

Gary Knowles' - Getaway Sampler

A selection of events loaded with Real Wisconsin Fun!

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2018 SPRING INTO SUMMER GETAWAYS

MARCH 31 Antique Toy Farm Show - Tomah

Scale replicas of farm tractors & trucks, replicas of antique combines & threshers, plus any farm-related equipment, past or present. \$2 for Adults; \$1 for Children 13-17; FREE for Children 12 & Under. Tomah Recreation Building 1625 Butts Avenue - Tomah, WI 54660

Information: 608-372-6907 or 608-344-0150 **Detail** 9am-3pm; toy Auction at 4:30pm.

MARCH 31 – Hornucopia - Menomonie

Hornucopia is a band of talented musicians and singers from the Twin Cities and upper Midwest area. Distinct from other tribute bands that pay homage to a single group or style of music, Hornucopia pays tribute to many musical groups that feature substantial horn sections. It boasts a tight 4-piece horn section and a 4-piece rhythm section, plus 3 top rated vocalists whose melodies and harmonies are inspiring and far-reaching. 7:30 PM Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts 205 Main Street East - Menomonie, WI 54751 **Information:** 715-235-0001

<http://www.mabeltainter.org/event.phtml/2C731E45/hornucopia>

APRIL

Ap 5 The Steel Wheels – Stoughton Opera The Steel Wheels perform with an energy that mesmerizes. Their music melds styles from traditional country to gospel, bluegrass to 70s rock. With Trent Wagler's weathered tenor joined by bell-clear four-part harmonies, Eric Brubaker's lively and evocative fiddle, Brian Dickel's grounded yet buoyant upright bass, and Jay Lapp's signature mandolin style, the Steel Wheels have become festival favorites. A dynamic four-piece string band marrying old-time musical traditions to an innovative sound, they will draw you in with their soulful mountain music for a truly magnetic revival. 7:30PM \$25 Stoughton Opera House, 381 E Main St - Stoughton, WI 53589 **Information:** 608-877-4400 <http://www.stoughtonoperahouse.com/>

Ap 5-12 Wisconsin Film Festival – Madison Presented by the University of Wisconsin Arts Institute the annual Wisconsin Film Festival brings a vast array of unique films to the Madison area. An eight-day exploration of new American independent dramatic and documentary films, animation, experimental restorations and revivals. Theaters all over Madison. PH:608-262-9009 <https://wifilmfest.org/>

Ap 6-7 Red Wine Weekend – Bayfield Get ready to celebrate the marriage of fine red wine and gourmet cuisine at one of our Red Wine Weekends. The schedule of events includes a Friday evening wine tasting at the lovely Chateau Boutin home, a Saturday afternoon tasting, and a Saturday evening 6-course dinner at the Rittenhouse Inn's Landmark Restaurant, with wines selected to match each dish. Reservations required. Rittenhouse Inn 301 Rittenhouse Ave - Bayfield, WI 54814 **Information:** 715-779-5111 <https://www.rittenhouseinn.com/>

BEFORE YOU GO: Avoid disappointment. Always check for schedule changes before heading to events. For more events- good sources: www.Wisconline.com, www.TravelWisconsin.com or <http://hwy23events.wordpress.com>

Ap 6 – Tour the Town Art Walk – Fond du Lac

Gallery Night is a fun and free way to explore the arts in Fond du Lac. Each gallery offers a unique art experience with changing exhibits featuring local and regional artists. Artist talks, demonstrations, hands-on projects, music, and more. Start your own collection or add to your existing collection and support the local economy with one-of-a-kind gifts of art. Pottery by Gale & Jim Lichman of Pinewillow Pottery with music provided by Gale Lichman and Joseph BauerDowntown Fond du Lac - Gallery & Frame Shop 130 S. Main St - Fond du Lac, WI 54935 PH: 920-921-1144 <http://www.tourthetownfdl.com/>

April 6 - Lou and Peter Berryman Concert – La Crosse

Lou and Peter Berryman have been performing together for more than twenty years and have produced twelve albums of their original music. They appear at folk venues, on radio programs such as Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion and at festivals throughout North America. Berryman songs have been sung around the world, by a legion of professional musicians, including Peter, Paul & Mary, Peggy Seeger and Garrison Keillor, as well as shower singers everywhere.

Pump House Regional Arts Center, 119 King St - La Crosse, WI 54601 - **Information:** 608-785-1434 7:30PM

Ap 6-13-20-27 VIP Winery Tour at Von Stiehl - Algoma

Tour von Stiehl Winery like a V.I.P. during our newest tour offering. It will include a snapshot of von Stiehl's history and future. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the production facility with one of our winemakers. Finish with a three-course wine pairing in our cellars! The cost of the tour is \$30 per individual. One can reserve tickets by calling the winery. Reservations must be made within a week of the tour. This event will run every Friday, through April 2018. 1-3PM von Stiehl Winery, 115 Navarino St - Algoma, WI 54201, **Information:** 920-487-5208 <https://vonstiehl.com/events/>

6-8 Dueling Dogs World Championship – Dubuque, IA Run Rover Run! Dubuque, IA

What do you get when you combine drag-racing with duck-hunting dogs? It's called the "Dueling Dogs World Championship." Two eager-to-please dogs race down a platform to dive into the water, fetch a decoy and retrieve it for their handler. The fastest dog wins! This canine-aquatic challenge comes to Dubuque, Iowa, April 6-8 with a \$30,000 weekend purse. Events start Friday, run through Saturday and wind up with finals on Sunday. May the best dog win! Five Flags Center, 405 Main Street, Dubuque. PH: 330-968-2002 <https://tinyurl.com/dogdue!>

6-8 Arts on Point – Gallery Night Weekend – Mineral Point

Getaway for art-filled weekends in the creative community of Mineral Point, an architectural gem in the Driftless hills of southwest Wisconsin. Explore 22+ studios and galleries showcasing work from local, regional and national artists. Discover locally-owned shops featuring everything from home furnishings and antiques to candy and Cornish teas. Enjoy performance art: music, dance, improv, and more. Delight in local culinary arts and stay over in quaint, cozy, often historic, lodgings. Mineral Point Historic District, Downtown - Mineral Point, WI 53565

Information: 608-987-3201 <http://artsonpoint.com/>

7- Maplefest – Poynette

Come learn about how maple sugar and syrup was made in the past, as well as current methods used today. A pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Friends of MacKenzie will be served from 8 am until noon at the Main Lodge. The cost for the breakfast is \$7 for those 12 years and older, and \$5 for ages 3 – 11. MacKenzie Center W7303 County Road CS - Poynette, WI 53955 **Information:** 608-635-8105 <http://dnr.wi.gov/education/Mackenzie/>

7 Only Fools Run at Midnight – Minocqua

Fools from near and far will romp through the streets and trails of Minocqua. Race start at 11 pm. Don't be a fool- finish the race by midnight! This 5Krun/walk offers a pre-race spaghetti feed, a costume contest, post-race refreshments and lots of family fun. The entry fee is \$25 for those who pre-register and \$35 day-of registration. New this year- Family rate! \$65 pre-registration and \$75 day of family registration. Race day registration in the Commons at Lakeland Union High School. Prior to the race the Hazelhurst Lions Club is hosting a Spaghetti Feed and Sundae Bar from 4-7pm at the American Legion Hall in downtown Minocqua. Starting at 7 pm, at the high school, there will be Fools Fair of sponsor and activity booths along with a Foolish Fashion Show and a Fools Flex group warm up. 7pm-1am. Day of event registration begins at 7pm; race 11pm. Lakeland Union High School, 9573 State Road 70 W - Minocqua, WI 54548 **Information:** 715-356-5266 <https://preview.tinyurl.com/runyoufools>

