

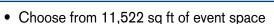


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Thrasher Opera House Concerts

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

Omro American Legion Bingo

Held the third Thursday of every month Doors open at 5pm, Bingo starts at 6:30 Omro Bow Hunters Club, W. 1230 E. Main

Meat Raffles

Jan. 28–Dec. 30 • BeerBellys, Princeton 1:30–4pm, last Saturday of every month

Town Square Bingo

Jan. 28-Dec. 30, 6:30pm • Green Lake Held on the last Saturday of every month

Princeton Historical Society's Stone House and Folklore Museum

April 1–October 28, 11am–3pm Open every Saturday and by appointment 630 & 632 W. Water Street, Princeton



Princeton Flea Market

April 22–October 14 • Princeton City Park 6am-1pm, every Saturday

Flea Market Food Booth

7am-1pm • Proceeds support local groups - Flea Market 50/50 Raffle

8am-noon • Proceeds support local groups

Fairwater Historical Society Museum May 6-Sept. 30 • 104 Main St., Fairwater Saturdays, 1–3pm or by appointment

Little White Schoolhouse Museum Birthplace of the Republican Party

1074 W. Fond du Lac Street, Ripon National Historic Site Opens for Season Open weekends, May 6-October 29 and 10am-4pm, daily from June 1-Labor Day

Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot 2023 Season

May 13-Sept. 30 • 214 E. John St., Markesan 1–4pm every Saturday, or by appointment

Town Square Summer Market

May 19–September 8 • Green Lake 6:30–8:30pm, every Friday, outdoors

Eureka Lock Opens for Season

May 20 through Sept. 3 • Fox River, Berlin 9am-8pm on Saturdays and Sundays

Waterfest Concert Series

May 25–Aug. 31 ● Riverside Park, Oshkosh Gates open at 5:45pm, every Thursday

Live Music @ Town Square Tap May 26-September 23 • Green Lake

6:30–9pm, every Friday & Saturday

Green Lake Festival of Music

June-August, various dates • Green Lake

Ripon Summer Concert Series

June 2-August 25 • Village Green, Ripon 7–10pm, every Friday throughout summer

Berlin Farmers & Artists Market

Jun. 6-Sept. 26 • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin 4–7pm every Tuesday with music, 5–7pm

Berlin VFW Post 2925 Brat Frys

June 7-Sept. 13 • 420 N. Wisc. St., Berlin 11am-1pm, every Wednesday

Omro Thursday Night Market

June 8-September 21 • Scott Park, Omro 4-7pm every Thursday, music schedule TBA

Omro Area Historical Museums

Open during Omro Thursday Night Market, certain community events and by appt. Old City Hall, Heritage, 144&160 E. Main, Omro

Berlin Historical Society Museum

Jun. 11–Aug. 27 • 111 S. Adams Ave., Berlin Open 1-4pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Concerts in the Park

June 14-August 23, 6:30pm • Green Lake Every Wednesday in Deacon Mills Park

Omro Family Aquatic Center

June 8-August 20 • 1241 Kiwanis St., Omro

Town Square Holiday Market

November 4–December 9 • Green Lake 9am-noon, every Saturday, indoors

MARCH

Caestecker Library Book Sale

March 1 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

Lúnasa - Thrasher Opera

March 3 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Dr. Seuss Party at Public Library

Mar. 4, 11am • 424 W. Water St., Princeton



Markesan FFA Alumni Farm Toy & Craft Show

Mar. 5, 10am-3pm • Markesan High School

Central Wisconsin Gumbo Cookoff

March 11 • Town Square, Green Lake

Dirty Dozen Brass Band - Thrasher

March 11 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake



Wearin' & Sharin' the Green presents 'Puttin' on the Ritz' **Dinner and Auction Gala**

March 11, 5pm • Heidel House, Green Lake

St. Patrick's Day • Friday, March 17

Caestecker Library Book Sale

March 18 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

Ripon FFA Alumni Farm Toy & Country Craft Show

March 19, 9am-3pm • Ripon High School

APRIL

Sturgeon Celebration

TBD • 424 W. Water St., Princeton

Easter Egg-Citement

April 1, 9am-noon • OACC, Omro

Skerryvore – Thrasher Opera

April 1 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Kingston Lions Easter Egg Hunt Apr. 2, 10am • Doc Meyers Park, Kingston

Markesan Fire Dept. Spring Breakfast

April 2, 7-11am • Markesan Fire Station

Princeton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

April 2, 11:30am • Princeton City Park

Waukau Easter Egg Hunt

April 8, 9am • Waukau Youth Center

Easter Egg Dash

April 8, 10am • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

Markesan Lions Easter Egg Hunt

April 8, noon • Markesan Elem. School

Easter • Sunday, April 9

Caestecker Library Book Sale

April 12 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

#HireMeNow Job Expo

Apr. 13 • Green Lake Chamber of Commerce

Spawning Lake Sturgeon

Mid April • Fox River, Water St., Princeton

Am. Legion Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner April 19, 4-7pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Princeton Flea Market Opens April 22, 6am–1pm • Princeton City Park

Session Americana - Thrasher April 22 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Birds and Brews

April 28 • Town Square, Green Lake

Downtown Ripon Spring Wine Walk April 28, 5:30pm • Downtown Ripon

Green Lake Bird Festival April 29 • Town Square, Green Lake

Kyshona – Thrasher Opera April 29 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

White Lake Brewgrass Festival April 29 • White Lake Beach Resort, Montello

Waukau/Eureka United Methodist Church Pork Chop Supper

April 29, 4-6:30pm • Waukau



Kingston Lions Chicken BBQ April 30, 11am-3pm • Kingston Legion Hall

MAY

Fish-n-Fun Festival May 5–7 • Montello

Mike Farris - Thrasher Opera May 5 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Green Lake Citywide Garage Sale May 6 • Locations vary, Green Lake

Little White Schoolhouse Museum Birthplace of the Republican Party National Historic Site Opens for Season May 6 • 1074 W. Fond du Lac St., Ripon

Berlin Lions Club Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale May 12–13 • Specific locations TBA, Berlin

Unity Hall Rummage and Bake Sale May 12–13, 8am–3pm • Princeton

Iris Dement – Thrasher Opera May 12 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Berlin Citywide Garage Sale May 13 • Locations vary, Berlin



Princeton Citywide Garage Sale May 13 • Locations vary, Princeton

Mother's Day • Sunday, May 14

Eureka Lock Opens for 2023 May 20, 9am–8pm • Fox River, Berlin

Omro American Legion Golf Outing May 20, 8am • Lake Breeze, Winneconne

Sip and Shop on the Fox

May 20, 3–6pm • Water Street, Princeton

Am. Legion & Auxiliary Chicken BBQ May 21, 11am-3pm • Markesan Legion Hall

Antique Car, Motorcycle & Vintage Snowmobile Show

May 21 • Soldiers & Sailors Park, Markesan

Mollie B and SqueezeBox May 21, 1–4pm • Berlin High School

Omro Citywide Garage Sale May 26–29 • Locations vary, Omro

Rhubarb Fest & Pulled Pork May 27, 8am-3pm • OACC, Omro

Communitywide Rummage Sale May 27 • Locations vary, Marquette

Marguette Historical Society Church Museum Open House May 27, 11–3pm • 240 W. 2nd, Marquette

Marquette Volunteer Fire Department Brat Fry & Bake Sale May 27, 11–4pm • Front Street, Marquette

Unity's Spring Arts and Crafts Fair May 28, 8am–3pm • Princeton City Park

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast May 28 • American Legion, Green Lake

Memorial Day • Monday, May 29

36th Memorial Day Classic Car Show May 29 • Scott Park, Omro

Kingston Historical Society Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

May 29, 11am–3pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony May 29, 9:30am • Village Green, Ripon



Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony May 29 • Veterans Mem., Scott Park, Omro

Memorial Day Parade and Program May 29 • Downtown, Green Lake

Memorial Day Parade and Service May 29, 8am • Markesan Cemetery

Memorial Day Service May 29, 10am • Kingston Cemetery

VFW Memorial Day Ceremony May 29 • Princeton High School

JUNE

Paul Thorn - Thrasher Opera June 1 & 2 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Ripon Summer Concert Series Opens June 2-August 25 • Village Green, Ripon 7–10pm, every Friday throughout summer

