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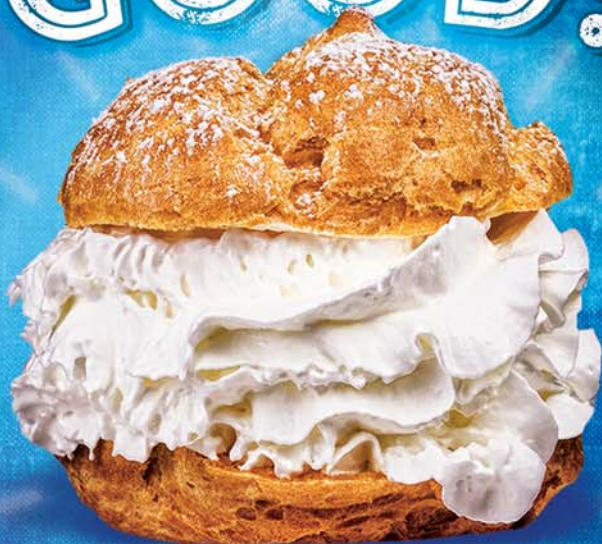
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2220 N. Terrace Ave; 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monday

Musical Mondays. July 7-August 25
Lake Park Summer Stage
2975 North Lake Park Road; 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Chill on the Hill. June 3-August 26
Humboldt Park
3000 South Howell Avenue; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Kosciuszko Park. August 5
Community Center
2201 South 7th Street; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Columbus Park. July 23
7301 W. Courtland Avenue; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Westtown Association River Rhythms
June 11-August 27
Pere Marquette Park
900 N. Plankinton Ave; 6:30pm – 9pm

Waterfront Wednesdays
June 4 – August 27
Lakefront Park
222 West Wisconsin Avenue,
Pewaukee; 6-9 p.m.

Wednesdays at the Shell
July 2 – August 27
Washington Park
1850 N. 40th Street; 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Live
June 4 – August 27
Budweiser Pavillion
State Fair Park; 7:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays. July 2-30
Lake Park Summer Stage
2975 North Lake Park Road; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Concerts in the Garden.
June 12 – August 28
Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Drive; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gordon Park. June 26
2828 North Humboldt Dr. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jackson Park. August 7-28
Picnic Area 2
3500 West Forest Home Ave.
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jazz in the Park. June 5-Sept 4
Cathedral Square Park
520 East Wells St; 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Lindbergh Park. July 10
3629 South 16th Street; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mitchell Boulevard Park.
June 19, July 17
5115 W. Bluemound Rd; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Open Mic on M.I.K.E.
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June 19-August 14. John
Michael Kohler Arts Center.
5:00–7:30 p.m.

Summer Arts in the Park
June 26 – August 21
WI Lutheran College; 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Johnson Park. July 18
1919 W. Fond du Lac Avenue;
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Starry Nights. June 20-August 1
Wilson Center Gerlach Outdoor
Theater
19805 W. Capitol Drive; 6:30 p.m.

Summer Kaleidoscope Music
Series – June 20, July 11, Aug 8
Congregation Shalom
7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd; 8pm

FROM THE PUBLISHERS

SUMMER! 2014

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the blue sky, is by no means waste of time.

~John Lubbock, "Recreation," The Use of Life, 1894



Up with the birds and the sun at 5:30. Sale at the garden center, so after a quick scan of the backyard, I coax Amara out of bed with the promise of a ride in the convertible. Long lines, no wave petunias left and a cranky lady yelling at me - for my driving of all things! We'll plant another day. Hit a rummage sale and bought two cool rings for \$5. Dan the Handyman is helping Tom on backyard projects. Lemonade. Lunch. Afternoon sweat equity. Hot flash! Amara pulls the hose out and it's a free for all with the ice cold spray. Cuda joins in so it's a wet dog too! Towels, showers. Dinner on the patio. Fresh asparagus from the garden and

salmon on the grill. Making plans for beaches and barbecues. Frogs chirping in the pond. Beautiful sunset. Summer pajamas and crickets. It was a perfect day.

And so the season of weather-worship begins in Wisconsin! Everyone seems to be happier during the summertime. Neighbors come out to play, beers and stories are swapped. Friends visit from out of town during our re-known festivals. You find the perfect little quiet nook on the patio where you can disappear behind the blooms and blossoms. Or maybe it's staying afloat on Class III rapids during a canoe adventure. Whatever it is, *it* is HAPPINESS!

Tom and I and Amara will be doing all the above this summer and more - emphasis on the 'more'. Why not? This could be the best-ever summer of our lives! And what about you? Now is the time to live well, be happy and healthy, enjoy the moment and every breath you take! Our Summer issue has a plethora of articles to encourage you to do just that.

