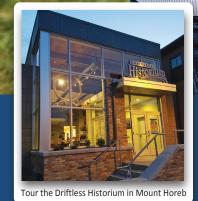


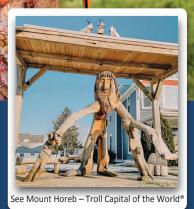
Enjoy time together in the Driftless Region of Southwestern Wisconsin ... the views are spectacular, the wine is delicious and the fun never ends. Bailey's Run Vineyard and Winery is just one of the featured wineries in this, our 10th anniversary issue.



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Pies and more at Sugar River Country Bakery

Enter the Driftless **GETAWAY GIVEAWAY** ... Sponsored by Culver's! Win one of six \$25 gift cards. See page 3.

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# Welcome to the Driftless Explorer!



Watch a beautiful sunrise from many many locations in the Driftless area!

by Sue Moen

### By Matt Geiger

The jubilant thump of a summer evening barn dance. The movement of earth and steel as new businesses and homes rise out of the fertile soil. The singing of native birds on a prairie trail. The hum of a chainsaw and the whisper of a paintbrush on canvas. The bubbling laughter of old and new friends over locally-produced cheese, beer and wine



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These are the sights and sounds of this unique part of Wisconsin. It is a place where geography, culture, commerce and creativity meet to create a one-of-a-kind experience.

As you set out in search of your adventure in this rich and varied place, nestled in the heart of the American Midwest, look through the Driftless Explorer. In these pages, you'll find out about many



Take in an afternoon of fishing, and if you're lucky, you might catch a beauty like this from the Black Earth Creek.



Sit back with a glass of wine and enjoy the beautiful views at Botham Vineyards.



Savor the sights, sounds, and smells of the Mineral Point Market, a Saturday morning tradition held at Water Tower Park.

of the people, places and businesses that make this place unique.

Our writers and contributors delve deeply into each community – the Norwegian Trolls of Mount Horeb, the colorful Swiss heritage of New Glarus, life on the river in Spring Green, and so much more – to paint a vivid picture of each name on the map.

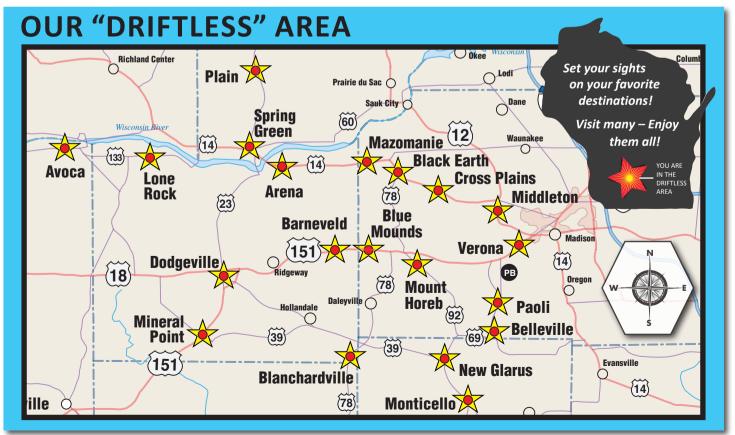
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# ENTER THE DRIFTLESS GETAWAY GIVEAWAY







Find the answers to the questions below throughout the Driftless Explorer. Read through the pages and put the page number with the answer to each question on the corresponding line. Some questions could have more than one correct answer accepted. All correct entries will be entered into the drawing. Winners will be chosen on November 1, 2023, and will be notified by mail.



Take a Troll Stroll around the Mount Horeb Trollway – can you guess where this troll is?



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Mark the page number with the answer next to each question. Some questions could have more than one correct answer.		
Where can you find baked goods that taste like grandma's?	Who is opening their restaurant summer 2023?	
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Where can you dine on upscale pub food and enjoy craft beer?	What business is on Main Street and features women's clothing	
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Where can you enjoy a concert on a Tuesday night in June or July?	Where can you spot Santa at a December Market?	
Where is there a UFO-themed parade?	Where can you wash your car, your laundry, and your pet?	
Where can you find a local chocolatier?	Where can you enjoy 'Jammin' on the Porch'?	
	Where is there two weeks of fun in a Town Square?	
Where can you find a friendly staff that can assist with your pharmaceutical and gift buying needs?	Who celebrates the start of summer with a Frolic?	
Name:		
Address:		

Entries must be received by November 1, 2023. \* Limit one entry per household. News Publishing Co. not responsible for lost or late entries.