Green Lake 100 Bike Ride Event June 3 • Green Lake

Omro Extracurricular & Athletic Foundation Golf Outing

June 3, 9am • Lake Breeze, Winneconne

Drivin' Fore the Club

June 5, 9am • Mascoutin Golf Club, Berlin

Berlin Farmers & Artists Market Opens June 6, 4–7pm • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

VFW Post 2925 Brat Frys Begin June 7, 11–1pm • 420 N. Wisc. St., Berlin

Green Lake Festival of Music June 8 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Omro Family Aquatic Center Opens June 8, noon • 1241 Kiwanis St., Omro

Thursday Night Market Opens June 8, 4–7pm • Scott Park, Omro

June Dairy Days Festival June 9–10 • Hein Park, Markesan

Omro Rushford Volunteer Fire Dept. Firemen's Street Dance June 9, 6pm • 502 W. Huron St., Omro



June Dairy Days Parade June 10, 7pm • Streets of Markesan

Splash into Summer

June 10 • Playground Park, Green Lake

Berlin Hist. Society Museum Opens June 11, 1–4pm • 111 S. Adams Ave., Berlin

Neshkoro Lions Club Chicken BBQ

June 11 • St. James Church, Neshkoro **Waukau Youth Days Parade**

and Chicken BBO June 11. Time TBA • Waukau Youth Center

Omro American Legion Post 234 Flag Retirement Ceremony June 13 • Omro Rushford Vol. Fire. Dept.

Concerts in the Park - Vitamin R

June 14, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Angler/Young Angler Fishing Tourney June 17 • Deacon Mills Park, Green Lake

Dino Daze

June 17 ● Town Square, Green Lake

Green Lake Association State of the Lake Breakfast & Annual Meeting

June 17 • Heidel House, Green Lake

Father's Day • Sunday, June 18

Neshkoro Music at Stan-O-Gene Park June 20, 6pm • N9336 Hwy 73, Neshkoro

Caestecker Library Book Sale
June 21 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

Concert – Remington's RideJune 21, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Coloma Chicken Chew Festival June 23–25 • Coloma



Waushara County Dairy BreakfastJune 25, time/location TBA • Waushara

Concerts in the Park – Copper Box June 28, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Scott Kirby – Thrasher Opera June 29 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

JULY

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

Neshkoro Fire Department Independence Celebration Date TBA • Fire Station, Neshkoro

Princeton VFW Golf OutingTBD • Thal Acres Golf Course, Westfield

Fourth of July Celebration
July 1, 11am-9pm • Marquette Village Hall

Independence Day Celebration
July 1, 5pm • Princeton City Park

Let Freedom Ring

July 3, 1pm • Riverside Park, Berlin

Party on the Pond w/ Best PracticeJuly 3 • Town Square, Green Lake

Independence Day • Tuesday, July 4

Independance Day Pancake BreakfastJuly 4 • American Legion, Green Lake



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

Fourth of July Parade & Celebration

July 4 • Scott Park & Downtown, Omro

Omro American Legion Post 234 Pancake Breakfast

July 4 • Location TBA, Omro

Caestecker Library Book SaleJuly 5 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

Concert – Tae & the NeighborsJuly 5, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Green Lake Festival of MusicJuly 6 • Town Square, Green Lake

Lifest: A Party with a PurposeJuly 6–9 • Sunnyview Fairgrounds, Oshkosh

Marquette County Fair
July 6–9 • Fairground Street, Westfield

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

July 8, 8am • VFW Post 10452, Princeton

Omro American Legion Post 234 Kids Fishing Tournament

July 8, 10am–noon • Scott Park, Omro

Concerts in the Park – NorthSoul July 12, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Art on the Vine at Lunch CreekJuly 15, 10am–4pm • W1845 Cty E, Neshkoro



Manchester Chute Out Professional Bull Riding

July 15, 7pm • Manchester Rod & Gun Club

The Second City – Thrasher OperaJuly 15 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

White Hot Party

July 15 • Town Square, Green Lake

Antique Tractor Show & Outdoor Polka Service

July 16, 9am-4pm • 106 Main St., Fairwater

Shoreline Boat Jam

July 16 • Norwegian Bay, Green Lake

Wisconsin Tri Series – Green LakeJuly 16 • Deacon Mills Park, Green Lake

Neshkoro Music at Stan-O-Gene Park July 18, 6pm • N9336 Hwy 73, Neshkoro

Concert – UW Marching BandJuly 19, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

175th Anniversary CelebrationJuly 20–23 • Events throughout Princeton

MNM Antique Mall Tent SaleJuly 21–22 • 501-A S. Fulton St., Princeton

Caestecker Library Book SaleJuly 22 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake



EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023July 24–July 30 • Oshkosh

Concerts in the Park – The Del Rays July 26, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Bugle Mouth Bass TournamentJuly 29 • North Riverside Park, Berlin

Green Lake Association Lake BallJuly 29 • Heidel House, Green Lake

Pewaukee Ski Show

July 29 • Hatti Sherwood Beach, Green Lake

AUGUST

Augustfest Corn Roast

Date TBD • Downtown Markesan

Princeton VFW Horseshoe Tourney TBD • 136 N. Farmer Street, Princeton

Green Lake County National Night Out August 1 • Location TBA

Omro National Night Out August 1 • Scott Park, Omro

Concerts in the Park – The Last Bees Aug. 2, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Winnebago County Fair

Aug. 2–6 • Sunnyview Expo Cnt., Oshkosh



Green Lake County Junior Free Fair August 3–6 • 570 South St., Green Lake

Green Lake Festival of Music

August 4 • 506 Mill Street, Green Lake

Scooping the Loop

August 5, 5–8pm • Downtown Ripon

Concert – Gin and Chocolate Aug. 9, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

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

Markesan Citywide Garage Sale August 11–12 • Locations vary, Markesan **Green Lake Fine Art Show**

Aug. 12–13 • Playground Park, Green Lake

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August 12 • VFW Post 10452, Princeton

Street Cruzers Memorial Ride

Aug. 12, 5pm • South Riverside Park, Berlin



36th Annual Street Cruzers Car Show

August 13 • South Riverside Park, Berlin

St. James Picnic - Neshkoro

August 13 • St. James Church, Neshkoro

Tee Up for Town Square

August 14 • Lawsonia, Green Lake

Neshkoro Music at Stan-O-Gene Park Aug. 15, 6pm • N9336 Hwy 73, Neshkoro

Concerts in the Park – WhiskeyBelles Aug. 16, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Waushara County Fair

August 17–20 • 513 S. Fair St., Wautoma

Celebrate the Fox Corn Roast

August 19 • Scott Park, Omro

Father Marquette Day

August 19 • Montello City Park

GLA Conservation Field Day

August 19 • Boerson Farm, Green Lake

Omro Family Aquatic Center Closes August 20, 5pm • 1241 Kiwanis St., Omro

Polish Picnic and Annual Car Show August 20 • St. John's Catholic, Princeton

11th Annual Berlin Kiwanis Club's

Steve Coulson Memorial Pig Roast August 22 • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

Concerts in the Park – Rain Date Aug. 23, 6:30pm • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

Last Friday Night Summer Concert August 25, 7–10pm • Village Green, Ripon

Cemetery Walking Tours

August 26 • Princeton City Cemetery

East Central Benefit Tractor Cruise

August 26 • Heatley Farm, Ripon

Kingston Krazy Daze Chubfest

August 26 • Downtown Kingston



Neshkoro Lions Lawn Mower Races and Car Show

August 26 • ions Park Arena, Neshkoro

Berlin Hist. Society Museum Closes

Aug. 27, 1-4pm • 111 S. Adams Ave., Berlin

Princeton Folklore Museum Benefit Aug. 27 • 630 W. Water Street, Princeton

Caestecker Library Book Sale

August 30 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

SEPTEMBER

Sip and Shop on the Fox

TBD • Water St., Downtown Princeton

Redgranite Labor Day Festival

Sept. 2–4 • Events throughout Redgranite

Labor Day Weekend Softball Tourney September 1–4 • Dalton Rod & Gun Club

Lakeapalooza Street Dance

Sept. 2 • American Legion, Green Lake

Annual Pig Roast • September 3, 1pm Rushford Meadery & Wintery, Omro

Eureka Lock Closes for Season

Sept. 3, 9am–8pm • Fox River, Berlin

Marquette Historical Society Church Museum Open House

Sept. 3, 11–3pm • 240 W. 2nd, Marquette
White Lake Labor Day Celebration

Sept. 3 • White Lake Beach Resort, Montello

Labor Day • Monday, September 4

Dalton Labor Day Picnic

Sept. 4, 10-5pm • Dalton Rod & Gun Club

Puckaway Pigfest • September 8–9 Lake Arrowhead Campground, Montello

39th Annual Pontiac Car Show September 9 • Scott Park, Omro

GLAAS Dog Walk

Sept. 9 • N6217 Busse Rd., Green Lake

WaukauFest

September 9 • Waukau Youth Center



Wisconsin State Chili Cookoff

September 9 • Deacon Mills, Green Lake

8th Annual Omro Am. Legion Auxiliary Support Our Troops Care Package Drive Sept. 10, 10am-4pm • Omro Phar., Omro

