by the stars of the Barnes

PRCA Rodeo. Crowds will cheer the nation's top competitors in saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping and barrel racing. Other performance-oriented shows include the speed and power of Grand Prix Show Jumping held Saturday evening, and the exciting North American Wind Rider Grand Champion Showdown, set for Sunday afternoon.

Whether you're a horseless horse lover, new horse owner, or seasoned professional, there'll be something that you'll enjoy at the Midwest Horse Fair®. Non-horse owners, families and children can meet the horses up close by touring the show's eight different barns. To help make future breeding decisions, mare owners have the opportunity to view stallions of all different breeds from around the Midwest in Stallion Avenue.

Many different breeds of horses are represented during the breed demonstrations in the Coliseum. Hundreds of clinics, seminars and educational events are presented by some of the top horse professionals from around the country. Clinic headliners for 2010 will include Ruben Villasenor, an expert in the use of the bosal and its mechanics, and Tommy Garland, America's Champion Horseman.

Additionally, more than 500 vendor booths in the trade show area offer shopping opportunities for every horse lover.

The Midwest Horse Fair® is owned by the Wisconsin State Horse Council, Inc. All proceeds from the Fair are returned to the WSHC and are used to represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin, promote the equine industry through leadership, education, service and communication, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

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OSHKOSH

WPS Farm Show: Check out the latest farming equipment, machinery, tools and services. More than 700 booth spaces. More than 350 vendors. 30,000 visitors expected. Kiddee Tractor pull on Wednesday at 1pm. Food vendors. EAA Aviation Center. 866/920-3276, 920/433-1616. (Winnebago Co.)

3/30-4/3

BURLINGTON

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs: Egg Dyeing Event: 33rd annual family egg dyeing event that all ages enjoy together. Learn and use five unusual techniques, with no mess at home. Beautiful classic and modern styles. Bring up to 3 dozen hardboiled eggs per person. Children must be with a paying adult. Teacher Place & Parent Resources. Call for hours; each day varies. 262/763-3946. www.logicpuzzlemuseum.org/21.html (Racine Co.)

4/3

BOULDER JUNCTION

Easter Cache Hunt: Introduction to geocaching; hunt for 12 caches, complimentary lunch to participants, prizes and wagon rides. Boulder Junction Winter Park. 10am-1:30pm. 715/385-2400. www.boulderjct.org (Vilas Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Egg Day: Egg-stra special event with activities for children including an egg hunt, arts & crafts, an Easter parade and more. Milwaukee County Zoo. 414/771-5500. www.milwaukee.org (Milwaukee Co.)

4/4

NEWBURG

Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast at Riveredge: The secrets and sounds of the "sugarin' season" add to the pleasure of breakfast at the Sugar Inn. The breakfast features Riveredge's special pancakes and syrup, ham and beverages. Add to your pleasure with a walk through the Sugar Bush. Riveredge Nature Center. 9am-1pm. 800/287-8098, 262/675-6888. www.riveredge.us (Washington Co.)

4/8-11

WEST ALLIS

Wheel & Sprocket Bike Expo: Bike show and sale featuring more than 1500 bikes fully assembled and ready to ride. Visit with factory representatives and experts, attend clinics, seminars and more. Shop for 1000s of bike parts, accessories and clothing. Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park. 414/529-6600. wheelandsprocket.com (Milwaukee Co.)

4/9-10

KOHLER

America's Test Kitchen: Meet Christopher Kimbal, host of the popular PBS cooking show, America's Test Kitchen. He is founder, editor and publisher of Cook's Illustrated magazine and a celebrated cookbook author and newspaper columnist on all things delicious. Special culinary events are planned. 800/344-2838. www.kohler.com (Sheboygan Co.)

4/9-11

AMERY

Spring Home, Garden & Recreation Show: Annual show with exhibits about new home construction and remodeling, financing, golf, new cars, furniture & appliances, water conditioning, electronics, greenhouses, real estate, boats, ATVs, and landscaping. Amery Hockey Arena. Fri 5-8pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-3pm. 800/222-7655, 715/268-8101. www.amerywi.us (Polk Co.)



Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo in Madison, April 9-11.



Maple Sugarin' Pancake Breakfast in Newburg, April 15.

MADISON

Wisconsin Deer & Turkey Expo: The largest such hunting show in the country. Exhibits, seminars, trophy displays and demonstrations. Alliant Energy Center. 608/242-3990. www.deerinfo.com (Dane Co.)

OSHKOSH

Special Olympics Wisconsin Indoor Sports Tournament: 1500 athletes and their coaches are expected from throughout the state. Gymnastics, basketball teams and skills on Sat, Dance to follow. On Sun, basketball competition continues until 3pm. UW-Oshkosh. 920/424-0125. www.specialolympicswisconsin.org (Winnebago Co.)

SHAWANO

Wolf River Builder's Association Home & Cottage Show: Area vendors show and demo the latest in home building, furnishings, remodeling, landscaping and more. Crawford Center. 715/853-2310. (Shawano Co.)

4/10

BLACK RIVER FALLS

WWIS Home Show: Showcases products and services for the home, including contractors, landscapers, real estate agents, products and suppliers from throughout West-Central Wisconsin. Jackson County Fair Park. 8am-3pm. 887/997-9947, 715/284-4391. (Jackson Co.)

TOMAH

Tomah Antique Toy Farm Show: Scale replicas of farm tractors & trucks, replicas of antique combines & threshers, plus any farm-related equipment, past or present. Tomah Recreation Building. 9am-3pm; toy auction at 4pm. 608/372-6907. (Monroe Co.)

TURTLE LAKE

American Legion Smelt Fry: Smelt from the Green Bay area served with chips, beans, coleslaw and dessert. A tradition since the 1970s and still going strong. 715/986-4667. (Barron Co.)

4/10-11

MANITOWOC

Horse-A-Rama: A weekend of horse entertainment with horses that dance, prance, perform tricks, and even paint pictures. Parade of Breeds, educational equine seminars, 250 vendor booths, free pony and wagon rides, free horse literature, Kid's Corral, lots of good food.

Manitowoc County Expo Center. Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-4:30pm. 920/682-9669. www.horse-a-rama.org (Manitowoc Co.)

MENOMONIE

Model Train Show: One of Wisconsin's largest operating model train shows. Concessions & door prizes. Bring a non-perishable food donation to receive a discounted admission. Menomonie Middle School. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/505-4044. (Dunn Co.)

MUKWONAGO

Crazy Quilters Quilt Show: More than 100 quilted items, raffle quilt, silent auction, vendor mall, and quilt appraisals by appointment. Lunch and concessions available both days. Bed turning and special exhibits. Handicapped accessible. Parkview Middle School. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. 262/363-3761. www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com (Waukesha Co.)

ONALASKA

Spring Gift and Craft Show: Annual event. Over 140 booths with great home and garden items. Free admission & free parking. Onalaska Omni Center. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 800/873-1901, 608/781-9566. www.omnicenter.net (La Crosse Co.)

TOMAHAWK

WJQ Home, Sport & Travel Show: Products and services, door prizes and concessions. Outdoor display of new cars, boats and RVs. Tomahawk School Complex. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/453-4482. (Lincoln Co.)

4/11-18

APPLETON

Fox Cities Book Festival: Third annual book festival will be a celebration connecting writers and readers at several locations in the Fox Cities. 920/831-6580. www.foxcitiesbookfestival.org (Outagamie Co.)

4/15

NEWBURG

Maple Sugarin' Pancake Breakfast: A unique treat featuring Riveredge's own maple syrup, "all you can eat" pancakes made with organic flour, ham, coffee and other beverages. Event is outdoors. Please dress for the weather... and bring the kids! Riveredge Nature Center. 9am-1pm. 800/287-8098. www.riveredge.us (Washington Co.)

4/15-18

MADISON

Wisconsin Film Festival: 12th annual festival presented by the UW Arts Institute screens an array of unique films including new American independent dramatic and documentary films, animation, experimental films, restorations and revivals. Madison theaters. 877/963-345. www.wifilmfest.org (Dane Co.)

4/16-17

ANTIGO

WACD/WATK Sport & Home Show: Home builders, recreational vehicle dealers, RVs, home appliances, heating & cooling contractors, real estate agencies, camping equipment, home furnishings, and more. Langlade County Fairgrounds. 715/623-4124. (Langlade Co.)

4/16-18

ASHLAND

Home & Sport Show: Displays & demos of home and recreational products. Bay Area Civic Center. 800/284-9484, 715/682-2221. (Ashland Co.)

MADISON

Midwest Horse Fair: Top-notch, family show with nearly 50,000 attendees, 1,500 horses, and 500 top vendors from across the country! Equine clinics, demonstrations, education, rodeo, Kid's Korral, and shopping for horse owners and enthusiasts. Alliant Energy Center. 608/267-3975. www.midwesthorsefair.com (Dane Co.)

MANITOWOC

Manitowoc County Home Builder's Assn. Home Show: Builders/remodelers, suppliers and professionals from many associated industries will offer exhibits covering all aspects of home building and remodeling. Fee charged. Manitowoc County Expo Center. 920/684-6222. www.manitowoccountyhomebuilders.com (Manitowoc Co.)

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Increase your gas mileage.
Keep your tires properly inflated and eliminate unnecessary cargo.



MERRILL

Central Wisconsin Concertina Festival:

More than 100 concertina artists from around the state and beyond play and enjoy their fellow musicians. Food and refreshments, free parking, concertina display. Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Fri 5-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 715/536-9405. (Lincoln Co.)

NEW LONDON

Big Whopper Weekend Fishing Contest:

Fish the Wolf River during the annual Walleye run. Contest prizes in many fish categories. Buffalo burgers and concessions. Music and a huge raffle. Riverside Park. 920/779-6346. www.newlondon-tourism.com (Outagamie Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Prairie Chicken Festival: Central Wisconsin's grassland habitats harbor unique birding experiences. See Prairie Chickens do their mating dance, observe kestrels on their nests (video), watch bird banding, and learn what you can do in your own backyard to benefit wildlife. Activities at several wildlife areas near Stevens Point. 4:30am-4pm. 715/343-6215. prairiechickenfestival.org (Portage Co.)

Trivia 41- World's Largest Trivia Contest:

54-hour trivia contest heard on WWSP 89.9FM the UW-Stevens Point campus radio. Contest is open to the public. UWSP Communications Bldg. Fri 6pm-Sun mid. 715/346-3755. (Portage Co.)

4/17

MADISON

Isthmus Green Day: Madison goes GREEN with more than 100 eco-friendly exhibits, great speakers, live music, food and drink samples, demos galore and so much more. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. 9am-6pm. 608/251-5627. www.TheDailyPage.com/green (Dane Co.)

OSHKOSH

Winefeast: Sample more than 200 wines and hand-selected beers. Silent auction and raffle. Tasty cuisine from more than 20 area restaurants (7-10pm). Taste select and premium wines from 6-7pm. Benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs. Sunnyview Expo Center. 7pm-10pm. 920/233-1414. (Winnebago Co.)



Spring Car Show in Jefferson, April 24-25.

Oshkosh Half Marathon & 5K: Family Fitness Weekend features a half marathon, 5k and kids' run. Races will end up at the Leach Amphitheater. Downtown. 800/429-8044. www.midwestsportsevents.com (Winnebago Co.)

What Women Want Shopping Expo: This shopping extravaganza brings together restaurateurs, chocolate makers, artisans & crafters, home-based businesses and more to create a one-stop shopping source for women. Sunnyview Expo Center. 10am-4pm. 800/366-4189. www.landkproductions.com (Winnebago Co.)

SUPERIOR

Cabin Fever Reliever Polka Jamboree: Enjoy the dance music of several talented area polka bands. Food, prizes and lots of fun and dancing!. Moose Lodge 606. Noon-8pm. 715/394-5421. (Douglas Co.)

TURTLE LAKE

St. Ann's Catholic Church Flea Market & Craft Sale: More than 60 tables of flea market vendors. Quilts, antiques, books, hand crafts, baked goods and more. St. Ann's Catholic Church. 8am-2pm. 715/986-4977. (Barron Co.)

4/17-18

MIDDLETON

Madison Antique Show and Sale: Fifty professional dealers from four states with clocks, pottery, buttons, art glass, folk art, toys, advertising, political, sports and fishing items, maps, ephemera and furniture. Lunch and snacks available; free parking. Keva Sports Center. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/355-5144. (Dane Co.)

PARK FALLS

Northern Wisconsin Maid Sugarbush Open House: The Slack family taps 200 acres of maple trees, producing 2,500 gallons of maple syrup on about 12,000 taps. Visit the "Sugar Cabin" downtown or the sugar bush on Cty F for syrup, wild berry jams, a pancake breakfast, or a hay wagon tour of the whole operation. Northern Wisconsin Maid Sugarbush. Tours 10am-3pm. 715/762-4796. www.savorisconsin.com (Price Co.)

WEST ALLIS

MetroParent's KIDSfest & Baby Expo: Two days of fun, entertainment, learning and hands-on activities for families. 414/224-2039. www.milwaukee moms.com/kidsfest (Milwaukee Co.)

4/18

NEKOOSA

Wakely's Sugar Bush/Earth Preservation Day: See sap from the sugar bush being cooked down to make syrup. If the maple trees are running, you can also help gather the sap. Then, sample some of the maple syrup on a pancake. Kite flying too. Historic Point Basse, Inc.. 10am-5pm. 715/886-4202. www.historicpointbasse.com/index.html (Wood Co.)

ONALASKA

Antique Automotive Swap Meet & Car Corral: Antique automobile parts for sale, along with some cars. A small display of antique cars will also be on display. OmniCenter. 8am-2pm. 507/452-9058. www.aaca.org/calendar (La Crosse Co.)

4/23

FOND DU LAC

Dog Agility Trial: Experience the exciting sport of dog agility on the kennel club grounds. Food and refreshments available. Come and cheer for your favorite breed. Fond du Lac County Kennel Club. 9am-4pm. 920/923-3010. www.fdl.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

ONALASKA

Wellness Expo: Free health checks (hearing, vision, bone density, foot, lung, blood pressure), chair massages, speakers, free lunch, musical entertainment and cooking demonstrations. More than 70 exhibitors. Door prizes & free admission. OmniCenter. 608/781-9566. www.omnicenter.net (La Crosse Co.)

4/23-25

LAKE GENEVA

Women's Weekend: 5th annual Weekend offers indoor and outdoor activities ranging from a relaxing spa night to a boat tour of historic homes along the shores of Geneva Lake, a cooking class and much more. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Downtown. 262/723-4611. www.lakegenewomensweekend.com (Walworth Co.)

Changes may occur.
Before attending an event call or e-mail ahead to verify dates or visit travelwisconsin.com.

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Wisconsin Film Festival in Madison, April 15-18

MADISON

Capital City Jazz Fest: More than 500 jazz fans gather to hear non-stop jazz played by some of the Midwest's top performers in a broad range of jazz styles. Sponsored by the Madison Jazz Society. Quality Inn & Suites. 608/850-5400. www.madisonjazz.com (Dane Co.)

Great Midwest Alpaca Festival: More than 550 alpacas will be competing in a full-fleece alpaca halter, obstacle and performance show. Educational seminars, breeding basics, fleece show, fiber demo & display, and a shearing demo on Sun morning. Alliant Energy Center. 608/291-2131. www.gmaf.info (Dane Co.)

WEST ALLIS

International Gem and Jewelry Show: Exhibitors from around the world offer a huge selection of quality jewelry of all kinds including loose colored gemstones, fine finished jewelry, fashion jewelry, beads and more. Fri noon-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 414/727-8840. www.wiexpo.com (Milwaukee Co.)

4/23-5/2

MADISON

Design MMoCA: Top local and regional design teams create inspired room vignettes showcasing works from the museum's permanent collection. Visitors have the opportunity to view interiors by some of the region's most creative and ingenious designers. Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. 608/257-0158. www.mmoca.org (Dane Co.)

4/24

EDGERTON

Spring Expo Craft and Gift Show: Craft vendors and home-based businesses sell handmade jewelry, soaps, cosmetics, containers, teas and much more. No admission charge. Tri-County Community Center. 9am-3pm. 608/884-1042. (Rock Co.)

LA CROSSE

Between the Bluffs Beer, Wine and Cheese Festival: Sample various beers, wines and cheeses. Southside Oktoberfest Grounds. 2-6 pm. 800/658-9424, 608/782-2220. www.betweenthebluffsbeerfest.com (La Crosse Co.)

Downriver Canoe Race in Grafton, April 25.

MEDFORD

Pine Line Marathon: Events include a 26.2-mile marathon, half-marathon, 26.3-mile relay, 5K run/walk and 1-mile children's dash. New timing system added this year. Pine Line Trail. 715/748-4729. (Taylor Co.)

PEWAUKEE

Pewaukee River Run: Canoe race down the Fox River from Pewaukee to Frame Park in Waukesha, a 6-mile paddle. Race begins at 8am. 800/366-8474, 262/691-2700. (Waukesha Co.)

SHEBOYGAN

JMKAC Family Festival - Caribbean: Caribbean fun in Sheboygan with traditional dance and music, craft gourd shakers, drapo, and Mami Wata masks. Taste Caribbean fare. Participate in a dance workshop. Hear stories of the Caribbean. John Michael Kohler Arts Center. 11am-3pm. 920/458-6144. www.jmkac.org (Sheboygan Co.)

SHELL LAKE

Washburn County Earth Day Celebration: The celebration starts off with a Native American ceremony at the habitat and a full day of music, local foods feast, environmental speakers, displays and kids activities at the Community Center. Happy Tonic. 715/468-2097. happytonics.org (Washburn Co.)

4/24-25

BROOKLYN

Depot Days in Brooklyn: Model railroad displays, speeder car rides on a C&NW track, carnival, "All Aboard" geocaching event, nature adventures, and concessions. Citywide garage sale on Sat. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 608/455-1503. www.depotdays.info (Green Co.)

FOND DU LAC

All Breed Dog Show, Obedience and Rally Trial: Fond du Lac County Kennel Club Dog Show with conformation, obedience, and rally trial competition. Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. Starts at 9am. 920/923-3010. www.fdll.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

GREEN BAY

TitleTown Train Show: Northeastern Wisconsin's premier train show with 40,000 sq. ft. of model trains, operating layouts and exhibits. Numerous vendors, door prizes, model judging contest, modeling clinics, and special children's activities. Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 920/494-7834. www.ttsbllc.com (Brown Co.)

JEFFERSON

Spring Jefferson Car Show: Swap meet, car corral & car show for classics, collectibles, street rods and trucks. More than 3,000 vendor sites with 1,200 cars for sale. Car Show Sunday only - more than 2,000 show cars. 6am-3:30pm. 608/244-8416. www.madisonclassics.com (Jefferson Co.)

MANITOWOC

28th Annual Charity Motorcycle Show & Dance: Motorcycle show Sat & Sun, dance Sat night. Sponsored by the Ant Hill Mob. All proceeds donated to local charities. 920/901-0219. manitowoccountyexpo.com (Manitowoc Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Polk County Sportsman's Show: Four shows at one location: Family Sport Show, River Valley Home & Garden Show, Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club Show, and Swap Meet. One of the area's largest sport and home shows, activities for children. Fairgrounds. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 800/222-7655, 715/483-1690. www.polkcountytourism.com (Polk Co.)

4/25

FREDONIA

Grafton Downriver Canoe Race: Fourteen mile canoe run down the Milwaukee River from Fredonia to Grafton. Mens, Women's, Tandem and Co-ed divisions. Food and concessions in Grafton's Veteran's Memorial Park. Waubedonia Park. 10am start, rain or shine. 262/377-1650. (Ozaukee Co.)

WEST ALLIS

Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet: 85,000 sq ft packed with bikes, parts & accessories. Come to buy or come and sell. New & used bikes, customs, sport bikes, trikes, cruisers, adventure, and even quads. All brands welcome! Custom builders, painters, parts, accessories, apparel, and leather. Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park. 11am-4pm. 800/968-4242. www.motorcycleswap.com (Milwaukee Co.)

4/25-30

WAUPACA

Art Show: Artists from throughout central Wisconsin and beyond display works and compete for prizes in this annual, professionally-judged show sponsored by Waupaca Fine Arts. Waupaca Expo. Sun 1-7pm, Mon-Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-2pm. 888/417-4040, 715/258-7343. (Waupaca Co.)

4/26-5/9

STURTEVANT

Apple Holler It's a Bloomin' Festival: Enjoy a wagon tour of our 50-acre orchard to see 30 varieties of apple trees in blossom. Bee pollination exhibit, plants and bakery for sale. Apple wine tasting and concessions. Pony rides, pedal carts, Corn Maze & Cool Cow Maze, moonwalk, farm animals to visit. Apple Holler Restaurant & Playhouse. Daily 11am-4pm. 800/238-3629, 262/884-7100. www.appleholler.com (Racine Co.)

4/29

MINOCQUA

Taste of the North: 20+ area chefs compete to be voted Best at Taste of the North. Featured categories are fine dining, family dining, bar & grill, and dessert. Meet the chefs, sample their signature dishes, learn about their restaurants, and vote on your favorite. \$20. The Waters of Minocqua. 6-9:30pm. 800/446-6784, 715/356-5266. www.minocqua.org (Oneida Co.)

SPOONER

Food and Wine Tasting: Food from local restaurants, tasting of wines, and live entertainment. Raffle and auction. Sponsored by the Spooner Area C of C. Northwest Sports Complex. 5-9pm. 800/367-3306, 715/635-2168. www.spoonerchamber.org (Washburn Co.)

4/30

ST. CROIX FALLS

Taste of the Valley: Area restaurants and the winery set up sample pairings of food and wines. Many varieties of local food used. The atmosphere is artistically welcoming. Pre-registration fee \$20. Chateau St. Croix Winery. 5:30-9pm. 800/222-7655, 715/483-3580. www.scfw.com (Polk Co.)

4/30-5/1

BAY CITY

100-Mile Garage Sale: Follow the Mississippi and a trail of distinctive colored ribbons will identify participating garage sales from Fountain City north along Hwy 35 through Cochrane, Alma, Nelson, Pepin, Stockholm, Maiden Rock, Bay City and Diamond Bluff to Prescott, Wisconsin. Fountain City to Prescott. 8am-5pm rain or shine. 888/999-2619, 608/685-3616. www.mississippi-river.org (Pierce Co.)



DON ABRAMS

MAY 2010



marsh at the peak of the spring bird migration. Hosted by the communities surrounding the marsh – Horicon, Mayville and Waupun – the annual festival offers guided hikes, bus and pontoon boat tours of the marsh that visit migratory hot-spots or highlight bird identification within varying habitats. Twilight tours focus on the night sounds of the marsh. Dawn tours experience the marsh at first light.

Tours are led by a distinguished group of naturalists, biologists, botanists and avian photographers, as well as many current and former employees of the Wisconsin DNR and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Their passion for the marsh and wildlife stewardship is infectious. Their knowledge of the marsh ecosystem is unparalleled.

There are also bird banding demonstrations, sightseeing tours, junior birder activities, adventure hikes, an art show that includes many entries in the Wisconsin Duck Stamp annual competition, collectible festival pins, and even a steak fry Friday evening in downtown Horicon.

Many festival events begin at the new Horicon Marsh International Education Center located off of Hwy 28 between Mayville and Horicon. The \$4.8 million center features an auditorium, two classrooms, traveling exhibit area, gift shop and a tremendous view of the marsh. A floating boardwalk offers access to the disabled. Volunteers will be on hand with maps and festival booklets, and will direct visitors to the many festival events. All pontoon boat tours of the marsh leave from Blue Heron Landing located at the Hwy 33 bridge in downtown Horicon.

A final word-to-the-wise: their bus and boat tours fill-up fast. Be sure to register early at www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com. And bring your binoculars!

THIS FESTIVAL IS FOR THE BIRDS

Wisconsin's great Horicon Marsh is one of the state's true natural wonders. Its 32,000 acres of prime avian habitat are managed in a unique partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Over the years, a total of 268 species of birds have been sighted on the marsh. It is a magnet for birders, drawing enthusiasts from throughout the Midwest.

The Horicon Marsh Bird Festival, May 7-10, 2010, is a stellar opportunity to visit the

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FOND DU LAC

A Before Mother's Day Arts & Crafts Show:

A quality art & craft show with mixed media, door prizes drawn every half hour, food concessions, and free parking. Unique gifts and home decorating ideas. FDL County Fairgrounds Recreation Building. 9am-3pm. 920/906-6663. www.fdlrecdept.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

RACINE

Lakefront Artists Fair: Racine's first outdoor art fair of the season featuring more than 100 artists from throughout the Midwest. Festival Park. 8am-4pm. 262/637-7892. www.racinemontessori.com (Racine Co.)

WAUKESHA

Waukesha Art Crawl: Twenty studios and galleries showcase more than 100 area artists. Check out an array of decorative art: paintings, pottery, jewelry, clothing, glassware, custom wood work, photography and more. Restaurants and live music venues open late. Downtown. 4-10pm. 262/542-1522. www.redhotartspot.com (Waukesha Co.)

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LA CROSSE

La Crosse Fitness Festival: Marathon, half-marathon, 5K run and walk, criterium, fitness expo. La Crosse Center. 800/658-9424, 608/782-2250. www.LaCrosseFitnessFestival.com (La Crosse Co.)

MARSHFIELD

Heart of Wisconsin Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show: Dealers, displays, speakers, kid's activities and free admission. Marshfield Senior High Fieldhouse. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/387-8782. (Wood Co.)

Daffodil Festival in Platteville, May 1-2.

NEENAH

Paper Discovery Duathlon & Kids Duathlon:

Participants race in a 2-mile run, 18-mile bike, and 2-mile run. Riverside Park. Kid's race Sat 9am; adult race Sun 8am. 800/429-8044. www.MidwestSportsEvents.com (Winnebago Co.)

PLATTEVILLE

Daffodil Festival: First annual festival with thousand of daffodils in bloom. Activities include the Daffodil Walk/Run, artisans in Katie's Garden, and much more. Katie's Garden. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm. 608/348-8888. www.platteville.com (Grant Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Earth Arts Studio Tour: Annual art tour to visit the studios of artists who are members of the Earth Arts Group of Polk County. Maps for this event can be picked up at the information center in St. Croix Falls. St. Croix Falls area. Sat & Sun 10am-5pm. 800/222-7655, 715/483-3150. www.earthartswi.org (Polk Co.)

WOODFORD

Bloody Lake Rendezvous: Visit a pre-1840's reenactment camp sponsored by Yellowstone Flint & Cap. Hear the story of The Battle of Bloody Lake. See knife & tomahawk throwing, as well as primitive shooting competitions. Taste foods of the fur trade era. Black Hawk Memorial Park. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm. 608/325-9890. www.YFC-BloodyLake.com (Lafayette Co.)

5/2

GREEN BAY

Heritage Hill Spring Celebration: Heritage Hill kicks off its season with a breakfast on the farm, spring sheep shearing, and other special activities and events throughout the park. 10am-4:30pm. 920/448-5150. www.heritagehillgb.org (Brown Co.)

NEW GLARUS

Maitag Trachten: The Mannerchor New Glarus will observe the arrival of spring with a Maitag (May Day) Trachten Contest and Dinner. This event is a celebration of traditional European dress, food and song. New Glarus Hotel. 608/862-3331. www.newglarusmaennerchor.org (Green Co.)



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Heritage Hill Spring Celebration in Green Bay May 2.

5/6

MIDDLETON

Spring Gallery Night: Area artists are showcased at various businesses and galleries in Middleton. Downtown. 4-8pm. 800/688-5694. www.visitmiddleton.com (Dane Co.)

5/6-8

BEAVER DAM

Nancy's Notions Sewing Weekend Expo: Sewing contests, in-style seminar, nationally known speakers, hands-on classes, presentations, product demonstrations packed with ideas and hints, and lots of shopping. This year includes an auction to benefit a local charity. Nancy's Notions. 8am-6pm. 920/356-6130. www.nancysnotions.com (Dodge Co.)

5/7

MADISON

Gallery Night: Twice annual event offers a unique opportunity to meet artists where they make and/or exhibit their work. Museums, galleries and other businesses throughout the city participate, treating

visitors to receptions, tours, demonstrations and more. 5-9pm. 608/257-0158. www.mmoca.org (Dane Co.)

5/7-9

ELKHART LAKE

Jazz on the Vine: 8th annual edition features dynamic performances by world-renowned jazz artists, exotic wines from international and domestic vineyards, and sumptuous cuisine created by our award-winning Osthoff culinary team. The Osthoff Resort. 800/876-3399, 920/876-3366. www.osthoff.com (Sheboygan Co.)

5/7-10

HORICON

Annual Horicon Marsh Bird Festival: Experience the peak of the spring bird migration. Includes guided bird hikes, bird banding demonstration, pontoon boat birding adventures, birding for kids, night sounds bus tour, twilight birding by boat and more. Reservations required for some events. Horicon Marsh area. 920/387-7860. www.horiconmarshbirdfestival.com (Dodge Co.)



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5/8

ALMA

Spring Birding Event By Mini Train: A guided birding adventure through the Tiffany State Wildlife Area and the Chippewa River Bottoms during the spring migration - aboard a mini-railroad car. The 2009 event logged 76 species. Space is limited, reserve today, cost is \$40/person. Wings Over Alma Nature & Art Center. 8am-noon. 608/685-3303. www.wingsoveralma.org (Buffalo Co.)

BONDUEL

Amish Community Quilt, Craft, and Furniture Sale: Bake and craft sale starts at 8am, quilts start selling at 10am. 715/758-8881. (Shawano Co.)

BRODHEAD

Tour the Farms Day: Five farms in the Brodhead area will be open for tours, including a sheep farm, dairy farm, emu farm, organic farm, and a vegetable farm. Bring the kids for a fun and exciting day on the farm. Various farms near Brodhead. 9:30am-4:30pm. 608/897-8411. www.brodheadchamber.org (Green Co.)

CAMBRIDGE

Touch-a-truck and Bike Rodeo: 7th annual event allows kids to climb aboard a Fire truck, a semi-truck, police car, race car and tow truck - just to name a few. Free event. Other activities include bouncy house, face painting and balloons. Cambridge High School. 10am-noon. 608/423-8108. www.cambridgewi.com (Dane Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Journeys Marathon: The scenic point-to-point road race is a USAT&F-certified 26.2-mile marathon with a 13.1-mile Power Walk and 5K races. Music and food. Health & fitness expo Fri night (5-9pm) at Northland Pines High School. Boulder Jct. to Eagle River. Marathon starts at 8am, half marathon & power walk at 9:15am, and 5K at 10am. 800/359-6315. www.journeysmarathon.org (Vilas Co.)

GREEN BAY

Spring's Wings Bird and Art Festival: Field trips, demonstrations and activities celebrate the many and varied ways we interact with birds. Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. 6am-4pm. 920/391-3671. www.baybeachwildlife.com (Brown Co.)

LAKE GENEVA

Lake Geneva Marathon/Relay/Walk: Five different road races including a marathon 26-mile walk/run, a 5k walk/run, and a 25K run. Pre-race pasta dinner & post-race picnic. Library Park. www.lakegenevasports.com (Walworth Co.)

MANITOWOC

Share the Past Bus Tour: Visit historic places in the county often closed to the public. Sponsored by the Manitowoc County Historical Society. Manitowoc County. 9am-4pm. 920/684-4445. www.mchistsoc.org (Manitowoc Co.)

Syttende Mai Folk Festival
in Stoughton, May 14-16.



ANDY KRAUSHAAR



Cellcom Green Bay Marathon, May 14-16.

DN ABRAMS

STEVENS POINT

Portage County Cultural Festival: Celebrate the cultural diversity of Portage County with delicious ethnic food, arts and crafts, and upbeat music and entertainment. No admission, free parking. Emphasis on children's hands-on activities. Stevens Point Area Senior High. 10am-5pm. 715/341-1525. www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org (Portage Co.)

Airo Powwow: Native American dance, art and artists will be featured at the annual American Indians Reaching for Opportunities (AIRO) Powwow. Grand Entry at 1pm. University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. 1-10pm. 800/838-3378, 715/346-4147. (Portage Co.)

TREMPEALEAU

Trempealeau Hip Breaker Bike Tour: One of the Midwest's finest, challenging early-season rides. Choose routes of 10-23 miles for a warm up, or choose the 43-mile route which includes famous "Hip-breaker Hill"; make it up and win a lifetime of bragging rights. Sag support & rest stops. The Trempealeau Hotel. Reg at 7:30am; mass ride at 9am. 608/534-6780. ridebct.com/RS/TD/Tseries-hipbreaker.htm (Trempealeau Co.)

5/8-9

GAYS MILLS

Gays Mills Spring Festival: Tour one of Wisconsin's prime apple growing areas including orchards in bloom, a flea market, food stands, and the annual Festival of Folk Music and Dance. Downtown & area orchards. 10am-5pm. 608/735-4810. www.gaysmills.org/spring.html (Crawford Co.)

HATFIELD

Thunderbird Village Flea Market and Craft Shows: Enjoy food, fun, and bargains galore. 160 Vendor spaces. Parking. Thunderbird Village. 608/989-2275. (Jackson Co.)

5/9

FOND DU LAC

Mother's Day Candlelight Dinner and Tour: Enjoy a five course dinner, followed by a tour of the historic Octagon House. Explore secret passageways and underground tunnel - as seen on the History Channel. Limited seating, reservations required. Dress up for an added treat. Victorian costumes available on site. 1pm. 920/923-5656. www.octagonhousefdl.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

MARSHFIELD

Marshfield Art Fair: Marshfield's only juried fine arts fair. Kid's Creative Corner, Young Collector's Corner, demonstrations by artists, music, Rotary Club food booth. A Mother's Day tradition. Marshfield Senior High Fieldhouse. 10am-4:30pm. 715/387-5562. www.newvisionsgallery.org (Wood Co.)

SPOONER

Mother's Day Brunch Train: Celebrate Mothers' Day with a trainride and buffet brunch on board. The train departs Spooner Depot at noon and features a 30-mile, 2-1/2 hour round trip to Springbrook. Along the way enjoy a scrumptious buffet and see typical sights of the northwoods. Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad. 715/635-3200. spoonertrainride.com (Washburn Co.)

5/13-16

SULLIVAN

Wisconsin State Polka Festival: Ten big bands featuring Dutch, Polish, Czech, Slovenian, and German style polkas. Two huge wooden dance floors with a dance exhibition Sat night. Enjoy great food & great prizes. Thurs - free Polka Jam & Potluck; Fri - Fish Bake; Sun - Polka Mass. Concord House. 920/474-4545. (Jefferson Co.)

5/14

WAUSAU

Exhibitour: Wausau's Gallery Night: Artists showcase their work in downtown shops. Host galleries offer wine samples and hors d'oeuvres as spectators mingle with the artists. Downtown. 6-8pm. 715/843-0748. www.wausauareaevents.org (Marathon Co.)

5/14-15

MANITOWISH WATERS

Birding Festival: Birding experts lead trips, seminars and workshops during this peak warbler migratory period. Friday evening reception (5:30-7pm); Saturday continental breakfast and sack lunch, plus bird treks on land and water, seminars, souvenir project, and more. Fri reception, 6-8pm. Sat activities, 6am-5pm. 877/543-2085, 715/543-2085. www.discoverycenter.net (Vilas Co.)

THESE 'SCHROOMS WILL MAKE YA SWOON

Since 1982, Muscoda has celebrated itself as the "Morel Capital of Wisconsin." An homage to this woodland delicacy, the Morel Mushroom Festival is held every spring on the weekend after Mother's Day. The 2010 festival is set for May 15 & 16.

For two weeks prior to the festival, 'schroomers scour the countryside in search of the tasty prize. With the average morel weighing just a few ounces, it takes a lot of scouring to gather the ton of morels necessary for the festival. Prizes are given for the smallest, the largest, the best cluster, and the like. The community buys the morels for resale during the festival – either fresh or prepared in a host of yummy recipes. 'Schroom lovers swear fried morels are the best of the fungi; worth driving many miles for a tiny taste.

In truth, morels are just one of many tasty possibilities at the festival's food stands. Seems every civic organization in town, from the Lions Club to the 4-H, operates a stand selling everything from pancake breakfasts and bratwurst lunches to cheese and wine tastings, and a firehouse steak dinner. There's also a host of athletic competitions – baseball, horseshoes, mixed doubles beanbag, team dodgeball, and a free-throw tournament.

For the less athletic, there's a series of archeology lectures, tours of a local bison farm, antique and modern tractor pulls, a carnival midway, evening dances, an art & craft fair, flea market, chalk art for the kids, helicopter rides, a custom car show, and a pretty spectacular fireworks display Saturday evening along the scenic Wisconsin River. The festival climaxes with a big parade Sunday at 2pm.

So, if you're looking for a festival with the proverbial "something for everyone," plus the tastiest mushrooms ever, consider Muscoda's Morel Mushroom Fest.



5/14-16

ELKHART LAKE

SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend: The SportsCar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) offers tightly regulated, wheel-to-wheel racing for men and women who own and maintain vintage and historical cars. 400 participants in ten race groups. 800/365-7223. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

GREEN BAY

Cellcom Green Bay Marathon: 26.2-mile marathon, 13.1-mile half marathon, 5K and 1/2-mile WPS Kids' Power Run. Also, Prevea Health Expo on Fri evening and Sat, Pasta Dinner on Sat evening, and Wisconsin-style tailgate party at race finish line. Lambeau Field. 7am. 920/432-6272. www.cellcomgreenbaymarathon.com (Brown Co.)

STOCKHOLM

Spring Fresh Art Tour: Enjoy a self-guided tour of 16 galleries & studios as well as the splendor of spring in the scenic Lake Pepin area of Western Wisconsin. Discover quaint river towns and meet some fabulous artists. All studios will have one-of-a-kind works of art for sale. Stockholm Area. 10am-5pm. 715/672-8188. freshart.org (Pepin Co.)

STOUGHTON

Syttende Mai Folk Festival: America's largest celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day. Two parades, folk dancing, rosemaling, hardanger and quilt exhibits, ethnic food, arts & crafts fair, canoe race, Syttende Mai Run, Norwegian (bunad) style show. Fri 9am-10pm, Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 8am-4pm. 608/873-7912. www.stoughtonwi.com (Dane Co.)

5/15

AMHERST

Amherst Quilt, Craft & Amish Furniture Auction: Amish quilts & furniture are auctioned under huge tents. Baked goods, food and refreshments. Portage County Fairgrounds. Starts at 8am. 715/467-2800. www.maderauction.com (Portage Co.)

BARABOO

Amcore Bank Faire on the Square: Semi-annual arts and crafts show with food, farmer's market, children's activities, and entertainment. Spring and fall themes. Courthouse Square. 9am-4pm. 608/356-7995. www.faireonthesquare.com (Sauk Co.)

BAYFIELD

Apple Blossom Run: 2-mile fun run or 10K run/walk among the apple orchards in full spring bloom. Held in conjunction with other Bayfield in Bloom activities. Bayfield Apple Company. 800/447-4094, 715/779-3953. www.bayfield.org (Bayfield Co.)

CABLE

Cable Area Off-Road Classic: Challenge yourself with an 18 or 23-mile X-C mountain bike race. Includes race socks and entries in random drawings. Lakewoods Lodge. 10am start. 800/533-7454, 715/779-3833. www.cable4fun.com (Bayfield Co.)

EAGLE

Rituals of Spring at Old World Wisconsin: Sheep at Old World get their annual clipping with hand shears. Watch and join in some old-fashioned chores and games. Annual heirloom plant sale, featuring some of the same old-fashioned plants as in our gardens. 10am-5pm. 866/944-7483, 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

Elkhart Lake, Road America Family

Tailgate Party: Free party. Limited access - enter at Gate 2. Carnival rides, kids Big Wheel contest, food and beverage sampling, car show, and track tours. 10am-3pm. 800/365-7223. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

STOUGHTON

Syttende Mai Run/Walk: Run a 20-mile race from Madison to Stoughton, or enjoy a 17-mile non-competitive walk. Held in conjunction with the city's Syttende Mai celebration. Beginning in Madison - ends in Mandt Park Stoughton. 888/873-7912. www.stoughtonwi.com (Dane Co.)

TREMPEALEAU

Blues Bash: Blues played outdoors along the banks of the Mississippi River, rain or shine. Bring your lawn chair for a day of music, food and fun. The hotel serves its famous walnut burger as well as many other Wisconsin favorites. Trempealeau Hotel. 2-11pm. 608/534-6898. www.trempealeauhotel.com (Trempealeau Co.)

WONEWOC

Wonewoc Old Fashioned Days: One of the area's largest antique and classic auto shows, a parade, crafts, games, food vendors, pony rides, antique and coin appraisals, music, pancake breakfast and family fun. Downtown. 7am-6pm. 608/464-3114. www.wonewocwisc.com (Juneau Co.)

