Gary Knowles'
Wisconsin Event Sampler

A smorgasbord of events with a bit of flavor from all over Wisconsin!

AUGUST 2012 **(with a few *end o'July* bits)**

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GOOD BYE JULY!

THROUGH -29 **Oshkosh**

EAA AirVenture - Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh is the home of the world's largest annual aviation event. More than 10,000 planes from around the world are on display along the site's flight line. This year's event features a salute to veterans on Friday, July 27 and the debut of "Tora! Tora! Tora!," an aerial re-enactment of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Visitors to the EAA AirVenture have more than 500 forums and workshops to choose from and witness formation and aerobatic flying exhibitions performed by top aerobatic pilots and teams including local favorites the Warbirds of America, the Liberty Parachute Team and others. (920) 426-4800; www.airventure.org

25 **West Bend**

How do You Wear a Corset Evening at the Museums - The Museums are open late! Try on a corset a Civil War frock coat and more! Free for members and children under 5! 18 E Washington St. (262) 335-4678.

26-29 **Milwaukee**

German Fest - The nation's largest four-day German festival surrounds visitors with good cheer, comfort and plenty of food. Annually, visitors consume 20,000 bratwursts, 15,000 pieces of strudel and 10,000 pounds of sauerkraut. Aside from all the great food, fest-goers enjoy German culture with a tuba-playing contest, live entertainment, wiener dog races, fireworks, a marketplace and, of course, good German beer. (414) 464-9444; **www.germanfest.com**

26 - 29 **Spooner**

101st Annual Washburn County Fair - Come experience a real county fair with carnival, food, entertainment, horse pull, kiddie tractor pull, livestock show and auction, 4-H and other exhibits. Washburn County Fairgrounds. (715) 469-3217.

26 - Aug 5 **Webster**

Steel Magnolias - The play by Robert Harling. Women bond at a beauty salon. Humor abides. Voyager Village Community Center, 4506 County Road. (715) 259-7224.

27 - 29 **Baraboo**

Summerset Festival of the Arts - "Sweet Home Sauk County" is a multi-disciplinary interactive arts festival. Grammy-nominated childrens' musical group Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players will perform on Saturday, July 28, and hold a songwriting workshop for children (advance pre-registration and an additional fee are required for the workshop). The festival will also host a blues mini-fest with Sacre Blues and Keith Scott, with a lecture by history professor Dr. Mike Jacobs about the historical importance of the blues; a Latin Music celebration with Madison favorite MadiSalsa! with Latin dance instruction before the concert; Gypsy swing music with Harmonious Wail; workshops in creative writing, playwriting, poetry, stage combat, multi-media art, book re-purposing, flute and fife playing for youth, theatre; performance art with L.A. textile artist Laura Brody; National Alzheimer's Poetry Project workshop for patients and caregivers and much more. UW-Baraboo/Sauk County 1006 Connie Road. (608) 355-5300.

27-29 **Kenosha**

3rd Annual Taste of Wisconsin - Taste of Wisconsin brings the tastes, flavors and cultures of Wisconsin together in one amazing three-day celebration on Kenosha's breathtaking lakeshore. Savor the flavors of 50 specialty food and beverage vendors all serving up true Wisconsin specialties. Also enjoy three stages of live music, culinary demonstrations, nutrition seminars, special exhibits and children's activities. 1-800-654-7309 ext. 11; **www.tasteofwi.com**

27 - 29 **Boulder Junction**

Northwoods Summer Art Tour - A self-guided tour of 32 artists' studios, many which are rarely open to the public. The artists provide demonstrations during the 3 day tour and have artwork for sale at every location. 2012 Northwoods Art Tour dates are: July 27, 28, 29 and October 5, 6, 7 from 10AM to 5PM daily. Communities around the Northwoods. (715) 476-2910.

27 - 28 **Fort Atkinson**

Carnival Days - Enjoy the annual merchant's sidewalk sale, chamber brat stand, expanded farmers market, arts walk and activities, petting zoo, Zappo the Clown, treats at the popcorn wagon, live music, and much more. Throughout downtown and Fort Atkinson area. (920) 563-3210.

27 - 28 **Green Bay**

Laura Ingalls Wilder Days at Heritage Hill - Activities from Laura's books include: chores on the farm, historical games and a school lesson. Demonstrations include: bullet making, blacksmithing and historical meal preparation. Guest appearance is Alison Arngrim "Nellie" from the TV series Little House on the Prairie. For admission info - children 4 and under free. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. (920) 448-5150.

27 - 29 **Hayward**

Lumberjack World Championships - Professional competition as seen on ESPN. Chopping, bucking, sawing, speed climbing and boom run. Watch as more than 125 male and female lumberjacks chop, climb, run and roll their way through more than 21 different events. Among these events are the 90-foot Speed Climb, the Springboard Chop, Men's and Women's Logrolling and the Master's Double Buck. With more than $50,000 in prize money and 12,000 patrons each year, this competition is one of the largest in the timber sports arena. Lumberjack Bowl, Hwy B. (715) 634-2484; www.lumberjackworldchampionships.com

28 **Baraboo**

Baraboo Circus Celebration - Partnering with Circus World, Baraboo Chamber of Commerce and the Summerset Arts Festival at the University of Wisconsin-Baraboo, this event will fill the historic downtown square with circus-themed performances, historic circus wagons, activities for children of all ages, music, circus displays, walking tours, tasty summer foods, classic sidewalk sales, Farmers Market, huge Antique & Collectibles Sale-a-Palooza, the ever popular water fights and much, much more! Downtown Baraboo. (608) 356-2937.

28 **Butternut**

Pioneer Days - Community Festival featuring mud run, lumberjack events, food, carnival rides, softball tournament, live music. Butternut Park, West Michigan St. 8AM to 5PM. (715) 769-3113.

28 **Fish Creek**

10th Annual Settlement Shops Summer Art Fair - Local and regional artists exhibit their original art and fine craft in park-like setting. Surrounding shops and galleries feature unique shopping all season. Food, music and friendly atmosphere. 10AM - 5PM. Admission free. 9100 Highway 42. (608) 213-0976.

28 **Fond du Lac**

Prairie Fest - A family oriented environmental education event, with a focus on native plants and animals. Our artists work in natural materials, or has nature as the subject. Admission free. UW Fond du Lac, 400 University Avenue. 10AM to 3PM. (920) 251-3467.