Our publishing schedule breaks now until our September issue, but we'll be working hard (a little bit at least) and gearing up for a new year with lots of ideas and surprises! *I hope this is truly the best summer of your life!*

Always remember to Celebrate Life!

Sandy and Tom Draelos

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June 1-15

Handmade for Hard Times: The Milwaukee Handicraft Project Museum of Wisconsin Art

June 1-19

Arts/Industry: Collaboration and Revelation
John Michael Kohler Arts Center

June 1-22

Coalition of Photographic Arts: The People in Your Neighborhood Museum of Wisconsin Art

June 1-August 10

Jews Who Rock: A Music History Tour Exhibit
Jewish Museum Milwaukee

June 1-September 1

Beyond the Veil
Milwaukee Public Museum

June 1-June 27

Forward 2014: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now
Charles Allis Art Museum

June 1 – August 31

S/V Denis Sullivan Sunday Dinner Seafood Sails
Discovery World

June 1-August 3

Victorian High Tea
Schuster Mansion Bed & Breakfast

June 2-27

Bingo in the Afternoon at Potawatomi
Potawatomi Bingo Casino

June 3-August 31

Early Morning Bird Walks
Urban Ecology Center – Menomonee Valley

June 5 – August 2

Old World 3rd St/Foods of Milwaukee Walking Food Tour
Milwaukee, WI

June 5-August 7

Thursday Night Wine Cellar Sessions
Tuscan Hall Banquet Center

June 5-August 28

Bike Night - Thursdays
Harley-Davidson Museum

June 6 – August 31

Village of Wauwatosa Walking Food Tour
Village of Wauwatosa

June 7

Scottish Fest/Milwaukee Highland Games
Hart Park, Wauwatosa

June 7-8

St. Robert Fair
St. Robert Parish, Shorewood

June 11

Talent 414
Miramar Theatre

June 13

Flag Day Celebration
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

June 13

Brew City Bully Club Color Crawl
Hart Park

June 13-14

MAM After Dark: Blue Rider
Milwaukee Art Museum

June 13-14

Polish Fest
Maier Festival Park

June 14

Summerfest Rock 'n Sole Run
Henry Maier Festival Park

June 14

Treasures of Oz
Forest Beach Migratory Preserve, Ozaukee County

June 14

Door County Beer Festival
Baileys Harbor Town Hall Park

June 14

Milwaukee Beer Lovers Festival
Bayshore Town Centre

June 20-22

Annual Greek Fest
State Fair Park

June 20-22

2014 Lakefront Festival of Art
Milwaukee Art Museum

June 21

Summer Soulstice Music Festival
Milwaukee's East Side

June 21

Midsummer Magic
Old World Wisconsin

June 21-22

Milwaukee Air and Water Show
Bradford – McKinley Beach

June 22 (12pm)

Make Your Own Rain Barrel
Lakefront Brewery, Inc

June 24

Kids from Wisconsin Premier Show
Wisconsin Lutheran College

June 25-July 6

Summerfest
Summerfest Grounds

June 28 (6pm)

Zoo Ball
Milwaukee County Zoo

June 28

Big Berry Run for the Kids
Cedar Creek Park, Cedarburg

June 28-29

Cedarburg Strawberry Festival
Downtown Historic Cedarburg

July 3 (11am)

Fireworks Kite Festival
Milwaukee's Veterans Park

July 3

Downtown Milwaukee Fireworks
Milwaukee Lakefront

July 3

Milwaukee Art Museum Free Admission
Milwaukee Art Museum

July 8 (7pm)

Shanghai Deliverance: A Holocaust Survival Story
Jewish Museum Milwaukee

July 10-13

33rd Annual Bastille Days
Cathedral Square Park, Milwaukee

July 11-12

Gathering on the Green
Rotary Park, Mequon

July 12 (9am)

Cedarburg Garden Walk
Cedarburg Visitor Center

July 13

Maxwell Street Days
Cedarburg Fireman's Park

July 14

Drive for a Cure Golf Event
Westmoor Country Club

July 16 (8pm)

Rita Rudner and Louie Anderson at Potawatomi
Northern Lights Theater

July 18

Wheels and Heels 2014 5K
Henry Maier Festival Park

July 18-20

4th Annual Hot Air Balloon Fest
Evergreen Elementary School, Waterford

July 18-20

Festa Italian 2014
Henry Maier Festival Park

July 19 (4pm)

Firkin Beer Fest, 2014
Cathedral Square Park

July 19

Port Fish Day
Port Washington

July 22-27

Washington County Fair
Washington County Fair Park

July 23-August 3

Phantom of the Opera
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

July 25-27

German Fest
Henry Maier Festival Park

July 26

Brady Street Festival
Farwell to Van Buren Streets

July 26

Milwaukee Brewfest
McKinley Park



Summer CALENDAR

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A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent

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- **August 15:** Let's Fall In Love: Alison Forbes & Brian Myers
- **September 19:** Musical - The Dreamer: The Story of Joseph & the Living God
- **October 17:** Polka Band - The Squeezettes
- **November 21:** Milwaukee High School of the Arts Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- **December 19:** Christmas Sing-a-Long

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| June 5 | Our House | June 13 | Bobby Way |
| June 19 | Piano Brew | June 27 | Groovy |
| July 17 | Community Band (Indoor Concert) | July 11 | Roger Boll |
| July 31 | Main Street Song & Dance | July 25 | Sorry We're Open |
| Aug 14 | Scotch & Soda | Aug 8 | Sherwood Alper & Jeff Stoll |
| Aug 28 | Tom Anthony | Aug 22 | Kevin Kennedy |

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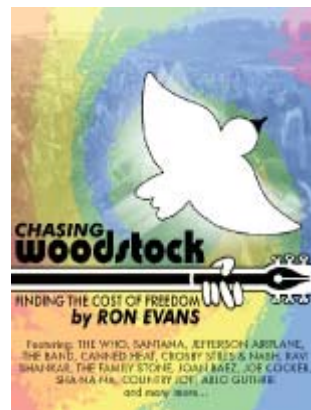
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Chasing Woodstock

I didn't go to Woodstock. Word of the big party had made its way to my home in Connecticut, where I, like so many of my generation was being kept alive by music, the harbinger of adventure, the connective thread that linked me to like-minded kids coast to coast.. As the weekend ensued and news of the goings-on at Max Yasgur's farm filtered through my requisite obligations – the party on the jammed highway; stories of wild naked dancing; drugs, of course, psychedelics; and the music – I wished some more, then put my wishes away. I'd told my parents I would stay home and work so I stayed home and worked. The weekend rolled away.

North of Woodstock, New York, my parents were making their way back from Canada, when they stopped to gas up in Lake George....

They'd been seeing the painted vans, the painted children in tie-dye and flowers, making their own way home, traveling the road. There at the gas station was another gaggle of long-haired, blissed-out kids. They were out of gas and out of money. My parents, true to their nature, gave them \$5.00

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The SUMMER of the FORT

Summer for me opens a wonderful window to my past and memories of innocent days pour into my consciousness like the Columbia hell-bent for the Pacific, filling me to overflowing with Billy, and Johnny and Denny, and the summer of the fort.

By Bill Malloy

Maple Street is a dirt road filled with potholes and my friends and I are children of this street. We belong to the neighborhood and it to us, and telling us otherwise will disrupt the order of our universe. It is a universe of smells, of pine and tar and wet hot streets, and sounds of buzzing and whirring and screen doors slamming. It is cowboys and Indians and war, and dirt clod fights, and sometimes fist fights that are settled with a handshake.

There are houses on this street, symbols to remind us of our parents who exist just across the boundaries of innocence and fantasy, like in a Peanuts comic strip. They cross over from time to time, to punish or yell or take us to the lake in a station wagon with wooden sides and the head of an Indian on the hood.

Parents and houses are mostly barriers to slow us down from getting to where we really want to be. Outside. Alleys are highways, fences are guardrails, side streets and vacant lots are meeting places to decide where we go and with who. Bicycles, scooters, go-carts and feet with shoes and no shoes provide transportation. This is the cosmos of innocence and fantasy. The rules and laws are timeless and worldly, and we do not doubt that children from all places everywhere there can possibly be, do what we do.

And so, we will build a fort. It will be a safe and secure place to talk and sleep and dream and plan and plot and hide out in.

We will build it in my yard, because we have a double lot with a little hill and a tree right on the corner, by the grass and an

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Today's Short Reading from the Bible...

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth."

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Bigfoot Reports & Hotspots ... in Wisconsin??!!

"I do think there is a squatch in these woods. . . ."

By Mark Crawford
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This is the signature line to "Finding Bigfoot" on Animal Planet. The immense popularity of this program reflects a nationwide fascination with the possibility that elusive "sasquatches" or "bigfoots" exist in the wilds of America.

Recent episodes have featured northern Minnesota and the Menominee area of Michigan. If these creatures really do exist, there's no reason why Wisconsin shouldn't have some. A quick check of the Bigfoot Research Organization's (BFRO) Wisconsin chapter "proves" this is the case—73 sightings have been made here since the 1970s.

Spending time in the Northwoods is always relaxing, but if you are looking for a little more adventure, or even the tale of a lifetime, consider exploring one of the following bigfoot "hotspots" to improve your chances of a face-to-face encounter (or, at the very least, having your tent pelted with rocks in the middle of the night by an angry eight-foot-tall primate.)