5/15-16

GREENBUSH

Wade House at Work and at Play: Come help Wade House get ready for spring! Prepare and plant the gardens, fill straw ticks, black the stove, make beds, work in the blacksmith shop, enjoy tours of the Herrling Sawmill, dip candles, skid logs, see vintage baseball from the 1860s!. 10am-5pm. 920/526-3271. www.wadehouse.org (Sheboygan Co.)

MUSCODA

Morel Mushroom Festival: The festival honors the tasty mushroom - enjoy it fried, or you can purchase some to take home and enjoy later. Saturday night offers a fireman's annual steak feed followed by fireworks. Sunday parade at 2pm. Also includes a craft fair, flea market, carnival and much more. Village Hall. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 608/739-3182. www.muscoda.com (Grant Co.)

WAUWATOSA

Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show: Dealers from the Midwest sell lapidary supplies, tools, books, rough material, slabs, finished specimens, cabochons, jewelry, carvings, fossils and more. Children's activities, special exhibits, displays, and food sales. Hart Park - Muellner Building. 10am-5pm. 414/771-8668. (Milwaukee Co.)

5/16

CHILTON

Wisconsin Micro-Brewers Beer Fest: A beer lover's paradise! More than 30 Wisconsin micro-brewers offer 120+ hand-crafted brews, ales to stouts. Live music from the Jerry Schneider Band and Copper Box. Admission is \$35. Purchase tickets in advance. Calumet County Fair Grounds. 1-6pm. 920/849-2534. www.rowlandsbrewery.com (Calumet Co.)

ELKHORN

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: More than 500 dealers with antiques and more. Concessions. Walworth County Fairgrounds. Starts at 7am. 414/525-0820. www.nlpromotionsllc.com (Walworth Co.)

KING

Wisconsin Veterans Home Open House and Old Car Show: Annual open house includes live entertainment, cruises on Chain O' Lakes at 11am, noon, 1 & 2 pm, food & refreshments, and an old car show featuring over 100 antique cars & vintage military vehicles. Wisconsin Veterans Home & Museum. 10:30am-3pm. 715/258-7409. (Waupaca Co.)

LA CROSSE

Riverside Family Fun Fair: Visit booths from area attractions. Family fun with 25-cent concessions, games, bounce houses, prizes, race Cars, speed boats, and emergency vehicles on display. Tour Riverside Museum, and enjoy discounted cruises on the La Crosse Queen. Riverside Park. Noon-4pm. 800/658-9424, 608/782-2366. www.explorrelacrosse.com (La Crosse Co.)

5/21**HOLMEN**

Coulee Region Riders Club Gymkhana: Rodeo events for high school and adult riders; barrel racing, pole bending, jumping, figure 8, Texas flag race. Coulee Region Riders Club. 6pm. 608/526-4684. www.ridersclub.org (La Crosse Co.)

5/21-22**BELOIT**

Beloit ArtWalk: Downtown businesses transform into fine art galleries with many featuring live music and hors d'oeuvres. After hours hot spots offer live music on Fri night, and a trolley is available throughout the weekend event. Downtown. Fri 5-9pm, Sat 10am-2pm. 608/365-0150. www.downtownbeloit.com (Rock Co.)

5/21-23**ASHLAND**

Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Fest: A weekend of birding and nature programs at the peak of migration. More than 140 activities to choose from, each guided by knowledgeable local and regional experts. Check the web site and sign-up today. Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Fri 5:30am-9:30pm, Sat 6am-11pm & Sun 5:30am-4pm. 800/284-9484, 715/682-2500. www.birdandnaturefest.com (Ashland Co.)

GREEN BAY

LZ Lambeau: Welcoming Home Wisconsin's Vietnam Veterans: A statewide effort to honor Wisconsin's Vietnam veterans. Sat evening - speakers, recognition, music and premiere segments of the Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories documentary. Vietnam Moving Wall exhibit opens Thur at noon. 920/494-3401. www.lzlambeau.org (Brown Co.)

PLEASANT PRAIRIE

Spring Ice Show: A family-friendly show that showcases the skills and talents of the Pleasant Prairie Skating School. US Basic Skills program, Freestyle and Synchronized skaters, as well as exciting guest skaters. Dazzling lights, music and costumes. RecPlex Ice Arena. Shows Fri at 7pm, Sat at 1pm & 7pm, and Sun at 1pm. 262/925-6754. www.RecPlexOnline.com (Kenosha Co.)

5/22**ALGOMA**

Algoma Main Street's Classic Car Show: Classic and collector cars display on Main Street. Trophy presentation at 3pm. Various locations. Reg opens at 7am. 920/487-5498. algomamainstreet.org (Kewaunee Co.)

Automotion in Wisconsin Dells, May 22-23.

BOULDER JUNCTION

Heart of Vilas County Bike Rally: Three different starting points giving even the beginner the opportunity for a fun day! Bike the Vilas County Trail System through St. Germain, Sayner-Star Lake and Boulder Junction. Refreshment stops along the way, and a cookout at the end of the ride. Vilas County. 800/GO-MUSKY, 715/385-2400. www.boulderjct.org (Vilas Co.)

DELAFIELD

Delafield Spring Art Walk: Enjoy a variety of artisans and musicians in the downtown district. Visit with local artists as they work. Then, purchase these one-of-a-kind creations. Delafield. 10am-close. 888/294-1082, 262/646 8100. www.visitdelafield.org (Waukesha Co.)

JEFFERSON

Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast: Milking contest, kids coloring contest, 300 Pound Banana Split, round bale rolling, shoot the bull, milk drinking contest, and cow pie toss. Jefferson County Fair Park. 6-11am. 920/674-7148. www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com (Jefferson Co.)

5/22-23**BLOOMER**

Chippewa County Rural Heritage - Spring Fling: Antique tractor show. Sat - a tractor ride followed by food, entertainment and raffles, all under a big tent. Sun - tillage day with sawmill demonstrations, helicopter rides, entertainment, food, horseshoe tossing, and tractor driving events. City Park. 9am-9pm. 715/568-2037 (Chippewa Co.)

WISCONSIN DELLS

Automotion: Spring brings antique and collector vehicles to the Dells with more than 900 show cars on display, a car corral with cars for sale, a swap meet, live entertainment and great food. Sat 7am-5pm, Sun 7am-3pm. 800/223-3557. www.wisdells.com (Columbia Co.)

5/27-30**EDGERTON**

VFW Jamboree: Carnival rides, food, and fun for all ages. VFW Park. 608/884-9030. (Rock Co.)

MADISON

Madison Classic Horse Show: Show features American Saddlebreds and Hackney Ponies from across the Midwest. American saddlebreds and their riders compete for ribbons, trophies and prize money. Open to the public. 608/267-3976 www.alliantenergycenter.com (Dane Co.)

5/27-31**HURLEY**

Memorial Weekend ATV Rally: Weekend poker run rally with mud pit, prizes, food, and family fun. Help us get our title back as the "Worlds Largest ATV Parade." 715/561-4334. www.hurleywi.com (Iron Co.)

5/28-30**ARCADIA**

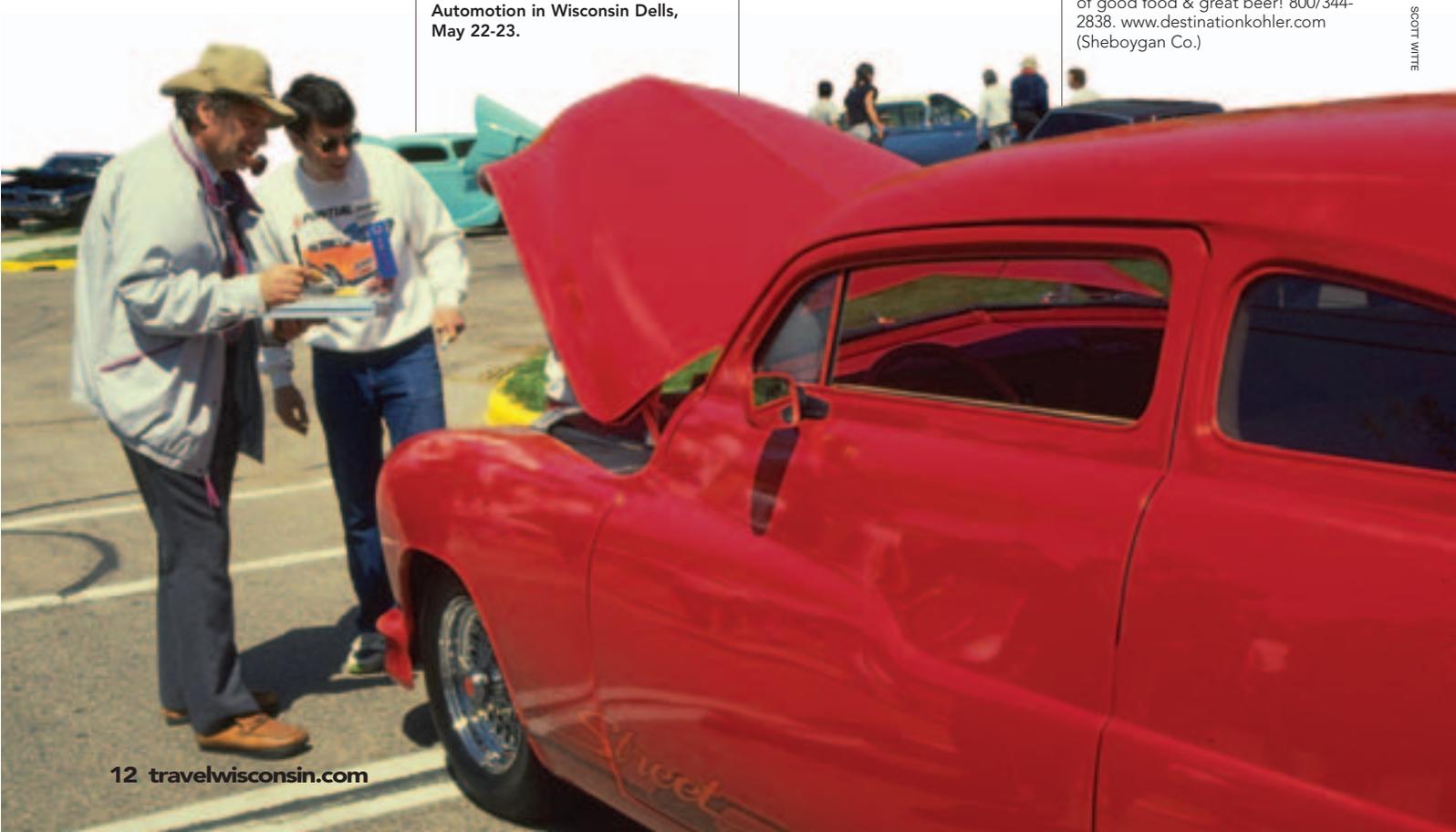
Arcadia Broiler Days: Activities include a 30-team softball tourney, bicycle tour, motorcycle poker run, horseshoe tourney, 2 mile and a 10km run, talent show, kiddie parade, Grand parade on Sunday, tractor pull, live music, and some of the tastiest BBQ chicken made in Wisconsin. Memorial Park. 608/323-3645. www.arcadiawi.org (Trempealeau Co.)

HAYWARD

LCO Ojibwe School Contest Pow-wow: Annual Lac Courte Oreilles Contest of Native American Intertribal singing and dancing. Foods, arts & crafts. Bring the family, friends and your lawn chairs. LCO School. Grand Entries: Fri 7pm, Sat 1pm & 7pm, Sun 1pm. 715/634-8924. (Sawyer Co.)

KOHLER

Festival of Beer: Join us in the Village of Kohler for the second annual Kohler Festival of Beer - a weekend of good food & great beer! 800/344-2838. www.destinationkohler.com (Sheboygan Co.)





Chocolate Festival in Burlington, May 28-31.

NEW GLARUS

Community Festival: A family-oriented, traditional Memorial Day weekend celebration with music, children's activities, food and fun. Bands play Fri, Sat and Sun evenings. Village Park. 800/527-6838, 608/527-2095. (Green Co.)

5/28-31

ALBANY

Yesteryear Days: Community celebration of Memorial Day weekend with Fri evening street dance (8pm); Yesteryear Parade (1pm), Rueben's Run Duathlon, and chicken barbecue all on Sat; and Memorial Day ceremony on Mon at Legion Park (11am). Downtown. 608/862-3240. www.vil.albany.wi.us (Green Co.)

BURLINGTON

Chocolate Festival: Carnival, concerts, chocolate creations, taste of chocolate, chocolate olympics, Chocolate Experience tent, petting zoo, and parade on Monday. Chocolate eating contest and touch a truck event. Chocolate Festival Grounds. Fri 4pm-mid, Sat 10am-mid, Sun 10am-mid, Mon noon-8pm. 414/254-4813. www.chocolatefest.com (Racine Co.)

DRESSER

Total Off-Road Rally: 4x4 truck pull and monster trucks. Two spectator events. NTPA sanctioned Truck and Tractor Pull on Sat; Demolition Derby on Sun. Trollhaugen Ski Area. 8am-5pm. 800/826-7166, 651/280-8282. www.memorial4x4.org (Polk Co.)

5/28-6/1

APPLETON

NCAA Division III Baseball National Championships: College baseball world series. Fox Cities Stadium. 920/832-6749. foxcities.org (Outagamie Co.)

5/29

PARK FALLS

Shriners ATV Mud Run: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in all classes. Wojcieszak's Flambeau Resort. Reg 9-11:30am; racing begins at noon. 715/762-2178. www.pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

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TREMPEALEAU

Reggae Festival: Enjoy different bands, Jamaican food (as well as the hotel's famous walnut burger), Caribbean jewelry & clothing. Bring your lawn chairs. Trempealeau Hotel. 2-11pm. 608/534-6898. www.trempealeauhotel.com (Trempealeau Co.)

WEBSTER

Webster Arts and Crafts Fair: Craft fair with more than 100 crafters. Food, entertainment and book sale. Webster Elementary School. 9am-4pm. 715/866-4204. (Burnett Co.)

5/29-30

DANBURY

2010 Forts Folle Avoine Opening Weekend & Spring Encampment: Weekend activities include the spring encampment, new exhibit opening, and a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning. Tour the Historic Northwest Company and XY Company Fur Trade Post and an Ojibwe Indian Village. Plant sale both days. Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park. 10am-4pm. 715/866-8890. www.theforts.org (Burnett Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Strawberry Craft Fest: Quality art & craft fair with crafters from across America. Food area with picnic table seating, strawberry treats, music and family entertainment. Vilas County Fairgrounds. 9:30am-4:30pm. 715/675-6201. (Vilas Co.)

FORT ATKINSON

Fort Koshkonong Rendezvous: 17th annual re-enactment of life in the early 1840's with authentic food, clothing, trade goods and campsites. This year's theme is "The Stagecoach Is Coming." Rock River Park. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9:30am-4pm. 888/733-3678, 920/563-3210. www.fortchamber.com (Jefferson Co.)

JACKSONPORT

Maifest: Art fair, fun run, food, music, horse pull, parade (11am Sat), and more. Lakeside Park. 920/823-2800. www.jacksonport.org (Door Co.)

MUSCODA

Chocolate & Wine Trail: Sample decadent chocolate paired with wine while touring the vineyards of southwest Wisconsin. Weggy Winery. 10am-5pm. 608/647-6600. www.weggywinery.com (Grant Co.)

PHILLIPS

Hidden Prairie Rendezvous: An 1840's fur trade rendezvous including woods walk, hawk & knife throw, black powder shoot, primitive bow shoot, fire starting, fry pan tossing, and kid's games. 10am-4pm. 715/820-2808. www.hidden-prairie.com (Price Co.)

STURGEON BAY

Fine Art Fair: 12th annual juried, multimedia art show with entertainment, children's activities, food and beverages. Held along the waterfront. Part of the Door County Festival of Blossoms. Sunset Park. 10am-4pm. 800/301-6695, 920/743-6246. www.SturgeonBay.net (Door Co.)

5/29-31

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wow: As a celebration of thanks, the Ho-Chunk nation welcomes all friends and neighbors to their bi-annual pow-wows. Enjoy drumming, colorful competition dancing, and a variety of Native crafts from vendors across the country. Pow-Wow Grounds. 715/284-9343. (Jackson Co.)

BURLINGTON

Brat Day & Boat Races: Hydroplane boat racers from the tri-state area compete daily. Brats and corn, hot dogs, concessions and more. Echo Park. Daily, 11am-5pm. 262/763-6044. www.burlington-jaycees.org (Racine Co.)

OSHKOSH

Memorial Day Weekend Classic Horse Show: Classic quarter horse show. Free admission, concessions available. 7am. 920/685-5725. (Winnebago Co.)

5/30

LA POINTE

La Pointe Center Annual Wine Tasting Gala: The Northland's premier winetasting event with more than 100 wines. Benefits the local arts community. Silent auction & live entertainment. The Pub Restaurant & Wine Bar. 3-9pm. 715/747-3321. www.madelineisland.com (Ashland Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Voyage of Discovery Cruise: Explore the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers aboard a riverboat as a local historian tells the story of French explorers Marquette and Joliet. This two-hour cruise is a must for river and history buffs. Reservations required. St. Feriole Island. Departs at 2pm. 877/647-7397, 563/586-4444. (Crawford Co.)

ST. GERMAIN

Classic Sled Round-Up: Vintage and antique snowmobile show and swap. Music and food all day. St. Germain Community Park. Reg starts at 8am, awards at 3pm. 715/542-4488. www.snowmobilehalloffame.com (Vilas Co.)

WAUSAU

WORS Big Ring Classic Cross-Country Mountain Bike Race: This course is approximately 55% fast rolling X-C ski trail and 45% single-track. The first lap will have more ski trail and additional laps more single-track. About 50% of the single-track is technical. Register online or onsite. Nine Mile County Forest & Recreation Area. 715/425-8684. www.wors.org (Marathon Co.)

WAUSAUKEE

Annual Wausaukee Fire Dept. Tractor & Truck Pull: The lawn tractor pull will be held first, followed by the truck pull. Parade at 11am. Food and refreshments available. Marinette County Fairgrounds. Starts at 10am. 715/856-5216. www.wausaukee.com (Marinette Co.)

5/31

BEAVER DAM

Race Into Summer: Celebration with live music, children's activities, race car displays. Food & drink sponsored by the Beaver Dam Area Chamber of Commerce. Swan City Park. 11am-11pm. 920/885-4442. www.wbevradio.com (Dodge Co.)

OMRO

Memorial Day Car Show: More than 150 cars on display (1986 and older). Three trophies awarded per class. Door prizes, food and beverages. Downtown. 920/685-6960. (Winnebago Co.)



Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wow, May 29-31.

JUN 2010



ROAD AMERICA

START YOUR ENGINE

Tucked into the rolling hills of Sheboygan County just at the northern tip of the Kettle moraine State Forest, the Road America race track is a Wisconsin sporting legend.

The vision for this Midwestern motorsports icon grew out of the dreams of a man named Clif Tuft. A trained civil engineer, Tuft spent almost a year planning one of the world's finest and most challenging road courses. His dream became a reality in April, 1955 when the track was carved out of 525 acres of Wisconsin farmland. On September 10, 1955 Road

America hosted its first Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) national race weekend.

Since then, Road America has grown to 640 acres and millions of dollars in improvements have been made. But the track's original 4.048-mile, 14-turn configuration has never been altered. In addition to the permanent road course, the facility includes a 1-mile supermoto/karting track.

Road America has become a favorite circuit for racers worldwide who relish the challenges of the undulating landscape and the high speed turns and curves. Fans return year after year to enjoy the park-like atmosphere, fantastic food and wheel-to-wheel competition by the world's fastest riders and drivers.

In its 54 seasons, perhaps Road America's most popular race weekend is the annual June Sprints. Set for June 17-20 in 2010, more than 400 amateur competitors race in 24 classes during the Sprints, one of the SCCA's largest races and the first in the Triple Crown of Racing.

2010 Road America Race Schedule

- May 14-16** SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend & Family Tailgate Party
- June 3-6** Suzuki Superbike Doubleheader Weekend
- June 11-13** Road America Vintage Motorcycle Classic
- June 24-27** Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints
- July 15-18** Kohler International Challenge with Brian Redman (vintage cars)
- Aug. 5-8** New Event - to be announced
- Aug. 19-22** American Le Mans Series
- Sept, 10-12** VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
- Sept. 13-26** SCCA National Championship Runoffs

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6/3-12

BELOIT

The Edge of the Rock - Plein Air Art Event: Artists set up their easels along the river to paint "en plein air," a French expression which means "in the open air." The event includes special art exhibits, receptions, and culminates in judging of the painting and an art sale. Rock River Waterfront. 608/362-0964. www.friendsriverfront.com (Rock Co.)

6/4

MARSHFIELD

Mayor's June Dairy Month Breakfast: Breakfast with the mayor followed by horse-drawn wagon rides, farm tours, live music and clowns. 5-10am. 715/384-3454. www.marshfieldchamber.com (Wood Co.)

6/4-5

NEW RICHMOND

Willow River Blues & Brews Fest: Live music, an art fair and craft beer sampling in the park. Enjoy the works of many artists and the art of making a handcrafted beer. Concessions available all weekend. Beer sampling Sat 4-7pm, \$15 advance/\$20 at the gate. Mary Park. Fri 5pm-mid, Sat 11am-10pm. 800/654-6380, 715/246-2900. www.willowriverbluesfest.com (St. Croix Co.)

ONEIDA

Oneida Family Carnival: Two stages of musical entertainment, fireworks, midway rides, concessions and more. Free admission. A true family event. Norbert Hill Center. Fri 5-10pm, Sat noon-10pm. 920/496-5020. www.oneidation.org (Outagamie Co.)

6/4-6

BEAR VALLEY

Country In The Country Music Festival: Regional country music from 26 bands. Chicken BBQ Sat at noon, raffle & door prizes all weekend. Concessions and vendors. Bear Valley Park. Gates Open Fri at 4pm; bands start at 7pm Fri, and at 10am Sat & Sun. 608/647-6655. www.countryinthecountry.net

CAMERON

Camera Days: City festival, street dance, kids games, tournaments, parade (starts at noon) and horsepull on Sunday. Downtown. 715/458-2734. (Barron Co.)

CORNELL

Cornell Community Fair: Tractor pull, parade, rides, music and more. Mill Yard Park. 715/239-6341. (Chippewa Co.)

GRANTSBURG

Big Gust Days: Grantsburg, home of "Big Gust," celebrates this legendary 7'6" village marshal of the early 1900's with an annual community-wide garage sale, soap box derby, kitty parade, antique tractor and car show, medallion hunt, and food stands. Villagewide. 8am-5pm. 715/463-2405. www.grantsburgwi.com (Burnett Co.)

KIMBERLY

Grafmeier Memorial Fastpitch Softball Tournament: A Men's fastpitch softball tournament featuring the top men's teams from Wisconsin and the United States. Sunset Park. Fri 6-11pm, Sat 9am-11pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 920/788-7507. www.1kra.com (Outagamie Co.)

LITTLE CHUTE

Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival: Family festival includes music, food booths, novelty booths, carnival rides, parade, children's entertainment, cheese curd eating contests, cheese tasting, cheese carving demonstrations, cheesecake contest, cheese breakfast, and much more. Doyle Park. Fri 5pm-mid, Sat 11am-mid, Sun 11am-5pm. 920/788-7390. www.littlechutewi.org (Outagamie Co.)

MADISON

Prairie State Classic Horse Show: More than 150 Morgans and Saddlebreds in competition. Further show classes in Western, Hunt Seat, Saddle Seat, Driving and the Blind Buggy Race. Alliant Energy Center. 815/968-1185. www.midstatesmorgan.org (Dane Co.)

MARSHFIELD

Dairyfest: 29th Annual June Dairy Month salute includes a dairy breakfast (served Fri 5-10am), picnic in the park (Fri 5:30-8:30pm), 125 art and craft vendors, gigantic parade, and live entertainment. Various locations. Fri 5:30am-8:30pm Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/384-3454. www.marshfieldchamber.com (Wood Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Riversplash: This three-day celebration along 10 blocks of the downtown RiverWalk is the place to be for food, fun, fireworks and music. Admission is free! Pere Marquette Park. 414/297-9855. (Milwaukee Co.)

6/5

AMERY

Cattail Trail Days/Amery Festival of Lakes: Fri - citywide garage sale. Sat - Fly-in pancake breakfast, air show, petting zoo, and exhibits at the airport. ATV fun day, food vendors, informational booths, and exhibits at the Cattail Trailhead. Pontoon boat tours of Pike Lake. Amery. 7am-7pm. 715/268-8101. www.amerywisconsin.org (Polk Co.)

ASHLAND

Kid's Fishing Day: Experienced anglers and fish biologists teach kids where fish live, how to catch them, equipment and casting techniques. Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. 715/685-9983. nglvc.org (Ashland Co.)

CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Art Fair: Art fair featuring 40 juried artists. Fun for everyone with raffles, bake sale, food, music and children's activities. Village Square/Veterans Park. 8am-4pm. 608/764-5889. www.cambridgewi.com (Dane Co.)

DEFOREST

Dragon Art Fair: Offering the hand-crafted works of more than 90 artisans. Held rain or shine. Music, food and children's activities. 9am-4pm. 608/846-8891. www.dragonartsgroup.org (Dane Co.)

FOND DU LAC

June Dairy Days: Family fun that includes dairy games, a petting zoo with small animals, a clown show and face painting. Free cheese, milk, and ice cream. Farmers market. Downtown. 9-11am. 920/906-6865. (Fond du Lac Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Villa Louis Visitor Appreciation Day: Enjoy a spirited game of vintage base ball (as the sport's name was spelled in the 1860s) as the Wade House home team travels to the Villa Louis to take on another 1860s-style team. Discounted admission offered on this special day. 10am-5pm. 608/326-2721. www.villalouis.org (Crawford Co.)

SEXTONVILLE

Richland Airport Fly-in/Drive-in: Aircraft displays and a special opportunity to see a Medflight helicopter. Richland Center Airport. 8am-4pm. 608/647-6205. hybridredneck.com (Richland Co.)

SPOONER

The Family Festival: Entertainment, food, games, and more. Washburn County Fairgrounds. 715/468-2812. (Washburn Co.)

6/5-6

EDGERTON

Swap Meet and Tractor Pull: Antique tractor pulls both days, consignment auction on Sun (11am), concessions, and primitive camping available on the grounds. Sponsored by the Rock River Threshere Association. Thresherman's Park. 8am-5pm. 608/868-2814. www.threshere.org (Rock Co.)

GREEN BAY

Green Bay Botanical Garden - Garden Fair: More than 90 vendors selling plants & gardening items. Food, music and demonstrations. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm. 920/490-9457. www.gbbg.org (Brown Co.)

KENOSHA

An Outta Sight Kite Flight: Enormous kites, kite-making and decorating workshops for kids, stunt kites flown by pro teams, food, kites for sale or bring your own. Free. Kennedy Park. 10am-5pm. 414/273-5483. www.giftofwings.com (Kenosha Co.)

MANITOWOC

Thunder on the Lakeshore Airshow: Northeastern Wisconsin's premier airshow featuring old-time barnstormers to the latest military aircraft, hot air balloons, seaplanes, helicopters, kids' events, food and plane rides. Balloon glow downtown on Sat evening. Manitowoc Co. Airport. Gates open at 7am. 920/482-1650. www.ThunderOnTheLakeshore.com (Manitowoc Co.)

MINOCQUA

Spring Arts & Crafts Show: Includes more than 70 arts & crafts vendors, live music, food & beverages, as well as kid's activities!. Torpy Park. 9am-3pm. 800/446-6784, 715/356-5266. www.minocqua.org (Oneida Co.)

RICE LAKE

Indianhead Arabian Horse Show: Western and English events, and Showmanship. Barron County Fairgrounds. Starts at 7am. 800/523-6318, 715/488-2265. (Barron Co.)

STATEWIDE

Free Fishing Weekend: Free fishing on all state lakes and streams; licenses are not required. Free fishing clinics for youngsters offered at many state parks. This weekend only! Bag limits and size restrictions apply. 608/266-2272. www.dnr.wi.gov

6/6

BARABOO

Zoo Crew Day: All-you-can-eat pizza in the park along with an arts and crafts fair, entertainment stage, silent auction, carnival games, children's rides & games. Ochsner Park. 10am-4pm. 608/355-2760. (Sauk Co.)

EAU CLAIRE

Taste of Eau Claire: Annual culinary festival showcases foods from 20 local restaurants. Sample them all, from crab cakes and tiramisu to brats and brownies. Free activities in the Kids Zone, interactive inflatables, and a summer concert in the park. Phoenix Park. 11am-6pm. 715/834-5043. www.tasteofeauclaire.org (Eau Claire Co.)



Riversplash Festival in Milwaukee, June 4-6.

FOND DU LAC

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 and parking. Oven Island, Lakeside Park. 10am-3pm. 920/322-0495. (Fond du Lac Co.)

KANSASVILLE

Family Nature Faire: Food, raffles, live animals, art and nature booths, plus much more. The Fishing Clinic is taking place from 9:30am - 2:30pm. No licenses needed on this day. Free park admission on this day. Richard Bong State Recreation Area. 10am-2pm. 262/878-5600. www.bongnaturalistassociation.org (Racine Co.)

KENOSHA

Good Old Summertime Art Fair: Fine artists and crafters from around the country will be present, as well as musical entertainment and food vendors. The event is held rain or shine. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kenosha Art Association. Civic Center Park. 10am-4pm. 262/654-0065. www.KenoshaArtAssoc.org (Kenosha Co.)

LA POINTE

Madeline Island Museum Visitor Appreciation Day: This is the perfect time to explore Madeline Island and the museum at deeply discounted rates. This event coincides with free admission to nearby Big Bay State Park. Madeline Island Museum. 10am-4pm. 715/747-2415. www.madelineislandmuseum.org (Ashland Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Miller Lite Ride For the Arts: Five bike routes offer a 5, 15, 25, 50, or 75-mile challenge. All routes start at the Marcus PAC. After the ride, participants can enjoy a finish line party at the Summerfest grounds, including food, beverages and entertainment at the Miller Lite Oasis. Performing Art Center. 414/276-7433. www.millerliteride.com (Milwaukee Co.)

MINERAL POINT

Pendarvis Visitor Appreciation Day: Visit Pendarvis for just \$2 per person this date only. It's our way of saying thank you to returning visitors and to give new visitors an inexpensive way to experience the fun and excitement of Wisconsin history. 10am-5pm. 866/944-7483, 608/987-2122. www.wisconsinhistory.org/pendarvis/ (Iowa Co.)

NEW LONDON

Wolf River Classic Chevy Club Annual Car Show/Swap Meet and Craft Show: Car show open to all makes and models. Spectators admitted free of charge. Swap meet, crafts show, food, refreshments, and DJ music. Hatten Park. 920/993-5311. carshow.atspace.org (Outagamie Co.)

NEW RICHMOND

Antique "Show & Tell": Modeled after PBS's "Antiques Road Show." Bring 1 or 2 antique or collectible items for a free appraisal by our panel of experienced show dealers, or just come to watch the fun! New Richmond Heritage Center. 1-4pm. 888/320-3276, 715/246-3276. www.NRHeritageCenter.org (St. Croix Co.)

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WAUWATOSA

Milwaukee Highland Games/Scottish Fest: Enjoy bagpipe bands, Scottish foods, Highland dancing and unique athletic events. Hart Park. 262/796-0807. (Milwaukee Co.)

6/7-12

RIPON

Birth of a Baby Clydesdale: Come see the newest addition to Larson's Famous Clydesdales. Enjoy this rare opportunity to pet a baby Clydesdale. Free photo with the colt included in ticket price. Reservations required. Larson's Famous Clydesdales. Show daily at 1pm. Call for reservations. 920/748-5466. www.larsonscydesdales.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

6/9-13

DARLINGTON

Darlington Canoe Fest: Events include stockcar races, duck races, steak feed, talent show, fireworks, arts & crafts fair, chicken bar-be-que, carnival, a parade, an ATV pull, and of course the canoe race. Darlington Festival Grounds. 608/776-3067. www.darlingtoncanoeft.com (Lafayette Co.)

GREEN BAY

Day Out With Thomas: Thomas the Tank Engine and Sir Topham Hatt visit the National Railroad Museum. Ride along with Thomas on his train, enjoy a full lineup of childrens' entertainment, and explore the entire Museum. National Railroad Museum. 9am-6pm. 920/437-7623. www.nationalrrmuseum.org (Brown Co.)

6/10

GREEN BAY

If Tombstones Could Talk: Walking tour with costumed actors. Meet some of Green Bay's famous and not-so-famous departed citizens as they describe their lives on the Wisconsin frontier. Sponsored by the Brown County Historical Society. Fort Howard Memorial Park. 6:30pm. 920/437-1840. www.browncountyhistoricalsoc.org (Brown Co.)

6/10-12

BRILLION

BrillionFest: All-Day Rummage Sale Thur, fish boil Fri 4-7pm, history house display 4-7pm, famous electric light street parade at 9pm, & street dance 9:30pm - Sat - History House special exhibit 10am-4pm, kickball tournament, carnival games and live music. Downtown. 920/756-3435. www.brillionjaycees.org (Calumet Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Special Olympics Summer Games: More than 2,500 Wisconsin Special Olympic athletes compete in aquatics, powerlifting and soccer for citizens with cognitive disabilities. Entertainment, games and concessions in Victory Village. Fireworks Fri night. UW-Stevens Point. 608/222-1324. www.specialolympicswisconsin.org (Portage Co.)

6/10-13

LADYSMITH

Northwoods Bluegrass Festival: Bluegrass bands from throughout the Midwest. Concessions. Rusk County Fairgrounds. Thurs 6-10pm, Fri 6-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 10am-noon. 800/535-RUSK, 715/532-7328. www.ladysmithchamber.com (Rusk Co.)



GLENN SANDERSON

International Bayfest in Green Bay, June 11-13.

STRATFORD

Stratford Heritage Days: A celebration of the diverse ethnicity of the community. Festival includes ethnic foods and entertainment, carnival rides and games, bed races, historical display, youth events, and a Sunday parade. Klemme Park. 715/687-4166. www.stratfordwi.com/ (Marathon Co.)

6/11

GRANTSBURG

Burnett Dairy Day: During June Dairy Month the Co-op honors dairy producers. Stop in for free ice cream cones, milk and cheese samples. Receive 1 lb of butter free with the purchase of 5 pounds of cheese. Petting zoo from 10:30am-5pm. Burnett Dairy Cooperative. 10am-8pm. 715/689-2748. www.burnettdairy.com (Burnett Co.)

6/11-12

BROOKLYN

Bluegrass Festival: Old fashioned outdoor bluegrass festival, concessions and refreshments. Legion Park. 608/455-4201. www.brooklynbluegrassfestival.com (Green Co.)

6/11-13

ELKHART LAKE

AHRMA Vintage Motorcycle Weekend: The Vintage Motorcycle Classic is sure to stimulate the heart of every vintage motorcycle enthusiast with road racing, vintage and post vintage motocross, trials and cross country events. Road America. 800/365-7223, 920/892-4576. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

FOND DU LAC

Walleye Weekend: The oldest festival in Fond du Lac and the state's second largest. Family entertainment, national and local music acts, sporting events and hundreds of other attractions. Lakeside Park. Fri 3-10:30pm, Sat 8am-10:30pm, Sun 8am-6pm. 920/923-6555. www.fdlfest.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

GREEN BAY

International Bayfest: Northeastern Wisconsin's largest food and music festival puts a spotlight on the rich cultural heritage of the community with continuous entertainment on four stages, a carnival, an array of food, children's activities, a world market, boat parade, & fireworks. Leicht Memorial Park. Fri 5-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-5pm. 920/435-5220. www.artseventsinc.com/bayfest/ (Brown Co.)

KENOSHA

A Salute to Freedom: Civil War history comes alive! Enjoy this free public program featuring music, programs, children's activities, and re-enactors. Civil War Museum. 262/653-4141. www.thecivilwarmuseum.org (Kenosha Co.)

MERRILL

Lincoln County Rodeo Days: Bareback riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping, saddle bronc riding, team roping, women's barrel racing and America's favorite... bull riding. Dances following the Fri & Sat performances. Lincoln County Fairgrounds. 715/675-6043. www.lincolncountyrodeo.com (Lincoln Co.)

MILWAUKEE

PrideFest: PrideFest is the largest gay/lesbian, bisexual and transgender festival in Wisconsin - a celebration of diversity. Enjoy the festivities and partake in the food, entertainment and marketplace. Henry Maier Festival Park. Fri 4pm-Midnight, Sat & Sun 11am-Midnight. 414/272-3378. www.pridefest.com (Milwaukee Co.)

Bead & Button Show: Learn to make beautiful jewelry with fabulous beginner and intermediate classes. Beadweaving, metal work, glass beadmaking and professional jewelry techniques. Fabulous shopping - 340+ vendors with pearls, gems, art glass, seed beads and more! Midwest Airlines Center. 800/554-1448. www.beadandbuttonshow.com (Milwaukee Co.)

NEW GLARUS

Roger Bright Polka Festival: Polka bands from Wisconsin and the Midwest in the big tent downtown - free admission. Sponsored by New Glarus Hotel. Food and refreshments. Downtown. 12pm-11pm. 800/527-6838, 608/527-2095. www.swisstown.com (Green Co.)

OCONTO

Oconto Copperfest: Amateur lumberjack competition, truck pulls, giant parade, street market, food stands, fireworks, and more. Old Fashioned Pie and Ice Cream Social on Sunday at noon. Ner-Park. 920/834-2255. (Oconto Co.)

OSHKOSH

Oshkosh Irish Fest: Enjoy great Celtic music, taste authentic Irish food, watch incredible Irish dancers, and shop in our Irish vendor area. 5K run/walk, raffle, Wee Little Activities for the kids. Seating is limited in Riverside Park, so bring your lawn chairs. 877/303-9200. OshkoshIrishFest.com (Winnebago Co.)

6/11-20

RICE LAKE

Aquafest: Ten days of family fun with top-name national entertainment, a parade, Art in the Park, aqua bug hunt, kids games, sports, and food. 877/234-2126. www.aquafestonline.com (Barron Co.)

6/12

APPLETON

Flag Day Parade: The country's largest Flag Day Parade with more than 120 bands and units honoring the flag and those who served to preserve our freedoms. The parade starts on Wisconsin Ave east to State St, then south to College Ave, then west to Drew St. Downtown. 2-4pm. 920/954-9112. (Outagamie Co.)

EAGLE

Vintage Base Ball at Old World Wisconsin: Old World Wisconsin's 1860's vintage team, the Eagle Diamonds, faces off against the Milwaukee Cream City Club. Admission to the museum gets you into the game for free. (Yes, back then it was spelled base ball.) Old World Wisconsin. Open 10am-5pm (gametime 1:30pm). 866/944-7483, 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

EAST TROY

35th Annual Woman's Club of East Troy Arts & Crafts Fair: Annual scholarship fundraiser on the historic square features a variety of original art and quality hand-made crafts. The food booth includes the famous East Troy Woman's Club BBQ, brats and homemade baked goods. On the Historic Village Square. 9am-4pm. 262/642-7055. (Walworth Co.)

Vintage Base Ball at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle, June 12.

EAU CLAIRE

Open Air Festival of the Arts: Regional artists display and sell, music of all kinds, regional foods, healing arts, hands-on art activities, dance, poetry, public art and a 15-minute people-powered procession through the park at midday. Phoenix Park. 9am-8pm. 715/835.4911. www.ecoafa.org (Eau Claire Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

Elkhart Lake International Triathlon: Hundreds of athletes compete in this 8th annual triathlon. Competition in the Olympic or Sprint divisions. The olympic triathlon will include a 1.5K swim, 40K bike race, and 10K run. The Sprint distances are a 400-meter swim, 20K bike race and 4K run. Osthoff Resort. 877/262-8148, 847/359-7374. elkhartriathlons.activecm.net (Sheboygan Co.)

FENCE

Annual Baby Bison Fest: Tours of the bison ranch, an interpretive trail, an art show, bingo, info booths, and bison burgers served by the Florence Agricultural Society. Crossroads Ranch. 10am-2pm. 715/251-3737. www.florencewisconsin.com (Florence Co.)

FREDERIC

Frederic Bicycling Classic: 26-mile time trial. Age group awards. Camping the night before and showers after the race. Frederic High School. Pre-registration 8am; time trial race 10am. 800/222-7655, 715/327-4892. www.frederic-wi.com (Polk Co.)

KEWASKUM

Washington County Breakfast on the Farm: June Dairy Month breakfast includes all-you-can-eat-pancakes with butter & syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce and milk. Ice cream sundaes for only \$1. Come for barn tours, hayrides, antique tractors and machinery, peddle tractor pulls, animal expo & live music. KT

Organic Farms. 6:30-11:30am. 262/644-0015. www.visitwashingtoncounty.com (Washington Co.)