28 **Janesville**

Fast Feet For Families - Rock County Foster Care and the United Way of North Rock County have come together to host a 5K Run or 2 Mile walk to benefit these 2 organizations. 3530 N County Road F. (608) 757-5252.

28 **Johnson Creek**

Live Music at Johnson Creek Premium Outlets - The Summer Music Series, presented by Coca Cola, will offer free live music throughout the summer at Johnson Creek Premium Outlets. On July 28 Jamit will perform from 12:30-4:30PM. This is a family fun, kid-friendly, free event for all. Johnson Creek Premium Outlets, 575 W. Linmar Lane. (920) 699-4112.

28 **La Farge**

Kickapoo Country Fair - Ninth Annual Kickapoo Country Fair celebrates local food, culture and community. Chef Michel Nischan, food policy expert Raj Patel, food safety advocate Andrew Kimbrell take center stage; New Orleans band Cowboy Mouth to rock "Driftless" Wisconsin. One Organic Way. (888) 444-6455.

28 **Land O' Lakes**

Art Impressions - Juried art fair featuring original fine art and fine craft. Shady, park-like setting with live music and food vendors. Admission free. Town Hall Grounds, Hwy B. Event starts at 9:00AM and ends at 3:00PM. (800) 236-3432.

28 **Madison**

Capital City 5K Run/Walk for Organ/Tissue/Eye Donations - A unique twilight run/walk for organ/tissue/eye donation awareness. Starts at 7PM & ends up at Goodman Pool party. Capitol Square to Goodman Pool. (262) 821-0705.

28 **Menasha**

Summer Fun Charity Event and Fashion Show - Find your favorite vendors and some new ones all in one place. Each person is supporting a different charity! Massages, Home Decor and goods, food and kitchen needs, crafts, clothing and jewelry to photography. Bring a friend, shop and enjoy. Sabre Lanes Bowling Ally, 1330 Midway Rd. (920) 573-3767.

28 **Plover**

Celebrate Plover - Arts & Crafts show, flea market, farmers market, music, childrens activities, food, fireworks and business displays. Lake Pacawa Park, just off I-39, Hwy B Exit. (715) 344-7487.

28 **Richfield**

Art at the Mill - Fine art and craft fair held in the beautiful, natural setting of the historic Messer/Mayer Mill. Adjacent nature park features self-guided walks and observation deck overlooking beautiful Holy Hill. Admission free. Richfield Historical Park/Nature Park, Hwy 164. 10AM to 4PM. (262) 628-2841.

28 **St. Germain**

Joe Bucher Blues Fest - Held at the St. Germain Community Park & Pavilion. Great music, Memphis-style smoked ribs and pork butts. Proceeds benefit Northland Pines Youth Football and Cheerleading organizations. Community Park, Hwys. 70 & 155. (715) 891-1943.

28 **Cedar Grove**

Holland Festival - celebrating the town's Dutch roots. Food, parade, art fair, car show included. Fri 1PM - 9PM, Sat 8AM - 10PM. Admission free. Veterans Memorial Park. (262) 285-3467.

28-29 **Wausau**

Wausau 24 - 24-hour competitive mountain biking race. Registration is open with additional classes including a new 6 hour venue. The new 6 hour race will begin with the 12 and 24 events, and it is a great way to experience endurance racing for the first time or get in a race on Saturday and be home that night. Race ends at 4pm, with an early awards ceremony at 6pm for the 6 hour competitors. Nine Mile County Forest and Recreation Area, 8704 Red Bud Rd, Wausau, WI 54401 **www.wausau24.com** (715) 497-8800

28 - 29 **Ellison Bay**

Liberty Grove Historical Society Art and Craft Fair - The fair offers the opportunity to combine business and to see scenic Door County which attracts many tourists. Live music Saturday and Sunday. Sat 10AM -5PM, Sun 10AM - 4PM. Admission free. 11871 State Hwy 42. (920) 854-1926.

28 - 29 **Ellison Bay**

Liberty Grove Historical Tractor and Engine Show - Sat. 10AM - 5PM. Sun. 10AM - 4PM. All judging by peoples' choice ballots. All tractors will be proudly parked in a display corral. Tractors: Best of Show, 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place. Feature Tractor (CASE): 1st place. Farm Implement Displays: 1st place and 2nd place. Pre-registration but in person registration July 27th from 8AM. No fee but donations benefit Liberty Grove Historical Society. Juried art fair, live music, and hayrides. Food and beverages will be available. On Highway 42 as you enter Ellison Bay. (920) 854-9471.

28 - 29 **Stanley**

17th Annual Quilt Show - 10AM-3PM, includes Viewer's Choice, Boutique Booth, Quilt Raffle, Donna's Challenge, Demos. for admission info. Timber's Inn, 613 S. Broadway St. (715) 644-5563.

28 - Aug 3 **Various Locations**

SAGBRAW 2012 - We've planned non-stop merriment for SAGBRAW 2012, a 6-day ride that covers 360 miles. The loop tour starts in Appleton with an awesome kickoff party, followed by overnights in Mishicot, Plymouth, Waupun (layover day), and Green Lake before returning to Appleton. (608) 843-8412.

29 **Neenah**

26th Annual Best Friends Gourmet Bike Tour - A ride through the Neenah countryside with many routes to choose from. The family route - 4 to 12 miles and a 24, 53, 73, or the 100 mile Century routes. Rest stops along the route feature baked goods, fresh fruits, and beverages. Following the tour a Gourmet Picnic will be served from 11AM to 4PM at the school featuring homemade soups, vegetables, beverages, sub sandwiches, wraps and calzones. St. Mary Central High School, 1050 Zephyr Drive. (920) 729-5600.

29 **Williams Bay**

Music by the Lake presents Tom Chapin and Friends - A highly successful concert last season, Tom Chapin and Friends returns to Music by the Lake to delight children and families. 350 Constance Blvd. (866) 843-5200.

31 **Sarona**
Dinosaurs Youth Day Camp - Excavate T-Rex bones, hunt like a velociraptor and explore the world of dinosaurs. Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, N2384 Hunt Hill Road. (715) 635-6543.

