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Hello and congratulations on picking up this year's 2022 discover US visitors guide.

After being thrown for a loop in 2020, the world collectively hoped to return to normal in 2021, without really knowing what "normal" would mean. People throughout East Central Wisconsin quickly figured out the new normal, finding ways to safely bring their communities together.

During 2022, the area will continue to move forward, celebrating community togetherness, while relaxing and unwinding no matter where you are in East Central Wisconsin, and the *2022 discover US* visitors guide can help.

Whether you live in the area and seek out this guide each year, or are just passing through and picked up the book because you thought the picture on the front looked fun, you are in for a treat.

Countless hours go into bringing this guide together at Berlin Journal Newspapers, from reaching out to the more than 100 local groups and organizations who will be planning and hosting events throughout 2022, to contacting the dozens of local businesses whose advertising support make the publication of this guide possible. From the designing of the ads, to the writing of the articles, to the weeks worth of layout and fine-tuning to be able to put this area's best foot forward, all these efforts are well worth it when people like you take the time to pick up the guide, and not only read it, but use its information to plan your visit, whether you're stopping by for the day, a long weekend or the whole summer.

Returning in 2022, discover US is once again the official visitors guide of Green Lake Country Visitors Bureau, which invites guests to relax, retreat and repeat through every season all year long. While perusing the pages of this year's discover US, you'll see what makes the greater Green Lake Country area a special place to visit and live, from its signature events and popular landmarks to its popular local shops and exquisite restaurants.

Using this guide as a launching pad to your next adventure, and on behalf of Green Lake Country Visitor's Bureau, the area's various chambers of commerce, local businesses, service groups and communities at large, whether you're visiting for a day or a week or have lived here your whole life, we invite you to discover everything that makes this area special.

Discover our unique shops. Discover our excellent restaurants. Discover our community festivals. Discover our fabulous golf courses, our natural outdoor parks, and our historical museums.

Discover why thousands of people call the greater Green Lake County area home, and discover why tens-of-thousands of vacationers continue to visit the area year after year and generation after generation.

We invite you to be our guest, as you *discover US*.

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RECURRING

Thrasher Opera House Concerts Multiple dates • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Princeton Public Library Story Time Jan. 3, 9am • 424 W. Water St., Princeton Held every Monday, focus on preschoolers

1st Wednesday Mystery Book Club 9:30am • 424 W. Water St., Princeton Held 1st Wed. of month throughout year

Town Square Lobby Artist Reception First Friday of month, 5pm • Green Lake

2nd Tuesday Paper Crafting Club 5-7pm • 424 W. Water St., Princeton Held 2nd Tues. of month throughout year

Meat Raffles

Jan. 29–Dec. 31 • BeerBellys, Princeton 1:30–4pm, last Saturday of every month

Town Square Bingo

Jan. 29–Dec. 31, 6:30pm • Green Lake Held on the last Saturday of every month except June; special date of July 2.

The Market at Town Square

February 26-April 23 • Saturdays Indoor May 13-September 23 • Fridays Outdoor November 5-Dec. 10 • Saturdays Indoor

Princeton Flea Market

April 23–October 15 • Princeton City Park 6am-1pm, every Saturday

Flea Market Food Booth

7am–1pm • Proceeds support local groups

Fairwater Historical Society Museum May 7-Sept. 24 • 104 Main St., Fairwater Saturdays, 1–3pm or by appointment

Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot 2022 Season

May 7-Sept. 24 • 214 E. John St., Markesan 1–4pm every Saturday, or by appointment

Little White Schoolhouse Museum Birthplace of the Republican Party

National Historic Site opens for season May 7–October 30 • 114 Scott St., Ripon 10am–4pm, daily from June 1–Labor Day Open weekends, May, Sept. & October

Eureka Lock Opens for 2022

May 21 through Sept. 4 • Fox River, Berlin 9am–8pm on Saturdays and Sundays

Green Lake Festival of Music June–August, various dates • Green Lake

Berlin VFW Post 2925 Brat Frys

June 1-Sept. 14 • 420 N. Wisc. St., Berlin 11am-1pm, every Wednesday

Concerts in the Park

June 1-August 31, 6:30pm • Green Lake Every Wednesday in Deacon Mills Park

Summer Library Reading Program June–July • 424 W. Water St., Princeton

Waterfest Concert Series

June 2–Sept. 1 • Riverside Park, Oshkosh Gates open at 5:45pm, every Thursday

Omro Thursday Night Market

June 2-September 29 • Scott Park, Omro 4-7pm every Thursday, music schedule TBA

Omro Area Historical Museums

Old City Hall, Heritage Hall, 144 & 160 E. Main Thursdays, June 2–Sept. 29 • 4–7pm

Ripon Summer Concert Series

June 3-August 26 • Village Green, Ripon 7pm, every Friday throughout summer

Berlin Farmers & Artists Market

June 7-Sept. 27 • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin 4–7pm every Tuesday with music, 5–7pm

Omro Family Aquatic Center

June 9-August 21 • 1241 Kiwanis St., Omro

Berlin Historical Society Museum

June 12-Aug. 28 • 111 S. Adams Ave., Berlin Open 1-4pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Carter Memorial Library Summer Reading Program

June 13-July 31 • 405 E. Huron St., Omro

MARCH

Dalton Vintage Shop Hop March 4–5 • Downtown Dalton

Gangstagrass – Thrasher Opera March 4 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Dr. Seuss Party at Public Library Mar. 5, 11am • 424 W. Water St., Princeton

Markesan FFA Alumni Farm Toy & Craft Show

Mar. 6, 10am–3pm • Markesan High School

James Hunter Six – Thrasher Opera March 11 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Corn Hole Tournament

March 12 • American Legion, Green Lake



Wearin' & \$harin' the Green presents 'Once Upon a Time' **Dinner and Auction Gala**

March 12, 5pm • Heidel House, Green Lake

Socks in the Frying Pan - Thrasher March 18 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Dalton Vol. Fire Dept. Chili Dinner March 20, 11–3pm • Kingston Town Hall

Ripon FFA Alumni Farm Toy & Country Craft Show

March 20, 9am–3pm • Ripon High School

JigJam - Thrasher Opera House March 26 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

APRIL

Princeton Hist. Society Spring Concert Date TBD • Princeton

Carlene Carter – Thrasher Opera April 2 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Markesan Fire Dept. Spring Breakfast April 3, 7-11am • Markesan Fire Station

Mountain Heart – Thrasher Opera April 8 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Future Omro Easter Egg Drop April 9, Time TBA • Omro Elem. School

Kingston Lions Easter Egg Hunt Apr. 10, 10am • Doc Meyers Park, Kingston

Princeton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt April 10, 11:30am • Princeton City Park

Waukau Easter Egg Hunt

April 16, 9am • Waukau Youth Center

Women's Club Spring Pie Sale April 16, 9am • 212 S. Howard St., Princeton

Markesan Lions Easter Egg Hunt April 16, noon • Markesan Elem. School

Neshkoro Enhancement Committee Easter Egg Hunt

April 16 • Downtown Gazebo, Neshkoro

Easter • Sunday, April 17

Am. Legion Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner April 20, 4-7pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Spring Wine Walk

April 22 • Downtown Ripon



Princeton Flea Market Opens April 23, 6am–1pm • Princeton City Park

Kingston Lions Chicken BBQ April 24, 11am-3pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Birds and Brews

April 29 • Town Square, Green Lake

Green Lake Bird Festival

April 30 • Town Square, Green Lake

Green Lake Citywide Garage SaleApril 30 • Locations vary, Green Lake

Waukau United Methodist Church Pork Chop Supper

April 30, 4-6:30pm • Waukau

White Lake Brewgrass Festival
April 30 • White Lake Beach Resort, Montello

MAY

Future Omro Glow Run/Fox Trot 5K Date & Time TBD • Omro

Berlin Lions Club annual Mother's Day Rose Sale

May 6–7 • Specific locations TBA, Berlin

Fish-n-Fun Festival

May 6-8 • Montello

Berlin Citywide Garage Sale

May 7 • Locations vary, Berlin

Fairwater Hist. Society Museum Opens May 7, 1–3pm • 104 Main St., Fairwater

Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot Opens for Season

May 7, 1–4pm • 214 E. John St., Markesan

Kitz & Pfeil Mother's Day Event May 7, 10–2pm • 780 Greentree Mall, Berlin

Little White Schoolhouse Museum Birthplace of the Republican Party

National Historic Site opens for season May 7–October 30 ● 114 Scott St., Ripon

People Brothers Band - Thrasher

May 7 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake



Princeton Citywide Garage Sale May 7 • Locations vary, Princeton

Mother's Day • Sunday, May 8

Roger McGuinn – Thrasher Opera May 12 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Paul Thorn – Thrasher Opera House May 13 & 14 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Unity Hall Rummage and Bake SaleMay 13–14, 8am–3:30pm • Princeton

Communitywide Rummage Sale May 14 • Locations vary, Dalton



Antique Car, Motorcycle & Vintage Snowmobile Show

May 15 • Soldiers & Sailors Park, Markesan

SqueezeBox Featuring Mollie B May 15, 1–5pm • Berlin High School

Eureka Lock Opens for 2022May 21, 9am–8pm • Fox River, Berlin

Omro American Legion Golf Outing

May 21, 8am • Lake Breeze, Winneconne

Sip & Shop on the Fox

May 21 ● Water St., Downtown Princeton

Rhubarb Fest

May 27–28 • Omro Area Community Center

Omro Citywide Garage Sale

May 27–30 • Locations vary, Omro

Communitywide Rummage Sale

May 28 • Locations vary, Marquette

Corky Siegel and Randy Sabien – Thrasher Opera House

May 28 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Marquette Historical Society Church Museum Open House

May 28, 11–3pm • 240 W. 2nd, Marquette

Marquette Volunteer Fire Department Brat Fry & Bake Sale

May 28, 11–4pm • Front Street, Marquette

Omro Area Comm. Center Pork Pull May 28, 10am–4pm • Omro

Paint the Town Red 5K Walk May 28 • Town Square, Green Lake

Unity's Spring Arts and Crafts Fair May 29, 8am–3pm • Princeton City Park

Am. Legion & Auxiliary Chicken BBQ May 29, 11am–3pm • Markesan Legion Hall

Memorial Day • Monday, May 30

35th Memorial Day Classic Car Show May 30 • Scott Park, Omro

Kingston Historical Society Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

May 30, 11am–3pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 30, Time TBA • Riverside Park, Berlin

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony May 30 • Scott Park, Omro

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony May 30, 9:30am ◆ Village Green, Ripon

Memorial Day Parade and Program

May 30 • American Legion, Green Lake

Memorial Day Parade and Service May 30, 8am • Markesan Cemetery

Memorial Day Service

May 30, 10am • Kingston Cemetery

VFW Memorial Day Ceremony

May 30 • Princeton High School

JUNE

Summer Library Reading Program June–July • 424 W. Water St., Princeton

Concerts in the Park Begin

June 1, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

VFW Post 2925 Brat Frys BeginJune 1, 11–1pm • 420 N. Wisc. St., Berlin

Thursday Night Market Opens

Thursday Night Market Opens
June 2, 4–7pm • Scott Park, Omro



Ripon Summer Concert Series Opens June 3–August 26 • Village Green, Ripon

7pm, every Friday throughout summer

Green Lake 100 Bike Ride Event

June 4 • Green Lake

Omro Extracurricular & Athletic Foundation Golf Outing

June 4, 9am • Lake Breeze, Winneconne

Drivin' Fore the Club

June 6, 9am • Mascoutin Golf Club, Berlin

Berlin Farmers & Artists Market OpensJune 7, 4–7pm • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

Omro Family Aquatic Center OpensJune 9, noon • 1241 Kiwanis St., Omro

Omro Rushford Volunteer Fire Dept. Firemen's Street Dance

June 10, 6pm • 502 W. Huron St., Omro



June Dairy Days Festival

June 10–12 • Hein Park, Markesan

Dino Daze

June 11 • Town Square, Green Lake

June Dairy Days Parade

June 11, 7pm • Streets of Markesan

Berlin Hist. Society Museum Opens June 12, 1–4pm • 111 S. Adams Ave., Berlin

Neshkoro Lions Club Chicken BBQ June 12 • St. James Church, Neshkoro

Waukau Youth Days Parade and Chicken BBQ

June 12, Time TBA • Waukau Youth Center

Summer Reading Program Begins June 13 • Carter Memorial Library, Omro

Omro American Legion Post 234 Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 14 • Omro Rushford Vol. Fire. Dept.



Angler/Young Angler Fishing Tourney June 18 • Deacon Mills Park, Green Lake

Father's Day • Sunday, June 19

Ripon FFA Alumni Farm Breakfast June 19 • Location TBA, Ripon

Coloma Chicken Chew Festival June 24-26 • Coloma

Community Wide Rummage Sales June 24–25 • Locations vary, Ripon

Independence Day Celebration June 25, 5pm • Princeton City Park

Missoula Children's Theatre June 25, time TBA • Thrasher, Green Lake

White Hot Party

June 25 ● Town Square, Green Lake

Waushara County Dairy Breakfast June 26, time/location TBA • Waushara

Schaumburg Supper Club Music on the Patio • Randolph June 28, 5:30–9pm. No cover charge. To reserve a table, call 920-928-3348

Scott Kirby – Thrasher Opera House June 30 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

JULY

Markesan Lions Pork Chop Dinner Date, time TBA • Markesan

Puckaway Rod & Gun Club Chicken BBQ, Trapshoot & Archery Contests Date TBA • Puckaway Road, Marquette

Neshkoro Fire Department Independence Celebration

July 2, Time TBA • Fire Station, Neshkoro

Fourth of July Celebration July 2, 11am-9pm • Marquette Village Hall

Independence Day Celebration July 3, 1pm • Riverside Park, Berlin

Party on the Pond

July 3 • Town Square, Green Lake

Independence Day • Monday, July 4

Fourth of July Celebration July 4 • Deacon Mills Park, Green Lake

Fourth of July Parade & Celebration July 4 • Scott Park & Downtown, Omro

Independence Day Fireworks July 4 at dusk • Murray Park, Ripon

Omro American Legion Post 234 Pancake Breakfast

July 4 • Location TBA, Omro

Lifest: A Party with a Purpose July 7–10 • Sunnyview Fairgrounds, Oshkosh

Riponfest 2.0

July 9–10 • Barlow Park, Ripon

10th Annual Berlin Kiwanis Pig **Roast and UW Marching Band** July 9 • Riverside Park, Berlin

Omro American Legion Post 234 Sheepshead Fisheree

July 9, 7am • Scott Park, Omro



Run for Sam 10K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk

July 9, 8am • VFW Post 10452, Princeton

Schaumburg Supper Club Music on the Patio • Randolph July 12, 5:30-9pm. No cover charge. To reserve a table, call 920-928-3348

MNM Antique Mall Tent Sale July 15–16 • 501-A S. Fulton St., Princeton



Manchester Chute Out Professional Bull Riding

July 16, 7pm • Manchester Rod & Gun Club

Second City - Thrasher Opera House July 16 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Antique Tractor Show & Outdoor Polka Service

July 17, 9am-4pm • 106 Main St., Fairwater

Shoreline Boat Jam

July 17 • Norwegian Bay, Green Lake

Green Lake Triathlon -Wisconsin Tri Series

July 17 • Deacon Mills Park, Green Lake



EAA AirVenture 2022

July 25-July 31 • Oshkosh

Schaumburg Supper Club Music on the Patio • Randolph July 26, 5:30–9pm. No cover charge. To reserve a table, call 920-928-3348

Bugle Mouth Bass Tournament July 30 • North Riverside Park, Berlin

Pewaukee Ski Show

July 30 • Hatti Sherwood Beach, Green Lake

Princeton VFW Golf Outing

July 30 • Thal Acres Golf Course, Westfield

Summer Reading Program Ends July 31 • Carter Memorial Library, Omro

AUGUST

Augustfest Corn Roast

Date TBD • Downtown Markesan

Green Lake County National Night Out August 2 • Riverside Park, Berlin

Omro National Night Out August 2 • Scott Park, Omro

Green Lake County Junior Free Fair August 4-7 • 570 South St., Green Lake

Green Lake Association Annual Gala August 6 • Location TBD, Green Lake

Scooping the Loop

August 6, 5–9pm • Downtown Ripon **Schaumburg Supper Club**

Music on the Patio • Randolph August 9, 5:30–9pm. No cover charge. To reserve a table, call 920-928-3348

