

# Gary Knowles' - Getaways & Events Sampler

*A selection of Seasonal Getaway Ideas and Events - Loaded with Real Wisconsin Fun!*

## SUMMER 2017 – July - Early September

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### Of Note - Happening in Neighbor States

#### **JULY 21- Say “Happy Birthday” and Welcome Ernest Hemingway Back to Michigan! - Petoskey, MI**

If you thought you’d never meet the great American author Ernest Hemingway, think again. On July 21, his birthday, the historic Northern Michigan resort community of Petoskey has events planned to change all that. You’ll witness the grand unveiling of a new life-size statue of young Hemingway, meet Hemingway author Paul Hendrikson of the University of Pennsylvania who will talk about his book “Hemingway’s Boat,” attend a gala benefit dinner, and view the new film “Young Hemingway and his Enduring Eden” at the historic Perry Hotel. The unveiling of the statue is free and the rest of the program, dinner and film is \$65. Reservations are required. Why Petoskey? Because this is the epicenter of the area that shaped young Hemingway, infused his spirit with a love of outdoor adventure, and became a life-long well of inspiration for the Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning writer. For the first 22 years of his life, he spent summers in the woods and on the waters of Walloon Lake, Horton Bay, Petoskey and neighboring communities in Northern Michigan. Here he discovered his love of fishing, hunting and writing. It was here where many of the scenes and characters for his future works would be shaped-most notably, those of Nick Adams. It was Northern Michigan which held the most treasured place his heart. For a fascinating introduction to Hemingway’s adventures and life here, sign-up for a personal guided walking tour (\$15-20) with Christopher Struble, president of The Michigan Hemingway Society. PH: 517-290-3162. [www.MichiganHemingwaySociety.org](http://www.MichiganHemingwaySociety.org)

**Ssssssss....nakes! 80 Years of Reptiles- Rapid City** It’s 1935 and Americans are beginning to hit the road, heading “out west” to get a good look at this great country. In Rapid City, South Dakota, a 19 year old tour guide, Earl Brockelsby, taps into the PT Barnum promotional spirit and ends his tours by removing his hat and revealing...a live rattlesnake coiled on top of his head! Yeeeow! People loved it! Earl realized that people’s fear/fascination with snakes and reptiles might be turned into a little money. He also noticed that cars were overheating on the steep hill leading west out of Rapid City. He found an ideal location where many would pull over to cool off and opened *Reptile Gardens* in June of 1937. The rest, they say, is Hissssss...tory! (Sorry!) Today, eighty years later, *Reptile Gardens* is more exciting than ever. It has more species and subspecies of reptiles than any other zoo or wild animal park in the world. A premier Rapid City area attraction, it houses some of the world’s deadliest snakes and is in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the World’s Largest Reptile Zoo. For literally millions of visitors including excited kids who wanted to touch a snake or reptile, and their parents, who mostly didn’t, it earned a reputation as a “must see” attraction in the Rapid City area along with the Badlands, Wall Drug, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial and of course Mount Rushmore. Today you won’t find Earl, or a rattler under his hat, but you probably won’t forget that you met a giant tortoise there, saw a Komodo Dragon, and learned a lot about lizards. Hopefully, your car won’t overheat either! 8955 S Hwy. 16, Rapid City, SD, 57702 PH: 800-335-0275 [www.reptilegardens.com](http://www.reptilegardens.com)

## WISCONSIN – On-Going Exhibits & Displays of Note

### Now – Dec 31, 2017 THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED– Sheboygan

2017 marks the John Michael Kohler Art Center's 50th anniversary featuring a yearlong exploration of art environments titled THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED. This series of 19 exhibitions not only offers a rare opportunity to experience the work of more than a dozen art-environment builders from the Arts Center's world-renowned collection, it incorporates new writing and works of art produced by scholars, curators, musicians, and exceptional theorists from wide-ranging disciplines in response to the environments. Through connecting the collection with internationally respected thinkers, this series aims to expand the understanding of this compelling body of work. To complement this series of 19 exhibitions, the Arts Center will host a three-day conference in September 2017 to capture some of the conversations and exceptional ideas generated throughout the year. THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED will feature Levi Fisher Ames, Rita Barros, Harry Bertoia, Emery Blagdon, Kimberly Blaiser, Loy Bowlin, David Butler, Nek Chand, Nick Engelbert, Michelle Grabner, Heather Hart, Terrence Holt, Jesse Howard, Ernest Hüpeden, Dr. Iain Jackson, Jennifer Joy Jameson, Faythe Levine, and Brett Littman. Also included will be works by Norma Jeanne Maloney, Eddie Owens Martin (St. EOM), Catherine Morris, Gê Orthof, Mary Nohl, David Rhodes, Stacey Rozich, Fred Scruton, Dr. Charles Smith, SPACES archives, Lisa Stone, Shannon Stratton, Leslie Umberger, Eugene Von Bruenchenhein, Stella Waitzkin, Jonathan, Frederick Walz, and Albert Zahn. Arts Center open daily: MWF 10am-5pm TTh 10am-8pm SSu 10am-4pm Closed: Memorial Day Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Eve, December 24 Christmas Day, December 25 New Year's Eve, December 31 New Year's Day, January 1 - John Michael Kohler Arts Center, 608 New York Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081 PH:920-458-6144 <http://www.jmkac.org/>

### See Frank Lloyd Wright's Work - Free Tours in Racine

Three-legged chairs and a disappearing dining table are among the many Frank Lloyd Wright treasures visitors enjoy on two free tours offered by SC Johnson Co. in Racine, Wisconsin. *The SC Johnson Campus Tour* is a 90 minute walk that includes the iconic Administration Building, Research Tower & Fortaleza Hall. It's a unique treat for Wright lovers who want a close, in-depth look at his work for SC Johnson. Guests have time to explore a fascinating new exhibit *At Home with Frank Lloyd Wright "Building Relationships: Wright, Johnson and the SC Johnson Campus."* It showcases rare Frank Lloyd Wright artifacts and furniture, and art inspired by his designs. One featured Wright design is the famed three-legged chair that people fell off. Wright lobbied hard to gain acceptance, arguing that if a person simply had proper posture the chair would function correctly. Eventually he changed it to include four legs. The second tour (about 60 minutes) visits the famous SC Johnson home "Wingspread" and highlights remarkable features such as the "disappearing" dining table, the teepee-inspired clerestory ceiling in the great room, and the cantilevered "Romeo and Juliet" balcony bedroom. Reservations are requested and can be made by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/h8c55zm> or PH: 262-260-2154 (Campus Tour) or PH: 262-681-3353 (Wingspread tour).

## WISCONSIN – Independence Day

Some start in June some in July – but all over Wisconsin you'll find communities celebrating America's Independence Day – often with parades, picnics and – for sure – fireworks! For a full list go to [www.travelWisconsin.com](http://www.travelWisconsin.com) – and have a ball!

### June 30- July 2 - Elkhart Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

A family event with music, children's games, food and fun. Fri evening music 8pm and fireworks 9:30pm. Sat evening music 8pm-midnight. Sun parade 11:30am followed by live music 1-4pm. Fireman's Park and Beach on Elkhart Lake, 411 S Lake Street - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, Information: 920-876-3788 <https://www.elkhartlake.com/>

### July 1 – Concert in the Park with Fireworks – Portage

The Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra performs. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and find that perfect spot under one of the willow trees. Enjoy a refreshing treat of Culver's custard and an ice cold Pepsi. Fireworks follow the performance at dusk over the Wisconsin River. 7:30pm Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra Concert; 9:30pm Fireworks. Pauquette Park, Hwy 33 and Pierce Street - Portage, WI 53901, Information: 608-742-6242 , Toll Free: 800-474-2525 <http://portagewi.com/>

### **July 1 – Lakefront 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration – Madison**

Celebrate the 4th of July at the Memorial Union Terrace! Grab a cup of Babcock Ice Cream, an ice cold beverage, and a brat. As always, amazing views and sunset photo ops are included in the experience. The celebration will include a free, entertainment-filled lesson about science and fireworks that will feature Bucky Badger and the UW Band! Plus, enjoy a performance by Nashville singer-songwriter Gabe Burdulis. Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. - Information: 608-265-3000  
<https://union.wisc.edu/events-and-activities/event-calendar/event/fourth-of-july-celebration-2/>

### **July 2 & 4 – Fireworks Cruise on the St.Croix River – Hudson**

The Fireworks display will dazzle you while cruising on the St. Croix River. July 2 is dinner cruise with fireworks display. Dinner or concession food is available on the July 4 fireworks cruise. Jul 2, 2017. Sunday Board 7:30pm, Cruise 8-11pm; Jul 4, 2017. Tuesday Board 7:30pm, Cruise 8-11:30pm. Hudson City Docks, 1st & Locust Streets - Hudson, WI 54016 PH651-436-8883 <http://stcroixrivercruises.com/>

### **3 Downtown Milwaukee Fireworks Extravaganza**

Spectacular fireworks along Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront just north of the War Memorial Center. Family festival activities and entertainment begin at noon. About 8PM. Veterans Park, Milwaukee, WI 53202 Toll Free: 800-554-1448 <http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/>

### **3 Festival Foods Fireworks – Appleton**

**Fox Cities best firework display in beautiful Memorial Park. Bands performing. Childrens activities. Food and beverages available. Come early for the best seats. Fireworks approx 9:20pm** Appleton Memorial Park, Witzke Blvd. - Appleton, WI 54915 **Information:** 920-730-1770  
<http://www.appletonjaycees.org/>

### **3-4 – Independence Days Celebration – Kenosha**

Enjoy live entertainment in HarborPark and other parks at Kenosha's Lake Michigan shore! Free admission. Presented by the City of Kenosha, Happenings Magazine and its many generous sponsors. Festival Foods Fireworks on July 4. Ring Road - Kenosha, WI 53140  
Information: 262-653-4177 <http://www.visitkenosha.com/>

### **3-4 Egg Harbor Celebrate Independence Day**

Come join us July 3rd in Harbor View Park for food, music, refreshments and spectacular fireworks display at dusk. On July 4th join the Village for our parade beginning at 1:30pm. Harbor View Park and Downtown, Egg Harbor, WI 54209 **Information:** 920-868-3717  
<http://www.eggharbordoorcounty.org/events/independence-day-celebration/>

### **4 -Crivitz IndependenceDay Celebration**

Flag raising at Village Hall 10:45am, parade downtown 11am, Flea & Farmer's Market downtown, at Community Veteran's Park.....free Bouncy Houses at Littleland Playground. Also available: brats, burgers, beer, soda and free music all day!! Massive Fireworks display 9:30pm from Spur St. Villagewide celebration - Henriette Ave. - Crivitz, WI 54114 **Information:** 715-854-2030  
<http://www.villageofcrivitz.com/areaevents.htm>

### **4 – Fire Over the Fox – Green Bay**

July 4th Celebration, including a run/walk, Veteran's Memorial service, food, entertainment and the largest fireworks display north of Milwaukee. Downtown, 128 Dousman Street - Green Bay, WI 54301 **Information:** 920-437-5972 <http://www.festivalfoodsfireworks.com/locations/green-bay/>