Last VFW Post 2925 Brat Fry of 2023 Sept. 13, 11–1pm • 420 N. Wisc. St., Berlin

Wild Rose Car Cruise, Street Dance September 15, 6pm • Wild Rose

Wild Rose Classic Car Show

September 16, 8am–3pm • Wild Rose

Septemberfest

September 16 • Downtown Ripon

Manchester Rod & Gun Club Fall Picnic Sept. 17, 11am • Manchester Rod & Gun Club

Heritage Day at Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot

Sept. 17, 1–4pm • 214 E. John St., Markesan

Unity's 13th Annual Harvest Faire Sept. 17, 9am–3pm • Princeton City Park

Final Thursday Night Market of 2023 September 21, 4–7pm • Scott Park, Omro



Golden Days Harvest Fest

Sept. 23–24 • Downtown Green Lake

Final Berlin Farmers & Artists Market Sept. 26, 4–7pm • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

OCTOBER

Reach the Peak 5K Run/Walk, 15K Run Date/Time TBA • Mt. Morris

Haunted Princeton

Dates & Times TBA • Princeton
Historical Society • 630 & 632 W. Water St.

Princeton Lions Spaghetti SupperDate TBD • VFW Post 10452, Princeton

Berlin Lions' Assistive Technology Fair for the Visually Impaired October 3, 10am • Grace Lutheran, Berlin

Neshkoro Scarecrow Festival

October 7 • Stan O'Gene Park, Neshkoro

White Lake Rocktoctoberfest Music and Beer Festival

Oct. 7 • White Lake Beach Resort, Montello

Am. Legion Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner October 11, 4-7pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Fall Fest

October 13–14 • OACC, Omro

Ripon Rhythm & Brews Craft Beer Celebration

October 13, 5:30pm • Downtown Ripon

Free Vendor Appreciation Market & Last Princeton Flea Market

Oct. 14, 6am-1pm • Princeton City Park



Oktoberfest Celebration 2023
October 14 • Downtown Omro

Sip and Shop on the Fox

Oct. 14, 3-6pm • Water Street, Princeton

Waukau/Eureka United Methodist Church Pork Chop Supper

October 14, 4-6:30pm • Waukau

Caestecker Library Book SaleOctober 18 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

Trunk-or-Treat DowntownOctober 23 • Downtown Green Lake

Trick-or-Treat on Water StreetOct. 27, 3:30–5pm • W. Water St. Princeton

Cribbage Tournament

October 28 • American Legion, Green Lake

Halloween Spooktacular

Oct. 29, 9am–noon • OACC, Omro

Kingston Lions Chicken BBQOct. 29, 11–3pm • Kingston Legion Hall

Waukau Halloween Party

October 29 • Waukau Youth Center



Halloween • Tuesday, 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

Downtown Ripon Holiday Wine Walk Nov. 3, 5:30pm • Downtown Ripon

Caestecker Library Book SaleNovember 4 • 518 Hill Street, Green Lake

Markesan Fire Dept. Fall Breakfast Nov. 5, 7-11am • Markesan Fire Station

Veterans Day • Saturday, November 11 School districts throughout the area host a variety of Veterans Day observances. Because Veterans Day falls on Saturday in 2023, local observances will be held on Friday, November 10. Please see Berlin Journal Newspapers' weekly publications leading up to Veterans Day for specific times.

Markesan American Legion & Auxiliary Veterans Day Dinner November 11 • Markesan Legion Hall

Christmas in the Village

November 11, 10am • Downtown Ripon

Veterans Day Social & Dinner Nov. 11 • American Legion, Green Lake **Waukau Annual Soup-er Supper** Nov. 11, 4-6:30pm • Waukau Youth Center



ABC Group's Light the ParkNov. 16, 4pm • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

38th Annual Lighted Holiday ParadeNov. 16, 6:30pm • Downtown Berlin

21st Annual Homespun HolidaysNov. 17–18 • Markesan Middle/High School

Thanksgiving • Thursday, November 23

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

Nov. 23, 8:30am • Nathan Strong Park, Berlin

28th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 23, 11:30am • All Saints Parish, Berlin

Keep the Cheer Here Holiday EventNovember 24–25 • Green Lake

Christmas in Princeton • Nov. 24–26 Craft fairs & activities throughout Princeton

Christmas in Princeton Crafts & Movie Nov. 24, 6pm • 424 W. Water St., Princeton

Visit with Santa • November 24 Before parade, 630 W. Water St., Princeton

Lights on Water St. Electrical ParadeNovember 24, 6pm • Downtown Princeton



Small Business Saturday • Nov. 25

5th Annual Elf Extravaganza

Nov. 25, 10am-4pm • Downtown Berlin

7th Annual Berlin Blitz

Nov. 25, 9am-2pm • All Saints Parish, Berlin

Holiday Bounty Craft Fair & Mrs. Claus' Kitchen

Nov. 25, 9am–1pm • Princeton Public School

Holiday Faire

November 25 • Town Square, Green Lake

Unity's Festival of Trees

Nov. 25, 1–8pm and Nov. 26, 8am–3pm Community Hall, 101 Wisconsin St. Princeton

DECEMBER

Berlin Lions Club Coupon Book SaleBooks available from members • Berlin

Friends of the Library Cookie Walk

TBD • Princeton Public Library

Kingston Lions Christmas Cash BashDate/Location TBA • Markesan

Dickens of a Christmas

December 1–3 • Downtown Ripon

Christmas Tree Lighting with SantaDec. 1 • Daggett Memorial Park, Montello

Breakfast with Santa • 8am–noon Dec. 2 • Omro Area Community Center

Holiday Celebration and ParadeDecember 2 • Downtown, Omro



Hometowne Holiday & Tree LightingDecember 2 • Veterans Park, Redgranite

Annual Future Omro Holiday Party December 6 • Location TBD, Omro

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

Waukau Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 9, 12:30pm • Waukau Youth Center Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting

December 23, 5pm • Downtown Markesan

Christmas Day • Monday, December 25

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

New Year's Eve • Sunday, Dec. 31

2024

Winter Blowout: Snowshoeing Omro Women's Service League, Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30pm • Omro Middle School

Winter Blowout: Slapshot Saturdays Omro Women's Service League,

Saturday, February 4, 11 & 18, 1–3pm Wedgewood Supper Club & Golf, Omro

Please note — The individual times and dates of events listed above may be subject to change. Certain events may also require purchase or charge an admission price.

For the most up to date information on area happenings, 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, special event and varsity sports coverage in the area.

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 a 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.

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

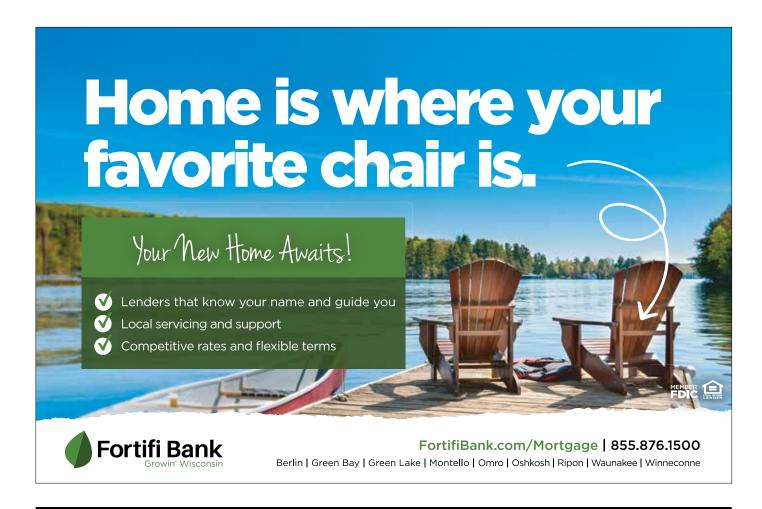
No matter what the season, discovering Berlin is always a treat for all. From venturing around the city as it comes to life in the spring or perhaps strolling around on a warm summer day, or breathing in the fresh crisp air on a cool autumn night, Berlin is a great place to be. During the winter, the 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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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. berlin parks recreation

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.