Berlin Boat Club Corn Roast August 12–13 • Riverside Park, Berlin

Markesan Citywide Garage Sale

August 12–13 • Locations vary, Markesan **Green Lake Fine Art Show**

Aug. 13–14 • Playground Park, Green Lake

\$10,000 Best for Last Raffle August 13 • VFW Post 10452, Princeton

Street Cruzers Memorial Ride Aug. 13, 5pm • South Riverside Park, Berlin



35th Annual Street Cruzers Car Show August 14 • South Riverside Park, Berlin

St. James Picnic - Neshkoro August 14 • St. James Church, Neshkoro

Sondalle's White Lake Country Club Peacock Open

August 18, 11am • Montello

Celebrate the Fox Corn Roast August 20 • Scott Park, Omro

Father Marquette Day August 20 • Montello City Park

Land & Lake Family Field Day Green Lake Association

August 20 • Location TBD, Green Lake

Omro Family Aquatic Center Closes August 21, 5pm • 1241 Kiwanis St., Omro

Polish Picnic and Annual Car Show August 21 • St. John's Catholic, Princeton

Last Friday Night Summer Concert August 26, 7pm • Village Green, Ripon



Cemetery Walking Tours August 27 • Princeton City Cemetery

East Central Benefit Tractor Cruise August 27 • Heatley Farm, Ripon

Lakeapalooza

Aug. 27 • American Legion, Green Lake

Neshkoro Lions Lawn Mower Races August 27 • Location TBA, Neshkoro

Berlin Hist. Society Museum Closes Aug. 28, 1-4pm • 111 S. Adams Ave., Berlin

Final Concert in the Park of 2022 Aug. 31, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend Softball Tourney September 2-5 • Dalton Rod & Gun Club

Redgranite Labor Day Festival

Sept. 3–5 • Events throughout Redgranite **Annual Pig Roast** • September 3, 1pm

Rushford Meadery & Winery, Omro

Kingston Krazy Legs 5K Run/Walk Sept. 3, 8:30am • Kingston Fireman's Park

Kingston Krazy Daze

Sept. 3, 11–4pm • Kingston Fireman's Park

Marquette Historical Society Church Museum Open House Sept. 4, 11-3pm • 240 W. 2nd, Marguette

Eureka Lock Closes for Season

Sept. 4, 9am-8pm • Fox River, Berlin

Dalton Labor Day Picnic

Sept. 5, 10-5pm • Dalton Rod & Gun Club

Labor Day • Monday, September 5

GLAAS Dog Walk

Sept. 10 • N6217 Busse Rd., Green Lake

Pontiac Car Show

September 10 • Scott Park, Omro

Puckaway Pigfest • Sept. 10, 11am-5pm Lake Arrowhead Campground, Montello

WaukauFest

September 10 • Waukau Youth Center

Whooping Crane & Nature Festival September 10 • Princeton Public School

Wisconsin State Chili Cookoff September 10 • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

7th Annual Omro Am. Legion Auxiliary **Support Our Troops Care Package Drive** September 11 • Omro Pharmacy, Omro

Manchester Rod & Gun Club Fall Picnic Sept. 11, 11am • Manchester Rod & Gun Club

Last VFW Post 2925 Brat Fry of 2022 Sept. 14, 11-1pm • 420 N. Wisc. St., Berlin

Party for the Arts – Thrasher September 17 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Wild Rose Car Cruise & Show September 16, 6pm • Wild Rose

Wild Rose Classic Car Show September 17, 8am–3pm • Wild Rose

Septemberfest

September 17 • Downtown Ripon



Sip & Shop on the Fox Sept. 17 • Water St., Downtown Princeton

Heritage Day at Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot

Sept. 18, 1–4pm • 214 E. John St., Markesan

Sondalle's White Lake Country Club Marquette County K-9 Outing Open September 18, 9am • Montello

Unity's 12th Annual Harvest Faire Sept. 18, 9am−3pm • Princeton City Park

Girls Night Out

September 21 • Town Square, Green Lake



Harvest Fest

September 24–25 • Downtown Green Lake

Harvest of Bargains

506 Mill Street & 540 Commercial Avenue September 24–25 • Green Lake

Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot closes for season Sept. 24, 1–4pm • 214 E. John St., Markesan

Final Berlin Farmers & Artists Market Sept. 27, 4–7pm • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

Final Thursday Night Market of 2022 September 29, 4–7pm • Scott Park, Omro

OCTOBER

Bedlam in Berlin Opens for Season October 1–29 • 235 S. Wisconsin St., Berlin 7–10pm, every Friday & Saturday

American Legion Veterans Banquet Date TBD • Fire Department, Omro

Princeton Lions Spaghetti Supper Date TBD • VFW Post 10452, Princeton

Berlin Lions' Assistive Technology Fair for the Visually Impaired Oct. 4, Time TBA • Berlin Senior Center

Neshkoro Scarecrow Festival October 8 • River's Edge Park, Neshkoro

Oktoberfest Celebration 2022 October 8 • Downtown Omro

Waukau United Methodist Church **Pork Chop Supper**

October 8, 4-6:30pm • Waukau

White Lake Octoberfest

Oct. 8 • White Lake Beach Resort, Montello

Am. Legion Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner October 12, 4-7pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Reach the Peak 5K run/walk, 15K run October 15, Time TBA • Mt. Morris

Vendor Appreciation Flea Market & Last Princeton Flea Market Oct. 15, 6am-1pm • Princeton City Park

Kingston Lions Chicken BBQ

Oct. 23, 11–3pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Trunk-or-Treat Downtown

October 24 • Downtown Green Lake

Trunk-or-Treat at Boys & Girls Club

October 25 • 334 Broadway, Berlin

Trick-or-Treat on Water Street

Oct. 28, 3:30-5pm • W. Water St. Princeton

Cribbage Tournament

October 29 • American Legion, Green Lake

Little White Schoolhouse Closes

October 30 • 114 Scott St., Ripon

Waukau Halloween Party

October 30 • Waukau Youth Center

Halloween Spooktacular

Oct. 31, 9–11am • Omro Area Comm. Center

Halloween • Monday, October 31

Trick-or-treating dates and times vary by community. Please see Berlin Journal Newspapers' weekly publications starting in mid-October for a full list of area times.

NOVEMBER

Berlin Lions Club Cheese Box Sale Preorders Begin, Berlin

Markesan Fire Dept. Fall Breakfast

Nov. 1, 7–11am • Markesan Fire Station

Holiday Wine Walk

Nov. 4, Time TBA • Downtown Ripon

Veterans Day • Friday, November 11 School districts throughout the area host a variety of Veterans Day observances. Please see Berlin Journal Newspapers' weekly publications leading up to Veterans Day for communities' individual schedules.

Christmas in the Village November 11–12 • Ripor

Markesan American Legion & Auxiliary Veterans Day Dinner

November 12 • Markesan Legion Hall

Veterans Day Social & Dinner Nov. 12 • American Legion, Green Lake

Waukau Annual Soup-er Supper Nov. 12, 4-6:30pm • Waukau Youth Center

ABC Group's Light the Park

Nov. 17, 4pm • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin



37th Annual Lighted Holiday Parade Theme: "A Storybook Christmas" Nov. 17, 6:30pm • Downtown Berlin

20th Annual Homespun Holidays

Nov. 18–19 • Markesan Elementary School

Friends of the Library Christmas Sale Nov. 21–Dec. 10 • Princeton Public Library

Women's Club Thanksgiving Pie Sale Nov. 23, 4pm • 212 S. Howard St., Princeton

Thanksgiving • Thursday, November 24



The Gobbler Turkey Day 5K and 1-mile Run/Walk

Nov. 24, 8:30am • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

27th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 24, 11:30am • All Saints Parish, Berlin

Keep the Cheer Here Holiday Event November 25-26 • Green Lake

Christmas in Princeton

Craft fairs throughout area, hours vary November 25–27 • Princeton



Unity's Festival of Trees

Nov. 25–26 • Community Hall, Princeton

Lights on Water St. Electrical Parade November 25, 6pm • Downtown Princeton

Holiday Bounty Craft Fair & Mrs. Claus' Kitchen

November 26 • Princeton Public School

4th Annual Elf Extravaganza

Nov. 26, 10am-4pm • Downtown Berlin

6th Annual Berlin Blitz

Nov. 26, 9am–2pm • All Saints Parish, Berlin

Small Business Saturday • Nov. 26

DECEMBER

Berlin Lions Club Coupon Book Sale Books available from members • Berlin

Kingston Lions Christmas Cash Bash Date/Location TBA • Markesan



Dickens of a Christmas December 2-4 • Downtown Ripon

Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa Dec. 2 • Daggett Memorial Park, Montello

Breakfast with Santa • 8am–noon Dec. 3 • Omro Area Community Center

Christmas Party Potluck

Dec. 3 • American Legion, Green Lake



Holiday Celebration and Parade December 3 • Downtown, Omro

Hometowne Holiday & Tree Lighting December 3 • Veterans Park, Redgranite

Food Service Breakfast Restaurant December 6–8 • Princeton Public School

Markesan American Legion & Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner Dec. 7, 4–7pm • Markesan Legion Hall

Annual Future Omro Holiday Party December 7 • Location TBD, Omro

Friends of the Library Cookie Walk December 10 • Princeton Public Library

Waukau Children's Christmas Party Dec. 10, 12:30pm • Waukau Youth Center

Christmas Day • Sunday, December 25

Berlin Kiwanis Christmas Dinner Dec. 25, 11:30am • Location TBD, Berlin

New Year's Eve • Saturday, Dec. 31

Please note — The individual times and

dates of events listed here may be subject to change. Certain events may also require purchase or charge an admission price.

Please pick up the latest edition of the Berlin Journal, Green Lake Reporter, Markesan Regional Reporter, Princeton Times-Republic or Omro Herald at local newsstands throughout the area for the latest information on upcoming events as well as the best local news and varsity sports coverage in the area.

With hundreds of live animals and just as many exhibitors, along with the area's largest midway, tractor pulls, a demolition derby, and dozens of food stands, not to mention free admission during its entire four-day run, it's easy to see why the Green Lake County Fair is known throughout the area as the "Best Little Fair Around."

Set for August 4–7, the Green Lake County Fair returns in 2022 with the theme "Blue Jeans and County Fair Dreams" and offers a fun, safe, family-friendly environment where Green Lake County youth and adults can demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have acquired through various project areas and life in general.

Throughout the extended weekend, exhibitors from across the county will compete for blue ribbons, trophies, and bragging rights in numerous categories from baking to gardening and from woodworking to photography, as well as several livestock shows featuring cattle, pigs, sheep, poultry, and rabbits.

Along with a number of entertainment stages, the Green Lake County Fair boasts the largest midway in the area with games and rides hosted by A&P Enterprise Shows in addition to track events each night of the fair, Thursday–Saturday.

With so much to see and do, you're sure to work up an appetite, and the county fair has got you covered there too, with a number of specially-chosen vendors to cover every taste imaginable from gyros to pizza to fresh-squeezed lemonade. Remember to stop by the Farm Bureau for all your favorites like burgers, grilled cheese, barbecue, and homemade pie, and for those true "county fair treats" check out the midway for cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, and more!

A truly free fair, the Green Lake County Fair does not



charge for parking or a gate admission at any time, as guests are invited to come and go as they please, but with so much fun packed onto the fairgrounds at 570 South Street in Green Lake, why would you ever want to leave?

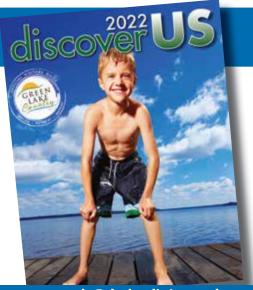
For a complete preview of the 2022 Green Lake County Junior Free Fair, the Best Little Fair Around, pick up a copy of the *Berlin Journal, Green Lake Reporter, Markesan Regional Reporter* or the *Princeton Times-Republic* leading up to the fair, August 4–7.

Berlin Journal Newspapers, in coordination with the Green Lake County Fair, publishes an extensive fair guide detailing all the upcoming exhibits along with a full schedule of events for all four days.

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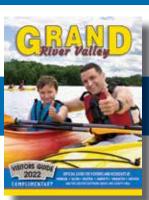
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erlin, a city with rich historical roots and rustic charm, was built along the Fox River for its natural resources and location. Known for its beautiful parks and simple grace, Berlin is a community where residents like to live and tourists and guests are welcomed into. It's a place where local events bring people together, strangers become friends, and friends become family.

Located a short 20-minute drive west of Oshkosh, Berlin continues to serve as an oasis to get away from the hustle and bustle of the fast-paced life, allowing all to take a break, sit back, relax and unwind.

While visiting Berlin you might want to immerse yourself in the self-guided walking tour of the many historic homes and buildings located around the city or spend time at one of the many beautiful parks. Berlin has a unique variety of commercial businesses that are part of the community, putting the city on the map and promoting industrial growth too.

Remember to explore the incredible variety of events offered or take a stroll around town to visit the small local businesses that add that little extra joy that makes the City of Berlin a community.

No matter what the season, discovering Berlin is always a treat for all. From venturing around the city as it comes to life in the spring or perhaps strolling around on a warm summer day, or breathing in the fresh crisp air on a cool autumn night, Berlin is a great place to be. During the winter, the city is a magical wonderland, with its lighted park full of decorated trees and quick access to the great outdoors. Berlin is a special place to be any time of year!

Regardless if you plan to take a jaunt down the Fox River by boat, canoe or kayak; go fishing from the shores; spend some time at one of the many community events; or just wander around the city to explore everything it has to offer, Berlin is a great place to get lost in order to find yourself!

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Celebrating 70 years since the Berlin Boat Club has been involved in the operation and maintenance, and 10 years since its rebuild, the Eureka Lock and Dam is located off Eureka Lock Road, two miles west of Eureka and five miles east of Berlin.

While traveling through the Lock, it is common to see anglers camped along the shoreline as the area is well-known throughout the state by those looking to reel in top-notch walleye, white bass and catfish. With



two fishing piers, one facing the lock channel and one facing the main river channel below the dam, anglers of all ages regularly wet their lines, but the Eureka Lock is so much more than a hot spot for fishing.

For a time, starting in 1951, the lock was closed down and would have remained closed had it not been for the efforts of the Berlin Boat Club who, in 1958, successfully lobbied to get both the Eureka Lock and Eureka Dam repaired to allow for continued recreational use on the Upper Fox River.

After another 40-plus years of successful use, the DNR once again closed Eureka Lock in 2003 due to disrepair and again the Berlin Boat Club made a push to fix and reopen the lock by raising \$300,000.

After an approximately nine-year absence, Eureka Lock reopened on June 1, 2012.

The latest reiteration of Eureka Lock features motorized doors, making it easier for the lock to open and close as boaters travel along the

Fox River, regularly visiting Berlin throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall months.

The Berlin Boat Club volunteers continue to staff Eureka Lock every weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) and on holidays from 9 a.m. -8 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend and by appointment, with 24-hour notice, starting in mid-May by calling 920-361-BOAT (2628).

In 2022, Eureka Lock will open for the season on Saturday, May 21 and close on September 4.

To show your support of the Berlin Boat Club's continued efforts, be sure to stop by the Berlin Boat Club Corn Roast, August 12–13 at the North Shelter #1 in Berlin's Riverside Park. With Eureka Lock opening for special hours on Friday, August 12, you'll be able to pull up right alongside the shelter house and park your boat on the scenic Fox River shoreline, grab a freshly roasted cob of sweet corn, and enjoy the live music all evening long.





The Berlin Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing high quality leisure time services and facilities to residents and guests of Berlin and the surrounding communities.

The Parks and Recreation Department oversees Berlin's 10 fabulous community parks in addition to the Berlin Aquatic Center, Miller Natatorium, community shelter houses, and Riverside Campground.

Year-round residents and those visiting the community have many opportunities to experience recreational activities and enjoy the great outdoor areas offered in and around

the City of Berlin. The most popular of Berlin's parks are undoubtedly Riverside and Nathan Strong parks, which each play host to various activities throughout the year.

However, each of Berlin's parks, whether large or small, offer the opportunity to reconnect with nature, relax, and unwind. From the beautiful playgrounds to the different accommodations offered through the Parks and Recreation programs, there is always something for everyone to enjoy!

To learn more about the City of Berlin Parks and Recreation Department or the services offered please call 920-361-5437.

The Berlin Aquatic Center, 225 Webster Street in Berlin, is a prime location to beat the heat and cool off on a hot summer day.

Operated by the City of Berlin and the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department, the Aquatic Center has become a central location for people to gather and play every summer season.

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Achieving a Better Community Inc., known locally as the ABC Group, invites you to celebrate Independence Day in Berlin on July 3 at the Riverside Park North Shelter #1. The fun and festivities will kick off earlier this year, starting with a parade at noon followed by various activities at 1 p.m. Enjoy kids and adult games, the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market, food vendors, and beverages.

There will be fun for the whole

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family and, best of all, admission is free with live music scheduled throughout the day starting with area favorites, the Del Ray's, from 1-4 p.m. Heading into the afternoon, Fork in the Road will take the stage from 4-7:30 p.m. followed by Star Six Nine who'll bring the day to a close, playing from 7:30–11:30 p.m.

With planning of Berlin's best Independence Day Celebration continuing, be sure to look for more information as the event gets closer.





Held in Nathan Strong Park on Tuesday evenings from 4–7 p.m., June through September, the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market's mission is to create a social opportunity for residents and visitors to gather and interact.

Dedicated to educating consumers and sharing knowledge about the products and services of local farmers, artists, artisans, and businesses, the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market also features live music, starting at 5 p.m., sponsored and supported by local businesses.