### **4 Fireworks for the Fourth – Wisconsin Dells**

Downtown Dells is planning a Fireworks Extravaganza! Join us at Dusk with refreshments on-site and over 1,300 fireworks! **Information:** 608-254-2012 <http://www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells.htm>

#### **4 Madeline Island – La Pointe Celebrates Independence**

Independence Day on Madeline Island is a grand celebration. The whole community celebrates with a festive parade through La Pointe in the morning, music plays throughout the day on the Madeline Island Museum greens and at dusk, fireworks light up the night sky over the waters of Lake Superior just off the shores of Madeline Island. Join us in 2017 for the Madeline Island 4th of July Celebration! **Information:** 715-747-2801 <http://www.madelineisland.com/>

#### **4 – Bayfield Fourth of July**

Enjoy holiday fireworks & festivities on the shore of Lake Superior. Fireworks begin at dusk in Memorial Park. Other activities include island cruises, berry picking, concerts at Big Top Chautauqua, walking tours, fish boils and sailing events. Relax amidst the beautiful landscape of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore! Watch a traditional patriotic finale of not just one, but TWO, fireworks shows over the city harbor, as spectators will have opportunity to view both Bayfield and Madeline Island's displays from one location. Memorial Park in Bayfield, 15 Front Street - Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 715-779-3335, Toll Free: 800-447-4094 <http://bayfield.org/bayfield-activities/fourth-of-july/>

#### **4 Getting the Lead out on the Fourth – Mineral Point**

Gettin' the Lead Out Historic 2 & 5 Mile Run, parade, BBQ, music and fireworks! You are cordially invited to come for a visit and stay as long as you like. Find out for yourself why people fall in love with this place, and why Smithsonian Magazine named us as one of the 20 Best Small Towns to Visit! Mineral Point Historic District, Mineral Point, WI 53565, Information: 608-987-3201 <http://www.mineralpoint.com/>

#### **4 Wade House – Old Fashioned Fourth – Greenbush**

On your way to a fireworks show stop by Wade House and celebrate the nation's birth as they did in the 1860's. The traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence takes place from the front porch concluding with a firing in salute of liberty. There will also be crafts to make and take, infantry drills, and ice cream churning (and sampling) in the kitchen among other activities. W7965 State Highway 23 - Greenbush, WI 53026, Information: 920-526-3271 <https://wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org/>

#### **4 Hometown Celebration and Fourth of July Fest – Cedarburg**

The largest parade in southeastern Wisconsin, featuring nationally renowned drum & bugle corps, live music, animals and costumed characters, winds its way through downtown Cedarburg and ends up in Cedar Creek Park where the chamber and Lions Club offer a day-long picnic, live music and a fabulous fireworks display at dusk. Downtown Historic District & Cedar Creek Park Cedarburg, WI 53012, Information: 262-377-5856 <http://www.cedarburg.org/>

#### **4 Independence Day on The Rock (River) – Janesville**

The Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Show Team presents this annual Independence Day on the Rock festival.. Enjoy fun activities for the kids capped off with the Rock Aqua Jays at 7pm, followed by fantastic fireworks at dusk proudly sponsored by Festival Foods. Admission is free (donations welcome); cost for rides and concessions. Traxler Park, 600 N. Main Street Information: 608-757-3171 <http://www.rockaquajays.com/>

**4 Pops on the Rock (River) – Beloit** What better way to spend the 4th of July than on the Rock River listening to patriotic music and watching fireworks light up the sky? Join the Rock River Philharmonic at Riverside Park in Beloit for some good ol' fashioned American fun! Riverside Park, 1160 Riverside Dr. - Beloit, WI 53511 Information: 608-313-1200 <http://www.visitbeloit.com/>

#### **4 Racine Parade - Celebrate at Fourth Fest!**

Enjoy Midwest's largest 4th of July parade! 9AM - Living replicas of national monuments will be featured as a salute to our veterans. This year's parade features more than 160 units of horses, clowns, jugglers, antique cars, the popular Iwo Jima presentation, servicemen and servicewomen, award-winning marching bands, colorful floats, dance troupes, sports heroes, and school groups. Fireworks at the lakefront start at dusk. Main St - Racine, WI 53403, Information: 262-634-1931 <http://www.racine4thfest.org/>

# WISCONSIN – *What the Heck? What's Going on Out There?!*

## JUNE

### 29-July 1 – Midwest Rodeo – Manawa

The Manawa Lions sponsored PRCA Rodeo, voted the Great Lakes Circuit best medium rodeo attracts over 15,000 people annually to Manawa. See all the action of Bull and Bronc riding, Steer Wrestling, Team and Tie Down Roping and Women's Barrel Racing. That's not all - there's a pony ride, vendors, free dances after the evening rodeo performances, Chicken BBQ, and 7:30am. Saturday morning the Stampede 5K/10K run/walk is followed by a huge rodeo parade at 10am. Rodeo Grounds Manawa, WI 54949, Toll Free: 800-747-6336 Information: 920-596-2005 <http://www.manawarodeo.org/>

### 29-July 1 Fly-in Float-In “Lake Rattle & Roll” - Manawa

Come by car, boat or plane and watch planes fly in and the Aerobatic show at the Price County Airport, plus view planes on display. Located on Long Lake, Harbor View Pub & Eatery is offering a breakfast buffet Saturday morning - dining with a view, either inside or outside on the deck and watch the planes fly in. Stop back at Harbor View in the evening and watch the live band perform outside on the deck under the stars. Price County Airport, N1205 Airport Road - Phillips, WI 54555, PH: 715-339-2626 <http://www.co.price.wi.us/351/Airport>

### 30 – Drive the Track – Road America – Elkhart Lake

Here's an opportunity to see Road America from the driver's seat. Your own driver's seat, as you experience the entire 4-mile racecourse in your vehicle. That's right, your car, but this activity isn't for thrill-seekers, as all participants are limited to three guided laps at low speeds for the ultimate up-close-and-personal adventure. This is the perfect opportunity for individuals of any age to experience first-hand one of the country's premier road racing circuits. Limited space available, please register in advance. Driver must possess valid driver's license. No vehicle 8 ½ feet in height or taller will be allowed on track, and ensure your vehicle has at minimum 1/2 tank of fuel. Participants should arrive no earlier than 5:00pm and no later than 5:40pm. A mandatory meeting will begin promptly at 5:40pm. Price: \$20 per car. Road America, Inc N7390 State Highway 67 - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020 PH:920-892-4576 <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

### 30- July 2 Celebrate Waupun Fest --

Waupun's free festival featuring Music, Fireworks, Carnival Rides, Doc Dogs Canine Aquatic Competition, Car Show, Kidz Zone and Teen Zone & much, much more! Headliners include Boogie & the Yo-Yo'z, Vic Ferrari, and Road Trip. Tanner Park, E. Spring Street - Waupun, WI 53963 Information: 920-324-7900 <http://www.waupunfestivals.com/>

## July

### 1- 4 Circus World's 59th Anniversary - Baraboo

Celebrate Circus World's 59th Anniversary with a remarkable \$5 admission rate for everyone on these four special days. Circus World opened in 1959 with 2 buildings, on less than an acre of property, 6 circus wagons, a few simple exhibits, and a 60 cent admission. Join us to experience our collection of over 200 wagons and vehicles, National historic Ringling buildings, new and updated exhibits and more than 60 acres of circus wonders and performances... come home to Circus World and discover all that Wisconsin's National Treasure has to offer at an unbeatable price. Circus World, 550 Water Street - Baraboo, WI 53913 Information: 608-356-8341 <https://www.circusworldbaraboo.org/>

**2 – Bay Area Car Show Ashland** Classic car show featuring plenty of vintage vehicles. Held in beautiful Bayview Park along the shores of Lake Superior. 1801 East US Highway 2 - Ashland, WI 54806 Information: 715-682-5000 Information: 715-682-5378 <http://www.visitashland.com/>

### **6 Lobster Bake at the Heidel House Resort – Green Lake**

Fresh seafood and live music along the shores of Green Lake. Lobster Bake includes a live Maine Lobster of your choice (served boiled), fresh boiled clams, grilled shrimp, grilled sirloin steak, the soup and salad buffet (menu subject to change). Reservations required. Please visit website for more information or phone to reserve your spot today. Heidel House Resort & Spa, 643 Illinois Avenue - Green Lake, WI 54941, Toll Free: 800-444-2812 <http://www.heidelhouse.com/wisconsin-weekend-getaway/resort-events>

### **6-8 Iola 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Car Show**

The Iola Car Show is entering its 45th annual this year with the theme of 'Camaro & Firebirds'. Iola is One of the Biggest and Best Car Show/Swap Meets in America, featuring 2500 Show Cars, 4200 Swap Spaces, 1000 Car Corral Spaces and 1900 camp sites. Spread out over 300 well maintained acres, it's a must see for enthusiasts and casual fans alike. With free parking, bus shuttles, and \$10 daily admission (\$18 for 3-day pass, children 12 and under are free) it's a very family (and wallet) friendly event close to home. The Iola Car Show has added several special features, including the Iola Car Show Concerts, on Friday and Saturday evening. Iola Old Car Show Grounds 130 Jenson Dr - Iola, WI 54945, Information: 715-445-4000 <http://iolaoldcarshow.com/>

### **6 - 9 – Jelly Belly Festival – Pleasant Prairie**

The seventh annual Jelly Belly Carnival, a four-day event filled with fun for the family, returns! The summer celebration features an array of carnival rides and midway games. Enjoy complimentary tours and samples inside! Jelly Belly Visitor Center, 10100 Jelly Belly Lane - Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158, Information: 262-947-3800 ,Toll Free: 866-868-7522 <http://www.visitkenosha.com/things-to-do/jelly-belly-visitor-center>

### **7-9 Trempealeau Catfish Days**

Catfish, concessions and music all three days. Bike tour on Saturday AM (15, 25 and 50-mile race/tour), motorcycle run on Saturday, 5-10K walk/run on Sunday AM. Bass & walleye fishing tournament on Saturday AM, parade on Sunday, arts & crafts, flea market, car show, softball tournament, kids tent, rides and games, volleyball tournament, egg toss, music and fireworks (Sun 10pm). Downtown, Main Street - Trempealeau, WI 54661 Information: 608-534-6780

### **8 – Tractor Pull & Car Show – Merrill**

River Valley Bank presents the 2nd Annual Merrill Tractor Pull and Car Show. Antique Tractor Pull and National Tractor Puller Association will be holding events at the Merrill Festival Grounds. Classes for the pull: 2800, 3000, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 7000, 8000. 24 hour security, trophies for 1st - 3rd place in the antique pull, Mayor's Award for "Best in Show" in the tractor/car show. Merrill Festival Grounds, 2211 E 6th St. - Merrill, WI 54452, Information: 715-539-1516 Registration: 715-539-1501 <http://www.merrillchamber.org/>

### **9 – The Cars Time Forgot – Delavan**

Classic and collector cars from all eras. Food, music and sales. Weekend activities include car rally, bbq dinner, meet and greet, and special rates. Car show Sunday. Lake Lawn Resort & Calladora Spa, 2400 E Geneva St - Delavan, WI 53115 **Information:** 262-728-5095 <http://www.delavanwi.org/>