31 **Wyeville**
Golf for Good - Golf for Good is a fundraiser for 91.1 The Avenue radio station. The Avenue is a non-profit station supporting the non-profits in the Green Bay, Appleton and Oshkosh area. Your $100 tax deductible donation includes golf for one including cart as part of a foursome, high end luncheon buffet at 2:30PM, participation at "Beat the Pro" for a chance to win new irons, and closest to the pin on the 19th hole. Royal St. Patrick's Golf Course. (920) 271-2700.

31 – Aug 5 **Green Bay**
Budweiser Clydesdales at Heritage Hill - Don't miss the chance to see the beautiful ambassadors of Anheuser-Busch up close and in person when the Budweiser Clydesdales visit Heritage Hill this summer. On Friday, there will be a parade with eight Budweiser Clydesdale horses harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon. Beer sampling will also be a part of the festivities for those 21 and over. 920-448-5150; www.heritagehillgb.org

HELLO AUGUST!

1 **Janesville**
Story and Stroll For Pre-Schoolers - This program is designed for preschool aged children (suggested ages 2, 3 & 4 year olds) along with their parents or caregivers. Children participate in a few stories then go for a stroll in the Gardens or play a few games indoors, depending on the season. Please dress for the weather. Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive. (608) 752-3885 X 17.

2 **Minocqua**
After Loon Delight Arts & Craft Show - More than 100 artisans and crafters, food and live music. Torpy Park, Downtown Minocqua. (800) 44-NORTH.

2 - 5 **Park Falls**
60th Annual Flambeau Rama - Family entertainment, live music, food court, carnival, arts & crafts and a parade on Sunday. 310 5th Street North. 10AM to 5PM. (715) 877-2703

2 **Sarona**
Animal Builders Youth Day Camp - Discover dens, dams, nests and build your own as we learn about beavers, birds and more. Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, N2384 Hunt Hill Road. (715) 635-6543.

2 - 4 **St. Germain**
8th Pig in the Pines RibFest - Professional award winning national rib vendors cooking ribs every day. Live bands. Games and rides for everyone! 11:30AM to 9:30PM St. Germain Community Park, Hwy. 70 & 155. (715) 477-2205

2 - 5 **Wilton**
Wilton Wood Turtle Days - Annual festival, softball/volleyball tournament, parade, fireworks, 5k run/walk, kids' games, music, food and fun. Fri 6PM - 2PM, Sat 9AM - 3PM. Admission free. Wilton Village Park. (608) 435-6512 or (608) 435-6929.

2-12 **West Allis**

Wisconsin State Fair presented by U.S. Cellular - With diverse entertainment, demonstrations and programming on 30 free stages, plus national acts on the Main Stage, along with a Midway for kids, the state fair is a Wisconsin tradition. Fairgoers can please their palates with a famous cream puff, or one of many other delectable options from more than 200 vendors. The fair is also home to Wisconsin's largest agricultural showcase and more than 700 marketplace vendors. Eat, shop and create memories to last a lifetime. (800) 884-FAIR/3247, www.wistatefair.com

3-5 **Seymour**

Hamburger Fest and Balloon Rally - Hungry hamburger fans will want to visit Seymour, the official "Home of the Hamburger" as it pays tribute to hamburger inventor Charles Nagreen. According to local legend, Nagreen served the first burger in 1885 at the Outagamie County Fair. This year's theme is "Get Cheesy with Hamburger Charlie." The festival kicks off on Friday with the 12th annual Hot Air Balloon Rally, including the hot air balloon ascension and hot air balloon glow. The fun continues throughout the weekend with the "World's Largest Hamburger Parade," the Bun Run, the "Hamburger Meat" weightlifting competition, the Ketchup Slide, the Burger Fest Car Show and live music. (920) 833-6688; **www.homeofthehamburger.org**

4 **Mineral Point**

Summer Gallery Night - Stroll the historic streets of Mineral Point, named one of "America's Destinations of Distinction" by the National Historic Trust. Visit artists in their studios and galleries. Some will be demonstrating their work and all will be delighted to talk art, weather, history, baseball and sometimes even share recipes with visitors. Many offer sips and tastes too. The tradition started in 2000 and now more than 18 artists, galleries and businesses participate. You will always find a remarkable assortment of fine art and quality hand-made craft: ceramics, collage, furniture, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, fiber, and woodworking – much of it made right in town. **http://www.MineralPoint.com** or PH: 608-987-3201

3 - 5 **Arlington**

Fireman's Festival - Truck pulls Friday/Saturday, beer stand & carnival all weekend, a parade Sunday at noon. Fireman's Park. (608) 635-4717.

3 - 5 **Durand**

5th Annual Blues on the Chippewa Benefit, Classic Car Show & Craft Fair - For the Pepin County Food Pantry. 15 Bands, 2 Days free admission with free will donation of non-perishable food or cash for the Pepin Co. Food Pantry! (FRI pre party at Shari's Chippewa Club from 8PM to midnight, SAT from 9AM to 9:30PM in Memorial Park and 9:30PM to bar close in downtown Durand, SUN from 11AM to 7:30PM in Memorial Park). Classic Car Show (noon), Motorcycle Show (noon), 5 + 10k Run (9AM), and Craft Fair (8AM) on Saturday. RV + tent camping available. Food & concessions. Sorry no pets. Memorial Park - 2nd. Ave. East - Durand, WI 54736. (715) 495-8091.

3 - 4 **Elroy**

Sportsman's Annual Poker Run - Music Friday and Saturday nite, Poker Run Saturday, CMA Mud Racing, Garden Tractor Pull and more. Schultz Park, Hwy 80/82 South. (608) 495-0127.

3 - 5 **Spooner**

Jack Pine Savage Days - Live music under the tent (Fri/Sat), Crazy Days sidewalk sales and arts & craft show (Fri/Sat), car show, outdoor sports show, fun run/walk, volleyball, horseshoes (Sat), food booths all days, Fireman's pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall on Summit St. (Sun). Spooner. (715) 635-2168.

4 – Through September **Mineral Point**

Bits and Pieces – Assemblage Artists - Energy, originality and imagination go on display August 4th as three noted artists display works they're created using bits and pieces of other things. Pedro Guerrero (also known as Frank Lloyd Wright's personal photographer), Diana Johnston (also acclaimed for her pottery work) and Bill Grover (Mineral Point potter) will be on hand at an opening night reception (5-9PM) August 4 at Brewery Pottery Studio on Shake Rag Street and work will be on display through September. **http://www.BreweryPottery.com** (608)987-3669

4 **Wisconsin Dells**

Da Dells Dirtiest Dash - The dirtiest fun you'll have with your family, friends or co-workers. A challenging 3.5 - 4 mile obstacle filled mud run that winds through the scenic pines, sandy hills and sandstone canyons that the Dells is famous for. This is NOT your mud run through a park. Part of the course is on a groomed nature trail but you'll also be running sandy creek beds, scrambling down slippery slopes, and you'll experience some unique obstacles as this course utilizes the natural features of the terrain. First wave of 50 at 9AM. Waves of 50 sent every 20 minutes. Wisconsin Dells High School, 520 Race Street.