Marinette County Bigfoot Hotspots

According to the BFRO, five bigfoot sightings have been reported in Marinette County. The most recent was in April 2013, when a retired police officer witnessed a bigfoot crossing a highway near Pembine. Other sightings have been reported northwest of Crivitz in a large expanse of wetlands and hardwood forest. Good camping spots in this area are McClintock County Park and Goodman County Park. Guaranteed highlights are McClintock Falls, Big South Falls, and Strong Falls. If you'd prefer to look for bigfoots from the safety of a boat, book passage on Peshtigo River Tours' Peshtigo Princess along the High Falls Flowage—definitely "squatchy" terrain, as BFRO president Matt Moneymaker would say.

Bigfoot Hotspots: Price, Vilas, and Oneida Counties

Combined, these three counties have 16 reported bigfoot sightings and represent over 3,000 square miles of Northwoods forest. The most recent sighting in Vilas County was in December 2013 when a property owner found compelling footprints in deep snow at Black Oak Lake, just west of Land O'Lakes.

Bent's Camp Resort and Lodge, located on Mamie Lake a few miles west of Black Oak Lake, is a good location for a base camp. Just north of the resort is the vast wilderness of the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan. Campsites are available in nearby Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, which protects the headwaters of the Wisconsin, Flambeau, and Manitowish rivers. This region offers a variety of trails that provide not only spectacular views of wilderness, but plenty of bends—around which there might be a hairy surprise.

In adjacent Oneida County, sightings have been reported near Woodruff, Enterprise, and the Willow Flowage—an ideal habitat with deep woods, vast wetlands, and plenty of hiding spots. Remote campsites are plentiful along the shorelines and islands. More civilized quarters can be rented at the Willow Wood Lodge. Even if you don't see a bigfoot, chances are you'll catch lots of tasty walleye.

The hotspot in Price County is Lugerville on the Flambeau River which is surrounded by forest and large tracts of wetlands. One witness provided what Moneymaker calls the first thermal footage of a sasquatch ever recorded. "Though its quality will not stand on its own to convince the world, this does not change its authenticity, and thus its importance," said Moneymaker. To explore this area, try Sailor Lake Campground, which also offers 70 miles of trails, as well as outstanding fishing for northern pike and panfish.

If you're lucky, maybe you'll run into the bigfoot that brings "Animal Planet" to Wisconsin—just be sure to have your camera!



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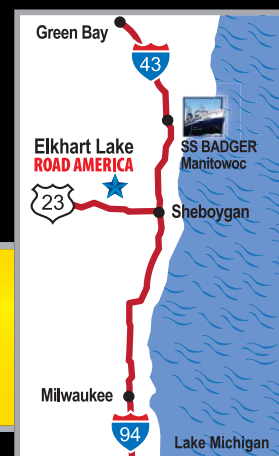
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Just a decade ago most of us wouldn't have dreamed we'd live to see driverless cars whisking people around, but things are changing fast and analysts now think they will be common by 2020 and account for the majority of cars on the road by 2040. And with Google's recent unveiling of its latest prototype—complete with no pedals or steering wheel—the future is indeed closer than we ever imagined.

What are the implications of the so-called “driverless car” that Google and others are working on right now?

Proponents argue that driverless cars—also called “autonomous cars”—are inherently more sustainable than their manned counterparts. For one, they say, once they are widely available many of us will forego owning our own cars in favor of car-sharing, whereby the autonomous vehicle comes to you, charged and ready to go, as needed. Thus the result could be far fewer cars on the road than today. According to Steve Gutmann of the Seattle-based sustainability think tank Sightline Institute, such a car-sharing scenario would also obviate the need for many parking spaces. Today the typical private car spends upwards of 90 percent of its time parked. Once we have more driverless cars, we'll need far fewer parking spaces, leading to less land being paved and reducing storm water runoff and heat island effects accordingly.

The networked brains of these vehicles will also reduce inefficient routes and decrease overall driving time, leading to better air quality and lower carbon emissions. Also, the increased safety of driverless vehicles—they obey speed limits, can sense people, bikes and other cars coming toward them, and accelerate and brake much more gradually than human drivers—will mean that the cars can be lighter and require far fewer resources in manufacturing, reducing their overall environmental impact even further.

On the flip side, the advent of driverless cars means that many of us now not able to drive because of age or physical handicaps will be able to use these cars to get around, potentially leading to an increase in the number of cars on the road. And Chandra Bhat of the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas points out that just because a car is driverless doesn't mean we'll want it to be smaller, lighter and more fuel efficient. He fears that driverless cars will engender a return to larger vehicles because people will want “more comfortable space” when they are free to stretch out, relax, read, videochat, text or even nap during their trips. He adds that driverless cars could lead to more urban sprawl as car commuting becomes more tolerable without the hassle of actually driving.