### **13-16 Balloon and Rib Fest – Wausau**

Voted Wausau's Favorite Event five years running, the Balloon & Rib Fest has something for everyone. Don't believe us? We've got: Hot air balloons, 6 Rib Vendors, kites, pig racing, bounce houses, fantastic food, and the LARGEST fireworks show in the region. Event is held at the Wausau Municipal Airport. Visit us online for event schedule. Wausau Municipal Airport, 725 Woods Pl - Wausau, WI 54401, Information: 715-297-9531 <https://www.wausauevents.org/>

### **13-20 Green Bay Restaurant Week**

Experience cuisine that delights your palate and defines the art of dining in Greater Green Bay. Restaurant Week features discounted lunch and dinner prix fixe menus from the best restaurants in the county. PH: 888-867-3342 <http://gbrestaurantweek.com/>

### **14-15 - The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Show – Minocqua**

49th annual show with free admission. This two day show has over 35 dealers of jewelry, gems, agates, crystals, fossils, artifacts, wire wrappers, metal detectors, and many other items. Several geologists will be onsite to help you identify your minerals and stones. Lakeland Union High School, 9573 State Hwy 70 - Minocqua, WI 54548 Information: 715-477-2519 <https://www.lakelandgemclub.com/>

### **14-16 – Ashland's Bay Days Festival**

Music, bands, 5K & 10K fun run, Little Minnow Kids' Triathlon, Strongest Man on the Bay Contest, Amateur Dock Dog Jumping Contest, Pie-Eating Contest, Cardboard Boat Races, Bay Area Battle of the Bands, Baby Crawl, Toddler Run, Big Wheel Races, arts and crafts, food vendors and family fun! Bayview Park, US Highway 2 - Ashland, WI 54806, Information: 715-682-2500, Toll Free: 800-284-9484 <http://www.ashlandbaydays.com/>

### **14-16 Colby Cheese Days**

Book/Movie Sale, ATV pull, softball tournament, Bingo, parade, street dances, tractor pull, midway rides, 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, pedal tractor pull, puppet show, Archery Range, plenty of free Colby cheese, Chariots of Cheese 5K/10K run and 5K walk & 1 mile kids run ([www.chariotsofcheese.org](http://www.chariotsofcheese.org)), cheese curd throwing contest, Famous VFW Charcoal Chicken, petting zoo, beer tent, live music all three days, down-home cooking and refreshments. 211 W.Spence Street - Colby, WI 54421, Information: 715-223-8509, Information: 715-223-4435 <http://abbycolbyareachamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/52nd-annual-colby-cheese-days-07-14-2017-1050>

### **14-16 Summer Dog Agility Trials – Fond du Lac**

Come and cheer on your favorite breed. The Fond du Lac County Kennel Club is proud to host two AKC sanctioned Agility Trial week-ends each year. One in mid-July and the other mid-October. These trials are held outdoors, adjacent to our clubhouse. Agility demonstrates teamwork through a timed obstacle course of jumps, tunnels and weave poles. This is a flat, grassy area, completely fenced in and large enough to offer two top level AKC agility courses simultaneously with plenty of room to spare. We have been able to hire some of the best judges in the country to officiate at our events, and that in turn, brings some of the top dogs to our trials that compete at even the world team level. Fond du Lac County Kennel Club, N5480 Deneveu Lane - Fond du Lac, WI 54935, Information: 920-923-2101 <http://www.fdckc.org/>

### **14-16 Edgerton Tobacco Heritage Days**

Annual community celebration including live music, food, family entertainment, Arts in the Park Craft Fair (Sat.), open air market (Sat.), car show (Sat.), Living History Events and Demonstrations (Sat.), Tobacco Demonstrations (Sat.), City Wide Rummage Sale (Fri. & Sat.), and parade on Sunday. On Saturday (8am) there will be 5k, 10k and 1-mile runs. Downtown & City Parks, Edgerton, WI 53534, Information: 608-931-4833  
<http://www.edgertontobaccodays.com/>

### **15 – Fish Day – Port Washington**

"The World's Largest Outdoor One-Day Fish Fry." There are nine civic, veteran, fraternal, and service volunteer organizations that operate food and beverage stands. Music by *Hotel California*, *Crank the Radio*, *Rhythm Kings*, *Reverend Raven*, *Eddie Butts Band*, *Rocky Mountain Oyster Band*, and *Vinyl Groove*. Includes a huge parade, fish eating contest, arts and crafts show, car show, run/walk and fireworks. Lakefront Port Washington, WI 53074 , Information: 262-284-0900 Toll Free: 800-719-4881 <http://www.portfishday.com/>

### **15 – Lake Superior Day – Port Wing**

Activities & events to celebrate our home next to Lake Superior. Beginning with the Saturday Market, visitors can stop in the Town Hall for vendors and displays featuring items or life along the Lake. Speakers include Tom Gerstenberger at 10 talking about Sea Caves, followed by Laura Erickson speaking about bird life here in Port Wing. A Coast Guard boat will be on display and Everett's Fisheries will be open for tours from 10-noon. Port Wing Town Hall  
83185 Grand Ave - Port Wing, WI 54865  
Information: 715-774-3383 [http://portwingwi.com/home/pw\\_events/lake-superior-days/](http://portwingwi.com/home/pw_events/lake-superior-days/)

### **15 – Annual Coaches All Star High School Football Game – Oshkosh**

Annual football All-Star games where the best of the best high school football players compete against each other. Spectators welcome--guaranteed to be a great game! .J. Keller Field Oshkosh Sports Complex, 450 Josslyn St. - Oshkosh, WI 54902 Information: 608-635-7375  
<http://www.wifca.org/allstargame>

### **15-16 Maxwell Street Days – Muckwanago**

More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. Hwy 83 & Cty NN - Mukwonago, WI 53149, Information: 262-363-1501 <http://www.maxwellstreetdays.net/>

### **15-16 The Air & Water Show - Milwaukee**

Milwaukee's largest free event for the general public. The Air & Water Show also supports countywide efforts to promote the Lakefront as well as the new and improved Bradford Beach. Visit the "Kids Zone," exhibits, sponsor displays, military recruiting areas. simulator rides, real jet cockpits and other special attractions at the Air Show. Downtown Milwaukee Lakefront Milwaukee, WI 53202 Information: 414-482-2069 <http://milwaukeeairshow.com/>

### **16 – Ride the Drive Day – Madison**

Ride the Drive is more than just closing roads to traffic. At this year's Ride the Drive you can stroll, roll, pedal or glide your way to three downtown area parks! Ride the Drive offers fun activities, food and entertainment at Brittingham Park, Olin Park and Law Park. Law Park, 410 S. Blair St. - Madison, WI 53703, Information: 608-266-4711 <http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/ridethedrive/>



## **22 5th Annual Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration – Baraboo**

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## **24-30 EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh**

It's "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" at AirVenture in Oshkosh, bringing together over 50,000 spectators to honor the past, present and future of flight. This event offers daily air shows, workshops and seminars, including industry vendors and over 10,000 airplanes. This year celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Apollo program. This is the largest gathering of Apollo astronauts at EAA since 1994, and they will discuss the unforgettable and challenging moments of flying to the moon. 920-426-4800; [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org)

## **August**

### **3 - Lobster Bake at the Heidel House Resort – Green Lake**

Fresh seafood and live music along the shores of Green Lake. Lobster Bake includes a live Maine Lobster of your choice (served boiled), fresh boiled clams, grilled shrimp, grilled sirloin steak, the soup and salad buffet (menu subject to change). Reservations required. Please visit website for more information or phone to reserve your spot today. Heidel House Resort & Spa, 643 Illinois Avenue - Green Lake, WI 54941, Toll Free: 800-444-2812 <http://www.heidelhouse.com/wisconsin-weekend-getaway/resort-events>

### **3-5 Brat Days in Sheboygan**

The "Sheboygan Jaycees present Johnsonville Brat Days" is the traditional king of Sheboygan's summer festivals which benefit local charities. This annual event began in 1953 and pays homage to a grand culinary tradition - the bratwurst. Sample the bratwurst in many nontraditional ways...brat taco, brat pizza, brat egg rolls, brat jambalaya, corndog brats and of course the traditional double brat. A variety of free entertainment on three stages, with national entertainment on the main stage. Saturday features activities that are fun for the whole family including the Brat Trot run, a huge parade, the brat eating contest, a petting zoo, and carnival rides. Kiwanis Park, 726 North 17th Street - Sheboygan, WI 53081 Information: 920-803-8980 <http://brat-days.com/>

### **3-13 Wisconsin State Fair – West Allis**

The annual Wisconsin State Fair is the state's largest agricultural showcase, offering endless family entertainment at an exceptional value. The State Fair features the exciting SpinCity Amusement Ride and Game Area, 30 FREE stages, numerous educational exhibits, plenty of shopping and hundreds of food and beverage options. Highlight performers this year include John Mellancamp, The Beach Boys with The Temptations, Pentatonix, Patti LaBelle, Alan Jackson and LeeAnn Womack. Ticket sales and fair entry cease one hour prior to park closure. Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84th St - West Allis, WI 53214 Information: 414-266-7000 Toll Free: 800-844-3247 <http://wistatefair.com/fair/>

### **5- Corn and Brat Fest – Herbster**

Join us on the shores of Lake Superior for corn, brats, polish sausage, hot dogs, beans and beverages. Duck Race on the Cranberry River at 5:00 PM. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. \$5 per duck: proceeds go to the Herbster Community Club Scholarship Fund. Herbster Beach Pavilion, Herbster, WI 54844 Information: 715-774-3780 <http://www.herbsterwisconsin.com/>

### **5 - Cranes of the World Festival – Baraboo**

Walk through 100 acres of prairie at Baraboo's International Crane Foundation, the only place in the world where you can see 15 different crane species. This opportunity is paired with guided hikes and tours and live animal presentations. 608-356-9462; [www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org)

### **5 - National Mustard Day – Middleton**

All mustard magic happens in Middleton on National Mustard Day. This event has steadily grown since 2010, and last year was the biggest attendance ever. Bring the family for plenty of music, entertainment, hot dogs and lots of mustard samples. 608-831-2222; [www.mustardmuseum.com](http://www.mustardmuseum.com)

### **5-6 Concours de' Elegance – Milwaukee**

Speed - Then and Now! A rare opportunity to see timeless performance cars of the early 20th century, and amazing contemporary models. Iconic manufacturers such as Duesenberg, Ford, Mercer, Stutz, Marmon, and Bugatti. Plus, modern-day models from the likes of Porsche, McLaren, Ford, and Ferrari, many with Pebble Beach credentials. Veterans Park 1010 N Lincoln Memorial Dr - Milwaukee, WI 53202 Information: 414-336-2345 <https://www.milwaukeeconcours.com/>

### **6-7 Watermelon (Crush) Day at Circus World – Baraboo**

Join our elephants and tigers as they enjoy their favorite summertime treat- Watermelon!!! Watch the largest stars of the big top happily play with, demolish and/ or devour watermelons! Watermelon slices will be available for everyone to enjoy right along with the elephants for a nominal fee, with proceeds benefiting the animals at Circus World. Circus World 550 Water Street - Baraboo, WI 53913 Information: 608-356-8341 <https://www.circusworldbaraboo.org/>

### **11-12 Burger Fest – Seymour**

Head to Seymour to celebrate the birth of the hamburger in 1885. Check out the hamburger eating contest, the popular ketchup slide and the giant 70-pound cheeseburger. End the day with the nighttime hot air balloon ascension over the city with colorful glowing balloons. 920-833-6688; [www.homeofthehamburger.org](http://www.homeofthehamburger.org)

### **17-20 The OpenAir Classic – Topless Cruise - Middleton**

Some 200 convertibles of all makes and vintages will cruise into Middleton to enjoy four days of "topless cruising" through the hills and valleys of the Baraboo Range and Wisconsin's Driftless Region. Good times to see them include the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> as they leave the starting grid at the Marriott West to head off on their drive, and Saturday Morning as the cars are displayed in a Topless Concours. The tour is limited to approximately 200 cars and any convertible is eligible to enter. Members claim most spots early, but there are often openings and non-members are welcome. There is a registration fee. Registration closes Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. For full details check [www.OpenAirTour.com](http://www.OpenAirTour.com).

