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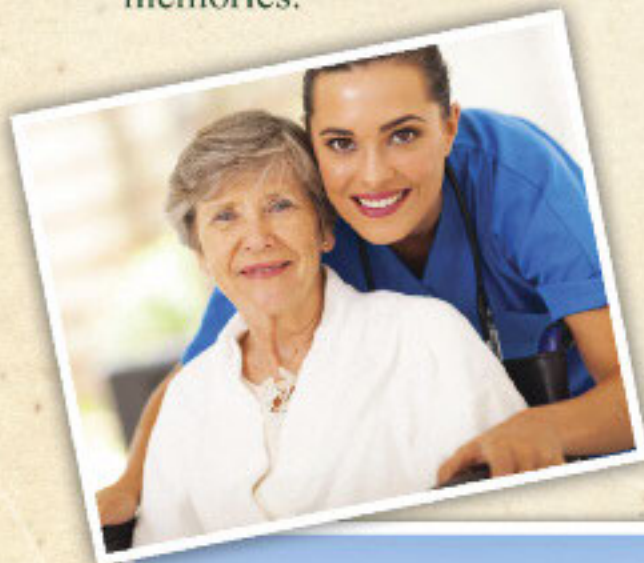
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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Bike design for Vagabond Imports for Fiber Rain 2013.
Photo courtesy of Kassie Herbst

The Texture of Community

According to display signs in most museums, art is meant to be seen and not touched. Artist and clothing designer Kassie Herbst disagrees.

Herbst, also a painter and photographer, was drawn to knitwear design while employed at Iris Fine Yarns, a yarn store in Appleton.

"The owner wanted to bring my patterns into her shop and in order to do that I needed to follow the correct procedures to run a business, so that's how Poema Rose was developed," explains Herbst.

Herbst's business, Poema Rose, offers original knitwear patterns that use natural fibers and fair trade materials whenever possible. Herbst favors Industrial Hemp and makes a point of hand-selecting all of the yarn.

In addition to gaining inspiration for her designs from the world around her, Herbst says that often the people she surrounds herself with are the most influential to her work.

"I love naming my clothing after people who inspire me, taught me or have influenced my life in one way or another," says Herbst.

In 2012, Herbst approached Jennifer Stephany, executive director of Appleton Downtown Inc. with an idea: yarn bombing. The pair developed Fiber Rain, Appleton's annual yarn-bombing festival which transforms the town with yarn work covering anything from a bike rack, to a flower bed, or even a lamp post.

"Most of the time (yarn bombing) can be more like graffiti, whereas Fiber Rain came about as a community art project, bringing in businesses, schools, even students," explains Herbst. "People of all ages come together and make our downtown beautiful with colors and textures."

Herbst designed the knitting patterns for Fiber Rain, ensuring that the designs fit properly across the different structures.

"The creativity is up to the artist," assures Herbst. "The purpose of these patterns is to give a guideline so that the pieces fit on the structure, especially when rain hits."

This year, Fiber Rain will be held June 2-4. Although the festival will be directed by Leah Laczny, Herbst intends to contribute and her patterns will be used again throughout the festival.

In the meantime, Herbst continues contributing to the community as art director of a project at Columbus Elementary School in Appleton. The project aims to further the progress started by the Neighborhood Partners Program, a collaboration of more than 20 local nonprofits, which began converting the all-asphalt playground into trees and grass five years ago.

"Last year, the students created art pieces" says Herbst. "They were installed this past summer by neighbors and other community artists to really celebrate the beautification of that playground."

Herbst says that the future entails more knitwear designing, but she also will be focusing on her photography, which is not currently for sale. She's scheduled to show her photography at ACOCA Coffee in Appleton late this fall.

For more information or to inquire about pieces, contact Herbst at kassie.herbst@gmail.com.



"Annette", made of 100% hemp, is named after Herbst's mother. Photo courtesy of Kassie Herbst



Photo by Donna Leicht Photography

Name: Kassie Herbst

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— By Sarah Perret-Goluboff

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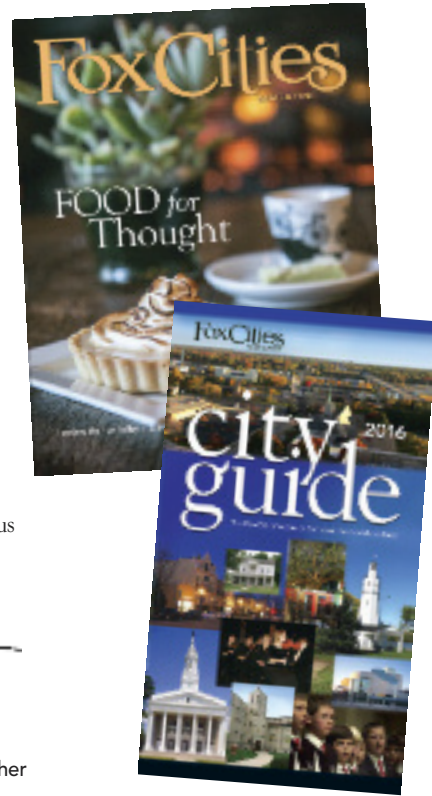
Few places on earth are more welcoming of newcomers than the Fox Cities. In fact, the very inclusiveness of the name "Fox Cities" attests to the nature of our cities and towns, each with unique ethnic histories which are celebrated with joyous festivals inviting all to attend.

Over the thirty one plus years of our existence, FOX CITIES Magazine has supplied to business and industry many thousands of copies of our issues to be used as part of their recruiting efforts enticing talented people far and wide into our midst adding their talents to those who are already here in great numbers.

These recruiting packages present to people not lucky enough to have seen and experienced our wonderful "place we call home" the many reasons why they might want to join us. When these new visitors arrive they typically find FOX CITIES Magazine in their hotel or motel, in many cases in their room.

We are currently distributing our 18th annual CITY GUIDE which is a publication even more direct in lauding the warmth of our home. It too is used in the recruiting packets of many businesses, large and small.

Visitors and old friends alike, we hope you turn to "Not To Be Missed" and join us this summer at some of the countless fairs, festivals and assorted bashes. Thanks for reading us.



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ARTS

6-8, 12-14 | You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Musical based on the Peanuts comic strip, performed by Oshkosh Community Players. Th-Sa, 7:30pm; Su, 2pm. Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. 424-2350.

6, 7 | Movie Night on Ice

More than 50 local figure skaters will be dazzling audiences with jumps and spins to the music from our favorite movies. Sa & Su, 7pm; Su, 2pm. Appleton Family Ice Center. 830-7679.

12-14 | The Masquers: Shrek the Musical

Everyone's favorite ogre is back in the hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film. Th-Sa, 7:30pm; Sa, 2pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

13 | Open Mic at the ARTgarage

Musicians, singers, poets, actors and spoken word welcome. Pieces should be "practiced" and appropriate for general audiences. Edgier material held until after 7:30pm. 6pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

17-22 | Chicago

A universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz with one show-stopping song after another and astonishing dancing. Tu-Sa, 7:30pm; Sa, 2pm; Su, 1 & 6:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 730-3760.

19 | Neville Public Museum Dinner Program

"Preserving and Restoring American History." Dinner at 5pm, program at 6pm. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

21 | Hansel & Gretel the Ballet

Valley Academy for the Arts, Inc. performance. 2pm & 5pm. Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center, Neenah. 722-7796.

MUSIC & CONCERTS

5, 26 | Community Chorale Concert

Performing a variety of music under the direction of Jim and Susie Miller. The concert also will feature a performance by barbershop quartet, Lake Effect. 7:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

6 | First Friday Series

Singer and songwriters, Bill and Kate Isles, will be performing their original music. 2pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

6 | Fox Valley Concert Band Concert

Join the Fox Valley Concert Band for their spring concert! 7:30-9:30pm. UWFox Valley Communication Arts Center - James W. Perry Hall, Menasha. 832-2600.

7 | First Saturday Performances: Mary Eisenreich

Eisenreich's concert features musical histories and themed songs. This upbeat performance offers opportunities to sing along and to laugh! 7-9pm. The ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

7 | Fox Valley Symphony Grand Finale

Fox Valley Symphony's 2015-16 season grand finale featuring Rosanne Cash along with guitarist John Leventhal and her band. 7:30pm. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton. 968-0300.

7 | Indiana Jones and the Concert of Doom

Presented by UW-Manitowoc Lakeshore Wind Ensemble. 7:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

12 | Joe Bonamassa

8pm. Weidner Center for Performing Arts, Green Bay. 465-2527.

14, 15 | Lawrence Academy of Music Student Recitals

Sa, 12:30-5:30pm; Su, 11:15am-5:30pm. Lawrence University Music Drama Center, Appleton. 832-6632.

14 | Green Bay Boy Choir Concert

The three performing units of Green Bay Boy Choir will present a concert featuring music from across history uniting the repertoire with artwork from the same era. 7pm. Ascension Lutheran Church, Green Bay. 321-0541.

14 | Lawrence Academy of Music Adult Recital

11am. Pusey Room, Warch Campus Center, Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-6632.