Bhat also wonders what will become of the public transit systems we've invested so heavily in if driverless cars offer the same advantages—using the time en route to do whatever one pleases—with the added benefit of privacy and route/timing flexibility.

Today four U.S. states—Nevada, Florida, California and Michigan—allow driverless cars on their public roads for the purpose of testing; several other states are considering similar allowances. Likewise, in 2013 the United Kingdom began allowing the testing of driverless cars on its public roadways. Besides Google, several leading automakers and other companies have developed their own prototypes. Car enthusiasts can expect to see such examples from the likes of Mercedes-Benz, General Motors, Nissan, Toyota, Audi, Volvo, Tesla and others at auto shows over the next few years, and can look forward to getting “behind the wheel” of one within a decade. Whatever happens, it certainly is going to be quite a ride.

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For close to a decade, the LPGA Futures Tour made Wisconsin a regular tour stop. **Naga-Waukee Golf Course** in Delafield was the original location in the 1990s. **Ironwood Golf Course** in Sussex was the longest host for five years. For three years, the Arnold Palmer golf course at Geneva National was the place to be for up-and-coming LPGA professionals until 2008.

Men's professional golf tournaments were largely played at country clubs until the Greater Milwaukee Open moved to **Brown Deer Park** in 1994. Best remembered as the course where Tiger Woods made his professional debut in 1996, (finishing 60th and winning \$2,554, with a Sunday hole-in-one on #14) many of the game's top PGA Tour pros found their way to Milwaukee.

No Wisconsin golfing bucket list can be complete without a trip to Kohler. **Whistling Straits** and **Blackwolf Run** have hosted five golf majors so far with two more scheduled.

Blackwolf Run landed the Women's US Open in 1998 and 2012. The Opens used the best holes from both Blackwolf courses so you can claim a US Open experience by playing either one.

The men teed it up in the 2004 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits. The Mens Senior US Open was there in 2007, a second PGA in 2010 and a third will be played at Straits in 2015. Kohler's crowning golf event will be the Ryder Cup competition between the US and Europe in 2020.

It's hard to compare Kohler to the natural beauty of **Erin Hills**, home of the 2017 US Open. Whistling Straits was created from the ground up as Pete Dye painted his canvas. Erin Hills was molded from a landscape left behind by glaciers. Straits is a miracle of engineering. Erin Hills is defined as what was done what was what left to nature.

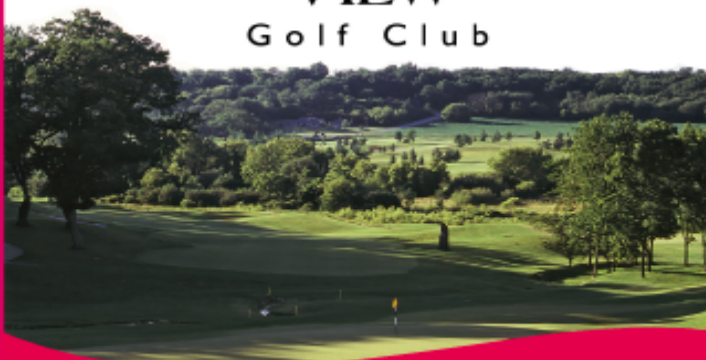
Erin Hills already has a unique chapter in its history having hosted the 2011 US Amateur. The 2017 Open will be a defining challenge with tees stretching to 7,812 yards. Bragging rights as it will play some twenty-two yards longer than Whistling Straits.

Dallas Cowboys quarterback, and Wisconsin native, Tony Romo has been teeing it up in a Janesville amateur tournament the last few years. The Ray Fischer at **Riverside Golf Course** is open to everyone and counts PGA Tour veterans Steve Stricker and Skip Kendall as past champions.

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First built to carry troops and supplies from ship to shore during World War II, today's Ducks are a unique way to see the beautiful scenery in and around the Wisconsin River. The whole family can load up together. From the Duck Dock, the lumbering craft sets out on a one-hour, 8½-mile journey through the quiet side of the Dells. Away from the hubbub of the area's man-made amusements, the seven-ton Duck winds its way through lush woods, meanders into shaded canyons and charges to the tops of bluffs overlooking the Wisconsin River for great views and picture-perfect snapshots.

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While an Original Wisconsin Ducks tour is all about providing fun, keeping this fleet in tip-top shape is also serious business. At nearly 70 years old, the operation has built a stellar reputation for safety and maintenance of the authentic military craft. The crew responsible for the fleet's upkeep has an impressive 170 combined years of experience working on the rare amphibious vehicles.

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Today the only battles waged regarding Ducks, are by eager passengers who seek the coveted co-pilot's seat at the front of an Original Wisconsin Duck. Vacationers laud the Ducks as a favorite; a nostalgic ride for many and an awesome example of how technology in the past helped our country gain advantage during the war effort. That's a big part of why Original Wisconsin Ducks works hard to maintain the legacy of these distinctive amphibious vehicles.