7 Wild Game Feed – Phillips

Starts at 2pm til gone; sample a variety of wild game dishes plus try to guess the meat in the mystery entree; paddle wheel prizes; raffles; final drawing at 7pm; all of the wild game is donated; proceeds are donated to a local non-profit organization. Birch Island Resort, Bar & Grill N8221 E Wilson Flowage Rd - Phillips, WI 54555 **Information:** 715-339-3151 <http://www.birchislandresortllc.com/index.html>

7 Wisconsin Arts Biennial – West Bend

Every two years the Museum of Wisconsin Art is privileged to showcase the most compelling, engaging, inventive, and unique art from a state rich in creative capital. The 2018 Wisconsin Artists Biennial features 53 works by 46 artists hailing from throughout the state, representing a wide spectrum of media and creative perspectives. From Rina Yoon's non-traditional printmaking to Shane Walsh's deconstructed abstraction to Michael Velliquette's intricate and playfully obsessive cut paper reliefs, the exhibition is a reliable core sample of today's eclectic world of cultural production. Museum of Wisconsin Art, 205 Veterans Ave - West Bend, WI 53095 **Information:** 262-334-9638 <https://preview.tinyurl.com/wisbiennial>

Thru Ap 8 – International Peeps Exhibit Artworks (2-D and 3-D) fashioned from PEEPS candies. Entries are selected by a panel and display through the Easter season. (Please don't eat the art!!) Racine Art Museum 441 Main St - Racine, WI 53403 **Information:** 262-638-8300 <https://preview.tinyurl.com/2018peepshow>

7 - Fishing Expo and Auction – Ashland The Wild Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited presents its annual Fishing Expo & Auction April 7, 1-7PM. The expo features fly-tying and fly-casting instruction, bucket raffles, silent auction, and great food, including chili, soup and cookies. Representatives from area natural resource and conservation agencies will be on hand to discuss their work. This fun and informative event is free and open to the public. The famous live auction will be held from 4:30-6:30pm and will include new and used fishing and outdoor equipment, many guided trips and wonderful desserts. All proceeds benefit the Wild Rivers Chapter's work protecting our community's cold water resources. Northland College - Chapple Family Gymnasium, 1411 Ellis Ave. - Ashland, WI 54806 **Information:** 715-372-5228 <https://www.travelashlandcounty.com/>

7-8 Model Train Show – Fond du Lac Attention Model Train buffs! Model railroad layouts featuring: Z, N, HO, 0-27, O, S and G gauges will be on display. The FDL Society of Model Train Hobbyists will have its large HO-gauge operating layout on display. Come and enjoy viewing steam and diesel locomotives, operating layouts of all gauges, rolling stock and operating accessories. First Presbyterian Church, 1225 4th St - Fond du Lac, WI 5493 **Information:** 920-933-2835

7-8 Sip the Essence of Spring on the Great River Road Wine Trail

You really haven't seen the world's most glamorous greens, until you've traveled the northern section of the Great River Road in spring. It's considered "America's Most Spectacular Drive" and April 7-8, eleven outstanding wineries from Cannon Falls, Minnesota to Trempealeau, Wisconsin and Marquette, Iowa invite you to stop in, sample the nectar of their vineyards, and toast the season. All wineries will be open to let you sip and savor new 2018 releases. This tour is self-guided and free with no tickets required. Most wineries offer special case (12-bottle) prices and other specials. For a map and guide phone 715-448-3502 or download and print your own. <https://tinyurl.com/GRRwine>

8 Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain – Madison –UW Campus

A Rich palette of orchestration and voices (and some whistling!) The ensemble brings a special bit of fun to the stage, getting the audience to laugh and sway. Its members perform everything, from classical to disco, contemporary bluegrass and country to Lady Gaga, bringing their own quirky flair to each show. Their music has been featured in films, on stage and on commercials. The ensemble has played with the likes of Madness, David Arnold, The Ministry of Sound, Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) and The Kaiser Chiefs. The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain was formed in 1985 and has been performing ever since their first gig, which turned out to be an instant sell-out. By 1988 they had released an LP, appeared on BBC TV, played at WOMAD and recorded a *BBC Radio 1* session. The current ensemble has been playing together for over 20 years, and has become something of a national institution. The Orchestra has given thousands of sold-out concerts across the world, performing sell-out shows at the Sydney Opera House, The Royal Albert Hall and Carnegie Hall. Wisconsin Union Theater, 800 Langdon St - Madison, WI 53706 **Ticket Office:** 608-262-1771 8:00

PM <https://union.wisc.edu/visit/wisconsin-union-theater/> There will be an optional FREE Ukulele Jam in the Festival Room before the show from 4:30-6:30 in the Festival Room

8 UWSP Festival of the Arts – Stevens Point

Since 1973, the Festival of the Arts has maintained the reputation of one of the finest quality art fairs in the Midwest-both in the minds of participating artists and patrons. Festival of the Arts is presented by the Stevens Point FoA Council with the support of UW-Stevens Point. Our mission is to encourage art awareness, support working artists, and contribute to local art education. Patrons browse two floors of 50+ artists' booths, test your luck at the art raffle, support student art education awards, and enjoy free children's art activities. UW-Stevens Point Noel Fine Arts Center, Isadore St & Portage St - Stevens Point, WI 54481, **Information:** 715-342-4051 <http://www.stevenspointfoa.com/>

10-11 Celebrate the new Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Quarter – Red Cliff

The 42nd new American quarter in the "America the Beautiful" series features Wisconsin's famous Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The coin will be officially launched by the U.S. Mint April 11 with a reception and ceremony at the Legendary Waters Resort in Red Cliff, Wisconsin. The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore was officially established in 1970 to protect "certain significant islands, shoreline, and light stations of the U.S. and their related geographic, scenic, historic, and scientific values." The park includes 21 islands in Lake Superior and a 12-mile-long strip of mainland shoreline encompassing more than 69,000 acres. The park features pristine stretches of sand beaches and coves; spectacular sea caves; remnant old-growth upper forests; a diverse population of birds, mammals, amphibians, and fish; and lighthouses and lighthouse complexes. The coin design depicts the sea caves at Devils Island with the lighthouse in the background and a kayaker paddling in the foreground. The sculptor-engraver was Renata Gordon and the designer Richard Masters of the "Artistic Infusion Program." The evening before the release, on April 10, The United States Mint will host a coin forum at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor's Center located west of Ashland on County Hwy "G" just off US Highway #2.

Ap 13-14 Libations of Spring – Kohler

Join us for Libations of Spring, where a premier lineup of craft libations can be explored, sipped and savored. Kohler chefs and mixologists will be your guides during two days of beer and spirits tastings and seminars. Seasoned craft connoisseurs and the uninitiated alike will discover new favorites. The American Club Resort, 419 Highland Dr - Kohler, WI 53044, Information: 920-457-8000, Toll Free: 866-681-9537 <https://preview.tinyurl.com/sipkohler>

Ap 13-14 – First Annual Brokedown Blues Fest – Washburn

Friday's performers will be Deja Bleu Band 7:00-9PM & Tommy Bentz Band 9:30PM-12AM. Saturday will feature The Subterraneans 3:30-6:00PM, Otis & The Alligators 6:30-9PM & Howard Leudtke & Blue Max 9:30-12AM. There will be Food Trucks on site. Harbor View Event Center, 130 Harbor View Drive - Washburn, WI 54891 Information: 715-209-7279 <https://preview.tinyurl.com/BrokedownBlues>

Ap 13-15 World's Largest Trivia Contest – Stevens Point

World's Largest Trivia Contest, held in the spring of each year beginning in 1970. The contest runs for 54 consecutive hours and keeps teams running, searching, paging for answers to media-oriented Trivia questions brought to you by WWSP 90FM and Friends. Play or listen anywhere or come to Stevens Point to participate in the area events. Trivia parade held on Friday at 4pm, teams are encouraged to participate. Trivia Stone (area scavenger hunt) Trivia Kick off movie at the Rodgers Cinema playing April 7 and 8 at midnight and April 8th at 10am \$3 at the door. For more information check out the website or facebook page. UWSP - 90FM 1101 Reserve Street - Stevens Point, WI 54481 PH:715-346-3755 <http://www.90fmtrivia.org/>