19 | Jazz at the Trout Season VI

Contemporary/future performed by Matt Turner and Bill Carothers. 7:30-10pm. Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

19 | Street Corner Symphony

An a cappella group based out of Nashville, their repertoire covers a wide range from gospel and barbershop, to rock and pop appealing to the young and old alike. 7:30pm. Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc. 683-2184.

21 | Green Bay Girl Choir 20th Anniversary Concert

"With A Song In My Heart" will feature performances by all four performing units of the choir and will include favorite repertoire selections from the past 20 years of the choir. 3pm. Walter Theater, St. Norbert College, De Pere. 403-3950.

22 | Sunday Concert Series

Featuring Patchouli, a duo made up of Julie Patchouli and Bruce Hecksel performing original acoustic folk music that blends with pop flamenco and jazz. 2pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

23 | Riverview Gardens Concert Series: Year Two

Riverview hosts a series of concerts in collaboration with Lawrence University and New York-based chamber ensemble Decoda. 5:30pm. Riverview Gardens, Appleton. 733-2354.

28, 29 | LU-aroo

Annual free music festival open to the public organized by Lawrence University students. Performance times vary. Noon-11pm. Lawrence University, Appleton. 832-7000.

30 | Academy Balinese Gamelan Concert

Featuring an ensemble of traditional percussion-keyed instruments, gongs, drums and bamboo flutes from Indonesia. Free admission. 3pm. Lawrence University campus, Appleton. 832-7000.

OPENING EXHIBITS

2 | Hmong Photos

Thru June 30. Photos of Southeast Asian ethnicities. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

2 | Linda Schrage, Artist-in-Residence

Thru June 30. Schrage will show her pottery. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

2 | The Navy & New London

Thru Nov 12. Discover more about the history of the U.S. Navy and the citizens of New London that served. New London Public Museum. 982-8520.

3 | Art Colony

Thru May 28. The oldest women's art group will exhibit works which include sculpture, painting, fiber works and mixed media. Artist reception May 5 from 6-8pm. The ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

7 | Audubon's Birds of America

Thru Oct. 16. This exhibition features the renowned large-format prints (also called, the "Elephant folio" prints) of American artist John James Audubon and his "Birds of America" series. The most celebrated work of American ornithology, these exceptional prints date from the 1820s and 1830s. Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5799.



Celebrating Audubon's Legacy

This May, for the first time at the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh, visitors will get a glimpse into the artistry of John James Audubon, one of the most prolific and renowned American ornithologists. Audubon's "The Birds of America" collection will be on display, depicting the beauty of birds in great detail and size.

Pieces in the collection, which are only a part of Audubon's extensive body of work, were originally created using watercolor and pastel and later turned into hand-colored engravings to be released in limited prints. These life-like, large-format prints depict native Northern American birds in their natural habitats.

"Audubon was one of the greatest nature artists of the 19th century, so he is a great fit for the Paine," says Laura Fiser, curator of collections and exhibitions. "Nature and its beauty

is a central theme for us at the Paine."

For the last year and a half, Fiser has been working closely with David Wagner, a Milwaukee-based Audubon expert, to curate 26 pieces on loan from various Midwestern institutions in Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. Wagner has written extensively on Audubon and American nature art, and helped curate similar exhibits.

The exhibit, which opens May 7, will be accompanied by lectures, performances and talks given by Audubon experts. Visitors are invited to attend gallery talks on June 3 and a family program at the Paine's Conservatory, "Adventures with Audubon" will be held June 4. All programs will be presented by renowned Oshkosh-based storyteller and Audubon expert Brian "Fox" Ellis. Lectures by Wagner and other nature art experts will occur in September and October.

For more information on the exhibit and future programs, visit thepaine.org.

— By Anh Ta

Astronomy Unleashed

The stars are preparing for their big show at The Barlow Planetarium's Barlow Family Astronomy Night on May 14, which is National Astronomy Day.

"May is a busy month because of National Astronomy day," says Alan Peche, director of the Barlow. Where the planetarium typically sees between 1,000–1,500 visitors per week, in May those numbers bump up to between 400–500 patrons per day, says Peche. "We rank in the top 20 percent of all college and university planetariums," he reveals.



"Larry Cat in Space"
Image courtesy of Barlow Planetarium

With those high numbers comes a sense of responsibility and the events of the Barlow Family Astronomy Night are a reflection of that. "We will have special programming throughout the day and a couple more shows at night," states Peche. Visitors may experience the planetarium's typical field trip-style presentations, including four during the day and repeating two at night as well as additional outdoor telescope viewing opportunities.

Each show is exclusive to the Barlow, says Peche, making all four of them worth a gaze. "Our Place in Space" is our lower elementary school field trip show," he explains. "It's a fun astronomy show. 'Larry Cat in Space' (is) the most popular of all field trip shows," says Peche. The third program is the most interactive. "'Solar System Exploration' is a show where the audience gets to pick the order of the planets they want to visit." With thousands of variations, this show is different each time. 'Bad Astronomy' is the final presentation and discusses "astronomic misconceptions such as horoscopes and UFOs," says Peche.

"Once the sun sets, the telescopes come out," he adds. Beginning at 8pm, visitors will have the chance to go outside and look through telescopes where, if it's a clear night, they will have the chance to see Jupiter.

For pricing and more information, visit ufwx.uwc.edu/barlow.

— By Brooke Van Roy

11 | Interior Design & Portfolio Show

Professional portfolio displays from students and graduates of FVTC's Interior Design and Kitchen & Bath Design programs. 10am–2pm; artist reception 5:30–7:30pm. Entrance 12, Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton campus. 735-2501.

14 | 71st Art Annual

Thru July 2. Since 1942, this juried art competition has become an important bridge between the artistic communities of Northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

27 | Ice Age Imperials

Thru Oct 30. This traveling exhibit makes the drama of the majestic animals of the age accessible to all, using full-scale dioramas, a series of interactive displays and wall-mounted educational components. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. 448-4460.

27 | Senior Art Majors Exhibition

The annual exhibition of artwork by Lawrence University's senior studio art majors. Opening reception, May 27 at 6pm. Leech, Hoffmaster and Kohler Galleries, Lawrence University Wriston Art Center Galleries, Appleton. 832-6942.

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3, 10, 17 | Bird Hike

We will be looking, listening and discovering many of the species that call the preserve home. 8am. Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton. 731-6041.

3 | Creative Coloring for All Ages

Bring the family to this multi-generational coloring night. Color, socialize and enjoy hot cocoa and popcorn. 6pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

3 | Open Chess Night

Drop in for a friendly game of chess. All ages and skill levels welcome. 6pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

5 | Aromatherapy 101: Nature's Remedies for Mind, Body, and Soul

Barbara Fett, RN, BSN and certified aromatherapist, will speak about the use of aromatherapy through the ages and its many uses today. 6:30pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

6 | National Public Gardens Day

Free admission. 9am–5pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

7 | Bio Blitz

Walk the trails and take pictures of as many different plant and animal species as you can with your smart phones or other devices. Then volunteers will assist with identification and submitting data to iNaturalist. 8am–noon. 1000 Islands Environmental Center, Kaukauna. 766-4733.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL EVENTS

2 | 4th annual Mental Health Awareness Month kick-off event

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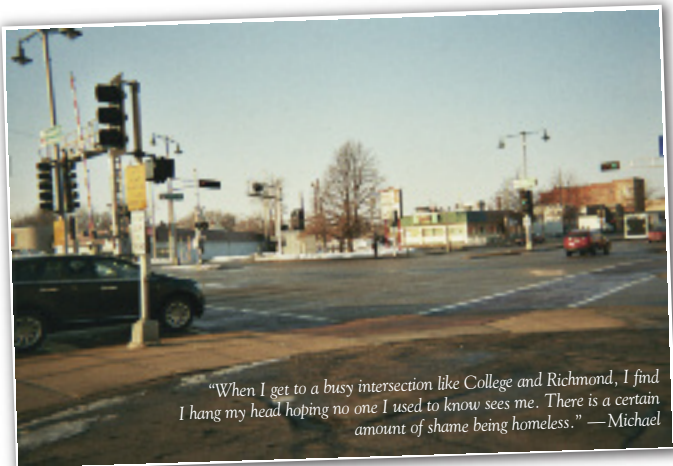
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Shedding Light on Homelessness

Featuring more than 200 photos taken by homeless individuals, "(In)visible: Homelessness in Appleton" will give visitors a glimpse of life through their eyes. A collaboration between the History Museum at the Castle and area agencies for the homeless, the exhibit is not only meaningful and educational, but promises to spark changes in the community.

"This is an important community conversation," says Nicholas Hoffman, chief curator at the museum. "We also want to provide the long history of homelessness since the beginning of Appleton and how we got to this point."

In collaboration with the four agencies – Homeless Connections, COTS, Fox Cities Housing Coalition and the Fox Valley Warming Shelter – cameras and journals were distributed to homeless clients for them to photograph and write captions for anything that was meaningful and important to them.



Along with the photos, the exhibit presents data on homelessness, its effects and possible solutions from project RUSH, a comprehensive research project done by the Fox Cities Housing Coalition. "The data will be woven into the exhibit," says Jennifer Dieter, community relations director at Homeless Connections. "Each photo is to give a face to the story and the numbers."