<u>⊨</u> aquatic center

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.

Open during the summer months, from noon-7 p.m., Monday-Saturday; and from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday; daily and season rates are available, including family passes.

With a giant 270-foot water slide, zero depth entry area, bubble jets, diving board, waterfall, drop slide and more, the Aquatic Center is a great destination for people of all ages to

visit. For those who are just dropping their kids off at the pool, lounge chairs on the deck, shade umbrellas and picnic tables are available all day long.

In addition to open swim times, the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department also hosts multiple specialty programs including Early Bird Swim Monday, Adult Lunch Laps, and Sunset Swims.

For more information and this year's rates please call 920-361-5426 or 920-361-5437.







Achieving a Better Community Inc., known locally as the ABC Group, invites you to "Let Freedom Ring" to celebrate America's independence in Berlin on Monday, July 3, at Riverside Park North Shelter #1. With a kids parade, kids and adult games, live music, the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market, food vendors, beverages and more the day is one you'll not want to miss!

There will be fun for the whole family and, best of all, admission is free with live music scheduled throughout the day starting with area favorites, the Del Rays, 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 one of the area's best Independence Day celebrations continuing, be sure to look for more information as Berlin's Let Freedom Ring event gets closer.





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

berlin boat club corn roast

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

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 12 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 13, for the 36th 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 Wisconsin 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 12.

Lineup for the Memorial Ride begins at 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 North Shelter #1 where live music and the Berlin Boat Club Corn Roast awaits one and all.

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. The weekly market also features a different area nonprofit group in the food tent, allowing guests to enjoy a great dinner while taking in the live music.

Returning with Military Appreciation Night on Tuesday, June 6, and running through the end of September, the Berlin Farmers & Artists Market Committee invites all to stop by Nathan Strong Park















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 16, 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 150 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 16, 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 16.

Organized by 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 as the parade moves through downtown Berlin, starting 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 5th annual Elf Extrava-

ganza, returning to Berlin on Saturday, November 25, 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 25 is the 7th 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!









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kers 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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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.

Living the good life in Green Lake involves a four-season treasure trove of fun and adventure 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 continues to inspire all who visit, just as it has 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, 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 everything Green Lake has to offer, as 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 than during the annual Angler/Young Angler (AYA) Fishing Tournament, returning to Deacon Mills Park and beautiful Big Green Lake on Saturday, June 17.

Angler/ Young Angler fishing tournament

This year's 15th 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 youth based, professional style fishing tournament is held to introduce youth into fishing, promote family values and encourage families, friends, and mentors to con-



tinue fishing and enjoying Big Green Lake and the greater Green Lake community throughout the year.

In recent years, some of the first young anglers to participate in the annual tournament have become mentors themselves, taking newer young anglers out onto Green Lake in search of smallmouth bass. As teams return to dry land Saturday afternoon, weighing in their best five fish before 2:30 p.m., each new leading-team sits on the hotseat until all teams have returned.

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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Celebrating its 50th year in 2023 with a new and larger venue in downtown Green Lake, the Green Lake Fine Art Show will take place on the Town Square Community Center campus on August 12–13.



green lake Fine Art show

For over 30 years, the event was spearheaded by Guy Rossberg, a local artist and owner of Wisconsin Gold & Gem. His children, Ali and Mike Rossberg, grabbed the reins when he passed away in 2015. Emily McCarthy joined Ali in running the show in recent years, but they are now turning over their paintbrushes to Town Square Community Center.

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.

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, and mixed media.

This is the fine art show's 50th year and we will honor artists who have been part of it before and will also welcome new talent," said Fran Hill, co-chair of the new Fine Art Show Committee through Town Square. "We're excited to celebrate the milestone and continue the tradition for years to come."



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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Sponsored by the Green Lake Rotary, the Wisconsin State Chili Cookoff Championship returns to Green Lake's Deacon Mills Park on Saturday, September 9, drawing chefs from across the state to create their finest chili recipes on-site for the daylong competition.

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

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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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Green Lake Festival of Music (GLFM) will celebrate its 44th season in the summer of 2023 with Hemispheres Uniting, 23 concerts from June 8 to August 4, that will feature composers and performers whose music combines elements from around the globe.

Since 2016, GLFM has offered concerts without direct charge, instead relying on generous support from grants, corporations, sponsors, and free-will donations at concerts. The Festival attracts concert-goers from

Wisconsin communities throughout the greater Green Lake County area in addition to Oshkosh, Neenah-Menasha, Appleton, and Sheboygan, as well as from Milwaukee, Madison, and Chicago. Throughout its history the Festival has featured a roster of nationally and internationally acclaimed musical artists.

GLFM additionally hosts the Choral Institute, which prepares the Festival Chorus to perform largescale choral works and new music in coordination with the Composer

Residency program. GLFM also hosts the Chamber Music Institute, which provides the opportunity for pre-professional string musicians to focus on the unique demands of chamber repertoire with outstanding faculty. These two institutes educate and enrich their participants while broadening the performance experience for festival audiences.

Green Lake **Festival** of Music

Among the 23 concerts from June 8 through August 4, be sure to mark your calendar for the following key dates.

Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society, the Festival's longtime friends and partners in excellent music-making, will launch GLFM's season with a dynamic world premiere at Thrasher Opera House in downtown Green Lake on Thursday, June 8.

Beginning June 21, the Green Lake Festival of Music's 2023 Composer-in-Residence Reena Esmail will join the Festival Choral Programs for the first of her two residencies in 2023.

"Reena Esmail is a top-notch composer whose works are receiving numerous performances across the globe," said John Hughes. "It is a real honor to collaborate with her, and I am excited to share her fantastic music with the Festival's participants and audiences."

GLFM will make its debut at the Town Square in Green Lake on Thursday, July 6, utilizing the beautifully renovated courthouse to present cellist Anita Graef, who has programmed an exciting solo recital featuring music by J.S. Bach, Philip Glass, Reena Esmail, and more.

Hemispheres Uniting will conclude with a Festival Gala celebration featuring multiple performers presenting diverse musical styles on Friday, August 4, at the Thrasher Opera House in Green Lake.







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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.

First opening its doors in the spring of 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.

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

Set to reopen following the winter season in the spring of 2023, the highend sporting goods store is tailored toward all the outdoor activities Green Lake has to offer.

"We carry things like wakesurf

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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 were able to 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!





Nothing says "autumn in Green Lake" like the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's signature event, Golden Days Harvest Fest, set to return on Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24.

Celebrating its 35th year in 2023, 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 more, but don't miss the annual Harvest Fest pa-



rade Saturday afternoon.

A popular area attraction, this parade is sure to enchant you with live music, amazing feats, decked-out floats, and the welcoming smiles of area businesses and local service groups.

For more details about the 35th an-

nual 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.



Bloch's Farm, nestled on the shore of the Puchyan River, is a 37-year young family horticultural business. They have been listed as one of the Top 100 garden centers in the United States.

bloch's farm

To find Bloch's Farm, look for the big red barn on the north side of Highway 23, just outside of Green Lake. In addition to a wide variety of annual, perennial, shrub, and tree species for the amateur gardener or the avid landscaper, Bloch's Farm also offers garden art, home decor, house plants, and a full range of landscaping and design services.

Recently enhancing its retail spaces, Bloch's Farm's barn shop has been completely redesigned, particularly in terms of garden and home decor goods, trends, colors, and new plant materials. It is fully stocked with water fountains, features and beautiful pottery.

Bloch's Farm continues to be on

the cutting edge of the green industry, offering many products that are certified organic including potting mixes, soil conditioners, and even fertilizers. Offering a wide range of organically certified insecticides and herbicides, Bloch's Farm also sells certified organic vegetables and herb plants.

If you are looking for plant species native to Wisconsin, try Bloch's Farm. They have the largest selection of native plants in the area and buy native plugs from four different certified growers to maximize the diversity of their offerings.

Bloch's Farm also provides many new varieties of Proven Winner plants. While the species inventory is available to look through at blochsfarm.com, with so many new species and varieties of plant materials, it's best to make time to visit the big red barn at Bloch's Farm in person and experience the diversity for yourself.