MANITOWOC

20th Annual Manitowoc Garden Fair: A paradise for gardeners featuring annuals, perennials, herbs, garden art, fine crafts, antiques, statuary, furniture and food. Rain or shine. Washington Park. 10am-3:30pm. 920/682-2050. (Manitowoc Co.)

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth Festival of Fine Arts: Enjoy a juried fine art fair that celebrates a wide variety of original works. Musical entertainment, and delicious food offerings from Plymouth area restaurants. 9am-4pm. 920/892-8409. www.plymoutharts.org (Sheboygan Co.)

RHINELANDER

Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn: Original artwork and crafts from more than 150 Midwestern artisans. Held in conjunction with the Headwaters Corvette Club Car Show. Food vendors and music throughout the day. Courthouse. 9am-3pm; held rain or shine. 715/365-7464. www.rhinelandchamber.com (Oneida Co.)

SPOONER

Tri County Dairy Breakfast: June Dairy Month fun with face painting, a petting zoo, prizes, the FFA Alumni Silent Auction, music, door prizes, and horse & wagon rides. Fairgrounds. 6:30-11am. 715/635-2168. (Washburn Co.)

ST. GERMAIN

Walk in the Woods Art Fair: Fine art fair featuring many talented artists from around the area and their works, including pottery, paintings, photography, hand-made jewelry and furniture. Wine for sale by the glass or bottle as well as a wine tasting with fine cheeses. Live music. City Park. 10am-4pm. 800/727-7203, 715/477-2205. www.st-germain.com (Vilas Co.)

SUN PRAIRIE

Taste of the Arts Fair: Featuring a Georgia O'Keeffe celebration with art and craft vendors from around the state. Free parking, food vendor booths, entertainment, children's playground & more. Sheehan Park. 9am-4pm. 608/837-4547. www.sunprairiechamber.com (Dane Co.)

Georgia O'Keeffe Remembrance: A day to recognize Georgia O'Keeffe and her relationship to Sun Prairie. Enjoy O'Keeffe exhibits at the Sun Prairie Historical Museum, a program at the public library, and an art exhibit. Sun Prairie Public Library. 9am-3pm. 800/400-6162, 608/837-4547. www.cityofsunprairie.com (Dane Co.)

6/12-13

CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Pottery Festival & US Pottery Games: An all-clay art fair. Potters from all over the country meet to exhibit, sell & participate in the US Pottery Games. Food, pottery auction, entertainment. Lake Ripley Park. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 608/423-3780. www.cambridgepotteryfestival.org (Dane Co.)

CATAWBA/KENNAN

Lumberman's Day: Sat afternoon at Kennan Park - ATV pull at 3pm, ball games, concessions & music. Sun at Catawba - parade (10:30am), concessions, horseshoes, logging contests (12:30pm), ball games, kid's games, polka music (noon-4pm), ATV mud run (2pm). Catawba Village Park/Kennan Park. 715/474-6626. www.pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

CONOVER

Callie Rohr Memorial Canoe Race: Enjoy two days of racing in all classes for both professional and recreational paddlers on the beautiful Wisconsin River. Cookout and music on Saturday evening. Finish at Eagle River Inn with pig roast and awards. Rohr's Wilderness Tours. Starting at 7am. 715/547-3639. (Vilas Co.)



WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HILLSBORO

Cesky Den Czech Heritage Festival: Ethnic festival featuring two days of Czech food, polka music, dancing, arts and crafts fair, bake sale (Sat), Czech story teller, flea market, and a car show. Hillsboro Firemen's Park. 608/444-0106. www.ceskyden.com (Vernon Co.)

LAKE GENEVA

Geneva Lake Art Association Annual Paint-In: Artists from Wisconsin and Illinois paint on the streets of Lake Geneva. DOWNTOWN. 262/248-3990. www.genevalakeart.org (Walworth Co.)

MUKWONAGO

Maxwell Street Days Flea Market: More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. Hwy 83 & Cty NN. 8am-5pm. 262/363-3580. www.mukwonagochamber.org (Waukeshia Co.)

NEENAH

Neenah StreetBall Challenge: Hundreds of 3-man basketball teams compete to be the best during this annual 3-on-3 tournament. Teams must register in advance - visit the web site for more information. DOWNTOWN. Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9:30am-6pm. 920/725-8326. www.focol.org/streetball (Winnebago Co.)

RACINE

Monument Square Art Fair on the Lake: More than 120 artists from around the country present beautiful works of art in a variety of media. One of Wisconsin's oldest and most respected juried fine art fairs. Racine Civic Center. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 262/639-6555. (Racine Co.)

6/12-20

MARINETTE

Porterfield Country Music Festival: Camping, concessions, and top national entertainers. Green's Green Acres Campground. 800/236-6681, 715/789-2130. www.countrymusicfestival.com (Marinette Co.)

6/13

ELKHART LAKE

American Indian Artifacts Show: Buying, selling and trading of Native American artifacts. Hayrides and surprises for archeological buffs, collectors and the public. The Badger State Archeological Society displays a series of American Indian artifacts that offer a look back through time. Henschel's Museum of Indian History. 9am-3pm. 920/876-3193. (Sheboygan Co.)

FREDONIA

National Flag Day: A special program and celebration is held at Stony Hill School with additional activities and a parade held in Waubeka. Stony Hill School. Grounds open at 11am with a program at 3:30pm. 262/377-4510. www.co.ozaukee.wi.us (Ozaukee Co.)

MANITOWOC

Manitowoc County Breakfast on the Farm: Celebrate June Dairy Month with breakfast, an appearance by Alice in Dairyland, the crowning of the new Dairy Princess and Miss Farm Bureau at 9:30 am, a children's activity center, and guided tours of the farm. Hochkammer Dairy Farm. 8am-noon. 920/683-4168. www.uwex.edu (Manitowoc Co.)

OSHKOSH

Winnebagoland Fine Arts Fair: A juried and original fine arts show with 160 entries. Food Court, live entertainment, face painting and much more. Beautiful park setting by the lagoon. South Park. 10am-4pm. 920/232-0359. (Winnebago Co.)

RACINE

Wind Point Lighthouse Tour to the Top: Climb to the top of the 108-foot lighthouse (144 steps) for spectacular views of Lake Michigan. One of just four days each summer the lighthouse and museum are open. Guides available to answer questions. Wind Point Lighthouse. 800/272-2463, 262/639-2026. www.windpointwi.us (Racine Co.)

SPOONER

Badger Car Show: Antique, classic and collector cars, military vehicles, tractors, craft show, and flea market. Washburn Co. Fairgrounds. 7am-3pm. 715/635-3740. (Washburn Co.)

WEST SALEM

Touchstone Energy Triathlon: A USA Triathlon-sanctioned event. The Sprint Distance includes a .25-mile swim, 17-mile bike ride, and a 5K run. The Intermediate Distance is a .9-mile swim, 24-mile bike ride, and a 10K run. Swarthout Park. 8am. 608/782-9622. laxymca.org (La Crosse Co.)

6/15-17

APPLETON

WIAA State Spring Baseball Tournament: Wisconsin high school boy's baseball state championship. Tues 11:05am, Weds & Thurs 9:05am. 800/236-6673, 715/344-8580. www.wiaawi.org (Outagamie Co.)

6/17

LA POINTE

Chequamegon Chef's Exhibition: Tasting extravaganza featuring the Chequamegon Bay region's favorite restaurants, recipes and chefs. The Bell Street Tavern. 6:30-8:30pm. 888/475-3386, 715/747-2801. www.madelineisland.com (Ashland Co.)

6/17-19

HORICON

Horicon Rock'n River Jam: Great music and food throughout the event. Taste of Horicon, Kiddy parade on Saturday, carnival, queen contest, city wide rummage sale and more. Discher Park. Thur 5:30-10pm, Fri 4:30pm-12:30am, Sat 1-10pm. 920/485-3200. www.horiconrocknriverjam.com (Dodge Co.)

6/17-20

CHILTON

Chilton Summer Festival: Thurs night - band concert at Holbert Park. Fri night - city-wide rummage sale, stock car races at the fairgrounds and Motocross racing at Gravity Park USA. Sat night - street dance with live music, food, beverages and kid's rides. Sun- parade at 11am. DOWNTOWN. 920/418-1650. www.chiltonchamber.com (Calumet Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Prairie Villa Rendezvous: Largest buckskinners and fur trade re-enactment in the Midwest. The annual Rendezvous includes a black powder shoot, primitive bow shoot, primitive cooking contest and more. St. Feriole Island. Thur, Fri, and Sat, 9am-9pm; Sun 9am-4pm. 800/732-1673, 608/326-8555. www.prairieduchien.org (Crawford Co.)

6/18

HOLMEN

Coulee Region Riders Club Gymkhana: Rodeo events for high school and adult riders; barrel racing, pole bending, jumping, figure 8, Texas flag race. Coulee Region Riders Club. 6pm. 608/526-4684. www.ridersclub.org (La Crosse Co.)

6/18-19

BROWNTOWN

Browntown Summerfest: Antique tractor pull on Friday. Ball games Sat, with a fish boil that evening as well as live music and fireworks. Browntown Park. 608/966-3273. (Green Co.)

GRAFTON

Giro d' Grafton Professional Bike Race: Bike racing through the city streets. DOWNTOWN. Run/Walk 9am. Bike races start at noon and continue all day. 262/377-1650. www.wicyclingseries.com (Ozaukee Co.)

NEW LONDON

Wisconsin Powered Parachute

Association Fly-in: Introductory flight lessons, helicopter rides, seminars and a new and used machine market. The Northern Aces Show Team flies model airplanes. Concessions, live band Fri evening, pancake breakfast Sat morning, fireworks Sat night, and rustic camping. Mark's Park & Airfield. 920/982-0981. www.marksparkandairfield.com/ (Outagamie Co.)

WAUPACA

Strawberry Fest: Celebrate the first taste of summer! Strawberry shortcake, fresh strawberries for sale, arts and crafts, live music, food, children's activities, guided historic tour and much more. DOWNTOWN. 9am-4pm. 715/258-7343. www.waupacamemories.com (Waupaca Co.)

6/18-20

COLUMBUS

Columbus Carriage Classic: Graceful horses, authentic and replica carriages, and drivers in period attire. 10th annual event includes pleasure driving, obstacle course driving and even a picnic class

competition judged by the spectators. Concessions. Fireman's Park. Fri noon-3pm, Sat 8am-3:30pm, Sun 8am-4pm. 920/623-5325. www.columbuscarriageclassic.com (Columbia Co.)

CUSTER

Renewable Energy and Sustainable Fair: The Fair, held each year on the third weekend in June, is a great opportunity to learn about green living. The largest event of its kind in the world, the fair features more than 200 workshops, 270 exhibits, tours and demonstrations, plus entertainment. ReNew the Earth Institute. Opens Fri at 9am and closes Sun at 5pm. 715/592-6595. www.the-mrea.org (Portage Co.)

FREDERIC

Frederic Family Days: Annual summer festival includes sidewalk sales, softball tournaments, talent contest, parade (Sun), fireworks, and concessions. Various Locations. Fri 10pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. 800/222-7655, 715/327-4836. www.fredericwi.com (Polk Co.)

MACKVILLE

Mackville Nationals Truck & Tractor Pull:

Bigger and better with a line-up of souped-up trucks and tractors in pulls Fri & Sat. Kids Dash for Cash, food, beverages, and live music. Sun is Family Day (free admission) with a farm pull at noon, chicken dinner, kids and adult pedal pull & live entertainment. St Edward's Parish. Gates open Fri & Sat at 4pm, pulls at 7pm. 920/739-0398. www.mackvillenationals.com (Outagamie Co.)

MERRILL

Central Wisconsin Polka Festival: 37th annual festival brings top bands from around Wisconsin to play. Polka church service Sun at 10:30am. Food and beverages, camping (for a small fee) and parking. Merrill Area Recreation Complex. Fri 6pm-mid, Sat noon-mid, Sun noon-6pm. 715/845-8446. (Lincoln Co.)

Travel Green.
Use your own mug and water bottle. Save money, plastic and waste.




Columbus Carriage Classic, June 18-20.

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Brush Run Off-Road Races in Crandon, June 19-20.

MILWAUKEE

Lakefront Festival of Art: One of the country's finest juried art shows, the festival features 189 national artists who display and sell. Sculpture garden, children's art activities, entertainment, artist demonstrations and food/beverage vendors. Milwaukee Art Museum. Fri noon-8pm, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 414/224-3200. www.mam.org (Milwaukee Co.)

Polish Fest: America's largest Polish Festival with folk dancing, polka music, a cultural village, folk art demos, Polish rock bands, classical musicians, the Chopin Youth Piano Competition, marketplace, children's stage, and Polish food. Henry Maier Festival Park. Fri & Sat noon-mid, Sun noon-10pm. 414/529-2140. www.polishfest.org (Milwaukee Co.)

MONROE

Monroe Balloon Rally: Balloon launches and flights, aviation demonstrations, evening balloon glow, junior flight school for kids, arts and crafts show, live music, concessions. Free admission; parking inside grounds \$3. Green County Fairgrounds. Fri gates open at 4pm, Sat & Sun gates open at 5am. 608/558-0000. www.monroeballoonrally.com (Green Co.)

PHILLIPS

Czech-Slovak Festival: Fri - Lidice Memorial Service at 7pm. Sat & Sun - arts & crafts fair, live music & dancing, Squeeze Box Jamboree, Polka Mass on Sat, lachy baking contest, pork & sauerkraut dinner (Sun 11am), antique farm equipment, beer tasting, plus activities for the kids. Phillips High School. Fri 7pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-3pm. 888/408-4800, 715/339-4100. czech-slovak.tripod.com/ (Price Co.)

RICHLAND CENTER

Wisconsin High School Rodeo Finals: In the annual high school State Finals, kids compete in 13 events to qualify for Nationals in July: bareback & saddle bronc riding, bull riding, barrel racing, pole bending, cutting, calf roping, breakaway roping, and more. Richland County Fairgrounds. Performances Fri & Sat 1:30 & 7pm, Sun 1pm. 608/604-3879. www.cowboycalendar.com/wihsra (Richland Co.)

RIPON

Ripon Hay Days: Re-enactors of all descriptions associated with horses gather - buckskinners, cowboys, pioneers, Civil War cavalry, Native Americans, carriage and wagon drivers. Friday night Music in the Park and a barn dance Saturday

evening at the ranch. Cedar Ridge Ranch. 920/748-8405. www.cedarridgeranch.net (Fond du Lac Co.)

6/19

AMERY

Amery Women's Club Arts & Crafts Fair: An art & craft fair with a large variety of vendors. North Park. 10am-4pm. 800/222-7655, 715/268-5699. (Polk Co.)

ANTIGO

Market Street Fest: 55th annual fest is a day of fun with the Badgerland Classic Car Show, concessions, entertainment and games for the kids. Includes the Ambassadors Arts & Crafts Fair held rain or shine (10am-4pm). Downtown. 9am-4pm. 715/623-4134. (Langlade Co.)

BEAVER DAM

Taste of Wisconsin: Annual craft beer and cheese tasting of only Wisconsin-made products. Event is held rain or shine. Downtown. Noon-4pm. 920/887-8879. www.beaverdamchamber.com (Dodge Co.)

CASSVILLE

Fly-In Breakfast: Enjoy a hearty breakfast, static displays of experimental aircraft and more. Cassville Airport/River Valley Community Fellowship Hall. 7:30-11:30am. 608/725-5400. (Grant Co.)

CHIPPEWA FALLS

Leinie Lodge Annual Family Reunion: The Leinenkugel brewery's annual customer appreciation celebration. Check website for times and specific events. Come and enjoy family, food, beer sampling and entertainment. Leinie Lodge. Festivities begin at noon. 715/723-5557. www.leinie.com (Chippewa Co.)

Solstice on Grand Art Faire: Fine arts fair on the beautiful grounds of the Mansion. Hosted by the Valley Art Association with music, concessions, mansion tours, and purchase awards. Cook-Rutledge Mansion. 9am-5pm. 715/723-4970. www.cookrutledge mansion.com (Chippewa Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Antique & Classic Boat Show - 6th Annual: Nearly 75 antique and wooden boats, canoes, and outboard engines. The public can vote for their favorites. Boat tours of the Eagle River Chain of Lakes Sat at 4pm. Live music at 9pm. Wild Eagle Lodge. 9am-5pm. 877/945-3965, 715/479-3151. (Vilas Co.)

MENOMONIE

Midwest Bicycle Festival: Menomonie will host the Stage 5 road race of the Nature Valley Grand Prix, the top ranked stage race on the 2009 USA Cycling National Racing Calendar. 800/238.1862, 715/235.9087. www.menomoneichamber.org (Dunn Co.)

MIDDLETON

Middleton's Big Event: Dozens of activities and fun for all ages with firetruck rides, hands-on crafts, airplane rides, dancing, and spectacular fireworks. Run/walk, classic car show, shopping, live music, relaxation and family fun. Numerous locations around the city. 8am-10:30pm. 800/688-5694, 608/831-6350. www.middletonbigevent.com/ (Dane Co.)

Drums on Parade: The Madison Drum and Bugle Corps Association proudly presents the 58th annual performance of Drums On Parade; Wisconsin's longest running drum corps show. Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School. 800/688-5694. www.visitmiddleton.com (Dane Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Juneteenth Day Celebration: Juneteenth Day commemorates the end of slavery. Festivities begin with a parade and end with a street festival featuring entertainment and food. Martin Luther King Drive. 800/554-1448, 414/372-3770. (Milwaukee Co.)

RACINE

EVP Pro Beach Volleyball: Male and female professional volleyball players compete for \$6,000 purse. Free for spectators. North Beach. 800/272-2463. www.racine.org

Lighthouse Run: Choose from 4- and 10-mile competitive runs, or a 2- or 4-mile run/walk. All routes follow Racine's beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline. Downtown. 262/634-1994. www.lighthouseun.com (Racine Co.)

SHAWANO

Shawano Fun Fly Kite Festival: Come fly with us. Bring your kite or build or buy one on-site. Free kites for kids, demonstrations, and refreshments. Comfort Inn & Suites. 10am-4pm. 800/235-8528, 715/524-2139. www.shawanocountry.com (Shawano Co.)

SHERWOOD

High Cliff Triathlon: Select from two degrees of difficulty: SPRINT - 1/4-mile swim, 22-mile bike, and 5K run; or HALF IRONMAN - 1.2-mile swim, 56 mile bike, 13.1-mile run. The swim is in Lake Winnebago. High Cliff State Park. Begins at 7am. 800/429-8044. www.midwestsportsevents.com (Calumet Co.)

STOCKBRIDGE

Harbor Fest: Family festival on Lake Winnebago with racing boats from all over the United States. Many unique children's activities. Entertainment, food, beverages. Free admission. Stockbridge Harbor & Harbor Bar and Grill. 11am-4pm. 920/439-1450. www.travelcalumet.com (Calumet Co.)

SUN PRAIRIE

Annual Strawberry Fest & Craft Fair: Family friendly strawberry festival featuring craft fair, run/walk, breakfast/lunch, raffles, children's carnival, computer arcade, book sale, skateboard competition, lots of delicious strawberries, and much more!. Colonial Club Senior Activity Center. 8am-3pm. 608/837-4611. www.colonialclub.org (Dane Co.)

THREE LAKES

Cars with "Art-itude": Join the Three Lakes Center for the Arts for an afternoon of food, drink, live music and a show featuring cars, trucks and bikes with "Art-itude." Northwoods Petroleum Museum. 11am-4pm. 715/546-2299. www.tlca.org (Oneida Co.)

6/19-20

COON VALLEY

Norskedalen's Midsummer Fest: Celebrate the summer solstice Scandinavian-style with entertainment, refreshments, pioneer craft and baking demonstrations, a woodcarving show, bonfire, pancake breakfast, fun for kids, horse-drawn wagon rides and more. Friday eve bonfire; Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. 608/452-3424. www.norskedalen.org (Vernon Co.)

CRANDON

Brush Run Off-Road Races: Off-road trucks and buggies compete for cash awards. Concert and fireworks Sat night. "Heavy Metal" Chairman's Cup pickup truck race on Sun. Prize package drawings for fans. Crandon International Off-Road Raceway. 10am-5pm. 715/478-2222. www.crandonoffroad.com (Forest Co.)

GILMAN

Gilman June Dairy Days: Celebrate June Dairy Month with a softball tournament, skillet breakfast, cakewalk, Quilt Show, food and concessions - including BBQ chicken (Sun). Gilman Park. 715/447-8333. (Taylor Co.)

LAKE GENEVA

Native American Festival "Honor the Firekeepers": Traditional Pow-wow. Traders featuring Native American art, jewelry, crafts, craft supplies, music tapes, CDs and more. Dunn Field. Gates open 10am. Grand Entry: Sat 1pm & 7pm; Sun 1pm. 262/248-2784. (Walworth Co.)

OSHKOSH

Otter Street Fishing Club Walleye Tournament: One of the largest fishing tournaments in the area. More than 350 boats competing. Family activities, concessions. Miller's Bay - Menominee Park. 920/231-7380. (Winnebago Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Fete de Fleurs at Chateau St. Croix: Summer festival at the winery. Fete des Fleurs "flowering of the vines." Wine tasting, tours, gourmet food vendors, art & craft booths, live music, carriage rides. Chateau St. Croix Winery. Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm. 866/654-9463, 715/483-2556. www.chateaucroix.com (Polk Co.)

WAUPACA

Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show: This annual show is held in conjunction with Waupaca's Strawberry Fest. It includes operating layouts, swap tables, great food and yummy strawberry shortcake. Waupaca Recreation Center. 9am-5pm. 888/417-4040, 715/258-7343. (Waupaca Co.)

6/19-27

MILLTOWN

Milltown Fisherman's Party: Milltown celebrates its centennial with special food and music for 9 days. Fri - fireworks; Sat - pancake breakfast, craft sale, sports tournaments, bass tournament (6am-2pm), fish fry, street dance (8pm-12:30am); Sun - car & bike show, and parade (2pm). Downtown. 715/825-2222. www.milltown-wi.com (Polk Co.)

6/20

BEAVER DAM

Swan City Car Show: Hundreds of show cars, trophies, a food stand and an ice cream stand. Uncle Bill McCollum will be playing classic music all day. All proceeds to charity. Swan Park, 8am-4pm, with car reg 7-11am. 920/887-4613. www.beaverdamchamber.com (Dodge Co.)

CHIPPEWA FALLS

FATFAR - Frenchtown Annual Tube Float and Regatta: The world's largest tubing and float event. More than 5,000 people will float down the beautiful Chippewa River. Activities, food, entertainment and tubes for rent. Loopy's Grill & Saloon. Starts at noon. 715/723-Loop. www.723loop.com (Chippewa Co.)

EDGERTON

Annual Edgerton FFA Alumni Truck & Tractor Pull: Celebrate Father's Day with rip-roaring fun in nine competitive tractor classes, as well as the four-wheel-drive spectator truck pull. Concessions and an admission fee. Edgerton Race Track Park. Starts at 10:30am. 608/774-0835. (Rock Co.)

FOND DU LAC

Father's Day Antique Car & Truck Show: Hundreds of cars and trucks, 50s & 60s music, games, contests, raffle. Main Street. 8am-4pm. (Fond du Lac Co.)

KING

American Legion & Auxiliary King Day: Chicken Barbecue in the park, band concerts and a parade. Wisconsin Veterans Home & Museum. 10:30am-3:30pm. 715/258-4247. (Waupaca Co.)

THREE LAKES

Superior Street Fair: Crafters, artists, children's games, food vendors and fun. Downtown - Superior Street. 10am-3pm. 800/972-6103, 715/546-3344. www.threelakes.com (Oneida Co.)

Changes may occur. Call or e-mail ahead to verify dates or visit travelwisconsin.com.

6/23-27

OSHKOSH

Country USA: Country music festival with some of the hottest stars in Nashville. Special VIP and reserved seating, camping, marketplace & concessions. Toby Keith and Jason Aldean are scheduled to perform. Ford Festival Park. 800/326-7469, 920/882-4949. www.countryusaoshkosh.com (Winnebago Co.)

6/24-26

DARBOY

Chickenfest: Free community festival featuring carnival rides, live music and stage shows, a craft show, wing-eating and pizza-eating contests, children's pedal tractor pull, chicken dance competitions, parade, fireworks, and a concert featuring national recording artists. Darboy Community Park. Thur 5-10pm, Fri 5-11:30pm, Sat 10am-11:30pm. www.darboystfest.org (Outagamie Co.)

RICHLAND CENTER

Star Spangled Celebration: Country music festival featuring top Nashville artists. Camping, concessions, VIP, general admission and souvenirs. Krouskop Park. Thurs 3-10:30 pm, Fri 2pm-mid, Sat 11am-mid. 800/375-0876, 608/647-5155. www.starspangled.com (Richland Co.)

6/24-27

CADOTT

Country Fest: The top country music stars, plus a natural amphitheater, superb sound system, jumbo screens, photo-ops, great food, souvenirs, 8,000 spacious campsites right next to the concert area, showers, security, medical, and convenient stores. Festival Grounds. Thur 3:30pm-1am, Fri-Sat 11am-1am, Sun 8am-11:30pm. 800/326-FEST, 715/289-440. www.countryfest.com (Chippewa Co.)

CLEAR LAKE

Clear Lake Heritage Days: Four days of fun with bingo, pancake breakfast (Sat 7-11am), concerts, a dance (Fri night), parade (Sat 11am), queen pageant, arts & crafts show, demolition derby & 4x4 truck

pull (Sat 2pm), and car show (Sun 10am-3pm). 800/222-7655, 715/263-2157. www.clearlakewi.com (Polk Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

June Sprints: More than 400 amateur competitors race in 24 classes during this event, one of the Sports Car Club of America's largest races and the first in the Triple Crown of Racing. 800/365-7223. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

ELROY

Elroy Fair: One of the largest family events in Juneau County. Enjoy bull riding, dairy show, exhibit judging, a first-rate draft horse pull, livestock judging & sale, demolition derby, dairy breakfast, midway thrills, games, great food and nightly stage entertainment. Schultz Park. 608/462-8286. www.elroywi.com/fair.htm (Juneau Co.)

HAYWARD

Musky Festival: Annual event with more than 100 art & craft booths, sidewalk sales, live music, street dances (Fri & Sat nights), parade (Sun 1:30pm), kid's games, ethnic food, carnival, 5K & 10K runs, Queen's Pageant, fishing expo and contests. Downtown Main Street. Fri 10am-mid, Sat 9am-mid, Sun 10am-4pm. 715/634-8662. www.muskyfestival.com (Sawyer Co.)

TOMAH

Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck & Tractor Pull: 35th Annual NTPA Super National Truck & Tractor Pull. Includes pulling of semi's, 4WD, 2WD, Diesel trucks, unlimited tractors, modified tractors, super stock tractors, mini rods and super farm tractors. Commercial & vendor exhibits. Tomah Recreation Park. Sessions: Thur 7 pm, Fri & Sat noon & 6pm, Sun noon. 608/372-2081. www.tomahtractorpull.com (Monroe Co.)

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Cranberry Blossom Festival: Annual festival includes June CranDairy Breakfast (Fri) at Lincoln High School, arts & craft show (Sat) at Robinson Park, blues performances downtown Sat night, kids' fishing contest (Sun) along with duck derby, and blossom-themed parade (12:30pm). Various locations. 800/554-4484, 715/422-4650. www.blossomfest.com (Wood Co.)

6/24-7/4

MILWAUKEE

Summerfest: Celebrate summer at the world's largest music festival. This 11-day event offers top-notch musical entertainment on 13 stages. Also, enjoy good food, comedians, a children's play area, daily demonstrations and activities, and exciting amusement park rides. Henry Maier Festival Park. 414/273-2680. www.summerfest.com (Milwaukee Co.)

6/25-26

GRAFTON

Hot Rods N' Blues: Friday night and Saturday enjoy free, live blues music. On Saturday the Rods N' Relics Car Club hosts its annual show with all makes, models and years welcome. Lime Kiln Park. Fri 5:30-11pm, Sat 10am start. 262/208-6237. (Ozaukee Co.)

PEWAUKEE

Pewaukee Beach Party: Come join the fun with live music, entertainment, food and beverage, ski shows, volleyball tournament and children's activities. Free admission. Lakefront. Fri 5-11pm, Sat 10am-11:30pm. 262/695-1492. www.pewaukeekiwani.org (Waukesha Co.)

THREE LAKES

Three Lakes Radar Run Shootout & Fly In: 3rd annual shootout will feature the area's fastest boats racing to beat the radar gun. Also, enjoy a static boat show, live family-friendly music, food, a beer garden, water-ski show, and fly-in. Big Stone Lake. Fri 5pm; Sat 11am-6pm. 715/546-3300. www.threelakesshootout.com (Oneida Co.)

6/25-27

APPLETON

Badger State Summer Games: Annual Olympic-style games for Wisconsin amateur athletes of all ages and abilities. Competition in 27 sports at several sites around the city. 608/226-4780. badgerstategames.org (Outagamie Co.)

Summerfest in Milwaukee, June 24-July 4.





Badger State Summer Games, June 25-27.

NEW GLARUS

Heidi Festival: Arts and crafts, flea market, entertainment and food in the city park on Sat & Sun 9:30am-5pm. "Heidi" drama performed at High School Fri 7:30pm, Sat 10am & 1:30pm, Sun 1:30pm. Various Locations. 608/527-2095. swisstown.com (Green Co.)

REEDSVILLE

Reedsville Firefighter's Picnic & Parade: Free family fun with live music, food, refreshments, and activities for all ages. Huge parade on Sunday. Reedsville Firefighter's Park. 920/754-4936. www.reedsville.org (Manitowoc Co.)

TOWN OF ONALASKA

Brice Prairie Bike Races: 40 kilometer bike racing time trial with individual, two or four-person teams competing. The categories will be female, male, or co-ed. There is also a spaghetti feed, raffles and sunrise paddle. Swarthout Park. 608/317-4475. www.briceprairiebikerace.org (La Crosse Co.)

TURTLE LAKE

St. Croix Casino Native American Powwow: One of the largest competitive powwows in the Midwest. This annual event includes competitive dancing and drumming, performances, prizes and entertainment all weekend. Mak'ooode Arena. 800/846-8946, 715/986-4777. www.stcroixcasino.com (Barron Co.)

WAUSAU

St. Anne's Polka Fest: Live music, dancing, bingo, softball tournament, kids games, Friday fish fry, Sunday chicken dinner, Polka Mass, craft sale, great food and much more!. St. Anne's Catholic Church. 715/849-3930. www.stanneswausau.org/ (Marathon Co.)

6/26

ALBANY

Albany Lions Car Show: Car show, prizes, food stands, entertainment. Albany Lions Building. 608/862-2211. (Green Co.)

HAYWARD

Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast: Country band, antique tractor display, local power sport display, other farm equipment. Petting zoo (tentative). Sawyer County Fairgrounds. 6:30am-11am. 715/462-4608. (Sawyer Co.)

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm Midsommer Swedish

Festival: A traditional Scandinavian festival celebrating the coming of Summer. Stockholm invites you to a day of traditional arts, food, the raising of the maypole, and a celebratory bonfire to mark the solstice. Stockholm Park. 3-9pm. 715/442-2266. www.stockholmwisconsin.com (Pepin Co.)

TREMPEALEAU

Annual Elmaro Vineyard Wine Tour: 3rd annual walking tour at Elmaro Vineyard. Enjoy beautiful scenery, friendly people, wine tasting, live music and the works of several local artisans. Elmaro Vineyard. 12:30-6pm. 608/534-6456. www.elmarovineyard.com (Monroe Co.)

WARRENS

Cranberry Blossom Day: Cranberries are named for their fragrant blossoms in the shape of a crane head. On a marsh tour, learn how cranberries grow. Following your tour stop at the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center for cranberry wine and gourmet cranberry food products. WI Cranberry Discovery Center / Wetherby Cranberry Company. Marsh tours Sat 9am-Noon; Discovery Center open 9am-5pm. 608/378-4878. www.discovercranberries.com (Monroe Co.)

WASHBURN

Superior Vistas Bike Tour: A ride, not a race; great for families and individuals. Ride a scenic mix of paved roads on routes of 13, 19, 32, 52, or 68 miles. Fully supported with maps, support vehicles and food & beverage stops en-route. At the finish line - more food, music and fun. Thompson's West End Park. 7:20-9:30am start times. 800/284-9484, 715/682-2500. www.superiorvistas.org (Bayfield Co.)

6/26-27

CEDARBURG

Cedarburg Strawberry Festival: A strawberry and arts weekend featuring "Arts On The Avenue," painting competition, fresh strawberries, strawberry desserts & pancakes, food courts, live music, pet talent show, hayrides, contests for the kids, and the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Textiles. Downtown Historic District. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 888/894-4001, 262/377-9620. www.cedarburgfestivals.org (Ozaukee Co.)

Fine Arts/Crafts Fair: The Ozaukee Art Center show features juried exhibitors from many states selling fine arts and crafts during the Cedarburg Strawberry Festival. Cedarburg Community Center. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 262/377-8230. www.cedarburgfestivals.org (Ozaukee Co.)

RICE LAKE

Hungry Hollow Gas & Steam Engine Show: Antique equipment expo with demonstrations, tractor pull (Sat at 7pm), steam engine rides, toy show, craft sale, flea market, and daily Parade of Power. 877/234-2126, 715/234-8423. (Barron Co.)

SPRING GREEN

Spring Green Arts & Crafts Fair: Annual arts and fine crafts fair held in downtown Spring Green. Juried show featuring more than 200 national artists. Downtown. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm. 608/588-7082. springgreenartfair.com (Sauk Co.)

6/27

EAGLE

Old World Wisconsin Scandinavian

Midsommer Celebration: Celebrate the year's longest day. Located on our Visitors' Green, activities include decorating and raising the maypole, making flower crowns for the children, and traditional folk music and dancing. Enjoy a special Swedish meal (separate fee). 10am-3pm (museum hours 10am-5pm). 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

ELKHORN

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: More than 500 dealers with antiques and more. Concessions. Walworth County Fairgrounds. Starts at 7am. 414/525-0820. www.nlpromotionsllc.com (Walworth Co.)

KING

Disabled American Veterans King Day:

Open to the public. Roast beef dinner in the park, band concert and door prizes. Wisconsin Veterans Home & Museum. 715/258-4247. (Waupaca Co.)

MEQUON

Pommern Tag Outdoor German

Festival: Celebrate German-Pomeranian heritage with food, colorful costumes, genealogy help, continuous entertainment, music, dance performances by the Pommersche Tanzdeele Freistadt, and the Alte Kameraden Band. Mequon City Park. Noon-6pm. 262/242-3807. (Ozaukee Co.)

MT CALVARY

Fond du Lac County Breakfast on the

Farm: For June Dairy Month, enjoy a country breakfast on the farm. Participate in the pedal tractor pull and explore the farm. Hillside Dairy. 8am-noon. 920/921-9500. www.fdlac.com

NEWBURG

Riveredge River Valley Ride: Bike ride with eight routes from 8-100 miles. Ride quiet country roads past fieldstone farmhouses and green fields, along shady riverbanks in Ozaukee and Washington Counties. End at Riveredge with food and festivities. Riveredge Nature Center. 800/287-8098, 262/675-6888. www.riveredge.us (Washington Co.)

OSHKOSH

Annual Benefit Car Show: Collector car show for all makes 1900-94 with 16 judged classes, a flea/swap market, food, music, and prizes all day. No admission fee; \$5 fee to show a vehicle. South Park. 8am-4pm. 920/231-8014. (Winnebago Co.)

SHERWOOD

Calumet County Sundae on the Farm:

Free milk & cheese samples. Farm Bureau brats and hamburgers for sale. Ice cream sundaes for dessert. Sign up at noon for kiddie tractor pull at 1pm. Lots of information booths and fun for the children. Tractor wagon ride tours of the farm. Don and Dori Mielke Farm. 11am-3pm. 920/418-4255. (Calumet Co.)

UNION GROVE

Lions Club Chicken Barbecue & Chevy

Car Show: BBQ chicken dinner, car & van show, vintage motorcycle show, swap meet, cow pie bingo, free hayrides, bake sale, quilt raffle, musical entertainment, free popcorn and lots of family fun. BBQ 11am-4pm; car & motorcycle show 8am-2pm. 262/878-1451. (Racine Co.)

6/30-7/4

LA CROSSE

Riverfest: Top name entertainment and continuous events. Fireworks, food fair, beverage tent, crafts, live music and dance. La Crosse Riverside Park. 11am-mid. 608/782-6000. www.riverfestlacrosse.com (La Crosse Co.)

OSHKOSH

Sawdust Days: Early Wisconsin Living History Village (1750-1860), with more than 400 reenactors. Midway, three band stages, flea market, parade and fireworks. LouWISiana Hot Sauce Festival. Menominee Park. 10am. 920/235-5584. www.sawdustdays.com (Winnebago Co.)

STOUGHTON

Stoughton Fair: Midway rides, commercial exhibits, tasty treats, Kiddie tent with baby farm animals, and 4-H/FFA exhibits. Great grandstand entertainment including rodeo, tractor and truck pulls, and demolition derby. Fireworks. Mandt Park. Open daily until 10:30pm. 608/873-4653. stoughtonfair.com (Dane Co.)

Travel Green.

Avoid spreading invasive plants. Thoroughly clean your boots and gear after hiking to avoid transporting seeds or other natural souvenirs.



Cedarburg Strawberry Festival, June 26-27.

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WHO NEEDS SNOW?

You've gotta wonder about the guys who thought this one up; racing snowmobiles over open water in mid-July must produce lots of track-driven submarines, and a lotta fun.

The Grantsburg Lions Club held its first Watercross competition in July, 1977 when running snowmobiles over water was a new and challenging past-time. That first race was held to see who could make it from the island on Memory Lake to the shore, some 300 ft. away. Most didn't, but the winner did – only to sink on a subsequent attempt.

In the years that followed, racers became more skilled and their machines more powerful. Today, Watercross racers compete in both drags and ovals with a six-lap championship run around the island. More than 100 racers compete in various classes. The races are sanctioned by the International Watercross Association (IWA), the professional racing group. The Grantsburg Watercross has become the World Championship race within the IWA racing circuit, and is known as the "Granddaddy of Them All" among the racers.

Over the years, Watercross has truly become a family event. Many vendors attend, offering their products and services to thousands of spectators. Food and beverage booths, a tremendous fireworks display on Saturday at dusk, street dances on Friday and Saturday evenings featuring top-name regional bands, a wrist-wrestling competition, and a first-class camping venue round out the weekend. Additionally, the Vintage Snowmobile Club of America's "Antique and Classic Snowmobile Show" displays more than 100 unique and memorable snowmobiles.

The 2010 edition of the World Championship Snowmobile Watercross will be held in Grantsburg July 16-18. Grantsburg is located in Burnett County, about midway on a line between Duluth-Superior and Minneapolis-St. Paul. The racing portion of Watercross includes drag and oval racing over water on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Races start about 1pm Friday and 9:30am on Saturday and Sunday, and run until about 4:30pm.

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WAUSAU

Wausau Area 4th of July Celebration: Enjoy carnival rides, games, live entertainment, food, and fireworks. Grandstand events include Vic Ferrari and demolition derbies. Marathon Park. Thurs noon-11:30pm, Fri-Sun noon-11:30pm. 715/842-2688. www.wausauareajaycees.org (Marathon Co.)

7/2

CEDARBURG

Cedarburg Music Festival - Drum & Bugle Corps: Drum and bugle corps from across the country compete in this annual event. Cedarburg High School Athletic Field. 7pm. 800/237-2874, 262/377-9620. www.cedarburg.org (Ozaukee Co.)

7/2-3

PHILLIPS

Price County Fly-In or Float-In: Fri - Aerobatic show (Fri); Sat - breakfast by the AMVETS, aerobatic show (10am), planes on display & plane rides. Admission is free. Price County Airport/Harbor View. Fri 7pm, Sat 8am-noon. 715/339-3701. www.co.price.wi.us (Price Co.)

7/2-4

BLACK CREEK

Altrusa Polkafest: Polkafest features great bands and a raised hardwood floor in an air conditioned hall. Polka Mass Sun at 10am. Food and refreshments. Romy's Nitingale. Fri 5-11pm, Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-7pm. 920/731-8869. www.foxcities.org (Outagamie Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Eagle River Holiday Antique Show: Annual show with more than 50 quality dealers featured. Largest antique show "up north." Crystal and china repair on site. Northland Pines High School. Fri & Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm. 715/355-5144. (Vilas Co.)