### **19 – Drive the Track – Road America – Elkhart Lake (Also Oct 13)**

Here's an opportunity to see Road America from the driver's seat. Your own driver's seat, as you experience the entire 4-mile racecourse in your vehicle. That's right, your car, but this activity isn't for thrill-seekers, as all participants are limited to three guided laps at low speeds for the ultimate up-close-and-personal adventure. This is the perfect opportunity for individuals of any age to experience first-hand one of the country's premier road racing circuits. Limited space available, please register in advance. Driver must possess valid driver's license. No vehicle 8 ½ feet in height or taller will be allowed on track, and ensure your vehicle has at minimum 1/2 tank of fuel. Participants should arrive no earlier than 5:00pm and no later than 5:40pm. A mandatory meeting will begin promptly at 5:40pm. Price: \$20 per car. Road America, Inc N7390 State Highway 67 - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020 PH:920-892-4576 <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

### **19-20 Maxwell Street Days – Mukwonago**

More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. Hwy 83 & Cty NN - Mukwonago, WI 53149, Information: 262-363-1501 <http://www.maxwellstreetdays.net/>

## September

### 2-3 Taste of Madison

This Labor Day weekend Madison's Capitol Square will be taken over by 80 restaurants, 3 entertainment stages and 26 beverage stands for a huge end of the summer celebration. Over 250,000 visitors come to this event annually to sample food from Madison's top local restaurants while enjoying the best free concert experience the city offers.

608-276-9797; [www.tasteofmadison.com](http://www.tasteofmadison.com).

## WISCONSIN – Fairs!

The “county fair” is a grand celebration of Wisconsin's strong ties to agriculture, the arts, crafts, community, and good living. Almost every county has a fair and you'll find most all of them listed in the “Let's Go to the Fair” list by the Wisconsin Dept. Of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection –

<http://www.wisconline.com/attractions/fairs.html> and at Travel Wisconsin “Events” calendar at [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com)

*Here are a few – each has a flavor all its own!*

July 4-9 Stoughton Junior Fair - Stoughton

July 12-16 Northern WI State Fair – Chippewa Falls

July 19-23 Barron County Fair – Rice Lake - <http://www.barroncountyfair.com/>

July 19-23 Dane County Fair – Madison <http://www.danecountyfair.com/>

July 19-23 Fond du Lac County Fair – Fond du Lac -<http://www.fonddulacountyfair.com/>

July 19-23 Green County Fair –Monroe- <http://greencountyfair.net/>

July 19-23 LaCrosse Interstate Fair – West Salem - <http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com/>

July 19-23 Waukesha County Fair – Waukesha- <http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/>

July 25-30 Rock County Fair - Janesville

July 27-30 Polk County Fair – St.Croix Falls

Aug 3-13 – Wisconsin State Fair – West Allis <http://wistatefair.com/fair/>

Aug 30-Sept 4 Walworth County Fair – Elkhorn

Aug 31-Sept 4 Sheboygan County Fair – Plymouth

Aug 31-Sept 4 Iowa County Fair

Aug 31-Sept 4 Ashland County Fair -Marengo

Sept 22-24 Central Burnett County Fair – Webster- <http://cbcfair.org/>

## Historical & Ethnic Celebrations!

### June

#### 30-JULY2 Red Cliff Pow-Wow – Red Cliff – June 30-July 2, 2017

Enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands at this annual pow-wow. Experience the traditional Chippewa customs and hospitality with lively dancing, drumming and a variety of Native American vendors. 715-779-3700; [www.redcliff-nsn.gov](http://www.redcliff-nsn.gov)

#### 30-JULY2 Oneida Pow-Wow – Oneida

The Oneida tribe's annual Fourth of July weekend pow-wow boasts an impressive grand entry of more than 400 dancers. Experience the Native American art, traditions and culture with hand-made crafts and authentic foods. 920-713-0608; [www.exploreoneida.com](http://www.exploreoneida.com)

### July

#### 7-9 35th Annual Bear River Pow-Wow – Lac du Flambeau

Celebrate the beauty and rich heritage of all Native American tribal nations at the Bear River Pow-Wow, offering food, hand-made crafts, traditional dancing and four grand entries. 715-588-3333

**7-9 Dive into Subfest – Manitowoc** When the United States entered WWII the ship builders of Manitowoc were called upon to build submarines for the war effort. Located in the middle of the US, the city was well protected from enemy attack. July 7-9 *Subfest* offers self guided sub tours with real submarine veterans. Special presentations on Saturday will discuss “WWII On the Home Front” and “USS Cobia Technology.” At 11am there will be a “Women of the War” Fashion Contest followed by Sub-Eating Contests and Music by the Charlie Bucket Band and Sonic Circus. Located along the Manitowoc River, the fest also features a Venetian boat parade, water ski shows and fireworks. PH:866-724-2356; [www.wisconsinmaritime.org](http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org)

### **8-9 Logging and Heritage Festival – Marinette**

Learn about Marinette’s rich lumbering history with a weekend packed with outdoor fun. Check out the high-energy action of the popular Great Lakes Timber Show, live music and craft vendors. Bring the family and end the weekend with a parade and fireworks. 715-732-4333; [www.marinetteloggingandheritagefestival.com](http://www.marinetteloggingandheritagefestival.com)

### **8-9 War of 1812 – Encampment and Battle Re-enactment – Prairie du Chien**

Visit a historic encampment and battle re-enactment on Wisconsin's only War of 1812 battlefield, now the west lawn of the Villa Louis estate. The War of 1812 came to Prairie du Chien on July 17, 1814, when U.S. and British-Canadian soldiers clashed on what is now the west lawn of the Villa Louis. Learn about the British assault on U.S. Fort Shelby in a battle scenario at 2:30pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Tour the camps and learn about military life in 1814. Villa Louis 521 N Villa Louis Rd - Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821 Information: 608-326-2721 <https://villalouis.wisconsinhistory.org/>

### **13-16 Bastille Days – Milwaukee**

Say “bonjour” to one of the nation’s largest French-themed celebrations! Feel the Parisian spirit with tasty French and Cajun cuisine, roaming buskers and a 43-foot replica of the Eiffel Tower. Check out the international marketplace or stay for the live music, featuring the eclectic New Orleans style of Milwaukee’s own Extra Crispy Brass Band. Don’t miss the Storm the Bastille Run/Walk with 5,000 people running or walking through the streets of downtown Milwaukee. 414-271-1416; [www.bastilledaysfestival.com](http://www.bastilledaysfestival.com)

### **14-16 Honor the Earth Pow-wow – Hayward**

The Lac Courte Oreilles and Ojibwe tribes host this annual celebration, considered the largest pow-wow in North America. Drawing nearly 10,000 visitors from around the world, this event honors Mother Earth and includes native dancing, drumming, traditional games and tasty Native American foods. 715-634-8934; [www.haywardareachamber.com](http://www.haywardareachamber.com)

### **15-16 Hmong Festival – Sheboygan**

Sheboygan's Hmong Community invites the public to share its culture through food, clothing, crafts, and soccer and volleyball tournaments. Kiwanis Park, Sheboygan, WI 53081 Information: 920-458-0808 <http://www.sheboygan.org/>

### **18-23 Laura Ingalls Wilder Week – Manitowoc**

See Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic stories come to life. Activities include log cabin building, grinding coffee, laundry, cooking and making Braille name cards. Participate in historic games like sack races, horse shoes and giant jackstraws. Fee assessed. Pinecrest Historical Village 924 Pine Crest Lane - Manitowoc, WI 54220, Information: 920-684-4445 <https://www.manitowocountyhistory.org/programs/2017/7/19/laura-ingalls-wilder-week>

### **21-23 40th Annual Festa Italiana – Milwaukee**

This is the country's largest Italian-American festival with more than 100,000 visitors heading to Milwaukee's lakefront for a weekend of Italian culture and tradition. Enjoy authentic foods, wine tastings, cooking demos and the hilarious cannoli-eating contest. Don't miss the Italian flag-throwers, fireworks and traditional mass on Sunday morning. 414-223-2808; [www.festaitaliana.com](http://www.festaitaliana.com)

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### **22-30 The World of "Little House" – Eagle**

Mark the 150th birthday of Wisconsin-native and author Laura Ingalls Wilder with a trip back to the 1860s. Dress as your favorite Little House character and take part in activities like attending class in a one-room school or the Ingalls family scavenger hunt. Get the unique chance to meet "Laura" and learn about her life out on the prairie. 262-594-6301; [www.oldworldwisconsin.org](http://www.oldworldwisconsin.org)

### **28-29 Holland Festival – Cedar Grove**

This long-lived family-friendly festival has something for everyone. Try a variety of ethnic foods, free live music and entertainment, enjoy the sights and sounds of local Klompen Dancers – young and old, see what the Children's Tent has to offer (free!), bring your racing shoes for Saturday's 2 mile run/walk or 10K run, learn a little about the town's Dutch heritage at Het Museum and the TeRonde House Museum, browse the extensive collection of classic cars, shop the many vendors at the Art Fair on the Green, be entertained during Saturday's Parade, try your luck in the daily raffles...and so much more! Memorial Park, Van Alton Ave - Cedar Grove, WI 53013, Information: 262-285-3467

### **28-30 German Fest – Milwaukee**

Don your favorite lederhosen and say "prost" to the nation's largest German festival. This fest serves more than 10,000 pounds of sauerkraut and brats to stretch the length of eight Empire State Buildings. Stay for traditional German beer, entertainment and a cultural village. This year, German Fest hosts The Stihl Timbersports Series, featuring top national lumberjack athletes as they compete for the title of "America's Best Lumberjack." 414-464-9444; [www.germanfest.com](http://www.germanfest.com)

## **August**

### **6 – Volkfest – New Glarus**

Swiss Independence Day celebration with music and dancing. Swiss choral folklore music, yodeling, flag throwing, alphorn playing, and accordion music. Telling Shooting Park County Road O - New Glarus, WI 53574, Information: 608-527-2095 <http://www.swisstown.com/>