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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 passed and learn about where

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508 Watson Street Ripon, WI 54971 920-748-5354

Winneconne Historical Society Museum Village

611 W. Main Street, Marble Park Winneconne, WI 54986 920-582-7643

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.

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."

Green Lake County Fair

"Best Little Fair Around"

Set for August 3–6, the Green Lake County Fair returns in 2023 with the theme "Fair-y Tales" 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 fair-grounds at 570 South Street in Green Lake, why would you ever want to leave?

For a complete preview of the 2023 Green Lake County Fair, be sure to pick up a copy of the Berlin Journal, Green Lake Reporter, Markesan Regional Reporter or the Princeton Times-Republic leading up to the fair. 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, August 3–6.

It's Wisconsin at its best, and while there may be 72 county fairs across the state every summer, nothing beats the Green Lake County Fair, the Best Little Fair Around!



History was made on Saturday, July 30, 2022, with the ribbon-cutting commemoration of the Oberreich Mile, marking the completion of the second phase of Lauree's Trail along Highway 23.

Lauree's Trail, named in honor of Lauree Renaud, founder of Green Lake Greenways who spearheaded the trail, links the Green Lake and Ripon communities via a 10-mile, paved biking/walking/running path. Lauree passed away suddenly in mid-2018, when the project was still very much in its infancy.

"Without Lauree, we wouldn't be here," said Greenways' Jerry Specht, during an impassioned speech to the crowd on hand at the ribbon-cutting.

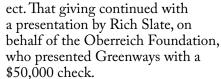
Renaud's ability with community outreach was matched, Greenways board members indicated, by her skills in dealing with government representatives of state, county, and municipal offices and agencies.

Meanwhile, Renaud planned, programmed, and directed her unique inner drive for outreach such as bike rodeos and a Mascoutin Trail tri-county connection, with continuous support from family members, husband Paul, and son Nick.

During the July 30 ceremony,



thanks and appreciation was also given to the Oberreich Foundation, whose name will grace a section of the Phase 2 trail segment because of its generous giving to the proj-



Green Lake Greenways Board President Howie Hansen noted Renaud's talent for drawing together different voices and views including state politicians as well as the Department of Natural Resources, as part of an investment of enormous efforts that continue in Green Lake Greenways' "countless hours of work by its board members."

Renaud's ability to link different kinds of resources and assets was part of over 10 years of work that will continue with an anticipated Phase 3 that would carry Lauree's Trail from Highway 23 into downtown Green Lake.

As work continues on Phase 3, Lauree's Trail continues to stand as a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts throughout the greater Green Lake County area who enjoy walking, running, hiking, and biking, while enjoying everything the area has to offer.



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 just 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 lend a helping hand 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.

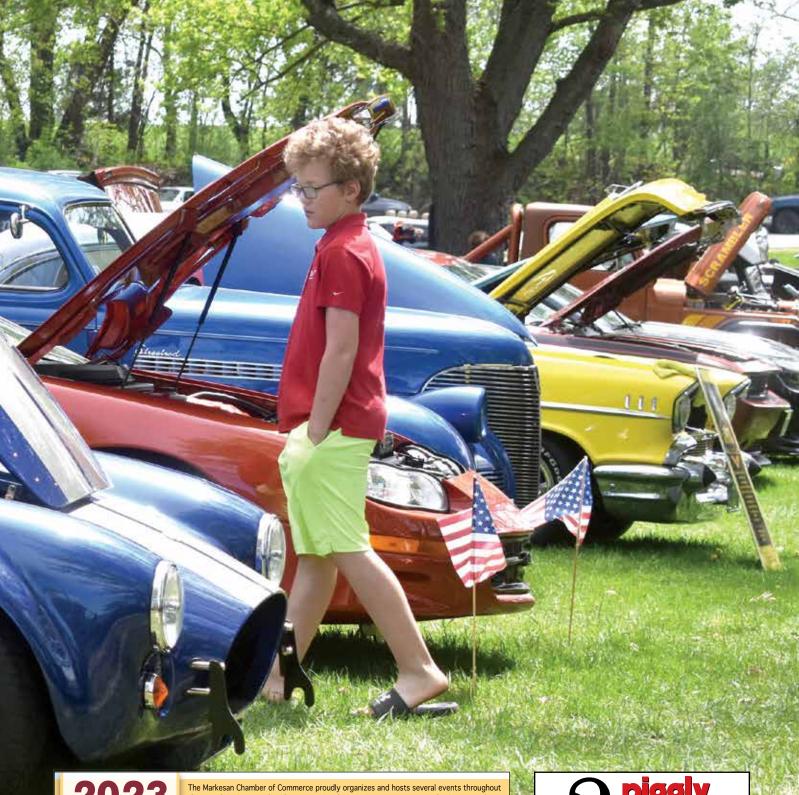
Home to one of the premier museums in the area, the Grand River Valley Museum & Train Depot, curated by the Markesan Historical Society, is dedicated to preserving the area's history, while the Markesan Public Library, located on North Bridge Street since 1930, offers a treasure trove of books, programs 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 Augustfest, featurng free sweet corn roasted onsite 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.

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2023 EVENTS

JUNE DAIRY DAYS Friday & Saturday, June 9 & 10

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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 9–10.



The weekend features tons of fun for kids of all ages including 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 countless 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 haven't even started! And if you like collecting candy at parades, don't just bring a bag, you'll want to bring a backpack to carry home your treats!

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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.

Welcome the summer season in Green Lake County while celebrating the area's farming community by visiting Markesan on Friday and Saturday, June 9–10. You'll be glad you did!





Why wait until July 4th? The Marquette community, in southwestern Green Lake County, will honor America this year on Saturday, July 1, 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 Marquette 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 display at dusk.

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

Fast paced, heart-pounding professional bull riding action returns to Green Lake County at the Manchester Rod & Gun Člub's 18th annual Manchester Chute Out, with the fun beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15.

A sanctioned stop on the National Federation of Professional Bull Riders circuit, the Chute Out hosts some of the best riders and tough-

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est 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 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.

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augustfest corn roast

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.

Cooked up on-site by "Farmer's crew" of volunteers, 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

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The Christmas season returns to Markesan on Friday and Saturday, November 17–18, during the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce's 21st annual 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.

homespun holidays

Both days also feature the Homespun Silent Auction with gift baskets donated by local businesses. Raising thousands of dollars each year, 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.













First founded in 1977 in Southwestern Green Lake County is one of the state's younger Amish communities, but it has quickly become the largest such settlement in Wisconsin.

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

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

While visiting and exploring the area,

guests are respectfully asked to keep the following rules of etiquette in mind:

• While driving, keep a particular eye out for horse-drawn buggies and wagons, especially at night. Amish buggies will travel on the side of the road, and 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.

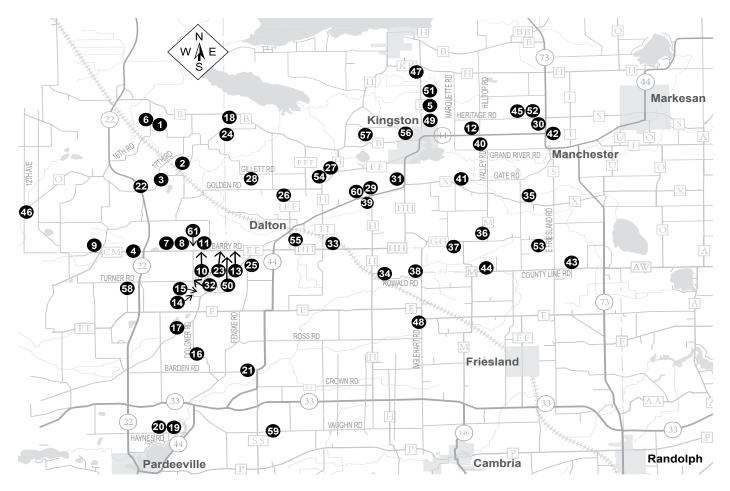
 Once you arrive at your destination, be respectful of your hosts. With many of their shops on the same land as their homes, be mindful to only enter the business. Do not enter private residences or property without permission.

 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 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 secured to a hitching post or rail, or horses that are 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 important 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, every day. 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.