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"There are many good reasons to eat locally produced foods, the first among them that they're very good for us."

So says cardiologist and professional chef Michael S. Fenster, MD, (www.whatscookingwithdoc.com).

"There's a direct relationship between our food, our environment, our genetics and our health. Eating locally grown foods gives us our most nutritious meals, most flavorful meals.

He offers four more reasons to go local:

Money: Eating organically, eating fresh and finding the seasonal local foodstuffs can be expensive – if you do all your shopping at the supermarket, Dr. Mike says. Finding healthful produce at venues like a local farmer's market can result in prices that are at least comparable, if not substantially less than, those at the megamarket, which has the additional costs of shipping from the nether regions.

Likewise, visiting a local fishmonger can result in tasty bargains compared to flash-frozen fish flesh. Shopping for what is bountifully in season, and thus locally overstocked, can mean big savings.

"Finally, by purchasing items produced locally, your money strengthens the local economy and helps sustain the people producing the types of food stuffs that you wish to sustain yourself upon," he says. "That is the smiley face circle of life."

Freshness: In some ways, it's amazing we're alive considering all the food we eat that's dead, Dr. Mike says, noting almost 60 percent of the modern Western diet is prepackaged, preserved and processed.

"Any time we manipulate our comestibles in such a fashion, we add compounds that are not naturally found in them or remove parts that are," he says. "Those pre-cut vegetables in the supermarket may be convenient, but they started losing nutritional value and flavor as soon as they were sliced and diced."

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Rhythms: Our great hairy ancestors have always been omnivores.

"There is ample evidence that the reason we as a species became the smartest kids on the block is that we took advantage of a varied diet. This hardwired drive for diversity in dining is also one reason why restrictive diets that seek to severely limit what we consume almost always, ultimately fail," Dr. Mike says.

By leveraging the seasonal and cyclic variations that naturally occur, your palate will never become dull and monochromatic, he promises. A pleasant dining experience directly lights up our primal happy-happy joy-joy place, an experience that contributes directly to overall well-being.

Sustainability: All the reasons for purchasing high-quality ingredients locally ultimately circle back and rest upon the concept of sustainability. In knowing where your food comes from, in being able to ascertain both what it contains and what it does not contain, you take a proactive step in determining your own health and wellness, Dr. Mike says.

By focusing on procuring the best for you and those who depend upon you, you act to sustain yourself and your family. By affecting such a posture, you deliver local impact.

"With enough people acting locally, the impact becomes regional and if enough people demand control over their foodstuffs then, like a crazy cat video gone viral, it can have a global effect."

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Dear EarthTalk: What would you consider to be the key areas we need to improve to make our food safer for our health and easier on our environment?

Although we have come a long way in recent years with regard to the safety and sustainability of our food supply, we still have a long way to go. Toxic pesticides are still used on the vast majority of U.S. grown crops, while other hormone-disrupting chemicals are omnipresent in our food packaging. And excessive use of antibiotics in animal agriculture threatens to render many human drugs ineffective. Environmental leaders would like to see the federal government step up and institute regulations banning such substances in our food supply, but for now it’s still up to individual consumers to make the right choices.

Fruits and vegetables grown on conventional (not organic) farms make up some 96 percent of the produce we eat—and expose us to many pesticides. Two of the most toxic, chlorpyrifos and DDT, are quite common: 93 percent of Americans carry trace amounts of the former in their bloodstreams, while 99 percent of us have DDT residue coursing through our veins. Health experts are even more concerned about what they are doing to our kids. The non-profit Pesticide Action Network of North America (PANNA) points to recent studies showing that children

with high pesticide exposures in the womb are at increased risk of being born with birth defects and are more likely to encounter developmental delays, ADHD and autism spectrum disorders.

A related issue is the hormone-disrupting bisphenol-A (BPA) in our food supply as a result of its widespread use in the lining of cans and other food and drink containers. “Nearly every person in America has some BPA in his or her body,” reports the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading green group. “And yet, this food-packaging chemical may cause problems in developing fetuses, infants and children by altering behavior and increasing the risk of prostate cancer, as a government report concluded nearly two years ago.” Other studies have shown links between BPA and a variety of human health problems including erectile dysfunction, breast cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

Another big hurdle to a safer, greener food system is our increasing reliance on antibiotics to fight bacterial infections in livestock. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has known since the 1970s that feeding

large amounts of antibiotics to healthy livestock breeds antibiotic resistant bacteria, which can in turn render many of the antibiotics used for humans ineffective. In fact, antibiotic resistant infections are already killing 23,000 Americans each year. A 2012 FDA policy change calls on livestock producers to refrain from using antibiotics to boost growth rates for pigs, cows, sheep and chickens, but it remains to be seen if the industry will toe the line or use loopholes to keep up the steady stream of antibiotics.