### **17-20 Irish Fest – Milwaukee**

The luck of the Irish is in Milwaukee for the world's largest celebration of Celtic music and culture. This four-day fest features a bevy of fun with an Irish Soda Bread baking contest, and the Celtic Kitchen, featuring a modern take on traditional Irish food. There's also the cultural village and more than 100 entertainers, including emerging international artists. Save room for lots of traditional fare like bridies, bangers and mash and an Irish twist on the Wisconsin cream puff. 414-476-3378; [www.irishfest.com](http://www.irishfest.com)

### **25-27 Mexican Fiesta – Milwaukee**

It's three days of Mexican fun, food and culture at Milwaukee's lakefront. Enjoy international dancing and music at the Cultural Pavilion or stroll through the marketplace for handmade crafts and yummy food. Save room for the Mexican bread "pan de feria," baked by authentic Mexican bakers. 414-383-7066; [www.mexicanfiesta.org](http://www.mexicanfiesta.org)

## September

### 8-10 Indian Summer Festival – Milwaukee

Milwaukee's lakefront is home to North America's largest American Indian festival. This year's theme, "Language is Culture," celebrates the diverse languages that make up this festival. Come for the popular competition pow-wow with impressive grand entry dancers, and stay for lacrosse demonstrations, the Native American marketplace, contemporary music and lots of traditional foods. 414-604-1000; [www.indiansummer.org](http://www.indiansummer.org)

## WISCONSIN – Competition!

### June

#### 30-July 2 USA Gymnastics Championships - Milwaukee

Tickets for the 2017 USA Gymnastics Championships, the national championships for acrobatic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics and trampoline, are on sale now. Scheduled at the BMO Harris Bradley Center and Wisconsin Center, the competition includes both Junior Olympic and elite levels and is one of the national championships held annually by USA Gymnastics. BMO Harris Bradley Center, 1001 N 4th St - Milwaukee, WI 53203, Information: 414-227-0400  
<https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events/sports/2017-usa-gymnastics-championships-139587>

### July

#### 1 – Fitchburg Fast & Furious Criterium Bike Race

The Fitchburg Fast & Furious is an adrenaline pumping criterium bike race that takes place on a 1 km, D-shaped course around the picturesque Agora complex. Restaurants and stores close to the course will be open, so bring your family & friends for a day of fun. Fitchburg Criterium is held under USACycling Permit. All USAC/WCA rules apply. Helmets are required at all times when on a bicycle. A Valid USAC license is required to race. Unlicensed riders must purchase a single day license or annual license. Agora Fitchburg, 5500 E. Cheryl Parkway - Fitchburg, WI 53711  
Information: 608-288-8284 <http://www.madcityvelo.com/criterium/>

#### 1-2 Midwest Log Rolling Competition – Madison

The greatest lumberjacks and Jills in the United States will compete in Madison, Wisconsin in the water events of log rolling and boom running at Madison's beautiful Wingra Park. Not only are they competing for a ranking at the world championships, but they are also competing to raise money and awareness to help cure Huntington's disease. 824 Knickerbocker St - Madison, WI 53711  
Information: 608-305-4564 <http://www.madisonlogrolling.com/>

#### 3-7 Bayfield Sailboat Race Week

8 races in all, US Sail Association judging, social gatherings, awards! Race Week has become a wonderful tradition for competitive sailors on Lake Superior. Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 715-779-3419  
<http://www.wyc.org/ais/RaceWeek.aspx>

#### 8 – Lawnmower Races – Fifield

Time trials are one hour before races. Six classes - IMOW, AP, SP, STOCK, BP, and FX plus kids classes; Two races - 12 hp stock and 12 hp modified; trophies for top five places; concessions will be available. Sponsored by the Fifield Fire Department. Race Track, N13935 Ridge Avenue - Fifield, WI 54524, Information: 715-762-4739 Information: 715-661-2432 <http://www.tn.fifield.wi.gov/>

#### 8- Vatten Paddlar Canoe and Kayak Races – Barnes – July 8, 2017

Paddle northwestern Wisconsin's beautiful chain of lakes in this friendly competition between canoe and kayak enthusiasts. Competitors can choose from the 5-mile course around Middle Eau Claire Lake or the 10-mile race from Robinson Lake to Mooney Bay. 715-795-2782; [www.vattenpaddlar.com](http://www.vattenpaddlar.com)

### **8,15, 21-23 AUG 12, 19-20 Badger State Summer Games**

Wisconsin's premier Olympic-style sports festival for people of all ages and skill levels -Offering 26 sports this summer which includes new sports and the return of our team sports. The summer games span three months and are on various weekends. <http://www.badgerstategames.org/> Various Locations, Wausau, WI 54403, Information: 715-355-8788

### **14-16 Small Town Baseball World Series - Marshfield**

2017 Small town baseball is just what it says . . . "for small towns!" No all-star team, no tournament teams, just small towns competing against each other to be crowned world series champions. For schools with under 700 high school enrollment. Steve J. Miller Recreation Area, 501 W. 4th St. - Marshfield, WI 54449, Information: 715-384-4314, <http://www.smalltownbaseball.com/>

### **15-23 Folle Avion Fur Trade Rendezvous – Danbury**

Over 100 fur trade camps represent a variety of unique characters. Demonstrations of period skills including black powder shooting, archery and tomahawk throwing. Tasty food prepared in the fur-trade era manner is a treat. Goods offered by the traders include period clothing, furnishings, camp gear, trade silver, animal skins, jewelry and a fascinating variety of other utilitarian and decorative items. Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 8am–12:30pm; \$8 adults and children 13 and older, \$4 children (6-12), free for children 5 and younger. Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park  
8500 County Road U - Danbury, WI 54830, Information: 715-866-8890 <http://www.theforts.org/>

### **15-23 Salmon-A-Rama – Racine**

Pro anglers, get ready for one of the largest and most popular fishing competitions in the Great Lakes! This nine-day event features contest divisions, including offshore, onshore, youth and perch divisions. See if you can beat last year's grand prize of a 30-pound brown trout.  
800-272-2463; [www.salmon-a-rama.com](http://www.salmon-a-rama.com)

### **20-22 Lumberjack World Championships – Hayward**

See the world's best lumberjacks test their strength, skill and agility at the Lumberjack World Championships, showcasing log rolling, chopping and pull-climbing with more than \$50,000 in prize money on the line. This high-energy event is sure to excite with over 12,000 visitors coming to Hayward for all the action. 715-634-2484 ; [www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com](http://www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com)

### **20-23 WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman Races – Road America**

A mid-summer favorite, The WeatherTech International Challenge with with Brian Redman presented by HAWK is one of the largest vintage racing events in the United States and features over 400 cars competing in several groups. The four-day weekend will showcase a historic CAN-AM race, which is the highlight of this year's event as an impressive field of cars is expected to gather in celebration of CAN-AM'S 51st Anniversary. This year's event will also feature a special S2000 reunion. The Concours d' Elegance in downtown Elkhart Lake on Friday for race cars and Saturday night for street cars is a can't miss event for any racing enthusiast. Road America, Inc  
N7390 State Highway 67 - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, Information: 800-365-7223  
<http://www.roadamerica.com/>

### **20-23 Wisconsin State Waterski Championships – Wisconsin Rapids**

The Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championship is the largest water ski show tournament in the world! Enjoy a day at the beach and witness the best of the best water ski show teams from Wisconsin. Each team has 60 minutes to make you laugh and wow you with their ballet lines, barefooting, jumping, swivel skiing, shoe skiing, air-chairs and more! Enjoy refreshments and see the newest ski equipment, boats and motors during breaks. South Wood County Park  
6411 South Park Road - Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, Information: 715-459-6117  
<http://www.aquaskiers.org/wi-state/>

### **21-22 Board Across the Bay – Washburn**

The Washburn Board Across the Bay Race is a unique Stand Up Paddle Board Event for all paddling enthusiasts. It takes place on Lake Superior's Chequamegon Bay in Washburn, Wisconsin. You can choose between the 3, 7 or 14 mile race. Thompson's West End Park Washburn, WI 54891, Information: 715-373-5017 <http://washburnchamber.com/>

### **21-23 – World Championship Snowmobile Watercross – Grantsburg**

41st annual Oval & drag racing snowmobiles on open water. Rated as one of the ten best races in the country by *Sno-Goer Magazine*. Fireworks, two bands, food & beverage booths, & other activities. Displayers & vendors make their products & services available to the thousands that attend. The racing portion of Watercross includes drag and oval racing over water including vintage snowmobiles. The races are sanctioned by the International Watercross Association (IWA), the professional racing group. The Grantsburg Watercross is the "World Championship" race within the IWA racing circuit, and this race is known as the "Granddaddy of Them All" by top racers from the US and Canada. Over \$20,000 in cash and trophies. Camping for tent, camper or motorhome is available. Memory Lake, Grantsburg, WI 54840, Information: 715-463-4269 <https://grantsburgwatercross.com/>

### **22-23 Hickory Knoll Carriage Competition –Fitchburg**

Take a stroll back in time with this exciting American Driving Society show in Fitchburg. The Hickory Knoll Combined Driving Event features competitors in three disciplines. They start Saturday with driven dressage in which the horse and driver perform tests to exhibit the level of training of the driving horse. The horses are judged on flexibility, impulsion, and submission as they are driven in the patterns described by each test. Dressage is scored by judging each movement on a zero to ten scale. The horses are then driven at speed through a cones course where they are directed through narrow obstacles formed by cones with balls resting to top of them. Each ball dislodged gains a penalty as the driver races to meet the specified time for the course. The final test is a Sunday timed cross-country drive in which the horses must cover ground quickly and drive through tight man made 'hazards' without missing a prescribed gate or knocking down obstacle elements. Each of the three tests is given a numeric score made up of penalty points. The lowest score in each division becomes the champion. Refreshments are available for purchase. Admission is free. Hickory Knoll and Frostwood Farm  
1841 Caine Road - Fitchburg, WI 53575 **Information:** 608-835-7473  
<https://hickoryknoll.net/events/hickory-knoll-combined-driving-event/>

### **22-23 Midwest Fire Fest- Cambridge**

An art exploration of all things forged in fire. It will be an event that is heavy in demonstrations. Artist in residence will demonstrate iron pours, pit fired pottery, and a clay sculpture that will be fired during the event and revealed Saturday night in a performance style art event and create a lasting sculpture for the community. A master artist level art show, fire performers, live music and on site concessions will complete the festival atmosphere. Around Cambridge, Cambridge, WI 53523 Information: 608-423-3780  
<http://midwestfirefest.com/>

### **29 Isthmus Paddle and Portage – Madison**

The 38th annual Isthmus Paddle & Portage returns to downtown Madison. Isthmus is proud to host over 900 participants from across the country! Competitors of all strokes of life brave the lakes and set to the streets - professional racers, amateur paddlers, parents, children and everyone in between! The race begins at James Madison Park with a 1-mile paddle on Lake Mendota, followed by a 1-mile portage across the Capitol Square, past the Dane County Farmers' Market, before heading to the final 2.5-mile paddle across Lake Monona and the finish line at Olbrich Park. Racers and spectators are invited to enjoy musical entertainment, delicious food, refreshing craft brews at Olbrich Park for the post race party & award ceremony. PH: 608-251-5627 x152 <http://www.paddleandportage.com/>