Speaking passionately about the exhibit, Dieter also hopes it will break down stereotypes and judgements of homeless people. "People usually do not have much understanding about homelessness and the fact that it can affect people of all kinds of backgrounds," adds Dieter.

The exhibit also features an interactive poverty simulator, allowing visitors to imagine what it would be like to be homeless through a series of realistic scenarios and questions.

According to Hoffman, the exhibit will be the catalyst for discussions and changes. "We hope to follow up with a lot of conversations," he shares.

For more information on the exhibit and admission fees, visit myhistorymuseum.org.

— By Anh Ta

8 | Mother's Day Free Admission

All moms will receive a special gift while supplies last. 9am-6pm. NEW Zoo and Adventure Park, Green Bay. 434-7841.

8 | Mother's Day Brunch ☎

Register your family to enjoy a buffet-style brunch. Admission to the garden is free all day for all moms. 9:30am-1:30pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

9 | Cocoa and Coloring Night

Enjoy coloring for grownups. We will supply all materials and, of course, the hot cocoa! 6:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

11 | Spark! Flower Pounding ☎

A program for caregivers and loved ones living with memory loss. Each one-hour program is led by a specially trained museum educator who will engage participants in interactive exhibit experiences. Coffee and conversation to follow. 1pm. Building for Kids, Appleton. 733-4089.

12 | Migratory Bird Party ㊟

Join us for games, stories and crafts that are not only fun, but help to understand the importance of our migratory birds. 6:30pm. 1000 Islands Environmental Center, Kaukauna. 766-4733.

14, 19 | Morning Bird Walk and Audubon's Birds of America ☎

Anita Carpenter from the Winnebago Audubon Society will guide you in identifying various species. Followed by coffee, a continental breakfast and an early, private viewing of Audubon's Birds of America. 7am. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

14 | Family Astronomy Night

Visitors will be able to experience the exhibits, displays, demonstrations, and the planetarium's field trip-style shows, as well as outdoor telescope viewing. Beginning at noon. Barlow Planetarium, Menasha. 832-2848.

15 | 34th Annual Nature's Image Art Fair

Fine art, music, food and raffles to benefit the friends of 1000 Islands. 10am-4:30pm. 1000 Islands Environmental Center, Kaukauna. 766-4733.

17 | Grand Opening of "the space" for LGBT teens

Since the closing of Harmony Café last year, LGBT teens have been without a permanent place to gather. This celebration will center on a remodeled and fully furnished room, dubbed "the space." 5:30-7pm. Goodwill NCW, Community Campus, Menasha. 731-6601.

19 | History Treasure Tour ㊟

Enjoy a pre-war era tour of the gorgeous Cotton House, built in the 1840s and restored in 2009. An interpreter will lead a tour spanning 100 years of history. 5-8pm. Heritage Hill, Green Bay. 448-5150.

21 | Festival of Spring

A free outdoor event featuring the Paine's annual Spring Plant Sale and more than 100 vendors of original art, fine crafts, plants and garden supplies. The festival also includes fair food, live entertainment and an art activity for kids. 9am-4pm. Paine Art Center and Gardens, Oshkosh. 235-6903.

24 | Homeless Connections Annual Report to the Community ☎

Join Executive Director Jerome Martin and members of Homeless Connections' Board of Directors and staff as success stories from 2015 are shared and the Volunteer of the Year is recognized. 7:15am. Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton. 734-9192.

24 | Menasha All City School Track & Field Wellness Day

Nearly 1,000 students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades from Menasha's public and private schools will participate in this event. The community is invited to watch. Rain date is May 26. 9-11am. Nathan Calder Stadium, Menasha.

25 | Coloring with the Classics

Work on your masterpiece while listening to a piano performance. For all ages. 6-8pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

29 | 11th Annual Aurora Baycare

Triathlon and Youth Triathlon, 5k Part of the Aurora BayCare Series and designed for those who want a kick start to the triathlon season. The 5K Run uses the same run course as the triathlon. 7-11am. Ashwaubomay Park, Green Bay. 574-2972

30 | A Soldier's Remembrance

Local veterans and historic Fort Howard soldiers conduct a memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of Camp Smith. 10am. Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Green Bay. 448-5150.

30 | Memorial Day Admission

Free for all military personnel and veterans. 9am-5pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

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5 | Butterflies and Friends Arts Auction

Hosted by the Einstein Project this event celebrates 25 years of providing schools and districts in Wisconsin with quality education through interactive experiences with guest auctioneer, Pete Petoniak. 5:30pm. The Weidner Center for Performing Arts, Green Bay. 884-8800.

9 | Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Join together and walk a mile in high heels to stand against rape, sexual assault and gender violence. Proceeds will go to Brown County Community Coordinated Response Team. 10am. City Deck, Green Bay. www.walkamilegb.com/.

11 | After Hours Segway Tour

Heritage Hill and Glide N.E.W. have teamed up for this fundraiser. Make a reservation for a 30-minute experience through Heritage Hill. 6pm. Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Green Bay. 448-5150.

12 | Adult Night at the Museum

Come be a kid! Here is your chance to climb through a 10-foot human heart, operate an actual crane, paint in the da Vinci Art Studio and not worry about letting your kids have a turn. Plus, ballroom dance demos, live music, mixology classes, art classes, cash bar, light hors d'oeuvres and more! Ages 21 and over. Proceeds benefit The Building for Kids Children's Museum and the Appleton Noon Optimist Club. 6-9pm. The Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.

12 | TasteBud - An Outdoor Culinary Experience & Silent Auction

Enjoy an evening in the Garden filled with culinary delights, blooming buds, silent auctions and more. 5-8pm. Green Bay Botanical Garden. 490-9457.

14 | Festival Polynesia

Explore the traditions and customs of the many cultures that make up the fabric of our communities. All ages will enjoy performances, art making, demonstrations, storytelling, ethnic food, and more. 11am. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan. 458-6144.

21 | Blessing of the Fleet

Celebrate the beginning of the local fishing season with us in Baileys Harbor. 9am-5pm. Door County Maritime Museum. 743-5958.

LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2 | On the Road with Master Gardeners

Topic: From the Missouri Botanical Garden & Gateway Arch to the City of Fountains. Free. 7-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6177.

4 | Cowspiracy Film Discussion

Film discussion of "Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret." Co-sponsored by the Fox Valley Sierra Group. 6:30-8:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

4 | Men Journeying Through Grief

Affinity Visiting Nurses invites all men who have experienced the death of a loved one to join others in this ongoing opportunity to receive support for their grief. 6pm. Affinity Visiting Nurses office, Neenah. 866-236-8500.

5 | Welcome to Medicare

An introductory presentation for anyone becoming eligible for Medicare to familiarize themselves with it and better understand the options available to them. 5:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

9 | Master Gardeners Present: Lawn Care

Lawns comprise the largest part of most landscapes. Join the Outagamie County Master Gardeners to learn how to select products that will give you a healthy lawn. 6:30pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7825.

10 | Foundations of Investing

Presented by Kyle Lukowitz of Edward Jones, who will cover the basic features of bonds, stocks and mutual funds, and the importance of asset allocation. 6pm. Kimberly Public Library. 788-7515.

11 | Non-fiction Book Discussion

Bob Schmall, retired history lecturer, will lead the discussion on "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson. Newcomers always welcome. 6:30-7:30pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6179.

11 | We Remember Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support

A support group open to the public discussing the grieving process. 6:30-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

12 | Cookbook Book Club

Take a break from your busy schedule as we share cooking tips, our favorite recipes and all things related to food. Feel free to bring along a small dish to pass. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

14 | Memory Cafe

For those with early stage dementia, mild memory loss or cognitive impairment, and their family and friends. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

14 | New London Reminiscence

In honor of the exhibit, "The Navy & New London," all veterans and the public are invited to share stories about their service and life in New London during the wars. Free admission, coffee and light refreshments provided. 9:30-10:30am. New London Public Museum. 982-8520.

15 | Copper Artifacts Presentation

Monette Bebow-Reinhard, former curator at the Oconto Archaic Copper Museum, will present a brief overview of the copper industry in Wisconsin, with a special focus on her recent work. 2pm. Oshkosh Public Museum. 236-5799.

16 | Knit2Together

Multi-generational knitting group. 6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6315.

18 | Downtown Book Club

Howard Porter will lead a discussion on The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir by Kao Kalia Yang. Noon. Appleton Public Library. 832-6179.

23 | Monday Morning Book Klatch: for adult readers

The group will be reading "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

25 | Airport Tour

Climb on the bus and go behind the scenes to get close up with the aircraft, snow plows, and fire trucks. Meet at the airport and park in the short term parking area. Your parking pass will be validated. Registration limited to 12 people. 10-11:30am. Appleton International Airport. 832-6173.

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Symphony 'Pops' with Cash

The curtain will close on the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra's 49th season during its Grand Finale performance on May 7 at Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton. Roughly 75 musicians will be joined onstage by with the talents of legendary singer and songwriter Rosanne Cash.