Watermelon Days Craft Fest: Craft & gift festival, family entertainment, and free watermelon while it lasts. Vilas County Fairgrounds. 9:30am-4:30pm. 800/359-6315, 715/675-6201. (Vilas Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

Fireman's Picnic: Family event with music, children's games, food & fun. Fri evening music by The Toys at 8pm, fireworks at 9:30pm. Sat evening music by Oil Can Harry 8pm-mid. Sun parade at 11:30am followed by the John Roehl Orchestra from 1-4pm. Fireman's Park and Beach on Elkhart Lake. 920/876-3788. (Sheboygan Co.)

MANAWA

Mid-Western Rodeo: PRCA-sanctioned rodeo with a rodeo parade on Sat (10:30am), dance each evening, and a chicken BBQ each day. Rodeo Grounds. Performances Fri at 7:30pm, Sat at 2pm & 7:30pm, Sun at 2pm. 920/596-3616. (Waupaca Co.)

MEDFORD

Strawberries & Cream Festival: Farmer's Market, live music, entertainment for children & adults, games and so much more. Medford City Park. 888/682-9567, 715/748-4729. www.medfordwis.com (Taylor Co.)

MONROE

8 Miles of "Ag-tiques": Antique tractors, machinery, and implements at several area farms. Enjoy a craft show, food stands, or visit with the owners of these "old time toys." Join the antique tractor ride on Sunday. No admission fees. 815/789-4570. www.greencounty.org (Green Co.)

ONEIDA

Oneida Pow-wow: Experience traditional Native American foods, arts and crafts, music, dance and culture. Spectacular Grand Entry as more than 400 dancers enter the Pow-Wow grounds. Norbert Hill Center Pow-wow Grounds. 920/496-5020. www.oneidanation.org/ (Outagamie Co.)

RED CLIFF

Annual Red Cliff Traditional Pow-wow: Experience traditional Chippewa hospitality and culture at this colorful event overlooking Lake Superior. Fri - open drumming; Sat - grand entries at 1 & 7pm, feast at 5pm; Sun - Feast at 11am, grand entry at 1pm. Red Cliff Pow-wow Grounds. 715/779-3700. www.redcliff-nsn.gov/default.htm (Bayfield Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Riverfront Rendezvous: Stevens Point celebrates the 4th with live music, food & refreshments, fireworks and a Boat Parade on Sunday. Pfiffner Pioneer Park. 715/346-1531. www.stevenspoint.com/rr/ (Portage Co.)

7/3

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Festival in the Park: Fireworks, fun run/walk, sports & entertainment, food & concessions, Miss Black River Falls Queen Coronation. Lunda Community Park. 8am-10pm. 715/284-9491. www.blackriverfalls.com (Jackson Co.)

MANITOWISH WATERS

Just Tri-Tri Triathlon: 14th annual race includes a 300-yard swim, 10k mountain bike race, and 5k trail run. T-shirts, raffle prizes, food, and lots of fun competition for individuals and teams. North Lakeland Discovery Center. Reg at 7am, orientation 8:30am, race 9am start. 715/543-2085. www.discoverycenter.net (Vilas Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Big Bang Fireworks: Spectacular fireworks along Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront, just north of the War Memorial Center. Family Festival activities and entertainment begin at noon. Veterans Park. 800/231-0903. (Milwaukee Co.)

7/3-4

JACKSONPORT

Art on the Quiet Side: Art and craft fair. Refreshments, family fun. Lakeside Park. 920/854-9372. (Door Co.)

7/3-5

HATFIELD

Thunderbird Village Flea Market and Craft Shows: Enjoy food, fun, and bargains galore. 160 Vendor spaces. Parking. Thunderbird Village. 608/989-2275. (Jackson Co.)

7/4

EAGLE

An Old World Fourth of July: Enjoy old-fashioned games, a band concert, and other historic activities. Join in song during our patriotic exercises, which end with a firing of the cannon and an attempt to climb the greased pole for a prize in gold coins. Old World Wisconsin. 10am-5pm. 866/944-7483, 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

EDGERTON

Lions July 4th Celebration: Annual 4th of July celebration includes a horse pulling competition and pancake breakfast, a car show, all day family entertainment, food, beverages and a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. RaceTrack Park. 9am-10:30pm. 608/884-8504. www.edgertonchamber.org (Rock Co.)

LEOPOLIS

Leopolis Booster Club Triathlon: The triathlon, in its 25th year, offers competition in 3 classes: the jock class (50-yard swim, 12-mile bike and 5-mile run), the beer belly (50-yard swim, 5-mile bike, 2-mile run) and the 16 & under (50-yard swim, 5-mile bike and 2-mile run). Food & music. Race begins at 11am; parade at 1:30pm. 800/235-8528, 715/524-2139. (Shawano Co.)

PHILLIPS

Art & More on the Lakeshore: Arts & crafts by 100 artisans, plus music, demos & concessions in a lovely park. Elk Lake/Lionite Park. 9am-4pm. 800/269-4505, 715/339-4446. www.pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

SHEBOYGAN FALLS

Ducktona 500: 4,500 plastic ducks race down the Sheboygan River for cash prizes. Classic car show, arts & crafts, live music, climbing wall, kid's games, pony rides, petting zoo, Big Wheel Race for ages 3-7, food court & more. River Park. 920/467-6206. www.sheboyganfalls.org (Sheboygan Co.)

WINCHESTER

Picnic in the Park: Enjoy a great community picnic, raffles, children's games, music, volleyball tournament and the famous bobber race. Town Park. Noon-5pm. 715/686-2624. www.winchester-wi.org (Vilas Co.)

7/7-11

CHIPPEWA FALLS

Northern Wisconsin State Fair: Annual fair with livestock, crafts, homemaking and educational exhibits, and outstanding 4-H displays. Over a mile of midway thrills, food stands, and free entertainment. Fairgrounds. 10am-11pm. 715/723-2861. www.northernwistatefair.com (Chippewa Co.)

JEFFERSON

Jefferson County Fair: Midway rides, grandstand entertainment, Badger State Tractor Pull, truck pull, demolition derby, exhibits, demonstrations, and country music. Fairgrounds. 8am-11pm. 920/674-7148. www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com (Jefferson Co.)

Oneida Pow-wow in Oneida, July 2-4.



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OSHKOSH

LiFest Christian Music Festival: Wisconsin's largest Christian music festival with 150 acts on seven stages. Christian rock with music and entertainment, games, fireworks, worship services, swimming, pottery workshops and more. Sunnyview Expo Center. 800/955-LIFE, 920/738-5588. www.lifest.org (Winnebago Co.)

7/8

EAGLE RIVER

Guides & Kids Day: Casting contest, trout pond visit. All kids 7-12 can enter a drawing to win an afternoon of fishing with one of 30 local guides. 10am-3pm. 800/359-6315, 715/479-6400. (Vilas Co.)

ST. GERMAIN

Christmas in July Craft Fair: The largest craft fair of the season. Fun for the kids includes a pet parade, climbing wall, and a visit from Santa. Great food in the park shelter. St. Germain Community Park. 9am-3pm. 800/727-7203, 715/477-2205. www.st-germain.com (Vilas Co.)

7/8-10

MEQUON

Gathering on the Green: Two evenings of top performances. Thursday is Jazz Night. Saturday features performances by the Milwaukee Ballet, Kho-Thi, Florentine Opera, Skylight Opera and the Gathering on the Green Festival Orchestra, with a fireworks finale set to music. Rotary Park. Thur 7pm, Sat 4-10pm. 262/242-6187. www.gatheringonthegreen.org (Ozaukee Co.)

SPOONER

Heart of the North Rodeo: The 57th year of one of the most popular professional rodeos in the Midwest. Live music, clowns, vendors, a huge parade (Sat at 1:30pm), barbecue, plus a Cowboy Church Service on Sunday. Fairgrounds. Rodeo performances at 7:30pm each day with live music at 10pm. 800/367-3306, 715/635-9696. www.spoonerrodeo.com (Washburn Co.)

7/8-11

BEAVER DAM

Beaver Dam Lake Days: Community festival featuring live music, fireworks, Must-ski's water ski show, family & children's activities, food and refreshments, carnival rides. Tahoe Park. Thur & Fri 4pm-mid, Sat 8am-mid, Sun 9am-6pm. 920/885-9814. www.beaverdamlakedays.com (Dodge Co.)

CADOTT

Nabor Days in Cadott: Four days of fun including carnival, food booths, mudbog, petting zoo, cattle judging, pageant and parade. Riverview Park. 715/289-3338. (Chippewa Co.)

IOLA

Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet: The Midwest's largest old car show, now in its 38th year. 2,500 show cars 1979 and older, 300 Blue Ribbon cars, 4,428 swap meet spaces, 1,000 car for sale 1995 and older. On-site camping. Admission: \$8 daily or \$15 all weekend; age 10 & under free. Iola Old Car Show Grounds. Gates open daily at 6am. 715/445-4000. www.iolaoldcarshow.com (Waupaca Co.)

Travel Green.
 Respect the natural environment. Reduce, reuse, and recycle.



MILWAUKEE

Bastille Days: The streets of Milwaukee are transformed into a mini French city complete with an Eiffel Tower. Enjoy street entertainers, a marketplace, more than 25 sidewalk crafts, and the annual Storm the Bastille 5K fun run/walk. East Town/Cathedral Square. 414/271-1416. www.easttown.com (Milwaukee Co.)

NEW RICHMOND

Fun Fest: Four days of fun including a carnival, entertainment, food stands, beer tent, sporting events, Kiddie Parade, Grande Parade and more. Cyclone Park. Thurs noon-10pm, Fri & Sat noon-12:30am, Sun noon-4pm. 800/654-6380, 715/246-2900. www.newrichmondfunfest.com (St. Croix Co.)

RHINELANDER

Hodag Country Music Festival: Top country music stars, on-site camping, country vendors and state band contest. Hodag Festival Grounds. 715/369-1300. www.hodag.com (Oneida Co.)

7/9-10

BOULDER JUNCTION

Boulder Junction Lioness Antiques Show & Sale: Dealers from several states offer fine furniture, glass, textiles and collectibles of all kinds. Bake sale and luncheon. Boulder Junction Community Center. 9am-4pm. 715/588-3665. (Vilas Co.)

DELAFIELD

Delafield Block Party: Food & Music Festival: This 3rd annual Fest includes a 5k run/walk and Kid's Fun Run (Sat at 8am), live bands, a street dance each evening, area restaurants serving their specialties, and more. Downtown Delafield. Fri 5pm-mid, Sat noon-midnight. 888/294-1082, 262/646-8100. www.visitdelafield.org (Waukesha Co.)

RACINE

Great Midwest Dragon Boat Festival: 70 teams of 25 people will paddle beautifully decorated dragon boats for great prizes. Free to spectators. Enjoy food, drink and the lakefront. Samuel Myers Park. Fri 5:30-10pm, Sat 7am-5pm. 262/632-0530. www.midwestdragonboatfestival.com (Racine Co.)

7/9-11

BRISTOL

Bristol Progress Days: Family festival. Free admission. Hansen Park. 262/857-2447. (Kenosha Co.)

KOHLER

Taste of Italy: Enjoy a two-night stay at The American Club featuring Italian-themed cuisine. Program highlights include a welcome reception at The Winery Bar, demonstration at the Appley Theater, a luncheon in The Wisconsin Room and activities on and around Wood Lake, including gondola rides, music and artists. The American Club. 800/344-2838 for reservations. www.kohler.com (Sheboygan Co.)

LAC DU FLAMBEAU

Bear River Pow-wow: Held at the Old Indian Village, this annual traditional pow-wow brings tribes from across the nation to celebrate together. Open to the public to share in crafts, food and dancing. Grand Entries Fri at 7pm, Sat at 1pm & 7pm, and Sun at 1pm. Bear River Pow-wow Grounds. 877/588-3346, 715/588-3346. (Vilas Co.)



Heart of the North Rodeo in Spooner, July 8-10.

MONTICELLO

Monticello Homecoming: Live music, fish boil, carnival, tug-of-war competition, chicken barbecue, sand and mud volleyball tournaments. Homecoming parade Sun at 2pm. 608/938-4383. (Green Co.)

NEW LISBON

Wa Du Shuda Days: Community celebration. Fri - tractor pull. Sat - car show, flea market, bingo, magic shows, canoe races, fireworks. Sun - chicken dinner, parade (1pm), and duck races over the dam. Pancake breakfast & flea market Sat & Sun. Concessions & music. Riverside Park & American Legion Grounds. 8am-11pm. 608/562-3555. www.newlisbonchamber.com (Juneau Co.)

SUN PRAIRIE

St. Albert's Fest: Fun-filled family weekend with live entertainment, a delicious family-style chicken & ham dinner, games for the kids, and a 5K run/walk. Concessions, bingo, bookstore, bake sale, used toy sale, raffles, special drawings and much more. St. Albert the Great Church grounds. 608/837-3798. www.saintalberts.org (Dane Co.)

TREMPEALEAU

Catfish Days: Catfish, concessions and music all three days. Sat bike tour (15, 25 and 50-mile race/tour), motorcycle run, and fishing tourney. Sun 5-10K walk/run, parade (2pm), and fireworks (10pm). Sat & Sun arts & crafts, flea market, car show, rides and games. Downtown. 608/534-6335. www.trempealeau.net (Trempealeau Co.)

TURTLE LAKE

Turtle Lake Inter-County Fair: This annual fair is three days of food, music, rides and games. Other events include sheep and dairy shows, horse, truck and tractor pulls, pancake breakfasts, turtle derby, prize drawings and a kid's costume parade. Turtle Lake Village Park. 800/811-0338, 715/986-2241. www.turtlelakewi.com (Barron Co.)

WAUSAU

Wausau Balloon Rally & Glow: Balloon launches Fri 6pm, Sat 6am & 6pm, Sun 6am. Fri night balloon glow, rib fest and entertainment; Sat & Sun pancake breakfast, rib fest, kiddie rides, plane & helicopter rides, live music and food. Plus, Elvis parachute team (Sat, 5pm) & fireworks Sat night. Wausau Municipal Airport. 715/843-0748. www.wausauarevents.org (Marathon Co.)

7/10

ALGOMA

Ladies' Festival: Everything for the ladies: wine, food, music, dance lessons, truffles, massage and shopping all in one package. von Stiehl Winery. 11am-7pm. 800/955-5208, 920/487-5208. www.vonstiehl.com (Kewaunee Co.)

DELAFIELD

Lake Country Art Festival: Juried, established fine art and crafts fair with outstanding quality and variety. Great music, food, kids' crafts, silent auction. Naga-waukee Park. 9am-4pm. 262/361-4282. www.lakecountrywomensclub.org (Waukesha Co.)

MANITOWOC

German Fest: Celebrate the German heritage of Manitowoc County with traditional crafts, food and dancing. Admission charged. Pinecrest Historical Village. Noon-8 pm. 920/684-4445. www.mchist-soc.org (Manitowoc Co.)

PHILLIPS

Phillips Chain of Lakes Tri: Triathlon-like race including a swim in Elk Lake, bike ride on rural roads, and run along Lake Duroy. Participants can enter the race as individuals or as a relay team. Elk Lake Park Pavilion. 9am start. 715/339-2143. www.phillipschainoflakestri.org (Price Co.)

Antique & Tractor Expo: Display of antiques and antique tractors, plus food, beverages, and music. Price County Fairgrounds. 1-5pm. 715/339-3492. www.pricountywi.net (Price Co.)

PLYMOUTH

Mill Street Festival: Horse and buggy rides, arts & crafts, food, and family activities. Four stages of live music, juggler, magician, raffle and performances at the Plymouth Center. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 888/693-8263, 920/893-0079. www.plymouthwisconsin.com (Sheboygan Co.)

SEELEY

Namekagon Art & Music Festival: Fine artisans in a variety of mediums show & sell, live music, poetry jam, original theater, kid's activity tent, demonstrations from various artisans, 10-mile/3-mile trail run (10am start), food, drink and fun for the whole family. Downtown festival grounds. 10am-4pm. 715/634-8662. www.cablehaywardarts.org (Sawyer Co.)

STURGEON BAY

Jefferson Street Festival: Annual street celebration with strolling entertainers, children's activities, live music, food and beverages. Jefferson Street Business District. 10am-5pm. 800/301-6695, 920/743-6246. www.sturgeonbay.net (Door Co.)

WESTBORO

"Archie Fest" Bluegrass Festival: 11th annual bluegrass festival. No carry ins. Refreshments available. Free admission. Bring your own lawn chair. Mondeaus Dam Lodge. Noon-11pm. 715/427-5746. www.mondeauxdamlodge.com (Taylor Co.)

7/10-11

CAMERON

Heritage Days: The Barron County Historical Society celebrates the area's logging and agricultural past with costumed volunteers, craft demonstrations, butter making, pioneer food and entertainment. Pioneer Village Museum. 10am-5pm. 715/458-2080. (Barron Co.)

GREEN BAY

National Railroad Museum World War II Reenactment and USO Swing Dance: WWII reenactment aboard the original staff train of Gen. Eisenhower. Explore Axis and Allied camps, observe a daily battle, and receive exclusive tours of the Eisenhower train. A USO Swing Dance will be held Sat evening. National Railroad Museum. 920/437-7623. www.nationalrrmuseum.org (Brown Co.)

MADISON

Art Fair on the Square: Each summer 200,000 fairgoers gather for this spectacular cultural event. Handcrafted work includes ceramics, fiber, glasswork, jewelry, leather, wood, painting, photography, and sculpture from 500 national juried artisans. Enjoy live music and great food. Capitol Square. Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 608/257-0158. www.mmoca.org/events/artfair/index.php (Dane Co.)

Art Fair Off the Square: 140 Wisconsin artisans show and sell on the esplanade of the Monona Terrace Community Center. Live music, refreshments and children's entertainment. Held in conjunction with Art Fair on the Square. Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 608/798-4814. artcraftwis.org/afos.html (Dane Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Villa Louis War of 1812 in Wisconsin: Wisconsin's only battle from the War of 1812 is recreated on the grounds of Villa Louis, where it was actually fought on July

17, 1814. Living history camp, narrated battle each day, fur trade encampment, fire-works on Saturday night. 10am-5pm. 608/326-2721. www.villalouis.org (Crawford Co.)

WAUSAU

Chalkfest: Now in its sixth year, the fest attracts artists of all ages and abilities. See their colorful pastel creations. City Square. 715/843-0748. www.wausauareaevents.org (Marathon Co.)

7/11

BEAVER DAM

A Day in the Park Art & Craft Show: More than 200 vendors display & sell their crafts. Event held rain or shine. Food and ice cream available on the grounds. Swan Park. 10am-4pm. 920/885-2215. www.beaverdamchamber.com (Dodge Co.)

KAUKAUNA

Christmas in July Craft Fair: Craft show and sale with a Christmas theme. Get your Christmas shopping done early. Enjoy music, a bake sale and raffles. All proceeds benefit the 1000 Islands Environmental Center. 1000 Island Environmental Center. 10am-4pm. 920/766-4733. www.1000islandenvironmentalcenter.com (Outagamie Co.)

OSHKOSH

Faire on the Green: Enjoy a lively outdoor festival featuring the works of more than 100 emerging artisans, as well as great food and entertainment. Paine Art Center and Gardens. 9am-4pm. 920/235-6903. www.thepaine.org (Winnebago Co.)

RACINE

Wind Point Lighthouse Tour to the Top: Climb to the top of the 108-foot lighthouse (144 steps) for spectacular views of Lake Michigan. One of just four days each summer the lighthouse and museum are open. Guides available to answer questions. Wind Point Lighthouse. 800/272-2463, 262/639-2026. www.windpointwi.us

7/14

SUPERIOR

Fairlawn Ice Cream Social: Hot dogs, ice cream, cookies, coffee and lemonade; or bring your own picnic supper. Horse-drawn carriage rides. Free tours of Fairlawn Mansion. Cake-walk and musical entertainment. Lawn chairs and/or blankets suggested. Free admission. Fairlawn Mansion. 5-8pm. Rain date is July 15. 715/394-5712. www.superiorpublicmuseums.org (Douglas Co.)

7/14-18

DARLINGTON

Lafayette County Fair: Midway thrills, 4-H and FFA exhibits and judging, demonstrations, grandstand shows, tractor pull, demolition derby, food and fun. Fairgrounds. 608/776-4828. (Lafayette Co.)

MADISON

Dane County Fair: More than 1,200 Dane County youth age 8-21 participate in the fourth largest county fair in the state. Lots of midway rides, food and entertainment. Alliant Energy Center. 608/267-3976. www.danecountyfair.com (Dane Co.)

MERRILL

Lincoln County 4H Free Fair: Animal judging, midway thrills, exhibits, entertainment, food and more. Fairgrounds. 715/536-5212. www.lincolncountyfair.com (Lincoln Co.)

RICE LAKE

Barron County Fair: 4-H projects and judging, grandstand shows, tractor and truck pulls, harness racing, draft horse show, midway rides, demolition derby, concessions. Fairgrounds. Gate hours 8am-10pm. 715/637-1307. www.barroncountyfair.com (Barron Co.)

WEST SALEM

La Crosse Interstate Fair: Youth exhibits, crafts, food exhibitions and competitions, animals, music, family fun, and carnival rides. Fairgrounds. 608/788-5506. (La Crosse Co.)

7/15

WHITEWATER

The "Big Rig Gig": Bring the kids to climb aboard "Big Rigs" - snowplows, loaders and dump trucks. Also, bouncy houses, hard hat decorating stations, and kids' activities. All stations are suitable for all ages and free of charge. Sponsored by the Parks & Rec Dept. Cravath Lakefront Park. Begins 5:30pm. 262/473-0121. www.ci.whitewater.wi.us (Walworth Co.)

7/15-18

AMHERST

Portage County Fair - Amherst: 4-H & FFA exhibits, truck/tractor pulls Thurs & Fri, market animal sale and parade on Sat, demolition derby on Sun. Midway thrills, animal judging, free admission on Sun. Fairgrounds. 715/824-5522. www.amherst.k12.wi.us/ (Portage Co.)

CADOTT

Rock Fest: This four-day event, just north of Cadott, brings the best of rock music to the Chippewa Valley! Enjoy great food and music while camping in one of the 8,000 campsites, all within walking distance of the concert area. Festival Grounds. 800/326-FEST, 715/289-4401. www.rock-fest.com (Chippewa Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

Kohler International Challenge

(Vintage): One of the largest gatherings of vintage racers in the United States with more than 30 classes of cars in ten race groups. On-site camping available. Cars and fans spill into the streets of downtown Elkhart Lake Fri and Sat during the evening auto concourse. Road America. 800/365-7223. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

KIMBERLY

Paperfest 2010: Fun-filled, family-oriented community festival that offers fun for all ages with games, sports, music, family entertainment, and food. Free admission. Sunset Park. Thur 6pm-mid, Fri 5pm-1am, Sat 9am-1am, Sun 10am-8pm. 920/996-0563. www.paperfest.org (Outagamie Co.)

MANITOWISH WATERS

Manito Art League Art Show: 45th annual show. All works for sale. People's Choice voting. Patron preview the night before the show opens. Extended show hours featuring live music and refreshments Thurs & Fri evenings. Community Center. Thur & Fri 10am-9pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-2pm. 715/543-2926. (Vilas Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Festa Italiana: America's largest Italian cultural event. Nine stages of international and local entertainment. Enjoy the Sicilian brass marching band, the cultural exhibits, and the colorful procession following Sunday Mass. Nightly fireworks. 414/223-2808. www.festaitaliana.com (Milwaukee Co.)



Festa Italiana in Milwaukee, July 15-18.

ST. CROIX FALLS

Wannigan Days: Annual celebration with arts and craft show (Sat), grand parade, live music Fri & Sat night, and talent show. Tug of War across the St. Croix River sponsored by the local fire depts and Lion's Clubs. Sunday pancake breakfast. Downtown. Thur 7pm, Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 8am. 800/222-7655, 715/483-3580. www.scfwi.com (Polk Co.)

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Wisconsin State Water Ski Show

Tournament: The largest water ski show tournament in the world held at a premier show site on Lake Wazeecha. Wisconsin's best teams vie for the state title. The winning team qualifies for the national tournament. South Wood County Park. 715/323-3875. www.aquaskiers.org (Wood Co.)

7/16

HOLMEN

Coulee Region Riders Club Gymkhana:

Rodeo events for high school and adult riders: barrel racing, pole bending, jumping, figure 8, Texas flag race. Coulee Region Riders Club. 6pm. 608/526-4684. www.ridersclub.org (La Crosse Co.)



Art Fair Off the Square in Madison, July 10-11.

7/16-18

ASHLAND

Bay Days: Musical variety show, bands, Sprint Triathlon, arts and crafts, lobster boil, food Battle of the Bands and fun. Bayview Park. 800/284-9484, 715/682-2500. www.ashlandbaydays.com (Ashland Co.)

CASSVILLE

Cassville's Twin-O-Rama: Twins from across the midwest come to Cassville for this festival with judging & awards, a parade, fireworks, carnival, chicken BBQ, bean bag tournament, petting zoo, music, food & fun. Riverside Park. 608/725-2130. www.cassville.org (Grant Co.)

CAZENOVIA

Caz Celebration: Horseshoe tournaments, ball games, DJs, dances, rides, and a big parade on Sunday morning. Cazenovia Memorial Park. 608/985-8229. www.richlandchamber.com (Richland Co.)

EDGERTON

Edgerton Heritage Days: Annual community celebration including live music, food, family entertainment, Arts in the Park (Sat), flea market, car show, and parade. On Saturday (8am) there will be 5k, 10k and 1-mile runs. Downtown & City Parks. 608/884-4408. www.tobaccoheritagedays.com (Rock Co.)

GRANTSBURG

World Championship Snowmobile

Watercross: Snowmobiles race over open water in drag and oval IWA-sanctioned competition, including vintage snowmobiles. Rated as one of the ten best races in the country by Sno-Goer Magazine. Fireworks, two bands & other activities. Memory Lake. Fri afternoon thru Sun evening. 715/463-4269. www.grantsburgwatercross.com (Burnett Co.)

HAYWARD

Honor the Earth Pow-Wow: This traditional, non-competition pow-wow is also the annual Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Homecoming Celebration featuring Native American dancers, singers, drummers and vendors from the region. Pow-Wow Grounds. 715/634-8934. www.lcoschools.bia.edu/lco-hte.htm (Sawyer Co.)

LUCK

Lucky Days: Community celebration with bed races, softball, foot races, a classic car show, sawdust pile for the kids, food court, a used book sale, and parade. Community Club. 715/472-2251. www.luckwisconsin.com (Polk Co.)

7/17

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Karner Blue Butterfly Festival: Visit the "Butterfly Learning Center" downtown and the butterfly's habitat sites. Also includes a 5K-10K run, a grand parade, artists and crafters, historical museum tours and more. Great family fun. Downtown. 8am-11pm. 715/284-2503. downtownblackriverfalls.com (Jackson Co.)

EAGLE

Vintage Base Ball at Old World Wisconsin: Old World Wisconsin's 1860's vintage team, the Eagle Diamonds, faces off against the Milwaukee Cream City Club. Admission to the museum gets you into the game for free. (Yes, back then it was spelled base ball.). Old World Wisconsin. Open 10am-5pm (gametime 1:30pm). 866/944-7483, 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

Garfield Avenue Blues, Gospel & Arts Festival, July 17.



Fish Day in Port Washington, July 17.

DON ABRAMS

EAGLE RIVER

Artarama: Juried art show with more than 150 artisans. Live music and concessions. Riverside Park. 9am-3pm. Rain or shine. 800/359-6315. artarama-er.com (Vilas Co.)

EDGERTON

Arts in the Park: Annual arts & craft fair with a pie social, concessions, face painting, plenty of parking and more. This event is part of the Annual Edgerton Tobacco Heritage Days being held throughout the city. Central Park. 9am-4pm. 608/868-3691. (Rock Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

Antique Car Concours d'Elegance: Vintage and collectible cars line Lake Street to vie for the title of Best in Show. Live music and dancing under the stars. Siebkens Resort. 920/876-2600. www.siebkens.com (Sheboygan Co.)

JANESVILLE

Civil War Living History Days: Civil War re-enactors drilling and firing artillery, period fashion show, medical demonstrations, carriage rides, a ladies' tea, childrens' crafts and games. Meet President & Mrs. Lincoln, and tour the Tallman House. Lincoln-Tallman House. 10am-4:30pm. 608/756-4509. rchs.us (Rock Co.)

KIMBERLY

Tour de Fest: Bike ride with routes of 18, 40, 70 and 100 miles - something for both the avid biker or family riders of all levels. Fully supported with rest stops and sag support. Held in conjunction with Paperfest. Sunset Park. Reg begins at 6:30am, ride 7-10am. 920/850-1215. www.paperfest.org (Outagamie Co.)

LA CROSSE

Rail Fair: Railroad show and sale with exhibits and displays, guided tours of a steam locomotive, caboose and grand crossing interlocking tower. Model, toy and antique trains, and memorabilia. Food and entertainment. Copeland Park. 10am-5pm. 608/582-4761. www.4000foundation.com (La Crosse Co.)

LADYSMITH

Mardi Gras Arts & Crafts Fair: Local arts and crafts booths plus food vendors as part of the city's Mardi Gras Festival. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 715/532-7328. www.ladysmithchamber.com (Rusk Co.)

MANITOWISH WATERS

Taste of Manitowish Waters: Hearty portions of food prepared and served by the finest area restaurants. Live music & ice cold beverages. After lunch, enjoy the

Manito Art League Art Show in the afternoon and the Skiing Skeeters water ski show that evening. Lions Club Pavilion. 11am-2pm. 888/626-9877, 715/543-8488. www.manitowishwaters.org (Vilas Co.)

MANITOWOC

Acoustic Fest: Music festival including blues, jazz, Celtic, bluegrass, rock and classical. Children's entertainer and activities, various art and craft vendors, food and beverages. Washington Park. 11:30am-9pm. 920/684-8499. www.acousticfest.com (Manitowoc Co.)

MEDFORD

NCWCA Beef Roundup and Antique Tractor Ride: The North Central Wisconsin Cattleman's Association "Beef Roundup" is held in conjunction with the 5th Annual Antique Tractor Ride. Enjoy rib-eye steak sandwiches, cattle displays, games, music, and cooking tips by the Wisconsin Beef Council. Brecke Rodeo Grounds. 715/785-7777. (Taylor Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Garfield Avenue Blues, Gospel & Arts Festival: Family entertainment provided by inner city blues bands, dance groups, and gospel choirs. BBQ and Louisiana Boil ethnic foods, clowns, magicians, puppets and face painting for children, inner city arts & crafts participation. Downtown. Noon-sunset. 414/223-4444. (Milwaukee Co.)

MOUNT HOREB

Sons of Norway Kaffe Stue: Share the community's Norwegian heritage with genuine foods of the old country, including lefse, rommegrot, sand-bakkle, smorbrod, sotsuppe and more. Held in conjunction with the Mt Horeb Art Fair. Mount Horeb Community Center. 9am-2pm. 608/437-5468. www.sonsofnorway5.com (Dane Co.)

NEKOOSA

Polish Fest: Authentic Polish food, beer and sweets. Live polka music from the "Polish Connection." Dancing on a wooden floor. Lake Arrowhead South Lake Center. 5-10pm. 715/325-2919. www.lakearrowhead-golf.com (Wood Co.)

OSHKOSH

Brews 'n Blues: A charity microbrew and music festival. Sample more than 100 brews, ales and stouts. Enjoy terrific blues bands and great food. Leach Amphitheater. 1pm. 920/279-6033. www.oshkoshjaycees.org/bnb.html (Winnebago Co.)



DON ABRAMS

PORT WASHINGTON

Fish Day: "The World's Largest Outdoor One-Day Fish Fry." Includes a huge parade, live music on five stages, arts and crafts show, car show, run/walk and fireworks. Lakefront. 800/719-4881. www.portfishday.com (Ozaukee Co.)

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm Art Fair: A juried fine art fair with live music, entertainment, and concessions in a lovely park on the Mississippi. Stockholm Village Park. 10am-5pm. 715/285-5692. www.stockholmartfair.org (Pepin Co.)

7/17-18

CEDARBURG

German Festival: Cedarburg celebrates its German heritage with German music, dance and food. Quirky games will include Wife Carrying, Beer Bucket Races, Sauerkraut Eating, and a World-Class Outhouse Racing Contest. Huge sheephead tournament Sunday at 1pm. Cedar Creek Park. Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11:30am-6pm. 800/237-2874, 262/377-9620. www.ci.cedarburg.wi.us (Ozaukee Co.)

FOND DU LAC

Dog Agility Trial: Experience the exciting sport of dog agility on the kennel club grounds. Food and refreshments available. Come and cheer for your favorite breed. Fond du Lac County Kennel Club. 9am-4pm. 920/923-3010. www.fdl.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

MOUNT HOREB

Art Fair: Annual fair features more than 125 artists setting up along the "Trollway" (Main St). Food and concessions. Downtown Mount Horeb. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 887/ROLLWAY. www.trollway.com (Dane Co.)

MUKWONAGO

Maxwell Street Days Flea Market: More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. 8am-5pm. 262/363-3580. www.mukwonagochamber.org (Waukesha Co.)

NEENAH

Upper Midwest Soccer Classic Tournament: Longest running soccer tournament in the state. Premier upper level competition for boys and girls U-11 to U-

19. Memorial Park. Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 8am-4pm. 920/722-2246. www.uppermidwestsoccer.com (Winnebago Co.)

ROSHOLT

Annual Thresheree & Antique Tractor Pull: 21st annual antique machinery expo. Threshing & sawmill, steam & gas tractors, engines, equipment, tractor pull, flea market, dance, food & fun. Rosholt Fair Park. 715/677-4887. www.rosholtthreshermen.com (Portage Co.)

7/17-24

PLATTEVILLE

Hometown Festival Week: Includes a Celebration of the Arts Festival, "Get the Lead Out" 4K/8K run/walk on July 17th, a pancake breakfast and ice cream social on July 18th, strawberry festival, Party in the Park on July 22nd, Katie's Garden Party on July 23rd, and Market Day on July 24th. Various Locations. 608/348-8888. (Grant Co.)

7/18

APPLETON

Appleton Old Car Show & Swap Meet: Open to collector cars 1980 and older. Dash plaques to first 1000 cars, trophies in over 32 classes, over 1200 cars expected, free admission, no registration fee, large swap meet, cars for sale in car corral, food and refreshments on grounds. Pierce Park. 8am-4pm. 920/954-9112. www.appletonoldcarshow.com (Outagamie Co.)

EAST TROY

Airport Open House: Come for breakfast, then enjoy airplane and helicopter rides, as well as vintage, homebuilt and Warbird airplanes, plus antique and classic cars on display. East Troy Municipal Airport. 7am-3pm. 414/425-7991. (Walworth Co.)

FIFIELD

Old Fashioned Exhibition and Social: Pie & ice cream, auction, exhibits, displays and demonstrations, music & entertainment, kids games, and lunch. Old Town Hall Museum. Noon-5pm. 715/762-2559. www.pricecountyhistoricalsociety.com/ (Price Co.)

RACINE

Ironman 70.3 Racine: Over 2,000 athletes from around the world compete for the \$30,000 purse. Event includes 1.2 mile swim in Lake Michigan, 56 mile bike through scenic Racine County and a 13.1 mile run. 7am start. 262/884-640. www.ironmanracine.org (Racine Co.)

SPREAD EAGLE

Spread Eagle Art Show: A juried showcase of original art and fine crafts featuring artists & artisans from Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula, Illinois and Texas. The ChuckWagon. 10am-4pm rain or shine. 715/696-3219. www.exploringthenorth.com (Florence Co.)

7/20-22

RIVER FALLS

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days: The largest agricultural show in Wisconsin showcasing the latest improvements in production agriculture. More than 600 exhibitors, family living & youth tents, heritage tractor & machinery display, exhibits for home, yard & garden. Food and entertainment. Roger Peterson Farm. Tues and Wed 9am-5pm. Thur 9am-4pm. 920/478-3852. www.wifarmtechnologydays.com (Pierce Co.)

7/20-25

FOND DU LAC

Fond du Lac County Fair: Exhibits, carnival, foods, and concessions. Grandstand shows included with general admission. Fairgrounds. 8am-midnight. 920/921-0921. www.fonddulacountyfair.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

WEST BEND

Washington County Fair: Enjoy the rides and games, sample yummy food, listen to top musicians, check out the animal and project exhibits. Fairgrounds. Tues opens at 5pm, Wed-Sun opens at 8am. 877/677-5060, 262/677-5060. www.wcfairpark.com (Washington Co.)

7/21-25

MONROE

Green County Fair: 4-H fair with animal judging and auctions, concessions, grandstand entertainment, cheese judging and auction, carnival, tractor pull, demo derby, harness racing. Fairgrounds. 608/325-9159. www.greencountyfair.net (Green Co.)

PEWAUKEE

Waukesha County Fair: County fair that highlights entertainment and education for all ages. Waukesha County Expo Center. Wed-Thurs 3-11pm, Fri-Sat 8am-mid, Sun 8am-8pm. 262/544-5922. www.waukeshacountyfair.com/ (Waukesha Co.)

PORTAGE

Columbia County Fair: Midway rides, fireworks, grandstand shows, food and fun. Fairgrounds. 608/745-0719. www.columbiacofair.com (Columbia Co.)

SUPERIOR

Head of the Lakes Fair: 4-H exhibits, midway thrills, concessions, concerts, and demolition derbies. Concerts free with gate admission. Fairgrounds. 715/394-7848. www.holfair.com/ (Douglas Co.)

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7/22

WINCHESTER

Bazaar: Enjoy great crafts and a luncheon. Sponsored by the Winchester Women's Civic Club. Winchester Municipal Building. 9am-2pm. 715/686-2926. (Vilas Co.)

7/22-24

EAU CLAIRE

Country Jam USA: Three solid days of country music's top entertainers. Stop by for a day or spend all weekend enjoying the shows, tons of vendors, great food and a fantastic venue. Camping available on site. Country Jam Grounds. Noon-midnight. 800/7800-JAM, 715/839-7500. www.countryjam.com (Eau Claire Co.)

FISH CREEK

Door County Antique Show: Quality & variety to rival the biggest show. Thirty-five professional dealers display and sell in an air conditioned gym. Crystal and china repair on site. Admission \$5, good for all 3 days; under 16 free. Gibraltar High School. Thurs-Sat 10am-5pm. 715/355-5144. (Door Co.)

7/22-25

PULASKI

Pulaski Polka Days: One of the largest annual Polish and polka festivals in the Midwest. Art & craft show Sat & Sun, Polka Mass and Lutheran Worship Service on Sun, parade Sun at noon. Campsites, fireworks, firemen's waterfights, food & fun. Pulaski Polka Grounds. Thur 7-11pm; Fri 3pm-1am; Sat 12:30pm-1am; Sun 1-7:30pm. 920/822-3869. www.pulaskipolkadays.com (Brown Co.)

SPOONER

Washburn County Junior Fair: Carnival, food, entertainment, horse pull, kiddie tractor pull, fireworks, livestock show and auction, 4-H and other exhibits. Fairgrounds. Bldgs open 8am-10pm, midway noon-10pm. 715/469-3217. (Washburn Co.)

TWIN LAKES

Country Thunder USA: Country music festival with 45+ bands. VIP packages, camping on-site. 877/999-8008. www.countrythunder.com (Kenosha Co.)

7/23

KENOSHA

Food, Folks & Spokes: An alcohol-free, family event that includes the Festival of Food, Fun Fest for Kids, a variety of family-friendly entertainment and, of course, the International Cycling Classic Pro-Am bicycle races. Presented by the Kenosha YMCA. Library Park. 10am-10pm. 262/654-9622. www.kenoshaymca.org (Kenosha Co.)

7/23-24

RICHLAND CENTER

Churning Dirt Nationals Truck & Tractor Pull: Truck and tractor pull, monster truck, freestyle moto-cross jumping. Fairgrounds. 608/604-5068. www.churningdirt.com (Richland Co.)

7/23-25

BUTTERNUT

Pioneer Days: Annual festival, arts & crafts fair, carnival, music, horse pulls, softball tournaments, and more. Stagecoach rides Sat & Sun \$2. 5K fun walk/run 9am. Food and refreshments, dance every night, giant parade on Sun (noon), fireworks Sun night. Butternut Community Park. 715/762-2621. www.butternutwi.com (Ashland Co.)



Columbia County Fair in Portage, July 21-25.

DANBURY

The Great Folle Avoine Fur Trade Rendezvous: Visit the trading posts, explore the Woodland Indian Village and shop in Trader's Row. Learn to throw a tomahawk or shoot a bow. Cheer on the many historic competitions. Visit for a day or camp for the weekend. 9am-9pm. 715/866-8890. www.theforts.org (Burnett Co.)