## **29 – Harness Racing – Mineral Point**

Harness racing returns to the historic Iowa County Fairgrounds in Mineral Point. Trotters and pacers from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois compete for cash purses and admission is FREE! You can enjoy a great view from the covered grandstand or bring a lawn chair to get really close to the action. Come cheer your favorite horses on to victory. Contests and giveaways are planned, and anyone who likes horses is encouraged to attend. Spectators can “meet” the horses and talk with the drivers and trainers at this great ½-mile racetrack. Iowa County Fairgrounds  
900 Fair St - Mineral Point, WI 53565 Information: 608-444-6308 <http://wiharnessracing.com/index.php>

## **August**

### **3-6 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship – Elkhart Lake**

The Continental Road Race Showcase takes over Road America’s 4-mile circuit for what will be the most incredible weekend of sports car racing in the world. Fans will get to see the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge race on Saturday, with the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship event on Sunday plus races from the IMSA Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA all weekend. Fan activities include an open grid, autographs, tech talks, fan forums, car corrals, and Tour de RA bike event. Road America, Inc. N7390 State Highway 67 - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, Information: 800-365-7223 <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

### **4-6 Menominee Nation Contest Pow-Wow – Keshena**

Embrace the Native American spirit with this eclectic pow-wow, featuring singing and dancing competitions, delicious traditional cuisine and a collection of handmade beadwork and apparel. 715-524-2139

### **10-13 U.S. Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship – Eau Claire**

Watch as the world’s best chainsaw carvers create intricately detailed works of art out of wooden logs. These skilled artists sculpt stunning artwork before your eyes with prizes going to the best artwork in a variety of categories. On Sunday, get a chance to bid on your favorite sculpture.  
715-835-6200; [www.uschainsawchamps.com](http://www.uschainsawchamps.com)

### **25-27 NASCAR XFINITY Series – Road America – Elkhart Lake**

The NASCAR XFINITY Series weekend will feature incredible wheel-to-wheel racing. Race fans will have the opportunity to watch some of NASCAR’s future stars as they test their skills on the storied 4-mile, 14-turn road circuit in the Johnsonville 180. Road America has a legendary history of featuring brilliant racers on a challenging circuit that easily separates the good from the great drivers. The weekend will also showcase the ARCA Series and SCCA Pro Trans Am. Additional activities include big screens, fan activities, camping and more! Road America, Inc. N7390 State Highway 67 - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, Information: 800-365-7223 <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

## **September**

### **1-2 Wisconsin Cow Chip Throw – Prairie du Sac**

It doesn’t get much quirkier than the Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw, with more than 50,000 people visiting Prairie du Sac to watch contestants throw flattened cow chips (or dried cow patties) as far as they can. The current record is 248-feet! Stay for the fun run/walk, arts and crafts fair and the hilarious Tournament of Chips Parade. 608-643-4317, [www.wiscowchip.com](http://www.wiscowchip.com)

### **4 Harness Racing – Mineral Point**

Harness racing returns to the historic Iowa County Fairgrounds in Mineral Point. Trotters and pacers from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois compete for cash purses and admission is FREE! You can enjoy a great view from the covered grandstand or bring a lawn chair to get really close to the action. Come cheer your favorite horses on to victory. Contests and giveaways are planned, and anyone who likes horses is encouraged to attend. Spectators can “meet” the horses and talk with the drivers and trainers at this great ½-mile racetrack. Iowa County Fairgrounds  
900 Fair St - Mineral Point, WI 53565 Information: 608-444-6308 <http://wiharnessracing.com/index.php>

### **15-17 Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Racers Weekend – Road America**

Gorgeous cars showcase racing history against the beautiful fall colors at America's National Park of Speed for the Ariens Art On Wheels Weekend, featuring The VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival®. The weekend regularly attracts nearly 250 vintage and historic racecars to run over the three-day event including a field of pre-war models. The fan-friendly paddock is open to spectators for close-up views of amazing racing machines prepared to era specifications all weekend. On Saturday fans can watch a historic road course reenactment tour, which will leave Road America and follow a route almost identical to the street course driven in the early 1950s. Road America, Inc. N7390 State Highway 67 - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020, Information: 800-365-7223 <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

## **WISCONSIN –Arts-Antiques-Theater/Film!**

### **June**

#### **30- 1 Antique Show & Sale – Minocqua**

Enjoy this opportunity to view exhibitors of furniture, art pottery, china, glass, fine jewelry, dolls, linens and collectibles of all kinds. Native American, sporting and fishing. Something for everyone and every budget. Admission - \$5 and under 14 FREE. Luncheon provided by the Manitowish Waters Lioness. Proceeds partially benefit LUHS Special Education Scholarship Fund. Lakeland Union High School, 9573 State Road 70 W - Minocqua, WI 54548, Information: 906-250-1618 <http://northwoodsantiqueshows.com/>

#### **30-July 2 - Wall Dogs Mural Fest – Beaver Dam**

For 5 days, downtown Beaver Dam will be bustling with nearly 200 Walldog artists as they paint a dozen murals in the greater downtown Beaver Dam area. Watch as bare walls are transformed into murals depicting the history of Beaver Dam. Special events (food, live entertainment, kid and family friendly events, art shows and projects) occur each day of the festival. Pick up a map and event schedule at Downtown Beaver Dam Inc. (DBDI) office or downtown businesses to start your journey (walk or drive) as history turns into art. Walldogs is an internationally renowned organization of sign and mural artists, creating public art for nearly 20 years. There is no cost to the public to enjoy watching the mural painting or entertainment. Some events are offered with advance paid tickets to participate (Sat. night gala/auction fundraiser). All mural sites will be listed on maps to pick up in advance along with schedule of events, both available at The Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce, 127 S. Spring Street or during the festival, at the Downtown Beaver Dam Inc. office. Downtown Beaver Dam Inc., 138 Front Street - Beaver Dam, WI 53916, Information: 920-887-8879 <http://www.bddowntown.com/>

### **July**

#### **1 – Art Show on the Lakeshore – Phillips**

Shop for arts & crafts in a relaxing park setting by the lake at this 44th annual event with a wide variety of items to choose from plus featuring a "Young at Art" exhibit. Also, enjoy toe-tapping music by old school singer/songwriter Travelin' Sandman Bruce, plus great food and beverages. The park has a rec area, so you can make it a family outing and enjoy lakeshore or dock fishing, sand volleyball, basketball, the playground and paved trail. Additional area holiday activities include a fly-in/float-in with aerobatic shows, Spirit of America Run/Walk, truck pull, live music, kids' activities, parades, concessions, fireworks, and lots more! Elk Lake/Lionite Park, 585 County Hwy. H - Phillips, WI 54555 , Information: 715-820-0441 <http://www.phillipswisconsin.net/>

#### **6-8 Madeline Island Film Series – La Pointe**

Madeline Island's own Film Festival! A weekend of films shown beach side at dusk at the Inn on Madeline Island. Films explore a variety of genres. Live music before the films each night. Watch the sunset on the shores and then watch feature films under the stars! Inn on Madeline Island, The - The Pub Restaurant & Wine Bar, 300 Main St - La Pointe, WI 54850, Information: 715-747-6315 Tourism Office: 715-747-2801

### **7-8 Millers at Milwaukee Mile – Vintage Indy Cars**

This Miller event is one of the most impressive U.S. gatherings of Pre-WWII and Post-WWII Indy Champ Cars, Indy Roadsters and Laydowns. Vintage race cars designed by Miller, Duesenberg, Mercer, Alfa Romeo, Kurtis, and Bugatti, participate in this unique exhibition on the Milwaukee Mile track. Our entrants are passionate about their vintage cars, and are here to tell the story of vintage Indy racing to the public.” Spectators also will enjoy the wide range of vendors and exhibitors that share their unique vintage racing history! Milwaukee Mile, 7722 W Greenfield Ave - West Allis, WI 53214 Information: 262-388-5221 <http://milleroffy.com/>

**8-9 Art Fair on the Square – Madison** Want great art? This is your festival. Celebrating its 59<sup>th</sup> year, July 8-9, The Madison Art Fair on the Square is a giant in the Midwest. It’s professionally juried and has 500 artists from across the USA. Art fills the streets around Wisconsin’s Capitol Square. More than 200,000 people will stroll by over the weekend. Works include sculptures, jewelry, woodwork, handmade clothing, photography, pottery, prints, assemblage art and paintings. Three performance stages feature music by Sweet Potato Band, The Earthlings, Patchouli & Terra Guitarra as well as Dance by Fred Astaire Madison Dancers, and Trinity Irish Dance, among others. Sat 9am-6PM Sun 10am-5pm PH: 608-257-0158; [www.mmoca.org](http://www.mmoca.org)

### **8-9 Art Fair Off the Square – Madison**

The two day event is a showcase for about 140 exclusively Wisconsin artists and craftspeople and includes food and unexpected, spontaneous happenings. The show features ceramics, art glass, painting, fiber, sculpture, jewelry, graphics, paper-making, photography, wood, and more. 1 John Nolen Dr - Madison, WI 53703, **Information:** 608-204-9129 <http://www.artcraftwis.org/art-fair-off-the-square.html>

### **15-16 Bayfield Festival of the Arts – Show & Tours**

75 artists from throughout the Midwest will gather for Bayfield’s annual Festival of Arts and Gallery Tour. This juried arts & crafts show is held on the scenic shores of Lake Superior in downtown Bayfield. Visitors will find a unique selection of pottery, painting, jewelry, sculpture, glass works, wood carvings, photography and more. Take special notice of the blue "Best in Show" ribbons which are awarded to five artists while browsing. Bayfield artists will welcome visitors to their studios and galleries throughout the weekend, with open houses, demonstrations, and special sales as part of a gallery tour held in conjunction with the festival in the park. All events are free and open to the public. Memorial Park, 15 Front Street - Bayfield, WI 54814, Information: 715-779-3335, Toll Free: 800-447-4094 <http://bayfield.org/bayfield-activities/festival-of-arts/>

### **15-16 - Chalkfest – Wausau**

Art doesn’t require expensive canvas or a block of marble; sometimes art is as simple as an idea expressed with a grainy stick of colored chalk and pavement. Every summer artists and their colorful pastel art drawings transform downtown Wausau’s 400 Block into a visual museum. 401 3rd Street - Wausau, WI 54403, Information: 715-297-9531 <https://www.wausauevents.org/>

### **15-16 - Mount Horeb Art Fair**

Annual art & fine craft fair on Mount Horeb’s historic Main Street - the “Trollway!” Experience Norwegian culture, friendly atmosphere, food, silent art auction, raffles, music and downtown amenities. Also, presented by Sons of Norway, a Kaffe Stue (Norwegian lunch). Downtown Street Fair 300 E. Main Street & Vicinity - Mount Horeb, WI 53572 Information: 608-437-5914 <http://trollway.com/>