4 **Middleton**

National Mustard Day - Middleton's National Mustard Museum features the world's largest collection of mustards (more than 5,300 varieties from all 50 states and more than 60 countries) and celebrates a day in honor of the "King of Condiments." Join more than 6,000 mustard lovers for National Mustard Day and enjoy free hot dogs, live music, mustard games that raise money for local charities and of course, free mustard sampling (including flavors like chocolate merlot and walnut).
(800) 438-6878; www.mustardmuseum.com

4 **Curtiss**

Boomtown Power Truck & Tractor Pulls - Food & refreshments on the grounds, no carry ins. Lions Club Charcoal Chicken will be served too. Free admission. Pedal pull for all ages. Antique tractors, hot farm tractors, trucks. Exit 127 off Hwy 29, go north and follow the signs On Hwy E. Curtiss Snochaser Clubhouse & Racetrack. (715) 613-5362.

4 **Jacksonport**

Cherry Festival - Celebrate the cherry harvest in Door County/ Live music, wagon rides, food, beverages, historical displays, kids' penny hunt. Arts and crafts featuring quality handcrafted items. Admission free. Lakeside Park, Hwy 57. 9AM to 4PM. (920) 743-4556.

4 **Johnson Creek**

Live Music at Johnson Creek Premium Outlets - The Summer Music Series, presented by Coca Cola- free live music - August 4 Dusk performs from 12:30-4:30PM. A family fun, kid-friendly, free event. Johnson Creek Premium Outlets, 575 W. Linmar Lane. (920) 699-4112

4 **Manawa**

Mustang Roundup - Mustang only Car Show-all day. Rain date Sunday August 5. Free and free car entry. Please bring food donations for local food pantry. Manawa Masonic Center, 520 N. Bridge St. (920) 596-2476.

4-5 **Milwaukee**

African World Festival - African World Festival celebrates African-American heritage and culture at Henry Maier Festival Park on the shores of Lake Michigan. With live music, ethnic foods, shopping, cultural offerings and a children's village, the festival links the best of tradition with contemporary lifestyles. The festival's jazz show has emerged as one of the best jazz offerings in the state. This year the festival will add Reggae and Caribbean genres of music, a book row with 15 featured authors and line dancing lessons. (414) 291-7959; **www.africanworldfestival-milwaukee.com**

4 - 5 **Bear Creek**

48th Annual Sauerkraut Festival - Craft fair Sat 9AM - 4PM, tractor show, food/drink and entertainment. Sunday continues with car show, kraut dinner, silent auction, many family fun activities. Sat 9AM - Midnight, Sun 6AM - 7PM. Admission free. 300 Welcome Avenue. (715) 250-1077.

4 - 5 **New London**

Heritage Days & Rail Fest - The Great Lakes Timber Show stages 3 shows daily. Also, buckskinner's rendezvous encampment, vendors, and tours of historic buildings. No fee, however a donation's appreciated. 10AM to 4PM. 900 Montgomery Street. (920) 982-5822.

5 **Janesville**

Tallman Art Festival - The festival is juried and draws artists from throughout the Midwest. The Historical Society holds an Ice Cream Social with homemade pies and cakes, live music and silent auction. The Tallman Arts Festival supports programs, activities and exhibits. Lincoln Tallman House, 440 S. Jackson St. 10AM to 5PM. (608) 756-4509.

5 **Racine**

Job's Daughters 37th Annual Craft Fair - Enjoy Lake Michigan breezes while shopping an outdoor fair. We have unique exhibitors that arrive from four states. There is a food stand available that sells 1/4 lb. hot dogs, soda, etc. All crafters have home made items. No mass produced items are permitted. Admission free. 1012 Main Street. 9AM to 4PM. (262) 412-7275.

5 **Racine**

Starving Artist Outdoor Art Fair - Established in 1970, the fair is held in Racine's historic district overlooking Lake Michigan drawing artists from Wisconsin and neighboring states. Admission free. Gateway Technical College Campus, 1001 S Main St. 9AM to 4PM. (262) 639-3340.

5 **Williams Bay**

Music by the Lake presents Anderson & Roe - The dazzling piano duo Anderson & Roe will thrill the Music by the Lake audience. 350 Constance Blvd. (866) 843-5200.

5, 12, 19, 26 **Madison**

MadCity Ski Show

The Mad-City Ski Team has home water ski shows nearly every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend at Law Parkin Madison, WI. The Junior Team show starts at 5:30pm and the main showfollows it starting about 6:00pm. http://www.madcityskiteam.com/ (608) 266-4711

8 - 9 **Green Bay**

If Tombstones Could Talk - Allouez Catholic Cemetery- Meet prominent and not so prominent people such as a Charles DeLangade, Jacque Porlier or Anton Klaus at their gravesite. Wed., August 8 & Thurs., August 9 at 6:30PM. Call for admission info & reservations. Allouez Catholic Cemetery, 2121 Riverside Drive. (920) 437-1840.

9 - 12 **Minong**

Minong Summer Days - Visit Minong to celebrate Summer with the 2nd annual golf scramble, softball & volleyball tournaments, live music, parade, kids' activities, vendors and more! Minong. (715) 520-2259.

10 - 11 **Arcadia**

Ashley For the Arts - Ashley for the Arts is a weekend event for the whole family. This event includes art exhibits, live music, hot air balloons, fireworks & more! Memorial Park. (608) 323-6805.

10 - 12 **Janesville**
National Water Ski Show Tournament - Janesville hosts this National tournament, featuring its own renowned water ski show team, the Rock Aqua Jays. Concessions & free admission. Traxler Park, 600 N. Main Street. Event starts at 8:00AM. (608) 774-3699.