"I love when our symphony does concerts that are not your typical classical concert," says Jamie LaFreniere, executive director of the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra of the only pops concert of the season. "It is great to catch people off guard with different genres, artists or venues that they may not have expected from a traditional classical music group. Working with Rosanne Cash is going to be a great combination of two different styles, and I hope people are surprised by the results."

Music Director Brian Groner has wanted to collaborate with Cash, the eldest daughter of country music icon Johnny Cash, since he first worked with her when he was a violinist with the Nashville Symphony.

"She has her own pocket of style, it's charming," he says. "She's been a fantastic songwriter for years and has had a gift for years. ... She brings the story of every song to life."

In addition to Patsy Cline covers, Cash is expected to perform songs from her Grammy Award-winning album, "The River and the Thread" and favorites "Seven Year Ache," "Long Way Home," and "Motherless Children." While she will perform some numbers with the symphony, others will be performed with collaborator and guitarist John Leventhal and her band. The symphony will perform solo piece as well.

The first rehearsal with everyone will occur the day of the performance. The music for the evening was sent to the symphony and distributed to musicians beforehand so they could begin practicing the pieces.

"An orchestra is a very versatile creation and it can do many, many things well. One of which is accompany a pops artist," Groner says.

For more information about the concert and tickets, visit foxvalleysymphony.com.

— By Amy Hanson



Photo courtesy of Clay Patrick McBride

28 | Throwing and Altering Clay

Linda Schrage, the artist in residence for May and June, will be throwing and altering works of clay for the public to see. Stop by, ask questions and see how Schrage transforms clay. 10am-1pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

FILMS

2 | Monday Morning Matinee

Featuring "Alice in Wonderland." This film series is designed for persons with cognitive disabilities, but anyone may attend. Refreshments served. Free. 9:30-11am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

3 | Lawrence University presents the Civic Life Project

Created by award-winning documentary filmmaker and 1972 Lawrence graduate Catherine Tatge, the project features student-made documentaries that explore current issues facing northeast Wisconsin. Free and open to the public, online registration required. 6-8pm. Lawrence University Warch Campus Center, Appleton. lawrence.edu/academics/programs/civic_life_project.

5 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Featuring "Trumbo." The successful career of 1940s screenwriter Dalton Trumbo comes to a crushing end when he and other Hollywood figures are blacklisted for their political beliefs. Refreshments served. 4-6pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

9 | Monday Matinee: Revenant

1pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

9 | Open Chess Night Movie: Searching for Bobby Fischer

6pm. Neenah Public Library. 866-6315.

10 | Museum Movie Night - Men With Wings

Travel back in time and experience the golden age of cinema at EAA's Skyscape Theater Royale, a free series of classic aviation film screenings. 6:30-10pm. Skyscape Theater, EAA, Oshkosh. 426-4800.

12 | Thursday Night @ the Movies

Featuring "Steve Jobs." Go behind the scenes of the digital revolution to explore the man at its epicenter. Refreshments served. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

16 | Monday Morning Matinee

Featuring "Lady and the Tramp." This film series is designed for persons with cognitive disabilities, but anyone may attend. Refreshments served. Free. 9:30-11am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

19 | Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies

Featuring "Creed." Adonis Johnson never knew his famous father, world heavyweight champion Apollo Creed, who died before he was born. Still, there's no denying that boxing is in his blood. Refreshments served. 4-6:15pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

23 | Classic Movie Monday

Featuring "Citizen Kane." This year marks the 75th anniversary of the release of Orson Welles' first feature film. Refreshments will be provided. 1-3pm. Little Chute Public Library. 788-7515.

26 | Thursday Night @ the Movies

Featuring "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Luke Skywalker has vanished, and both the Resistance and the sinister First Order are searching for him. Refreshments served. 6-8pm. Appleton Public Library. 832-6173.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

5 | Technology Workshops

Stellar Blue Technologies and Neenah Public Library partner to give this interactive workshop on technology in the modern day. This hands-on seminar is designed to help both beginner and intermediate users. 2:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

7 | Creative Penmanship with Sandi Van Sistine & Erin Krueger

Whether you want to improve your handwriting, develop your own signature penmanship style or explore the world of calligraphy for use on signs, invitations or professional reasons, this is a great starter class. 9am-noon. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

7 | Off the Wheel

Experiment with decorative and functional ceramics with Linda Schrage, artist-in-residence for the months of May and June. Ages 13 and up. 11am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6179.

7 | Outagamie County Master Gardeners

The topic is Butterfly Gardening. 10-11:30am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6179.

10 | Legal Assistance Clinic

Volunteer lawyers and pre-law students from UW-Oshkosh will be available to offer legal assistance with questions, forms and referrals to attorneys who offer reduced-cost services. 4pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

10 | Mid-Day Women's Alliance Personal Career Development workshop

Managing careers is a key skill for women, no matter what stage of life. To help with that task, speaker Lisa Powers, president of Career Options, Inc. of Appleton will be featured. 11:30-noon networking/lunch, noon-1:30 p.m. Workshop. Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton. middaywomen.org.

12 | Wine Bottle Hanging Lanterns

Bring a wine bottle to the museum and make it into a hanging lantern for your garden or patio. Remove labels prior to class. 6-8pm. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, Neenah. 751-4658.

12, 26 | Creative Writing at the Library

Focusing on a variety of writing topics, led by Sharrie Robinson. 10am. Appleton Public Library. 832-6179.



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17, 24, 31 | Introduction to Portraiture with Nathan Brandner

The three-day class will cover the basics of creating a portrait. This course covers the basic structure of the human skull to the features that make everyone unique. 6-9pm. ARTgarage, Green Bay. 448-6800.

24 | Making Jewelry Workshop

Learn the basics of stringing beads to make a bracelet, necklace or earrings. 7pm. Oshkosh Public Library. 236-5211.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS & CLASSES

2, 9, 16 | Let's Grow Garden Stories: Dig It

A three-week program centered around garden stories, music, rhymes and planting. Available to preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. 10am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3690.

2 | Messy Monday

The free program is drop-in for 2- to 6-year-olds accompanied by a caregiver – your child creates a messy masterpiece, and we provide the supplies and clean-up. Old clothes recommended. 10am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6301.

3, 5, 6 | Toddler Time

Story time for children from 12-23 months with a caregiver. Final meeting of the year. Th 9:15am-9:45am. Tu & F 10:30am-11am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

3 | Little Wiggles Storytime

Story time for children birth-23 months with a caregiver. Final meeting of the year. 5-5:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

3 | Our Time

Story time for children 3-5 years old. Caregivers welcome. 10am-10:30am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

3 | Twilight Time

Story time for children 2-8 with a caregiver. 6:30pm-7pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

4 | Baby Time

Story time for children birth-11 months with a caregiver. 9:15-9:45am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

4 | May the Fourth be with You

A free drop-in Star Wars craft and activity program for school-aged kids; under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for Jedi Training activities, crafts and snacks. 3:30 p.m. Neenah Public Library. 886-6335.

5 | Page Turners:

An after-school book group for advanced readers 8-11 years old, with contemporary and classic books kids will love — and snacks! 3:45pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

10 | Children's Story and Activity Time

Hear an exciting story in the gallery, then head up to the 5th floor studios for an awesome art project! Free and no RSVP necessary. 10:30-11:30 am. The Trout Museum of Art, Appleton. 733-4089.

12 | Boy's and Girl's Brigade Open House

Boys and girls in grades 5-12 in the Fox Cities are invited to develop leadership skills, explore new ideas, foster relationships with peers and adult mentors, and challenge themselves to achieve their goals and dreams. 4-7pm. Boy's and Girl's Brigade, Neenah. 725-3983.

13 | Dinosaur Party

Enjoy games, crafts, activities and a treat to celebrate our prehistoric friends. For preschoolers and caregivers. 10am. Menasha Public Library. 967-3690.

13 | Footloose Friday

Join us for a half-hour of rhythm, rhyme and movement for kids ages 2 and up accompanied by a caregiver. The program is drop-in — no registration required. 9:30am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6301.

14 | North High School Drama Day

Drama Day is a one-day theater exploration camp for grades 4-6 that is planned and taught by North High School theater students. Participants learn about all aspects of theater, both on stage and back stage. 9am-2pm. Appleton North High School. 832-4300.

14 | Pooches & Pages

A reading opportunity for children from first to sixth grade, allowing them to read to therapy dogs who will sit patiently. 10-11:30am. Neenah Public Library. 886-6335.

18, 20, 21 | Storybook Stars Presents:

Curious George

Meet in the Mielke Family Theater for storytime with a few of our favorite Curious George books. Meet the star of the book and make a craft. Program included with admission. W & F, 10:30am; W, F & Sa, 1:30pm. The Building for Kids Children's Museum, Appleton. 734-3226.

19 | Girlfriends Read

This group features books with strong girl characters written by women authors, for readers 9 and older. Come alone or with a friend, mother or sister. 6:30pm. Neenah Public Library. 886-6315.

21 | Scavenger Hunt

Teens and tweens invited to join in a scavenger hunt. Snacks and prizes provided. 1pm. Activity Room, Menasha Public Library. 967-3690.