Ap 14 Rare Barrel Affair – Wis Dells

Featuring rare and barrel aged beers alongside the classic Wisconsin beers. The Dells Rare Barrel Affair brings Wisconsin brewers together for a springtime celebration of the brewer's art. Featuring unlimited sampling from 40 Wisconsin breweries. Ticket includes beer, food and tasting glass. Make plans in advance for safe travel. The Swan Barn Door, 4187 River Rd - Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965, PH:608-441-1992 <https://www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells-events-festivals/Dells-Rare-Barrel-Affair.htm>

Ap 14 – Layne Yost – Tribute to John Denver – Menomonie

Featuring guitar, fiddle and upright bass. Layne Yost, Carol McDowell and Jon Shimoda weave songs and stories, capturing the simple soul of John Denver, giving insights into his life and legacy. Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, 205 Main Street East - Menomonie, WI 54751, PH: 715-235-0001 http://www.mabeltainter.org/event.phtml/EBA550A0/layne_yost-a_john_denver_tribute

14 –Central Wisconsin Prairie Chicken Festival – Stevens Point/WI Rapids Area

Includes: Greater Prairie Chicken viewing, grassland birding tours, Dutch Oven breakfast at Sigel Town Hall by Boy Scout Troop 187, viewing movie at McMillan Library, exhibitors/vendors at Hotel Mead & Conference Center, lunch at Hotel Mead & Conference Center with speakers. Throughout Central Wis Grasslands, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, **Information:** 715-540-0236 **Ticket Office:** 866-967-8167

Ap 14- Get Into Gourds! The Midwest Gourd Fest - Madison

Get into the fascinating hobby of growing and carving gourds. These remarkable, colorful, twisted and gnarled plants look great arranged in a bowl as a centerpiece, but they can be much more. Learn how to dry and carve gourds into fabulous organic art. This is a one day, family friendly event, with free admission and parking. There will be classes, lectures, gourd vendors, a Silent Auction, a raffle, Kid's Corner, art competition and live music. It's 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Olbrich Botanical Gardens & Bolz Conservatory, 3330 Atwood Ave - Madison, WI PH: 608-445-1410 <http://americangourdsociety.org/WIGS/>

Ap 14-15 Antique Show & Sale – Neenah

Featuring quality antique deals of furniture, home & garden decor, glassware & china, quilts & linens, toys & sports, country primitives, paper & textiles, advertising & signage, jewelry & collectibles. Free parking. Tri County Ice Arena, 700 E. Shady Ln. - Neenah, **Information:** 920-730-8204 <http://www.focol.org/heartstone/events.html#antique>

AP 18-21 Central Wisconsin Horse Show & Sale – Neillsville

Largest Horse drawn machinery sale in the Midwest. Wednesday, 8:30 am-Small items/Buggys & Equipment, Thursday, 8:30 am Misc merchandise, followed by Light Driving Horses all breeds. Friday, 10:00 am Draft Horse & Draft Mules, Saturday, 8:30 am Saddle Horse Tack, 11:30 am Saddle horses, ponies & mules. Clark County Fairgrounds, US Hwy 10 - Neillsville, WI 54456 715-570-7749 <http://www.centralwihorsesales.com/>

Ap 19-21 UW Varsity Band Spring Show

On March 21, 1975, Professor Michael Leckrone created a monster...the UW Varsity Band's Annual Spring Concert. On that day, before an unexpectedly large audience of about 450 family, friends and fans in Mills Hall, the UW Band got everyone together to put on one final performance for the year and then ... have a party! But, no one would have guessed that the concert performed that night would turn into what it is today - a three-night extravaganza complete with professional staging, lighting, sound and pyrotechnics performed for 25,000 Badger fans each year. All seats are reserved and orders are filled in the order received with the best available seats. Kohl Center, 601 W Dayton St - Madison, WI 53715 PH:608-265-4120 <http://badgerband.com/varsity-band-concert-2/>

Ap 20-22 Big WhopperWeekend – New London

Fish the Wolf River during the annual walleye run. Contest prizes in many fish categories. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages. Live music and a huge raffle. Held at Riverside Park where there are boat launches, docks, and restrooms. Riverside Park, 1215 W. Wolf River Ave. - New London, WI 54961 **Tourism Office:** 920-982-5822 <https://www.newlondonfishandgame.com/>

Ap 20-22 The Midwest Horse Fair®

This is one of the top 3-day horse fairs in America. Whether you are a horseless horse lover, new horse owner, or seasoned professional, there will be something that you'll enjoy at the Midwest Horse Fair! Non-horse owners, families and children can meet the 600+ horses up close by touring the two brand new, state-of-the-art, New Holland Pavilions. Shop at one of over 500 vendors or attend one of hundreds of clinics, seminars and educational events available throughout the weekend. Check online to get updates on this great event. Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way - Madison, WI 53713, **Information:** 920-623-5515 <https://midwesthorsefair.com/>

Ap 20-22 Central Wisconsin Concertina Festival – Merrill – April 20-22, 2018

In the mood for music? Head to central Wisconsin for a gathering of more than 100 concertina artists from around the state and beyond. Treat your ears to live music, and your taste buds to food and refreshment. Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, 1208 North Center Ave - Merrill, WI 54452 PH: 715-536-9405 715-536-9474; www.merrillchamber.org

Ap 20-22 Midwest Horse Fair – Madison – April 20-22, 2018

The Midwest Horse Fair is one of the top 3-day horse fairs in America with over 300 clinics, seminars, and educational events for horse owners and aficionados. More than 500 commercial exhibitors offer shopping opportunities and hundreds of horses make it the equine event for everyone. 920-623-5515; www.midwesthorsefair.com

Ap 21 11th Annual Dairy State Cheese & Beer Fest – Kenosha

The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha is proud to present the 11th Annual Dairy State Cheese & Beer Festival at the world famous Brat Stop. This fun-filled event features a variety of Wisconsin cheeses, some of the most sought after beers from Wisconsin and beyond and awesome music. Must be 21 to enter; valid identification required. Brat Stop, 12304 75th St - Kenosha, WI 53142 **Information:** 262-653-7304 <http://www.kenoshabeerfest.com/>

Ap 21 11th Annual Ladies of Bluegrass Festival

11th annual Ladies of Bluegrass - Bluegrass Festival benefiting the American Cancer Society & James Beck Foundation. Twelve hours of live music for \$20. With **Fox Crossing Stringband** This all-female bluegrass group from Chicago has been winning hearts with their beautiful harmonies, entertaining stage presence, and original songwriting. Also the *Soggy Prairie Boys, Ginstrings, Noah John and Ringing Iron, Old Salt Union, and The Trailer Birds*

Door prizes and booyah. Buy tickets online or at the door. The Watering Hole, 2107 Velp Ave - Green Bay, WI 54303 <http://ladiesofbluegrass.com/> Theresa Schaut 414-416-5870

Ap 21-22 Chippewa Valley Gem and Mineral Show

Gem & Mineral Society Show & Sale - kids' activities and crafts, demonstrations, shopping, silent auction, fluorescent mineral displays, rock collections, rock spheres demonstration, wire wrap jewelry, rock cutting and cabbing, jewelry and gemstones, mineral specimens, agate and geodes, fossils and petrified wood, beads and supplies, copper and silver finds, crystal and amethyst, books and rough rock. Eau Claire County Expo Center, 5530 Fairview Dr - Eau Claire, WI 54701 **Information:** 715-834-5747