10 - 11 **Plymouth**
Cheese Capital Jazz Crawl for the Arts -10 live jazz bands in downtown Plymouth. Our 9th annual jazz extravaganza surrounded by the visual arts. Fun for everyone. Plymouth Arts Center. (920) 892-8409.

10 - 11 **Waupun**
Waupun Truck-N-Show - Waupun's 23rd anniversary salute to the trucking industry! Downtown Waupun & Waupun Community Center. (920) 324-9985.

11 - 2 **Belgium**
Luxembourg Fest Art & Craft Fair - A two-day fine art and craft fair held in conjunction with "Luxembourg Fest of America" which draws people from throughout the United States and the Country of Luxembourg to celebrate the "World's Largest Luxembourg Family Reunion". Held in the Community Park in the center of the village the fest includes a parade, live music, food, Heritage Displays and children's activities. Belgium Community Park, Beech Street. (262) 476-5086.

11 **Edgerton**
Stroll Through Park Arts & Crafts Fair - 13th annual fine arts and crafts show, bake sale, antique buggy display, Albion Historical Museum open, food available. Admission free. Albion Park. Event starts at 9AM and ends at 2:30PM. (608) 884-6522.

11 **Hartford**
American Accents Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts - 27th Annual. 80 exhibitors nestled along Rubicon River. Live music under the trees. Food by Hartford Lions. Evening hot air balloon rally by Chamber of Commerce. Admission free. Willowbrook Park, 774 East Sumner Street. Event starts at 9AM and ends at 3PM. (262) 673-5207.

11 - 12 **Milwaukee**
Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair - Wisconsin's premier fine craft fair. Handsome downtown location along the Milwaukee River Walk. Silent auction, picnic food and special amenities for artists. Sat 10AM - 5PM, Sun 10AM - 5PM. Free admission. Marcus Center For The Performing Arts And Red Arrow Park At 929 N. Water Street. (414) 259-1440.

11 **Milwaukee**
"Field of Honor" Miller Park Event - "Field of Honor: A Salute to the Greatest Generation" Parking lot opens at 3:30PM. Tickets are $11 (plus service fees) and can be purchased by calling (414) 902-4000. Parking is $10. No admission charge for kids younger than 2. Proceeds will help fund future SSHF flights. Miller Park, 1 Brewers Way. (262) 224-7441.

11 **Rio**
Rio Quilt Show 2012 - Rio Quilt Guild Quilt Show - Proceeds support the Rio Community Library. Rio High School, 411 Church Street. (920) 992-3206.

11 **Stevens Point**

Taste of the Town - Join Big Brothers Big Sisters for a night of entertainment, food, and fun - night will include tastings from local restaurants, a live auction, and a chef show down. Ticket Prices are $35 in advance, $40 at the door and $450 for a table of 8. Pfiffner Pioneer Park, 1100 Crosby Avenue. (715) 341-0661.

11 **Stoughton**

Stoughton Coffee Break Festival & Car Show - This one day festival celebrates the home of the Coffee Break with a coffee brew off, antique car and motorcycle show, arts & crafts fair, music, a fun run, food, and more fun for the family. Admission free. Mandt Park, 400 Mandt Parkway. Event starts at 9AM and ends at 4PM. (608) 873-8082.

11 - 12 **Watertown**

Watertown Riverfest - Our 2-day craft fair is part of the 4-day Riverfest celebration. Admission free. Riverside Park, 912 Labaree St. Event starts at 9AM to 4PM. (920) 988-9800.

11 **Williams Bay**

Music by the Lake presents Million Dollar Quartet - Adapted especially for Music by the Lake, Million Dollar Quartet celebrates the recording session that brought together Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins with a concert version of the musical. 350 Constance Blvd. (866) 843-5200.

11 **Wisconsin Dells**

Marley's College Shootout at JustAgame Fieldhouse - Men & Women College Teams JustAGame Fieldhouse, 200 LaCrosse St. (608) 253-6787.

12 **Boulder Junction**

56th Annual Musky Jamboree - Musky Fun Run, car show, a free "Taste of Musky," arts & craft fair, Kids Casting Contest, live entertainment. Admission free. 9AM to 4PM. (715) 385-2400.

12 **Wisconsin Dells**

Revolution3 Half & Olympic TriathlonsTriathlon at Noah's Ark Waterpark - Revolution3 Triathlon is excited to announce a brand new race and brand new race location for 2012! On August 12, 2012, Revolution3 will hold Olympic and Half Distance races starting at Tommy Bartlett's Ski stage and finished at Noah's Ark. The bike courses feature the challenging countryside with rolling hills while the run course heads right through downtown Dells! Pro and age group athletes are invited to compete in both distances for cash prizes. Noah's Ark Waterpark, 1410 Wisconsin Dells Parkway. (608) 345-1975.

13 **Green Bay**

Music on the Green/Bent Grass - Heritage Hill State Historical Park continues its free summer concert series with the talent Bent Grass. Concert starts at 6PM and ends at 8PM. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Concessions are available. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. (920) 448-5150.

13 - 17 **Milwaukee**

Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School - Irish Fest Summer School features classes that showcase the rich culture, history and traditions of Ireland and Irish America. The week-long series of programs offers professional instruction on a variety of topics including musical instruments, language and crafts. New this year - classes on Bluegrass, basket weaving, Celtic design and a walking tour of the Irish Third Ward. Milwaukee School of Engineering. (414) 476-3378.

15 - 19 **Beaver Dam**

Dodge County Fair - Entertaining over 52,000 fans a year the Dodge County Fair is the areas main event. An outdoor main stage concert venue entertains country and rock concert goers. Don't forget to taste the great fair food, view the many exhibits and animals while learning, doing and just having a great time. Hwy 33 East. (920) 885-3586.

15 **Eagle River**

Paul Bunyan Fest - Fun family event with Roast Cooking Contest by area merchants, Paul Bunyan size beef sandwiches and luncheon available, arts and crafts show, musical entertainment, chainsaw carving demo, and much more. Admission free. Downtown. 10AM to 4PM. (800) 359-6315.

15 - 19 **Lake Geneva**

Venetian Festival - The five-day, Italian-style festival, created and sponsored by The Lake Geneva Jaycees, includes a water-ski show, carnival attractions, craft vendors, live music and local cuisine and will be capped off by a lighted boat parade and fireworks on the last evening of the festival. Wednesday through Friday, 6PM to midnight and Saturday and Sunday, noon to midnight. Downtown Lake Geneva. (262) 248-4416.