Stop in at the Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show in Cross Plains this September. There's antique and classic vehicles, historic displays and demos, an arts and crafts show, and more!

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to let them know that you learned about them here, in the 2023 Driftless Explorer.

### The Ice Age

The tale of this part of Wisconsin stretches back into prehistory, to a time when huge swaths of North America and Eurasia were locked under thick slabs of ice.

But during the last ice age, a slice of southern Wisconsin was spared. Technically, the "Driftless" area is the southwestern quarter of the state, which was untouched by glaciers during that frigid epoch. The unglaciated area was cut deeply by ancient streams into narrow, twisting valleys and ridges.

As a result, the surface landforms are much older than those in the rest of the state, which was shaped by a relatively recent glacier, carving out a land totally unique from the surrounding area.

While the geography of this place is particularly ancient, the people of the

Driftless region today are an eclectic blend of old and new. Painters mingle with farmers. Small, locally owned shops offer treasures that can be found nowhere else. With some of the most fertile soil on the planet, this corner of Wisconsin is home to some of the freshest foods in the most pleasant restaurants. And when it comes to camping, hiking, fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation, there are few places that can match what the Driftless region of Wisconsin has to offer.



Visit Dodgeville July 7-23 in their Town Square – a two week event that features a beer garden, music, food and more.

### A Marriage of Old and New

Wisconsin's "Driftless" area marries the old and the new. It is a land where ancient times are still visible, but where young people and new places are constantly finding fresh ways to create art, music, food, fashion and so much more.

A place where fiddlers play, small beer and wine makers hone their craft, and



Hyde Chapel near Ridgeway is one of only a small handful of buildings constructed in Iowa County in the 1800's in the Greek Revival architectural style. It is also known as "The Chapel on the Hill."

local farmers pluck their crops from the rich, black soil and bring them directly to local markets and restaurants.

There are wheels of delicious cheese, made from the milk of local cows and according to old world traditions that made their way here with the earliest pioneers. There are one-of-a-kind, locally owned shops, along with parks, trails and spectacular wildlife.

And with typical Midwestern congeniality, the residents here want to share the special things about the Driftless region with people from far and wide. People here are eager to share their culture, their food and drink, their friendship, and of course, their story.

Those who voyage out and see what this unique place has to offer are never disappointed, often surprised, and always delighted. Whether it's your maiden voyage or you are returning to one of your favorite destinations, let the Driftless Explorer be your guide.



Catch up with your friends and Jorgen the Thirsty Troll at the Thirsty Troll Brew Fest in Mount Horeb in September. Featuring an assortment of brews, food and live music.



Celebrate Harvest Fest at Swiss Historical Village & Museum, where they bring history to life with demonstrations and hands-on activities for the whole family.



### Including Verona, Paoli, Belleville and Madison

#### **By Katie Pederson**

From the beginning of the Sugar River, outside of Verona, through Paoli and Belleville, the Sugar River region offers many great family-friendly activities, shopping and dining options.

Hit the greens and go golfing; enjoy parks

# Bavaria Sausage, Inc.

In 1956, master sausage maker Fred Voll and his wife, Kathe, came from Bavaria, Germany, bringing their craftsmanship and old-fashioned values to America.

After years of hard work, they were able to save and build a beautiful federally inspected sausage manufacturing plant. Then a beautiful chalet retail store was built for the public to enjoy their authentic sausage.

They named it Bavaria Sausage.

When you enter Bavaria Sausage, you are transported to Old World Germany, with the largest selection of sausage, cheese and imported grocery items under one roof. They offer a wide variety of German specialty sausages and cheddar aged up to 14 years. European specialty foods, such as candy, chocolates, cakes, breads, coffees, pretzels, snacks, krauts, pickles and fresh cheese curds, line the shelves.

They use no artificial colors, flavors, gluten, fillers, additives, preservatives (except smoked products), or chemicals, and

they don't use MSG in their products. All of their products are made from lean beef and pork, and natural spices that are mixed by hand from bulk spices, then naturally hickory smoked or cooked.