Returning with Military Appreciation Night on Tuesday, June 7, and running through the end of September, the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market Committee invites all to stop on down to Nathan Strong Park on Berlin's east side, located directly on East Huron Street, to enjoy a beautiful afternoon of local goods, live music, food, friends, and fun.





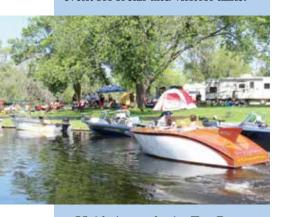


For 70 years, the Berlin Boat Club has dedicated itself to the restoration and continued operation of the Eureka Lock on the

Helping in its continued efforts, the Berlin Boat Club will once again host its annual Corn Roast at the North Shelter #1 in Riverside Park on Friday and Saturday, August 12–13. The fun-filled weekend includes raffles, live music, games, boat rides, and more.

berlin boat club corn roast

Along with burgers, brats and assorted other refreshments, the highlight of the weekend is the Berlin Boat Club's mouth-watering freshly roasted sweet corn, making the corn roast a much anticipated event for locals and visitors alike!



Held alongside the Fox River, a historic waterway that connects Berlin to the rest of Wisconsin, the annual corn roast brings families, friends, and the community together to enjoy all that Berlin and the Fox River have to offer.

In partnership with local car enthusiasts, Saturday's August 13 Street Cruzers Memorial Ride will hit the streets of Berlin in the early evening, starting at Riverside Park South Shelter #2 and ending at North Shelter #1, where more live music and sweet corn await all in attendance.



Rev up your engines and plan to road-trip it to Berlin on Sunday, August 14, for the 35th annual Street Cruzers Car Show in Riverside Park.

The beautiful Fox River plays second-fiddle during this favorite annual event as car enthusiasts from throughout the state gather to enjoy vehicles of the past, present, and sometimes even the future during a can't-miss day of fun.

For those wishing to show off their vehicles, registration starts Sunday morning with cars and trucks remaining on display throughout the afternoon for judging, leading up to the afternoon's awards presentation

featuring such coveted trophies as People's Choice, the Mayor's Trophy and, of course, Best in Show.

For those wanting a sneak peek of what Sunday will have to offer, the Street Cruzers, in coordination with the Berlin Boat Club Corn Roast, will again host the annual Street Cruzers Memorial Ride on Saturday evening, August 13.

Lineup for the Memorial Ride begins at the South Shelter #2 in Riverside Park at about 5 p.m. before heading out at 6 p.m. and winding its way through Berlin to the North Shelter #1 where live music and the Berlin Boat Club's Corn Roast awaits one and all.





Nothing brings a community together like Christmastime, and the City of Berlin will once again kick off the season in style with four signature events on two separate days surrounding Thanksgiving in late November.

park lighting

Nathan Strong Park is the place to be to celebrate the start of the Christmas season on Thursday evening, November 17, for the official Lighting of the Park, as a delightful feeling of yesteryear brings back the toasty warm feelings of special holiday memories.

Organized by Berlin's Achieving a Better Community Inc., the event begins at 4 p.m. when the ultimate Yuletide power couple of Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to meet with children followed by the official Lighting of the Park at 5 p.m.

With the ceremonial flipping of the switch, over 100 Christmas trees, adopted and decorated by area businesses, organizations, and families, will light up the night. With each tree having a story all its own, following the trees' first lighting on November 17, the trees will remain on display, and will be lit every evening through January 1, giving everyone plenty of time to stroll through the park in wonder and amazement.

lighted parade

As the Lighting of the Park continues into the evening, one and all are invited to find a spot along Broadway in downtown Berlin, heading back out to Nathan Strong Park for the annual Lighted Holiday Parade on Thursday, November 17.

Returning last year under the Community Holiday Parade Committee, a division of the ABC Group, the parade welcomes thousands of guests who line the street as dozens of floats, decorated by local businesses and organizations in the chosen theme, celebrate the start of the Christmas season and hand out candy and other goodies to children of all ages.

The theme of the 2022 parade is "A Storybook Christmas," with the parade scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Whether you're part of the parade or viewing it from the side of the





road, you're sure to be filled with the Christmas spirit, as the annual Lighted Holiday Parade has become one of many memory-making traditions that helps kick off the Christmas season in the City of Berlin.

elf extravaganza

Following Thanksgiving, make a date to attend the 4th annual Elf Extravaganza, returning to Berlin on Saturday, November 26, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. in support of Small Business Saturday as shoppers get a jump-start on the holiday shopping season.

With carriage rides through downtown and pictures with Santa, Elf Extravaganza showcases not only local businesses, but also a variety of other local crafters and area vendors who set up in pop-up shops throughout the downtown area.

But be sure to get there early! Those lucky enough to purchase an Elf Extravaganza tote bag will have the opportunity to visit participating businesses to collect special surprises, while all shoppers will be able to visit Elf Central to register for prizes and partake in the shopping fun.

berlin blitz

One of the many stops to make in Berlin on November 26 is the 6th annual Berlin Blitz, held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Parish, located on Hwy 49 just south of Berlin, bringing dozens of small, home-based businesses together in one location for a one-of-a-kind shopping experience, all under one roof.

Crafters and vendors specializing in jewelry, home decor, health and wellness products, candles and much more will be present in addition to a basket raffle, refreshments to keep your energy up and a visit from St. Nick himself.

The event is open to the community and a great way to kick off the holiday season!

Smelling freshly cut grass. Feeling the warmth of the sun on your face as it slowly makes its way across the sky. And the fun of describing the perfect shot to your friends who were right there beside you when you hit it, as you enjoy a drink in the clubhouse after your round.

Whether you're visiting the area for a day or a week, or maybe you're just looking to escape from the stresses of the office for an afternoon, a memorable day on the links is well within driving distance of Green Lake County at any one







of the area's premier golf course destinations, and are all open to the public from early spring through late fall.

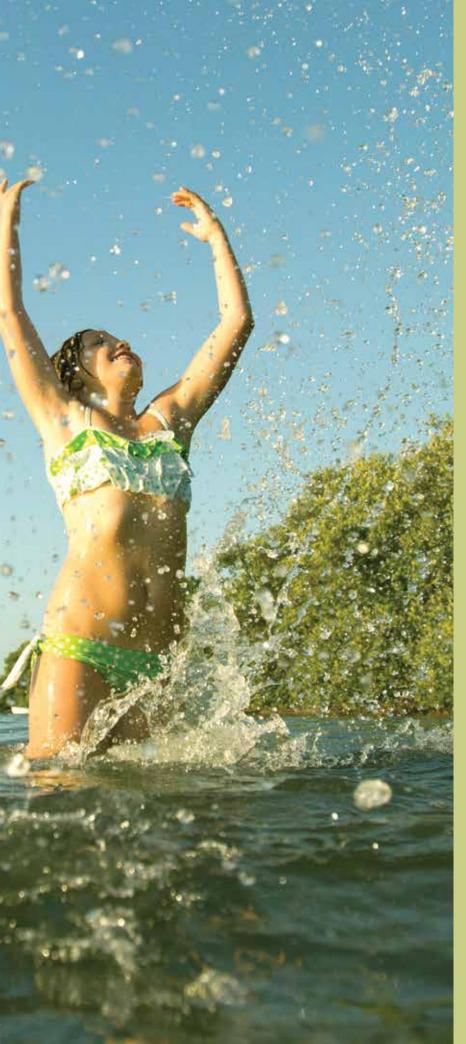
From wide-open fairways to challenging doglegs and from deep bunkers to gently sloping greens, the area's top-rated courses offer an abundant mix of challenges and ease for beginning and veteran golfers of all ages.

If you're looking to explore everything that East Central Wisconsin has to offer, remember to load up your clubs as you hit the road to test your might at the many courses located throughout the area. Here's just a sampling of the courses you'll find:

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- Waushara Country Club, 2410 Hillside Drive, Wautoma
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Whether you're a scratch handicap, an experienced amateur or a newcomer looking to make your mark on the sport, golfers of all ages and skill levels are sure to enjoy the challenges in store for them.





reen Lake visitors continue to discover what year-round residents have known for years – and it's easy to see why.

Celebrating its 175th birthday in 2022, living the good life in Green Lake is definitely a four-season treasure trove of fun as the community offers a bounty of outdoor recreation, intriguing history, and some of the area's largest events.

Great parks and plentiful green spaces highlight the area's richest jewel: Green Lake.

Known locally as Big Green, the county's namesake body of water has been an awe-inspiring sight since the days when Native American tribes made their annual pilgrimage to the famed waters of Daycholah. Nothing compares to a day spent on or even near Green Lake, Wisconsin's deepest inland lake.

From pontoons to sailboats, water skiing to swimming and relaxing beachside or walking along the shoreline, the lake is legendary for creating memories that will last a lifetime. Plentiful fishing abounds, both during the warmer months and when the lake is covered with a sheet of ice as fishing shanties stretch out from the shoreline.

In the winter, Green Lake is transformed into a picture-book village brimming with charm. Sledding hills beckon, hot cocoa and a good book are easy to find, and snowmobiles speed by connecting various communities in the area. Lace up your skates near the downtown, and watch for the graceful ice boats when weather conditions are just right.

Come for the lake, but stay for the area's famed golf courses, its unique shops, and its enchanting beauty and country roads with picturesque scenes around every corner.

Green Lake's historic past is reflected in many of its downtown buildings, and among the gracious older homes located throughout the community that are lovingly maintained. The Green Lake School District is also proud to be a K–12 International Baccalaureate school.

Nearly every event offered in Green Lake is made possible by the hard work and passion of local organizations and dedicated businesses, community members, and seasonal residents committed to seeing the area and region thrive.

The summertime Concerts in the Park series, held every Wednesday in Deacon Mills Park, introduces audience members to a wide range of music in a relaxed outdoor setting. Or take a night to discover the talents of acclaimed musical artists from around the world at the historic Thrasher Opera House.

Many more adventures await while exploring Green Lake's varied offerings. A visit to Green Lake is always filled with fun times and memories to treasure!

There's no better day to drop a line in the water then during the annual Angler/Young Angler (AYA) Fishing Tournament, returning to Deacon Mills Park and beautiful Big Green Lake on Saturday, June 18.

Angler/ Young Angler fishing tournament

This year's 14th annual AYA Fishing Tournament, organized by Norton's Dry Dock with sponsorships from numerous local businesses, continues to be a popular draw for anglers of all ages. This one-day, youth based, professional style fishing tournament is held to introduce youth into fishing, promote family values and encourage families, friends, and mentors to continue fishing and enjoying Big Green Lake and the greater Green Lake community throughout the year.

During the AYA Fishing Tournament, young anglers and their angler mentor head out onto Green Lake in search of smallmouth bass starting at approximately 8 a.m. with a ceremony on the water and weighins required before 2:30 p.m.

The tournament is restricted to only the first 50 teams to register, and spots fill up quickly each year, with the youth anglers in the winning boat receiving \$1,500 scholarships, a championship trophy and their names engraved on the AYA Norton's Dry Dock Cup.

Numerous \$1,000 scholarships, depending on event sponsorships, are also awarded to youth on the many second-place teams from the day's competition.

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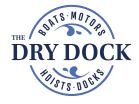








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There may be no better time to visit beautiful Green Lake than during the community's annual July 4th Celebration held this year on – when else – July 4!

The day begins with a delicious pancake breakfast at the Green Lake American Legion. Afterward, the fun continues with games and even more food at Deacon Mills Park, located off South Street, and be sure to head to Dartford Bay for the annual excitement of the themed Boat Parade.

Mill Street's Playground Park serves as host to various games,



musical entertainment, the American Legion's popular Sink the Bismarck golf game, and food and

beverages sponsored by local service organizations.

The highlight of the day will be the Fourth of July parade, which heads through the central part of the community. Set up your lawn chairs early in downtown Green Lake, as the good spots go fast!

Spectators can then cap off a perfect evening under the stars, as fireworks reflect off the waters of Green Lake over Dartford Bay beginning at dusk.

For more information about Green Lake's star-spangled Independence Day celebration, contact the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 920-294-3231.



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Each year, the festival showcases approximately 100 artists cultivated from local talent and throughout the state and entire Midwest to take part in this annual juried exhibit sponsored by the Green Lake Fine Arts Council.

Rain or shine, the artists remain on hand throughout the weekend to answer questions about their work and artistic philosophy, in addition to selling their beloved masterpieces to the many visitors looking to expand or begin their personal collections.

Guests have the opportunity to view and purchase a wide range of art mediums including acrylic, fiber, pencil, wood, clay, jewelry, oil, glass sculpture, photography, watercolor,



The day also features live music and a variety of food and beverages for festival-goers to savor while they take in the array of culture at Green Lake's Playground Park.



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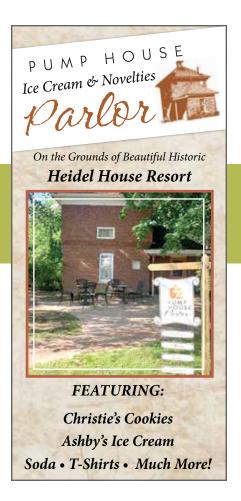






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Sponsored by the Green Lake Rotary, the Wisconsin State Chili Cookoff Championship returns to Green Lake's Deacon Mills Park on Saturday, September 10, drawing chefs from across the state to create their finest chili recipes on-site for the daylong competition.

chili cook-offi

An International Chili Society-sanctioned event, when the day is all but done, judges will announce their final decisions, as the top 10 best chili recipes are awarded and the Wisconsin State Chili Cookoff Champion is determined.

Along with bragging rights, the winning team receives the opportunity to compete at the World Championship.

While creativity is definitely encouraged, competitors must adhere



to the simple rules enforced by the International Chili Society. Teams are able to use any combination of meat, spices, and the like, but beans and noodles are strictly forbidden.

The Wisconsin State Chili Cookoff is an event that spectators look forward to all year, as they're encouraged to try the variety of spicy flavors during the sampling portion of the afternoon, then vote for their favorites while relaxing in Deacon Mills Park and enjoying live music on the shore of beautiful Green Lake.

Proceeds from the event are used by the Green Lake Rotary to support youth and community activities in the Green Lake area throughout the year.



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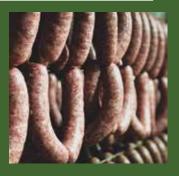


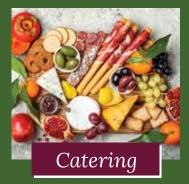


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Nothing says "autumn in Green Lake" like the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's signature event, Harvest Fest, returning on Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25.

Celebrating its 34th year in 2022, all are invited to enjoy the festival's full complement of family-friendly activities as thousands of festival-goers head to downtown Green Lake, ready to celebrate the arrival of autumn.

From shopping at the various craft and farmers market booths to experiencing the live music in the heart of downtown Green Lake to partaking in several raffles and silent auctions, the possibilities for fun are nearly endless.

Spectators can play games, gaze at hundreds of antique and collector vehicles during Sunday's car show, and enjoy a delectable sampling of various cuisines provided by area service organizations and restaurants during Taste of Green Lake.

Also be sure to visit Playground Park for a season's bounty of children's games, live animals, clowns, balloon creations, face painting, and other attractions, but don't miss the annual Harvest Fest parade Saturday afternoon.

A popular area attraction, this parade is sure to enchant with live music, amazing feats, decked-out floats, and the welcoming smiles of area business representatives.

For more details about the 34th annual Harvest Fest, contact the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 920-294-3231 and look for more information in Berlin Journal Newspapers' various publications, including the Green Lake Reporter in the weeks leading up to the event.













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As far as new Green Lake business GEAR is concerned, life is an exhilarating ride, and everyone along for that ride should be equipped for all the fun that comes their way.

Opening in May 2022, GEAR is a collaborative adventure between business partners Beth Bosveld and Therese Trenhaile. The retail shop offers lake life essentials inspired by Green Lake adventure and the relaxed lake vibe of summer.

A hardware store and mercantile in former lives, the 511 Mill Street space has longstanding historic roots in the heart of downtown Green Lake.

Bosveld and Trenhaile plan to add a side entrance to the building – all the better for customers to check out the iced coffee and treats at Sassafras Coffee right next door.

"We're looking forward to building a community with other shop owners downtown, to see how we can collaborate and grow together," Bosveld stated. "We hope our fresh ideas and positive outlook will be an asset to the community for years to come."

The high-end sporting goods store is tailored toward all the outdoor activities Green Lake has to offer.

EXR embarks on fun

"We carry things like wakesurf accessories including boards, golf apparel, sunglasses, swimsuits and other fun accessories," Bosveld explained. "Our goal is to enhance the Green Lake experience by offering the high-quality gear we all need, right downtown."

The pair have a passion for the lake and surrounding areas from both a local and vacationer's perspective. That sense of strong connection with Big Green Lake is something Bosveld and Trenhaile are excited to bring to downtown.

"We're honored that we can move into this space and continue adding retail to the Green Lake area," Bosveld said.