KEY FOR MAP LOCATIONS

- Pine Lumber
- **Bontrager Cabinets**
- Metal Buildings
- 4. Custom Vinyl Windows
- Kingston Custom Cabinets
- 5. 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
- Lakeside Fabrics
- Fairview Discount
- Townline Furniture
- **Townline Greenhouse**
- 21. Fox River Greenhouse & Hand Woven Baskets

- 22. Woodside Greenhouse
- 23. Otto's Produce
 - & Greenhouse
- 24. Kuntry Road Greenhouse
- 25. Maple Lane Furniture
- 26. Hill Top Repair
- 27. Shady Lane Furniture
- 28. Maple Grove Cabinets
- Weaver Enterprise
- 30. Oven Fresh Bakery
- 31. Miller Cabinet Shop
- 32. Cedar Lane Furniture
- 33. D&L Metal Buildings
- 34. Sandhill Cabinets
- Tiny Acres Greenhouse
- 36. Pine Ridge Country Store
- 37. Kingston Creamery
- Salemville Greenhaus
- 39. Troyer's Bakery
- 40. Grand River Greenhouse
- 41. Handmade Rugs, Carpets, Runners

- 42. Wayside Repair & Restaurant
- 43. L&L Furniture Shop
- 44. Chair Shop
- 45. Pine Grove Greenhouse
- 46. Nature Trails Bakery
- 47. Gar-Lin Gardens
- 48. BP Lumber
- 49. Long Lane Greenhouse
- 50. M&M Pet Supply
- 51. Hillcrest Supply
- 52. Mast Finishing
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- 53. Eicher's Woodworking
- 54. Farmer's Woodworking
- 55. Tri Corner Shed
- 56. Fresh Fried Pies
- 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 guaranteed to have an amazing time!

Mishler's Country Store

W5115 Barry Rd. Dalton

Oven Fresh Bakery

W3699 Heritage Rd. Markesan

Woodside Greenhouse

N914 St. Hwy. 22 Dalton

Bell Fountain Timber Products

W6388 Cty. Rd. HH Dalton

Pine Crest Greenhouse

W5439 Cty. Rd. B Kingston

Lakeside Fabrics

W5423 Military Rd. Pardeeville

Kuntry Road Greenhouse

W1716 Grand Ave. Dalton

Rock Hill Canvas

W5498 State Road 44
Dalton

Kingston Creamery

W4481 Hwy. GG Cambria

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L&L Furniture

W3114 Co. Line Rd. Randolph

Homestyle Furniture

W2182 Barry Rd. Pardeeville

Hillcrest Supply

N2742 Cty. Rd. B Markesan

M&M Pet Supply

W5111 Barry Rd. Dalton

Stoney Acres Variety

W2686 17th Rd. Dalton

Pine Ridge Country Store

N763 Cty. Rd. M Cambria

Tri Corner Shed

N1188 Cty. Rd. HH

Handmade Rugs, Carpets, Runners, Quilts & Wall Hangers

W4460 Cty. Hwy. X, Markesan 1.5 miles off of Hwy. 44 on Cty. X

Maple Lane Woodshop & Showroom

N9896 Cty. Rd. EE

Sloping Acres Greenhouse

W4376 Hwy. 44 Markesan

Nature Trails Bakery

See us Saturdays at Oshkosh Farmers Market

Fresh Fried Pies

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

Troyer's Bakery

N1039 Cty. Rd. H Dalton

Rosevale Greenhouse

W4273 Vaughn Rd.

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



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 celebrations throughout the year, highlighted by Kingston Krazy Daze Chubfest 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.

Dalton & Kingston 42 discover **US**

After combining forces for a rockin' fun weekend last year, Kingston Krazy Daze Chubfest is set to return in 2023, promising a full day of fun for the whole family to enjoy, capped off by live music to close out the day on Saturday, August 26.

Bring your friends and enjoy the Kingston Krazy Daze Chubfest parade, beanbag toss tournaments, pony rides and more - be sure 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!





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 4, 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 1, Monday will host the bulk of the festivities to extend the long holiday weekend just a little further.

The Labor Day events kick off at 10

a.m. on Monday with the 12th 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 4, 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 year-round 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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Montello

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.

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

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 Silver 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 must-see 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 13. 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.

Neshkoro





A seasonal highlight for many throughout the Neshkoro area is the Neshkoro Enhancement Committee's annual Scarecrow Festival, held in a new location this year at Stan O'Gene Park.

festival

The 2023 festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, with a full slate of family fun.

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 en-

joy 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 enjoy-



ment for the little ones, with children's activities at the Scarecrow Festival like pony rides, a petting farm, and other fun things to do.

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

Built on the banks of the beautiful 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 already a major rail stop and hosted 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 to the future 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 smartgrowth 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 well-known 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. The Aquatic Center is set to open for the season on June 8 with daily hours 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!



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 through the streets of the city starting at 9 a.m.

36th annual memorial day

The parade leads members of the public 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 2023 will also mark the 36th 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 if you're looking for unique finds and outstanding deals, look no further than the always exciting Omro Citywide Garage Sale, running May 26–29 throughout the community.





Scott Park, located on the Fox River, makes a perfect backdrop for fresh, locally grown produce throughout the summer and early fall during Omro's Thursday Night Market, held 4-7 p.m. every Thursday from June 8-September 21, just a stone's throw from Main Street in downtown Omro.

The upcoming 2023 season marks the 14th year for the market, which has become a favorite local event that provides a premier showcase for area farmers, artisans and crafters

offering their one-of-a-kind products for residents and visitors alike.

The market's run features performances by area musicians for "Music at the Market." As the 2023 season draws closer, a full schedule of Music at the Market dates will be announced.

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.









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There's no better time to celebrate the Fourth of July than on July 4th, and that's exactly what the City of Omro does every year with Independence Day festivities set to return in 2023 on Tuesday, July 4.

This 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 children's games and activities, and enjoy 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!



oktoberfest

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 bringing thousands to the community year after year.

Returning in 2023 on Saturday, Oc-

tober 14, 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 2, 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 2023 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 can be found along trails with open access to the public. 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 a 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' 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 in Green Lake, 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 in Green Lake.

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 Wittman Regional Airport for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in late July, which will be celebrating its 70th year in 2023. 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, turns 25 in 2023 and is set for July 6–9 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 Oshkosh Arena, where it shares the court with the championship-winning Wisconsin GLO women's basketball team.

One of Oshkosh's newest gems, Oshkosh Arena 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 a myriad of stores including 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 Wisconsin every summer and a great time for all, "plane" and simple.

Seeing a record 650,000 guests in 2022 – just the fourth time in the event's history to welcome attendance over the 600,000-mark – the 70th annual EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 is looking to be even bigger and better when it returns July 24–30.

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.

With last year's event honoring the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, EAA CEO and Chairman Jack Pelton was already looking ahead to 2023.

"We're going to take a little time



to give our staff and volunteers a well-deserved rest," said Pelton shortly after Air Venture Oshkosh 2022 came to a close. "But there were numerous discussions at AirVenture 2022 about possibilities for next year. Certainly the 70th anniversary year of EAA will be among the big considerations as we look forward to next year's edition of the The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

While specific activities and aircraft will be announced as they are finalized, EAA AirVenture 2023 will surely impress one and all while continuing to provide fun for the whole family with longstanding youth activities and programs including 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 70th Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention, scheduled for July 24-30, 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.

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 topnotch and includes something for everyone.

Waterfest

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 shoreline 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 await anglers in Green Lake County.