Next time you zip along U.S. 151, just west of the intersection with County PD (McKee Road), turn in and visit. If you visit between May and September, weather permitting, Bavaria Sausage has a wonderful brat fry in the parking lot between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, check Facebook for schedule changes. They serve three different kinds of bratwurst, their Old Fashioned Wieners and kraut.

They look forward to serving you with their finest German hospitality, whether online in their internet shop or visiting their brick and mortar store, they would like to make your "Old World Germany" experience a memorable one.

Visit bavariasausage.com or call them at 800-733-6695 for additional information.



with hiking and biking trails; get in the water and go swimming, canoeing or kayaking.

The Verona area offers several unique local dining opportunities, including farm-to-table food made from scratch, plus wineries and breweries serving fascinating flavors and great service. Walk off your meal by stopping at one of their plentiful shops to browse – from gift shops to goodies for your four-legged friend. Plenty of recreational opportunities are available too, including a splash pad!

Just down the road, beautiful Paoli offers a sophisticated art scene with galleries along with an eclectic mix of shops and dining options, all conveniently located on their historic main street.

Following the river south, you end up in Belleville. This "small community with a big heart" features 44-acre Lake Belle View, complete with a walking berm. The lake is a living laboratory of a unique and rare floodplain forest restoration featuring rare songbirds, eagles, and rare native plants. Many restaurants and shops call Belleville home and are ready to warmly welcome you.





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### Visit Verona

Whether you like your adventures wet and wild or slow and sun-drenched, Verona is the Gateway Region's destination with something for everyone.

Slap on some sunscreen and make a splash at renovated Fireman's Park. Take a spin down the waterslide or soak in some rays on the refurbished beach. There's a splash pad and a 3,100-square-foot playground for the kids, too.

Seeking something a little more fastpaced? Verona is the perfect hub for your bicycling journeys. The serious rider can take on the demanding Ironman Wisconsin loop, while there are family-friendly spins through beautiful countryside for a more leisurely outing. You will also have easy access to Military Ridge State Trail, with access to the Capital City Trail and Badger

# Verona Area Performing Arts

The Verona Area Performing Arts Series is entering its 23rd year of presenting live music in their Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center. Location and ticket sales are available on the VAPA website, vapas.org. The concert series for 2023-2024 is as follows:

**One Night in Memphis**, a tribute to Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash, Saturday, November 4, 2023.

*Nashville Legacy*, featuring Jason Coleman, grandson of Floyd Cramer and Meagan Taylor, niece of Chet Atkins, Saturday, March 16, 2024.

"*I Am, He Said*," a celebration of the music of Neil Diamond, on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Performances at Verona High School Tickets available vapas.org or at the Door

State Trail; Quarry Ridge Mountain Bike Trail; The Horribly Hilly Hundreds course; and Badger Prairie Park.

When you want to stick to exploring by foot, we've got your whole family covered, including Fido! Hit the trails with the kids, or let your pup follow his nose at these great parks and trails: Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail; Prairie Moraine Dog Park, one of the best dog parks in the area. With over 160 acres of room to roam, it features the largest off-leash area in Dane County. Other parks include Badger Prairie County Park and Donald County Park.

Plus, you can tee it up at one of several area championship-level golf courses, including University Ridge, home to PGA Champions Tour American Family Insurance Championship. Or grab your raft or kayak for a voyage down the Sugar River. And when your stomach starts growling, we've got plenty of options to fuel your appetite. From a farmhouse breakfast to Italian and Indian food, pizza and burgers to Chinese, Verona will have your taste buds buzzin'. Stop by one of their breweries, wineries or distilleries to check out local flavors brewed to perfection.

The best part is, their award-winning hotels keep you close to the action — and you're just minutes from Madison — giving you the perfect base camp for launching your next adventure.

When it comes down to it, they've got the ideal blend of activities and accommodations, comfort and convenience, for a memorable experience as you explore Verona, and the Driftless region beyond.