GEAR carries fun, high-quality brands tailored toward the Green Lake activities everyone loves. They want their merchandise to be a customer's favorite item - something they'll wear or use often that will be a reminder of their time spent in Green Lake.

Forget your bathing suit? No problem! GEAR also intends to be a customer's go-to for practical essentials.

"When you drop your sunglasses in the lake, or forget your flip-flops, wouldn't it be great to be able to pick up some of your favorite brands in town?" said Bosveld.

They're excited about carrying the Bad Birdie golf apparel line, which stands out without compromising performance.

GEAR is also proud to carry Doomswell wakesurf boards, which are some of the hottest boards on the market right now. From beginner to pro, boards for all levels of wakesurfers are available. Set up a time to come in, and their staff will help you find the perfect fit.

GEAR will be open daily during the summer, and primarily on weekends in the colder seasons. With the intent to be part of holiday season shopping, customers can look forward to end-of-season sales next fall.

For additional information, visit their website at geargl.com, email info@geargl. com, or call 920-807-0252, and be sure to check them out on Facebook and Instagram!













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Already open for brisk walking and biking in Green Lake County along Highway 23, Lauree's Trail is attracting more and more people to the area even while plans continue for further funding to finish phases two and three.

Lauree's Trail is named for alternative transportation visionary Lauree Renaud, the founder and former president of the nonprofit group Green Lake Greenways until her untimely passing in 2018.

Lauree's Trail was envisioned as a widespread transportation trail system first linking the communities Green Lake and Ripon and then perhaps one day reaching Princeton as well.

Initial phases have been supported by key



stewardship grant dollars and more recently by a generous contribution from the Francis R. and Ruth E. Oberreich

Foundation.

Green Lake Greenways is also continuing efforts to work with private donations in the region.

Lauree's Trail is the culmination of Renaud's concept of creating safe, fun biking and walking opportunities for young and old, originating out of an original vision of improving on the existing Mascoutin Trail.

For years Renaud was central to private and public support endeavors, working on trail segments such as the paved pathway between the City of Green Lake and the Green Lake Conference Center, along with help on resurfacing parts of the Mascoutin Trail, all part of an overall vision to link Green Lake County and the City of Ripon communities.

According to Green Lake Greenways board member Barry Rogers, Lauree's Trail was conceived as "a place for families and all generations to get outdoors and safely walk, jog, and bike," and is already popular, and being used frequently by people who wish to walk or ride their bikes safely between communities, without having to ride on busy Highway 23.

Green Lake Greenways continues working on strategic planning, acting as liaison with groups, organizations, and local governments, as Lauree Renaud's dream continues on to fruition.

In its final phases, Lauree's Trail will serve as an important connection between recreational and commercial districts.

Green Lake Greenways emphasizes that grants will still need public fundraising initiatives for matches, so that Greenways can move ahead on elements of Lauree's Trail such as trail heads, connectors of existing trails, and community downtown link-ups.



arkesan sits in the heart of southern Green Lake County, as it has been for more than 160 years, nestled amongst acres upon acres of rolling farm fields and numerous lakes filled with fish waiting to be caught.

First established as the Town of Granville, the community was renamed Markesan in 1858, and incorporated as a city in 1959. Known for continuing a rich tradition of agriculture, Markesan was once listed among the top five wealthiest communities in the nation, and has been an influence in the area since the railroad came to town in the 1880s.

Helping make the city the community it is today are a host of charitable service organizations that help the city in many ways. The Markesan Lions Club, Markesan Kiwanis, and American Legion, just to name a few, are always supporting the city and its citizens, donating funds, hosting events, and participating in the many festivals and celebrations each year.

Home to one of the premier museums in the area, the Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot, curated by the Markesan Historical Society, is dedicated to preserving the area's history, while the Markesan Public Library, located on North Bridge Street since 1930, offers a treasure trove of books, programs and activities for all ages year-round.

Nearby, Little Green Lake, Lake Puckaway, and the White River Marsh State Wildlife Area provide a wonderland for anglers, hunters, and nature enthusiasts of all ages.

There is no shortage of fun times to be had in Markesan, with its many celebrations throughout the year. The highlight every summer is undoubtedly June Dairy Days. Celebrated in early June, this weekend-long event features a midway with rides and games for kids, live music on both Friday and Saturday nights, a huge fireworks show on Friday night and the largest parade in the tri-county area on Saturday evening.

The fun continues later in the summer with August-fest, featurng free sweet corn roasted on-site for all, followed by November's Homespun Holidays, both organized by the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce who invites all to come see for themselves why families have called Markesan home for over 160 years.







A community event of epic proportions, the Grand River Valley will pay homage to the area's rich agricultural tradition, when Markesan's annual June Dairy Days returns, June 10–12.

The weekend features the June Dairy Days' midway, second in size to only the Green Lake County Fair, with live music on both Friday and Saturday nights. Friday also features a huge fireworks display at dusk, while Saturday is highlighted in the morning by the Agribusiness Breakfast and recognition ceremony, and the huge June Dairy Days parade winding its way through the community in the evening.

The largest in the tri-county area, the June Dairy Days parade regularly features over 50 entries, with many entries made up of dozens upon dozens of tractors of all ages, big rigs and classic cars in addition to a variety of community floats decorated by local businesses and service organizations.

The parade is so big, by the time the first floats finish the approximately two-mile route, the last floats

collecting candy at parades, don't just bring a bag, you'll want to bring a backpack to carry home your treats!

Organized and hosted by the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce, the Markesan Fire Department, and the City of Markesan with the help of numerous volunteers, June Dairy Days is one of the largest festivals in Green Lake County. With plenty of activities like Chamber Bingo, Ballweg Implement's Kids Pedal Pull, a beanbag toss tournament and more, you'll be able to keep your energy up with the Green Lake Pork Producers Pig Roast, Agribusiness Breakfast, Markesan Lions Food Tent, Markesan Fire Department Watering Hole, and the Little Red Dairy Barn all weekend long.

Ushering in the summer season in Green Lake County each year, June Dairy Days weekend comes to a close Sunday morning with the Markesan Lions' famous Chicken BBQ at Soldiers and Sailors Park, followed by another round of Chamber Bingo where the center square is always free, courtesy of the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce!

See you there!





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The Marquette community will honor America this year on Saturday, July 2, and invites you to join in on all the fun when Independence Day festivities return.

marquette 4th of July

Organized by the Marquette Volunteer Fire Department and the Markesan Historical Society, grab your lawn chair and relax by the side of the road as the annual parade winds through the streets of Marquette starting at 11 a.m. Or for the more adventurous, decorate your own bike, car, golf cart, four-wheeler or little red wagon and get ready to wave to everyone along the parade route as you pass them by!

For those visiting Marquette for the first time, the parade will lead you straight to Marquette Village Hall, where food and fun will follow, including the Marquette Historical Society's annual pie, ice cream and root beer float social and silent auction.

With the Marquette Volunteer Fire Department selling brats, hot dogs, and other food and refreshments throughout the day, make sure to head over to the biggest and best horse pull in the area, starting at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the day's festivities will go to the Marquette Volunteer Fire Department equipment fund.

The evening concludes with music and the area's largest fireworks dis-

Wed. & Thurs. 4:30 pm - 8 pm Fri. & Sat. 4:30 pm - 9 pm Sun. 4 pm - 9 pm; (Closed Mon. & Tues.)

While the exact date has not yet been set as the year begins, the streets of Markesan will once again be filled with melted butter when Augustfest makes its triumphant return in August.

Hosted by the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce in downtown Markesan, the popular event features music, kids games, and the always free corn roast.

augustfest corn roast

Cooked up on-site by Farmer Grahn and his crew, well over 1,000 ears of freshly picked sweet corn will be served up, as the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce keeps the butter melted and the salt shakers full. With a new batch of corn coming off the fire about every 15 minutes, the golden kernels never turn cold as guests are invited to eat all the corn they can while visiting the Augustfest grounds.

Additional refreshments will be available for purchase, but make sure to leave room for a scoop or three of your favorite ice cream from Green Lake County's own Little Red Dairy Barn followed by live music, games and more.

Be sure to pick up the *Markesan* Regional Reporter throughout the summer for more information on Augustfest and all the activities Markesan and the Grand River Valley have to offer.

If you've never been to a real bull-riding rodeo, now's your chance!

manahester chute out

Fast paced, heart-pounding professional bull riding action returns to Green Lake County at the Manchester Rod & Gun Club's 17th annual Manchester Chute Out, with the fun beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 16.

A sanctioned stop on the National Federation of Professional Bull Riders circuit, the Chute Out hosts some of the best riders and toughest bulls around making it one of the most action-packed and popular events in the entire county each year.

Between eight-second bursts of excitement, the comic adventures of the

The Christmas season returns to Markesan on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19 during the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce's 20th annual Homespun Holidays.

homespun holidays

The signature event of the weekend is undoubtedly the Homespun Craft Fair, featuring over 50 crafters and vendors from throughout the greater Grand River Valley area selling unique, homemade and handmade items, perfect for those hard-to-shopfor people on your gift-giving list.

Both days also feature the Home-



evening's emcee and the event's rodeo clown promise to entertain the crowd as they trade stories and one-liners.

Each year, a select number of guests are invited to enter the arena during various contests for the adults, with kids entering the ring for the always-popular kids' candy toss as the action inside the ring comes to a close.

Following the Chute Out, the fun continues late into the night with the Manchester Rod & Gun Club's annual barn dance.

spun Silent Auction with gift baskets donated by local businesses. Raising over \$3,500 in 2021, proceeds from the auction benefit the Markesan Food Pantry, which aids families in need throughout the area.

If you need a little extra craft fair money, try your luck at Homespun Bingo on Friday night, and for the kids, be sure to check out the Chamber of Commerce Kidz Zone on Saturday morning, featuring a bounce house, make-and-take crafts, cookie decorating and visits with the one and only Santa Claus!

Throughout the weekend, the Homespun Holidays snack shack is managed by the Markesan American Legion Auxiliary, helping guests fuel up for a fun-filled weekend in Markesan.



Summer Hours (May 1 - September 30) Wed. & Thurs. 9 am - 4:30 pm; Fri. & Sat. 8 am - 4:30 pm Winter Hours (October 1 - April 30) Fri. & Sat. 8 am - 4:30 pm

Directions: 1/2 mile north of intersection (by Wayside) Hwy 44 & Hwy 73 and 3/4 mile west of Hwy 73 on Heritage Rd. OR 4 miles west of Markesan on Cty. Rd S, cross Hwy. 73 to Heritage Rd.





Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot

A jewel in the heart of the Grand River Valley, the Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot, located on East John Street in Markesan, collects, archives, and shares the area's more than 150-year history.

Since 1991, the Museum & Train Depot continues to house the largest, and arguably the best, collection of area artifacts in four separate buildings, covering more than 15,000 square feet.

The museum first opened in the central building, which currently houses items and rooms showing how life looked during the early 1900s in the greater Markesan area.

Next door to the main building is the restored Markesan Depot. Dating from 1884, the Depot was moved to its current location and remodeled in the 1990s. It features a one-room schoolhouse as well as a depot agent's office, complete with a working telegraph.

In 2005, the Arthur Jahns Memorial Agricultural Museum was dedicated, and built to house the many tractors and farm equipment being donated to the Markesan Historical Society and the Museum. Originally thought to be too big to fill, it is

jammed full of amazingly wonderful displays of farm implements, tractors, buggies, and even a model-T car.

This 8,700 square foot building is affectionately referred to as "The Barn" and includes a blacksmith and harness shop, milking equipment, and while you're there, be sure to view all of the murals painted by local artist Rick Berndt.

The newest addition to the complex is the Kienas Building, located across the street at 223 E. John Street. This building serves as the research center of the historical society and houses the archives.

The Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot is located at 214 E. John Street, just east of downtown Markesan, and is open every Saturday, May through September, from 1-4 p.m.

The highlight of the year for the museum and the Markesan Historical Society, is Heritage Day, celebrated this year on Sunday, September 18, from 1-4 p.m.

The parking lots, entrances, restrooms, and display areas are completely handicapped-accessible. For more information on the museum, or to schedule a group tour, please call 920-398-3359 or 920-398-3344.











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First founded in 1977, the Amish community near Dalton and Kingston in Southwestern Green Lake County is one of the younger communities in the state, but has quickly become the largest Amish settlement in Wisconsin.

While traveling along Hwy 44, you'll find no shortage of horsedrawn buggies to wave at as you travel between bakeries, greenhouses, furniture stores, cheese shops, and more.

Any trip through "Amish Country" will include scenic drives through the area's rolling farmlands as the community's rich history and traditions unfold in front of you.

When visiting and exploring the area, guests are asked to keep the following rules of etiquette in mind:

• While driving through the area, keep a particular eye out for horsedrawn buggies and wagons, especially at night. Amish buggies will travel on the side of the road, but when passing please leave as much room as possible. At night, avoid using your car's high beams when you see a buggy coming from the opposite direction. Please also avoid prolonged use of your car horn, if you need to use it at all, as the sound could spook the horses and cause them to run out in front of your vehicle or off the roadway into the large sloping ditches.

• Once you arrive at your destination, be respectful of your hosts. With many of their shops on the same land as their homes, be mindful to only enter the business. Do not enter private residences or property without permission.

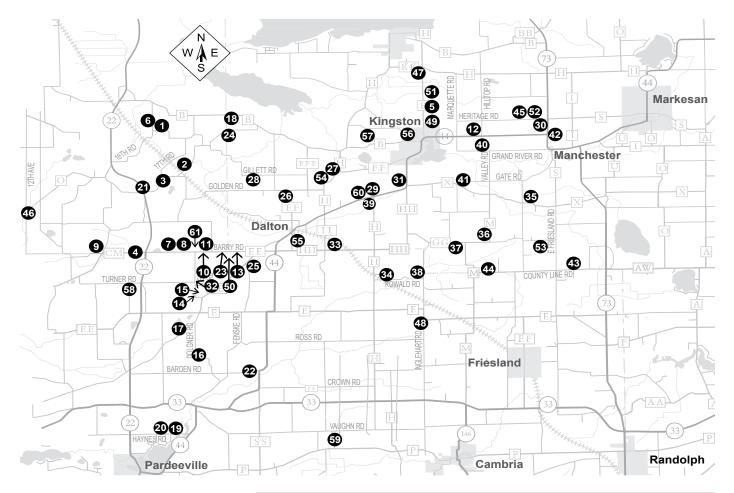
• While visiting an Amish business, also keep in mind that not every person will be open to accepting company on the personal homestead. Just like you, most residents prefer not to be disturbed by strangers knocking on their front door with questions

about their culture. If you are sincere in wanting to learn more about Amish heritage and culture, a terrific first step is to support an Amish owned business and talk with the shopkeeper. However, the shopkeeper is still running a business, and if there are a number of customers in the store, he or she may not have time to answer all of your questions.

• As mentioned earlier, while visiting Green Lake County's Amish businesses, you are sure to see a

number of horses as well as other livestock. When it comes to horses that are tied up to a hitching post or rail, or horses that are securely harnessed to a buggy or wagon, it is best not to attempt to feed or pet them. The same can be said about other livestock and animals. When you are visiting an Amish business, you are visiting an Amish home, not a petting zoo.

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- Perhaps most importantly, when visiting the area, guests are asked not to take photos or videos of the Amish people. Most Amish believe posing for photographs to be prideful and therefore unacceptable. Photos of their horses, homesteads and buggies are allowable, if done in a respectful and unobtrusive manner. The key rule of thumb is to avoid recognizable pictures of any Amish faces.
- Lastly of note, Amish businesses are not open all day, everyday. In fact, many are closed on Sundays and other days coinciding with religious observances. As is their culture, you likely will not be able to call ahead to check a business' hours, so if you are uncertain, be mindful of each business' hours, which will normally be posted outside.

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- **Bontrager Cabinets**
- Metal Buildings
- 4. Custom Vinyl Windows
- **Kingston Custom Cabinets**
- Happy Hollow Bakery
- 7. Weaver Cabinets
- Schwartz Greenhouse
- Millers Small Engine
- 10. Mast Buggy Shop
- Mast Bent & Dent
- Sloping Acres Greenhouse
- 13. Mishler's Country Store
- 14. Pleasant View Bakery
- 15. Miller Wood Shop
- 16. Woodside Harness Shop
- 17. Lakeside Fabrics
- 18. Fairview Discount
- Townline Furniture
- **Townline Greenhouse**
- 22. Fox River Greenhouse

- - & Greenhouse
- 24. Kuntry Road Greenhouse

- 27. Shady Lane Furniture
- 28. Maple Grove Cabinets
- Weaver Enterprise

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- 35. Tiny Acres Greenhouse
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- 37. Kingston Creamery
- 39. Troyer's Bakery
- Woodside Greenhouse

- & Hand Woven Baskets 23. Otto's Produce

- 25. Maple Lane Furniture
- 26. Hill Top Repair

- 30. Oven Fresh Bakery
- 31. Miller Cabinet Shop
- 32. Cedar Lane Furniture
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- Salemville Greenhaus
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- 41. Handmade Rugs, Carpets, Runners

- 42. Wayside Repair & Restaurant
- 43. L&L Furniture Shop
- 44. Chair Shop
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- 47. Gar-Lin Gardens
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- 55. Tri Corner Shed
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- 57. Pine Crest Greenhouse
- 58. Clearview Quilt Shop
- 59. Rosevale Greenhouse
- 60. Rock Hill Canvas
- 61. Homestyle Furniture

Green Lake County's Amish settlement is a popular, regular destination for people in East Central Wisconsin, as well as throughout the entire Midwest. It is not uncommon for guests to spend the better part of an entire day exploring the area and

hopping from shop to shop.