27-29 Spring Jefferson Swap Meet & Car Show – Jefferson

Come browse over 99 acres for classics, collectibles and parts to find that special piece for your collection. The show features more than 3,100 vendor spaces and hundreds of cars for sale. The Swap Meet and Car Corral is all three days and the car show is Saturday and Sunday only. The feature car is all Streets Rods; however, all makes and models are welcome in the car show. Admission is \$10 per adult and kids 12 and under are free when accompanied by paying adult. No pets, please. Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N Jackson Ave - Jefferson, WI 53549, **Information:** 608-244-8416 <http://www.madisonclassics.com/>

27-29 Wisconsin Dells Polka-Fest

It's bigger and better than ever! Featuring workshops, dance lessons, specialty vendors and more. A truly unique experience! Tickets available at the door or purchase in advance. Children under 16 free with parent or guardian. Chula Vista Resort/Condos/Villas & Waterpark 2501 River Rd - Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965, **Information:** 773-889-6811 <http://www.dellspolkafest.com/>

27-29 Women's Weekend in Lake Geneva

Enjoy an exciting weekend in Lake Geneva of shopping, fun activities and your best gal pals. There are various activities to participate in. Space is limited for some activities and pre-registration is required. For complete information, including a listing of special hotel packages, in-store specials, restaurant offers and to register online, visit <http://www.lakegenewawomensweekend.com/> The Riviera, 812 Wrigley Dr - Lake Geneva, WI 53147 **Information:** 262-248-8911 x224

28 Herbster Annual Smelt Fry

The best smelt around, Captain Ken's Fire House Beans, and homemade desserts will be served. Win one (or more) of our great door and raffle prizes. This event benefits the Herbster Community and its scholarships. Come and enjoy the fun and help to celebrate the beginning of spring. Herbster Historical Log Gym, Lenawee Rd - Herbster, WI 54844 **Information:** 715-373-6125 x8 <http://www.herbsterwisconsin.com/events.htm>

28 Crazylegs Classic Run & Walk – Madison

The Crazylegs Classic 8K run/2 Mile walk has become a must-do spring-time tradition in Madison. Starts at 10AM. Not surprisingly, the idea was hatched over a couple of beers in late 1981 by three Badger loyalists at a campus bar. The three, Tom Grantham, Ken Sparks, and Rich Backus, wanted to raise money to support UW Athletics. As admirers of then- Athletic Director Elroy Hirsch, they asked his permission to name it the "Crazylegs Run" in his honor. The first race in 1982 attracted 1,525 runners and raised \$9,500. The event grew in popularity and the walk was added in 1987 with 676 walkers the first year. The event has grown substantially reaching a record high of 20,415 in 2010. Since the inaugural race 36 years ago, it has attracted over 342,000 runners and walkers. The Crazylegs Classic has become a time-honored tradition of the University of Wisconsin, as well as a much anticipated event to kickoff spring in the Madison community. The 8K run features the ChronoTrack Timing System and a wave start. Both the run and walk follow a scenic course starting in downtown Madison at Capitol Square, through the UW campus and ends near the 50 yard line in Camp Randall Stadium. Capitol Square to Camp Randall Stadium, Madison, WI 53703 **Information:** 608-261-5347 <http://www.crazylegsclassic.com/>

28 Between the Bluffs Beer, Wine and Cheese Festival – La Crosse

Head to La Crosse for the Between the Bluffs Beer, Wine and Cheese Festival. Choose from over 200 quality beers and 45 types of wine to sample, as well as food offerings including gourmet cheeses and pretzels. Taste the delicacies while enjoying live music and games. 800-658-9424; www.betweenthebluffsbeerfest.com

28 Taylor County Maple Festival – Medford

Satiate your sweet tooth with all things maple, in tribute to Wisconsin's state tree, the sugar maple. This deliciously sweet fest abounds with maple delicacies, including a pancake breakfast, maple syrup tastings, maple syrup food stands and maple cooking demonstrations. Top off the day with a maple-flavored root beer float. 715-748-4729; www.taylorcountylionsmaplefest.org

28 Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championship – Dodgeville Pass the cheese, please! Taste some of the best grilled cheese Wisconsin has to offer as over 150 competitors create unique, mouthwatering sandwiches. Each entry is judged on presentation, taste and style with divisions for professionals, amateurs and kids. Save room for Wisconsin cheese, beer and wine tastings. 608-935-9200; www.grilledcheesewisconsin.com

28-29 Titledown Train Show – Green Bay

Northeastern Wisconsin's premier train show with 40,000 sq. ft. of model trains, operating layouts and exhibits. Numerous vendors, door prizes, model judging contest, modeling clinics, and special children's activities. Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena - 1901 S Oneida St - Green Bay, WI 54304, **Information:** 920-217-5318 <http://www.ttsgbllc.com/>

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May 3-6 100 Mile Garage Sale – Wis Hwy #35 North of LaCrosse

Residents and stores clean out their attics, garages & basements to create the most spectacular 100-mile garage sale along the Mississippi River. A trail of distinctive colored ribbons will identify participating garage sales from Fountain City on the southern end of the Wisconsin side, north along Wisconsin Highway 35 to Prescott, through Cochrane, Alma, Nelson, Pepin, Stockholm, Maiden Rock, Bay City and Diamond Bluff. Great River Road, Pepin, WI 54759, **Information:** 715-672-8897

May 4 Lou and Peter Berryman – Stoughton Masters of the comedy folk song, Wisconsin's Lou and Peter Berryman charm folk festival audiences across the country with their peculiar, offbeat songs. Lou plays the accordion and writes the music; Peter plays the 12-string guitar and writes the lyrics. The two met in high school and formed their first band in 1964; they formed a jug band in college together in 1966 and led two other bands in 1969 and 1971. Meanwhile, they married in 1967 and were divorced in 1974, but became a professional duo in 1975 and began playing a weekly show at the Club deWash in Madison, Wisconsin in 1977. During the decades to follow, the duo has entertained crowds at folk festivals and coffeehouses across the U.S., Canada, and Europe. www.louandpeter.com Stoughton Opera House, 381 E Main St - Stoughton, WI 53589 PH:608-877-4400 <http://www.stoughtonoperahouse.com/>

May 4-6 Earth Arts Studio Tour – St. Croix Falls Feed your creative side in St. Croix Falls. Earth Arts unites artists and artisans in the upper St. Croix valley to promote creativity and awareness of the arts. The members of Earth Arts will be opening their studios for their Spring Art Tour where art lovers can take a self-guided tour with 28 tour stops and over 45 artists. 715-483-3150; www.earthartswi.org

May 4-6 Rites of Spring: Fiber Frolic – New Holstein From flock to fleece, the 4th annual Rites of Spring: Fiber Frolic offers opportunities to meet the animals (goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas) that supply the fibers for the wares you buy. Stock up on fine yarns, fiber, fleeces, goat milk body care products, felted creations, finely crafted garments and much more. 920-286-0971; www.ritesofspringfiberfrolic.com

May 4-13 Madison Craft Beer Week Madison Craft Beer Week is an annual celebration promoting Madison's thriving craft beer culture, enhancing beer knowledge and appreciation by sponsoring a ten-day (two weekend) countywide festival that attracts beer tourism, fosters knowledge of our regional brewing heritage, and serves as a showcase for the Madison area's breweries, restaurants, pubs, caterers, retailers, entertainers, and other businesses with ties to the craft beer community. Craft beer lovers will have the opportunity to attend events ranging from beer dinners and food pairing to beer walks, bar promotions, brewery parties and plenty more! PH: 608-251-5627 <http://www.madbeerweek.com/>