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Photo courtesy of Heritage Hill State Historical Park

History: On Two Wheels

Visitors will be rolling into Heritage Hill State Historical Park after hours this spring with the park's upcoming fundraiser.

Pairing with Glide N.E.W., Heritage Hill is excited to introduce "After Hours Segway Tours," open to the public for the first time this year. "It's something we tested last year during the summer season," says Sue Storzer, the site manager at Heritage Hill. "We tried it with staff, and based off of that test run, we decided to do it again this year."

Beginning on May 11, the tours will be available on the second Wednesday of each month through September with four tours per day starting at 5:30 p.m. Each tour will consist of small, six-to eight-person groups. "(When visitors) come, they get a little training with the Segway," confirms Storzer. "Once everyone is comfortable with (it), they take you around the park."

The folks at Heritage Hill had their wheels turning when they came up with this plan. "We saw this as a fun thing that's starting to evolve in (surrounding) communities," says Storzer. "It's a way of capitalizing the old with the new."

And old and new is exactly the combination you will get when touring the historic property on this modern day ride. Each tour will last 30 minutes and visit all four areas of the park, says Storzer. Guests will be guided toward La Baye, Fort Howard, Growing Community, and the Ethnic Agricultural areas.

Along with the visual, visitors will hear about each area from their tour guide, the only restriction being the inability to go into any buildings, states Storzer. "It would be a lot of getting on and off. By doing it that way, we hope the guests are so intrigued with the park that they come on a regular day to get the full experience." For safety measures, there is a minimum age of 14.

Registration for this event is required at least 24 hours in advance and can be done through Heritage Hill or on glidenew.com. For more information, including pricing, visit heritagehillgb.org.

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Rocks, Roots REVENUE

By Joanne Kluessendorf

The Fox Cities is fertile ground for geotourism

We are all enchanted by Wisconsin's natural beauty and excited by its abundance of recreational opportunities. Whether enjoying the view of a sparkling blue lake, cascading waterfall or rocky bluff, did you ever stop to think about why that feature is there? Why is the bluff in one place and not in another, or why do we have so many lakes in the state, or why is that river there, not here? Simply stated, did you ever just wonder why Wisconsin looks the way it does? You're not alone.

A desire to understand our surroundings is basic to human nature. Understanding the landscape begins with learning about the geologic processes that shape the Earth and demonstrates that those rocks, hills and rivers are where they are for very specific reasons. Even the fact that we are America's Dairyland has a geologic basis. Realizing that the rocks are more than just a backdrop to the scenery makes us wonder how they may have influenced the rest of nature and, ultimately, our history and culture.



The Fox River locks play an important roll in the area's geotourism attraction.

GEOTOURISM AND STORYTELLING

This interest in understanding the landscape and all things connected to it has sparked a popular new trend in travel called, geotourism. This kind of tourism integrates the many aspects of nature and culture related to geology, giving travelers a more interesting and in-depth view of a region. In effect, geology, being the one feature that makes a location unique, is the "brand." All of these various characteristics in combination invoke a sense of place, which harmonizes the human experience and the landscape for both the visitor and the local community. An important added benefit of the understanding that is engendered by geotourism is that it leads to a greater appreciation of natural, historical and cultural features, which helps ensure their preservation.

Travelers interested in geotourism make up a large market that includes anyone looking to experience all the unique and authentic qualities that a place has to offer: culture, history, archaeology and nature. Being better

educated, geotourists tend to take more trips, and they spend more time and money at a destination. They want hands-on, fun and educational opportunities that are genuine and uniquely available at a destination. They are not interested in the cookie-cutter, franchised, mass-produced, one-size-fits-all experiences of typical tourist spots that have commonly sacrificed their distinctive attributes. In contrast, geotourism enhances the natural and cultural distinctiveness of a destination while providing a high-quality experience for both visitors and locals. Essentially, creating a geotourism theme for a region is all about storytelling; the more chapters that can be included, the more chances there are to engage a greater

number and diversity of travelers. Providing context to these travelers not only enriches their experiences and adds value to their vacations, but, notably, it expands opportunities for entrepreneurship to boost local economies.

Pam Seidl, executive director of the Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, notes, "The trend in tourism is toward a 'real' visitor experience. Visitors want the authentic and they want to be hands on. The geology of a destination certainly is part of this authentic experience and attracts visitors interested in the natural landscape of an area. Visitors often ask about the Fox River and Lake Winnebago and how they can experience our abundant water resources."

EXAMPLES OF GEOTOURISM

So what does any of this have to do with the Fox Cities region? Everything. Northeastern Wisconsin is fortunate to have fascinating geological and cultural histories that are ideal for putting the

Frances Anne Hopkins' "Going Up the Rapids" painting depicts what it may have been like for early settlers to have to portage around the rapids of the Fox River.

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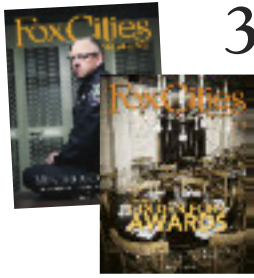
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geotourism concept into action.

The river that runs through the Fox Cities is an excellent candidate for the geotourism approach. Because of its complex geological history, the Fox River is punctuated by major rock rapids. These rapids impeded the journeys of French fur trappers and Native Americans, but they were a welcome sight to early settlers who harnessed their power for gristmills. As towns took root along the river, the rapids afforded the waterpower to create the largest concentration of paper mills in the world as the nearby North Woods were logged over. To outfox the rapids, a series of locks was built along the river, which remains popular with boaters today. And, as technology progressed, the rapids produced the first hydroelectric power generated by a central power station in the world. In this manner, the geological processes that produced the Fox River and its rapids encouraged settlement and afforded the resources to power the development of the paper industry, hydroelectricity, and a highly educated and diverse community.

The Niagara Escarpment is another area feature that is ideal for the geotourism concept. This prominent rock ridge, which runs all the way from Niagara Falls in New York state to eastern Wisconsin, is commonly called "the ledge" locally. Showing evidence of ancient tropical seas and glacial ice, the escarpment influenced the formation of other prominent features in the area like Green Bay and Lake Winnebago. This ledge was revered by Native Americans who built their burial mounds atop it thousands of years ago. The rocks themselves yielded building stone for distinctive architecture and provided raw materials for the many kilns of the



Lime kiln ruins at High Cliff State Park.

pioneer lime-burning industry that dot the landscape. Just a few miles from downtown Appleton, the roots of cedar trees more than a thousand years old grip the rock face of the escarpment. As a high rocky prominence, the ledge forms a microenvironment providing a more moderate climate and longer growing season than the rest of the region. This makes it possible to raise the cherries, apples, and now grapes that the escarpment in Wisconsin is famous for. Recently designated as the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area, the region is gaining a reputation for its wine and cuisine. In short, the escarpment is an ancient feature that helped create today's landscape, and has provided resources and inspiration for humans settled along it, which continues today.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

You might say that we already have historic sites, museum exhibits and parks that address some of these elements, and there are organizations, such as the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway, that promote some of these features. However, in order to maximize the benefit to local communities and to the traveler, what is needed is a comprehensive approach to interpretation of geology, which will provide connections to all the related phenomena and features—whether natural, historical or cultural—and marketing it as a geotourism package. It is an opportunity to connect many disparate sites, events and experiences within one theme.

To fully benefit from the unifying theme of geotourism, it is crucial that all the varied sites connect back to the geologic feature. Steve DeBaker, nominator of the Wisconsin Ledge AVA and co-owner of Trout Springs Winery with

his wife Andrea, understands this. In order to help visitors make the connections, he has installed an informational map kiosk that shows the AVA wineries in association with the Niagara Escarpment.

Eric Fowle, executive director of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, observes “Regionally, geotourism has yet to take off in its purest sense. Tourism is a big business within the state and Northeastern Wisconsin ...with the average visitor (spending) over 13 percent of their dollars on recreational activities alone. This figure is expected to increase as large amounts of growth are expected within our urban/metro environments of the region over the next 20 years. ... The close proximity of these large populations to the Niagara Escarpment makes it a ‘no-brainer’ for tourism expansion. Engagement by these communities in a more formal geotourism effort focused on the escarpment could provide many long-term social and economic gains for the area.”

Last year, knowing that “wineries certainly (rely) on the escarpment for its mitigating effects,” DeBaker proposed an event that would highlight “what it is like making a living from utilizing some of the natural phenomena that occurs on the ledge” and letting attendees “experience first hand what it would be like.” With help from the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network, this event will be held in the Fox Cities this fall.

A special dinner showcasing foods from the escarpment is scheduled on Oct. 7 at Fox Valley Technical College, a day of workshops is slated for Oct. 8 at the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley and field trips to a variety of escarpment sites is planned for Oct. 9.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

The next time you drive past “the Ledge,” look beyond the layers of cold gray stone. Imagine, instead, all the stories that are locked in those rocks: times of ancient tropical seas and mile-thick glaciers, times when native people studied the stars from the rocky heights, times when settlers carved out a living from the very stone. Observe how we continue to write our own stories about those rocks today with our cuisine, architecture, agriculture and the arts. Let’s embrace the idea of geotourism and share our stories with those who come to the Fox Cities to learn.