While visiting, be sure to follow the "golden rule" and treat the Amish people, their businesses, and their personal property the way you would like to be treated, and you are sure to have an amazing time!



Oven Fresh Bakery

W3699 Heritage Rd. Markesan

Pleasant View Bakery

N9541 Kiefer Rd. Dalton

Woodside Greenhouse

N914 St. Hwy. 22 Dalton

Rosevale Greenhouse

W4273 Vaughn Rd. Cambria

Bell Fountain Timber Products

W6388 Cty. Rd. HH Dalton

Maple Lane Woodshop & Showroom

N9896 Cty. Rd. EE

Kingston Creamery

W4481 Hwy. GG Cambria

Mishler's Country Store

W5115 Barry Rd. Dalton

Rock Hill Canvas

W5498 State Road 44
Dalton

Top of the Hill Produce

W4287 Hwy. 44 Markesan

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Pine Crest Greenhouse

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Lakeside Fabrics

W5423 Military Rd. Pardeeville

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W4376 Hwy. 44 Markesan

Troyer's Bakery

N1039 Cty. Rd. H Dalton

Fresh Fried Pies

741 Main St., Dalton
1 mile west of Kingston on Cty B

M&M Pet Supply

W5111 Barry Rd. Dalton

Nature Trails Bakery

N531 12th Ave. Montello

^{*} To learn more about the businesses with a BOLD border, see their display ads in this publication!



A popular destination to help kick-start a long Labor Day weekend, Kingston Krazy Daze once again promises to host several events for the whole family to enjoy on Saturday, September 3.

The Krazy Legs 5K Run/Walk will once again get things started at 8:30 a.m. on September 3, with the race starting and ending at Kingston Fireman's Park.

Leaving plenty of time to recover after your morning run – or walk

kingsion krazy daze

the Kingston Krazy Daze Parade will hit downtown Kingston at 12:30 p.m., starting at the American Legion Hall and ending right back at Fireman's Park, where food and more fun will follow.

Annual events include sand

volleyball and beanbag toss tournaments, pony rides and games for the kids – and remember to grab a slice of fresh-baked pie from the Kingston Historical Preservation Society. There are so many varieties to choose from, you should probably get one of each to make the decision that much easier. Just make sure to top your slices off with a scoop of ice cream from the Little Red Dairy Barn!

Additional food and refreshments will also be available.

ingston and Dalton, located along Highway 44, west of Markesan, serve as a gateway to the heartland of the Grand River Valley and host a wide variety of homegrown businesses sought out by shoppers seeking quality goods.

Spread throughout the area, offering home-baked, handmade and handcrafted items, shoppers never leave empty-handed. With farms, dairies, greenhouses, merchants and craftsmen, the area boasts many great items, including rocking chairs, fresh honey, every sort of plant, and even furniture made by local woodworkers.

Also known for its outdoor activities, the nearby Grand River Marsh State Wildlife Area has more than 8,000 acres of nature, offering numerous opportunities for outdoor fun with fishing, hunting, bird-watching, boating, and hiking, plus just hanging around in nature enjoying nature.

A good time is always available in Kingston and Dalton, with celebra-

tions throughout the year, highlighted by Kingston Krazy Days and the Dalton Labor Day Picnic.

Such events would not be possible without the many service organizations in the area.

The Kingston Lions Club is a driving force for the community, and does more than its share of donating, helping, and cheering on the area. Recently rechartered, the Duwane "Sonny" Walker American Legion Post 395 of Kingston is always available to march in any parade representing the area's veterans, while the Kingston Historical Society maintains a local museum filled with the community's rich history.

Together, these organizations put on dinners, fundraisers, pie and ice cream socials, and generally make life better for all, whether you're visiting for a weekend or a month, or if you call the area home.

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Marking the end of the summer season, everyone in the family is sure to have a great time at the annual Dalton Labor Day Picnic held this year on Monday, September 5, at the Dalton Rod & Gun Club.

dalton labor day piania

While softball, volleyball and even beanbag toss tournaments will be held throughout the weekend, starting on Friday, September 2, Monday will host the bulk of the festivities to extend the long holiday weekend iust a little further.

Events kick off at 10 a.m. on Monday with the 11th annual Dalton Labor Day parade, hosted by the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department, marching its way through downtown Dalton, as it heads toward the Dalton Rod & Gun Club.



Following the parade, more fun is in store including fire department water battles, multiple trapshooting competitions, a 3D archery shoot, pony rides for the kids, and more.

Refreshments will be available all day, including brats and burgers as well as the Markesan Lions' famous chicken BBQ with all the trimmings – just make sure to get there early. They've been known to sell out quickly!

With fun and activities for the whole family, Dalton is the place to be on Monday, September 5, for one of the biggest and best Labor Day picnics around.





ontello serves as the gateway into Marquette County, Green Lake County's neighbor to the west, and is known as the Shore Fishing Capital of Wisconsin, living up to its motto, "No boat? No problem!"

Serving as the county seat, Montello is located on the Fox River and is home to about 1,500 people who are reminded on a daily basis that you don't have to plan a trip to the big city to find a wonderful variety of things to see and do.

If you're new to visiting the area, you'll surely want to take time to experience the small-town hospitality and charm that Montello has to offer. Home to the oldest tree in Wisconsin a towering and majestic cottonwood near the courthouse and downtown area, just off Highway 23, Montello is Marquette County's gateway to yearround fun, particularly for those with an affinity for the great outdoors.

Whether you're taking in the view of the four granite waterfalls at Daggett Park, browsing the shops in the historic commercial district, casting your fishing lines in any one of the nearby lakes or rivers, watching for barn quilts, enjoying a leisurely tube ride down the Fox River or exploring the trails at picturesque John Muir Park, the Montello area entices visitors to come back for

more no matter what the season.

With an annual event lineup featuring Fish-n-Fun Festival the first weekend of May, the ever-popular Father Marquette Day in mid-August, and the city's tree-lighting with Santa Claus on the first Friday of December, Montello offers plenty of things to see and do throughout the year. Come and explore everything the community has to offer!

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If you love the outdoors, you undoubtedly know the name John Muir.

The co-founder of the Sierra Club, and often referred to as the patron saint of the American wilderness, Muir was born in Scotland in 1838. Immigrating with his family to the United States in 1849, the family started a farm near Portage, which has since been designated a National Historic Landmark.

John Muir memorial park

While the Redwood Forest known as Muir Woods in California may be the most well-known park with John Muir's name attached, it is not the only park to be connected to this champion of the outdoors.

Nestled in Marquette County, just outside of Montello in the Town of Buffalo, the 159-acre John Muir Memorial Park, N1424 County Road F, is open year-round and invites visitors to explore the outdoors in every season.

Owned by Marquette County and designated a State Natural Area in 1972, Muir Park contains a variety of upland and wetland communities surrounding 30-acre Ennis Lake, so named for the Ennis family who joined the Muirs in first settling the area.

A walking trail allows you to enjoy the area that first encouraged Muir to preserve these perfect pockets of nature for all to enjoy for many years to come.

Published in 1913, in *The Story of* My Boyhood and Youth, John Muir wrote, "Oh that glorious Wisconsin wilderness! Everything new and pure in the very prime of spring when Nature's Pulses were beating highest and Mysteriously keeping time with our own! Young hearts, young leaves, flowers, animals, the winds and the streams and the sparkling lake, all wildly, gladly rejoining together!"











eshkoro invites families to live and play in the community, and visit or vacation throughout the year. Stop for a visit in Neshkoro, and you'll quickly find that the people are some of the friendliest around.

The small community of just around 400 residents is situated on the banks of the picturesque White River. Plentiful history is a hallmark of the town, and today's residents are proud to honor the community's past with beautification projects that enhance the area's natural splendor. In fact, small pockets of beauty are tucked everywhere you look.

Neshkoro has much to offer both residents and visitors alike.

The mill pond and surrounding natural areas, like pristine Tuttle Lake, provide plenty of recreational opportunities.

The vibrant natural countryside around Neshkoro is home to a vineyard, creating the perfect afternoon day trip.

New life has been breathed into the community's former elementary school, which is now home to a community center and popular thrift store.

Neshkoro is known for fun family events such as the Neshkoro Enhancement Committee's Scarecrow Festival – a fall favorite for many throughout the area, and summer brings musical entertainment of various genres to the gazebo on a weekly basis.

One of the area's best church picnics, a spectacular fireworks display and Fourth of July festivities, and even more activities replete with small-town charm make this community a mustsee destination.

In the winter, Neshkoro welcomes those fond of ice fishing to compete in the Lions Club Ice Fisheree and spend a day in the village.

Summertime is always the right time to take in an old-fashioned church picnic, and once again, St. James Catholic Church in Neshkoro promises a great day full of fun.

St. James Picnic

This year's picnic is set to return on Sunday, August 14. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. at the church and last until about 3 p.m.

Children's games and a silent auction will take place during the day, with bingo at 1 p.m. Food and beverages such as sandwiches, a beer stand, and a buffet-style chicken and ham dinner will be available throughout the event.

There'll be a DJ playing music, along with a big raffle drawing later in the day.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 315 N. Main Street, Highway 73, in Neshkoro.

Heshkoro

Why wait until July 4 to celebrate the nation's independence?

Kicking off Independence Day weekend in 2022, the Neshkoro Area Fire Department will be hosting its annual July celebration on Saturday evening, July 2.

neshkoro independence celebration

The fun kicks off at 7:30 p.m. with live music followed by fireworks lighting up the night's sky at dusk.

Bring a friend and prepare to dance the night away while celebrating everything that makes America amazing!







Enjoy award-winning Wisconsin Wines by the glass or bottle.

Call or email us when planning your next party!

Check our website or Facebook for hours and upcoming events.



A seasonal highlight for many throughout the Neshkoro area is the Neshkoro Enhancement Committee's annual Scarecrow Festival.

The 2022 festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, with a full slate of family fun.

festival

The heart and soul of this big day is the scarecrow contest. Each year, area businesses, youth, and individuals pull out all the creative stops by entering a scarecrow, or a scene featuring multiple scarecrows, in the contest.

Those attending the event can enjoy viewing the scarecrows and voting for their favorite. In addition, festival guests can enter raffles and shop for unique gifts or delicious, locally-produced food among the many downtown arts and crafts vendors.

And there's no shortage of enjoyment for the little ones, with children's activities at the Scarecrow Festival like pony rides, a petting farm, and other fun things to do.

The Scarecrow Festival takes place in River's Edge Park near the gazebo, down Main Street and near the mill pond.





mro is known to be "historically connected by nature," and it's easy to see why.

Built on the banks of the Fox River, the City of Omro has been living up to a legacy of visitors and explorers who started coming to the area in the early 1600s. First settled by Winnebago Native Americans as a fur-trading post, it is said the community's name came from a French trader and blacksmith, Charles Omereau.

By the late 1800s, Omro was a major rail stop and fairgrounds for Winnebago County, with a business community that included carriage factories, machine works, and glass shops. Since the 1980s, the former manufacturing center has gone through a revitalization process that has looked at the city as a bridge to the future while honoring and recognizing its rich past through such milestones as a historical walking tour, the Scott Park pavilion project, and the designation of the historic downtown district.

While respecting its glorious past, Omro continues to look ahead with an unbeatable combination of community, social and cultural resources, such as the Carter Memorial Library, the Omro Area Community Center, and Omro's amazing parks system.

Recent revisions to the City of Omro Comprehensive and Outdoor Recreation plans detail Omro's smart-growth approach to nurturing its current community strengths, which will further aid development to keep Omro on the forefront of state destinations.

In addition, University of Wisconsin research led to Omro's designation as a "gain/ maintain" community, a place notably capable of drawing and sustaining high numbers of younger residents. This designation has increased Omro's desirability as a destination, while all ages continue enjoying a city wellknown for its remarkable blend of urban and rural assets making Omro an ideal place in which to live, work, and play.

Area amenities cover every season, from golfing, biking, boating and fishing to hunting, snowmobiling, ice skating and more. For anyone shopping among the heritage buildings of Omro's popular business district, be sure to take some time to check out the wildlife along the riverbanks, or take a stroll around nearby majestic Terrell's Island to see how Omro combines natural grandeur with urban-style innovation and vision.

Come and be "historically connected by nature" in Omro, the place that is fun and thrilling for families and friends of all ages.



Looking to beat the summer heat? Look no further for a wet and wild adventure than the Omro Family Aquatic Center, 1241 Kiwanis Street, in Fred C. Miller Park, which is open daily from noon-7 p.m. all summer long.

The pool is fully staffed by certified lifeguards who protect patron safety, provide first aid when necessary and maintain facility cleanliness so all can enjoy the water, which is always a perfect 80-82 degrees.

Along with open recreational swimming, the Aquatic Center also offers swimming lessons, water aerobics, private party rentals, special events and more, with changing rooms, locker rentals, and concessions all available on-site.

The Omro Family Aquatic Center includes a zero depth entry level cement beach that slowly transitions to a 12-foot deep diving well meaning that even the youngest swimmers can play in water that is at the right depth for their abilities and comfort.

The center also includes two intertwining spiral slides, a plunge flume slide, a frog shaped toddler slide, a one-meter diving board, 48-inch lap lanes, water jets, and two water activity centers.

Daily admission varies, based on age, and season passes are available for both individuals and families. For more information, call the Omro Family Aquatic Center front desk, May-August, at 920-685-0781.





Launch from Stearn's Park and take a relaxing paddle on the Fox River courtesy of the City of Omro – free of charge!

Two kayaks and two canoes are available to reserve by calling Omro City Hall, 205 S. Webster Avenue, at 920-685-7000.

Users must be at least 18 years old and wear appropriate life jackets, which are also available from the city. Minors are not allowed to use the watercraft without being accompanied by a responsible adult.

Call today to reserve your canoe or kayak and enjoy some fun on the Fox!



Scott Park, on the Fox River shoreline, makes a perfect setting for fresh, locally grown produce at Omro's Thursday Night Market, held 4-7 p.m. every Thursday from June 2-September 29, just a stone's throw from Main Street.

The upcoming 2022 season marks the 13th year for the market, providing a premier showcase for area farmers, artisans and crafters with their one-of-a-kind products for area residents and visitors.

Throughout the market's run each summer and early fall, a select number of evenings will feature performances

by area musicians for "Music at the Market." As the 2022 season draws closer a full schedule of Music at the Market dates will be announced.

thursday night market

The Omro Thursday Night Market welcomes participants, from local farmers and licensed food vendors to artists and crafters. For more information. please call the Future Omro Chamber: Main Street at 920-685-7005.







Remembering the brave men and women who have served America throughout its history, Memorial Day in Omro is highlighted by Monday morning's Memorial Day parade.

35th annual memorial day

The day begins with a parade through the streets of Omro starting at 9 a.m. and leading to the morning's observance, hosted by Omro's Daugherty-Hamilton American Legion Post 234, at the Omro Veterans Memorial in Scott Park.

As five panels listing area veterans' names are read aloud, commemorative flowers are provided to family members for placement at the memorial, prior to a ceremonial rifle salute and the playing of taps by the day's honor guard.

Memorial Day in 2022 will also mark the 35th annual Memorial Day Car Show in Omro, hosted on the Fox River shoreline by Future Omro Chamber: Main Street from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., adding to Omro's unforgettable holiday celebration, with free admission to the public.

While gazing at the many dazzling, classic vehicles, make sure to visit the Future Omro concessions fundraiser in the pavilion, along with other vendors in Scott Park.

And in 2022, after being held for the past two years during Labor Day weekend, the beloved Omro Citywide Garage Sale returns to Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30 with bargains galore at homes spread out throughout the community.





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The City of Omro always celebrates the Fourth on the 4th and 2022 is no different, with Independence Day festivities set to return on Monday, July 4.

omro's on the 🖪

The star-spangled event draws huge crowds to Omro each year to enjoy beloved traditions including a grand, colorful parade down Omro's historic Main Street.

Between pancakes in the morning and fireworks at dusk, guests are invited to enjoy a slice of pie and some ice cream under the clock tower, visit the Arts & Crafts Fair, try your hand at the various kids' games and activities, and don't forget the July 4 parade.

Omro's scenic Scott Park plays host to several events, including a huge cookout with live music from the Omro Area Community Band and the evening's featured artist.

And remember, Omro's Fourth is the only place where you'll see hundreds of rubber ducks take to the lagoon for Future Omro Chamber: Main Street's Annual "Quacker 500" Duck Race offering thousands of dollars in cash prizes.