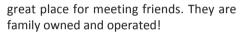
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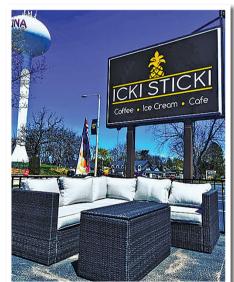
### Icki Sticki

Aloha, and welcome to Icki Sticki! They are a coffee and ice cream shop located on W. Verona Avenue, in the city of Verona. They proudly serve 36+ flavors of ice cream, made locally in Madison. They also serve locally roasted coffee and have Hawaiian Shave Ice with over 40 housemade flavors, Boba Tea, espresso and latte drinks, house-made Chai, smoothies, Belgian waffles, breakfast and lunch options, and more.

Icki Sticki offers many gluten-free bakery, food, and vegan ice cream options! They are open year-round, seven days a week. They also have a 7-foot gumball machine!!

Icki Sticki offers a convenient drive thru and ample indoor and outdoor seating options. They even have pup cups for your doggie! Icki Sticki offers free Wi-Fi and a







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# **Discover Paoli**

### **By Marian Viney**

The picturesque community of Paoli offers visitors a relaxing blend of culture,



Southern Wisconsin Art Guild presents Paoli Art in the Park September 2 and 3, featuring local and regional artists.

natural beauty, and rural character.

With its historic main street perpendicular to the Sugar River, Paoli combines a vibrant, sophisticated gallery scene and an eclectic mix of unusual shops, as well as dining options that include authentic Latin American tacos; craft beer; artisan cheese; other local foods; a wine, beer and spirits; pub specialties; and fine dining.

Paoli is the gateway to Wisconsin's Driftless Area and Dane County's Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area. Located four miles south of Verona, at the intersection of State Highway 69 and County Highway PB, Paoli is a favorite haunt of art lovers, bicyclists, kayakers, gourmet enthusiasts, and shoppers looking for an elegant and offbeat experience close to Madison.

Visit discoverpaoli.com to find out more.

# Paoli Road Mercantile

Featuring art, jewelry and local goods, Paoli Road Mercantile is an art gallery with a hint of a general store.

Inside you will find a curated collection of one-of-a-kind, handcrafted pieces from artists and makers – including jewelry, paintings, ceramics, prints, and more by over 75 local and national artists. They also offer a great selection of local goods including candles, chocolates, delicious jams, artisan



soaps, and more!

On location you will also find the jewelry studios of Paoli Road Metalsmiths. Owner Julie Walser is a maker and metalsmith who, along with Hannah Wong of HRSdesigns, have their studios on location. Watch for workshops and classes being offered in 2023.

Visit Paoli Road Mercantile, located at 6904 Paoli Road in Paoli, and let them introduce you to the work of your new favorite artists. They hope to see you soon!

Support artists and makers – shop small, shop local!



Looking for some new and exciting artwork? Visit Paoli Road Mercantile.



# Landmark Creamery

Landmark Creamery is thrilled to return the tradition of Wisconsin cheese to Paoli. Anna and Anna age their award-winning cheeses here and have a shop filled with cheese and locally produced food. Stop by for lunch and to find everything you need to build a beautiful cheese and charcuterie board. And now they have small-batch, freshly churned butter (you can watch butter production just down the road at Landmark Creamery's micro-dairy, nestled in Seven Acre's Dairy Café)!

Enjoy a grilled cheese sandwich in the store, or grab something to keep you fueled on the bike path. In addition to cheese, the shop carries tea, coffee, pantry items, butter and home goods.

Landmark Creamery Provisions can ship items or gift boxes anywhere in the country. Check out their website landmarkcreamery. com, sign up for the newsletter, and follow them on Instagram or Facebook for updates on events and specials. You can find Landmark Creamery at 6895 Paoli Road. Visit their website for more details.



# Mount Vernon Tap

Looking for a delicious, no-fuss meal and a cold beer or refreshing cocktail? Come down to your friendly neighborhood bar and grill, Mount Vernon Tap.

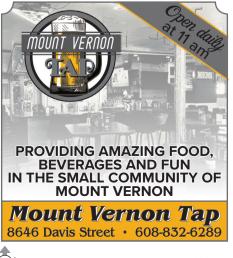
At the Mount Vernon Tap, you're treated like family. It's the perfect place to sit and relax after a long day. Unwind with a frosty beer or a refreshing cocktail and order a juicy burger or tasty sandwich from their menu. Mount Vernon Tap also offers lunch specials and one of the best Friday fish frys that you will find in southern Wisconsin.