PANNA is one of many voices demanding an overhaul of how the FDA regulates our food supply. “We all want to believe that government agencies are protecting us and our food supply from chemical contaminants—but they are not,” reports the group. The group would like to see the U.S. trade-in its policy that treats chemicals as “innocent until proven guilty”.

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August 14-17
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August 14-17
Milwaukee A La Carte
Milwaukee County Zoo

Wine Cruise
August 15 (4:30pm)
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August 15-17
Milwaukee Domes Art Festival
Mitchell Park Horticultural
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August 16-17
Milwaukee IndyFest
Milwaukee Mile at State Fair Park
August 21 (6-10pm)
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August 22-24
Mexican Fiesta
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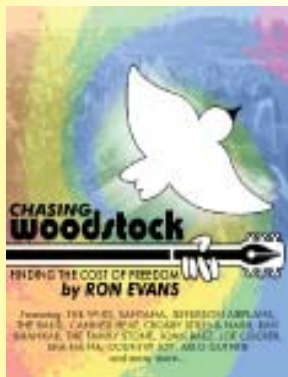
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Chasing Woodstock

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enough to fill their tank (remember when gas cost .35 cents a gallon) and told them about their son back home who had wished he had gone but had elected to stay home and work. Just as they were pulling out of the station, one of the kids, a girl with whom my mother had made fast friends, jumped into the back of the van, grabbed something, then ran after my folks. "Here, give this to your son," she said.

What she held was a treasure, although she did not know it at the time. It was the official Woodstock program, a gem of art, photography and graphics that highlighted all of the planned performers. Few people attending the concert ever saw it. The delivery truck bearing boxes of these programs of vehicles that got stuck in the monumental traffic jam along the Interstate, a jam caused by the sea of kids who didn't stay home but took the road toward ecstasy or misery, depending on their version of that memorable weekend. The programs finally arrived late Sunday evening, near the end of the concert; with few exceptions, the boxes got dumped in the biblical mud that Woodstock attendees still talk about, mud that ruined most of the volumes.

Thus began my quest. I've been chasing that legendary event for 45 years, chasing the dream of a shared planet, a less materialistic lifestyle, the love message – all that and more, armed with the official Woodstock program my parents gave me upon their return. I may have missed Woodstock but in the intervening years, I have met and shared stories with most of the artists who were there. With my treasured program as my passport, I have journeyed from concert to private home to radio station and beyond, accompanied by my official photographer and beautiful wife, Linda, showing the program to the artists who are presented so vividly on its pages – most of whom did not know it existed – gathering their stories and autographs.

Come with me, my fellow adventurer, as I tell you of my travels back to what I missed and my journey forward, a journey of innocence lost and renewed hope.



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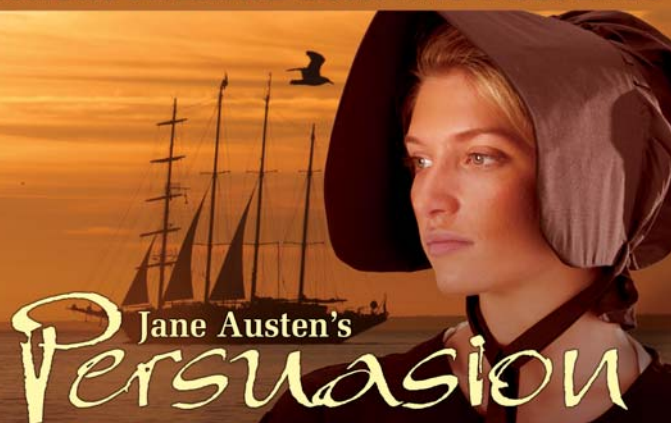


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Studies have shown that when much of a home has been destroyed, often the only surviving part of the dwelling is a small interior room, such as a closet or bathroom. This has to do with more supportive wall framing versus ceiling surface area.

Gear such as a bike helmet, an infant car seat, sturdy shoes or boots and a heavy quilt or coat can offer extra protection from shards of glass, splinters and airborne objects.

Mobile Homes. Generally, mobile home occupants should seek safe shelter elsewhere; they offer little protection from a tornado.

Planning ahead as far as possible is necessary in terms of constructing, locating and traveling to a safe area. According to NOAA, the average lead time for tornado warnings is 13 minutes. Escaping a tornado in a vehicle is not recommended unless the absence of traffic and the availability of road options allow you to move quickly at right angles relative to the tornado's path.

Safety should be the topic of community, family and workplace discussion.

Outdoor Entertainment Remodel



It isn't too late for homeowners to plan their outdoor kitchens, patios, pools, and waterfalls. NARI provides the following trends and tips to kick start the season.