Celebrating America's birthday is never more fun than in Omro – which always celebrates the Fourth of July on the 4th!





Omro's businesses make each year's Oktoberfest a flagship event for locals and visitors alike.

Bringing innovation and ideas together to generate thrills is just part of what drives Omro's business community, which continues to build on Oktoberfest's success, year after year, bringing thousands to the community.

Returning in 2022 on Saturday, October 8, favorite Oktoberfest events include a craft and vendor fair, Kids Korner activities, a cornhole tournament, pumpkin carving, a pie eating contest, a chili cook-off and more.

Working as one, the Omro business community bands together to host the family-friendly Oktoberfest, which thanks the greater Omro community for the support shown to local businesses throughout the year.

holiday celebration & holiday parade

The Christmas season returns to Omro on Saturday, December 3, with Future Omro Chamber: Main Street's Holiday Celebration and Holiday Parade.

The day begins with Breakfast with Santa and Future Omro's Holiday Gift Basket Raffle on display throughout the morning, with tickets for the basket raffle being sold until Future Omro's Annual Meeting in mid-December.

With holiday fun lasting throughout the day, the event is highlighted by Saturday evening's annual Holiday Parade through downtown Omro at 5 p.m. as guests line the street to see all the floats and catch a glimpse of the one and only Santa Claus!

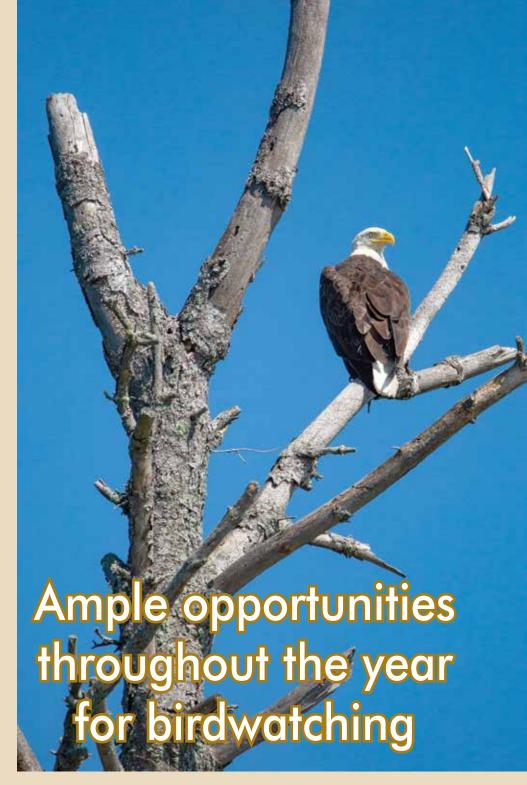
Look for additional details about the event, including the 2022 parade theme in the City of Omro's official newspaper, the Omro Herald, in the weeks leading up to the event.

Green Lake County is blessed by its wealth of habitats for birds and wildlife, and many good birding locations have trails and are open to public access. Depending on the time of year, some places will vary considerably in what birdlife might be present, while other sites might provide great opportunities to find birds during any season. In general the best time of year for birdwatching is spring and summer especially April through July - when migrants are passing through, or individuals are engaged in territorial displays and breeding activities.

Over 260 bird species have been found in the area, including a nice variety of waterfowl, hawks and owls, woodpeckers, thrushes, sparrows, warblers, and finches. Some of the favorites include Common Loon, American White Pelican, wild turkey, American Woodcock, Pileated Woodpecker, Scarlet Tanager, and Indigo Bunting. In winter, one can sometimes encounter Rough-legged Hawk, Snowy Owl, Northern Shrike, Snow Bunting, and both crossbills. Some of the unusual or rare birds that have been found here have been Iceland Gull, Yellow Rail, Golden Eagle, Snowy Plover, Summer Tanager, Carolina Wren, Bohemian Waxwing and Harris's Sparrow.



Starting relatively close to the lake, there are a number of Green Lake Conservancy sites that can provide a good bird-watching experience. One of the best is Sunnyside Conservancy, which is located along Silver Creek Inlet, off Lakeview Drive, and contains



several lagoons and about two miles of trails. Other conservancy hiking areas include Hammer's Trail and Winnebago Trail, both are located within the Green Lake Conference Center and overlook the lake. Norwegian Bay Conservancy is another excellent place to go, and has a long boardwalk that extends through a marsh to the shore of Norwegian Bay.

A little farther from the lake are two very large state-owned properties that can provide wonderful birding opportunities. One is the White River Marsh State Wildlife area, located north of Princeton and southwest of Berlin; and the other is Grand River State Wildlife Area, just west of Kingston. Another good option is the Snake Creek Wetlands Trail, which follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way between Swamp and St. Marie roads.

> Courtesy of Tom Schulz, Wildlife Artist/Ornithologist





shkosh's popularity as "Event City" continues to grow every year. From airplanes to music to sports and more, there is something for everyone in Winnebago County's largest city.

Internationally known, Oshkosh is the center of the aviation universe one week every year as hundreds of thousands of people and tens of thousands of planes visit the EAA Grounds for AirVenture in late July. Visitors can spend a day or the whole week getting an up-close look at all manner of aircraft and the latest technological breakthroughs in the world of aeronautics.

Want music? Well, take your pick. Lifest, one of the largest Christian music festivals in the nation, is set for July 7–10 in 2022, held at the Sunnyview Expo Center, and there is also music every week, starting the last Thursday of May through September, at Waterfest at the legendary

Leach Amphitheater.

Oshkosh is certainly close enough to some of the biggest sports venues in the state, but there is no reason to leave the city for high-caliber athleticism. The Milwaukee Herd of the NBA's G-League makes its home in the Menominee Nation Arena, where it shares the court with the championship-winning Wisconsin GLO womens basketball team.

Menominee Nation Arena, one of Oshkosh's newest gems, offers a wide range of opportunities to kick back and relax. The venue, which has its own restaurant, hosts everything from concerts to professional wrestling events, boxing cards and even the occasional roller derby match.

Menominee Park, along beautiful Lake Winnebago, offers a perfect picnic opportunity on a summer day and while you're there, check out the easily walkable zoo or take a paddle boat ride around Miller's Bay.

If that isn't enough, visitors to Oshkosh can also check out the EAA Museum, which is open year-round; Oshkosh Public Museum; the breathtaking exhibitions at the Paine Art Center and Gardens; or the unique Grand Opera House.

Oshkosh features a wealth of shopping opportunities at the myriad of stores at the outlet mall, yearly car shows and food truck nights at South Park, and the picturesque Wiouwash Trail, for that nice hike or bike ride.

No matter when you visit Oshkosh, there is always something fun waiting.

It's one of the biggest events in the State of Wisconsin every summer and a great time for all, "plane" and simple.

Seeing over 608,000 guests in 2021 – just the third time in the event's history to welcome attendance over the 600,000-mark – the 69th annual EAA Air Venture Oshkosh 2022 is looking to be even bigger and better when it returns July 25-31.

More than 10,000 aircraft routinely make the sojourn to Oshkosh every year bringing flight enthusiasts from around the globe to the event. Visitors can see everything from vintage warbirds and the historic planes of World War II that helped shape America's victory, to the supersonic military jets of today. Get up-close and see the planes put through their paces during the daily air shows.

There is also a nod to the future of the flight industry with the latest innovations in the world of aircraft on display and with the regular litany of demonstrations, forums, and presentations that are put on throughout the week, it's a dreamworld for anyone interested in the aviation arena.

Announced in December 2021, a highlight of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022 will be the 75th anniver-



sary of the U.S. Air Force.

"At Oshkosh in 2022, we aim to showcase the memorable history of the Air Force, from its initial post-World War II era to the impressive personnel, aircraft, and technology of today," said Rick Larsen, EAA's Vice President of Communities and Member Programming, who coordinates EAA's features and attractions. "The Air Force's presence at Air-Venture also helps spark inspiration among today's youth toward the innovations and possibilities available to them through aviation."

While specific activities and aircraft will be announced as they are finalized, EAA's showcase of the Air Force's history is expected to include flybys, static displays, and presentations throughout AirVenture week, in addition to evening programs at EAA's Theater in the Woods.

Always fun for the whole family, longstanding youth activities and programs at AirVenture include such popular offerings as the hands-on KidVenture display and program area; technology, innovation, and education options throughout the grounds; and extraordinary events such as daily air shows and more than 1,500 forums, workshops, and seminars.

Mark your calendars for the 69th Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention, scheduled for July 25-31, and enjoy a week at the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.

Located along the beautiful Fox River in downtown Oshkosh, the legendary Leach Amphitheater is home to Waterfest, a weekly celebration of all styles of music throughout the summer.

Waterfest

Starting in June and continuing through August, Waterfest welcomes an array of musical acts every Thursday for spectators. Whether it's national acts like Scott Stapp, Joan Jett or Phillip Phillips to Hall of Fame artists like The Zombies and Dennis DeYoung of Styx to popular performers like Hairball and Janet Planet, the lineup is always top-notch and includes something

for everyone.

But Waterfest, which was first held in Oshkosh in 1985, is more than just music. It's about the atmosphere at this beautiful outdoor venue that welcomes patrons who make the short walk from downtown to those who use the Fox River

to reach the site, dock their boats, and watch the shows from there. And all who enter can enjoy the variety of affordable food and beverage options sure to fulfill any craving.

Admission to Waterfest varies in relation to the main act and is free for U.S. Armed Forces veterans.



The secret is out. Green Lake County draws in anglers of all ages hook, line and sinker, so grab your rod, reel, and tackle box and get ready to catch your daily limit! It's just a matter of picking that perfect spot to wet your lines.

Whether it's challenging the depths of Big Green Lake, testing the shallow waters of Lake Puckaway or maybe casting into the currents from the shorelines of the Fox River; there's something for every angler out there. Although fishing is a year-round activity, there are two distinct seasons and two different types of fishing that awaits anglers in Green Lake County.

The open-water season hits its prime when the temperature starts to climb in the summer months, with the unique fun of walking on the frozen lakes and drilling a hole in the ice to pull out a catch calling to you in the winter months.

Both types of fishing bring plenty of anglers to the waters of Green Lake County and offer up trophy-sized rewards to those able to outwit their finned opponents.

The most notable fishing destination in Green Lake County is none other than Big Green Lake. The nearly 8,000-acre lake is the deepest inland lake in Wisconsin with a maximum depth of 236 feet. It's serviced by eight different boat landings to provide easy access to all corners of the lake.

The depths of Big Green offer up the fight of walleyes, trout and even some northern pike, while the various bays on the lake's calm outskirts are perfect for producing scores of panfish – especially in the winter. Bass and catfish are also plentiful along the shorelines and can be found hiding in the natural vegetation of the lake.

Little Green Lake, located south of its big brother and just north of Markesan, is smaller and calmer but just as popular a destination for anglers. The lake measures 462 acres with a maximum depth of 28 feet and is one of the best spots for walleye in the state.

Want more of a challenge? Little Green is a musky-hunter's paradise.





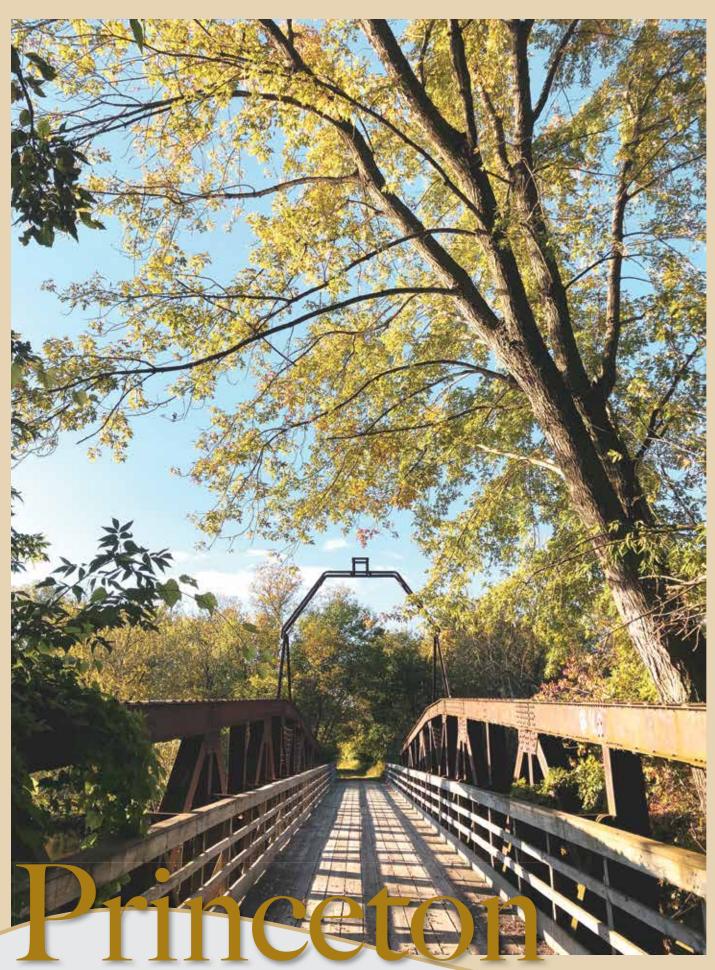
But be careful when you try to bring one of those into your boat. They grow so big in Little Green Lake that those monsters may just thrash you out of the boat! Or you can go after the wealth of panfish and bass the lake has to offer, which can be turned into a tasty dinner once the day is done.

Also in the southern half of the county, Lake Puckaway offers another unique challenge for anglers with its more than 5,000 acres of shallow water.

How shallow is Lake Puckaway? Well, most adults can touch the bottom anywhere within the lake's parameters with a maximum depth of only five feet, but be mindful, the lake floor is covered with vegetation, which is why the lake holds a wealth of fish just waiting to be caught. The most common catches will be walleye or catfish, however, don't be surprised to land a northern pike, largemouth bass or the occasional musky.

Before hitting any of the lakes, check out the local boating and fishing ordinances and make sure your fishing licenses are up to date.

And if the fish prove stingy, don't worry, there are a number of amazing lakeside restaurants throughout the area where you can sit back with your friends and talk about the ones that got away!









rinceton is a gem in the crown of the Fox River waterway, serving as an oasis of outdoor recreation and a treasure trove of rich history along with a reinvented downtown with big-city style.

From the days of Father Marquette to steamboats and agriculture, industry, and its famous antique and retail shopping, historic Princeton is the place to be no matter when you choose to visit.

Filled with warmth and charm, the people and local business owners truly make Princeton the community it is, boasting a strong feeling of belonging where people are friendly and helpful, and the roots of hometown pride run deep.

There's a growing emphasis in Princeton on the silent sports, such as paddling and bicycling. You'll find ample opportunities to kayak and canoe on the Fox and Mecan rivers, head out for a walk, or enjoy a run on one of Princeton's picturesque back roads, not to mention the three bike trails throughout the community that take riders on some of the most scenic vistas around.

A history-lover's paradise, Princeton is a community devoted to reverent appreciation of its extensive historic past. Not enough can be said about Princeton's history, with everything from lovingly-renovated downtown buildings to tiny rural cemeteries to explore.

In winter, there are even more opportunities to savor the great outdoors - such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and fat tire bicycling.

People of all ages are proud to call Princeton home, and the city is highlighted by its excellent schools and churches, plus a brand new library. Princeton is honored to be known as having the oldest church picnic in the state, and as the home of Wisconsin's largest weekly outdoor flea market.

The antique shops throughout Princeton, plus the retailers of Water Street and beyond, provide a whole world of unique shopping opportunities sure to please everyone.

With splendid dining establishments to satisfy your cravings, and lodging throughout the area, Princeton is a perfect destination for a multi-day family vacation.

Princeton is also home to festivals and events for the whole family to enjoy all year long. From art and craft fairs, celebrating the winter holidays in style, to learning more about the endangered whooping cranes, opportunities for fun exist around every corner just waiting to be found.

Whether you're a resident of Princeton or just visiting, explore what the community has to offer – there's always something new to discover!

While bargain hunters visit the Princeton Flea Market from April to October, treasure hunters from near and far know the real finds can be found vear-round at Princeton's several antique stores and malls.

antique shopping in princeton

Well-known for its exquisite variety of excellent antiques, beloved collectibles, and awe-inspiring treasures, Princeton's antique shopping meccas are some of the first landmarks spotted by those entering the community for the first time. Attracting customers in search of a particular item to add to their collection or that perfect gift for someone who loves unique treasures from yesteryear, you're sure to have a smile on your face as you spot that something special that brings back fond memories.