Joanne Kluessendorf is the director of the Weiss Earth Science Museum in Menasha.


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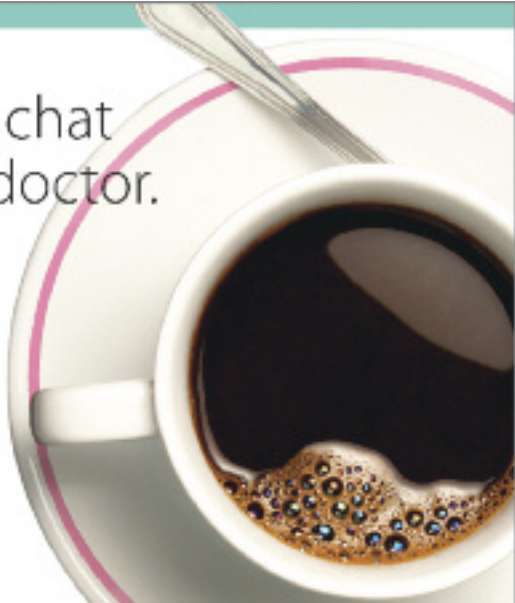
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BUILDING AMERICA

By Ariela E. Rosa

Celebrating Fort Howard's 200th anniversary



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It's not every day a significant historical milestone takes place in one's own backyard. As the date of Aug. 7 draws near, it's important to reflect on the impact the formation of Fort Howard had not only in shaping the area of Green Bay, but also that of Wisconsin and the United States as they exist today. This piece of military and social history will be celebrated over the next few months by the city of Green Bay, local museums and historical societies who will host bicentennial exhibits,

replicating fort weddings and, even staging an 18th century play the soldiers used to perform.

Named after Benjamin Howard, a hero in the War of 1812, and erected along the west bank of the Fox River just north of what is now the Titledown Brewing Company, Fort Howard was the first American stronghold in what would eventually become the state of Wisconsin.

In its 200 years, the fort offered protection, regulated trade for what would become the city of Green Bay, facilitated settlement in the

Midwest, became a social hub for the area and even served a stint as a railroad station.

According to Timothy Brumm, a middle school history teacher and historical consultant to Heritage Hill State Historical Park in Green Bay, the fort also had numerous brushes with fame in its early days.

Maj. Zachary Taylor, who later became America's 12th president, arrived as commander of the fort in 1817. The fort had been built hastily with green wood by the 3rd Infantry

Regiment of the U.S. Army just the year before. It was surrounded by nothing but wilderness and was in poor shape.

Taylor, like many of his contemporaries, gladly left after only 22 months of roughing it.

In the 1830s, Mary Ellen Marcy, the daughter of a Fort Howard soldier, was born at the fort. She grew up to marry George B. McClellan, commander of the Union Army and Abraham Lincoln's opponent in the 1864 presidential race.

"If George McClellan would have won, we could've said that the first lady was born in Green Bay," says Brumm. The fort also produced a nominee for surgeon general in the 1830s. Though, he came in second place for the position.

Although Fort Howard has not reached the same level of fame as Zachary Taylor, and never quite produced a first lady or surgeon general, there is no denying its subtle yet significant influence in Wisconsin and the United States as they exist today.

BEFORE THE FORT

According to Christine Dunbar, executive director of the Brown County Historical Society, it took a long time for the United States to become interested in its Midwest territory.

"In 1787, the Northwest Territory was created," says Dunbar. "That land was given to the United States by Britain in the Treaty of Paris."

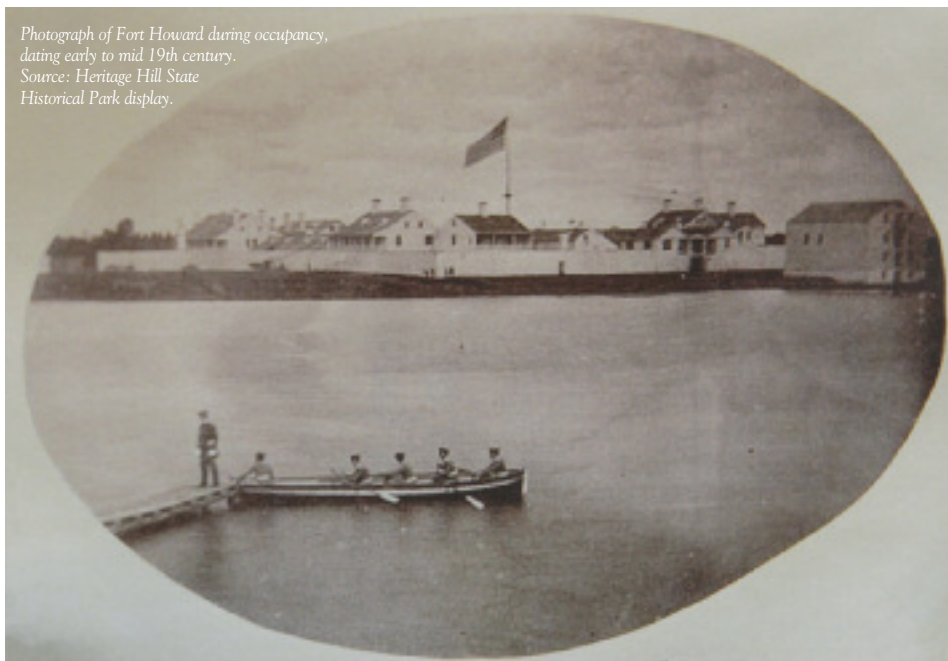
However, from 1787 until 1816, the Northwest Territory — which included the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin — was mostly settled and controlled by French fur traders who were not subject to American law.

Mary Jane Herber, historian and genealogist at the Brown County Library, explains that for 50 years before the fort's creation, "the French had been interacting and moving in and out of this area in terms of fur trading and intermarrying with native populations to some degree," creating their own unique culture.

GROWING PAINS

The United States realized the strategic importance of establishing a fort along the Fox River only after fighting against the British in the War of 1812. Not only would a fort protect the

Photograph of Fort Howard during occupancy, dating early to mid 19th century. Source: Heritage Hill State Historical Park display.



territories from possible British invasion, but it also would allow America to control trade in the territories.

"There were some growing pains in terms of the interaction between the culture of the French Canadians — and that aspect of life — and the culture of the military," says Herber.

This was especially true "between 1816 and 1818 when it was military-based in terms of law versus the civil government" of Brown County, she adds, as traders in the area resented the trade regulation imposed upon them by what was viewed locally as an occupying force.

Brumm explains that most of the inhabitants of what would later become Wisconsin had been pro-British during the War of 1812, forming their own militias and taking up arms against the United States.

Nevertheless, the soldiers of Fort Howard were often called upon to resolve land disputes between settlers and various tribes. Soldiers were stuck between a rock and a hard place, often siding

with tribes against settlers who took land illegally, but also protecting settlers from indigenous aggression.

Dunbar reveals that opinions of the fort changed for the better by the 1830s due to the peace and order soldiers were able to enforce in the area, explaining that increase in migration began at that time.

Herber also points out the importance of migration from the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states. "You get people from Clinton County, Plattsburg, that whole county of

THE FORT HOWARD SITE WAS MANY THINGS BEFORE THE AMERICAN MILITARY MADE ITS MARK THERE. THE SITE SAW ITS FIRST EUROPEAN EXPLORER WITHIN 14 YEARS OF THE PILGRIMS' LANDING AT PLYMOUTH ROCK IN 1620. IT WAS ONCE A FUR-TRADING OUTPOST KNOWN AS FORT LA BAYE IN 1684, A FORMALIZED FRENCH FORT CALLED FT. ST. FRANCOIS (1717-1728, 1733-1760) AND, BEGINNING IN 1761, THE BRITISH FORT EDWARD AUGUSTUS BEFORE IT WAS ABANDONED SOMETIME DURING THE PONTIAC UPRISING.

Fort Howard's officers quarters dining room as replicated at Heritage Hill.



New York State," as well as people from as far north as Vermont, that were able to travel further inland via the secured waterways, she notes.

The social and economic life of Green Bay benefitted tremendously as soldiers stayed longer and brought their families. These new settlers



opened the way for expansion into the Midwest as a whole.

The fort itself soon became what Brumm describes as a “social mecca,” hosting balls and soirées, forming a thespian society and even providing a library for the community.

DECLINE AND RESURRECTION

Unfortunately, in 1853 the U.S. believed that Fort Howard was no longer strategically relevant and was decommissioned. By 1868, its buildings were sold to the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company.

DEBORAH “DEBBIE” MARTIN (1854-1931) WAS A FAMED LOCAL HISTORIAN AND

AUTHORESS. SHE PUBLISHED SEVERAL BOOKS ABOUT BROWN COUNTY HISTORY AND WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM AND THE BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The railroad company destroyed or moved many of the fort’s original buildings and repurposed the rest for its own use. Ultimately 21 of the fort’s 25 buildings fell into disrepair, and Fort Howard was all but forgotten until the early 1910s.