May 5 – Wisconsin Bourbon Derby Celebration – Dane Come have a J. Henry & Sons Wisconsin Bourbon Derby Experience! Wear your finest haberdashery and bring your Jim Dandy along. Guests will enjoy Derby games and competitions. Win fabulous prizes! Have your picture taken at Churchill Downs West. Sample delicious southern nibbles while sipping a refreshing mint julep. Guests receive two J. Henry bourbon derby cocktails, a Kentucky Derby 144 commemorative glass, a photo in the Winner's Circle, southern snacks and appetizers. Imbibe in exquisite cocktails from our talented Tasting Room Manager, Jamie. Cheer your pick for the Greatest Two Minutes in Sports! and celebrate with our Southern (Wisconsin) hospitality and Wisconsin Style fun as we enjoy our special, award winning bourbons. Must be 21 to participate. Limited ticket availability. J Henry Tasting Room, 7794 Patton Road Dane, WI 53529 PH: 608-846-4116 <https://jhenryandsons.com/>

May 5 - Martinis in May – St. Germain Visit the Whitetail Inn on May 5 for the 5th Annual Martinis in May competition. Bartenders from all over the Northwoods will compete for several titles. While the bartenders battle it out, enjoy live entertainment from Tony Ocean and hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Whitetail Inn. 715-477-2205; www.st-germain.com

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May 5 – Open House Day in Racine County

Open House Racine County (OHRC) is a free one-day exploration of 40+ local treasures located throughout the county. Visit our website to create your itinerary from unusual businesses, architectural gems and civic buildings. Maps at each site and the Real Racine Visitor Center. Use #OHRC18 to share your photo, video discoveries on social media. Real Racine Visitors Center, 14015 Washington Ave - Sturtevant, WI 53177, **Information:** 262-884-6400, **Toll Free:** 800-272-2463 <http://www.openhouseracinecounty.com/>

May 5 Shipyard Tours of Sturgeon Bay

On one very special day each year, we invite you to experience an insider's view of the shipbuilding industry in Sturgeon Bay. For more than a century this industry has been critical to Door County's economy. The shipbuilders of Sturgeon Bay have designed, built and repaired vessels – commercial, military and pleasure craft – that have traveled to ports around the globe. Back by popular demand, this year the Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club has arranged for the 140-foot US Coast Guard Cutter Mobile Bay to be open for guided tours FREE of charge at the Graham Park dock in Sturgeon Bay, from 9am-2pm. We will also have the Emergency Rescue boat from the Canal Station along with the Sturgeon Bay Police Boat on location for tours.

Tickets will be available at shipyard entry gates on the day of the event. Advance tickets are available (but not necessary) at Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay Visitor Center and Door County YMCA beginning April 2. Ticket prices are \$15 per adult and \$6 for students ages 11-17. Guests ages ten and under are free. Tour and view the current projects of two shipyards: Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding Co. and CenterPointe Yacht Services. This year, 2018, the Door County Maritime Museum and the working waterfront of the west side will also be included on the tour. At the Door County Maritime Museum, you can tour the USCG 41 footer (which was originally stationed here), walk the working waterfront to board and explore the Chicago Fireboat (Fred A. Busse) and obtain information about the Selvick Marine tugs. Show your shipyard ticket and receive half off on museum and tug John Purves admission on both Saturday and Sunday. Two buses will be running for the event to shuttle guests between the 4 stops. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Tours at Bay Shipbuilding take around an hour and are on gravel and pavement. Tickets available at the gates on the day of the event. Adults: \$15; Students: \$6, ages 11-17; 10 and under: free. Downtown, First Avenue - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 **Information:** 920-743-4949

May 5-6 Bloody Lake Rendezvous – Woodford

Each year, a group of these living historians host an annual rendezvous event at the appropriately historic Black Hawk Memorial Park near Woodford, WI. The Yellowstone Flint and Cap club has been hosting an annual rendezvous there for over 30 years, now. They invite other historians to come and camp for the fellowship, the raw competition, for the fun of it. Some historians spend those cold winter months, sitting by the fireplace, making enough crafts to use as trade goods for the supplies or items they will need in the coming year. The leather worker may make an apron the blacksmith can use in his work or the gun maker will create a beautifully, handcrafted rifle in hopes of trading it for a buffalo hide that will keep him warm. This is a family affair, so bring their children, too. Black Hawk Memorial Park, 2995 County Road Y - Woodford, WI 53599 **Information:** 608-325-5034

May 5-6 Kewaunee International Carp Championship

Kewaunee International Carp Championship, a Catch & Release Carp fishing tournament for US and Worldwide Carp anglers. Participants fishing the Harbor for Carp vying for the biggest catch. Kewaunee Harbor, 308 N Main st - Kewaunee, WI 54216, **Information:** 920-388-4822 <https://www.kewaunee.org/calendar-of-events>

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May 10-14 Horicon Marsh Bird Festival – Horicon It's a bird, it's a plane it's...the annual Horicon Marsh Bird Festival! Grab your binoculars for spectacular bird-spotting on the guided boat tour or during the day-long bird scavenger hunt. Bring the family and celebrate Mother's Day with the "Mom and Me, Birding Together" beginners guide class. 920-485-4663; www.horiconmarshbirdfestival.com

May 11-13 Gays Mills Annual Spring Festival Tour one of Wisconsin's prime apple growing areas including orchards in bloom, food stands, and the annual Festival of Folk Music and Dance. Downtown & Area Orchards, 212 Main St - Gays Mills, WI 54631-0325, PH: 608-735-4341 <http://www.gaysmills.org/springfestival.html>

May 11-13 Redbud Festival – Columbus Celebrate Spring with the blooming of the famous Columbus Redbud Trees. Brat Fry, special events throughout the city, city-wide garage sale, sidewalk sales and the Columbus Prince and Princess contest. Historic Downtown, Columbus, WI 53925 PH: 920-623-3699 <http://columbuswichamber.com/red-bud-days/>

May 11-13 and May 25-28 Flea Market and Craft Sale – Hatfield At Thunderbird Village in Hatfield! 160 + Vendors & food. Free admission and parking. Flea market and craft show. Look around for that special antique treasure, hand-crafted wood signs, maybe grab a bite to eat, or order your favorite double scoop ice cream for you and the ids. <http://thunderbirdvillage.net/flea-market/> 608-989-2275

May 11-13 Mother's Day Brunch Train – North Freedom Show your MOM how special she is with a First Class experience at Mid-Continent Railway Museum. Mother's Day is the only day of the year the Brunch train is offered! Mid-Continent Railway Museum & Gift Shop, E8948 Museum Rd - North Freedom, WI 53951, 800-930-1385 1st Departure: 10:30am; 2nd Departure: 1pm <http://www.midcontinent.org/>

May 11-13 North Lakeland Birding Festival – Manitowish Waters The North Lakeland Discovery Center Bird Club and Discovery Center invite you to explore the wonders of birding in Wisconsin's Northwoods during peak warbler migration. Great Lakes area experts lead trips, seminars and workshops aimed at improving birding skills, knowledge, and conservation & habitat measures. Friday evening welcome reception features appetizers, drinks, and special presentation. Saturday includes sunrise warbler walks, bird banding, breakfast, keynote speaker, hearty sack lunch, a choice of field trips on land and water, seminars, nature hikes, souvenir make-and-take project, and door prizes. North Lakeland Discovery Center 215 County Road W - Manitowish Waters, WI 54545 **Information:** 715-543-2085 <https://discoverycenter.net/>

May 12 – Amish Quilt and Consignment Auction – Shawano Bake sale, crafts, furniture, rugs, quilts, antiques, tools and farm machinery. Bake and craft sale starts at 8:30am, quilts start selling at 10am. Furniture starts selling at noon. Furniture delivery available, please inquire. Lunch stand with freshly made pies, donuts and sandwiches. N4310 Hill Road - Shawano, WI 54166 **Information:** 715-758-8881 <http://www.shawanocountry.com/events>