The open-water season hits its prime when the temperature starts to climb in the summer months, while the unique fun of walking on the frozen lakes and drilling a hole in the ice to pull out a catch calls to anglers 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 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 due 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,

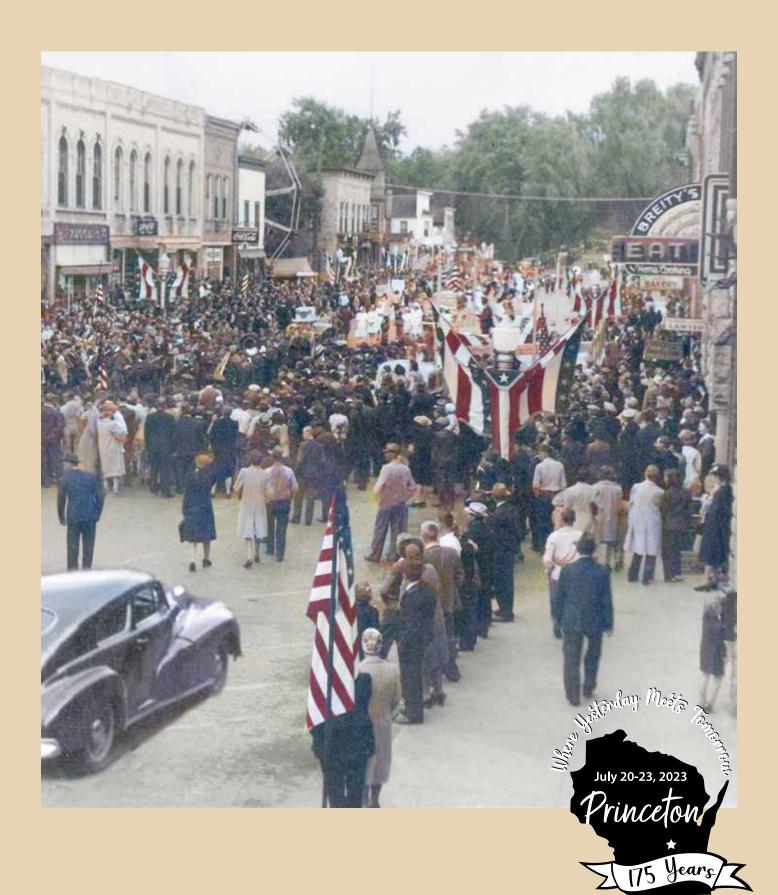
which can be turned into a tasty dinner once the day is done.

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, while embellishing your stories about the ones that didn't!



Prineeton







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 offers something for everyone, year-round.

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.

That hometown pride will be on display in 2023 more than ever before with the community celebrating its 175th anniversary throughout the year, highlighted by a special four-day, citywide 175th Anniversary Celebration July 20–23.

No matter when you visit, 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

People of all ages are proud to call Princeton home, and the city is highlighted by its excellent schools and churches, plus a recently completely renovated public 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.

With splendid dining establishments to satisfy your cravings, and lodging throughout the area, not to mention festivals and events for the whole family to enjoy throughout the year, Princeton is the perfect destination for a multi-day family vacation.

From arts and crafts fairs to celebrating the winter holidays in style, 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 that additional finds can be found year-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 Woolbrights 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!







A community doesn't turn 175 every day, and Princeton will be celebrating its 175th anniversary in style with a four-day family-friendly festival planed for Thursday-Sunday, July 20-23, 2023.

The dedicated members of the 175th Anniversary Committee have been planning and fundraising for the event for the past four years to make the extended weekend one the community will be talking about for the next 175 years.

With details continuing to be finalized in early 2023, there are

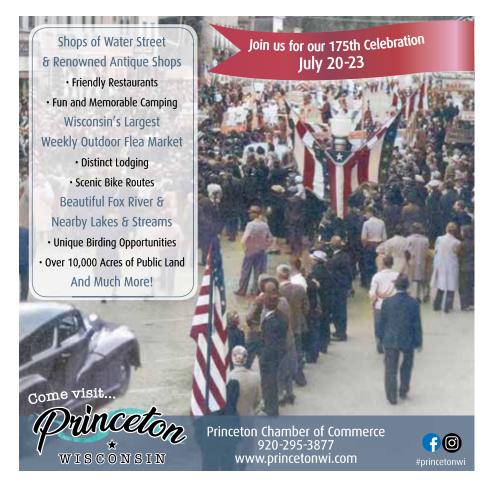
already a wide range of activities planned to engage all ages of participants, with more on the way!

Activities are set to start on Thursday evening, July 20, with the kids parade with a theme of Red, White, and Blue for children to decorate their bicycles, scooters or themselves! The parade will start promptly at 5:30 p.m. and travel from the National Exchange Bank to Princeton Public Library. At the conclusion of the parade, the library will host activities for the kids.

On Friday, July 21, City Park will be the spot to rock out with area favorite Copper Box while the Princeton Sno-Barons snowmobile club will be serving food and refreshments from 6–9 p.m.

Activities will move to the downtown area on Saturday, July 22, with the downtown area being closed to street traffic following the close of the famous Princeton Flea Market so that businesses can sell merchandise on the sidewalks and restaurants and pubs can offer food and drinks for sale to those who wish to partake.







While parents shop and enjoy a drink or two, kids can play at the kids zone from 4–8 p.m., with more live music in the evening when Road Trip takes the stage from 7–10:30 p.m.

The weekend will culminate on Sunday, July 23, with a huge parade full of floats, vintage cars, trucks, tractors, and more. The parade will travel from National Exchange Bank to City Park where additional activities will be set up for children of all ages.

Look for a full schedule of events in the weeks leading up to the celebration in Berlin Journal Newspapers' various publications, because July 20–23 is a weekend you won't want to miss, as Princeton celebrates its 175th anniversary in style as only Princeton can!



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 others with no families?

cemetery

Did you know Princeton was under quarantine in 1883 as a smallpox epidemic swept through town, wiping out entire families?

These and many other facts from the community's rich, historic roots will be shared for the amazement of all at the "Tombstones Come Alive" guided cemetery walking tour, held this year on August 26, 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.

Christmas in Princeton

The official start of the holiday season returns with Christmas in Princeton, November 24–26, offering a magical time for families and friends to enjoy the warmth and charm of festive events throughout the area. From the fantastic Lights on Water Street Electrical 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, along with 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 welcome guests with special holiday offerings.

From Breakfast with Santa to Unity's Festival of Trees crafts 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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Welcoming visitors from near and far from mid-April to mid-October, the famous Princeton Flea Market enters its 49th year in 2023 as "Wisconsin's Largest Weekly Outdoor Flea Market."

The Flea Market welcomes over 100 vendors who register to set up shop each and every week throughout the season, with still several dozens more coming to Princeton City Park sporadically throughout the spring, summer and early fall months guaranteeing you're sure to see something different every time you visit!

Opening this season on April 22, 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 approximately 6 a.m.-1 p.m. through October 14, the Princeton Flea Market regularly attracts thousands of visitors each Saturday, rain or shine. 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, 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 Princeton?

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 piania

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 20, 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.



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 year-round 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 sev-

eral of the city's most popular annual events including wine walks, sweet strolls, 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 night, 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.





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 is a favorite spot to shop and dine for locals while continuing to draw thousands of visitors throughout the year.

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

downtown ripon

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 and sweet stroll, 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 every Friday night 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.

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 even a tall ice cream cone to cool down on a hot summer's day!

The Little White Schoolhous and the Republican Par

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, Bovay 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.

The date was March 20, 1854.

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 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.

Moved over the years for various reasons, arriving most recently at the 305 Blackburn Street location in 1949, heading into 2023, the Little White Schoolhouse is set to move once again. While an exact timeline has not been released, a plan for the new site at 1074 West Fond du Lac Street has been approved, allowing for increased visibility and greater access with better parking for guests and bus tours.

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 as in the City of Ripon as 2023 begins, and moving to 1074 West Fond du Lac Street once its new site is ready, 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.

Septemberfest returns on September 16, welcoming longtime residents and visitors to the area to ring in the arrival of fall in style with plenty of family-friendly activities.

september FEST

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.

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 publications 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.



Christmas returns to downtown Ripon in 2023 for three fun-filled days, December 1–3.

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

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 man-

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.



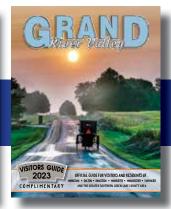


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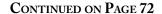


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Whether you want to reconvene with nature for an extended vacation or you're looking for a quick weekend getaway, camping isn't just for the most experienced outdoor adventurers anymore.

Camping has seen a rise in popularity over recent years with those looking to take a step back from technology, bring the family closer together, simplify, and reconnect with nature - even if it's just for a short weekend.