### **15-16 Midsummer Festival of the Arts – Sheboygan**

Just four blocks from Lake Michigan, this juried festival selects 135 artists to showcase their one-of-a-kind artwork outside the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Browse artists' booths, enjoy live entertainment and hands-on art activities. There's also plenty of food trucks so bring the whole family and make it a day. 920-458-6144; [www.jmkac.org](http://www.jmkac.org)

### **16 – Bergstrom Mahler Art Festival – Neenah**

The Arts Festival brings together 4,000 people for a day of fine arts, great food, live music and children's activities. Purchase original art from more than 70 fine art and craftspeople from across the region  
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass, 165 N Park Ave - Neenah, WI 54956  
Information: 920-751-4658 x304 <http://bmmglass.com/>

### **16 – Cedarburg Maxwell Street Days**

A Cedarburg Volunteer Fire Department tradition for more than 40 years, there are four Maxwell Street Days per year. You'll find more than 700 spaces filled with antiques, collectibles, crafts, produce, sports and rummage, plus food, beverages and music. Firemen's Park  
Washington Ave - Cedarburg, WI 53012, Information: 262-377-8412  
[http://www.cedarburgfiredept.com/services/maxwell\\_street\\_days.htm](http://www.cedarburgfiredept.com/services/maxwell_street_days.htm)

## **August**

### **3-5 Eagle River Antique Show & Sale**

An excellent selection of antique furniture in a wide variety of woods and styles will be available. You can also expect to find fine antique and vintage costume jewelry; sterling silver flatware and hollowware; brass and copper; ironstone; art pottery; elegant, depression & kitchen glassware; kitchen collectibles; decorative lodge-look items; sports items; decoys; art; children's toys & collectibles; vintage textiles; art glass; Military collectibles; and small primitives and country pieces at this show. There is something for everyone in every price range! Also we are happy to announce that Mary Lou's Crystal Repair will again be joining us this year. Food and a full bar will be available for purchase from the Derby. Donation: \$5. This antique show is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eagle River. Eagle River Derby Track Exposition Hall, 1311 N Railroad St - Eagle River, WI 54521 Information: 920-533-8731 <https://www.eagleriverrotary.com/antiqueshow>

### **4-5 Evansville "Inside Out" Sales**

This is Evansville's busiest shopping weekend with bargains for everyone! It's the community's famous garage sale extravaganza. Averaging 150-plus locations, this is a trash-to-treasure hunter's dream. Most local businesses tend to get into the spirit and offer specials, too; even the public library hosts a sale!  
Downtown Main Street & City Wide Evansville, WI 53536  
Information: 608-882-5131 <http://www.evansvillechamber.org/>

### **5 Gallery Night – Mineral Point**

You will always find a remarkable assortment of fine art and quality hand-made craft: ceramics, collage, furniture, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, fiber, and woodworking – much of it made right in town. Most of the galleries are located in the downtown business district filled with historic architecture, delicious dining venues, and engaging gallery owners. Walking from gallery to gallery on these evenings is one of the best ways to enjoy Mineral Point. Mineral Point Historic District, Mineral Point, WI 53565 Information: 608-285-2958  
<http://www.artsmp.org/gallery-night/>

### **25-26 Northwoods Antique Show & Sale – Minocqua**

Enjoy this opportunity to view exhibitors of furniture, art pottery, china, glass, fine jewelry, dolls, linens and collectibles of all kinds. Native American, sporting and fishing. Something for everyone and every budget. Admission - \$5 and under 14 FREE. Luncheon provided by the Manitowish Waters Lioness. Proceeds partially benefit LUHS Special Education Scholarship Fund. Lakeland Union High School, 9573 State Road 70 W - Minocqua, WI 54548, Information: 906-250-1618 <http://northwoodsantiqueshows.com/>

### **25-27 Artstreet – Green Bay**

Let your inner artist come alive at Green Bay's Artstreet. Stroll through downtown for a dynamic collection of original artwork by over 200 local and national artists. Three stages offer live music, dance, theater and literary performances. Kids can get their hands messy with children's art activities. Be sure to swing by the specialty food tents for deliciously tempting treats. 920-435-5220; [www.mosaicartsinc.org/artstreet](http://www.mosaicartsinc.org/artstreet)

## **September**

### **3- Cedarburg Maxwell Street Days**

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Washington Ave - Cedarburg, WI 53012, Information: 262-377-8412

[http://www.cedarburgfiredept.com/services/maxwell\\_street\\_days.htm](http://www.cedarburgfiredept.com/services/maxwell_street_days.htm)

### **9-10 Maxwell Street Days – Mukwonago**

More than 650 vendors of crafts, produce, plants, tools. Food and refreshments. Hwy 83 & Cty NN - Mukwonago, WI 53149, Information: 262-363-1501 <http://www.maxwellstreetdays.net/>

## **WISCONSIN –Music!**

### **June 28 – July 2 and July 4-9 - 50th Annual Summerfest – Milwaukee**

"The World's Largest Music Festival" turns a very young 50 this year, celebrating June 28-July 2 and July 4-9 with a musical line-up that's one of the biggest ever. More than 1,000 musical acts, include Luke Bryan, Brandi Carlile, Paul Simon, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers (their 40th anniversary tour!) Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Margo Price, and Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night Sweats. Hungry? Sample a world-class variety of food, Roasted Sweet Corn, Lasagna Sticks, Pretzel Dogs, Gluten Free, Catalano Lemonade, Quesadillas, Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts, Italian Rice Balls, – sure even brats and cheese curds! Shop at the huge merchandise market. Henry Maier Festival Grounds on the shore of Lake Michigan. PH:414-273-2680; [www.summerfest.com](http://www.summerfest.com) *It's time to kick out the jams!*

## **July**

### **2 Riding the Wind – Big Top Chautauqua - Bayfield, WI**

Ride the winds of time and have fun while you learn in this classic "illuminated musical history" of Bayfield and the Island Environs, with secrets of Red Cliff and Old LaPointe. Original music and song-stories tell the tales while the Big Screen shines with hundreds of then and now photos featuring Lighthouse Keepers, Ojibway life, dreamers & schemers, town scenes, Voyageurs, sailing, fishing, the big flood and more. Created in 1985 by Warren Nelson and Betty Ferris (Nelson Ferris Concert Company), "Riding the Wind" was the first show performed on the Big Top Stage and is still a season highlight. Big Top Chautauqua 32525 Ski Hill Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814, Information: 888-244-8368 <http://www.bigtop.org/>

### **6-9 Women's Music Fest – Middleton**

The National Women's Music Festival is a four-day musical and cultural extravaganza that incorporates all facets of women's lives. It's a jam-packed long weekend where choices for things to do range from workshops, concerts, comedy, theatre presentations, a marketplace, and much much more. Marriott West - 317-395-3809 <http://www.wiaonline.org/>

### **7 & 27 – Concerts on the Square – Monroe**

Live music on the lawn of the Historic Green County Courthouse, food and beverage stands, bring your lawn chair for an evening of family fun. Summer series (different music genre each concert) sponsored by Main Street Monroe in partnership with underwriter Colony Brands. Special intermission entertainment at every show Historic Courthouse Square

1016 - 16th Ave. - Monroe, WI 53566 Information: 608-328-4023 <http://www.mainstreetmonroe.org/>

### **6-8 13 -15 Birch Creek – Symphony Concert Series – Egg Harbor**

Full symphonic orchestra, featuring world-class musicians, educators, and students performing in 6 public concerts over a two week evening concert series. Birch Creek Music Performance Center, Inc. 3821 County Rd E - Egg Harbor, WI 54209 Information: 920-868-3763 <http://www.birchcreek.org/>

### **6-9 National Women's Music Festival – Middleton**

Explore diversity, culture and women's empowerment through workshops, live music, theater performances, a writer's series and so much more at the National Women's Music Festival. Festival highlights this year include a musical telling of the life of Olympian Babe Didrikson, comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer and the string trio HEAR in NOW. 317-395-3809; [www.wiaonline.org](http://www.wiaonline.org)

### **8 Bagpipes in the Glen - Baraboo**

A night honoring the Durward family's Scottish roots. Enjoy live music from Scotland and Ireland, including a piper and an Irish Band. Open air concert at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and a bottle of wine. Food and refreshments available for purchase. Free event. Donations warmly welcomed. Durward's Glen Retreat, W11876 Mcleish Rd - Baraboo, WI 53913  
Information: 608-356-8113 <http://www.durwardsglen.org/>

### **9 Drums on Parade –Middleton**

A drum and bugle corps competition, sanctioned by Drum Corps International, featuring groups from five states: Kilties, WI; Madison Scouts, WI; Music City, TN; Phantom Regiment, IL; Pioneer, WI; Santa Clara Vanguard, CA; Shadow, WI. Breitenbach Stadium at Middleton High School  
2100 Bristol Street - Middleton, WI 53562 Tickets 317-275-1212 <https://visitmiddleton.com/>

**9 & 21 Big Top Does "The Beatles" – Bayfield** Corey Carlson and Severin Behnen lead the Blue Canvas Orchestra in an evening of songs from the quintessential pop rock group of the 60s - The Beatles. No funny hairdos or outfits, just musical virtuosity by members of Big Top's house band, complete with string section, as they interpret their favorite Beatles songs. Sing along with your favorites such as "Yesterday," "Let it Be," "I Am the Walrus" and "The Long and Winding Road." Big Top Chautauqua, 32525 Ski Hill Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 888-244-8368 <http://www.bigtop.org/>

**12 – Diana Ross in Concert – Appleton** Diana Ross' famed and extraordinary career has spanned almost five decades. Her cultural impact and music history milestones have been celebrated around the world. She recently received the country's highest honor, the Medal of Freedom presented by President Obama at the White House in 2016. In 2007, the Kennedy Center Honors presented its distinguished award as a celebration of her lustrous career with excellence in music, film, television and theatre, as well as her cultural influences and humanitarian work. The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (Grammys™) celebrated her remarkable career in 2012 with their highest honor, The Life Time Achievement Award. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, 400 W College Ave - Appleton, WI 54911 Ticket Office: 920-730-3760 <http://foxcitiespac.com/>

### **13 – Big Top "Outlaw Years" Opry – Bayfield**

In 2014 the dynamic team of Severin Behnen and Corey Carlson put together our first Opry show which celebrated the best of the Grand Ole Opry from the 30s, 40s and 50s. Our next installment of great country and western music takes us from the mid-60s through the early 80s with music from Opry icons like Willie & Waylon, Dolly & Loretta, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Charley Pride and Tammy Wynette. This show features the Blue Canvas Orchestra with Corey Carlson and special guests. Big Top Chautauqua, 32525 Ski Hill Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 888-244-8368 <http://www.bigtop.org/>

**13-15 - Rockfest – Cadott** This three-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. Bands are: Korn, Megadeth, Clutch, Ratt, Lit, Lita Ford, Badflower and City of the Weak. Chippewa Valley Music Festival Grounds, 24446 County Highway S - Cadott, WI 54727 , Information: 715-289-4401 <http://www.rock-fest.com/lineup/2017-rock-fest-lineup>