HAYWARD

Lumberjack World Championships: Twenty-one events including men's and women's logrolling, sawing, chopping, pole climbing, and boom running. More than 100 competitors vie for more than \$50,000 in prize money, making this the world's largest purse in lumberjack competition. The Lumberjack Bowl. 715/634-2484. www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com (Sawyer Co.)

LA POINTE

Connecting Cultures: Exploring the Lake Superior Fur Trade: Educators, living history re-enactors and fur trade experts demonstrate the skills and tradition of the 18th-century fur trade including flint knapping, glass bead making, open-fire cooking and traditional games. 10:30am-4:30pm. 715/747-2415. www.madelineslandmuseum.org (Ashland Co.)

MILWAUKEE

German Fest: North America's largest annual German festival. Enjoy tasty German cuisine. Watch craftsmen demonstrate old-world artistry. Enjoy a colorful brass band or stroll the Marketplace for unique gifts, from clocks to steins. Fri & Sat noon-mid, Sun noon-10:30pm. 414/464-9444. www.germanfest.com (Milwaukee Co.)

MINOCQUA

Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show: Annual event kicks off with a boat parade on Fri evening just after the Min-Aqua Bats water ski show. Then, check out the boats up close Sat & Sun. Also on hand, a collection of old woodie cars. Awards presented Sun afternoon. Bosacki's Boathouse on Lake Minocqua. 715/356-5292. www.minocqua.org (Oneida Co.)

RACINE

Italian Festival: Italian food and top-quality family entertainment. Sponsored by Roma Lodge. Fri noon-1am, Sat noon-1am, Sun 10:30am-9:30pm. 262/898-1694. (Racine Co.)

SYMCO

National Antique Tractor Pull & Thresheree: Tractor pull, antique tractor display, country music concert, food and fun. Symco Thresheree Grounds. 920/596-2446. (Waupaca Co.)

7/24

ELKHART LAKE

Pig in the Park Summer Festival: Annual summer festival features tractor pulls, an outdoor pig and corn roast, smash-a-wreck, and live music. Raffles. Sheboygan County Broughton Marsh Lodge. Noon-10:30pm. 920/876-2535. (Sheboygan Co.)

FRIENDSHIP

Castle Rock Triathlon: Annual Castle Rock Triathlon. For registration call, email or visit the listed website. Swim 1/4-mile, bike 16 miles, then run 3 miles. Chip timing will be used this year. Castle Rock County Park. Race begins at 8:45am. 888/339-6997, 608/339-6997. www.visitadamscountywi.com (Adams Co.)

LAND O' LAKES

Art Impressions: An exhibition of fine art and handcrafted items for show and sale. A summer highlight in the Land O'Lakes area. Refreshments available. Town Hall. 9am-3pm. 800/236-3432, 715/547-3432. www.landolakes-wi.org (Vilas Co.)

NEENAH

Park to Park Paddle: 8th annual paddle from Shattuck Park in Neenah, through Menasha's lock and Little Lake Butte des Mort, ending at Lutz Park in Appleton - 8.4 miles. Reg fee: \$5/person or \$10/boat. Shuttle service, and lunch available at Appleton Yacht Club. Shattuck Park. 7-9am unload gear & shuttle, 9:30am launch. 920/716-3150. www.fwwa.org (Winnebago Co.)

PLATTEVILLE

Platteville's Hometown Hog Roast: Authentic hog roast, live music, beer garden and much more. Downtown. 3-11pm. 608/348-8888. www.platteville.com (Grant Co.)

SUN PRAIRIE

Taste of Sun Prairie: The city's restaurants offer samples of their specialties. Live music, kids' activities, and a beer garden. Cannery Square Plaza. 11am-6pm. 608/837-5213. www.downtownsunprairie.com (Dane Co.)

7/24-25

BARABOO

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show: This wild-and-wooly re-enactment of the original Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show features cowboys doing trick riding, roping and shooting, legendary sharpshooter Annie Oakley, a stagecoach hold-up and a territorial bank robbery. Circus World. 9am-6pm with arena performances each afternoon. 866/693-1500, 608/356-8341. www.circusworldmuseum.com (Sauk Co.)

EAGLE

Laura Ingalls Wilder Days Plus Farm Power: Step into the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder at this hands-on celebration of her life. Dress like her, try her games and chores, help do Ma and Pa's work, too. Also check out all of the animal-, people- and steam-powered vintage machines at work throughout the site. Old World Wisconsin. 10am-5pm. 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

EDGERTON

Tired Iron Car Show and Swap Meet: Car show, swap meet, car corral, car auction, family activities, entertainment, food and refreshments. Admission \$5; free parking. Thresherman's Park. 7am-6pm. 608/884-9008. www.tiredironpromotions.net (Rock Co.)

FREDERIC

Indianhead Gem & Mineral Show: Annual show with displays, dealers, demonstrations and more. Agate pit for the kids. Beading supplies, museum quality minerals, Lake Superior agates. Frederic High School. 10am-5pm. 715/357-3223. (Polk Co.)

LA CROSSE

Art Fair on the Green: Fine arts festival. Artists from all over the country display their works. Batik, metalwork, paintings, drawings, fiber works, jewelry, glass and photography. UW-La Crosse Campus. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 608/788-7439. (La Crosse Co.)

LUBLIN

Lublin Days: On Sat afternoon enjoy music in the park, an ethnic supper, and music that evening. On Sun, the celebration includes a parade, fried chicken dinner, and fireworks. Volleyball & softball tournaments all weekend. Lublin Park. 715/669-3620. (Taylor Co.)

MANITOWOC

Scenic Shore 150 Bike Tour: One of Wisconsin's most popular bike ride begins in Mequon and travels north along Lake Michigan to Potawatomi State Park in Sturgeon Bay. Fully supported with rest stops every 10-12 miles, delicious food, prizes and amazing scenery. UW-Manitowoc. 800/261-7399. www.lls.org/wi/ss150 (Manitowoc Co.)

MEDFORD

North Central Classic & Custom Car Show: Sat - fun run, live music, awards, games, activities, food & concessions. Sun - car and truck show, live music, food & concessions. City Park. 715/748-5385. www.northcentralclassicsandcustoms.com (Taylor Co.)

STANLEY

Sew and Sew Quilt Show: Voting for "Viewers Choice" awards, Donna's Corner and a featured corner. Stanley Historical Society Museum. 10am-3pm. 715/644-5563. (Chippewa Co.)

7/25

FOND DU LAC

Car-a-Funda Charity Car Show: Car show, raffle, silent auction, food, kids activities, and music from the Fabulous 50s Rock-n-Roll Party. Lakeside Park, Oven Island. 8am-4pm. 920/923-1478. (Fond du Lac Co.)

MENASHA

Best Friend's Gourmet Bike Tour: Family bike ride with routes of 4, 12, 25, 55, & 74 miles. Mechanical assistance, SAG wagons, and rest stops with home baked goods, fresh fruit, and beverages. After the tour, enjoy a gourmet picnic with fresh bakery, homemade soups, subs, wraps and more. St. Mary Central High School. Reg begins at 7:30am; rides start between 7:45-11am (longest first). 920/729-5600. www.best-friendsnm.org (Winnebago Co.)

SHAWANO

42nd Annual Arts & Craft Fair: More than 100 artisans & crafters set up booths in the wooded areas surrounding the

Mielke. Concessions available. 10am-4pm. 715/526-2525. www.shawanoarts.com (Shawano Co.)

STANLEY

Stanley Lions Watermelon Festival: Charcoal chicken dinner, car show, children's games, free watermelon while supplies last, flea market. Chapman Park. 715/644-5376. www.partner29.com (Chippewa Co.)

7/26-8/1

NEW HOLSTEIN

Super Cub Fly-In: See Super Cub planes that fly into New Holstein from all around the world. Daily events and activities for all. Held in conjunction with the EAA Air show in Oshkosh. New Holstein Municipal Airport. 920/898-5211. (Calumet Co.)

OSHKOSH

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh: The world's largest gathering for recreational pilots and aviation enthusiasts. Features more than 10,000 airplanes and 750,000 people. 500 forums/seminars, 700 product exhibitors. Concessions. Air shows daily at 3pm. 920/426-4818. www.airventure.org (Winnebago Co.)

7/27-8/1

JANESVILLE

Rock County 4-H Fair: Midway rides, exhibits, demonstrations, grandstand entertainment, great food and family fun. Includes Fair Royalty Coronation (Tues 7pm), and the Fair Star Contest (Wed) 7pm. Fairgrounds. 10am-11pm. 608/755-1470. www.rockcounty4hfair.com (Rock Co.)

7/28-8/1

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Jackson County Fair: Great Plains Rodeo, dog agility show, best dessert contest, antique tractor pull, tractor pull, gymkana horse show, demolition derby, entry judging, midway thrills, exhibits, grandstand entertainment, concessions & family fun. Fairgrounds. 715/284-4257. (Jackson Co.)

CEDARBURG

Ozaukee County Fair: The last free county fair in Southeastern Wisconsin. Enjoy midway thrills, games, animal judging, a rodeo, demolition derby, truck pull, main stage entertainment, food and family fun. Firemen's Park. 10am-10pm. 262/375-6185. www.ozaukeecountyfair.com (Ozaukee Co.)



Italian Festival in Racine, July 23-25.

DN ABRAMS



EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, July 26-August 1.

TOMAH

Monroe County Fair: Carnival, food, arts & crafts fair, 4-H exhibits, animal judging, horse pull, rodeo, Catch-A-Pig contest, big wheel races, ATV races, draft horse hitch show, and much more! Tomah Recreation Park. Wed 4pm-mid, Thur-Sat 8am-mid, Sun 8am-5pm. 608/372-2081. www.monroecountyfairwi.com (Monroe Co.)

UNION GROVE

Racine County Fair: Five fun-filled days of competitive youth and adult exhibits, children's entertainment, national entertainment, tractor pulls, demo derbys, midway rides, food, animal and agricultural displays. Fairgrounds. 8am-11pm. 262/878-3895. www.racinecountyfair.com (Racine Co.)

7/29-8/1

BLOOMER

Community Fair: 4H/FFA exhibits in the merchant buildings, carnival rides, parade (Sun 12:30pm), DemoDerbies, tractor pull, beer garden, concessions, nightly entertainment and much more. Fairgrounds. Open daily at noon. 715/568-3339. www.bloomerchamber.com (Chippewa Co.)

MEDFORD

Taylor County Fair: Junior fair featuring dairy and livestock judging, 4-H exhibits, grandstand entertainment, midway rides, truck pull, lawn mower races, demolition derby, concessions and much more family fun. Fairgrounds. 715/785-8049. (Taylor Co.)

PARK FALLS

Flambeau Rama: Live music, food court, and midway thrills by Christman Amusements. Enjoy an arts & crafts fair (Sat & Sun), car show, evergreen road run/walk, parade, youth casting contest, chalk drawing contest, frog jump contest, flea market, family fun day, & sidewalk sales. 9am-11pm. 877/762-2703, 715/762-2703. www.parkfalls.com (Price Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Polk County Fair: Animal judging, more than 5,000 exhibits, top-notch entertainment, midway, and grandstand shows. Fairgrounds. 8am-11pm. 715/485-8600. www.polkcountyfair.com (Polk Co.)

7/30-31

PEWAUKEE

Taste of Lake Country: Nineteen area restaurants sell tastes of their finest cuisine. Street performers, a kid's area, clowns, a fireworks display, and live music on stage. Pewaukee's Lakefront. Fri 5-10:30pm, Sat 4-10:30pm. Fireworks each evening at 10:30pm. 262/695-9735. (Waukesha Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Prairie Dog Blues Festival: Two big days of international, national and regional blues bands. Camping, waterski shows, concessions and fun. Motel shuttle & camping on site. St. Feriole Island. Fri 5pm-mid, Sat noon-mid. 888/567-1567, 608/326-0085. www.prairiedogblues.com (Crawford Co.)

7/30-8/1

KENOSHA

Taste of Wisconsin: Fifty specialty food and beverage vendors present the tastes, flavors and cultures of Wisconsin. Three stages of live music, culinary demonstrations, nutrition seminars, special exhibits and fun children's activities. Free admission. Kenosha Harbor. Fri 3-10pm, Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 11am-8pm. 800/654-7309, 262/654-7307. www.tasteofwi.com (Kenosha Co.)

PHILLIPS

Log Jam Country Music Festival: Three days of live country music with reasonable ticket and beverage prices. Festival value packages, lakefront campsites, and tons of country fun - Up North. Fairgrounds. 715/339-3566. www.logjamfest.com (Price Co.)

7/31

ALBANY

Amish Quilt and Consignment Auction: 100's of handcrafted quilts, quilt tops, pillows, furniture, and other items created by Amish artisans. Amish School House. 608/897-8500. (Green Co.)

BAYFIELD

Festival of Arts Gallery Tour: Bayfield artists open their studios and galleries with demonstrations and special sales. View potters, painters, jewelers and sculptors at work. Bayfield. 10am-5pm. 800/447-4094, 715/779-3335. www.bayfield.org (Bayfield Co.)

CONOVER

Annual Auto Show & Craft Market: Car show with great vehicles (trophies awarded at 3pm), food (brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and more!), beverages, craft show, farmers market and swap meet. Conover Town Park. 9am-3pm. 866/394-4386, 715/479-4928. www.conover.org (Vilas Co.)

CRANDON

Kentuck Day Festival: Celebration of the area's early settlers from Kentucky. Artist and crafter booths, downtown merchant sidewalk sales, specialty foods, bluegrass music, kids games, and car show. Forest County Courthouse Square. 10am-4pm. 800/334-3387, 715/478-3450. www.crandonwi.com (Forest Co.)

LAND O' LAKES

Barefoot Charlie Festival and Barefoot Brew-Ha: Music, food, and family games. Or, taste up to 40 different brews from many different micro breweries. Municipal Park Pavilion. Noon-8pm. 800/236-3432, 715/547-3432. www.landolakes-wi.org (Vilas Co.)

MARSHFIELD

Hub City Days: Live music, food, crafts, car show, antique tractor show, Brewfest - relax and enjoy all the events. Downtown. 715/387-3299. www.mainstreetmarshfield.com (Wood Co.)

MINOCQUA

Brewfest: Sample craft, specialty and micro-brewery beers. Enjoy live music, a raffle, eat brats, hot dogs and burgers. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate. Ages 21 and over only. Torpy Park. 1-5pm. 715/588-3414. www.lacduflambeaubrewfest.com (Oneida Co.)

PARK FALLS

Northwoods Classic Car Show: Car show, model car contest, 50s & 60s music, trophies for top cars in 16 classes, dash plaques to the first 75 entries, cash prizes during the show. Tourist Park. 9am-3pm. 715/762-2467. www.parkfalls.com (Price Co.)

SHAWANO

Shawano Community Fly Out - Classic Wings & Wheels: Airplanes, including vintage models, will arrive from 8-11am from the EAA Air Show. An array of cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles will also be on display. Enjoy a radio controlled airplane demonstration. Food and refreshments available. Shawano City-County Airport. 800/235-8528, 715/524-2139. www.shawanocountry.com (Shawano Co.)

ST. GERMAIN

Joe Bucher Blues Fest: 11th Annual Blues Fest! Live music and Memphis ribs & pork butts prepared by authentic Memphis smokers. St. Germain Community Park. 3-11pm. 715/362-7800. www.joe-bucher.com (Vilas Co.)

7/31-8/1

BAYFIELD

Bayfield Festival of Arts: More than 90 artists from nine states will gather in Bayfield for one of the largest juried art shows in Wisconsin. Pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, and glass. In addition to exhibitors in the park, Bayfield artists will open their studios and galleries for tours. Memorial Park. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 800/447-4094, 715/779-3335. www.bayfield.org/visitor/festivalarts.asp (Bayfield Co.)

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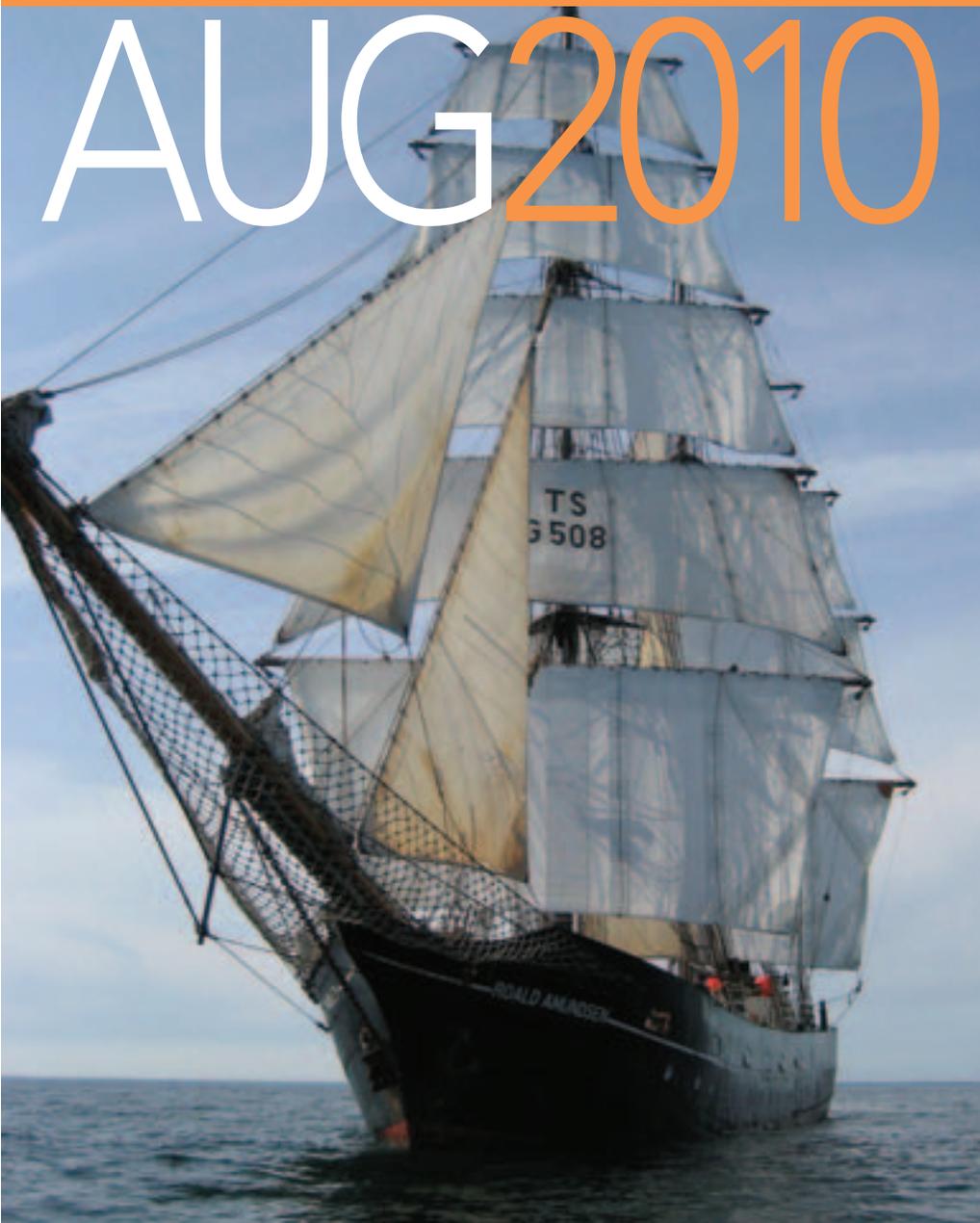
Heritage Days & Rail Fest: Watch a staged train hold up and shooting demonstration by professional stunt men, visit a buckskinner rendezvous with a tomahawk & knife toss, enjoy pony rides, kids face painting, artifacts tent, food, Sunday bake sale, and live music. Free admission. Heritage Historical Village. 10am-4pm. 920/982-8557. www.historicalvillage.org (Outagamie Co.)

WAUSAU

24 Hours of Nine Mile: The Midwest's largest 12- and 24-hour mountain bike race and personal challenge. Nine Mile County Forest and Recreation Area. 304/259-5533. www.grannygear.com (Marathon Co.)

Changes may occur. Before driving long distances to attend an event, call or e-mail to verify dates or visit travelwisconsin.com.

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RETURN OF THE TALL SHIPS

White wings billowed before the wind, they sail the blue waters of the world – a fascinating reminder of our collective maritime heritage as well as a modern demonstration of green, wind-powered transportation.

They are the tall ships – schooners, brigantines, brigs and barques – and they are returning to Green Bay August 13-15, 2010 for the Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival. Green Bay will be one of six ports of call during the Tall Ships Challenge 2010 race series hosted by Great Lakes United (GLU). The Tall

Ship Challenge last visited Green Bay in 2006.

This will be the first year that the GLU port-to-port races will traverse all five Great Lakes. A fleet of twelve tall ships led by Wisconsin's S/V Denis Sullivan will leave Toronto (Lake Ontario) on June 30 docking in Cleveland July 7-11 (Lake Erie), Bay City, Michigan (Lake Huron) July 15-18, Duluth, Minnesota (Lake Superior) July 29-August 1, Green Bay (Lake Michigan) August 13-15, and Chicago August 24-29.

The race series through the Great Lakes is intended to call attention to the importance of freshwater conservation worldwide. Despite their enormous size, the Great Lakes have become increasingly vulnerable to degradation. More than 42 million people live within an hour of the Great Lakes watershed. Tall ships represent one of the most sustainable forms of transportation, making this one of the most environmentally friendly races on the planet.

Beyond its educational aspects, the festival will be loads of fun for the entire family. Food and beverage vendors, musical entertainment, nautical artisans, maritime re-enactors, and an army of volunteers are preparing for 75,000 spectators over the course of the three-day festival. "Step-aboard" tours of the ships, as well as 75-90 minute sailaway excursions will be offered.

The ships will be docked at Leicht Memorial Park and at other downtown areas along the Fox River. Tall ship activities are offered from 10am-5pm each day. Admission prices are: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and kids 5-12, free for kids 4 and under. Tickets for a 75-90 minute on-board sailing experience are: \$40 for adults and seniors, and \$20 for kids 5-12 accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased in advance, online at www.tallshipgreenbay.com.

Sail-ho!

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CHILTON

Escarpment Bicycle Tour: Ride along the Niagara Escarpment on this full-service tour offering multiple scenic routes. Maps, cue sheets, marked routes, sag wagon and food are all included. Five routes of 10 to 100 miles are offered. Activities before and after the ride. Ledge View Nature Center. 920/849-7094. www.travelcalumet.com (Calumet Co.)

CHIPPEWA FALLS

Indianhead Car Show and Swap Meet: Annual event featuring more than 700 show cars, parts vendors, food and fun. Fairgrounds. Gates open at 7am. 715/832-0552. www.indianheadcarshow.com/ (Chippewa Co.)

MAYVILLE

Rock River Canoe Regatta: Watch or participate in professional and amateur paddling events. Canoe and kayak demos all day. Live music, food & beverages available. Mayville City Park. Races begin at 10am. www.racetherock.com (Dodge Co.)

NEW GLARUS

Volkfest: Swiss Independence Day celebration with music and dancing. Swiss choral folklore music, yodeling, flag throwing, alphon playing, and accordion music. Telling Shooting Park. 800/527-6838, 608/527-2095. www.swisstown.com (Green Co.)

RACINE

Armenian Fest: The largest Armenian festival in the midwest with food, music and dance. Fun for the whole family. English Liturgy on site at 10am. Festival Park. 11am-7pm. 262/639-6076. (Racine Co.)

Annual Job's Daughters Craft Fair:

Outdoor craft fair held adjacent to Pershing Park on Lake Michigan. Unique exhibitors from four states. Concessions. Masonic Center. 9am-4pm. 262/878-4843. (Racine Co.)

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OSHKOSH

Winnebago County Fair: Carnival rides, top-notch entertainment, exhibit judging and great food. Sunnyview Expo Center. Tues 5pm-mid, Wed-Sun 10am-mid. 920/231-6002. www.winnebagoountyfaironline.com (Winnebago Co.)

WAUSAU

Wisconsin Valley Fair: The 2nd largest county fair in Wisconsin. Enjoy big name entertainment, carnival rides, animals, youth projects, farm machinery museum and more. Marathon Park. 715/261-1539. www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com (Marathon Co.)



TOURISM PHOTO FILE

Pig in the Pines Rib Fest in St. Germain, August 5-7.

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GREEN BAY

Green Bay's Taste on Broadway: The city closes the street and businesses stay open late while area restaurants provide the food and popular musical acts perform. Broadway District. 5-11pm. 920/437-2531. www.tasteonbroadway.com (Brown Co.)

8/5-7

SHEBOYGAN

Brat Days: The traditional king of Sheboygan's summer festivals. Sample a brat taco, brat pizza, brat fleisbrot, brat gyros, New York style brat and, of course, the traditional double brat. Free entertainment on three stages. Brat Trot run and a huge parade on Sat morning. Kiwanis Park. 920/912-6172. www.bratdays.org (Sheboygan Co.)

ST. GERMAIN

Pig in the Pines Rib Fest: Professional rib vendors cook ribs every day; try a sampler or have a meal. Live bands perform all three days. Scheer's Lumberjack Show will perform three shows daily. Midway games and rides for everyone. Free parking. St. Germain Community Park. 11:30am-9:30pm. 800/727-7203, 715/477-2205. www.st-germain.com/pig/index.php (Vilas Co.)

8/5-8

GREEN LAKE

Green Lake County Junior Free Fair: Includes a fantastic display of 4-H and FFA exhibits, animal judging, baking, stage shows, musical entertainment, educational programs, contests, carnival rides, tasty foods and numerous vendors. Admission is free. Fairgrounds. 8am - 10pm. 920/294-4032. www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/greenlake/ (Green Lake Co.)

LA CROSSE

Great River Jazz Fest: For 3 days in August, some of the country's best jazz musicians perform along the Mississippi River. La Crosse Center. 608/791-1190. www.lacrossejazz.com (La Crosse Co.)

MADISON

WI State Finals - Barrel Horse Racing: Talented riders and horses dash around barrel obstacles in a competition for money and prizes. Winners qualify for the Nationals. Alliant Energy Center. 608/267-3976. www.wisnba.com (Dane Co.)

NEILLSVILLE

Highground Bicycle Tour: Features 6 separate routes from 6 locations (Racine, Appleton, New Richmond, Madison, Hayward & Dubuque, IA) varying from 150 to 350 miles. Open to all ages; join routes at any point. On the final day, all routes converge on the Highground to ring the Liberty Bell. The Highground Veterans Memorial Park. 715/743-4224. www.thehighground.org (Clark Co.)

SPOONER

Jack Pine Savage Days: Arts and craft fair, food booths, car show, outdoor sports show, fun run, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments. Live bands Thurs-Sat nights. Festivities wrap up Sun with a fireman's pancake breakfast. Downtown. 800/367-3306, 715/635-2168. www.jackpinesavedays.com (Washburn Co.)

WATERTOWN

Riverfest: Live music by national and regional bands. Bartolotta fireworks Sat night at 10pm, carnival midway, and taste of Watertown all four days. Craft show Sat & Sun, classic auto show with more than 350 vehicles Sun. Riverside Park. Thur 4-11 pm, Fri, Sat & Sun 11am-11pm. 920/261-6320. www.watertownriverfest.info (Dodge Co.)

8/5-15

WEST ALLIS

Wisconsin State Fair: The state's largest annual event blends Wisconsin agricultural traditions with the excitement of a contemporary, urban event. International Bazaar, midway thrills, blue ribbon livestock, 30 stages of top-name entertainment, and world-famous cream puffs. Wisconsin State Fair Park. 800/884-3247. www.wistatefair.com (Milwaukee Co.)

Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, August 5-15.



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PHOTO

8/6-7

CAMERON

Voyagers Encampment: Historic reenactment of the fur trade era. Fun and educational for the entire family. Pioneer Village Museum. 10am-5pm. 715/458-2080. (Barron Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Rotary Antique Show & Sale: Features the wares of members of the Northern Wisconsin Antique Dealers Association. Snowmobile Derby Track Expo Hall. 9am-4pm. 715/479-6592. (Vilas Co.)

MANITOWISH WATERS

Manitowish Waters Antique Show and Sale: Dealers from several states offer fine furniture, glass, textiles and collectibles of all kinds. Exhibitors will be set up in the Community Center and in an adjacent pavilion. Bake sale. Manitowish Waters Community Center. 9am-4pm. 715/588-3665. www.manitowishwaters.org (Vilas Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Country on the River Music Fest: National country music acts as well as local and regional bands perform. St. Feriolo Island. 608/326-6724. (Crawford Co.)

TWO RIVERS

Rogers Street Days: A museum fundraiser and community celebration featuring live music, smelt, burgers, brats, beverages, crawfish (on Saturday), kayak parade and games for kids. Free museum admission on Sat from noon to 5pm. Rogers Street Fishing Village. Fri 4-10pm, Sat noon-10pm. 920/793-5905. www.rogersstreet.com (Manitowoc Co.)

8/6-8

APPLETON

Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention: Three days of square, round, contra and traditional dancing, special events, a fashion show, and vendors. Open to the public free of charge; watch or try a free dance lesson. Fox Valley Lutheran High School. www.wisquarancedanceconvention.org (Outagamie Co.)

BELGIUM

Luxembourg Fest: A Kewaunee County heritage weekend with ethnic dinners, cultural concerts, a time capsule celebration, parade, honored family displays, and Green Heart Gala. Belgium Village Park. 10am-6pm. 262/476-5086. www.luxamculturalsociety.org (Ozaukee Co.)

CAMBRIDGE

Utica Festival: Horse pull, live music, bingo, Badger State Super Farm & Hot Farm Tractor Pull, mini-rod pull, spectator truck pull, kids' sawdust money dig, softball tournament, food and concessions. Utica Community Association Park. Fri opens at 5pm, Sat opens at 8am, Sun opens at 9am. 608/764-8480. uticapark.org (Dane Co.)

KENOSHA

Pike River Rendezvous: Step back in time to experience camp life during the fur trade era. See craft and trades demonstrations, enjoy hands-on activities and games, shop the Kids Trading Post. Horse-drawn wagons provide shuttle service from the parking area. Free. Simmons Island Park. 262/653-4140. www.kenoshaevents.com (Kenosha Co.)

KESHENA

Menominee Nation Pow wow: Contest dancing, Miss Menominee Princess contest, Senior Citizen Honor Ceremony, intertribal dancing, art & craft exhibits, and concessions. Woodland Bowl. Grand entries: Fri 7pm, Sat 1 & 7pm, Sun noon. 715/799-4849. (Menominee Co.)

POTOSI

Firemen's Catfish Festival: Fri & Sat - truck & tractor pull, games, music, arts & crafts show, and garage sales. Sun - catfish fry at the fire station (11am-5pm), and the big parade (10am). Tennyson Park. 608/763-2261. (Grant Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Lamar Music Festival: A dozen fabulous bands playing blues, rock, country and bluegrass. Lamar Community Center. 10am-5pm. 800/222-7655, 715/646-9339. www.lamarcommunity.org (Polk Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Midwest Recumbent Rally: Annual rally. Group tours, seminars, swap meet and test rides. Lunch. Hostel Shop. Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 7am-6pm, Sun 8am-6pm. 715/341-2453. (Portage Co.)

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

Betty Boop Festival: Betty Boop animator Grim Natwick was a native son of Wisconsin Rapids. Enjoy a Grim Natwick animation exhibit, scenic motorcycle tours, an animated film festival, visual art gallery, animation art collectors show, a dance, and other activities. Downtown. 9am-mid. 800/554-4484, 715/422-4650. www.visitwisrapids.com (Wood Co.)

8/7

BOULDER JUNCTION

Boulder Junction History Day: Watch history come alive during the Picnic Theatre's performance of "This is Your Life." Brat & bake sale. Community Center & Historical Museum. 11am-4pm. 715/385-2617. (Vilas Co.)

FLORENCE

Keyes Peak Summerfest: Music, food, games for the kids and fireworks in the evening. Keyes Peak Park. 888/889-0049, 715/528-5377. (Florence Co.)

JACKSONPORT

Cherry Fest: Celebration of the cherry harvest in Door County. Fresh cherry bakery, historical display, arts & crafts, food, music, family fun and much more. Lakeside Park. 920/823-2288. (Door Co.)

JUNEAU COUNTY

Waterfest Venetian Lights Boat Parade: Many family activities at Castle Rock Park during the afternoon. That evening, enjoy a venetian lights boat parade starting at dusk followed by dazzling dueling fireworks at 10pm in both Adams and Juneau Counties. Castle Rock Lake. 888/898-2550, 608/427-2070. www.juneaucounty.com

MANITOWISH WATERS

Northern Highlands Music Festival: Live music festival. Part of a series of weekend events touted as "Dillinger Days." Manitowish Waters Airport. 715/543-8400. www.dillingerdays.com (Vilas Co.)

RIPON

Cookie Daze: CookieTown USA comes alive with children's activities, entertainment, food, prizes, the Cookie Blaster Rocket Shop, the cookie Bake & Taste competition, horse drawn wagon rides and Cookie Drops. Barlow Park. 10am-1:30pm. 920/748-6764. www.ripon-wi.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

SHAWANO

13th Annual Family Fun Fest: Festival includes a petting zoo, food stands, live bands, arts & crafts, sidewalk sales, activities for the family and games for children. Downtown. 800/235-8528, 715/853-3775. www.hookedonshawano.com (Shawano Co.)

WAUKESHA

Waukesha Art Crawl: Twenty studios and galleries showcase more than 100 area artists. See an array of decorative art: paintings, pottery, jewelry, clothing, glassware, custom wood work, photography and more. Restaurants and live music. Downtown. 4-10pm. 262/542-1522. www.redhotartspot.com (Waukesha Co.)

WAUSAU

Woodson YMCA Triathlon: 31st annual triathlon. Long course is a 1/2-mile swim, 28-mile bike, 6.2-mile run; short course is a 1/4-mile swim, 17-mile bike, 3.1-mile run. Professionally timed. T-shirt to all participants. Sunny Vale Park. 715/845-2177. www.woodsonymca.com (Marathon Co.)

8/7-8

BERLIN

Cruzin' America Daze Car Show & Memorial Cruise: Sat 6pm - Memorial Cruise followed by live music in the park and fireworks at dusk. Sun - car show with more than 500 cars and 80 trophies. Food & drink, crafters & vendors, plus entertainment and fun. Riverside Park. Show car reg Sun 8am-noon. 920/361-0843. www.streetcruzers.org (Green Lake Co.)

CEDARBURG

Architectural Treasures of Ozaukee County: In its 41st year, this annual, self-guided, 2.5-hour tour offers an opportunity to see some of the city's finest historic homes; their interiors and gardens. For tour booklet, stop at the Cedarburg Cultural Center or the Cedarburg Visitor Center. Historic Cedarburg. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun noon-4pm. 800/237-2874, 262/375-3676. www.cedarburgculturalcenter.org (Ozaukee Co.)

GREEN BAY

Heritage Hill - WWI Encampment: Learn about the daily life of soldiers preparing for WWI. Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun noon-4:30pm. 920/448-5150. www.heritagehillgb.org (Brown Co.)

HATFIELD

Thunderbird Village Flea Market and Craft Shows: Enjoy food, fun, and bargains galore. 160 Vendor spaces. Parking. Thunderbird Village. 608/989-2275. (Jackson Co.)

8/7-13

KAUKAUNA

Pyrotechnics Guild International Fireworks: Showers of brilliant colors paint the night skies with a kaleidoscope of colors and spectacular images. The shows will dazzle your eyes and make your spirits soar. Don't miss this Olympiad of the fireworks world! Wisconsin International Raceway. 920/558-4681. www.pgi.org (Outagamie Co.)

8/7-15

DEERBROOK

Fuddfest Country Festival & Theatre: Camping, national recording country music line up, and live outdoor theatre. Dance on sawdust floors to our hot country bands inside the Log Music Hall. Fuddfest Grounds. 866/770-FUDD, 715/623-0776. www.fuddfest.org (Langlade Co.)

8/8

BOULDER JUNCTION

Musky Jamboree: Annual festival featuring a fun run, antique auto show, entertainment, 170 arts & craft vendors, flea market, kids' casting contest, concessions. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 715/385-2400. www.boulderjct.org (Vilas Co.)

ELKHORN

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: More than 500 dealers with antiques and more. Concessions. Walworth County Fairgrounds. Starts at 7am. 414/525-0820. www.nlpromotionsllc.com (Walworth Co.)



Sand Castles in Racine, August 8.

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RETURN TO WHISTLING STRAITS

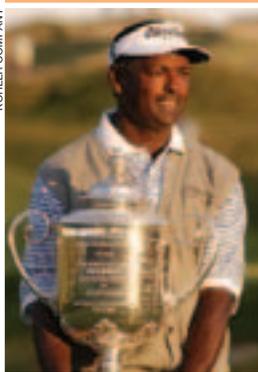
The PGA Championship will return to Wisconsin and the shores of Lake Michigan August 9-15, 2010 when the 92nd staging of the year's final major championship is held at Whistling Straits in Kohler. The acclaimed Straits Course played host to the 86th PGA Championship won by Vijay Singh in 2004.

Opened for play in 1998, the Pete Dye-designed Straits Course is ranked by Golf Digest

as one of "America's 100 Greatest Courses," and is one of two 18-hole courses on the unique property along the shore of Lake Michigan. One of the longest layouts in major championship history at 7,536 yards, Whistling Straits attracted more than 40,000 spectators per day during the 2004 PGA Championship.

"The PGA of America is truly honored to return to Whistling Straits," says Championship Director, Barry Deach. "This venue is a perfect match for our great Championship. It will provide players from around the world with a difficult, but fair challenge. Whistling Straits proved in 2004 that it is a major championship venue. A record number of fans proved that the people of Wisconsin appreciate great golf and embrace this great Championship. The PGA of America is thrilled to be back in Wisconsin and expects another memorable Championship in 2010."

Tickets for the Championship, featuring the world's greatest golfers, are on sale now. All ticket packages may be reserved and purchased online at PGA2010.com, or by calling the PGA ticketing center at 800/742-4653. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to a limited number of spectators. Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets early as demand for tickets to the 2004 PGA Championship was unprecedented.



2004 PGA Champ Vijay Singh.

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RACINE

Sand Castles: Family fun, sand sculpting, live entertainment, children's activities and demonstrations. Samuel Myers Park. 11am-3:30pm. 262/636-9131. (Racine Co.)

Wind Point Lighthouse Tour to the Top:

Climb to the top of the 108-foot lighthouse (144 steps) for spectacular views of Lake Michigan. One of just four days each summer the lighthouse and museum are open. Guides available to answer questions. Wind Point Lighthouse. 800/272-2463, 262/639-2026. www.windpointwi.us

THREE LAKES

Art on Main: 4th annual show features many talented artists displaying their works and giving demonstrations on Three Lakes' main street. Strolling musicians, tasty treats and beautiful art. Superior St. 10am-3pm. 715/546-2299. www.tlca.org/ (Oneida Co.)

TURTLE LAKE

Cars, Crafts & Rock-N-Roll in the Park:

Annual show with dash plaques to the first 200 entries and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies awarded to all classes. More than 50 craft vendors display their creations, live music. Turtle Lake Village Park. Car show 8am-3pm, craft show 9am-3pm. 715/986-4680. www.gtlaa.com (Barron Co.)

8/9-15

KOHLER

92nd PGA Championship: The PGA of America and Whistling Straits will once again unite to bring the world's best golfers back to Wisconsin. Witness the world's best players test their skills on one of the most unforgettable venues in golf. Whistling Straits. 800/PGA-GOLF www.pga2010.com (Sheboygan Co.)

8/11-12

WAUPUN

Alto Fair: 4-H exhibits, tractor pulls, entertainment, and parade at 1pm Thursday. Free admission and free parking. Alto Community Center. (Dodge Co.)

8/11-15

GAYS MILLS

Crawford County Fair: Midway thrills, exhibits, animal judging, demo derby, good food and lots of family fun. Fairgrounds. 608/326-0224. www.crawfordcountywi.com/fair.htm (Crawford Co.)

PHILLIPS

Price County Fair: Free carnival rides, entertainment, and live music. Exhibits, horse shows, 4-H shows, team penning on Thu; rodeo Fri & Sat; demo derby Sun; kid-die tractor pull, dancing, talent contest, chain saw carving, senior citizen day (Fri). Fairgrounds. Thur 9am-10pm, Fri & Sat 8am-mid, Sun 10am-9:30pm. 715/339-2397. www.pricecountyfair.com (Price Co.)

8/12-15

EAGLE RIVER

Vilas County Fair: Exhibits, horse shows, horseshoe tournament, judging, midway rides, and refreshments. Fairgrounds. 715/479-2057. (Vilas Co.)