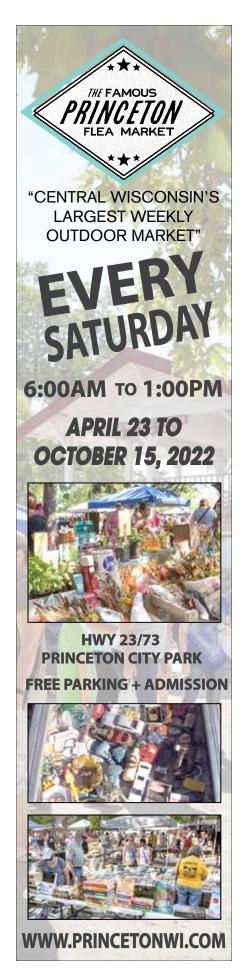


Shops such as Woolbright's River City Antique Mall and MNM Antique Mall are located right at the edge of the famous Princeton Flea Market and are an antique lover's paradise, featuring everything from architectural salvage, primitives, vintage, furniture, farm and garden, jewelry, glassware, and holiday decorations among their extensive offerings.

Be sure to stop by next time you're in town. There's no telling what treasures you'll find!









Welcoming visitors from near and far from mid-April to mid-October, the famous Princeton Flea Market enters its 48th year in 2022 as "Wisconsin's Largest Weekly Outdoor Flea Market."

While you'll see several vendors set up shop every Saturday in Princeton City Park, there are still many more who sell their wares on various dates throughout the season as space allows, which guarantees you'll see something different every time you visit!

Opening this season on April 23, the Princeton Flea Market will once again amaze visitors and residents, bringing about a wide array of items available for purchase including fresh produce, cheese, baked goods, antiques, books, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and handcrafted furniture, among the many other offerings.

Held every Saturday from 6 a.m.-1

p.m. through October 15, the Princeton Flea Market regularly attracts thousands of visitors each day. With free parking and wide walking lanes in Princeton City Park, the large crowds never feel crowded. To keep your energy up, be sure to check out the tasty treats sold at the food booth in the middle of the park, which are served by different Princeton-based organizations each week.

Once you've seen everything at the Flea Market, be sure to head downtown for a delicious lunch at one of Princeton's many great restaurants located throughout the community, and why not make a day of it by continuing your adventures at the unique shops and antique malls of

For more information, please contact the Princeton Chamber of Commerce at 920-295-3877.



After celebrating more than a century of "Polish Picnic" fun, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church doesn't rest when it comes to providing an outstanding afternoon of relaxing enjoyment, year after year.

polish picnic

Long-heralded as having the oldest church picnic in the state, the Princeton parish is ready to keep the fun going strong with games, music, and excitement at its Church Picnic and Annual Car Show. This year's event is set to return on Sunday, August 21, featuring a full slate

of things to see and do.

Everyone is invited to dine on a delicious old-fashioned meal of beef and chicken with all the trimmings. Homemade pies, cakes, and other desserts will tempt your sweet tooth, and other concessions will be available throughout the day.

With live music, classic games, a large assortment of raffles, and plenty of opportunities to visit and share stories and laughs, the day is sure to be one to remember! The picnic will also feature a car show as classics from across the state will line the shady church grounds.

The event is held rain or shine, and begins after Sunday services at approximately 11 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is located at 125 Church Street in Princeton.

Did you know that Princeton has its own Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Potter's Field, which is the final resting place for the poor, unknown, and people with no families?

Or that Princeton was under quarantine in 1883 as a smallpox epidemic swept through town, wiping out entire families?

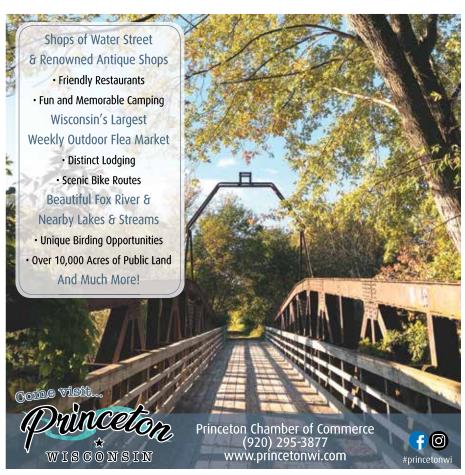
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These and many other facts from the community's richly historic roots will be shared for the enjoyment of all at the "Tombstones Come Alive" guided cemetery walking tour, held August 27, at the Princeton City Cemetery located on Highway 73.

The annual walking tour fosters a sense of appreciation for the city's former residents and the real-life stories that they lived. History comes alive for guests as costumed volunteer actors share interesting facts about the lives of actual residents from Princeton's past. Each resident's story is dutifully researched throughout the year, often in coordination with ancestors whose family history continues to be passed from generation to generation.

Educational and entertaining, the cemetery walk also serves as a fundraiser and raises awareness of the city's ongoing efforts to preserve and restore older headstones and retaining walls that surround various gravesites, while compiling information about those buried in the cemetery.







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The holiday season returns, offering a magical time for families to enjoy the warmth and charm of festive events throughout the area during Christmas in Princeton, November 25–27, 2022.

christmas in princeton

From a fantastic electric light parade, to visits with Santa, delicious goodies to savor, and plenty of shopping opportunities for everyone on your list, Christmas in Princeton has it all!

This beloved annual event features multiple opportunities for children to visit with Santa Claus and share the special items on their wish lists, plus a spectacular nighttime electrical parade that's followed by the ceremonial

lighting of the city's Christmas tree.

To get a jump on your gift-giving list, a wide assortment of craft fairs are held throughout the greater Princeton area, and several business open houses will welcome guests with special holiday offerings.

From Breakfast with Santa to Unity's Festival of Trees Crafts to a movie at the Princeton Public Library and so much more, you never know what you'll come across when you celebrate Christmas in Princeton, and you won't want to miss a thing!

With planning for the event continuing throughout the year, look for a full schedule of events in the special Christmas in Princeton section, published by Berlin Journal Newspapers leading up to the event.

For more information, please contact the Princeton Chamber of Commerce at 920-295-3877.



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in stories of area's past

Migrating from Vermont in 1831, several years before Wisconsin was even officially recognized as a state, Luther Gleason, the first resident of what would eventually become Green Lake County, settled near what is now the Village of Marquette, in southern Green Lake County.

Originally part of Marquette County, which fully organized in 1848, the same year Wisconsin became an official state, Marquette's first county seat was established near its first resident in Marquette.

After 10 years, however, an Act of Legislation in 1858 established the eastern half of Marquette County as the newly formed Green Lake County, naming Berlin as the county seat. Four years later in 1862, Green Lake County citizens voted to move the county seat to Dartford, which eventually changed its name to Green Lake, with the first courthouse being built in Dartford one year later.

As time passed, the history of the greater Green Lake County area continued to grow, as various historical societies were established to document and remember the unique histories of the various towns, villages, cities and the tens-of-thousands

of residents that have called the area home for well over 150 years.

To help share the decades worth of history with residents and visitors alike, historical societies throughout the area curate and operate a dozen different museums, many with regular weekly hours during the summer months, allowing local history buffs the opportunity to look into a time that has long since past and learn about where they, their parents and grandparents, and more have come from.

Are you familiar with Berlin's rich brewing heritage? What about the world famous Fairwater waterwheel? Like so many others in the Markesan area, do the details of the Mackford Murder mystify you? And remember to stop by the Little White Schoolhouse, listed on the National Historic Registry, and widely recognized as the birthplace of the Republican Party.

With one of the youngest, yet largest Amish settlements in the state as well as a deep history and respect for the Native Americans that once called it home, the greater Green Lake County area's future is deeply rooted in its past as each community's historical society invites you to come and explore.

Whether you want to reconvene with nature for an extended vacation or you're looking for a quick weekend getaway, camping isn't just for the most experienced outdoor adventurers anymore.

Camping has seen a rise in popularity over recent years with those looking to get closer to nature, take a step back from technology, and bring the family closer together.

And what better way to get away from technology and bring your family and friends closer together, than







with a bag of marshmallows around a campfire? Or maybe you want to get away from all the distractions and sit down with a good book on the banks of a river or lake? And with many campgrounds so close to walking trails, the ability to explore during a fun hike will create additional memories that will surely last a lifetime.

When compared to other lodging, especially for large groups who like to spread out instead of being cramped in a single room, many also find camping a more affordable way to visit new areas, allowing them to extend their stay, splurge on an extra meal out, or just set some money aside for another weekend getaway later in the year.

Every year, thousands of visitors to the greater Green Lake County area enjoy one of more than a dozen different campgrounds in East Central Wisconsin for the amenities they provide and the additional memories they create. Whether you have an RV to hook up or are content with pitching a tent, local campgrounds provide the opportunity to be close to a community's events while still allowing you to get away from it all.

When choosing your campground, be sure to ask about special events they may be hosting on-site, from concerts to family festivals. If there's no planned events, many campgrounds often offer playgrounds, firepits, hiking trails, swimming opportunities and more.

Even if your favorite campground is in a neighboring community from where you live, the fun you'll have and the memories you'll make are endless, and it's all as easy as walking out your front door.

ipon is known by many names – Cookietown USA, the birthplace of the Republican Party, and the location of the very first Marcus movie theater – and for nearly 8,000 yearround residents, it's known as home with thousands more visiting every year.

Founded in 1849 by David P. Mapes, who would go on to found Ripon College just two years later, Ripon continues to be a historic city for residents and visitors alike.

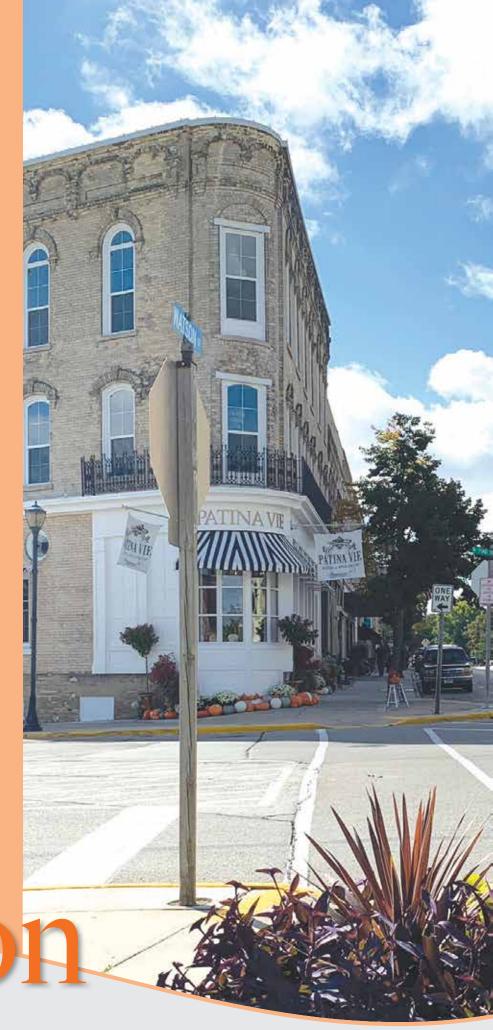
One of the most popular destinations in the community, Ripon's downtown Main Street features dozens of unique boutique shops and restaurants, with the area also serving as host to several of the city's most popular annual events including wine walks, Septemberfest, and Dickens of a Christmas, just to name a few.

Located just south of downtown, Ripon's annual free Summer Concert Series is held every Friday, June-August, at the Village Green on the corner of Watson and Seward streets.

Widely recognized as the birthplace of the Republican Party, Ripon's Little White Schoolhouse was designated a National Historic Site in 1974 and continues to offer a glimpse into the past, where America's earliest political leaders gathered to change the political climate of the United States. Today, the schoolhouse is home to a museum detailing the Republican Party's early beginnings in addition to hosting various speakers throughout the year.

A nationally known and respected institution, Ripon College further enriches the community with various art shows, musical concerts, plays, and speakers, in addition to numerous sporting events throughout the year as a member of the NCAA Division 3 Midwest Conference.

With numerous shops and popular restaurants located in historic downtown and throughout the community, Ripon continues to be a great place to connect and spend time with friends, whether you call the area home or are just visiting for a day, a week or more.





Small and unassuming, Ripon's Little White Schoolhouse is a simple frame schoolhouse, the first school in the Town of Ripon in fact, having opened its doors in October 1853.

Like many schoolhouses of the time, the building was more than just a place where students went to learn. And while many a schoolhouse dotted the countryside in communities throughout the country, Ripon's Little White Schoolhouse is the only one that holds the distinction of being the birthplace of the Republican Party.

Community schoolhouses also served as town meeting places, and the Little White Schoolhouse was no different, figuring prominently into the history of the United States of America.

Feeling the vitality of his Whig party had vanished on a party platform that no longer commanded the attention of the people, a young lawyer from New York, Alvan E. Bovay, had settled in Ripon with his family in 1850.

Frustrated by the anticipated passing of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which would extend slavery west, Boyay called a meeting to be held on March 1, 1854, at a church in the Village of Ripon where those present adopted resolutions speaking out against the proposed Nebraska Bill being debated in the Senate at the time.

The bill was passed by the Senate two days later, and it was believed it would also pass the House, leading Bovay to call a second meeting, this time in Ripon's Little White Schoolhouse, at which time a formal vote dissolved the local Free Soil and Whig parties, as three former Whigs, a Democrat and a Free Soiler were chosen as the committee of the newly formed Republican Party.

In the months that followed, the new party quickly swept through the states, growing larger with every member that joined. Jackson, Michigan, would later be recognized as the location of the first state Republican convention, with a meeting hall

in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, being

The date was March 20, 1854.



recognized as the location of the first Republican National Convention. Each of the three locations were granted landmark status by the U.S. Department of the Interior, but Jackson, Michigan, and the meeting hall in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, would not have been possible if the Republican Party had not first been born in Ripon, Wisconsin.

Designated a National Historic Site in 1974, the Little White Schoolhouse continues to serve as a museum that contains artifacts that relate the story of that all too important meeting in March 1854 along with other stories that tell about the founding of Ripon and what school life was like for children in the 1850s.

The Little White Schoolhouse is open for visitors throughout the year. Tours may be arranged by contacting the Ripon Chamber of Commerce at 920-748-6764 during the fall and winter months.

Located at 305 Blackburn Street in the City of Ripon, the Little White Schoolhouse is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and on weekends in May, September, and October from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The building also hosts various events throughout the year, and may be rented for private occasions to give your next meeting or gathering a historic flair.



A thriving blend of businesses, from restaurants to retail, line the City of Ripon's historic downtown making it easy to see why the area draws thousands of visitors throughout the year.

Having seen a renaissance of sorts in recent years, several new businesses have opened their doors in downtown Ripon, which now boasts an eclectic mix of cosmopolitan stores, lively pubs, tasty restaurants, and artsy coffee shops, serving as the cornerstone of the city.

A three-time semifinalist of the Great American Main Street Award, Ripon's downtown is a hub of activity whether you're shopping, grabbing a bite to eat or just strolling through the area with friends, in addition to serving as a location-host to favorite annual community events such as Septemberfest, Dickens of a Christmas, and the Ripon Area Chamber of Commerce's famous wine walks, just to name a few.

At the southern end of downtown Ripon, you'll find the Village Green where the Ripon Summer Concert Series is held throughout the summer months, allowing guests to enjoy the beautiful Wisconsin summer evenings with the companionship of family and friends. Week after week, the area is treated to an outstanding lineup of blues, rock, jazz, country and other music styles in a quaint outdoor setting every Friday night from June through August.

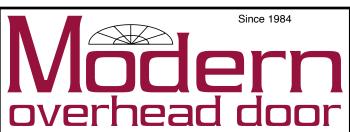
downtown

With plenty of green space to spread out on, guests often bring blankets or lawn chairs so they can sit back, relax and unwind after a long week. Come and see, and you'll be sure to be dancing in your seat by the end of the first song!

From home decor to the latest fashion, and from board games and hobbies to antiques, downtown Ripon has it all. And to keep up your energy, be sure to check out the many restaurants offering the area's best pizza, authentic southern barbecue, local microbrews or

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Septemberfest returns on September 17, welcoming longtime residents and visitors to the area to ring in the arrival of fall in style with plenty of family-friendly activities.

Celebrated up and down Watson Street in historic downtown Ripon, from the Square on the north end to the Village Green on the south end, and from the early morning to the late afternoon, Septemberfest caters to guests of all ages.

september FEST

From live entertainment and shopping at many of the community's renowned shops, to a custom car and motorcycle show providing plenty of eye candy for enthusiasts, Septemberfest offers a variety of excitement and entertainment.

With so much to see and do throughout the day, and no price for admission, there's no excuse not to take part in the Septemberfest fun!

Watch for the latest details on Septemberfest plans in the Berlin Journal Newspapers in the weeks leading up to this year's event. For more information, please contact the Ripon Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors and organizes the annual festival, at 920-748-6764.





A beloved annual event that brings people back to the area year after year, Ripon's 32nd annual Dickens of a Christmas returns to downtown Ripon in 2022 for three fun-filled days, December 2-4.