It was then that local historian

Debbie Martin, who was interested in preserving Green Bay’s history, began to work diligently to save the old fort’s hospital.

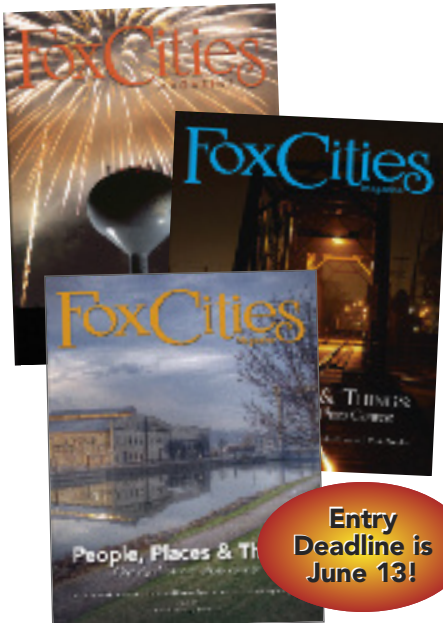
Over time, Fort Howard’s kitchen was saved as well. The hospital and kitchen were moved several times before landing at Heritage Hill in the 1970s. Replicas of Fort Howard’s officer’s quarters and school were built in the 1980s and also reside at Heritage Hill.

Even more preservation efforts have taken place recently. The guard house, which was originally the entrance to Fort Howard, underwent extensive restoration between 2009 and 2013.

“We pretty much identified when we had it here onsite what was Fort Howard and what were later additions to the building or alterations,” says Nick Backhaus, the restoration manager at Heritage Hill. Backhaus and his team were able to restore Guard House to its original state using other Fort Howard buildings as a model.



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THE LEGACY LIVES ON

According to Backhaus, the 3rd Infantry Regiment that built the fort is still active today. Now known as "Escort to the President," the regiment is charged with conducting memorial affairs honoring fallen soldiers.

Heritage Hill is looking into the possibility of hosting the 3rd Regiment as part of its 200th Anniversary Celebration in August.

Dunbar believes that without Fort Howard, Green Bay would have taken much longer to develop as a city. Fort Howard made Green Bay "a place where people felt safe," she says.

Herber adds that Fort Howard "shows the development and the establishment of the United States in this area. ... The initial establishment of that fort then allowed stability there in terms of the military. That then allowed civilians to start to move into the area and become settlers."



Brumm also believes it is important to remember the fort's role in facilitating western expansion. "We're part of history right here. Green Bay is right in the midst. I mean, you can talk us up with Philadelphia or Boston. American history has happened *here*," he states.



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Firing Up

By Amy Hanson

Outdoor gathering spaces extend beyond the grill

Vande Hey Company, Inc.

Bringing the inside out has become a popular concept when it comes to outdoor kitchen spaces. While Wisconsin may present seasonal challenges, for those who appreciate the taste and experience of cooking on the grill, the possibilities of what can be brought to patios are endless.

"Lately, we've seen a surge in the bells and whistles," says Matt Springhetti, lead installer and sales representative with Springhetti Custom Outdoor Living in Neenah. "Essentially, you can take your kitchen from inside and copy and paste it outside."

Outdoor amenities can run the gamut from elaborate to simple, says Andrew Vande Hey, president of Vande Hey Company, Inc. in Appleton. Stainless steel grills, brick ovens, sinks, coolers, drawers and outlets for technology are being incorporated in to many designs.

Some people want to "light a gas grill, throw on some burgers and that's the extent of it," shares Vande Hey.

Others, however, look at it as an opportunity to share a meal.

"It's an element of the landscape that brings the family together," says Vande Hey, comparing it to the Johnsonville brat commercial where the whole neighborhood congregates at one

person's house. "That's part of the fun, I find, we're eating together."

Springhetti says customers are typically more interested in gas grills rather than charcoal as cooking with gas is more convenient and quicker. Vande Hey also recommends ceramic grills such as The Big Green Egg, which have similarities to a convection oven.

As for countertops, Natural Encounters in Appleton offers an alternative concrete mix that doesn't need to be covered or sealed, and requires

no maintenance. It also doesn't absorb moisture and can span up to 8 feet, says Owner Dale Laurin, who developed the mix. Concrete can be manipulated to look like soapstone or have a veining to resemble granite. It can be polished for more shiny appearance or less depending on taste, and comes in a variety of colors. Laurin has customized the mix for clients by incorporating crushed glass or other materials in to the design. He also is patent-pending on a lighter weight mix that incorporates porcelain from recycled toilets.

"What I can't do is coins because when we polish it (the concrete) with diamonds, we'd polish George Washington's face off," Laurin says.

While pictures from online resources or magazines can be a helpful starting point, customers need to choose products that will withstand Wisconsin's changing climate and be educated about their options overall.

"Be careful what you buy today because you have to live with that forever," cautions Steve Boegh, owner of Fox Valley Stone & Brick Co., Inc. in Neenah. "We tell you the things you need to know, not necessarily what you want to hear."

As Springhetti and Vande Hey note, it's important to know how clients will use the space and how



often. For customers who are unsure of their options, it can be beneficial to seek out completed projects. Vande Hey has created a working outdoor kitchen setup to demonstrate available products and has even offered cooking classes.



Vande Hey Company, Inc.

area. As Ruth explains, the upgrade increased the functionality by “1,000 percent” and a gas line eliminated the need to refill propane tanks.

“My husband used to be alone while cooking, now people sit around that bartop area,” she shares. “We never

dreamed it would be this nice.”

The Thompsons now use the outdoor kitchen about 10 months out of the year, where they may have used it only six before the remodel.

“They brought a lot of great ideas to us — but they were good at listening to us, too,” Ruth notes, adding Springhetti also worked with them to provide a cost-effective solution when an unexpected structural issue arose.

Marc Evans, a Grand Chute resident, had been thinking of adding an outdoor kitchen space to his home for a while. As a



Springhetti Custom Outdoor Living

Ruth Thompson and her husband, Scott, decided to take the backyard deck of their Town of Neenah home up a notch and create an outdoor kitchen. They worked with Springhetti Custom Outdoor Living to renovate the space by replacing the failing wood deck with a stone-raised patio that defined the area and added architectural interest. Then a gas grill was built into an island countertop that incorporated a seating

fan of Vande Hey, he went back to the business when he was ready.

The result was a 24-foot square space that incorporates a gas fireplace, refrigerator, built-in grill and two fire tables to create an outdoor living area, Evans explains.

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and dining, or sitting and relaxing virtually year round.

As a product supplier, Fox Valley Stone & Brick is able to access materials and assist with the design process, but doesn't do installation. Boegh cautions against planning and creating the work yourself or dealing with a business that isn't familiar with outdoor home projects due to the intricacies involved.

"Don't try to save a buck when it comes to outdoor landscaping," Boegh says. "An architect can design your home, but it takes an engineer to build it."

Yet other experts advise customers to realize what they're getting into if they plan on doing the work themselves.

"Almost any homeowner can do this themselves with the right guidance. That's the key," says Laurin.

"What I always tell my customer is it's not a DIY thing unless you have enough people and equipment," adds Springhetti.

James Reif of Appleton is a homeowner who decided to create his own outdoor kitchen after contemplating the project for a couple of years. The do-it-yourselfer poured the patio during phase one and built the outdoor kitchen area — which includes two grills, a beverage center with faucet and cooler, refrigerator, and drawers and cabinets for storage, as well as a bar with countertops from Natural Encounters — during phase two after doing internet research and seeking the advice of a professional who assisted him throughout the process. Reif will be entering the third phase of his project this year by adding a pergola and outdoor fireplace.

"It will never be as good as having a professional person do it," Reif adds, but notes he was able to save money and work with products that made errors more forgiving, like Unilock patio pavers. "My personality is I like to stay busy. ... It takes a certain type of person to do what I did."

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CATERED Cuisine

By Amy Hanson

Planning a gathering can lead to a checklist of to-do items. Whether it's a corporate meeting for 50 or a wedding with 250 guests, food is a necessity that rises to the top of the list. Fortunately, the Fox Cities hosts a variety of restaurants offering catering options.

"I think it's just the accessibility factor. It's easier, they don't have to worry about it," says Desiree Geffers, co-owner of Freshii in Appleton, of why catering has become a booming business.

Doris Ng, owner of GingeRootz Asian Grille in Appleton, has found her clients respond to the

convenience factor as well and noticed an uptick of her catering services within the last four years. She also notes it gives customers piece of mind when they can entrust a business to take on a portion of their event.

The ability to accommodate varied dietary restrictions also is a bonus. While each establishment has their own menu selections and timelines, Fox Cities residents have many options when it comes to cuisine.

BROKEN TREE PIZZA

Keith Schreiner, owner of Broken Tree Pizza will bring his pizzeria to you. Schreiner started Broken Tree as a catering business 1 1/2 years before opening his brick and mortar restaurant in downtown Neenah.



Photo courtesy of Broken Tree Pizza

"We started with catering because we thought it would be a good way to build a name for ourselves," Schreiner shares. "Wood-fired pizza is best served and eaten as quickly as possible when it comes out of the oven."