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8/13

PLYMOUTH

Cheese Capital Jazz Crawl for the Arts:

The city's restaurants and pubs host live music - small jazz combos to full orchestra swing bands. Downtown. 5pm-1am. 920/892-8409. plymoutharts.org (Sheboygan Co.)

8/13-14

CLINTONVILLE

Fireman's Festival: Parade downtown Sat at 11am, refreshment stands, water fights, kids events and dance. WA Olen Park. 715/823-3308.

www.clintonvillewi.org/chamber (Waupaca Co.)

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull: Pro Champions Tour with competition in Super Stock, Pro Modified, Super Farm, 4x4 Super Stock, 466 Hot Farm Tractors, and Light Limited Super Stock. Two pulling tracks and additional seating. Food and beverages. Fireman's Park. Pulls start at 7pm both nights. 608/489-2275.

www.charitypull.com (Vernon Co.)

PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards Fun Fest & Car Show: Car Cruise Friday starts at 6pm (staging at 4pm), with social following. Car show Saturday along with an art show, craft fair, and kids' games. Edwards-Alexander Park and YMCA. Fri 6-10pm, Sat 9am-5pm. 715/887-3511. www.portedwardswi.com/ (Wood Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Brews, Brats & Bands Celebration: Two days of music, rides, silent auction, good food and fun. Stevens Point Brewery. Fri 6-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm. 800/369-4911, 715/344-9310. www.pointbeer.com (Portage Co.)

SYMCO

The Shakedown: A gathering of 1964 & older traditional style hot rods and customs. Held rain or shine. Camping, free parking, vendors, party, car show and rock-ably weekend. Free tubing on the Wolf River. Threshere Grounds. Opens noon on Fri, 6am Sat, closes 11pm both days. 920/235-1020. www.sycoshakedown.com (Waupaca Co.)

WAUPUN

Truck 'N' Show: A salute to the trucking industry. "Lights of the Night" Convoy Friday night. Sat afternoon parade with 400 entries; and dance that evening. Truckers come from far-off states to show their rigs. Waupun Community Center. Fri noon-10pm, Sat 7am-midnight. 920/324-9985. www.waupuntruckshow.com (Dodge Co.)

8/13-15

ALGOMA

Shanty Days Celebration of the Lake:

Includes ethnic foods, a parade, fireworks, entertainment, arts & craft fair, street market, and more. Sat - 5K Road Run/Walk. Fri 3-11:30pm, Sat 10am-11:30, Sun 10am-9pm. 800/298-4888, 920/487-2041. www.algoma.org (Kewaunee Co.)

CHIPPEWA FALLS

Pure Water Days: Sporting events, kid's games, entertainment, and a parade on Saturday. 700 Block of North Bridge St. 715/723-0331. www.chippewachamber.org (Chippewa Co.)

GREEN BAY

Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival: Twelve tall ships will sail into Green Bay, dock on the shores of the Fox River and host a three-day festival. Visitors will be able to tour the ships – each offering their own historic story. Relaxing sailaways, free entertainment, and food and drink vendors. Leicht Memorial Park. 10am-5pm. 800/895-0071, 920/497-5664. www.tallshipgreenbay.com (Brown Co.)

HAUGEN

Haugen Fun Days: Thur - mushroom hunt. Fri - karaoke at 5pm. Sat - strongman competition, garage sales, kolaches for sale, volleyball tournament, beer sampling and live music. Fri & Sat - street dance at 9pm. Sun - family fun day, parade and garden tractor pull. Food. 715/234-7554. (Barron Co.)

LA CROSSE

Irishfest: Irish dance shows, Irish market, cultural tent, wee folks area, tea garden, rides in a horse-drawn Irish cart, plus food vendors featuring Irish stew, Irish potatoes, corned beef, and more. Southside Fest Grounds. 800/658-9424. www.irishfestlax.org (La Crosse Co.)

MADISON

Madison Invitational Horse Show: More than 100 horses compete in morning and evening sessions in each class. Proceeds from a silent auction benefits WAGS, an organization which trains service dogs. 608/835-9589. (Dane Co.)

MOSINEE

Little Bull Falls LogJam Festival: Mosinee celebrates its timber heritage with historic exhibits, a fur-trade rendezvous, food, entertainment, logging competitions and demonstrations. River Park. 715/693-4336. www.logjamfestival.org (Marathon Co.)

RIB LAKE

Rib Lake Ice Age Days: Friday - 1 & 5-mile walk/run, High View fish boil, and free street dance. Saturday - classic car show and free street dance. Sunday - parade. All 3 days - midway rides, concessions, Fishing Shack Contest, and 6-man team semi-tractor pull. Downtown. 800/819-5253, 715/427-3132. riblakewisconsin.com (Taylor Co.)

SHAWANO

Shawano Folk Music Festival: The 32nd annual festival features concerts on Fri & Sat evenings, plus daytime workshops, performances, and crafts. Enjoy a mix of ethnic and contemporary folk music and dance. Fri & Sat concerts 7-10pm; workshops Sat & Sun 10:30am-4:30pm. www.shawanofestival.com (Shawano Co.)

WEBSTER

Gandy Dancer Days: Attend this annual community event featuring downtown sidewalk sales, arts & crafts vendors, a demolition derby, and community garage sales. Dance the night away at a street dance on Main Street. Villagewide. 8am-5pm. 715/866-4856. www.websterwisconsin.com (Burnett Co.)

WEST BEND

West Bend Cache Ba\$h: 3rd annual \$1000 CacheBa\$h. West Bend has become a hot spot for geocachers with more than 500 caches located within a 7-mile radius. 50 new caches will be added specifically for this event. Regner Park. 262/338-2666. www.geocaching.com

8/14

ANTIGO

Antigo Tater Trot: Annual event. 10K and 1-mile runs, 4-mile walk. Start and finish at the Antigo City Park. Paved streets and country roads with short sections of gravel. Course is flat and fast. Split times, mile markers, and water stations provided.

Antigo City Park. 9am start. 715/623-3344. (Langlade Co.)

BARABOO

Summer Art Classic: 75 juried artists from throughout the Midwest show and sell fine sculpture, ceramics, paintings, jewelry, photography, glass, fiber art and more on the park-like courthouse square. Great food, children's activities and musical entertainment. Held rain or shine. Courthouse Lawn. 9am-4pm. 608/356-3192. www.saukcountyartassociation.org (Sauk Co.)

CAMERON

Classic Car Show: 50's Day & Classic Car Show featuring Sheriff Bob. Music and food of the 1950s. Pioneer Village. 10am-5pm. 715/458-2080. www.barroncountymuseum.com (Barron Co.)

Annual Fly-In at Rice Lake: Aerobatic flying, pancake breakfast by the Boy Scouts, lunch by Golden K. Lots of aircraft, warbirds, medical aircraft, police and fire units. Great time for the whole family. Free admission and parking. Rice Lake Airport. 800/523-6318, 715/651-6878. www.ricelaketourism.com (Barron Co.)

EAGLE

Flavor of Wisconsin: Taste 19th-century immigrant cooking with a Central European flair. Wash your meal down with plenty of historic beverages, learn the secrets of preparation and the history of how the foods developed, and take home recipes galore. Reservations required. Old World Wisconsin. 5:30-8pm. 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

EDGERTON

Stroll Through the Park Arts & Crafts Fair: Annual fine arts & crafts show, bake sale, music, produce sales and concessions. Tour the Albion Historical Museum. Albion Park. 9am-3pm. 608/884-6039. (Rock Co.)

HARTFORD

Hartford Hot Air Balloon Rally: Family event with free admission includes games for the kids, air show, ping pong ball drop, hot air balloon launch in evening, with a night glow and a fabulous fireworks display at dark. Hartford Airport. Noon-dusk. 262/673-7002. www.hartfordchamber.org (Washington Co.)

HAYWARD

Hayward Inline Races: Skaters from across the country enjoy the demanding 39-Mile Challenge or the easy 10K Tour. Fred Scheer's Lumberjack Village. 715/634-0724. www.haywardinlinemarathon.com (Sawyer Co.)

MANAWA

Oktoberfest at Ferg's Bavarian Village: Polka music and entertainment, spanferkel and other German food and refreshments, gift shop. Ferg's Bavarian Village. 10am-10pm. 888/417-4040, 715/258-7343. fergsbavarianvillage.com (Waupaca Co.)

SILVER CLIFF

Silver Cliff Fire & Rescue Auxiliary Picnic & Parade: Family fun with kids games, food, beer, non-alcoholic refreshments, raffles and music provided by a disc jockey. Memorial Picnic Grounds. Parade at 10am, picnic 11am-6pm. 715/856-5813. (Marinette Co.)

STOUGHTON

Stoughton Coffee Break Festival: Small town fun in the place where the coffee break was born. Sample coffee from a host of coffee vendors, check out the art & craft show, the car show, kids activities, music, food, and participate in the 1-mile and 5k run. Mandt Park. 8:30am-3pm. 888/873-7912, 608/873-7912. www.stoughtonwi.com (Dane Co.)

WAUTOMA

Wautoma's Augustfest 2010: Community celebration with a duck race, live auction, free pony rides, donut & bake sale, quilt show and demonstration, book sale, kids carnival, art show, raffles, train rides and more. World War II Building. 9am-7pm. 920/787-3334. www.whereupnorthbegins.com (Waushara Co.)

8/14-15

BRODHEAD

Covered Bridge Days: Sidewalk sale, flea market, street dance, 5K run/walk, parade, antique tractor show & pull, antique car show, historic tours, softball & volleyball tournaments. Downtown/ Square & South Brodhead. 608/897-8411. BrodheadChamber.org (Green Co.)

CHILTON

Wisconsin Steam & Gas Engine Show: Display of historic steam engines, gas engines & tractors. Threshing & saw mill in operation daily. Farm toy show, flea market, food & concessions. Fairgrounds. 9am-5pm. 920/989-2412. www.wisteam-engine.com/contact-us.html (Calumet Co.)

GREEN LAKE

Fine Arts Show: In a picturesque setting next to the mill pond and dam, more than 100 artists from the Midwest exhibit their original works. Watercolor, oil paintings, pottery, fiber art, wildlife and much more. Live music, food and refreshments. Playground Park. 10am-5pm. 920/294-3955. www.greenlakeartshow.com (Green Lake Co.)

IOLA

Iola Vintage Military Show: Military vehicles & equipment, tractors, machines and professional vehicle exhibit. WWII and Vietnam battle reenactments with pyrotechnics. Living history encampments. swap meet, camping, USO-type shows and parades. Iola Old Car Show Grounds. Gates open at 8am. 715/445-4005. www.iolavms.com (Waupaca Co.)

La Crosse Irishfest, August 13-15.



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Sweet Corn Festival in Sun Prairie, August 19-22.

LAKE GENEVA

Art in the Park: Outdoor, juried, fine art fair on beautiful Geneva Lake. 100 artists from all over the country will exhibit pottery, fiber, leather, paper, glass, graphics, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, and wood. Library Park. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 262/249-7988. www.lakegenewawi.com (Walworth Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair:

Milwaukee's premier contemporary fine craft fair. Handsome downtown location along the Milwaukee River. Silent auction and special amenities for artists and patrons. Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. 10am-5pm. 414/273-7206. www.wdcc.org/exhibitions/index.cfm (Milwaukee Co.)



Iola Vintage Military Show, August 14-15.

8/15

ANTIGO

Badgerland Classics & Customs Annual Car Show & Swap Meet: Antique and collectible cars and trucks, parts and literature vendors, show cars, and classic cars for sale. Fairgrounds. 8am-4pm. 715/623-5603. www.badgerland-cc.org (Langlade Co.)

AURORA

Aurora Tractor Pull: Antique and new tractors pull against each other for prizes. George Weber Recreation Field. 888/889-0049. (Marinette Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Voyage of Discovery Cruise: Explore the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers aboard a riverboat as a local historian tells the story of French explorers Marquette and Joliet. This two-hour cruise is a must for river and history buffs. Reservations required. St. Feriolo Island. Departs at 2pm. 877/647-7397, 563/586-4444. (Crawford Co.)

8/18

EAGLE RIVER

Paul Bunyan Fest: Fun family event with Beef Roast Cooking Contest, Paul Bunyan-sized beef sandwiches, an arts & craft show, musical entertainment, chainsaw carving demos, and much more. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 800/359-6315. (Vilas Co.)

8/18-19

GREEN BAY

If Tombstones Could Talk: Outdoor walking tour with costumed actors. Meet some of Green Bay's famous and not-so-famous departed citizens as they describe their lives on the Wisconsin frontier. Sponsored by the Brown County Historical Society. Allouez Catholic Cemetery. 6:30pm. 920/437-1840. www.browncountyhistoricalsoc.org (Brown Co.)

8/18-22

BEAVER DAM

Dodge County Fair: Huge midway, main stage with top national country and western and classic rock entertainment. Lots of exhibits and vendors. Live music, a magic show, chain saw carving, pony rides & a petting zoo. Huge demolition derby Sunday. Fairgrounds. 8am-mid each day. 920/885-3586. www.dodgecountyfairgrounds.com (Dodge Co.)

DE PERE

Brown County Fair: County fair featuring food, music and entertainment. Fairgrounds. 920/336-7292. www.browncountyfair.com/ (Brown Co.)

LAKE GENEVA

Venetian Festival: Arts & craft fair (Sat 10am-6pm & Sun 10am-5pm), carnival, lighted boat parade, and fireworks at dusk on Sun. Library Park/ Flat Iron Park. Wed-Fri 6pm-mid, Sat & Sun noon-mid. 262/248-4416. www.lakegenevajaycees.org (Walworth Co.)

WILMOT

Kenosha County Fair: Enjoy entertainment, animals, exhibits, food, and lots of family fun. Fairgrounds. 262/843-2016. kenoshacofair.com (Kenosha Co.)

8/19-22

HAYWARD

Sawyer County Fair: Family entertainment, carnival, live music, exhibits, animal and agriculture displays. Fairgrounds. 9am-mid. 715/934-2721. www.sawyercountyfair.org (Sawyer Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Irish Fest: The nation's largest Irish festival celebrates Irish music, dance, culture, sports and cuisine. More than 300 entertainers on 17 stages, children's activities, Celtic canines and Irish wares delight the Irish in everyone. Henry Maier Festival Park. Thur 5-10pm, Fri 4pm-mid, Sat noon-mid, Sun 11am-10pm. 414/476-3378. www.irishfest.com (Milwaukee Co.)

SUN PRAIRIE

Sweet Corn Festival: Festival begins with a parade down Main Street on Thurs evening. Event includes craft show, carnival rides, concessions, family stage, beer tent with live bands, kiddie korner activities, petting zoo, rock climbing wall, and lots of sweet corn on Sat & Sun. Angell Park. Thurs & Fri 6-10 pm, Sat noon-mid, Sun noon-10pm. 608/837-4547. www.sunprairiechamber.com (Dane Co.)

WAUTOMA

Waushara County Fair: Tractor, truck and horse pulls, harness racing, Demo Derby, carnival rides, livestock auction, commercial exhibits, and concessions. 4-H and FFA competitions. Fairgrounds. 8am-mid. 920/787-0416. (Waushara Co.)

8/20

APPLETON

Art on the Town: The art venues on College Avenue and the Riverfront open their doors with artist demonstrations and refreshments. Third Friday of each month June-Sept. Downtown. 6-9pm. 920/954-9112. www.appletondowntown.org (Outagamie Co.)

HOLMEN

Coulee Region Riders Club Gymkhana: Rodeo events for high school and adult riders; barrel racing, pole bending, jumping, figure 8, Texas flag race. Coulee Region Riders Club. 6pm. 608/526-4684. www.ridersclub.org (La Crosse Co.)

8/20-21

HILBERT

Voices of Peace Gospel Music Festival: 19 groups from across the Midwest play country, bluegrass, and southern gospel music. Bring your lawn chairs and prepare to have some fun. Concessions on the grounds including a fish fry on Fri, and chicken breasts on Sat. Hilbert Civic Park. Fri 3-10pm, Sat 10am-9pm. 920/853-3352. www.voicesofpeace.net (Calumet Co.)

LA CROSSE

CenturyTel's Sand on the Riverfront: Sand sculpting competition, food, music and family fun. Proceeds benefit people with disabilities. Riverside Park. Fri 9:30am-8pm, Sat 11am-8pm. 608/784-9450. www.riverfrontinc.org (La Crosse Co.)

WAUPACA

Waupaca Area Triathlon: A 1/2-mile swim, 20-mile bike race and 5K-run. The swim starts at 7am across Shadow Lake in South Park. The bike course is rather hilly. The run is a flat, fast loop. South Park's Shadow Lake. 715/258-7343. www.waupacaareatriathlon.com (Waupaca Co.)

Arts on the Square: Starts Fri evening with a dance & live fire spinning. Juried art show and sale, live music, and theater, 3 entertainment stages, farmer's market, workshops, home brew and wine making venue. City Square. 715/258-3741. www.waupacaarts.org (Waupaca Co.)

WAUSAU

Big Bull Falls Blues Festival: 19th annual fest with both local and national blues performers. Concessions and beer garden. Fern Island Park. 715/843-0748. www.wausauareaevents.org (Marathon Co.)

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8/20-22

ALLENTON

Allenton Legion/Fireman's Picnic: Fri: fish fry, kiddie rides, live music. Sat: volleyball tournament, water fights, kiddie rides, live music. Sun: parade (11:30am), marching bands perform after parade, chicken dinner, kiddie rides, water fights, live music. Veterans Park. 888/974-8687, 262/305-1486. (Washington Co.)

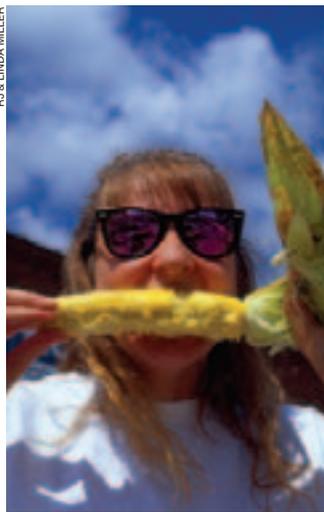
BARABOO

Badger Steam and Gas Engine Show: Wisconsin's largest display of early American steam-powered and gas-powered equipment. Food, flea market, arts & crafts, and entertainment. Features early Wisconsin manufacturers & models. 8am-5pm. 608/522-4905. www.badgersteamandgas.com (Sauk Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

National Championship Musky Open: Musky tournament includes a sport show, trophies, food and fun for the whole family. Fish one of seven lake families in Vilas County. Fairgrounds. 800/359-6315. www.eagleriver.org (Vilas Co.)

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Holmen Kornfest, August 20-22.

HOLMEN

Holmen Kornfest: Fresh corn on the cob, chicken BBQ and other food, live music, carnival, water fights, tractor pulls, horse-shoe tournament, volleyball, softball and concessions. Enjoy Fri night fireworks and a parade on Sat at 11am. Car show on Sun at Holmen Middle School. Halfway Creek Park & American Legion. 608/792-6278. www.discoveronalaska.com (La Crosse Co.)

MADISON

WI Paint Horse Futurity Show: More than 250 beautiful horses known for their incredible coloring. Riders can participate in halter, riding and futurity classes and also receive prize money. Alliant Energy Center. 608/325-2539. www.wispainthorse.com (Dane Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Mexican Fiesta: Spice up your life with authentic Mexican food, rousing mariachi bands, the foot-stomping rhythms and colorful swirl of traditional dancers, and the handmade treasures of the marketplace. Henry Maier Festival Park. Fri 11am-11:30pm, Sat & Sun noon-11:30pm. 414/383-7066. www.mexicanfiesta.org (Milwaukee Co.)

PORT WASHINGTON

Maritime Heritage Tall Ships Festival: Annual celebration of Port Washington's rich maritime culture. Showcases tall ships and tours, food, entertainment, artisans and family activities. Lakefront. 9:30am-6pm. 262/305-4220. www.portmaritimefestival.com (Ozaukee Co.)

8/21

ANTIGO

Antigo Lions Club Tractor Pull: Classes: Super Farm, Light Weight Super Stock, Two-Wheel Drive Truck, and Modified. Cost \$12/adults & \$6/children. Fairgrounds. 6pm. 715/623-0161. (Langlade Co.)

ARCADIA

Concert and Art Festival: Performances by a variety of musical groups, area artists work on display, food booths, wine tasting, and an evening display of fireworks. Memorial Park. 2-10pm. 608/323-6568. www.arcadiawi.org (Trempealeau Co.)

DANBURY

Annual Oktoberfest: Celebrate the city's German heritage at their 10th annual Oktoberfest, with great food, beer, music and dancing. The German Edelweis Folk Dancers, the Riverside Cloggers, the Dan Zimmer Polk Band and Bill Konkar will be performing. 1-9pm. 715/244-3403. (Burnett Co.)

EAGLE

Vintage Base Ball at Old World Wisconsin: Old World Wisconsin's 1860's vintage team, the Eagle Diamonds, faces off against the Milwaukee Cream City Club. Admission to the museum gets you into the game for free. (Yes, back then it was spelled base ball). Old World Wisconsin. Open 10am-5pm (gametime 1:30pm). 866/944-7483, 262/594-6300. www.oldworldwisconsin.org (Waukesha Co.)

KENOSHA

HarborPark Jazz & Blues Festival: Enjoy jazz music on the shore of Lake Michigan. HarborPark's Celebration Place. 262/654-2412. www.mahonefund.org (Kenosha Co.)

MENOMONIE

Rassbach Museum Family Fun Day: Sack races, digging for gem stones, treasure hunts, wheelbarrow races, art projects, crafts, live music, museum tours and more. Admission (adults \$8, children \$5) covers all activities as well as food, drinks and a chance to win door prizes. 11am-4pm. 715/232-8685. www.dunnhistory.org (Dunn Co.)

NEW LONDON

Northeast Wisconsin Strongman Challenge: Come watch men and women carry, pull, push, drag, and lift extraordinarily heavy objects. Family fun for all ages. Hatten Park. 920/982-4774. www.bigtonyscrivens.com (Outagamie Co.)

OAKDALE

Oakdale Area Snowmobile Association Show & Swap: 4th annual indoor show and outdoor swap meet featuring classes for both original and restored sleds. Oakdale Town Hall. 9am-3pm. 608/372-5919. (Monroe Co.)

PEWAUKEE

Antique & Classic Boat Show: 30-plus classic wooden boats from across southeast Wisconsin. Boat sizes will range from 14 feet to 38 feet. Spectators will be able



DON ABRAMS

Mexican Fiesta in Milwaukee, August 20-22.

walk out on the docks, view the boats, visit with owners, and vote for their favorite boat. Lakefront Park. 9am-4pm. 262/691-2341. glacbs.org (Waukesha Co.)

PORTAGE

Friendship Village Celebrates Zona Gale: A commemoration of Pulitzer Prize winning dramatist & social activist Zona Gale. Poetry & play reading, music, tours of Gale's two homes in Portage, ice cream social and more. 608/742-3315. (Columbia Co.)

STURGEON BAY

West Fest: Wild west day with craft show, chili cook-off, live country western music, kids activities, food and beverages. West Side Business District. 9am-4pm. 920/743-6246. (Door Co.)

WALES

Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair: The 14th annual juried art fair with over 65 artists, entertainment, food, children's area, and used book sale. Glacial Drumlin Trail. 10am-5pm. 262/968-2945. www.donnalexamemorialartfair.org (Waukesha Co.)

8/21-22

CASSVILLE

Stonefield Railroad Days: All aboard for a trip back in time. Visit the Stonefield depot, hop into the caboose, view model railroad trains, and stop by the "End of the Line" hobo camp to sample the mulligan stew. Stonefield. 10am-4pm. 608/725-5210. www.stonefieldhistoricsite.org (Grant Co.)

MANITOWOC

Civil War Remembered: Experience the Civil War through education programs, battle re-enactments, civilian demonstrators, music, sutlers and much more! Admission charged. Pinecrest Historical Village. 9am-4pm. 920/684-4445. www.mchistsoc.org (Manitowoc Co.)

MUKWONAGO

Maxwell Street Days Flea Market: More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. Hwy 83 & Cty NN. 8am-5pm. 262/363-3580. www.mukwonagochamber.org (Waukesha Co.)

RICE LAKE

Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society Show: Many items to purchase from fossils to jewelry, and rough rock to

polished pieces. Displays of many unique specimens. Door prizes. This year we will have a replica of Tyrannosaurus Rex "Sue." Demonstrations also of flint knapping. UW Barron County Gym. 10am-5pm. 877/234-2126, 715/234-2126. (Barron Co.)

TURTLE LAKE

Moon Lake Threshermen's Association Threshing Bee: Annual Bee includes demonstrations of farming from yesteryear, antique cars, tractors, steam driven machinery, farm displays, slow tractor race, kid's events, miniature train ride, flea market, music and food. 715/948-2820. www.moonlakeshow.org (Barron Co.)

8/22

GREENBUSH

Wade House 50th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair: Browse a hundred booths displaying handmade wares and traditional craft creations ranging from dolls and baskets to woodcrafts and jewelry. Tour the Wade House for \$3.50 (today only). Horse-drawn transportation on the site is included in the ticket cost. 9am-5pm. 866/944-7483, 920/526-3271. www.wadehouse.org (Sheboygan Co.)

RACINE

Racine Zoo Classic Car Show: From old to new/mild to wild... this car and motorcycle show is one of the best attended in southeast Wisconsin. Food, fun and classics for all to enjoy and admire. (Exhibitors of cars pay fee). Racine Zoo. 10am-4pm. 262/636-9189. www.racinezoo.org/ (Racine Co.)

8/24-29

MANITOWOC

Manitowoc County Fair: Ag exhibits, youth exhibits, displays, musical entertainment, and food. Manitowoc County Expo, Inc. 920/683-4378. www.manitowoccountyexpo.com (Manitowoc Co.)

Travel Green.

During your hotel stay, be energy conscious away from home. Turn down the thermostat, turn off the lights and TV, and reuse your sheets and towels.



8/25-29

CUMBERLAND

Rutabaga Festival: Since 1932, Cumberland has annually celebrated this oft-forgotten veggie. Enjoy live entertainment, a pedal tractor pull, pepper-eating contest, basketball shootout, craft show, morning bike tour, and grand parade. Downtown. 715/822-3378. www.cumberland-wisconsin.com (Barron Co.)

8/25-9/11

BAYFIELD

Apostle Islands Lighthouse Celebration: Daily lighthouse cruises and tours of the seven historic Apostle Islands lights. Other activities include lectures, concerts, a Keeper's Dinner and more. Tour newly renovated Raspberry Island Lighthouse - the "Showplace of the Apostle Islands." Apostle Islands Cruise Service. Daily. 800/779-4487, 715/779-5619. www.lighthousecelebration.com/ (Bayfield Co.)

8/27-28

BRANTWOOD

Spirit of Brantwood: 150-mile motorcycle tour from Brantwood to Minocqua and back. A group start at 10am. Stops along the way. Benefits terminally ill kids. Music, food & fun after ride. Free primitive camping and a Big Bison Feed. Community Park. 715/453-1872. www.2theliquorstore.com (Price Co.)

PORTAGE

Taste of Portage Market Fair: Fri night - live music, food and refreshments, car cruise, kid's activities. Sat - Sample food from 15 area restaurants & civic organizations 10am-4pm, shop 50 art & craft vendors, see the all-make/all-model car show, and sample specialty beers. Market Square. Fri 6-9pm, Sat 10am-4pm. 800/474-2525, 608/742-6242. www.portagewi.com (Columbia Co.)

PRINCETON

Burning Down the Fox: Bar-B-Que competition that qualifies the winner for the Nationals in Kansas City. Live music, scrumptious bar-b-que, a Kid's Zone of games, and more. Princeton High School Grounds. 920/361-6379. www.burningdownthefox.com (Green Lake Co.)

SUPERIOR

Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival: Dragon boat racing all day Sat. Food and beverage vendors, arts and crafts fair, entertainment Fri evening and Sat throughout the day. Barker's Island. Fri 4-10pm. Sat 7am-10pm. 866/336-1107. www.lakesuperiordragons.com (Douglas Co.)

WEST BEND

Germanfest: This free, outdoor festival features two stages of continuous polka music, authentic German food, dancing, Sheephead tournament, and daily raffles. Friday fish fry, Saturday farmers market, Riverwalk Art Fair and strawberry pancake breakfast. Downtown. Fri 10am-11pm; Sat 7am-11pm. 262/338-3909. www.downtownwestbend.com (Washington Co.)

8/27-29

DANBURY

St. Croix Traditional Wild Rice Pow-Wow: This 37th annual Pow-Wow features authentic Native American dancers and drummers, food vendors and native arts & crafts vendors. Come and enjoy a spectacular Native American event. Hole in the Wall Casino. 9am-9pm. 800/BET-U-WI, 715/349-2195. www.holeinthewallcasino.com (Burnett Co.)

EDGAR

North Central WI Antique Steam/Gas Engine Show: 36th annual show. Machinery exhibits, flea market, refreshments, historic buildings, weaving and ice cream making demos, petting zoo and games for children, live music, parade Sat & Sun at 1pm, pancake breakfasts, on-site camping. Kurt Umnus Farm. Fri 8am-11pm, Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 7am-7pm. 715/352-2978. www.edgarsteamshow.com (Marathon Co.)

GREEN BAY

Artstreet: Showcases more than 200 visual artists from across the country. Performing arts on 3 stages with a blend of jazz, blues, classical, dance, and theatre. Art fair Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm, edible arts, a children's art area, artist demonstrators, and strolling performers. Downtown. Fri 5pm-mid, Sat 10am-11pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 920/435-5220. www.arteventsinc.com/artstreet/ (Brown Co.)



Artstreet in Green Bay, August 27-29.

MIDDLETON

Middleton Good Neighbor Festival: Annual summer favorite with a variety of delicious foods, midway rides and games, an arts and crafts fair, a parade, live entertainment and more. Firemen's Park. 800/688-5694. www.goodneighborfestival.com (Dane Co.)

ONALASKA

Legion Community Days: Carnival, flea market, craft show, antiques, pool tournament, pancake breakfast, country and polka bands, concessions, kids' activities tent, bingo, and more. American Legion. 800/873-1901, 608/783-3071. www.onalaskapost336.org (La Crosse Co.)

UNION GROVE

Sportsmans Fair: Indoor/outdoor trade show offers 100s of exhibits, dog training and clinics, calling competitions, Wisconsin DNR demos, hunting, fishing, camping, boating, seminars, kid's activities, and raffles. Fairgrounds. 262/873-0008. www.sportsmansfair.com (Racine Co.)

8/28

AMHERST

Amherst Quilt, Craft & Amish Furniture Auction: Amish quilts & furniture are auctioned under huge tents. Baked goods, food and refreshments. Fairgrounds. Starts at 8am. 715/467-2800. www.maderauction.com (Portage Co.)

FORT ATKINSON

Rhythm On The River: An evening of good music, great food and fun on Fort's Riverwalk. Dance the night away to the sounds of great live bands. 5-11pm. 888/733-3678, 920/563-3210. fortchamber.com (Jefferson Co.)

HAYWARD

Seeley Lions Club Pre-Fat Bike Race: New race format, 3 divisions. 25 mile Expert-Fat, 15 mile Sport-Fat, 10 mile Citizen-Fat & 3k Cub Race. Registration and check in at the Sawmill Saloon. Seeley Hills Trails. 715/634-6449. www.seeleywis.com (Sawyer Co.)

HILBERT

Cheesehead Run: Half-Marathon and 5K run. Concessions, activities for the kids, live music, T-shirts, medals, and goodie bags. Downtown. Register at 7am, run at 8am. 920/205-3310. www.pacesettersrun.com (Calumet Co.)

MADISON

Wisconsin Pottery Association Show and Sale: More than 50 dealers from across the Midwest will sell all types of antique/collectible pottery and dinnerware at the annual show. 608/849-8761. www.wisconsinpottery.org (Dane Co.)

MOUNT HOREB

Fire Muster: Games, food, live music, fire equipment display and parade. Firefighters compete in bucket brigade, waterfights, and ladder and hose competitions. Fire Department. 608/437-5914. www.trollway.com (Dane Co.)

POTOSI

2nd Annual Port of Potosi BrewFest: Sample some of the best beer, wine and cheeses from more than 35 breweries, wineries and cheese companies. Fee charged, save on advance tickets. Potosi Brewery & National Brewery Museum. 608/763-4002. www.potosibrewery.com (Grant Co.)

WAUPACA

Waupaca Rod & Classic Car Club Car Show and Cruise: A rod and classic car show with all the summer amenities. South Park. 715/256-1099. (Waupaca Co.)

8/28-29

CORNELL

Chippewa River Rendezvous: Enjoy displays from the early Indian camps of the 1600s to modern day crafters. Educational and fun for the family. Mill Yard Park. 715/239-6628. www.chippewachamber.org (Chippewa Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Festival of Flavors: This event showcases local restaurants, as well as Wisconsin culinary artisans and artists using natural products. Good food, cheese and wine tasting, and demonstrations. Riverview Park. 800/359-6315, 715/479-8467. www.eaglerivermainstreet.org (Vilas Co.)

GREEN BAY

Heritage Hill: British Encampment: Learn about life on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1700s under British rule. Encamped at Fort Green Bay, British redcoats drill and fire their muskets while their wives cook, bake, and weave, and their children play and do chores. Heritage Hill. Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun noon-4:30pm. 920/448-5150. www.heritagehillgb.org (Brown Co.)

TIGERTON

Tigerton Lumberjack Days: Corn roast, music & bike give-away on Saturday. Parade at 1pm on Sunday, Lumberjack contests, food and fun. Tigerton Community Park. 715/535-3300. (Shawano Co.)

WAUSAU

IWA Snowmobile Watercross Racing: Snowmobiles racing on water. Drag and oval racing presented by the International Watercross Association and Studman Racing LLC. Weekend pass \$20, Sat \$10, Sun \$12, kids 9 & under free. Bring your lawn chairs. Sunny Vale Park. Sat gates open 9am, racing 10am; Sun gates open 10am, racing 11am. 715/536-9490. www.iwasa.org/ (Marathon Co.)

Changes may occur. Before attending an event call or e-mail ahead to verify dates or visit travelwisconsin.com.



Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival in Superior, August 27-28.

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OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Off road bicyclists from across the country will converge on Telemark Resort in Cable for the running of the 28th Annual Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival on September 17-19, 2010. A sold out field of 2,500 riders will test muscles, minds and pedal-powered machines in the nation's largest mass start point-to-point off road bicycle event.

The festival's main event, the Chequamegon 40, is set for Saturday when 1,700 riders will start, en masse, from Hayward's Main Street at 10am; a spectacle

not to be missed. A few elite riders will compete for the championship, but most of the field will be citizen-class athletes in it for the adventure and personal challenge inherent in this 40-mile off road journey.

The Short & Fat, a simultaneous 16-mile companion event, offers an additional 800 cyclists a shorter but challenging backwoods' cycling opportunity. This rolling mass of cyclists will launch from Randysek Road in Cable, Saturday at 10am. Both events head cross-county utilizing a twisting maze of wooded trails to arrive at the Telemark Resort finish line in Cable. Both events feature a Children's Bicycle Parade before the start of each race.

The entire Chequamegon weekend is filled with activities that the whole family will enjoy. Friday offers warm-up events, a pasta feast, and product displays. Sunday offers several lighter, fun events after Saturday's serious day of racing. The Rough Stuff Poker Ride starts at 9am with several hundred pedaling up and down the hills of Telemark Resort in a bicycle orienteering race. Riders can compete for top times in the Timed Competition category or for best hands in the Poker Ride format.

Sunday also features spectator-friendly lap races. Beginning at 10am, the Cable Crit-Cross will feature two-person, two-lap qualifying heats. Riders will negotiate a short, closed course that contains cyclocross features including new hand-built single-track, several dismount and run sections, and a ramp-platform-steps obstacle all located on the Telemark ski hill.

With a combination of fat tires, friends, family and fun it's not just a race, it's a really great time. For more information about the festival, visit www.cheqfattire.com.

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9/1-6

MARSHFIELD

Central Wisconsin State Fair: 4-H and open class exhibits, free grandstand entertainment, the Central Wisconsin draft horse show, midway rides, tractor pull, demolition derby, commercial exhibits and special programs, food and beer gardens. Fairgrounds. 715/387-1261. www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com (Wood Co.)

SHAWANO

Shawano County Fair: Midway thrills, tractor pull, demolition derby, pig wrestling, free grandstand entertainment, polka bands, great food, craft exhibits, stock car races and 4-H exhibits. Fairgrounds. 866/715-6532, 715/526-5419. www.shawanocountyfair.net (Shawano Co.)

9/2-6

MARENGO

Ashland County Fair: Midway rides, horse show, carnival, truck pull, musical entertainment, concessions, animal judging, exhibits and plenty of family fun. Fairgrounds. 800/284-9484. www.ashlandcountyfair.org (Ashland Co.)

9/3-4

PRAIRIE DU SAC

Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw: This fun event features flying cow pies, music, art & craft fair (Sat), parade and food. Two stages of live entertainment on Saturday. Marion Park. 608/643-5463. www.wiscowchip.com (Sauk Co.)

9/3-5

ALLENTON

Big Concertina Jamboree Festival: Continuous concertina jamming on three stages with all players welcome. Concertinas to play, trade, or sell. Dancing, Friday fish fry, food and refreshments. Overnight parking for campers. Addison Town Hall - Veterans' Park. Fri & Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-7pm. 888/974-8687, 262/629-5018. www.visitwashingtoncounty.com (Washington Co.)

BARABOO

Baraboo River Rendezvous: Fur trade reenactment and rendezvous held on the site of the first settled part of Baraboo. Camps, traders, events and food vendors. Spirit Point. 9am-5pm Fri, Sat & Sun. 608/522-3319. www.baraboo.com (Sauk Co.)

CRANDON

Borg Warner World Championship Off-Road Races: Premier off-road racing at its best and most thrilling. 40,000 race fans attend annually. Televised on the ESPN, Speed channel, and live on ABC (in 2009). Crandon International Off-Road Raceway. 888/611-6092, 715/478-2222. www.crandonoffroad.com (Forest Co.)

HOLMEN

Western Wisconsin Regional High School Rodeo: Bareback riding, saddle bronc and bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, cutting teams, barrel racing, pole bending and break-away-roping. Coulee Region Riders Club. 608/526-4684. www.ridersclub.org (La Crosse Co.)

NEW GLARUS

Wilhelm Tell Festival: Community performers present the "Wilhelm Tell Pageant" in English (Sat 2pm & Sun 1pm) and in German (Sat 10am). Also Swiss music, a yodeling contest, art fair in the park (Sun), an ethnic fashion show (Sun 10:30am) and kid's lantern parade (Fri 8pm). 800/527-6838, 608/527-2095. www.wilhelmtell.org (Green Co.)

PHILLIPS

Powered Parachute, Light Sport & Ultra-light Aircraft Fly-In: Learn more about ultra-light and light sport aircrafts and powered parachutes or bring your own to this unique fly-in. Pilot briefing prior to flight times, mowed grass runway, camping available at the airport. Bring your radios - 122.8 Unicom. Price County Airport. Reg & set-up Fri at 3pm, then all day Sat & Sun. 800/269-4505, 715/339-3701. www.pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

PRENTICE

Progress Days: Fri - softball tourney & concessions; Sat - arts & crafts show (10am start), parade (10:30am), log loading contest, games, midway rides, dance, history/logging display, BBQ chicken, airplane rides; Sun - golf, softball & basketball tourneys, concessions. Lions Park. Fri 5:30-?, Sat 9am-1am, Sun 8am-8pm, Monday rainedate. 715/428-2861. www.vil.prentice.wi.gov (Price Co.)

SHELL LAKE

Town & Country Days: Fun for the whole family with horse, mini-rod and tractor pulls, a bike/run/canoe triathlon, spelling bee, volleyball tourney, sailboat regatta, arts and crafts fair, nightly live music with dancing, food booths, pancake breakfast, parade and more. Downtown. 715/468-4088. www.washburncounty.org/tourism (Washburn Co.)

SUPERIOR

Great Northern Classic Rodeo: MRA/URA-sanctioned professional rodeo, including saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, bareback riding, cowgirl's barrel racing, & bull riding. Also, 5K walk/run Sat AM, Miracle rodeo on Sun AM, children's games, food and fun. Fairgrounds. 218/727-6336. www.greatnorthernclassicrodeo.com (Douglas Co.)

9/3-6

CHILTON

Calumet County Fair: Carnival rides, exhibits, stock car racing, demolition derby, live music, and grandstand entertainment. The Biggest Little Fair in Wisconsin! Fairgrounds. 9am-mid. 920/849-2926. www.calumetcountyfair.com (Calumet Co.)