Trendy Options. "Outdoor rooms have gained in popularity in the last few years," said Michael Manke of LandCrafters, Inc. in New Berlin. "Furniture, lighting, rugs, and accessories that give you the feeling that the garden is truly an extension of the house are in demand."

Outdoor Fireplaces. "Fireplaces can range from a kit, which may or may not be on a frost footing, to a custom masonry fireplace with materials that match the style and construction materials of the house," Manke said. A full-size fireplace is often striking and becomes the focal point of an outdoor living area. A word of caution from Manke: "Check your local building codes to see what the restrictions are for setbacks from your house and property line."

Fire Pits and Bowls. Fire pits are a popular alternative because they're portable for moving around the yard. "The more elaborate, built-in-place fire pits can be constructed in all shapes and materials," he said. Homeowners have the option of running a gas line to it as a starter, having a gas fire pit with artificial logs, or having a natural fire pit. Greg Peterson of Extreme Exteriors, Inc. in Big Bend mentioned fire bowls as another popular option—they're often more decorative than a fire pit and come in a variety of diameters and heights for wood, natural gas, or propane fires.

Water Features. "Water features are huge now—everything from a small pond to a dramatic waterfall," Peterson said. For a point of reference, he estimated that an average-sized pond might cost around \$4,000 to create in a backyard. The benefits of a water feature are far-reaching—from the soothing sounds it creates to the birds and wildlife it attracts. "Water can be designed to fit with the style of the garden or the surrounding architecture. Natural water features tend to emulate nature and are often comprised of streams and waterfalls. Water features come in all shapes and sizes, from municipal fountains to a tiny bubbling rock in a backyard." Water features do require a degree of maintenance.

Outdoor Kitchens. Just like inside the house, the kitchen is a popular place for gathering and entertaining. Gone are the days of lawn chairs and lonely grills. Peterson said, "Refrigerators, sinks, pizza ovens, outdoor blenders—almost anything you can think of can be made for outdoor use, and the grill is usually built right into the counter so there are serving areas on both sides." More options that Manke added to the list were arbors, lighting, and all kinds of accessories from pullout cabinets to garbage drawers.

Best Materials. Peterson prefers Unilock pavers. "It's all manmade to look like natural stone and can be customized with patterns and designs." Manke prefers natural hardscape materials to concrete. "Natural stone and other natural

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As we approach retirement, many of us will look into the future and decide how we want to spend the rest of our lives, the lifestyle we want to live and how we will downsize our lives as well. The emotional value of some of our possessions will often outweigh the financial value of the things we

have collected. Instead of looking at downsizing as this horrendous task, we should consider looking at downsizing as an opportunity for families to share these memories and treasures. These may be the very memories that tell the story of our parents, and our own, lives.

So how do we all begin this process? Rick and Migdalia Zanon, owners of Universal Services, a Senior Move Management firm, suggest "Helping families understand the emotional value of their parents items, makes the process of "downsizing" a respectful process, rather than just showing up prior to moving day and throwing it all away." The Zanons have developed a process to help families downsize everything they own. They refer to it as: "5 Homes for Everything You Own".

1. YOUR HOME: Things you will take with you. Obtain a floor plan of the place you are moving into. When you begin to downsize, think carefully about the items you have and what will fit in your home. If the furniture is not the right size, consider selling or giving it away and buy new furniture that fits the scale of the room. Be careful not to move things you really don't want to use anymore.

2. FAMILY & FRIENDS: Items to give to family and friends. Have your children spend some time with you, learning a little about the items that you want to pass onto family members. Telling the emotional side of why you collected items, helps your family understand its true value. Sort through

the family pictures and divide them up among family members. Not ready to pass it on, just tape a note to the item and who you wish it to go to.

3. SALES: Things you can sell. Many times the furniture that we have in our homes, does not fit the scale of the new residence we are moving into. Consider resale and consignment shops to offset the cost of the move.

4. DONATE: Things to get rid of. As you sort through your belongings there will be a number of items that are too good to throw away, but feel that they might serve a purpose to someone in need. Southeastern Wisconsin has a long list of charities that will repurpose or sell these items. Some charities such as the Homeless Veterans, the Salvation Army, Goodwill, and homeless shelters and women's shelters, have "wish lists" of items they always need. Many of them also come and pick up your donations!

5. DISPOSE OF: Dispose of items not worth anything. In the end there will be those items that you just need to throw out. Raised by parents who lived during the depression, baby boomers have often become pack rats themselves, and don't realize it until they start downsizing. Use your head not your heart. Some things really are worthless!

For more information on Downsizing and this process: info@universalserviceswi.com or call Universal Services 262-257-0250 for a complimentary home survey and a list of donation centers. Universal Services also offers a consignment store, Consign w/US, 414-397-5987.

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