16 - 19 **Hayward**

Sawyer County Fair - Entertainment and good old-fashioned fun. Demolition derby, racing, junior livestock, carnival, games, live music and food. Fair Grounds Hwy B. (715) 934-2721.

16-19 **Milwaukee**

Irish Fest! - You won't find a bigger Irish Fest in America than Milwaukee's grand celebration. Get totally immersed in Celtic culture, taste the delicious foods, listen to the music and maybe even pinch a leprechaun! This year the music features bluegrass connections including Del McCoury was a member and eventually lead singer of Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys band and the progressive Grammy-winning Bluegrass band, The Punch Brothers who contributed a single on the soundtrack of the "The Hunger Games" film. It's all Irish at Henry Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's lakefront. (414) 476-3378 or visit www.irishfest.com

16 - 19 **Sun Prairie**

Sun Prairie Sweet Corn Festival

Four day festival includes carnival, food vendors, family stage, petting zoo, kiddie korner, craft fair, beer tent, and sweet corn served Sat/Sun. Admission charged. Angell Park, Highway N. (608) 837-4547.

17-18 **Wausau**

Big Bull Falls Bluesfest- Going deep in the blues for 21 years, this popular fest is based on beautiful Fern Island Park in Wausau. Musical treats this year include The Cashbox Kings, Guitar Shorty, Sena Ehrhardt, Mitch Woods and the Rocket '88s and Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Alter Boys. Food and beverages are available. Bring your own folding chair or blanket. Tickets are $12 Friday, $25

Saturday and $30 combined advance purchase. Call 1-877-220-7340 or visit **http://www.wausauareaevents.org/events/bluesfest.cfm**

17 - 19 **Baraboo**

Badger Steam & Gas Engine Show **-** In conjunction with the Massey Family Collectors of Wisconsin, the Badger Steam and Gas Club will be hosting the National Massey Expo of North America at their 49th Annual show near Baraboo. S3347 Sand Road. (608) 522-4277.

18 **Kohler**

OpenAir Classic: Topless Concours at Woodlake **-** Celebrating twenty continuous years of back roads convertible touring, the OpenAir Classic comes to Kohler's Woodlake Shops to stage a free open-air concours. The OpenAir Classic is open to any make or vintage convertible, roadster or spyder automobile (pre-registration required) and it will bring about 200 convertibles to the Woodlake Mall. The display (Apx. 3:30 to 5:30 PM) is free and the public is invited to attend. **http://www.OpenAirTours.com** PH: 262-922-4062

18 **Augusta**

Mud Bog **-** ATV Mud Bog and races - 8PM. Sponsored by the Lions Club, CMA, and the Bridgecreek Fire Department. Lions Field. (715) 286-5594.

18 - 19 **Elkhorn**

Great Midwest Pro Rodeo **-** Two performances presented by Waukesha Recycling & Piranha Paper Shredding. Bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, breakaway roping, tie down roping, barrel racing and Bull Riding. Big Hat Rodeo livestock, championship caliber cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the US and Canada. There'll be pony rides, great concessions, a mechanical bull, vendors and a free program for kids of all ages at 5PM on Saturday. Meet the cowboys and clowns & play some rodeo games up close and personal. Call for ticket info - kids 5 & under are free & parking is free! Walworth County Fairgrounds, 311 Court Street. (815) 648-1971.

18 **Fall River**

Columbus Hospital Fundraising Trapshoot **-** Annual trap shoot to raise funds for Columbus Community Hospital. Fall River Rod and Gun Club, N2801 Mickelson Rd. (920) 623-1370.

18 **Kickapoo Valley Reserve - LaFarge**

La Farge - Dam History Hike **-**Join Brad Steinmetz, local historian and author, for a short presentation on the history of the La Farge lake and dam project. After the presentation, Brad will lead the group on a driving and walking tour of the dam site itself. The dam walking tour will be at an easy and moderate pace. 9 – 11AM. Fee: $5/$4.50 KVR Friend. Registration deadline: August 11. To register call (608) 625-2960. Kickapoo Valley Reserve, S3661 State Hwy 131, La Farge, WI 54639. **http://kvr.state.wi.us**

18 **Kenosha**

HarborPark Jazz & Blues Festival **- HarborPark's Celebration Place**, **54th St. & Lake Michigan**. The headliner at the 2012 HarborPark Jazz & Blues Festival is saxophonist Eric Marienthal. Musical guests include Chicago bluesman Toronzo Cannon, the R&B jazz classics group Funk Bunker and the KUSD Jazz All-Stars under the direction of Ken Wiele, will make a return appearance. The 20-piece ensemble is made up of the finest high school jazz musicians in the Kenosha Unified School District. The HarborPark Jazz & Blues Festival is produced by the volunteer efforts of the Marylou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund. (262) 654-2412, **www.mahonefund.org/**

18 **Fitchburg**

Agora Art Fair - 4th Annual Fine Arts Fair set amid a beautiful land-scaped grounds and stunning architecture providing a natural backdrop for the show. Live music, food, beer garden, kids' activities. Admission free. 5500 East Cheryl Parkway. (608) 332-7900.

18 **Janesville**

Rotary Corn Roast and Mud Volleyball - There are several food and beverage vendors on site and all the free sweet corn you can eat! Children are invited to enjoy games and activities. The Making the Grade awards presentation will take place from 11AM to Noon (for high school students). Call for ticket info. Traxler Park, 600 N. Main Street. (608) 774-8660.

18 - 19 **Oconomowoc**

Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts - Nationally recognized juried fine arts show. Three stages of quality entertainment for children and adults. Great food, a children's art tent, silent auction tent and free shuttle buses from area parking lots. Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun 10AM-5PM. Admission free. Fowler Park, Oakwood Avenue. (262) 567-1243.

18 **Wales**

Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair - 16th annual outdoor juried art fair along the Glacial Drumlin Bicycle Trail in the quaint Village of Wales. Benefiting non-profits in Waukesha County. Admission free. Main Street along the Glacial Drumlin Bicycle Trail. 9AM-4PM. (262) 853-0808.

18 **Williams Bay**

Music by the Lake presents Cheap Trick - Combining the tunefulness of The Beatles with the speed and energy of punk rock, Cheap Trick will close out the *2012 Music by the Lake* season during the Pritzker Spotlight Concert. 350 Constance Blvd. (866) 843-5200.