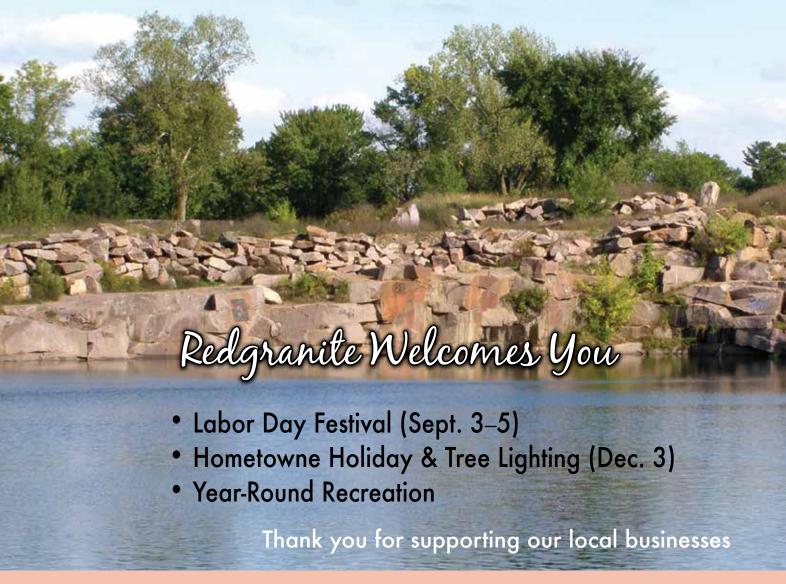
The Ripon Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to ring in the holiday season with a visit to the always heartwarming and memorable annual Christmas tradition. With several favorite events anticipated to return, the Victorian-themed Dickens of a Christmas festival never disappoints.

The weekend includes activities such as Friday evening's Dickens Holiday Parade, Saturday morning's Breakfast with Santa, and of course Saturday evening's Living Windows display.

A mainstay at Dickens of a Christmas, making it the area's favorite Yuletide season destination since its inception, the highly anticipated Living Windows are hosted each year by several downtown businesses where area residents take the place of mannequins to make for a truly unique visual experience as the scenes depicted tell their own Christmas story.

Other Dickens of a Christmas attractions to bring out the holiday spirit include the eclectic Enchanted Forest of beautifully decorated trees, unforgettable live musical performances, Gingerbread House Contest, the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter's annual Dickens of a Christmas Bake Sale, and much more fun for the entire family.





edgranite is a small rural village nestled in the eastern part of Waushara County. The village was once a popular mining town that became known in the late 1800s when large boulders of red rock were discovered. The rock, red mahogany granite, was so rich and beautiful in color, villagers named the community after it and that is how Redgranite was born.

The village quickly became known to quarrymen near and far, who helped the city grow by mining the granite and other hard stone from the six active quarries that once operated in Redgranite. The town quickly continued to grow into a prime place for small-town living, offering a friendly community where its neighbors became like family, and everyone knew each other's names.

Many who pass through Redgranite enjoy a stop at the Redgranite Quarry, the area's most recognized quarry and one that remains open to the public. A popular summer spot for swimmers, the quarry offers a beautiful backdrop, with breathtaking scenery. Even for those who don't want to jump in, it's a great stop in the spring, summer or fall to breathe in some fresh air.

Redgranite, and the area that surrounds the village, offers great

enjoyment of the outdoors, with places to go hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. It's a nature lover's dream, with beautiful parks, offering places for families or groups of friends to enjoy.

Prided in its small hometown roots, the Village of Redgranite has a host of small businesses and eating places that are as welcoming as the people themselves.

A village built on hard work and old-fashioned kindness, Redgranite is a destination to explore, play, and discover. Redgranite, a fine little village, full of welcoming people who will welcome you and invite you to stay!

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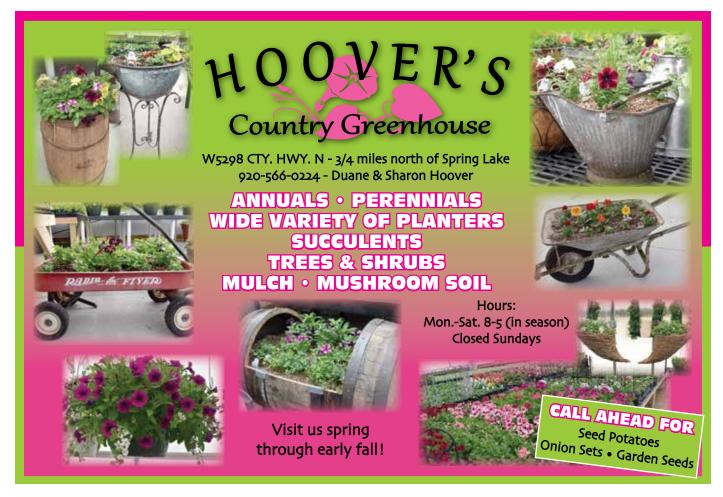
Known throughout East Central Wisconsin for hosting one of the area's longest Labor Day weekends, Redgranite has become a traditional place where families, friends, and neighbors gather together to celebrate and enjoy the last summer weekend of the year.

Redgranite **Labor Day**

The longest-running annual celebration of the holiday throughout the State of Wisconsin runs Saturday through Monday, September 3-5.

Highlights throughout the weekend include an amazing lineup of live musical performances, raffles, prize drawings and much, much more. With a weekend full of arts and crafts, food, music, and fun, Redgranite Labor Day has something for everyone, and is something that many wait for each year.

The final day, Labor Day Monday, hosts the much anticipated holiday parade, complete with traditional floats, candy, and curbs lined with kids and adults.





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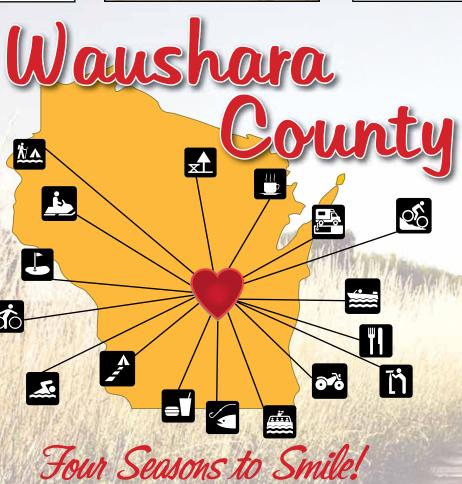
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Despite its modest size of just 648 square miles, the county calls itself home to about 100 lakes, offering more than 600 miles of shoreline waiting for everyone from swimmers and boaters to avid fishermen to explore.

A popular statewide destination among sporting enthusiasts, Waushara County boasts 7,000 acres of public hunting and fishing areas. Those more inclined to just enjoy the scenery while still catering to their affinity for the outdoors can take in the sights along nearly 300 miles of snowmobile trails, as well as many picturesque biking and hiking trails. Thrill seekers won't want to miss the chance to soak up the scenery from the slopes at Nordic Mountain, an area hot spot for skiing and snowboarding aficionados.

Also home to many of the area's most well-maintained county parks, including the Mount Morris Park affording spectacular views of the serene countryside, Waushara County has something to keep the young and old alike entertained throughout the year. Those visiting during the temperate seasons will want to remember to pack their golf bags, as 45 holes at Waushara Country Club and Two Oaks North Golf Club are sure to put their skills to the test.

Visitors who prefer the indoors will want to enjoy a concert or show at the acclaimed McComb Bruchs Performing Arts Center in Wautoma, which draws many popular and award-winning acts catering to all tastes.

Not interested in live entertainment but still looking for something fun to do indoors? Waushara County is also a favorite among shoppers and diners, making it a perfect place to enjoy an unforgettable meal or find a keepsake to commemorate their stay.

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While East Central Wisconsin features hundreds of signature festivals, historic downtowns full of unique shops, and fabulous restaurants around every corner, the area also offers numerous opportunities to escape from it all.

The greater Green Lake County area is widely known for its ample amounts of green space between numerous local parks and larger land reserves just a short drive away where nature lovers of all ages and experience levels can explore the outdoors, enjoy the natural beauty and recharge their batteries.

When you're heading outdoors, depending on how long you expect your adventure to be, grab your favorite backpack and fill it with extra water, food, weather-appropriate clothing (just in case), a first-aid kit (again, just in case), and of course your camera so you can capture all the sights. Then lace-up your favorite hiking boots or shoes and off you go!

Just remember, the local municipalities that care for the area's parks and

nature reserves do so for the enjoyment of all, so please help keep the parks clean of trash, and respect the outdoors, not just for other people who are looking to explore, but also for the wildlife that calls the outdoors home.

Also keep in mind, that there are no lifeguards on duty at the area's parks, so please take proper safety precautions. Additionally, while county parks cannot be reserved for private functions, many local municipal parks can be reserved by contacting the respective community's city hall.

Following are just a handful of the most visited local parks, trails and nature reserves from the area's over 50 spots just waiting to be explored and enjoyed.

Barlow Park - City of Ripon

One of six parks within Ripon's city limits, Barlow Park is located directly south of downtown Ripon at the intersection of Watson and West Griswold streets. With two shelter houses and the massive Riponfest Pavilion, Barlow Park hosts more than

40 tables under covered areas, offering seating for more than 300 park-goers.

With handicap-accessible restrooms, basketball courts, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts and a baseball field, it's no wonder Barlow Park is one of the city's most visited parks in addition to hosting various community events throughout the year.

Deacon Mills Park - City of Green Lake

Located on the south end of downtown Green Lake, Deacon Mills Park offers a gateway to Big Green Lake for boaters with a free boat launch into Dartford Bay, while landlubbers will enjoy a walk around the boardwalk.

Throughout the summer months, Deacon Mills Park plays host to the weekly free summer concert series, hosted by the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, in addition to many other events. Picnic tables and benches are also available in the park, and along the shore for all to enjoy.



Dodge Memorial County Park - Town of Green Lake

Located on the southern shore of Big Green Lake at W3306 County Hwy K, Dodge Memorial County Park is a favorite of boaters, beach goers, anglers and picnickers alike.

Featuring a large shelter, over 30 picnic tables, nine permanent barbecues, standard and ADA playground equipment for all kids' enjoyment, an ample beach for swimming and sunbathing enjoyment, and a public boat launch, it's easy to see why Dodge Memorial County Park is a destination.

Grand River Marsh State Wildlife Area – Town of Kingston

Established in the late 1950s, at approximately 7,000 acres and stretching from southwest Green Lake County into southeast Marquette County, the Grand River Marsh State Wildlife Area is unarguably the area's largest expanse of nature.

The park hosts visitors throughout the year for hunting, trapping, and fishing, in addition to hiking, cross-country skiing and more.

Reachable off County Highway B, approximately three miles west of Kingston, several small parking areas can be found along the highway serving as a main thoroughfare through the landscape.

Green Lake Conference Center - Town of Brooklyn

Located on the northern shore of Big Green Lake, the Green Lake Conference Center sits on 900 scenic acres and is home to miles of walking trails, a nationally-ranked golf course, a nine-hole disc golf course, and a beautiful rose garden in addition to all the activities on the waters of Green Lake.

The spiritual home for American Baptists who founded the conference center in 1944, the area boasts three walking trails including the 54-acre Dawson Prairie, the wooded Hammer's Trail and the Winnebago Trail, which travels the shoreline. A fourth path along Shore Drive takes walkers and bikers along the lake and past several stately houses.

Lauree's Trail – Green Lake to Ripon

The area's newest walking and biking destination, Lauree's Trail begins in Green Lake on the north side of State Hwy 23 at the intersection with Hwy 49/A and continues to attract more and more people to the area. The paved path travels from Hwy 49 to Forest Ridge Road, and from Sunnyside Road to County Hwy PP and was envisioned as a widespread transportation trail system, with the link to Ripon expected to be completed in 2022, and perhaps to additional communities in the future.

Lauree's Trail is named for alternative transportation visionary Lauree Renaud, the founder and former president of the nonprofit group Green Lake Greenways until her untimely passing in 2018.

Mascoutin Valley State Trail – Berlin to Ripon

This countywide trail travels past farms, prairies, and wetlands in scenic Green Lake, Winnebago, and Fond du Lac counties. Built on a former railroad corridor, the Mascoutin Valley State Trail is divided into two sections totaling 21 miles with the western section covering approximately 10 miles between Berlin and Ripon.

Accessible year-round, the trail begins in Berlin at County Hwy F near South Street and ends just outside of Ripon along County Hwy E, with parking available at the junction of Locust Road. The trail is also accessible, with parking, between Ripon and Berlin on Lake Road, off of County Hwy E by Rush Lake.

Nathan Strong Park – City of Berlin

Known locally as East Side Park, the 1.6-acre Nathan Strong Park is located east of downtown Berlin, serving as a focal point for local parades and roadside travelers.

Named in honor of Berlin's founder, an 1800s war memorial stands tall at the center of Nathan Strong Park, which also features a large Victorian gazebo, authentic Civil War cannons, a lighted fountain and lighted walkways. In addition to hosting the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market during the summer months, Nathan Strong Park also hosts the beloved Lighting of the Park every winter, starting the week before Thanksgiving and running through the end of the year.



Princeton City Park - City of Princeton

If you've ever visited the Princeton Flea Market, Wisconsin's largest outdoor flea market, then you've visited Princeton City Park, located on the east side of the city, right on Highway 23, across the street from the Princeton School District.

Princeton City Park hosts various additional events throughout the year, and also features park benches, picnic tables, and gravel pathways through the area in addition to indoor bathrooms.

Riverside Park – City of Berlin

At 38 acres and spanning 3,700 feet along the eastern bank of the Fox River, Riverside Park is one of the premier community parks in East Central Wisconsin. Utilized by boaters, fishermen, campers, picnickers, and athletes, Riverside Park offers boat access to the Fox River and also hosts softball and volleyball leagues, youth programs and a number of Berlin's signature community events throughout the summer.

Gifted to the City of Berlin in the mid-1940s, Riverside Park features a 22-unit RV camping area with 22 electric hookups, managed by the City of Berlin Parks & Recreation Department.

Soldiers and Sailors Park-Markesan

Located on the southern shore of Little Green Lake, just north of the City of Markesan off of Highway 44, Soldiers and Sailors Park is open to the public year-round. Home to multiple events throughout the year, the park is handicap-accessible and includes a paved walkway that runs from the parking lot all the way to the shoreline.

While visitors will undoubtedly be captivated by the view of Little Green Lake, remember to look skyward at the towering trees overhead, which have been dated to before the mid-1800s.

Sunset Park – Town of Brooklyn

One of many parks located around Big Green Lake, Sunset Park is on the County Hwy A isthmus traveling south from Hwy 23. With ample parking for vehicles with trailers, the park hosts one of the most frequented public boat launches onto Big Green Lake from the eastern shore.

As the name implies, Sunset Park is arguably most beautiful in the evening as the sun sets over the calm waters of Big Green. In addition to public boat launches, the park also features several benches looking out over the water, multiple picnic tables, four permanent barbecues, and a shelter.

Zobel Memorial County Park -Town of Brooklyn

If you ask locals for the best sledding hill in the winter, chances are they'll send you to Zobel Memorial Park, located on the west side of Hwy 49, about a mile north of Hwy 23, but it is so much more.

Zobel Memorial Park holds one of the area's best disc golf courses in addition to handicapped accessible play equipment, several picnic tables, a barbecue, a large shelter and benches so you can take a break and just enjoy the day.

Few things are more exciting than finding a \$5 bill in the pocket of your winter coat when you put it on during that first cold Wisconsin morning of the late fall.

But you can have that feeling throughout the spring and summer months too when you find that something special you didn't even know you were looking for during Wisconsin's garage sale season, a highly anticipated time of year for sellers and buyers alike.

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every weekend, to find your way to the best sales around, be sure to pick up a copy of *The Billboard*, the area's top free weekly shopper where you'll find ads for any number of garage, yard, rummage and estate sales throughout the greater Green Lake County area on any given weekend.

Looking to stretch your spending dollar even further?

For the biggest bang for your buck, mark your calendar for the area's many citywide garage sales, where you'll find bargains galore and gone-but-not-forgotten items that will ignite treasured memories.

In 2022, the area's citywide garage sales are set for:

- Green Lake on Saturday, April 30
- Berlin on Saturday, May 7
- Princeton on Saturday, May 7
- Omro: Friday–Monday, May 27–30
- Markesan: Friday and Saturday, August 12–13

Leading up to each community's event, you'll find a special citywide garage sale insert in *The Billboard* as well as each community's official hometown newspaper, the Berlin Journal, Green Lake Reporter, Markesan Regional Reporter, Princeton Times-Republic, and Omro Herald. The four-page insert is sponsored by local businesses and includes a full listing of the best garage sales in each community's citywide event, to help you find exactly what you're looking for.



For residents in the area interested in hosting a garage sale during their community's citywide event, or at any time throughout the garage sale season, please call Berlin Journal Newspapers at 920-361-1515 or email classifieds@theberlinjournal. com to place your ad.

Ads for the special citywide garage sale sections must be placed approximately three weeks before each citywide event for the best chance of seeing a busy beeline of hungry bargain hunters heading right to your front door. Prepay for your ad, and you'll also receive a free garage sale sign to help direct people to your sale!

Throughout the rest of the summer, or at any time during the year, the deadline to place a classified ad to be included in all six of Berlin Journal Newspapers' upcoming week's publications is Friday at 4 p.m. of the week before.

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