EDGERTON

Rock River Threshere: Train rides, steam calliope, gas tractors, large flea market, blacksmith shop, vintage cars and trucks, big tractor parade every day at 3pm. Oliver is the 2010 featured tractor. Admission is charged. Thresherman's Park. 8am-5pm. 608/868-2814. www.threshere.org (Rock Co.)

HILLSBORO

Labor Day Celebration: Activities include a junior fair, farmers market, carnival, tractor pulls, demolition derby, Vernon County's largest Labor Day parade, refreshments, music and entertainment, softball and fun for the entire family. Firemen's Memorial Park. 608/489-2521. www.hillsborofire.info (Vernon Co.)

JIM FALLS

Lion's Sturgeon Festival: Amusements on the midway, bands nightly, demolition derbies, tractor pull and truck pull, and parade. Fun for all ages. Anson Park. Opens Fri 5pm, Sat & Sun at 9am, Mon 9am-5pm. 715/832-5405. www.chippewachamber.org (Chippewa Co.)

PORTAGE

WWSDA Sheep Dog Trial: See over 100 talented border collies gather sheep at a 500-yard distance, drive a 1/4-mile triangular course and pen them with only the aid of voice and whistle commands. Food is available on the grounds. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. McLeish Farm. 9am-6pm. 608/845-6996. www.wwsda.org (Columbia Co.)

RIDGELAND

Ridgeland Fair: Ridgeland's town fair includes carnival rides, a tractor pull, parade and many other activities. Ridgeland Village Park. 715/949-1029. (Dunn Co.)

ROSHOLT

Rosholt Fair - Official Portage County Fair: 4-H exhibits, music, main stage entertainment, carnival, food & refreshments, parade and demolition derby. Something for everyone in the "park in the pines." Rosholt Fair Park. 715/677-4708. www.rosholtfair.com (Portage Co.)

STURTEVANT

Apple Holler Paula Red Festival and Corn Roast: Apple picking, country cook-out, corn roast and wagon rides through the orchard. Pony rides, Kids Corral play area, corn maze, apple cider and caramel apples. Apple Holler Restaurant & Playhouse. Fri & Mon 11am-4pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm. 262/884-7100. www.appleholler.com (Racine Co.)

9/4

CASSVILLE

Cassville Car Cruise: All classic & special interest vehicles are welcome. Meet at Menards in Platteville at 2pm. Depart at 3pm cruising thru Grant County to Cassville. Food and refreshments at 5:30pm at Riverside Park. Live music from 7-11pm. Riverside Park. 608/725-5647. www.cassville.org (Grant Co.)

CORNELL

Pork N' The Park: Roasted pork dinner served with all the trimmings & homemade pies, activities for children, dancing, and more. Mill Yard Park. 715/239-3710. www.cityofcornell.com (Chippewa Co.)

HURLEY

Festival Italiano: Craft fair and flea market (11am-5pm), Marty's Goldenaires Senior Drum and Bugle Corp performance, food booths, kids' games, Bring the family for some great Italian food. Downtown. 715/561-4334. www.HurleyWi.com (Iron Co.)



Great Northern Classic Rodeo in Superior, September 3-5.

NEKOOSA

Lake Arrowhead Craft Show: More than 100 crafters show and sell. Food/beverages on-site, courtesy cars for the handicapped. One of central Wisconsin's best craft shows. Lake Arrowhead. 9am-3pm. 715/325-2904. www.lakearrowhead-golf.com (Wood Co.)

NEW LISBON

Fly In-Drive In: Breakfast, lunch, aircraft and antique-classic cars on display, arts and crafts fair, and chopper rides. Mauston-New Lisbon Airport. 6:30am-4pm. 800/837-6503. www.juneaucounty.com/events.asp (Juneau Co.)

PORT WING

Fish Boil: Traditional and tasty Lake Superior fish boil with white fish, potatoes and onions. Plus, crafts/flea market & beer garden. Town Hall. 715/774-3624. (Bayfield Co.)

9/4-5

DANBURY

Voyager Village Arts & Crafts Show: Juried show with more than 100 exhibitors, refreshments and raffle booths. Voyager Village Community Center. 9am-4pm. 715/259-3914. (Burnett Co.)

EAGLE RIVER

Apple Harvest Craft Fest: A free, juried craft and gift event. Family entertainment, and plenty of good food. Fairgrounds. 9:30am-4:30pm. 715/675-6201. www.eagleriver.org (Vilas Co.)

EXELAND

Trout Festival: Arts & crafts sale, queen's pageant, volleyball, baseball, street dance, parade, 10K run, kid's games, horseshoes, wildlife displays, lots of food, music, and more. Main St. 715/266-4181. www.haywardlakes.com (Sawyer Co.)

MADISON

Taste of Madison: More than 65 local restaurants, 20 beverage stands and four entertainment stages draw an estimated 150,000 attendees. Food items range from \$1 to \$4. Plenty of free, live entertainment. Capitol Square. 608/226-4780. www.madisonfestivals.com (Dane Co.)

MENASHA

Fox Jazz Fest: Enjoy local, national and international jazz artists plus food, art, and family fun. Jefferson Park. Noon-8pm daily. 920/727-4972. www.foxjazzfest.com (Winnebago Co.)

PHILLIPS

Hidden Prairie Rendezvous: An 1840's fur trade rendezvous including wood's walk, hawk & knife throw, black powder shoot, primitive bow shoot, fire starting, fry pan tossing, and kid's games. 10am-4pm. 715/820-2808. www.hidden-prairie.com (Price Co.)

PORT WING

Port Wing Arts & Craft Show: Regional art & crafters show and sale. Fish boil. Port Wing Town Hall & Memorial Park. 715/774-3624. (Bayfield Co.)

9/4-6

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wow: As a celebration of thanks, the Ho-Chunk nation welcomes all friends and neighbors to their bi-annual pow-wows. Enjoy drumming, colorful competition dancing, and a variety of Native crafts from vendors across the country. Pow-Wow Grounds. 715/284-9343. (Jackson Co.)

HATFIELD

Thunderbird Village Flea Market and Craft Shows: Enjoy food, fun, and bargains galore. 160 Vendor spaces. Parking. Thunderbird Village. 608/989-2275. (Jackson Co.)

9/5

ALMA

Alma Music & Arts Festival: Live music throughout the day, art & craft vendors, food from local organizations and restaurants, storyteller Kenny Salwey, a live eagle presentation from the National Eagle Center, children's activities, and pony rides. Alma Beach/Harbor Recreation Area. 11am-7pm. 608/685-4859. www.almawisconsin.com (Buffalo Co.)

ELTON

Annual Elton Evergreen Day Celebration: Music, crafts, raffles, door prizes, games, and plenty of food and refreshments. 11am. 715/623-3078. (Langlade Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Custom Bike Show: Whether you're born to be wild or mild makes no difference at this H-D show. Check out bikes of all styles from antique to radical. See pinstripe artists, a customization challenge, and enjoy live music. Harley-Davidson Museum. 877/436-8738. www.h-dmuseum.com (Milwaukee Co.)

PARK FALLS

Pike Lake Chain Fun Day: 31st annual event with hourly raffles, horseshoe tourney, games for adults & children, food & refreshments, music after 6:30pm, cash drawing, and fireworks. Pike Lake Fire Hall. Noon-10pm. 715/762-1765. www.pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

PEARSON

Labor Day Picnic: 27th annual picnic with live music, a large raffle, food & drink, games for all ages, hourly drawings, rummage sales, and crafts. Rolling Stone Building. 11am-11:30pm. 715/484-2403. (Langlade Co.)

PORT WING

South Shore Lions Club Fall Festival: Kiddie parade, craft show, 5K walk, 10K run, food booths, bingo & flower show. 715/774-3123. (Bayfield Co.)

9/5-6

SPIRIT

Yesterday House and Liberty School Open House: Tour this historic log house built in 1886 as well as Liberty School, built 1919. Furnished with antiques, they offer a wonderful insight into the area's pioneer history. Yesterday House & Liberty School. Sun noon-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm. 715/564-3299. germansettlementhistory.org (Price Co.)

9/6

MERRILL

Labor Day Celebration: Huge parade downtown at 10am. Events at the fairgrounds begin at noon and include a classic car show, flea market, farmer's market, Habitat for Humanity Auction, tractor pull, entertainment for the kids, and concessions. Fairgrounds. 10am-5pm. 877/907-2757, 715/536-7313. www.merrillparkandrec.com (Lincoln Co.)



PHIL & LINDA MILLER

Richland County Fair in Richland Center, September 8-12.

9/8-12

RICHLAND CENTER

Richland County Fair: 148th annual fair includes entertainment, games, rides, exhibits, food, music, horseracing, truck & tractor pulls, and commercial vendors. Fairgrounds. 608/647-6859. www.richlandchamber.com/Fair.htm (Richland Co.)

9/9-11

MADISON

Quilt Expo: The ultimate quilting adventure whether you're a seasoned quilter, a novice or just curious to learn more about quilting. Quilting masters will share their ideas and expertise. Presented by WPT and "Sewing With Nancy." Alliant Energy Center. 9am-6pm. 920/356-6144. www.wiquiltexpo.com (Dane Co.)

9/9-12

ANTIGO

Springbrook Buckskinners Rendezvous: Return to the fur trading years of 1790 thru 1860's. Enjoy a black powder demonstration, a tomahawk and knife throwing contest, and demonstrations of canoe-making and leather tanning. Costumed reenactors, concessions, family fun. Antigo Lake Park. 715/623-5219. (Langlade Co.)

9/10-11

ELROY

Elroy Apple Dumpling Days Festival: Fri & Sat - kickball tourney, plus food, beer, DJ music and kid's games. Sat - pancake breakfast and the Apple Dumpling races including the Tunnel Trails Half Marathon run on the area's three bike trails. Apple dumplings served all day Sat. Elroy City Park. Fri 7pm, Sat 8am-9pm. 608/548-7071. (Juneau Co.)

MANITOWOC

Sputnikfest: A celebration of the 1962 crash landing of a piece of the satellite Sputnik in Manitowoc. Festivities include a walk/run, juried art fair and much more. Rahr West Art Museum. 920/683-4501. www.sputnikfest.com (Manitowoc Co.)

WAUWATOSA

TosaFest: Annual event with entertainment on three stages, a children's area with games, a wide variety of foods, and a fun run. State St & Harwood Ave. Fri evening, Sat 11am-11pm. 414/899-6449. www.tosafest.org (Milwaukee Co.)

WEST BEND

Kettle Moraine Jazz Festival: Features internationally recognized jazz musicians and vocalists. Enjoy tempting international cuisine, an arts marketplace, and interactive sponsor exhibits. Riverside Park. Fri 4:30-11:30pm, Sat 1-11pm. 877/271-6903. www.kmjazz.com (Washington Co.)

WHITewater

Taste of Whitewater: Food and drink festival with live bands, lumberjack show and kids entertainment. Cravath Lakefront Park. 262/473-2200. www.tasteofwhitewater.com (Walworth Co.)

9/10-12

BELOIT

Heritage Days: Tours of historic neighborhoods, buildings, cemetery and museums. Live music and demonstrations of old-fashioned crafts. 5K and 10K run or walk on Saturday. Free admission. Throughout Beloit. 800/423-5648, 608/365-4838. www.visitbeloit.com (Rock Co.)

BOULDER JUNCTION

World Championship Musky Classic: Annual catch and release musky tournament on area lakes. Sponsored in four communities: Boulder Junction, Presque Isle, Manitowish Waters and Winchester. Trophies awarded. Area lakes. 800/466-8759. www.wcmuskyclassic.com (Vilas Co.)

ELKHART LAKE

VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival: The final public race of the season celebrates the beauty and speed of classic race cars like the Alfa Romeo, Austin Healey, MG, Porsche, Jag, Triumph and Lotus, Ferrari, Maserati, Bugatti and Aston-Martin. Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association. Admission. Road America, Inc. 800/365-7223, 920/892-4576. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

JEFFERSON

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival: Stock dog trials, sheep, Shetland and Border Collie shows, auction, fiber art classes and demos, fleece show and sale, hooked-rug show, and giant country store. Food and beverages. Jefferson County Fair Park. Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. 608/868-2505. www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com (Jefferson Co.)

KIMBERLY

Kimberly Centennial Celebration: Community celebration with a parade (Sat 1pm), ceremonies, childrens activities, entertainment, food and refreshments. Sunset Park. Fri TBD, Sat 3-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm. 920/788-7507. www.vokimberly.org (Outagamie Co.)

MAZOMANIE

Wild West Days: Beer & food tent, horseshoes, music, kid's tractor pull and games, raffle throughout the weekend and a great parade on Sun downtown. Lions Park. Fun starts Fri at 5pm. 608/795-2117. www.villageofmazomanie.com (Dane Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Indian Summer Festival: The largest Native American festival in the country. Competition Pow-Wow, fireworks, Indian dance troupes, tribal village, cultural demonstrations, storytellers, lacrosse demo & tournament, juried fine arts, American Indian traditional and contemporary entertainers, authentic foods and marketplace. Henry Maier Festival Park. Fri 4pm-mid, Sat noon-mid, Sun 11am-10pm. 414/604-1000. www.indiansummer.org (Milwaukee Co.)

OSCEOLA

Community Fair: Midway thrills, craft fair, exhibits, truck and lawn tractor pulls, concessions, Grand Parade on Sun (1pm), talent contest, queen coronation, and music. Downtown. 800/947-0581, 715/755-3300. www.osceolachamber.org (Polk Co.)

PLATTEVILLE

Dairy Days: Midway rides, concessions, 4-H exhibits, arts & craft fair, flea market, dairy show, truck/tractor pull, family entertainment, parade on Sat, car show on Sun. Legion Field. 608/348-8888. www.platteville.com (Grant Co.)

Historic Re-enactment: 12th annual event. Step back in time while watching a recreation of Wisconsin's frontier history. Thousands attend to watch craft and weaponry demonstrations, see exhibits of 19th century technology, and enjoy the camp life. Mound View Park. 608/348-8888. (Grant Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Pacelli Panacea: Carnival, Friday fish fry, Sunday chicken dinner, super bingo on Sunday, bands Friday & Saturday evening, carnival, raffle, silent auction, music, shops, food and fun. Pacelli High School. Fri 4-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-8pm. 715/341-2445. www.spacs.org (Portage Co.)

WAUPUN

Volkfest German Festival: Ethnic German festival features folk dancers, music, German food, Stumpf Fiddle Contest and refreshments. Fri 10am-10:30pm, Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 1-5:30pm. 920/324-2610. www.waupunchamber.com (Dodge Co.)

U.S. Watermelon Speed-Eating and Seed-Spitting Championships in Pardeeville, September 11.

9/10-26

GLENDALE

Oktoberfest: Sponsored by the United German Societies of Milwaukee, this authentic fall festival features brass bands, Bavarian folk dancers, yodelers, music and dancing, German food and beer. Heidelberg Park. Fridays 5pm-mid, Saturdays 4pm-mid, Sundays 1-7pm. 414/462-9147. www.bavarianinmilwaukee.com (Milwaukee Co.)

9/11

BOULDER JUNCTION

Colorama Arts & Crafts Fair: Artisans show and sell. Also enjoy a farmer's market and wild game sandwiches. Boulder Junction Community Center. 9am-3pm. 800/466-8759. www.boulderjct.org (Vilas Co.)

BRANTWOOD

A Country Afternoon: Baking contest includes bread, cake, cookies and pies; bread sale follows with Finnish bread, cardamon braids and cinnamon rolls. Craft sale includes homemade soaps, jellies, jams and produce. Demo by Crazy Hearts Quilt Club, quilt raffle, and live music. Knox Creek Heritage Center. 1-4pm. 715/564-2520. pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

CHILTON

Crafty Apple Fest: Special apple-related food dishes, apple & pumpkin beer, live music, games, activities and entertainment for the kids, pumpkin bowling, entertainment stages, food court and crafters. County Hwy Dept Grounds. 9am-4pm. 920/418-1650. www.chiltonchamber.com (Calumet Co.)

EDGERTON

Chilimania: CASI-sanctioned chili cooking contests with cash prizes for best chili, salsa, and display and costume theme. Includes chili tasting, food stands, live music, and fun for the entire family. Admission is charged. Downtown. 11am-mid. 608/884-3858. www.chilimania.com (Rock Co.)

GREEN LAKE

Wisconsin State Chili Cook-off: The winner advances to the National Chili Cook Off Championship. Live music and chili sampling available with People's Choice Awards and auction. Deacon Mills Park. Chefs start cooking at 11am, judging and sampling at 3pm, auction & awards follow the judging. 920/294-6504. www.visitgreenlake.com (Green Lake Co.)

HAYWARD

Rut Huggers ATV Rally: Sat - scavenger hunt, off-road challenge. Sun - WATV regional meeting, music by Firefall. Free-style jump team, food and door prizes both days. Admission \$5. LCO Casino & Convention Center. 715/462-3674. (Sawyer Co.)

HORICON

Horicon Marsh Classic Car Show: The Horicon Marsh Classic Car Club showcases classic and collectible cars and trucks each year in this terrific show. Riverbend Park. 7:30am-3pm. 920/387-5146. www.carshowguide.com (Dodge Co.)

JANESVILLE

Garden Festival: Tomato taste testing, fried green tomatoes, all plant sale, Arborfest and a Taste of Rock County featuring food from area restaurants. Rotary Gardens. 11am-4pm. 608/752-3885. www.rotarygardens.org (Rock Co.)

MERRILL

Merrill Airport Days: Airplane buffs can see ultralights to business aircraft, skydivers, short flight displays, a flea market and a craft show. Lions Club will serve breakfast and lunch. Merrill Municipal Airport. 8am-3pm. 715/536-2024. (Lincoln Co.)

MOUNT HOREB

Thirsty Troll Brew Fest: Taste beers from Wisconsin and the surrounding area. Twenty five brewers will be showcasing up to 100 different brews. Music, food & Jorgen the Troll. Grundahl Park. 1-5pm. 888/765-5929, 608/437-5914. www.trollway.com (Dane Co.)

NEW LONDON

Fall Family Fest, Cheese & Sausage: A family event with kids' games, entertainment, pony rides, climbing wall, strongman competition, theme basket raffle, and a live contemporary Christian music stage. Shop more than 100 craft, produce, and food vendors. Taste local cheese and sausage. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 920/982-5822. www.newlondonchamber.com (Outagamie Co.)

OSCEOLA

Wheels & Wings: Aviation fly-in with pancake breakfast, air show, radio-controlled model planes, and collector car show. Entertainment, food and fun. L O Simenstad Municipal Airport. 8am-4pm. 800/947-0581. www.dot.wisconsin.gov (Polk Co.)

OSHKOSH

Autumn Fest: Annual fund raiser for the Winnebago County Community Park. Art show, flea market, food, games, rides, music and more. Sunnyview Expo Center. 920/303-3176. (Winnebago Co.)

PARDEEVILLE

U.S. Watermelon Speed-Eating and Seed-Spitting Championships: Free watermelon (all you can eat), watermelon carving, arts & crafts fair, contests for all ages and of course the speed-eating and seed-spitting competition. Concessions and lots of family fun. Chandler Park. Event starts at 9am, with competition reg noon-2pm, and championships at 2pm. www.pardeevillewatermelonfestival.com (Columbia Co.)

RACINE

EVP Pro Beach Volleyball National Championships: More than 100 two-person teams vie for the \$10,000 purse in the season-ending championships. Free admission. North Beach. 7am-5pm. 800/272-2463. www.evpour.com

RICHLAND CENTER

Ococh Mountain Fall Bike Tour: Bike to fight Cancer... four tours, chili supper, showers, swimming, whirlpool and sauna. Begin your tour after registration. Symons Recreation Complex. Reg 7-9am. 608/647-8522. www.symonsrec.com (Richland Co.)

STURGEON BAY

Jazz on Jefferson: Live jazz, food and entertainment at the gateway to Door county. Jefferson Street. 1-8pm. 800/301-6695. www.sturgeonbay.net (Door Co.)

SUN PRAIRIE

Sun Prairie Blues Fest: Annual festival featuring music by Madison, Midwestern and national performers. Along with great blues, patrons can enjoy a variety of food and beverages including a beer garden. Angell Park. Noon-10pm. 608/235-8475. www.splbluesfest.com (Dane Co.)

Downtown Sun Prairie Art Fair: Juried fine art show on Main Street. Food stands, live entertainment, and children's activities. Main Street will be closed to traffic during the show. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 608/837-5213. www.downtownsunprairie.com (Dane Co.)

WAUKESHA

Waukesha Art Fest: Juried fine art and crafts, live jazz and classical music, great food, children's activity tent and silent auction. Main Street. 262/542-1522. www.downtownwaukesha.com (Waukesha Co.)

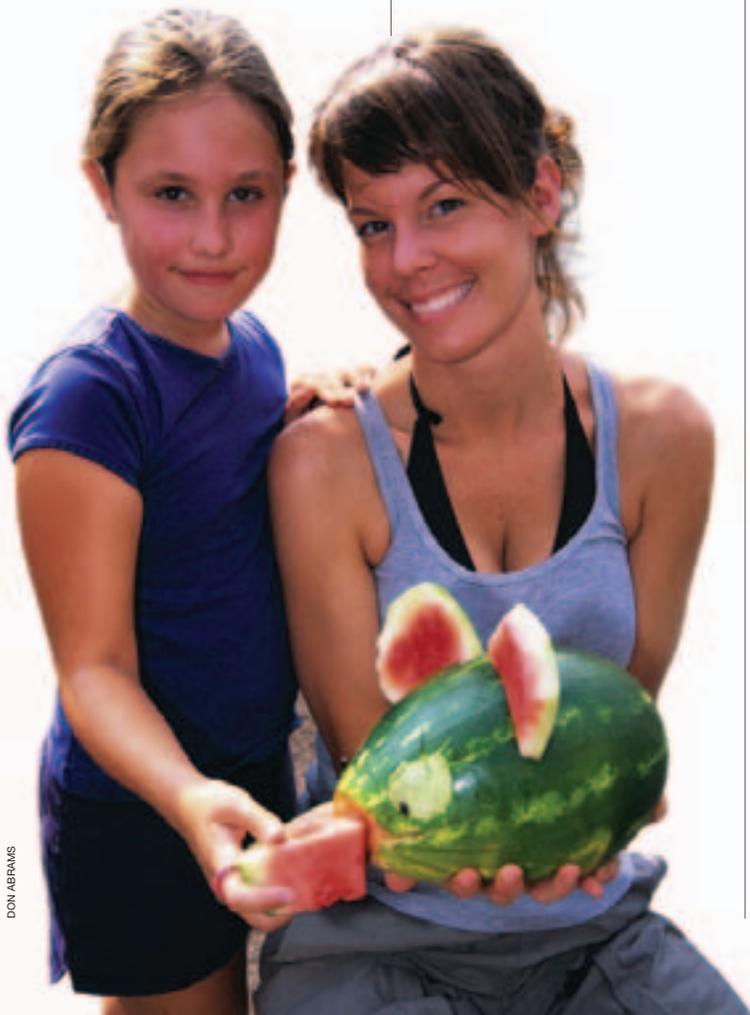
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BRILL

Brill Harvest Days: Sat - softball, volleyball & horseshoe tournaments, "biggest vegetable" competition, ATV pull, Woolly Mammoth Run/Walk, street dance, garden tractor pull, food and music. Sun - parade and chicken dinner. Downtown. 715/234-9833. (Barron Co.)

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DARLINGTON

Pecatonica Valley Antique Days: Two days of flea markets, antique tractor and machinery displays. Fairgrounds. 608/776-4828. www.lafayettecounty.org (Lafayette Co.)

EAST TROY

East Troy Bluegrass Festival: This annual festival brings in top bluegrass bands from around the country. Features contests, gospel music service, and jam sessions. Free admission. Bring your own lawn chair. No alcohol or drugs allowed. East Troy Village Square. 10am-6:30pm. 414/651-1472. www.easttroybluegrass.com (Walworth Co.)

MUKWONAGO

Maxwell Street Days Flea Market: More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. Hwy 83 & Cty NN. 8am-5pm. 262/363-3580. www.mukwonagochamber.org (Waukesha Co.)

NEWTON

Antique Tractor Show: Steam engines, vintage farm tractors, motors, horse/mule demonstrations, blacksmithing demos, garden tractors, kids activities, antique trucks and automobiles on display. Presented by Mid-Lakes Rustic Iron. Concessions. Newton's Fireman's Park. Sat 8am-7pm, Sun 8am-4pm. 920/901-5231. mid-lakesrusticiron.org (Manitowoc Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Villa Louis Carriage Classic: One of the largest, most elegant carriage driving competitions in the nation. More than 100 drivers, their horses and carriages compete on the lawns and grounds of the Villa. Full beverage and food service; visitors may also tour this SHS site. Villa Louis. 8am-4pm. 608/326-2721. www.villalouis.org (Crawford Co.)

WAUSAU

Wausau's Artrageous Weekend: A tripeheader of fine art: the Festival of Art, a juried show featuring the work of 100 artists held in the downtown pedestrian mall; Art in the Park, a fine art & craft show featuring 130 vendors in Marathon Park; and the annual Birds in Art exhibit at the Woodson Art Museum. Free shuttle service between all three venues. 9am-5pm. 715/842-1676. www.wausaufoa.org/ (Marathon Co.)

9/12

MADISON

Ford Ironman Wisconsin: More than 2,000 athletes swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles. The competition begins and ends around the Capitol Square. Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. 7am. 608/226-4780. www.ironmanwisconsin.com (Dane Co.)

NEW LONDON

Mosquito Hill Nature Center Honey Sunday: Celebrate the honeybee and the art of beekeeping at this annual event. The Waupaca County Beekeepers' Association and center staff offer demonstrations, tours, honey baked goods and honey sundae. Mosquito Hill Nature Center. 1-4pm. 920/779-6433. (Outagamie Co.)

RACINE

Wind Point Lighthouse Tour to the Top: Climb to the top of the lighthouse for spectacular views of Lake Michigan. One of just four days each summer the lighthouse and museum are open. Guides available to answer questions. Wind Point Lighthouse. 800/272-2463, 262/639-2026. www.windpointwi.us (Racine Co.)

9/13-26

ELKHART LAKE

SCCA National Runoffs Championship: Sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and one of the most prestigious racing events in the world. Road America. 800/365-7223, 920/892-4576. www.roadamerica.com (Sheboygan Co.)

9/14-19

MADISON

WI Futurity Horse Festival: Watch beautiful Saddlebreds compete for high-stakes prizes in this exciting equine event. Alliant Energy Center. 262/560-9764. www.wisconsinssaddlebred.com (Dane Co.)

9/16

WAUSAU

Exhibitour: Wausau's Gallery Night: Artists showcase their work in downtown shops. Host galleries offer wine samples and hors d'oeuvres as spectators mingle with the artists. Downtown. 6-8pm. 715/843-0748. www.wausauareaevents.org (Marathon Co.)



Green County Cheese Days in Monroe, September 17-19.

GENIE STRAYER

9/17

APPLETON

Art on the Town: The art venues on College Avenue and the Riverfront open their doors with artist demonstrations and refreshments. Third Friday of each month June-Sept. Downtown. 6-9pm. 920/954-9112. www.appletondowntown.org (Outagamie Co.)

HOLMEN

Coulee Region Riders Club Gymkhana: Rodeo events for high school and adult riders; barrel racing, pole bending, jumping, figure 8, Texas flag race. Coulee Region Riders Club. 6pm. 608/526-4684. www.ridersclub.org (La Crosse Co.)

9/17-18

GRAFTON

Paramount Blues Festival: Local and national blues artists, historians and lecturers celebrate the history of Paramount Records in Grafton. A full day of music and fun is planned. Lime Kiln Park. Gates open at 10am. 262/208-6288. www.graftonblues.org (Ozaukee Co.)

PLYMOUTH

Oktoberfest: Music by Copper Box, Polka Potion Band & other groups, plus folk dancing by the Sheboygan Schuhplattlers. Enjoy burgers/brats, ethnic foods, a spanferkel (pig roast), and Biergarten. Petting zoo and pony rides for the kids. Free admission. Plymouth Arts Center. Fri 3-9pm, Sat 11am-8pm. 920/892-8409. www.plymoutharts.org (Sheboygan Co.)

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Cannons & Redcoats Military Event: Living history exhibit of life in 1814 Prairie du Chien during the British years. More than twenty historic stations. Exhibits include: American Camp, candle making, bowl carving, lead pouring, cannon firing, & French fur trading. Evening program Sat at 7 pm. Fort Crawford Museum. 8:30am-4pm. 608/326-6960. www.fortcrawfordmuseum.com (Crawford Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Dozynki Harvest Festival: Hayrides, farmers market, Polish crafts & demonstrations, arts & crafts vendors, pumpkin painting, food, refreshments and entertainment, traditional Polish dinner. Downtown. 715/343-5356. www.spacvb.com/events/oktober.html (Portage Co.)

WEYAUWEGA

Horse & Buggy Days: An old-time parade, hayrides, pool tournament, live music, lost arts demonstrations, a teen dance and hometown talent. Downtown. 920/867-2500. (Waupaca Co.)

9/17-19

BROOKFIELD

Hidden River Art Festival: Annual juried art festival featuring Wisconsin artists specializing in painting, photography, clay, jewelry, and textiles. Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for The Arts. Fri 2-7pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 262/781-9470. www.HiddenRiverArtFestival.com (Waukesha Co.)

CABLE

Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival: Friday warm-up event features pasta feast, product displays, and hundreds of miles of bike trails. Saturday is race day: the Chequamegon 40 is a 40-mile (mass start) with 1,700 participants; the Short and Fat is a 16-mile (mass start). Sunday is fun day. Telemark Resort. 877/798-4718, 715/798-3999. www.cheqfattire.com (Bayfield Co.)



Ford Ironman Wisconsin in Madison, September 12.

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CHIPPEWA FALLS

Oktoberfest: A full weekend of German fun. Three stages with live entertainment, amazing family fun activities, scrumptious food, and much more. Fairgrounds. Fri 11am-11pm, Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 9:30am-4pm. 866/723-0340, 715/723-0331. www.chippewachamber.org (Chippewa Co.)

JEFFERSON

Gemuetlichkeit Days: Gemuetlichkeit is German for "good times, good fun, good fellowship." Celebrate with German food, great music and dancing. Huge parade on Sun at noon. Jefferson County Fair Park. 920/674-4511. www.gdays.org (Jefferson Co.)

MONROE

Green County Cheese Days: Enjoy cheese tasting and cooking demonstrations, live music, dairy farm tours, Swiss cuisine, a cow milking contest, kid's parade, arts and crafts show, antique tractor and car show, and the Cheese Days Parade. Concessions, plus cheese and beer pairings. Courthouse Square. 800/307-7208, 608/325-7771. www.cheesedays.com (Green Co.)

WISCONSIN DELLS

Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Festival: Celebrate fall with an arts & crafts fair (Fri noon-5pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3:30pm), antique flea market (Fri & Sat 7am-7pm, Sun 7am-5pm), Maxwell Street Days (Fri & Sat 7am-5pm), the Wo-Zha-Wa Run (Sat 8am), concessions, entertainment, and a spectacular 100-unit parade (Sun 1:30pm). Bowman Park & Downtown. 800/223-3557. www.wisdells.com (Columbia Co.)

9/18

ANTIGO

Fly In Air Show: Pancake & waffles served 8-11:30am. Free Young Eagle flights for first time flyers ages 8-17. Lunch served from 11:30am-3pm. Aerobatic demo, air-craft on display, and music. Antigo Airport. 715/623-4525. (Langlade Co.)

ARBOR VITAE

Wheels in the Woods: Fully-supported bicycle tour in western Vilas and northern Oneida Counties. Century, metric century, 50-mile, 38-mile, 15-mile and family fun ride on scenic paved roads. Opt for spaghetti dinner and/or breakfast before the ride; meal included after the ride. Vilas/Oneida Counties. 715/356-1618. www.wheels-in-the-woods.org (Vilas Co.)

BELOIT

Cruise Night - Crime Stoppers: A family car show with muscle, antique, street and classic cars on display! Burn out pit (bring your own car into the pit for a donation), 50/50 raffle, live music, and food & beverage! See the cars take to the street and "cruise the circuit" after 7pm. 2-11pm. 608/364-5740. www.gbacrimestoppers.com (Rock Co.)

BOULDER JUNCTION

Colorama Dinner: An annual tradition featuring wild game & chicken served in historic Nash Hall. Entertainment & door prizes. Camp Manito-wish. 6pm. 800/466-8759. www.boulderjct.org (Vilas Co.)

CONOVER

Oktoberfest: Enjoy brats, kraut, a dessert bar, costume judging, prizes and raffles. Music by the Jim Pekol Orchestra. Fun for the entire family. Community Center. 5-10pm. 866/394-4386. www.conover.org (Vilas Co.)

CRANDON

Art In The Square: Arts & craft fair, specialty food booths, horse and wagon rides, pumpkins, live entertainment and fun for the family. Forest County Courthouse Square. 9am-3pm. 800/334-3387, 715/478-3450. www.visitforestcounty.com (Forest Co.)

KANSASVILLE

Candlelight Hike: Bring the family for fall fun by candlelight. Hike the 2-mile green trail on your own or join a shorter guided hike. There will be bonfires and marshmallows as well. Meet at Visitor Center. Richard Bong State Recreation Area. 7-9pm. 262/878-5600. www.bongnaturalistassociation.org (Racine Co.)

MERRILL

Colorama Bike Tour: 10-, 30- and 50-mile bike tours along the Wisconsin River. Enjoy the wonderful fall colors. Stange's Kitchenette Park. Registration begins at 9am, ride starts at 10am. 715/536-7313. www.merrillparkandrec.com (Lincoln Co.)

MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee River Challenge: This rowing regatta features races on the river. View races from along the RiverWalk. Admission is free! Pere Marquette Park. 9am race. 414/223-6901. www.milwaukeeiverchallenge.com (Milwaukee Co.)

MINOCQUA

Wife Carrying, Wife Ferrying, Pike Carrying Championships: Quirky... Where else might one win five times a wife's weight in cash money, plus her weight in mustard, cranberries, bratwursts, or composted cow manure? Torpy Park. Starts at 11am. 715/356-3309. www.minocquawinterpark.org (Oneida Co.)

NECEDAH

Whooping Crane & Wildlife Festival: Narrated bus tours of the Necedah Wildlife Refuge: get a look at the endangered birds and see what is being done to protect them. Enjoy the many exhibitors and crafters, as well as other bus tours. Food and live music. Lions Park. 7am-9pm. 608/565-2101. www.whooping-crane-festival.com (Juneau Co.)

NEENAH

Quarry Quest: Kids and adults get a one-of-a-kind opportunity to tour a working quarry, ride in and explore giant excavation machinery, try the unique catch and release pond, become a miner for the day and prospect for fool's gold, or mix-up a batch of concrete cakes. Michaels Materials Quarry. 9am-4pm. 920/924-4300. www.quarryquest.com (Winnebago Co.)

NEKOOSA

Wakely Creek Music Festival/Harvest Fair: Acoustic fiddle and harmonica contest with music playing throughout the day. Enjoy a day outside with the 19th century lifestyle of the Wakely family and feast on ethnic food, enjoy crafts, apple cider pressing, sauerkraut-making, old time tractors and more. Historic Point Basse. 10am-5pm. 715/886-4202. www.historicpointbasse.com/index.html (Wood Co.)

RACINE

Great Lakes Brewfest: Boasting a roster of 75 craft brewers from across the country, brew masters themselves will offer unlimited sampling of more than 150 craft brews along with live music, food, and a special performance by the Racine Kilties Drum & Bugle Corps. Festival Park. 800/272-2463, 262/681-2052. www.greatlakesbrewfest.com (Racine Co.)

RICHLAND CENTER

Latin Days: A welcoming event for the Latino community. Soccer tournament, ethnic and American foods, live music, and awards banquet. Richland Center Fellowship Center. 10am-9pm. 608/647-7226. www.rcffellowship.org (Richland Co.)

RIPON

Septemberfest: Celebrate autumn with a custom car show, food booths, a bier garden, live music, children's games and activities, as well as an attempt at breaking a world record. Downtown. 9am-5pm. 920/748-6764. www.ripon-wi.com (Fond du Lac Co.)

ST. GERMAIN

Colorama in St. Germain: St. Germain is the "Birthplace of Colorama." Enjoy a craft show, auction, farmers market, wine tasting, flower sale, pumpkin painting for the children, and quality concessions. St. Germain Community Park. 9am-3pm. 800/727-7203, 715/477-2205. www.st-germain.com (Vilas Co.)

STEVENS POINT

Art in the Park: Artisans from around the state gather to display and sell their works. Food and children's activities. Free admission. Pfliffer Pioneer Park. 10am-4pm. 715/344-8901. (Portage Co.)

STURGEON BAY

Harvest Fests: A citywide celebration featuring an art and craft show, car show, scarecrows on display, farmers market, food booths, music and entertainment, plus children's activities. Citywide. 9am-5pm. 800/301-6695, 920/743-6246. www.sturgeonbay.net (Door Co.)

TWO RIVERS

Ethnic Festival: Celebrate more than 60 cultures from around the world with ethnic food booths, music, dance, craft vendors, entertainment, fun for the whole family. Central Park. 9am-5pm. 920/794-1482. www.trmainstreet.org (Manitowoc Co.)

WAUKESHA

Apple Harvest Festival: Autumn family festival with a heritage theme. Many apple varieties, auction, hay ride, children's activities, concert, artist/exhibitors, food pies, cider, FUN! Demonstrations encouraged. Expanded Learning Center will be open. Retzer Nature Center. 9am-5pm. 262/896-8007. www.waukeshacountyparks.com (Waukesha Co.)

9/18-19

ALGOMA

Wet Whistle Wine Fest: A celebration of the senses with award-winning wines, grape stomps, live music, heritage foods, a fine arts show, games, and more. von Stiehl Winery. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 920/487-5498. vonstiehl.com/events/ (Kewaunee Co.)

AMERY

Apple River Quilt Guild Annual Quilt Show: Silent auction, quilt challenge, quilt raffle, vendors, demonstrations and lunch on Saturday. St. Joseph Catholic Church. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm. 800/222-7655, 715/268-2564. www.polkcourtyourism.com (Polk Co.)

CALUMETVILLE

RS Vintage Steel Steam and Gas Engine Show: View antique farm equipment working on site. Rock crushing, threshing, log-sawing, blacksmithing and more. Featuring John Deere. Hwy 151 and Cty HHH. 10am-6pm. 920/795-4531. www.fdl.com (Wood Co.)

CEDARBURG

Wine & Harvest Festival: Enjoy Arts on the Avenue, a scarecrow contest, pumpkin carving, grape stomping, apple bobbing, food courts, wine tasting, live bands, hayrides, kids corner activities, and the Great Pumpkin Charity Regatta (Sun, 2pm) on Cedar Creek Mill Pond. Downtown. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm. 800/237-2874, 262/377-9620. www.cedarburgfestivals.org (Ozaukee Co.)

HATFIELD

Thunderbird Village Flea Market and Craft Shows: Enjoy food, fun, and bargains galore. 160 Vendor spaces. Parking. Thunderbird Village. 608/989-2275. (Jackson Co.)

MARSHFIELD

Maple Fall Fest: 200 arts & crafts booths, Amish specialties, food court, beer garden, bingo, kids' games, live entertainment, sunflower contest, and pancake breakfast both days. Maple syrup demos, judging and maple recipe contest. Wildwood Park. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 800/422-4541, 715/384-3454. www.visitmarshfieldwi.com (Wood Co.)



Cedarburg Wine & Harvest Festival, September 18-19.

MILWAUKEE

Wisconsin Orchid Society Show: Enjoy breathtaking displays of orchids at their peak of bloom. Professional orchid growers nationwide will sell a wide array of plants and supplies. Mitchell Park Domes. 9am-5pm. 414/645-0292. www.wisconsinorchidsociety.org

SOLDIERS GROVE

Driftless Area Art Festival: The Driftless area is an inspirational setting to many talented painters and potters, woodworkers and weavers, musicians and metalsmiths. Their work is featured at this once-a-year show. Beauford T. Anderson Park. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 866/452-7967, 608/624-3600. www.driftlessareaartfestival.com (Crawford Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Fall Harvest Festival at Chateau St. Croix Winery: Wine tasting, gourmet foods, carriage rides, polocrosse matches, arts & crafts booths, live music and dancing, Renaissance & medieval games, an "I Love Lucy" look-alike contest & grape stomping contest. Chateau St. Croix Winery. Sat. 11am-7pm Sun. 11am-5pm. 866/654-9463, 715/483-2556. www.chateaustcroix.com (Polk Co.)