MAY 12 Fair on the Square – Baraboo Semi-annual arts and crafts show with food, farmer's market, children's activities, live music and family entertainment. Spring themes. Includes 180+ artists and crafters from the Midwest. Courthouse Square, Baraboo, WI 53913 PH 608-448-3490 <http://www.downtownbaraboo.com/>

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May 12 - Motorsports Mayhem – Richland Center –

Rev your engines for adrenaline-pumping fun for the whole family at Motorsports Mayhem. Get your heart racing with the Twisted Metal Demo Derby with over 100 different cars. There's also event classics like the truck and tractor pull and ATV, dirt bike and snowmobile drags. Stick around for the kids pedal pull and helicopter rides throughout the day. 608-604-5068; www.hybridredneck.com

May 17-19 Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Festival – Ashland

Three days of birding and nature programs on the south shore of Lake Superior at the peak of migration. With over 100 activities to choose from, including a keynote speaker, birders and nature lovers of all skills and ages will find a wealth of opportunities at the Chequamegon Bay Birding & Nature Fest. Each activity is guided by knowledgeable local and regional experts who love sharing their passion for the natural world. Sign up for your chance to learn about birds and nature in one of the Midwest's most beautiful settings Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 County Road G - Ashland, WI 54806 PH:715-682-2500 **Toll Free:** 800-284-9484 . Check out the website for some great programs. <https://www.birdandnaturefest.com/>

May 18 Dinner with Lincoln – Milton

Guests to the Third Annual Dinner with Lincoln (6PM) will have the opportunity to dine with our nation's 16th president. Lincoln led the United States through one of its most turbulent chapters. Coming from humble roots, this largely self-educated lawyer redefined the role of the president. Guests will enjoy hearing the President's thoughts on his childhood, his experiences in government and his opinions on the nation he fought so hard to preserve. The menu will include selections inspired by President Lincoln's favorite dishes. Milton House Museum 18 S Janesville St - Milton, WI 53563 **Information:** 608-868-7 http://www.janesvillecvb.com/events/details/10684/Dinner_with_Lincoln772

May 18-19 Fishing Has No Boundaries – Hayward –

This two day event brings anglers of all abilities together and hosts anywhere from 120-140 participants for the unique fishing experience. Through adaptive angling equipment, FHNB provides recreational fishing opportunities for all anglers regardless of their age, race, gender, or ability. 715-634-3185 ext. 4; www.haywardfhn.org

May 18-19 Seventy Miles of Rummage Along the Great River Road – Ferryville

This 70 mile garage sale is full of surprises, bargains, deals and steals. Community members celebrate spring with garage sales along State Hwy 35, The Great River Road and goes thru Wisconsin river towns of Stoddard, Genoa, De Soto, Ferryville and Lynxville and up the ridge to the towns of Seneca and Mt. Sterling on Highway 27. Great bargains and chance to get "must have" items for all. Getting bigger and bigger. Book motel rooms early because they fill up fast. Village of Ferryville 170 Pine Street - Ferryville, WI 54628, PH: 608-734-9077 <https://www.rummagealongtheriver.com/>

May 18-20 Road America Spring Vintage Festival Weekend – Elkhart Lake

Road America's SVRA Spring Vintage Festival Weekend kicks-off the start of a summer. Over 200 participants are expected to race in 11 separate groups, from production and grand touring cars to sports racers, prototypes and formula cars. The weekend event will offer race groups for all SVRA classes including Formula 5000, Formula Ford, Sports Racing and production sports cars from marques such as Lotus, Alfa Romeo, Jaguar, Porsche and Corvette principally from the '50s, '60s and '70s will be on track. Two Enduro races are also on the schedule. This new race class offers a new "entry Point" to vintage racing. The Mazda Miata Heritage Cup will run in a distinct race and race group made up of first generation 1.6-liter spec Miatas of 1990 to 1993 vintage. N7390 State Highway 67 PH:800.365.7223 RoadAmerica.com

May 18-20 Syttende Mai Folk Festival – Stoughton

Tap into your Scandinavian heritage for Norwegian Constitution Day. Featuring two parades, folk dancing, ethnic food, an arts & crafts fair, and more, there's sure to be something for everyone. Don your authentic apparel and enjoy America's largest celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day. 608-873-7912; www.stoughtonwi.com

May 18-20 Wisconsin State Polka Festival – Milwaukee

Put on your polka pants for the official state dance of Wisconsin. Featuring eleven big bands featuring Dutchmen, Polish, Czech, Slovenian, and German style polka music. Fun for the whole family includes dance lessons, food, prizes, and crowning the Wisconsin State Polka Queen. 262-894-6998; www.wisconsinpolkaboozers.com

May 19 – Algoma Classic Car Show

Enjoy a day full of music, food & drink, and of course you can't forget the cars. Come see classic and collector cars, trucks, and motorcycles displayed on Algoma's Main Street. Trophies awarded to the best vehicles. Downtown Algoma, Algoma, WI 54201 **PH:** 920-487-2041

May 19 Fort McCoy Open House

This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. The installation's Commemorative Area will serve as the hub of activity and will showcase the History Center, fire World War II-era buildings, the Equipment Park, and Veterans Memorial Plaza. Planned activities include: guided installation bus tours, a sandbag-filling station, personalized ID tags, camouflage face painting, military equipment displays, and much more! Fort Mc Coy, 1654 S 11th Ave - Fort McCoy, WI 54656 **Information:** 608-388-2407 <http://www.mccoy.army.mil/>

May 19 Isthmus Food Cart & Wine Sampling Festival – Madison

Isthmus presents Madison's finest food cart festival in downtown's Central Park. Join us for a taste of new and favorite food cart fare, musical entertainment by Mike Carlson and a selection of craft beer in the sun. 2-6PM - Ticket price includes entry & samples from over 30 carts. Beer will be available for purchase, served by Badger Honor Flight. Central Park, 202 S Ingersoll St - Madison, WI 53703 **Information:** 608-251-5627 <http://www.isthmusuncorked.com/>

May 19 One Night in Memphis – Monroe

Get ready for a night of pure rockabilly, country, gospel, 1950s rock and roll with One Night in Memphis. This high energy concert takes you back to the magical night when four of the biggest names in early rock and roll - Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash – gathered together for an impromptu jam session at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis. Little did they know that their jam session was being recorded and preserved for all time, representing all the performers in their prime and the best music of the era. This nationally acclaimed tribute concert features cast members from Broadway and the touring company. They have an uncanny sound, look, and feel of the original legends, all backed by an authentic and energetic rockabilly band. You will feel as though you are witnessing a rock-and-roll royalty jam session with the legendary performers whose music has stood the test of time. Monroe High School Performing Arts Center, 1600 26th St - Monroe, WI 53566 **PH:** 608-325-5700 **Toll Free:** 888-596-1249 <http://www.monroeartscenter.com/>

May 19-20 Morel Mushroom Festival – Muscoda

Take the Lower Wisconsin River Road to Muscoda – “Wisconsin's Morel Capital.” Participate in this fest where visitors can munch on fried mushrooms, try a mushroom brat or just buy some to take home. Saturday night offers a fireman's annual steak feed followed by fireworks. Grab a Morel Microbrew and stroll through the flea market and car show. Wrap up the weekend with the parade down Wisconsin Avenue. 608-739-3182; www.muscoda.com

May 19-20 Blessing of the Fleet & Lake to Table Culinary Event – Baileys Harbor

Come celebrate the beginning of the fishing season for our local fishing industry. Listen in to the broadcast of the Blessing of the Fleet done by Father Ruby over the CB Radios. Take tours of local Charter boats and Commercial Fishing fleets, Cana Island Lighthouse and The Range Lights at The Ridges Sanctuary. Meet some local fishing legends and listen to stories of maritime history on the Great Lakes and in Door County. Arts & crafts, live music, local foods & drinks. Door County Scottie Rally Parade of Scots, and more. The Third Annual Lake to Table Culinary Event celebrating the local fishing community. Farm market on Sunday from 9am-2pm, US Coast Guard Auxillary Vessel Checks & Kids Activities. Live Music from 11-2. Baileys Harbor Town Marina, 8132 Hwy 57 - Baileys Harbor, WI 54202, **Information:** 920-839-2366 <http://baileysharbor.doorcounty.com/>