### **13-15 – Oshkosh – Rock USA Fest**

Rock USA is 'Solid Rock. No Limits.' and will present an incredibly broad mix of world-class rock stars. With: Ozzy Osbourne, Slayer, Stone Sour, Candibox, Falling in Reverse, Bobaflex, Code Orange - Don't try to lay a description on our talent mix because it won't work. Count on it... we will take it to the edge. If it's kickass festival stuff it belongs at Rock USA! Camping available. Ford Festival Park 2535 W Ripple Rd - Oshkosh, WI 54904, PH: 800-326-4949 <http://www.rockusaoshkosh.com/>

### **13-16 Hodag Country Music Fest – Rhinelander**

the 40th Annual Hodag Country Festival! Each year this amazing 4-day country music festival brings some of the biggest names in country music to the Northwoods. With: Brandy Clark, Randy Houser, Locash, Raelynn, David Nail and Little Big Town. Hodag Festival Grounds, 4270 River Rd - Rhinelander, WI 54501, Information: 715-369-1300, <http://hodag.com/>

### **14 – Jammin on the Porch – Mineral Point**

The Mineral Point Historical Society's Jammin' on the Porch season will continue this summer at the Gundry House at Orchard Lawn, on second Friday each month, June through September. The popular outdoor concerts feature local musicians and a casual feeling amid rolling green lawns and beautiful gardens. Gather friends and family, bring a picnic dinner or snacks, your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy some of the best times that summer can offer. No admission is charged; the musicians play for tips. Orchard Lawn Museum, 234 Madison St - Mineral Point, WI 53565  
Information: 608-987-3201 Information: 608-558-1937 <http://mineralpointhistory.org/>

### **14 -16 & 21-23 Always – Patsy Cline – Racine**

A memorable tribute to the legendary singer, "Always...Patsy Cline" captures the of power music, memories, and friendship. Based on the true story of Louise Seger, a Texas housewife, who meets and befriends her idol, Patsy Cline, the musical is filled with down home humor and honky-tonk style. Featuring 27 of Patsy's classic hits including, "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams," and "Walkin' After Midnight," Louise reminisces about her friendship with the country star. "Always...Patsy Cline" is an intimate look at Patsy the singer and friend. Racine Theatre Guild 2519 Northwestern Ave - Racine, WI 53404, Ticket Office: 262-633-4218 <http://www.racinetheatre.org/production/always-patsy-cline/>

**16 – The Beach Boys at Big Top Chautauqua – Bayfield** The Beach Boys are the very embodiment of the California surfer lifestyle, with a string of classic songs such as "I Get Around," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and "Help Me Rhonda." Lead-singer and band front man Mike Love penned their first big hit "Surfin' USA" in 1961, which launched chart-topping songs capturing the era's spirit of fun, surfing, and cars. Songs such as "Surfer Girl," "Barbara Ann," "Good Vibrations," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," "Kokomo" and more keep fans around the world singing along. The Beach Boys are led by Mike Love and Bruce Johnston, who along with Scott Totten, Tim Bonhomme, Jon Cowsill, Jeffrey Foskett, & Brian Eichenberger, have toured as the Beach Boys regularly since 1998. This tour will not feature Brian Wilson, Al Jardine or David Marks. Big Top Chautauqua, 32525 Ski Hill Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 888-244-8368 <http://www.bigtop.org/>

### **20-22 Country Jam – Eau Claire**

Three solid days of country music's top entertainers. With Dierks Bently, Miranda Lambert, Luke Bryan, Locash, Trace Adkins, Jana Kramer, and High Valley. 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, 3633 Crescent Ave - Eau Claire, WI 54703 Information: 715-839-7500  
<http://www.countryjamwi.com/>

**20-23 Country Thunder Fest – Twin Lakes** Country Thunder Music Festival is second to none and continues to be the premier music and lifestyles event of the summer. The annual country music festival is known for packing a punch with their lineup, which consistently brings today's hottest acts, tomorrow's fresh new faces, and yesterday's traditional but established country hit-makers. Country Thunder East 2305 Lance Dr. - Twin Lakes, WI 53181, Information: 866-802-6418 <http://www.countrythunder.com/>

### **21 - Big Top Does "The Beatles" – Bayfield**

Corey Carlson and Severin Behnen lead the Blue Canvas Orchestra in an evening of songs from the quintessential pop rock group of the 60s - The Beatles. No funny hairdos or outfits, just musical virtuosity by members of Big Top's house band, complete with string section, as they interpret their favorite Beatles songs. Sing along with your favorites such as "Yesterday," "Let it Be," "I Am the Walrus" and "The Long and Winding Road." Big Top Chautauqua, 32525 Ski Hill Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 888-244-8368 <http://www.bigtop.org/>

### **27-29 Burning Cow Music Fest – Sturgeon Bay**

Burning Cow Music Festival will rise from the ashes and ignite Sturgeon Bay with a colossal 3 day lineup of southern rock, blues, alt-country, and jam bands. Located just north of Sturgeon Bay, WI, rustic camping, hot showers, savory breakfasts, and award-winning BBQ will be available along with craft brews and domestic beers. The festival will climax Saturday night when the tremendous wooden cow will be set ablaze. Burning Cow Music Festival Grounds 4780 Mathey Rd - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, Information: 920-327-1081 , Ticket Office: 800-895-0071 <http://www.burningcowfestival.com/>

### **29 Midwest Acoustic Music Fest – Elkhart Lake**

Annual Midwest Acoustic Music Festival. Outdoor event showcasing some of the best acoustic artists from across the Midwest. Lake Street Café, 21 S Lake St - Elkhart Lake, WI 53020 Information: 920-876-2142 <http://midwestacousticmusic.com/#event>

## **August**

### **3-6 The Mile of Music Fest – Appleton**

The Mile of Music Festival will serve up original singer-songwriters, combos and multi-piece bands showcasing Americana music at both its most colorful and its very best – from roots and indie rock to country, gospel, soul, r&b, jazz and folk. 200+ artists from 27 states and three countries. Downtown Appleton, 10 College Avenue - Appleton, WI 54911 Information: 920-750-5029 <https://mileofmusic.com/>

### **8 – Garrison Keillor Prairie Home Love and Comedy Tour - Appleton**

Direct from the flatlands ("Not the end of the world but you can see it from there") two-plus hours of stories, love duets, family drama, poetic outbursts, and our famous Singing Intermission featuring The Old Scout, Garrison Keillor, with the extraordinary Heather Masse, sound-effects genius Fred Newman, Richard Dworsky and the exemplary Road Hounds. Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, 400 W College Ave - Appleton, WI 54911 Ticket Office: 920-730-3760 <http://foxcitiespac.com/events-tickets/tickets/events/garrison-keillor-s-prairie-home-love-and-comedy-to/garrison-keillor-s-prairie-home-love-and-comedy-to>

### **11- Jammin on the Porch – Mineral Point**

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### **11& 24 - Concerts on the Square – Monroe**

Live music on the lawn of the Historic Green County Courthouse, food and beverage stands, bring your lawn chair for an evening of family fun. Summer series (different music genre each concert) sponsored by Main Street Monroe in partnership with underwriter Colony Brands. Special intermission entertainment at every show Historic Courthouse Square 1016 - 16th Ave. - Monroe, WI 53566 Information: 608-328-4023 <http://www.mainstreetmonroe.org/>



## September

### 1 – Big Top “Outlaw Years” Opry – Bayfield

In 2014 the dynamic team of Severin Behnen and Corey Carlson put together our first Opry show which celebrated the best of the Grand Ole Opry from the 30s, 40s and 50s. Our next installment of great country and western music takes us from the mid-60s through the early 80s with music from Opry icons like Willie & Waylon, Dolly & Loretta, Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Charley Pride and Tammy Wynette. This show features the Blue Canvas Orchestra with Corey Carlson and special guests. Big Top Chautauqua, 32525 Ski Hill Rd - Bayfield, WI 54814 Information: 888-244-8368 <http://www.bigtop.org/>

### 8 - Jammin on the Porch – Mineral Point

The Mineral Point Historical Society’s Jammin’ on the Porch season will continue this summer at the Gundry House at Orchard Lawn, on second Friday each month, June through September. The popular outdoor concerts feature local musicians and a casual feeling amid rolling green lawns and beautiful gardens. Gather friends and family, bring a picnic dinner or snacks, your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy some of the best times that summer can offer. No admission is charged; the musicians play for tips.

Orchard Lawn Museum, 234 Madison St - Mineral Point, WI 53565

Information: 608-987-3201 Information: 608-558-1937 <http://mineralpointhistory.org/>

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OTHERS IN WISCONSIN: (all free)

Calumet County Guide – 920-849-1442 [www.travelcalumet.com](http://www.travelcalumet.com)

Chippewa County Travel Guide – 866-723-0331 [www.ChippewaCounty.com](http://www.ChippewaCounty.com)

Door County Visitors Guide – 800-527-3529 <http://www.doorcounty.com/web/contact.asp>

Fox Cities Area Guide – 800-223-6667 [www.foxcities.org](http://www.foxcities.org)

Grant County Travel Guide – 608-348-8888 [www.Platteville.com](http://www.Platteville.com)

Green Bay Visitor’s Guide – 888-867-3342 [www.GreenBay.com](http://www.GreenBay.com)

Green County Travel Guide – 888-222-9111 [www.GreenCounty.com](http://www.GreenCounty.com)

Kenosha Area Visitors Guide – 800-654-7309 [www.KenoshaCVB.com](http://www.KenoshaCVB.com)

Kewaunee County Guide – 800-290-4299 [www.VisitKewauneeCounty.com](http://www.VisitKewauneeCounty.com)

Madison Area Visitor Guide – 800-373-6376 <http://www.visitmadison.com>

Mineral Point Travel Guide – 888-764-6894 [www.MineralPoint.com](http://www.MineralPoint.com)

Minocqua Area Destination Guide – 800-44-NORTH [www.minocqua.org](http://www.minocqua.org)

Racine – Real Racine Guide - 800-272-2463 [www.realracine.com](http://www.realracine.com)

Sauk Prairie Visitors Packet – 800- 683-2453 <http://www.saukprairie.com/visitorspacket.html>

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Iowa Tourism – <http://www.traveliowa.com/> 888.472.6035 or 515.725.3084

Lake Michigan Circle Tour and Lighthouse Map – 1-800-442-2084 or at [www.WMTA.org](http://www.WMTA.org)

Lanesboro, Minnesota Visitor Guide 800-657-4972

Michigan – <http://www.michigan.org/>

Minnesota Tourism Travel Counselors at [explore@state.mn.us](mailto:explore@state.mn.us), or 1-888-TOURISM (1-888-868-7476).

Minnesota – Mississippi Valley Bluff Country (on-line) <http://www.ExploreMississippiBluffs.com>

Mississippi Valley Partners (WI-MN) [www.mississippi-river.org](http://www.mississippi-river.org) 1-888-999-2619

Red Wing, Minnesota [www.redwing.org](http://www.redwing.org) 1-651-385-5934 800-498-3444

Wabasha-Kellogg, Minnesota – [www.wabashamn.org](http://www.wabashamn.org) 1-800-565-4158

West Michigan Travel Guide - 616-245-2217 [www.wmta.org/publications-24/](http://www.wmta.org/publications-24/)

Winona, Minnesota Visitor Guide – (800) 657-4972 [www.VisitWinona.com](http://www.VisitWinona.com)

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