19 **Janesville**

Smelly Garden Family Day - The Smelly Garden is a thematic use of the Nancy Yahr Memorial Childrens' Garden for the 2012 season. The Childrens' Garden, a 3,000 square foot garden space located behind the Parker Education Center, was created in 2009 with the intent of focusing on youth education and engagement. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to visit this unique garden and the varying themes of this space. Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive. 1PM to 4PM. (608) 752-3885.

19 **Milton**

Milton House Arts & Crafts on the Lawn - Milton's largest annual event since 1974. 9AM to 4PM, intersection of Hwys. 26 & 59. Over 150 juried crafters plus Milton Chamber Chicken BBQ, ice cream social, raffle, tours of the Milton House Museum, food booths & non profits. Free family event! Accepting new vendors. 18 S. Janesville Street. (608) 868-7772.

19 **New Holstein**

Kiwanis Arts & Crafts Fair - Arts & Craft Fair, pancake breakfast 8:30AM to noon, free corn roast at noon, entertainment and other food and refreshments. Other events in city. Admission free. Civic Park, 2200 Washington Street. 10AM to 4PM. (920) 898-5640.

19 **Presque Isle**

Fine Art Show & Art in the Park Fair - This is the ninth annual People's Choice Fine Art Show and Fair. All fine art skill levels accepted. Entertainment, refreshments available. Admission free. Community Building & Park, Hwy B & School Loop Road. 10AM to 3PM. (715) 686-7946.

20 **West Bend**

Churn, Baby, Churn, Evening at the Museums - Enjoy the Museums as they stay open late! The special activity for the evening is churning your own butter to take home! Free for WCHS members and children under 5. 320 S 5th Ave. (262) 335-4678.

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23 - Oct 21 **Fort Atkinson**

Hello Dolly! - The first lady of musical comedy comes complete with a carpetbag full of good intentions, clever schemes, hilarious mishaps and some of Broadway's best-loved songs. Winner of 10 Tony Awards including best musical. Call for ticket info. Fireside Dinner Theatre, 1131 Janesville Ave. (800) 477-9505.

24-25 **Kenosha**

Grill Games - The annual Grill Games BBQ Competition & Lakefront Festival is the ultimate destination for all ages. Sponsored by Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce, this two-day event includes a Kansas CityBarbecue Society (KCBS) sanctioned competition, music festival, carnival, and craft fair, as well as streetcar rides to and from the event grounds. The Grill Games main attraction is a KCBS sanctioned BBQ competition featuring teams from around the region competing for $9,000 in prizes and trophies. Time: Fri. 3 to 11PM; Sat.10AM to 11PM. **Kenosha's Lakefront**, **56th St. and 1st Ave.** (262) 654-1234, **www.grillgames.org**

24 - 26 **Lake Geneva**

Maxwell Street Days - This open air market brings together entrepreneurs with treasure hunters and features antiques, crafts, produce and more. Downtown Lake Geneva. (262) 248-4416.

24 **Wisconsin Dells**

Former Hootie and the Blowfish frontman Darius Rucker in Concert - With country chart-toppers peppering the set, it's raunchy crowd hits like "Family Tradition" and "Purple Rain" that truly showcase Rucker's vocal prowess and remind you of just how deep his southern roots run. This is a first for the Crystal Grand! Truly no better place than the Crystal Grand to see this amazing talent! Crystal Grand Music Theatre, 430 Munroe Street. Event starts at 8PM. (800) 696-7999.

25 **Dodgeville**

Earth Hops Harvest Brewfest - Pick Hops, drink craft beers! Simple Earth Hops and owner Matt Sweeny celebrate the harvest of their 3rd year hops crop by hosting the Simple Earth Hops Harvest Brewfest–a family friendly beer tasting and hop picking event (Noon-11PM) in Dodgeville, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Sweeny said that beer from some of southwest Wisconsin's talented artisan brewers will be sampled. This free community event provides a family friendly space with free beverage samples, kids activities and live music for more than 100 attendees who will lend a hand from Noon to 5PM to pick hops at the hopyard (with a community potluck at 6PM) on the farm at 4352 State Road 23 in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Ticket registration is free but required at **http://hopharvest.eventbrite.com** (262) 210-4077

25 **LaFarge**

The Great Mushroom Hike - Listen to a short presentation then head outside to find mushrooms. Attendees will learn to recognize and collect wild mushrooms of late summer and fall. Instructor: Craig Dunek, has a Masters in Biology and has done research in mycology and drug discovery chemistry. Fee: $12/person; $10.50/KVR Friend; $6/kids 12 and under (with adult). Registration Deadline: Aug. 18. To register call (608) 625-2960. Kickapoo Valley Reserve, S3661 State Hwy 131, La Farge, WI 54639. **http://kvr.state.wi.us**

25 **Black River Falls**

GreenLifeXpo - Energy exposition featuring exhibitors, speakers, and tour for renewable/alternative energy, conservation, recycling, & sustainable living. Jackson County Fairground, Lunda Memorial Ice Arena. (715) 299-7155.

25 **Caledonia**

Caledonia Police Association Run for a Reason 5k - Registration 7AM / Start 8:30AM / Youth Start 9:30AM / Awards 10AM / Caledonia Safety Days 10AM - 2PM. Proceeds to Concerns of Police Survivors and Caledonia Professional Police Association. When you walk or run, proceeds will be distributed not only nationally but also locally by the Caledonia Professional Police Association. Our association gives back to the local community through contributions to little league and hosting public events and activities. C.O.P.S. organization was founded in 1984 for the surviving families of law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. Rain or shine, no refunds. Crawford Park, 5051 Chester Lane, Caledonia, WI. (262) 470-7058.

25 **Dodgeville**

Simple Earth Hops Harvest Brewfest - Come enjoy the hop harvesting while tasting local craft beer in our friendly community space. This community event will also feature tours of the hopyard with live music and beer samples from 8AM - 8PM. A community potluck (dish to pass required) will begin at 6PM. Event registration is required. 4352 State Road 23. (262) 210-4077.

25 - 26 **Eagle River**

Festival of Flavors Art & Craft Show - Fine arts and quality hand crafted items. Part of Festival of Flavors "Celebrate the Taste of Wisconsin," restaurants, wine, cheese. Sat 9AM - 4PM, Sun 10AM - 3PM. Admission free. Riverview Park, downtown. (715) 477-0645.