UNION GROVE

Fall Harvest Days: Display of antique tractors and gas engines. Demos of steam-powered corn shelling, hay baling, threshing, and sawmill operation. Daily tractor parades. Crafts, flea market, farm toys, food, and free horse-drawn wagon rides. Fairgrounds. 9am-5pm. 262/763-5221. www.fallharvestdays.com (Racine Co.)

9/19

BELOIT

Autorama: More than 1,000 show cars including street rods, custom, Corvettes, classics, antiques, and high performance vehicles. One of the largest one-day shows in the Midwest with a car corral, parts swap, and arts & crafts. Preservation Park. 9am-3pm. 608/290-3628. www.beloitautorama.com (Rock Co.)

DARLINGTON

Fall Festival: Food, crafts, music, games, flea market, hayrides, horse & buggy rides, fall decorations and more. Darlington Festival Grounds. 608/776-3067. www.darlingtonwi.org (Lafayette Co.)

HOLMEN

Tri-Quest: Tri-quest is a challenging, fun way to meet and compete. Includes a 5K run (8am start), a 33K bike race (9:15am start) and 18 holes of golf (12:15pm start). Please pre-register on our website. Drugans Castle Mound Country Club. 608/791-0078. www.tri-quest.org (La Crosse Co.)

PEWAUKEE

Clark House Museum Harvest Fair: Home-grown garden produce, home baked goods, demonstrations and live music. Clark House. 1-4pm. 262/691-0233. (Waukesha Co.)

WAUKESHA

Pedal the Kettle: The Spring City Spinners Bicycle Club hosts their annual fully-supported, classic century tour through the backroads of scenic Waukesha County. 30, 64 or 100 miles. Held rain or shine. Meal at the end of ride. 100 start at 7-8am, 64 starts at 7-9am, 30 starts at 7-10am. 414/297-9135. www.springcityspinners.org (Waukesha Co.)

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

The Downtown "Grand" Affair: Outdoor arts, craft & farmer's market with live entertainment, food, children's activities, auto show cruise-in and indoor fine arts exhibits. Downtown. 10am-4pm. 715/213-3987. (Wood Co.)

9/23-26

LADYSMITH

Leaf it to Rusk Fall Festival: Annual fall festival features farmers market, art displays by area artists, hikes and auto tours, Activities in the Blue Hills area at Christie Mountain and the Blue Hills Inn. Throughout Rusk County. 715/532-7328. www.ladysmithchamber.com (Rusk Co.)

9/24

APPLETON

Octoberfest License to Cruise Car Show: Classic car show with more than 400 cars, live entertainment and food. Downtown. 6-10pm. 920/734-3377. www.octoberfestonline.org (Outagamie Co.)

MINERAL POINT

Cornish Festival Pub Night: The quaint Kiddlewink Pub in the rowhouse at Pendarvis offers a special evening with live music, a cash bar, and a variety of pub



Oktober Fest in La Crosse, September 24-October 2.

games. The event is part of Mineral Point's weekend celebration of Cornish culture. Pendarvis. 7-10pm. 608/987-2122. www.pendarvishistoricsite.org (Iowa Co.)

9/24-25

CABLE

Cable Area Fall Fest: Arts, crafts, food, corn maze, pumpkin pecan pancake breakfast, wine & cheese tasting, car/truck show, horse-drawn wagon & carriage rides, fish boil Fri night, chili cook-off, pumpkin dessert contest, kid's activities, fireworks, and live music Fri & Sat nights. Downtown. 800/533-7454, 715/798-3833. www.cable4fun.com (Bayfield Co.)

MINOCQUA

Beef-A-Rama: Dance Fri night from 6-9:30pm. On Sat the Rump Roast Run starts at 9am. Other activities include a Craft Show (9am-5pm), kids activities, the famous Parade of Beef at 2:45pm down Main Street, sandwich sales from 1-4pm, music and concessions. Torpy Park. Fri 7-10pm, Sat 9am-7pm. 800/446-6784. www.minocqua.org (Oneida Co.)

VIOLA

Viola Horse & Colt Show: Carnival rides and food, horse show and pulls, truck and tractor pulls, huge raffle, music and more. Free admission. Downtown. Fri 6-10pm, Sat all day. 608/627-1911. www.horseandcoltshow.com (Vernon Co.)

9/24-26

MINERAL POINT

Cornish Festival: In celebration of its Cornish heritage, Mineral Point hosts a variety of activities with food, music, workshops, parades, games and more. Downtown. 888/764-6894. www.cornishfest.org (Iowa Co.)

NEW GLARUS

Octoberfest in New Glarus: Enjoy live music and a Texas Hold-em Tournament (Sat) in the festival tent. Wagon rides, activities for the kids, and concessions. The Swiss Historical Village will demonstrate cheese, sausage & broom-making. Sponsored by the New Glarus Brewery. Downtown. Noon-mid. 800/527-6838, 608/527-2095. (Green Co.)

NEW RICHMOND

Heritage Weekend: Spaghetti dinner, Fall 5k & 5 mile Run/Walk, and the Heritage Festival on Sunday with music, food, traditional craft demos, flea market, museum tours and much more. 888/320-3276, 715/246-3276. www.nrheritagecenter.org (St. Croix Co.)

SAYNER

Colorama Sunday: Colorama brunch and craft show. Sayner Community Building. 9am-1pm. 715/542-3789. www.sayner-starlake.org (Vilas Co.)

WARRENS

Warrens Cranberry Festival: Fall family fun with over a thousand arts & crafts/flea/antique/farm market booths, cranberry harvest tours on Fri & Sat, a gigantic parade Sun at 1pm, midway, and cranberry recipe contest. Downtown. 7am-6pm. 608/378-4200. www.cranfest.com (Monroe Co.)

9/24-10/2

LA CROSSE

Oktoberfest: One of the Midwest's largest German festivals. Maple Leaf Parade and Torchlight Parade, live music, run/walk, kids activities, food, concessions, contests, games, carnival rides and athletic tournaments. Oktoberfest Grounds. 608/784-3378. www.oktoberfestusa.com (La Crosse Co.)

9/25

APPLETON

Octoberfest: Enjoy more than 100 food booths serving ethnic delights, live music on five stages, a large arts and crafts area on the campus of Lawrence University, the Applefest recipe contest, and a Family Fun Area. License to Cruise on College Ave (Fri 6-10pm). Downtown. 9am-6pm. 920/734-3377. www.octoberfestonline.org (Outagamie Co.)

BEAVER DAM

Old Time Gathering: Buckskinner's encampment, farmers market, displays and demonstrations of old-time crafts and more. Bring the whole family; admission is free. Fairgrounds. 9am-4pm. 920/386-3799. dodge.uwex.edu/4h/index.html (Dodge Co.)

BRODHEAD

Autumn Fest & Sugar River Bike Tour: Community celebration with farmers/craft market, food, chili contest, childrens' activities, music, sidewalk sale. The Sugar River Bike Tour is fully supported with routes of 15, 30, 50 and 100 miles. Sponsored by Brodhead Optimists. Downtown Square. 608/897-8411. www.brodheadchamber.org (Green Co.)

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Warrens Cranberry Festival, September 24-26.

COON VALLEY

Norskedalen's Threshing Bee: Celebrate the pioneer days with a threshing bee, demonstrations of old-time skills, kids activities, live animals and much more. Don't forget to make reservations for our mouth-watering, rib-sticking threshing dinner, served at noon. 10am-4pm. 608/452-3424. www.norskedalen.org (Vernon Co.)

EAST TROY

East Troy Oktoberfest: Community-wide events kick-off with food, live music, and a scarecrow contest. Held rain or shine; free admission. East Troy Village Square. 10am-6pm. 262/642-3770. www.easttroywi.org (Walworth Co.)

EDGERTON

Chamber Fall Fest: Activities include an arts and crafts fair, seasonal produce sales, baked apple pie contest, children's activities, musical entertainment and a variety of food venues. Downtown. 9am-4pm. 608/884-4408. www.edgertonchamber.org (Rock Co.)

GREEN BAY

French & Indian War Encampment: French and British soldiers (and their families) of the mid-18th century in a living history encampment. See soldiers drilling, battle formations, and period weapons. Concessions. Hazelwood Historic House Museum. 10am-4pm. 920/437-1840. www.browncohistoricalsoc.org (Brown Co.)

HAYWARD

Fall Festival: One-of-a-kind arts & crafts, ethnic foods, live music, sidewalk sales, farmer's market, children's games, scarecrow tour and contest. Golf outing, running event and Century bike ride. Downtown. 800/724-2992, 715/634-8662. www.haywardchamber.com (Sawyer Co.)

HILLSBORO

Hill Country Trail & River Challenge (Triathlon) & Half Marathon: Run from Hillsboro to Union Center (5 Miles), canoe from Union Center to Wonewoc (6 miles), and bike from Wonewoc to Elroy (8 miles). Cash awards and T-shirts. Both individual and teams can compete. Veterans Memorial Lake Gazebo. 9am start. 608/462-2245. www.hillcountrychamberwi.org (Vernon Co.)

KENOSHA

Oktoberfest at Kemper Center: Enjoy authentic German food, music and spirits served on the lawn along the beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline. Kemper Center. 6-10pm. 262/657-6005. www.kempercenter.com (Kenosha Co.)

LA CROSSE

Maple Leaf Road Races: Half marathon and 5-mile runs, plus 5K walk. Courses follow the famous Oktoberfest Maple Leaf Parade route, starting and finishing in Riverside Park. Half-Marathon, 7am. 5-mile run & 5K walk, 7:30am. 608/784-3378. www.oktoberfestusa.com (La Crosse Co.)

LA POINTE

Chief Buffalo Day: Commemorating the Treaties: Special programs coincide with the second annual Madeline Island Anishinaabe Homecoming event to honor the Treaty of 1854 and the island's Ojibwe ancestors. Madeline Island Museum. 10am-4pm. 866/944-7483, 715/747-2415. www.madelineislandmuseum.org (Ashland Co.)

MANITOWISH WATERS

Cranberry Colorama: Celebrate the start of autumn & the cranberry harvest with free bus tours of a cranberry marsh, crafts, live music (10am-2pm), cranberry cooking contest, pontoon cruises, cranberries, and "Taste of Harvest" featuring the area's fine restaurants (11am-2pm). Manitowish Waters Community Center. 9am-3pm. 888/626-9877, 715/543-8488. www.manitowishwaters.org (Vilas Co.)

MINERAL POINT

Pendarvis Crowdy Crawn: "Crowdy Crawn" is a Cornish expression for "a mixture of fun." Expect a mixture of storytelling, creatures from Cornish legend, lace making, quilting, spinning and other family fun. The event is part of Mineral Point's weekend celebration of Cornish culture. Pendarvis. 10am-4pm. 608/987-2122. www.pendarvishistoric.com (Iowa Co.)

MONROE

Green County Fall National Sanctioned Tractor Pull: The Badger State Tractor Pullers compete in super farm, pro stock, light limited super stock, unlimited super stock, two-wheel drive trucks, pro farm & mini rod. Last year 3,500 people attended. Concessions. Fairgrounds. 608/325-9159. www.greencountyfair.net (Green Co.)

OGEWA

Christmas Tree Festival: Fall festival with a book sale, raffle, parade (10am), tours of the Ek Log Home Museum (10am-4pm), arts & crafts sale, flea market, farmers market, chicken BBQ (11:15am), Run to the Peak (11:30am); program at 7pm and Fireman's Dance (9pm-1am). Elementary School, Town Hall & Depot. 9am-midnight. 715/767-5171. www.pricecountywi.net (Price Co.)

PHILLIPS

Fall Harvest Festival: Arts & crafts sale, sidewalk sale, farmers market, pumpkin decorating for the kids, family movies, live music, beer tasting (1-4pm), food booths offering cream puffs, kolaches, & caramel apples, concessions, refreshments, craisins and fresh cranberries. Lake Avenue. 9am-3pm. 888/408-4800, 715/339-4100. www.phillipswisconsin.net (Price Co.)

POTOSI

Oktoberfest 100 Bicycle Tour: Routes of 20, 40, 65 and 100 miles. Entry fee \$35. Pre-registration online. Potosi Brewery & National Brewery Museum. 608/763-4002. www.potosibrewery.com (Grant Co.)

9/25-26

CENTURIA

Baker Orchard Art Festival: The Artists in the Earth group will show and sell their works - fine art in many media. The orchard and gallery will also be open to the public. Hayrides through the apple orchard, fresh apple cider and pie. Baker Orchard & Gallery. 9am-5pm. 800/222-7655, 763/439-9535. www.bakerorchard.com (Polk Co.)

GAYS MILLS

Apple Festival: Festival includes arts & crafts fair, huge flea market, 2K & 5K run and walk, horseshoe tournament, pancake breakfast, numerous food stands, music, parade at 1:30pm on Sunday. 9am-5pm. 608/735-4341. www.gaysmills.org (Crawford Co.)

GREEN LAKE

Golden Days Harvest Festival: Weekend activities include a craft fair with 100 crafters, live music, contests and games, and a farmers' market. Parade on Saturday. Collector car show, local restaurant's Fabulous Food Fair, auction and raffle on Sunday. Downtown. 10am-5pm. 800/253-7354, 920/294-3231. www.visitgreenlake.com (Green Lake Co.)

GREENBUSH

Wade House Civil War Weekend: Wisconsin's biggest and best Civil War reenactment. Two historic battle reenactments each day feature cavalry, infantry and artillery units. Military drills, artillery and musket firing demonstrations, Civil War-era music, theatrical vignettes, food and drink vendors. 10am-5pm. 866/944-7483, 920/526-3271. www.wadehouse.org (Sheboygan Co.)

JEFFERSON

Fall Jefferson Car Show: Swap meet, car corral and car show for classics, collectibles, street rods and trucks. More than 3,100 vendor stalls and 1,200 cars for sale. Swap and car corral both days; car show Sunday only. Impalas featured. 6am-4pm. 608/244-8416. www.jeffersonswapmeet.com (Jefferson Co.)

MONROE

32nd Annual Model Train Show & Swap Meet: Train show with operating layouts, activities for kids, and a sale. Sponsored by the Green County Model Railroaders. Stateline Ice Arena. 10am-4pm. 608/325-7465. (Green Co.)

OSHKOSH

Earth Science Club Gem & Mineral Show: Exhibits and demonstrations. Rock, mineral, bead, jewelry and supply dealers. Door prizes and special events for kids. Sunnyview Expo Center. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. 920/235-0418. (Winnebago Co.)

ST. CROIX FALLS

St. Croix Falls Autumn Fest: Celebrate the season with an art & craft fair, music, food vendors and the St. Croix River Valley ablaze with fall color. Chili contest and children's events. 9am-5pm. 800/222-7655, 715/483-3580. www.scfwi.com (Polk Co.)

9/26

ELKHORN

Elkhorn Antique Flea Market: More than 500 dealers with antiques and more. Concessions. Walworth County Fairgrounds. Starts at 7am. 414/525-0820. www.nlpromotionsllc.com (Walworth Co.)

HORICON

Autumn Art on the Marsh: Annual fine arts & crafts show with the work of more than 100 talented artisans and crafters. Good food and fun. Free admission. Discher Park. 10am-4pm. 920/485-3200. www.horiconchamber.com/events.cfm (Dodge Co.)

RACINE

Tour of Historic Places: Guides narrate tours of architecturally and historically significant homes. Attendees receive a guide book with the history of each building. Downtown. 11am-5:30pm. \$12 day of tour. 262/634-0734. www.preservationracine.org (Racine Co.)

9/28-10/2

MADISON

World Dairy Expo: 67,000 dairy industry enthusiasts make this the finest expo of its kind in the world. It's the international meeting place for the dairy industry offering the most elite combination of dairy cattle and exhibits in the world. Alliant Energy Center. 608/224-6455. www.worlddairyexpo.com (Dane Co.)

9/30-10/3

MAYVILLE

Audubon Days: Beer tasting on Thur night. Bed races down Main St. on Fri night. Arts & craft fair, car show, bike tour, and run/walk on Sat. Huge parade on Sun. Live music Thur, Fri & Sat nights. Food and children's events. City Park & Main St. 800/256-7670, 920/387-5776. www.audubondays.com (Dodge Co.)

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Wade House Civil War Weekend in Greenbush, September 25-26.

ONGOINGEVENTS

5/1-31

Festival of Blossoms: A celebration of spring framed by thousands of acres of blossoming cherry and apple trees, millions of daffodils and tulips, and countless wildflowers. Special events include a light-house walk, scenic boat & trolley tours, art and craft fairs, food and music. Door County. 800/527-3529, 920/743-4456. www.doorcounty.com (Door Co.)

5/14-6/13

BAYFIELD

Bayfield In Bloom: A month-long celebration of blooming wildflowers, daffodils and orchards with gardening activities, demonstrations, entertainment, plant sales, garden tours and plantings. Come see more than 35,000 daffodils that welcome you to this quaint harbor town. Bayfield area. 800/447-4094, 715/779-3335. www.bayfield.org (Bayfield Co.)

5/18-9/21

MILWAUKEE

Car Night at the Harley-Davidson Museum: Vintage cars owners show their cars at the museum. Come for food, beverages, music, drawings and more. Harley-Davidson Museum. Every Tues night, 5pm-dusk. 877/436-8738. www.h-dmuseum.com (Milwaukee Co.)

5/20-8/26

OSHKOSH

Waterfest Concert Series: Outdoor concerts feature local, regional, and national entertainers including the Bo Deans, Vince Vance & The Valentines, Bogie and The Yo Yozz, Ted Nugent Band, Mt Olive, Road Trip, Vic Ferrari, and Alice Cooper. Leach Amphitheater. Thur evenings 6-10pm, weather permitting. 920/236-8170. www.waterfest.org (Winnebago Co.)

5/20-9/23

MILWAUKEE

Bike Night at Harley-Davidson Museum: Check out the bikes or ride your own. Food, refreshments, bags and more. Harley-Davidson Museum. Every Thurs night, 5pm-dusk. 877/436-8738. www.h-dmuseum.com (Milwaukee Co.)

5/22-6/20

CHIPPEWA FALLS

Chippewa Valley Renaissance Faire: Meet medieval royalty, brave knights, gypsy wenches, dancers and musicians at this fantasy festival. Sample Medieval food and drink, revel in entertainment, and witness live, armored combat. Wisconsin Festival Grounds. 10am-7pm. 715/830-7465. www.festfun.com (Chippewa Co.)

6/1-28

STURTEVANT

Apple Holler's Strawberry Festival: Fresh-picked strawberries, all-you-can-eat strawberry pancakes, and build-your-own strawberry shortcake. Outdoor cookout, live music, short & pony rides, pedal carts, Kid's Korral, bouncy barn, and farm animals. Apple Holler Restaurant & Playhouse. 11am-3pm. 262/886-8500. www.appleholler.com (Racine Co.)

6/1-8/3

MENOMONIE

Ludington Guard Band Concerts: The Ludington Guard has played free weekly summertime concerts since its founding in 1888. Bring lawn chairs and your appetite for homemade pie & ice cream. Wilson Park. Tues evenings at 8pm. 800/283-1862, 715/235-9087. www.menomoniechamber.org (Dunn Co.)

6/2-8/25

PEWAUKEE

Waterfront Wednesday Concerts: Picnic and enjoy the music on Wednesday evenings. Pewaukee Lake. 6-9pm. 262/695-9735. www.positivelypewaukee.com (Waukesha Co.)

PORTAGE

Concerts at the Portage: City Band concerts. Bring chairs, blankets, a picnic dinner and desserts; or order carry-out from a local restaurant. Riverside Park. Wed evenings at 6:30pm. 608/742-6161. www.travelcolumbiacounty.net (Columbia Co.)

WAUKESHA

Badgerland Water Ski Show: Free water skiing shows with barefoot skiing, jumps, human pyramids, jazz dancing, eye-catching costumes and more. Frame Park. Wed at 7pm through Aug 4; 6:30pm beginning Aug 11. 414/350-8713. www.badgerland.org (Waukesha Co.)

6/3-8/12

RICE LAKE

Music in the Park: The city's municipal band alternates performances with guest bands. Bring lawn chairs as these performances are outside. No admission fee. Kiwanis lunch wagon sells hotdogs, ice cream sundaes, beverages, and popcorn. City Park Band Shell. Thur evenings at 7:30pm. 877/234-2126, 715/234-2126. (Barron Co.)

6/3-8/26

MANITOWISH WATERS

Northwoods Outdoor Artists: Artists of all abilities are welcome to join these outdoor, on-location sessions. Paint or draw in any media. Offered by the Manito Art League, participation is free but donations are welcome. Manitowish Waters area. Thur mornings 8:30am-noon. 715/543-2101. (Vilas Co.)

PEWAUKEE

Pewaukee Lake Water Ski Show: Enjoy an entertaining water ski show complete with colorful costumes, music, and a live emcee announcing the acts. Free family fun! Lakefront Park. Thursdays at 6:30pm. 414/350-8713. pewaukee.waterski.org (Waukesha Co.)

6/3-9/30

MILWAUKEE

Jazz in the Park: One of downtown's most popular after-work activities with exciting local and national jazz performers. Free admission. Bring a picnic or try delicious food and wine from local vendors. Cathedral Square Park. 6:30-9pm. 414/271-1416. www.easttown.com (Milwaukee Co.)

6/4-8/27

RIPON

Village Green Concert Series: Enjoy a variety of live music performed under the stars on Friday nights. Village Green - Downtown. 7-10pm. 920/748-7466. www.riponmainst.com/riponmainst/ (Fond du Lac Co.)

6/4-9/24

WAUKESHA

Freeman Friday Night Live: 5 stages of live music. Downtown. Fri evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. 262/547-1060. www.downtownwaukesha.com (Waukesha Co.)

6/7-8/30

ANTIGO

Music in the Park: Bring your lawn chairs for music and a pie and ice cream social. City Park. Mon evenings, 7-8pm. 715/623-3523. (Langlade Co.)

BELOIT

Dancin' at Harry's Place: Free dance lessons: learn a different dance each session, followed by open dancing. Harry Moore Pavilion in Riverside Park. Lessons 7pm, open dancing 8pm. 608/365-4838. www.friendsofriverfront.com (Rock Co.)

6/10-8/19

MONROE

Concert on the Square: Live music downtown. Box lunches available from downtown restaurants. Historic Courthouse Square. Thur evenings, 6:30pm. 608/328-4023. www.monroemainstreet.org (Green Co.)

WAUSAU

Concerts in the Park: The Wausau Concert Band continues its summer concert series, free of charge and open to the public. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and snacks and enjoy these hour-long concerts. Fun for young and old alike. Marathon Park Band Shell. Thur evenings at 7pm. 888/948-4748. www.geocities.com/wausauconcertband/ (Marathon Co.)

WEST BEND

Music on Main: Free concerts offering a variety of musical genres each week from blues and jazz to rock and reggae. Food & beverages available. Bring lawn chairs. Downtown - Old Settler's Park. Thur evenings 6:30-9pm. 262/338-3909. www.downtownwestbend.com (Washington Co.)

6/11-8/8

PLATTEVILLE

2010 Heartland Festival: This is a summer-long festival of the performing arts including musical theater productions and live music. Enjoy numerous performances and varied show times. 608/342-1298. tickets.uwplatt.edu (Grant Co.)

6/11-9/10

MINERAL POINT

Jammin' on the Porch: Live music on the porch at Orchard Lawn. Second Fri of each month, 5:30 pm. 888/764-6894, 608/987-3201. (Iowa Co.)

6/12-8/14

KING

Chain Skiers Water Ski Shows: Exciting water ski show filled with family fun, both on and off the water. Rainbow Lake. Junior show 6pm, main show 6:30pm. 888/417-4040, 715/735-8961. chainskiers.waterski.org (Waupaca Co.)

6/13-9/5

SPREAD EAGLE

Ski-ers Water Skiing Show: Enjoy performances by a nationally ranked team (the 2009 National Champion Jump Team) with exciting barefoot skiing, pyramids and more. Vagabond Park. 6-8pm. 888/889-0049, 715/528-5377. www.exploringthenorth.com/ski/ski.html (Florence Co.)

6/14-8/23

GREEN BAY

Heritage Hill - Music on the Green: Pack a picnic supper, a blanket or lawn chairs, bring your family and friends to enjoy a delightful evening of music. Transportation and concessions are available. Heritage Hill State Park. Mon evenings (except July 26); gates open at 5pm, concerts at 6pm. 800/721-5150, 920/448-5150. www.heritagehillgb.org (Brown Co.)

6/16-8/11

GREEN LAKE

Concerts in the Park: The historic Starlight Stage venue offers a variety of live music and fun all summer long. No admission fee. Bring your lawn chairs. Deacon Mills Park. Wed evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. www.visitgreenlake.com/visitgl/ (Green Lake Co.)

6/16-8/25

WAUSAU

Concerts on the Square: Free concert series. Bring a picnic, blanket or lawn chair, and settle in for an evening of great music. Downtown. Wednesdays 6-8pm. 715/843-0748. www.wausauareaevents.org/ (Marathon Co.)

6/17-8/5

WHITEWATER

Entertainment in the Park: Bring your blanket to the lakefront and enjoy an array of concert performers, childrens programs, outdoor movies, and hands-on activities. Cravath Lakefront Park. 7pm. 262/473-0121. www.ci.whitewater.wi.us (Walworth Co.)

6/17-8/19

PLYMOUTH

Summer Concert Series: The Plymouth Municipal Band alternates with a variety of local bands. City Park. Thur evenings; concessions start at 5pm, music at 7:30pm. 888/693-8263, 920/893-0079. www.plymouthwisconsin.com (Sheboygan Co.)

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CHANGING EXHIBITS

6/18-9/17

APPLETON

Art on the Town: The art venues on College Avenue and the Riverfront open their doors with artist demonstrations and refreshments. Downtown. Third Friday of every month, 6-9pm. 920/954-9112. www.appletondowntown.org (Outagamie Co.)

6/19-8/21

MANITOWISH WATERS

Skiing Skeeters Waterski Shows: Free water ski shows performed by one of the oldest amateur ski clubs in the country, celebrating 54 years in 2010. Donations accepted. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Special show July 4th at 7pm. Rest Lake Park. Wed and Sat performances at 7pm. 888/626-9877, 715/543-8488. www.manitowishwaters.org/ (Vilas Co.)

6/21-8/16

FOND DU LAC

Music Under the Stars: Free concert performed by members of the Fond du Lac Area Musicians Association. Bring a blanket and settle in for a relaxing outdoor concert. Buttermilk Creek Park. Mon only, 7-8:30pm. 800/937-9123, 920/923-3010. www.fdl.com/attractions.impl (Fond du Lac Co.)

7/1-8/12

BOULDER JUNCTION

Music on Main Street: Local musicians perform. Call or visit the chamber web site for a complete schedule. Downtown. Thur evenings, 6-8pm. 715/385-2400. www.boulderjct.org (Vilas Co.)

7/1-8/26

APPLETON

Appleton Downtown Summer Concert Series: Local and regional bands perform free in downtown Appleton at the corner of College Avenue and Appleton Street. Beer, soda and water available, along with food from your favorite downtown bars, restaurants and vendors. Houdini Plaza. 5:30-8:30pm, (no concert July 29). 920/954-9112. www.appletondowntown.org (Outagamie Co.)

7/4-25

DARLINGTON

Tunes at Twilight: Relax by the riverside and enjoy this evening concert series. Bring a lawn chair. Food and concessions available. Darlington Festival Grounds. Sun evenings, 7-8:30pm. 608/776-3067. (Lafayette Co.)

7/7-8/18

NEW RICHMOND

Heritage Hillside Series: Family entertainment with music, comedy, dance... different every week! Bring your picnic dinner, a bottle of wine, lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the program. New Richmond Heritage Center. 6:30-8pm. 888/320-3276, 715/246-3276. NRHeritageCenter.org (St. Croix Co.)

7/10-9/6

KENOSHA

Bristol Renaissance Faire: Escape to a summertime of family fun where knights are noble, and maids are merry. Enjoy medieval shopping, food (Titanic turkey legs), games of skill and 15 stages of continuous entertainment. I-94 at the Wisconsin/Illinois state line. Open Sat & Sun, plus Labor Day, 10am-7pm. 847/395-7773. www.RenFair.com (Kenosha Co.)

7/14-8/18

LITTLE CHUTE

Concerts in the Park: Bring your lawn chair or blanket for a night of music and entertainment. Doyle Park. Wed, 7-8pm. 920/788-5162. www.littlechutewi.org/band (Outagamie Co.)

7/15-8/19

GREEN BAY

Green Bay Botanical Garden - Summer Concert Series: Classical to Broadway, jazz to pop - performed by members of the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra. Outdoors. Green Bay Botanical Garden. Thur evenings, 6-7:30pm. 920/490-9457. www.gbbg.org (Brown Co.)

7/19-10/8

MANITOWISH WATERS

Cranberry Marsh Tours: Free one-hour tours begin at the Community Center with an educational video and cranberry juice samples. Then, motor to one of the five local marshes for an up-close look at the bogs. Manitowish Waters Community Center. Fridays, 10-11am. 888/626-9877, 715/543-8488. www.manitowishwaters.org (Vilas Co.)

8/25-9/11

BAYFIELD

Apostle Islands Lighthouse Celebration: Daily lighthouse cruises and tours of the seven historic Apostle Islands lights. Other activities include lectures, concerts, a Keeper's Dinner and more. Tour the newly renovated Raspberry Island Lighthouse - the "Showplace of the Apostle Islands." Apostle Islands Cruise Service. Daily. 800/779-4487, 715/779-5619. www.lighthousecelebration.com/ (Bayfield Co.)

9/1-10/15

STATEWIDE

Colorama: The amber hues of Autumn sweep through Wisconsin from north to south as the forests sparkle with fall color. Enjoy an auto tour through the spectacular scenery of Wisconsin in the fall. 800/432-8747.

9/25-10/24

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Fall Foliage Cruises: Two-hour, fall foliage cruises on the Mississippi aboard the Mississippi Explorer. Cruises depart from Lawler Park daily at noon. 877/647-7397. www.MississippiExplorer.com (Crawford Co.)

LA POINTE

Madeline Island Museum

226 Colonel Woods Avenue
La Pointe WI 54850
715/747-2415
www.madelineislandmuseum.org

Jul 23-25 *Connecting Cultures: Exploring the Lake Superior Fur Trade*

MADISON

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

227 State St
Madison WI 53703
608/257-0158
www.mmoca.org

thru Apr 11 *Apple Pie: Symbols of Americana in MMoCA's Permanent Collection*

May 22-Aug 15 *Wisconsin Triennial 2010*

thru Jul 18 *From Nature: Realist Works in MMoCA's Collection*

thru May 9 *Cage and Cunningham: Chance, time, and concept in the Visual Arts*

Sep 10-Dec 19 *Rob & Christian Clayton: Inside Out*

Wisconsin Historical Museum

30 N Carroll St
Madison WI 53703
608/264-6555
www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum/

thru Sep 30 *Odd Wisconsin*

thru Jun 19 *Gaylord Nelson & Earth Day*

MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee Art Museum

700 N Art Museum Dr
Milwaukee WI 53202
414/224-3200
www.mam.org

thru Apr 25 *Street Seen: The Psychological Gesture in American Photography, 1940-1960*

thru Jun 1 *Contemporary Art Galleries Reinstallation*

thru Jun 6 *Raphael's Woman with the Veil*

May 22-Sep 6 *Quilts in a Material World: Selections from the Winterthur Collection*

Jun 17-Sep 26 *Out of Line: The Satirical Prints of Warrington Colescott*

Milwaukee Public Museum

800 W Wells St
Milwaukee WI 53233
414/278-2700
mpm.edu

thru Apr 5 *Cabinets of Curiosity: Wondrous Objects & Extraordinary Stories from the Museum's Collections*

thru Jul 11 *Numismatics! Selections from the MPM Collection*

thru Jun 6 *Dead Sea Scrolls & The Bible; Ancient Artifacts; Timeless Treasures*

MONROE

Monroe Arts Center

1315 11th St
Monroe WI 53566
608/325-5700
www.monroeartscenter.com

Apr 1-Apr 30 *Message From Swaziland - Gallery exhibit by Jennifer Ridders*

May 6-May 29 *On the Porch - Textile Exhibit by Sharon Rotz*

Jun 3-Jun 26 *Watercolors by Karolyn Alexander*

Jul 1-Aug 28 *Worlds of Pattern - Gallery exhibit by Carole Spelic and Richard Moninski*

OSHKOSH

Paine Art Center and Gardens

1410 Algoma Blvd
Oshkosh WI 54901
920/235-6903
www.thepaine.org

Jun 5-Sep 26 *Norman Rockwell: American Imagist*

RACINE

Racine Art Museum

441 Main St
Racine WI 53403
262/638-8300
www.ramart.org

thru Jul 25 *Therman Statom: Outside of the Box*

WAUSAU

Center for the Visual Arts

427 N 4th St
Wausau WI 54403
842/4545
www.cvawausau.org

thru Apr 18 *People, Places, Plants, Paint*

Apr 23-Jun 6 *Refigured*

Jun 11-Jul 25 *Beneath, Below & Beyond*

Sep 24-Nov 7 *Where We Live*

Woodson Art Museum

700 N 12th St
Wausau WI 54403
715/845-7010
www.lywam.org

Jun 26-Aug 26 *Peanuts at Bat!*

Jun 26-Aug 29 *The New Reality: The Frontier of Realism in the 21st Century*

Thru-Apr 11 *Las Artes de Mexico*

Apr 17-Jun 20 *William Steig: The Man Who Never Grew Up*

Apr 17-Jun 20 *Elliott Erwitt: Dog Dogs*

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THEATRE MUSIC & DANCE

APPLETON

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

400 W College Ave
Appleton WI 54911
920/968-0300
www.foxvalleysymphony.com

May 1 Fox Valley Symphony:
Dvorak's New World
Symphony & The Red
Violin

BAYFIELD

Big Top Chautauqua

32525 Ski Hill Rd
Bayfield WI 54814
888/244-8368
www.bigtop.org

Jun 18-Sep 11 25th season of music,
comedy & drama

EAU CLAIRE

Fanny Hill Victorian Inn & Dinner Theatre

3919 Crescent Ave
Eau Claire WI 54703
800/292-8026, 715/836-8184
fannyhill.com

Apr 9-Jun 20 Moon Over Buffalo
Jun 25-Aug 22 On Golden Pond
Sep 10-Oct 31 Don't Hug Me: County
Fair

EDGERTON

Edgerton Performing Arts Center

300 Elm High Drive
Edgerton WI
608/884-9402

May 1 Swing-O-Matics Concert

ELM GROVE

Sunset Playhouse

800 Elm Grove Rd
Elm Grove WI 53122
262/782-4430
www.sunsetplayhouse.com

Apr 16-May 8 Rumors
Jun 4-Jun 26 Leading Ladies
Jul 16-Aug 8 Hair

FISH CREEK

American Folklore Theatre

10169 Shore Road
Fish Creek WI 54212
920/854-6117
www.folkloretheatre.com

Jun 16-Aug 28 Three shows performed in
repertory - summer

Peninsula Players Theatre

W4351 Peninsula Players Rd
Fish Creek WI 54212
920/868-3287
www.peninsulaplayers.com

Jun 15-Oct 17 Five plays in repertory,
Professional Broadway
and Off-Broadway

FORT ATKINSON

Fireside Dinner Theatre

1131 Janesville Ave
Fort Atkinson WI 53538
800/477-9505, 920/563-9505
firesidetheatre.com

Mar 11-May 2 Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat
May 6-Jun 27 Rodgers & Hammerstein's
Cinderella
Jul 8-Aug 29 Ring of Fire - A Tribute to
Johnny Cash

GREEN BAY

Meyer Theatre

117 S Washington St
Green Bay WI
866/924-4676, 920/433-0155
www.gbctic.org

Apr 18 Green Bay Civic
Symphony

Weidner Center for Performing Arts

2420 Nicolet Dr
Green Bay WI 54311
800/328-TKTS, 920/465-2217
www.wcpresents.com

Apr 22-May 1 The Memorandum
Apr 24 Mark Twain Revisited with
Parker Drew

GREEN LAKE

Thrasher Opera House

506 Mill St
Green Lake WI
920/294-4279
www.thrasheroperahouse.com

Apr 16 Carrie Newcomer
May 1 Five By Design
Jul 24 The Second City

HARTFORD

Schauer Arts & Activities Center

147 N Rural St
Hartford WI 53027
262/670-0560
www.schauercenter.org

Apr 16 Red Priest: Pirates of the
Baroque
Apr 23 Japanese Music
Ensemble
May 7 Mama's Night Out
May 14 Pianist Alpin Hong

JANESVILLE

Janesville Performing Art Center

408 S Main St
Janesville WI 53545
608/758-0297
www.janesvillepac.org

Apr 9 Michael Kaeshammer
Apr 29-May 2 Harvey

The Armory

10 S High St
Janesville WI 53548
608/741-7400
www.janesvillearmory.com
Mar 12-May 2 Guys on Ice

MADISON

Overture Center for the Arts

201 State St
Madison WI 53703
608/258-4141

Apr 1 Hubbard Street Dance
Chicago
Apr 8 Cabaret Dinner Theater:
A Tribute to the 30s
Apr 9 Bobby Osborne with the
American Bluegrass
Masters Tour
Apr 10 The Man Who Planted
Trees
Apr 13 An Evening with David
Sedaris
Apr 17 The Blanks (aka Ted's
Band from Scrubs)
Apr 24 Suzanne Vega
Apr 27-May 23 Disney's The Lion King
Apr 29 Monterrey Jazz Festival
featuring Kenny Barron
Trio, Regina Carter, Kurt
Elling and Russell Malone
Apr 30 Bill Blagg III

MANITOWOC

Capitol Civic Centre

913 S 8th St
Manitowoc WI 54220
920/683-2184
www.cccshows.org

Apr 3 Lakeshore Big Band "A
Sentimental Journey"
Concert
Apr 24 Queen of Bingo
May 1 Lakeshore Wind
Ensemble "An American
Salute" concert
May 15 Diva Nation

MILWAUKEE

Broadway Theatre Center

158 N Broadway
Milwaukee WI 53202
414/276-8842
milwaukeechambertheatre.com
Apr 15-May 2 Sweetest Swing in
Baseball, The

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

929 N Water St
Milwaukee WI 53202
414/273-7121
www.MarcusCenter.org

Apr 13-Apr 18 Legally Blonde The
Musical
Jul 14-Aug 8 Wicked

Milwaukee Repertory Theater

108 E Wells St
Milwaukee WI 53202
414/224-9490
www.milwaukeeerep.com
Mar 23-Apr 18 Seven Keys to Baldpate

Off Broadway Theatre

342 N Water St
Milwaukee WI 53202
414/278-0765
www.nextact.org
Apr 1-May 2 The Value of Names by
Jeffrey Sweet

MONROE

Monroe Arts Center

1315 11th St
Monroe WI 53566
608/325-5700

www.monroeartscenter.com
May 15 Bill Staines
Jun 12 Opan Jii
Jul 17 Tret Fure
Aug 7 Whistlepigs String Band

SHAWANO

Mielke Arts Center

N5649 Airport Rd
Shawano WI 54166
715/526-2525
www.shawanoarts.com

Jul 8-Jul 18 As the Stomach Turns

SPRING GREEN

American Players Theatre

5950 Golf Course Rd
Spring Green WI
608/588-2361
www.playinthewoods.org

Jun 5-Oct 17 Five plays in rotating
repertory; three
Shakespearean and two
classics.

ST CROIX FALLS

St. Croix Festival Theatre

210 N Washington St
St Croix Falls WI
888/887-6002, 715/483-3387
www.festivaltheatre.org

May 8-May 9 Monroe Crossing in
Concert

STOUGHTON

Stoughton Opera House

608/877-4400
www.stoughtonoperahouse.com

Apr 1 Red Skelton: A perform-
ance tribute by Tom
Mullica
Apr 10 Greg Brown
Apr 15 Branson on the Road
Apr 22 The Anoushka Shankar
Project
May 1 The Crickets
May 23 Midwest Vocal Express
Jun 18-Jun 25 Bach Dancing and
Dynamite Society

WAUSAU

Grand Theater on Artsblock

401 N 4th St
Wausau WI 54403
888/239-0421, 715/842-0988
www.onartsblock.org

Apr 15 Vince: The Life and Times
of Vince Lombardi
Apr 17 Musical Melting Pot
Apr 22 Keyboard Conversations
with Jeffrey Siegel
May 5 A Perfect Balance
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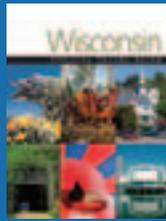
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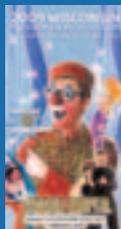
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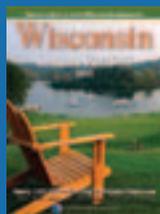
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