May 19-20 Automotion – Wisconsin Dells

Roll in to the hottest car show of the year. It's a fun-filled weekend on wheels where over 1,200 classic cars will be on display. Featuring rare antiques, vintage classics, a car corral for selling cars, swap meet and much more. Live entertainment and scrumptious food put the finishing touch on this classic show. 800-223-3557; www.wisdells.com

May 26-27 - Starlight Festival 2018 – Williams Bay

Reach for the stars and let your kids get hands-on with science and astronomy at this amazing STEM event. This fun learning opportunity provides music, art, science, and interaction with scientists. Celebrate George Ellery Hale's 150th Birthday Bash and take a look through the world's largest refracting telescope. 262-245-5555; starlightfestival.com

May 25-28 World's Largest Brat Fest – Madison

Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with a whole lotta fun (and brats) at the World's Largest Brat Fest in downtown Madison. Brat Fest brings the community together each Memorial Day weekend for four days of free music, fantastic food and family-friendly fun to help kick off the start of summer. Take part in the Brat Fest Bun Run, Brat Fest Memorial Bike Ride or play a little "Bratneyball," the fest version of volleyball. Don't forget to pick up a brat, or two or three, and relax under the stars at the fireworks show on Sunday night. 608-236-2031; www.bratfest.com

May 25 – Aug 19 Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks– Green Bay

Connect with nature in a whole new way as you marvel at Nature Connects: Art with LEGO Bricks exhibit by artist Sean Kenney. Visitors will encounter 12 larger-than-life sculptures inspired by nature and made from half a million LEGO bricks set within the Garden's lush landscapes. In addition to the sculpture display, special events include: a Build-tanical Challenge, a LEGO Movie Block Party and LEGO Robotics. 920-490-9457; www.gbbg.org

May 26 Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Day – Spooner –

Paddle on over to the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum for the canoe and wooden boat show, where exhibitors display all shapes, sizes and styles of canoes and boats. Get a tour of the museum, learn about the history and heritage of canoe building and check out the museum's 2018 exhibits. 715-635-2479; www.wisconsincanoeheritagemuseum.org

May 26-28 Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-Wow – Black River Falls –(Also Sept 1-3, 2018)

Head to Black River Falls for this celebration of community and thanks as the Ho-Chunk Nation welcomes visitors to its annual Memorial Day and Labor Day pow-wow weekends. Enjoy colorful displays of traditional dancing, drumming and hand-made crafts. 715-284-9343; www.ho-chunknation.com

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JUNE

1-3 Dairyfest – Marshfield

Say cheese and salute the dairy industry during three delectable days of dairy festivity. The annual Dairyfest includes the Cheese Chase 2K and 5K runs, the Mayor's Dairyfest Breakfast, arts & crafts vendors, a downtown Dairyfest parade and an old-fashioned picnic and movie in the park. 715-384-3454; www.marshfieldchamber.com

1-3 MotoAmerica Dunlop Championship – Road America

The fast and flowing 4-mile natural road course at Road America will serve as the theater of war as the MotoAmerica Series presents the Dunlop Championship at Road America featuring the Motul Superbike Doubleheader. One of the most exciting and challenging tracks on the MotoAmerica (AMA/FIM) calendar, this annual two-wheel celebration draws huge crowds for a weekend full of racing. Fan activities include on-site camping and open karting. N7390 State Highway 67 PH:800.365.7223 RoadAmerica.com

1-3 Spring Art Tour – Mount Horeb, Verona, Mazomanie, Black Earth, Cross Plains, Blue Mounds

Ride through the breathtaking driftless area on this self-guided tour. Tour art studios located in the countryside that are rarely open to the public. Spark your creativity by watching artists demonstrate and exhibit paintings, pottery, sculptures and more. 608-437-5914; www.mhaaa.org

June 1 – Jan 6, 2019 - Gridiron Glory: Best of Pro Football Hall of Fame Exhibition – Appleton

Celebrate your favorite football teams at the 6,000 square-foot Gridiron Glory exhibit. Featuring hundreds of artifacts from the Hall of Fame's collection, this interactive multimedia experience includes new material from NFL Films, immersive fan experiences and a specially-designed "Hometown Tribute" section to spotlight the local team. 920-735-9370; myhistorymuseum.org

June 2 Wright and Like 2018 – Spring Green

This Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin event features guided interior tours of private homes and public buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright and his contemporaries. Tour stops include the A.D. German Warehouse and the Wyoming Valley School as well as private homes designed by Herb Fritz Jr., Charles Montooth, James Pefferkorn, William Wesley Peters and Arthur Dyson. 608-287-0339; www.wrightinwisconsin.org

June 2-3 Carp Fest – Two Rivers

It's good old-fashioned fishing fun at Carp Fest in Two Rivers, with world-class anglers competing for the title of Wisconsin State Carp Champion and for a position on Team USA at the World Carp Championship. Enjoy the live music, food and refreshments throughout the weekend. New for 2018, a cornhole tournament. 920-973-0761; www.trba.info

June 2-3 Outta Sight Kite Flight – Kenosha

Colorful kites will fill the sky above Kennedy Park for this annual event. This year, this free family event will feature a giant whale kite more than 100 feet long. Presented by the City of Kenosha, the Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois, Gift of Wings, and more. 414-305-3145; www.giftofwings.com

June 2-3 State Parks 4-Pack of Fun – Statewide

This is the perfect weekend to try new outdoor activities or return to one you haven't done in a long time. All Wisconsin state parks offer free admission and anglers can enjoy free fishing statewide without a trout stamp or license. Hit one of Wisconsin's 42 breathtaking trails for free hiking and ATV access. 888-936-7463; dnr.wi.gov

June 8-10 Door County Lighthouse Festival – Sturgeon Bay

The Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival includes boat excursions and guided land-based tours to all 11 historic Door County lighthouses. This much-anticipated festival gives visitors access to lighthouses that aren't typically open to the public, including Chambers Island, Plum Island and Sherwood Point lighthouses. 920-743-5958; www.dcm.org

June 8-10 Vintage MotoFest at Road America- Elkhart Lake

The Vintage MotoFest featuring the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) is dedicated to preserving the heritage of racing motorcycles and promotes this heritage through events at legendary race circuits. Road America is a track favorite of competitive vintage riders because of its four-mile layout including, high-speed straights, multiple turns and undulating terrain. The highlight of the weekend is the 15th annual Rockerbox® motorcycle show, which is widely known as the premier Wisconsin motorcycle show and party featuring an eclectic mix of Euro, Japanese and American vintage café racers, choppers, sport bikes, racing machines, supermotos, scooters, and sidecars. All makes and models are welcome and you will find a mash of motorcycles competing for space alongside dealers and vendors of all things motorcycling. The ride-in motorcycle show and competition on Saturday includes entrants from all over the country in competitive award classes showcasing the greatest in classic style, fresh customization and all that is unusual and incredible. Meanwhile, the grounds are packed with local and national vendors, live music, food, refreshments, a microbrew tasting, arm wrestling tournament, touring of the 4-mile road course, stunt shows, and of course a slow speed evening sunset cruise of the road course. Friday, Saturday and Sunday the on-track activities feature vintage racing motorcycles from the 1920s to the early 70s and vintage superbikes from the 70s and 80s from AHRMA. Plus there will be superbike races from Superbikers2. Check the event schedule for races and times. N7390 State Highway 67 PH:800.365.7223 RoadAmerica.com