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And what better way to get away from it all and reconnect with friends and family 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 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



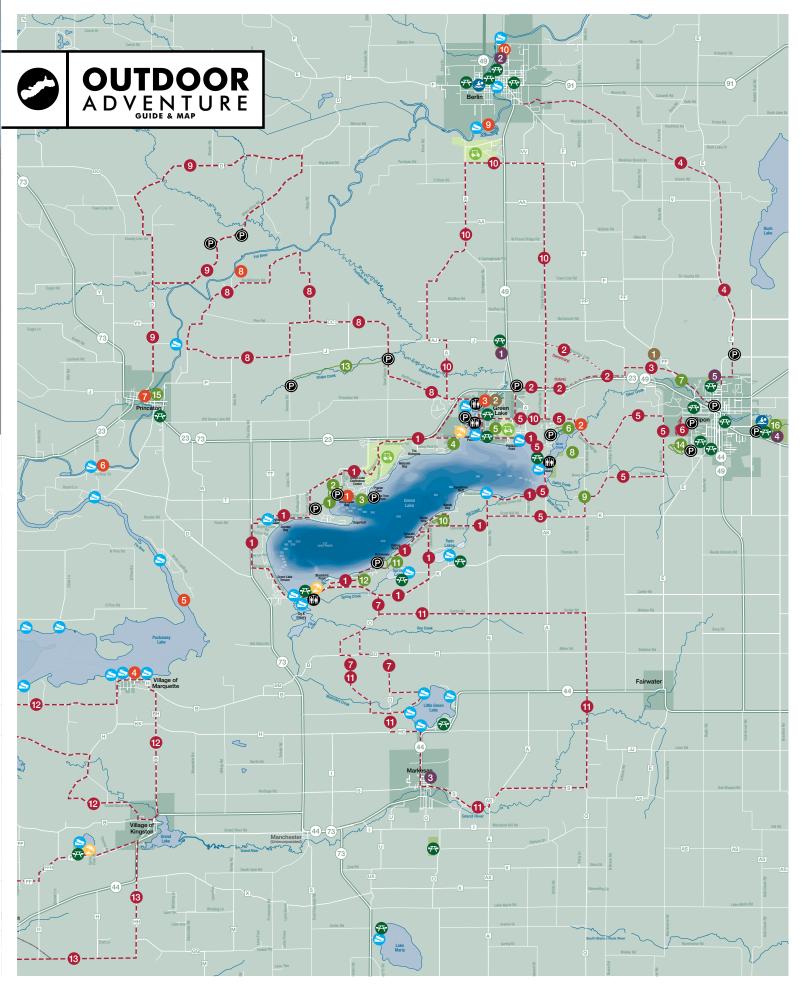


the opportunity to be close to a community's events while still allowing you to get away from it all.

When choosing your campground, be sure to ask about special events they may be hosting on-site, from concerts to family festivals. Many campgrounds also 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.





Redgranite Labor Day

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.

In fact, the Redgranite Labor Day celebration has even earned the distinction of being the longest-running annual celebration of the holiday throughout the State of Wisconsin, with the long weekend paying tribute to the country's workforce and offering a fun-filled family event this year on Saturday through Monday, September 2–4.

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. The day continues with ice cream, a chicken BBQ and afternoon entertainment.

This year's Labor Day Festival in Redgranite will start on Saturday, September 2 and run through Monday, September 4.

Mark your calendar and plan to visit, relax, and enjoy the extended Labor Day weekend in Redgranite where the fun awaits you!



edgranite, a small rural village nestled in eastern Waushara County, boasts big energy throughout the year for residents and visitors alike. The village was once a popular mining town that became known in the late 1800s when large boulders of red rock were discovered. Finding the rock, a red mahogany granite, so rich and beautiful in color, villagers named the community after it and 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 via a wondrous trail. The quarry offers a beautiful backdrop, with breathtaking scenery in the spring, summer or fall to breathe in some fresh air during a short hike.

Redgranite, as well as the area surrounding the village, offers great enjoyment of the outdoors, with places for 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.

Taking pride in its hometown roots, the Village of Redgranite has a host of small businesses and eateries that are as welcoming as the people themselves.

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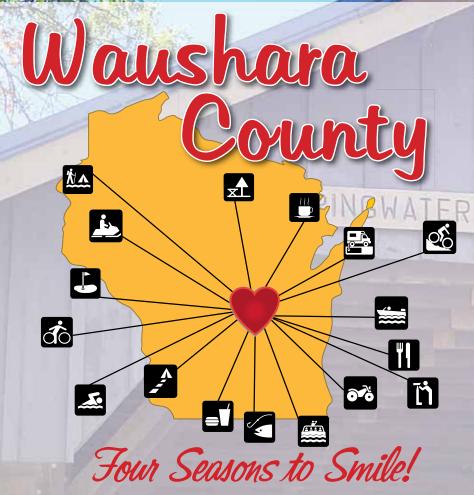


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Despite its modest size of just 648 square miles, the county calls itself home to about 100 lakes, offering more than 600 miles of shoreline waiting for everyone from swimmers and boaters to avid fishermen to explore.

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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One of the most exciting things about visiting a new destination is making a splash on the culinary scene by visiting a different restaurant for every meal. In East Central Wisconsin, you're sure to find a new favorite with every bite as the greater Green Lake County area is home to some of the best restaurants in the state that are locally owned and family operated for decades.

Every local has their favorite goto spot, and soon you will too, no matter what you're in the mood for. From homemade pizza to giant cuts of prime rib, from juicy burgers to succulent seafood, and from Wisconsin classics to vegetarian delights, you're sure to find your heart's (and stomach's) desire at one of the area's beloved locations.

What makes dining in the greater Green Lake County area so unique is the ability to find the highest quality of restaurants in every community and at every turn. Perhaps best of all, high quality doesn't always mean high end.

While the area certainly features its share of restaurants where guests can dress to the nines and head out



for a night on the town, top quality fare is also available at the area's local diners and corner bars where regular patrons will assure you that you'll find no better than their favorite watering hole.

Whether you're enjoying some appetizers with friends after work or a romantic dinner for two, you're sure to find what you're looking for in the area. Also of note, many restaurants in the area continue to offer takeout options, allowing diners to call ahead and pick up their meals on the go to enjoy at home or as a

cozy picnic in a local park.

Located throughout the pages of the discover US you hold in your hands, you'll find some of the unquestionably best restaurants around, located in each community.

For more information on local dining hot spots, be sure to check out Berlin Journal Newspapers' full family of publications including the Berlin Journal, Green Lake Reporter, Markesan Regional Reporter, Princeton Times-Republic, and Omro Herald, published weekly, as well as the Summer Dining Guide, published annually.





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.

With so many to choose from 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.

Citywide **Garage Sales**

And for the biggest bang for your buck, be sure to mark your calendar for the area's five primary citywide garage sales, where you'll find bargains galore and gone-but-not-forgotten items that are sure to ignite treasured memories from years past.

Green Lake Saturday, May 6 Berlin Saturday, May 13 Princeton Saturday, May 13 Friday-Monday Omro May 26-29 Friday and Saturday Markesan August 11–12

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. Each community's fourpage garage sale insert is sponsored by local businesses and includes a listing of the best garage sales in each community's citywide event, to help you find exactly what you're looking for.

Additional garage sale ads during the citywide sales, and throughout

the year, can also be found in the Feature Section, the second section included with each hometown newspaper every Thursday, all year long.

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 shoppers straight 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 your sale will be held.

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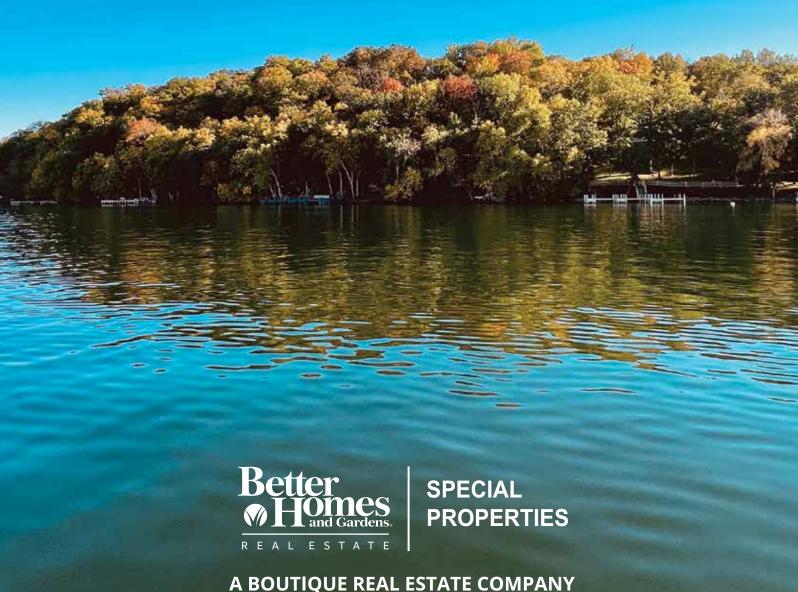
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