While Schreiner does have a catering menu, he is flexible on working with customers as long as their request is within reason. He has a brick-faced, wood-fired oven on a trailer that allows him to be mobile and stretch, top, and make pizzas onsite. The interactive experience offers visual appeal and has proved a great fit for corporate functions, parties and weddings — including rehearsal dinners, the meal following the ceremony and as a late-night snack.

"It's like coming into our restaurant here, but could be in their backyard," Schreiner adds.

CAFÉ DEBÉ

After 27 years as a UPS driver, Deborah Wichman retired and traded in her delivery route for delivering food. She started Debé, a corporate catering business based in Neenah, seven years ago. In September 2015, Wichman opened Café Debé in Appleton.



Photo courtesy of Café Debé

"It was a hobby to start with," Wichman shares. "I didn't know where it would go. I was open to whatever would happen. ... As it got bigger, I had to define it to make a go."

Wichman makes and delivers box lunches, cold sandwich platters and full-service buffets. All sauces are made from scratch. And her breads and desserts are baked fresh daily.

"Some people know exactly what they want and some of my really good customers say, 'I need hot or cold lunch for 50 people on Wednesday,'" she says.

"We're one of the few places that let you choose exactly what you want in the box lunch," she adds. Her offerings also run the gamut from Mexican to Italian.

CINDER'S CHARCOAL GRILL

For something meatier, Cinder's Charcoal Grill brings the heat to their clients. Serving up beef brisket, pulled pork, ribs and of course, their famous steak sandwiches as well as other offerings, the restaurant has catered weddings, picnics and corporate events.

Cinder's brings all the required equipment with them in a trailer and catering van, along with awnings when necessary.



Photo courtesy of Cinder's Charcoal Grill

"It's just different. It's different than some of the other caterers offer," shares Kelly Matelski, catering specialist. "It's boom, it's on that bun and it's down the line. ... We do it right there and cook it in front of you."

Matelski likes to have fun with decorating and coordinating her staff's attire to the occasion. She adds that Cinder's specialty is to go onsite and provide the same quality and charcoal flavor they've offered through catering for 15 years.



Photo courtesy of Freshii

FRESHII

"We can do anything and everything with our catering," says Geffers who notes Freshii has been doing a lot of business meetings and seminars for health care providers.

While there are a number of individual serving options such as salads, wraps, bowls and burritos, shareable fruit trays and vegetables with dip are available as well. Freshii also offers a Group Salad Bar that provides three "bases" from different types of greens and quinoa, two protein options, five toppings and three premium

toppings from a number of items, and includes three dressings from 17 choices.

"You kind of create your own salad bar. That's one of my favorite things to do," Geffers shares, adding chocolate-covered almonds seem to be a requested snack item. "It's nice to have that burrito and that little sweet treat after."

GINGERROOTZ ASIAN GRILLE

For something a bit unexpected, GingeRootz offers full-service or limited service catering with individual plated, classic buffet and family style options.

Family style is the most requested as it provides an interactive experience. "It's that engagement that everybody is trying the dish together," Ng notes.

While they have catered private events, the majority of their catering operations are corporate in nature. The restaurant began offering catering services seven to eight years ago due to requests from customers, says Ng, adding that two years ago a catering department was created and a van was purchased to accommodate the increase in business.

Often, GingeRootz's customers don't even look at the menu.

"A lot of customers generally put it in our hands," Ng says. "More than 50 percent of the time they say, 'You do something, you run it by us and we'll OK it.'" Customer favorites include Crystal Shrimp, General Tso's Chicken and Crab Rangoons.



Photo courtesy of GingeRootz Asian Grille

HEIRLOOM KITCHEN CO.

As the co-owner of Heirloom Kitchen Co. in Brillion, Tracy Darling prefers to use the goods of area farmers and growers on her menu. Because of this philosophy, she is able to control quality and buys smaller quantities more frequently.

"You get good at going, 'OK, I have parsnips, what am I going to do with them?'" Darling says. She makes her bread from scratch and also pickles, cans and freezes in-season



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Quick to Rise



Q. What makes a quick bread quick?

—Oscar, Appleton

A. Quick breads are what most people would consider dessert breads or muffins, and also can include such items as biscuits, cakes, brownies, scones, pancakes, cornbread and even cookies.

Quick breads are typically made either into loaves or muffins that are leavened by either chemical leaveners like baking powder or baking soda, instead of yeast or eggs. Because of this more delicate leavening process, the basic fundamental in the preparation of quick breads is to avoid over-mixing them. Over-mixing can cause a variety of problems including toughness of the finished product due to the over-development of gluten, and tunneling which is where elongated holes are created from the leavening agents.

A quick bread is named “quick” for several reasons. First, quick breads are indeed quick to put together. Typically, all that needs to be done is to measure the dry ingredients into one bowl, the wet ingredients into another bowl and then gently combine them together. Another reason for naming these items quick breads is that, unlike yeast, the leaveners used in these items act very quickly when activated. Quick breads are an excellent choice when a product needs to be prepared in a hurry. You may be familiar with a baking mix brand on the market named “Jiffy” whose name certainly implies quick.

► For Chef Jeff’s recipe for Zucchini Cornbread, visit foxcitiesmagazine.com.

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



produce to prolong what she has available.

Wedding and rehearsal dinners are the main catering events for Heirloom Kitchen Co., but they provide box lunches, picnics and corporate events as well.

“People are great at accepting suggestions and learning what’s possible,” Darling shares. “Food is a perfect tool. It sets the stage for a lot of good things to happen.”

MOJITO’S MEXICAN GRILL & BAR AND SANGRIA’S MEXICAN GRILL

For events needing a South of the Border flair, Sangria’s has been offering catering for seven years. More recently Mojito’s, Sangria’s sister restaurant, began catering operations as well.



“It was a natural transition because it was successful for Sangria’s,” shares Shirley Vazquez who owns the Appleton restaurants with her husband, Luis.

“We really try to find out what their event is about and build on that,” Vazquez explains. “Maybe people think it’s glorified delivery, but it

should be a custom party event.”

Vazquez offers several options for catering. From a taco bar to à la carte items, entrées and desserts — even margaritas by the gallon.

VILLAGE HEARTHSTONE

Sally Peck describes the catering options Village Hearthstone offers as “a reflection of what you’ll see at the restaurant and still a reflection of who is throwing the party.”

“It could really be anything. It could be a wedding — to a family party,” shares

Village Hearthstone,
photo by Jill Ziesemer



Peck, director of fun and general manager of the Hilbert restaurant, of the events she has catered. “The focus has really been in the last two to three years where we’ve found a great need for it,” Peck says.

For now, Peck is seeing a more casual, down-to-earth approach to dining with more thought and heart put into it for weddings.

“These days, budget has changed a lot,” says Peck. “The budgets are different and the values are different. They (couples) don’t feel like they have to please everybody. ... You’re spending a lot of money to throw a party for your closest friends and the food is important.”

WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT

What started as an opportunity to increase visibility, has grown into a profitable venture for

WeatherVane Restaurant owners Pat and Julie DuFrane. The Menasha breakfast and lunch favorite has been offering catering for four years, serving both corporate and family events.

“I never wanted it to take away from the restaurant,” Pat says. “We could make it a full-time job if we wanted to, but we chose not to.”

The restaurant is currently open, but under renovation that is expected to be complete in early June.

“This expansion will be very good,” says Melanie, the DuFrane’s daughter and manager of the restaurant. “More room for more options. ... I can’t wait.”

“We’re just really excited to get the ball rolling and see what the future holds on all of this,” Pat says.



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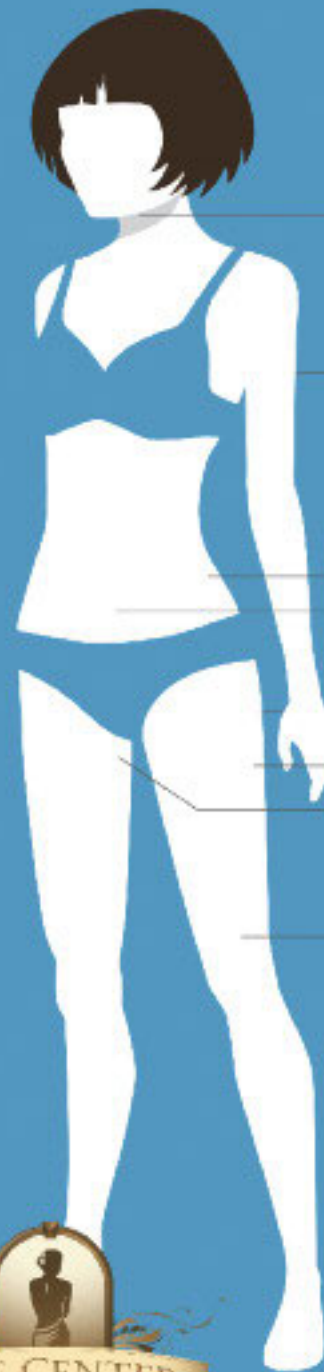
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