June 8-10 PrideFest – Milwaukee

Celebrate diversity at one of the largest LGBT+ festivals in the nation. 37,000 guests and a dynamic line up of local and national music and entertainment acts, including comedian Fortune Feimster. Wraps up with the Milwaukee Pride Parade. 414-272-3378; www.pridefest.com

June 8-10 Walleye Weekend – Fond du Lac

Each year Walleye Weekend reels in over 70,000 visitors for three days of fishing tournaments, music and fun. Check out all the angler action at the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament. Enjoy tons of family-friendly activities, live music and the exciting Pier Pups Canine Dock Jumping Competition. 920-923-6555; www.walleyeweekend.com

June 8-10 Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo – Merrill

Bareback riding, steer wrestling, women's barrel racing and bull riding, it's easy to see why the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo has been voted the Best Medium Size Rodeo several times over. Other events include a children's boot scramble, an antique tractor pull, live music and dances following the Friday and Saturday performances. 715.536.9474; www.wrpr.rodeo

June 9 - Beer, Bacon, Cheese – New Glarus This Wisconsin trifecta is sure to tempt your taste buds. Stroll through the streets of New Glarus for samples of craft beer from local breweries as well as specialty meats and artisan cheeses with some of the greatest flavors known to man. 800-527-6838; www.swisstown.com

June 9- Roofing of the Goats Parade – Sister Bay

At this uniquely Door County parade, all goats are invited to participate! Goat costumes, goatees, Viking hats, and other creative endeavors are encouraged. The parade will finish with the first 'Roofing of the Goats' of the season at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant. Stay for the Swedish pancake eating contest, live music, and games and crafts for kids. 920-854-2812; www.cometosisterbay.com

June 10 Blessing of the Fleet – Bayfield

History comes to life with the traditional Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 1pm, as commercial fishing boats, tugs, powerboats, sailboats, excursion crafts, kayaks and rowboats parade through Bayfield's City Harbor. As they pass by the tip of the pier, clergy from the Apostle Islands community grant each vessel a blessing for safe passage and a prosperous season on Lake Superior. <https://tinyurl.com/bayfieldblessing> PH:715-779-3335

JUNE 14 - Blue Ox Music Festival – Eau Claire –

Put on your dancing shoes and head to Eau Claire! The Blue Ox Music Festival features a lineup of the finest acoustic groups touring the nation, and offers a weekend of entertainment appealing to both family concert goers and festival fans. With household names of both traditional bluegrass acts and the top modern string band music, the whole weekend will be an event to remember. 715-839-7500; www.blueoxmusicfestival.com

June 14-17 SCCA June Sprints Weekend – Road America – Elkhart Lake

Everything from showroom stock to highly modified purpose-built race cars from nine race groups are scheduled to fill four days of practice, qualifying and racing at this year's WeatherTech® Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints®. With Road America's park-like setting, trackside viewing, up-close access to drivers and teams, and legendary cuisine appealing to drivers and fans alike, it's no wonder the June Sprints® remains one of the nation's premier amateur sports car racing events. N7390 State Highway 67 PH:800.365.7223 RoadAmerica.com

June 15-16 Monroe Balloon and Blues Fest – Monroe

The Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival is a great way to watch air balloons floating across the gorgeous green landscape of Green County Wisconsin. Watch air balloon launches and enjoy outstanding food, beer, and shopping opportunities all while listening to some of the best Blues bands around. 608-214-3852; www.monroeballoonrally.com

June 15-17 The Energy Fair – Custer

Presented by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, this fair is the nation's longest running renewable energy event. Be one of more than 13,000 attendees to learn about clean energy and sustainability through workshops, exhibitors and inspirational keynote speakers. 715-592-6595; www.theenergyfair.org

June 15-17 Lakefront Festival of the Arts – Milwaukee

Visit with more than 170 jury-selected artists displaying jewelry, paintings, ceramics, metalwork, and photography. With a Children's Area, live music, wine garden and beer garden, silent art auction, sculpture garden, and a variety of food offerings. 414-224-3200; www.lfoa.mam.org

June 16 - Brews and Blues – Lancaster

Get ready for good beats and eats on US Highway 61, the Blues Highway. Sip microbrews, local wines and listen to original blues music from the Madtown Mannish Boys and the main show, The Chris O'Leary Band. 608-723-2820; www.brewsandblueswi.com

June 21-24 – Verizon IndyCar Series KOHLER Grand Prix –Road America -Elkhart Lake

The Verizon IndyCar Series KOHLER Grand Prix takes center stage as an international lineup of drivers will battle it on one of the world's most majestic road courses. They will be joined by the Pirelli World Challenge featuring many of the world's top sports cars and drivers. The Mazda Road to Indy Presented by Cooper Tires will also be in action with doubleheader rounds for Indy Lights, Pro Mazda, and USF2000. Mazda Road to Indy develops the stars of tomorrow with 14 drivers on the Verizon IndyCar Series grid as graduates. N7390 State Highway 67 PH:800.365.7223 RoadAmerica.com

June 21-23 Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck & Tractor Pull – Tomah It's rip, roarin' fun at this competition featuring some of the largest, high-octane truck and tractors you've ever seen! Check out one of the five fabulous shows on one of two pull tracks. Don't forget to stop by the flea market, arts and crafts show, and the commercial vendor exhibits. 608-372-2081; www.tomahtractorpull.com

June 22-23 Ellsworth Cheese Curd Festival – Ellsworth

Head to the "Cheese Curd Capital of Wisconsin" for deep fried cheese curds, cheese curd-influenced dishes, the hilarious cheese curd eating contest, live music and a classic car show. Work off all that cheese with the Cheese Curd 10K and 5K Run or stay later for the beer, wine and cider tasting. 715-273-6442; www.ellsworthchamber.com

June 22-24 Greek Fest – West Allis

Opa! Come celebrate the best of Greece with a weekend full of Greek-style fun. Munch on a wide variety of authentic foods, like Greek chicken, baklava and the crowd-pleasing gyros. Shop for imported gifts at the Greek Market or take a break and see live Greek music and dancing. 414-461-9400; www.annunciationwi.org

June 22-24 Musky Festival – Hayward

Visit Wisconsin's Northwoods for this community-driven fishing tradition. Hayward's largest festival starts off with the Musky Run/Walk or the Minnow Run for children under 12-years-old. Take part in the catch and release fishing contest, sidewalk sales and live music. Wrap up the weekend with the grand parade featuring the Musky Festival Queen. 715-634-8662; www.muskyfest.com

June 22-24 PGA Champions Tour: American Family Insurance Championship – Madison

Last year's event brought out more than 65,000 golf fans. This year, Wisconsin-native Steve Stricker returns to host. Featuring an 81-player field competing for a \$2 million purse, all proceeds will go to the Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation and American Family Hospital. 608-242-4100 ex. 21755; www.amfamchampionship.com

June 23 Uncork Summer – Ellison Bay

Kickoff summer with great food, wine, music and lots of fun at the fifth annual Door County season opener. Sample Door County's best eats and get your groove on with Door County's finest mid-century jazz musicians. 920-854-3305; www.uncorksummer.com

June 27-July 1 and July 3-8 Summerfest – Milwaukee

The World's Largest Music Festival is back with a musical line-up that's bigger and better than ever. This year's fest welcomes over 1,000 musical acts, including Imagine Dragons, Dave Matthews Band, Blake Shelton and more. 414-273-2680; www.summerfest.com

June 29-July 1 Oneida Pow-Wow – Oneida – June 29-July 1, 2018

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

BEFORE YOU GO: Avoid disappointment. Always check for schedule changes before heading to events. For more events- good sources: www.Wisconline.com, www.TravelWisconsin.com or <http://hwy23events.wordpress.com>