25 **Fort Atkinson**

Rhythm on the River - Experience an evening of live music by Wall of Sound, great food, and fun on the river walk. The band will perform from 7PM to 11PM and the Balloon Guy will be on hand from 5PM to 8PM offering balloon animals and face painting. Downtown Fort Atkinson (S. Water Street S.). (920) 536-3210.

25 - 26 **Montello**

Green Sacred Earth Day - Focus is on "taking care of you products" and intentional art forms supporting Holistic practices. This includes organic & other "green" products for self and home. Education/Activities area staffed by artists and practitioners. Admission free. Nelson-Pade Inc., W3731 State Road 23. 10AM to 4PM. (608) 589-5335.

25 **Portage**

Taste of Portage Market Fair - Sample food from restaurants and non-profit organizations, shop 50 art & craft vendors, see the all-make/all-model car show. Kid's activities and live music throughout the day. Admission free. Downtown along Hwy 33. 9AM to 4PM. (608) 742-6242.

25 **Potosi**

Potosi Brewfest - You will sample some of the finest Craft beers in the region as well as artisan cheeses, sausages, and locally produced wines. Includes free admission to the National Brewery Museum. Limited tickets, call for admission info. Holiday Gardens Event Center, 101 Brewery Hollow Road. (608) 763-4002 x106.

26 **Greenbush**

52nd Annual Wade House Arts & Crafts Show - Artisans and craftspeople from Wisconsin and across the Midwest display and sell their wares at one of the most popular and longstanding fairs of its kind in eastern Wisconsin. Admission charged. W 7824 Center Street. 9AM to 4PM. (920) 526-3271.

26 **Janesville**

Rock Around the Block - Enjoy good music and great food from the Janesville area in true block party fashion. North Main Street. (608) 755-9828.

26 **Waupaca**

Bethany "Uberfest" - Family FUNdraiser! Pig roast, music, limited handmade goods and produce for sale. 1226 Berlin Street. (715) 942-1437.

27 **Green Bay**

Music on the Green/River City Six - Heritage Hill State Historical Park ends its free summer concert series with River City Six. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. 6PM to 8PM. Concessions are available. 2640 S. Webster Avenue. (920) 448-5150.

27 **Waukesha**

Investing in our Youth Duane Warren Golf Outing - This event will take place at Merrill Hills Country Club in Waukesha. Proceeds will benefit La Casa de Esperanza's youth programs including a scholarship fund, tutoring, leadership development, mentoring and educational opportunities. Merrill Hills Country Club. (262) 547-0887.

Aug 29 - Sep 3 **Walworth**

163rd Walworth County Fair - Located on the 99-acre Walworth County Fairgrounds, this family-friendly event features traditional attractions such as tractor pulls, pig races, horse shows, square dancing and country music headliners alongside unique attractions such as a hay bale throwing contest, demolition derby, mounted shooters show, milk can toss, chainsaw artists, bee keeping demos, barnyard Olympics and a woodcarving auction. Open 7AM until midnight all days except Labor Day with closing at 9PM. Walworth County Fair Grounds. (262) 723-3228.

31 – Sept 1 **Prairie du Sac**

Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw - Head to Marion Park in Prairie du Sac and try to break the current Cow Chip Throw state record of 248 feet during this year's festival, "Pirates of the Cowibbean." The two-day event includes live music, a run/walk, arts and crafts fair and even a kids chip throwing competition. More than 800 competitors and 40,000 spectators attend each year. (608) 643-4317; **www.wiscowchip.com**

Aug 31 - Sep 2 **Shell Lake**

Town & Country Days - Celebrate Labor Day Weekend with street dances, food booths, sports contests, tractor pull, kiddie and grand parades, flea market, sailing regatta, games, contests, arts & crafts, and fly-in breakfast. Hwy 63. (715) 468-4088.

31 - Sep 3 **Edgerton**

Rock River Thresheree - This year's feature tractor is the Minneapolis Moline. Plus, the Rock River Cannonball will be giving train rides, there will be an operating saw mill, gristmill, sorghum mill, shingle mill, blacksmith shop, pile driver, wheelwrights, woodcarvers, corn shelling, potato digging, antique cars and trucks, construction equipment display and demonstrations, antique tractor pull demonstration, steam calliope, tool displays, pedal tractor corals, flea market, an opportunity to drive your first tractor, concessions and the daily Parade of Power at 2PM. Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Road. (608) 770-2524.

31- Sept 3 **Sheboygan**

Dairyland Surf Classic - Known as the "Malibu of the Midwest," Sheboygan has welcomed thousands of participants over the past two decades to this freshwater surfing event, which features a variety of competitions including individual pro, master's youth and kid's paddle. Enjoy live music and

activities for the whole family. Labor Day weekend festivities begin on Friday night and surfing competitions are held Saturday along with a banquet and raffle. Surfing continues through Labor Day. (800) 689-0290; www.visitsheboygan.com

31 – Sept 2 **New Glarus**

Wilhelm Tell Festival - More than 200 costumed community performers celebrate Swiss independence with performances of the "Wilhelm Tell Pageant" in English and German. Visitors can also participate in a family camp-out complete with a campfire, treats and fun. The weekend is filled with ethnic folk costumes, an outdoor art fair, yodeling contest and children's lantern parade. (800) 527-6838; www.swisstown.com

September

1-2 **Madison**

Taste of Madison – Held each year over Labor Day weekend, the Taste of Madison showcases more than 80 local restaurants, 20 beverage stands and three entertainment stages positioned around Capitol Square for hours of live entertainment. The participating restaurants sell a vast variety of both unique and traditional dishes to the estimated 225,000 attendees over the two-day period. 608-276-9797; www.madisonfestivals.com

2 **Madison**

MadCity Ski Show - The Mad-City Ski Team has home water ski shows nearly every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend at Law Park in Madison, WI. The Junior Team show starts at 5:30pm and the main show follows it starting about 6pm. **(**608) 266-4711
http://www.madcityskiteam.com/

2 **Madison**

Lights on the Lake Boat Parade - A beautiful spectacle of lights on boats that travel from Maple Bluff Beach, to Burrows, Tenney and James Madison parks, past The Edgewater Pier, down to the UW Memorial Union followed by a Fireworks show from the middle of Lake Mendota. (608) 661-6580 http://www.drakeandcompany.com/lights_on_the_lake.html

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