If you're a pizza lover, you're in luck. They're famous for their pizzas – loaded with fresh toppings and gooey cheese and your choice of thin or thick crust. Order one of their specialty pizzas or build your own.

Mount Vernon Tap is open Monday through Sunday, from 11:00 am-9:00 pm. Visit them in Mount Vernon at 8646 Davis Street (Mount Horeb address) or call 608-832-6289.



Find amazing food, beverages and fun in Mount Vernon at Mount Vernon Tap.



# Paoli Art in the Park

Paoli Art in the Park is happening again! Southern Wisconsin Art Guild, Inc. (SWAG) is organizing this popular event. It will be held September 2 and 3, 2023, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, in the Paoli Park, 1367 County Road PB in Paoli. SWAG is dedicated to putting on a quality juried art fair that will benefit artists, the public, and the community.

The event will feature local and regional artists in a variety of mediums. If you're wondering where to find that truly unique, meaningful piece of art, come to Paoli Art in the Park.

Paoli is located just a short drive from Madison.

SWAG is an organization of artists and art supporters. Their mission is to further the common good and the general welfare of the public in the communities of southern Wisconsin, by supporting the visual arts and providing opportunities and support for artists.



# Lily's Mercantile and Makery

Lily's Mercantile and Makery in Paoli is a mother-daughter run home décor and lifestyle boutique. Lily and Teresa first brought their eclectic style to Paoli in 2019, when they opened Lily's in the old Creamery building and now they have moved into a new space in Paoli, at 6896 Paoli Road, and are excited to bring you the best in home décor, furniture, gifts, baby and so much more! Be inspired as you wander through Lily's and take in all the carefully curated products.

Lily is an artist creating beautiful paintings on canvas, wood, rocks and cow skulls. She has been painting since she was a little girl and is excited to be able to share her work with her customers. Teresa has a passion for decorating and loves the hunt for the perfect pieces to add to your home. Lily's is open year-round Wednesdays-Sundays. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for special events, new products and gift giving ideas. Go visit them soon in beautiful Paoli!





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# Belleville ... "beautiful village"

### By Marian Viney

Belleville straddles the Dane County and Green County lines, and prides itself in being a "Small Community with a Big Heart." Belleville is an ideal place to live, work, and play, and it's growing to offer more to its residents and visitors alike.

Belleville means "beautiful village," and

is named after founder John Frederick's hometown in Ontario, Canada. What makes Belleville unique is the natural beauty, available recreation, and businesses, restaurants, and bars that beckon visitors and residents with a welcoming, friendly atmospheres, and great food and drinks.

Did you say Friday fish fry? Several local

# **River Ville Bar & Grill**

Welcome to River Ville Bar & Grill, where you can enjoy freshly made breakfast, lunch and dinner for the whole family.

The vast breakfast menu includes classic Eggs Benedict, breakfast skillets, waffles,



Visit River Ville Bar & Grill in Belleville for your breakfast, lunch and dinner favorites, and featuring their Mexican specials every day too!

pancakes, crepes, omelettes, burritos, and more! There is something for everyone. Mimosas and Bloody Marys are available every day of the week.

Start your meal with a selection of traditional appetizers. The lunch and dinner menu includes several traditional sandwiches including BLTs, Reubens, Monte Cristos, gyros, as well as specialty burgers, steaks, entrée salads, seafood and wraps. Homemade soups are made fresh daily. If you are hungry for Mexican try their daily Mexican special, they will draw you back to try every one!

River Ville also offers a Friday Fish Fry, with your choice of cod, walleye, perch, bluegill or salmon, along with their Saturday Night Prime Rib special.

Full bar service is available all day, including specialty margaritas, mojitos, martinis and mixed drinks, as well as wine and beer.

Stop by River Ville Bar & Grill at 619 River Street in Belleville.



See the pelicans on Lake Belle View.

restaurant's claim to fame is their Friday Night Fish Fry, including The Dam Bar, or homemade, family-style menus. If it's coffee, drinks, or tea you're looking for, Lingonberry Llama's menu includes that and more. The Llama captured national attention as one of the nicest places in Wisconsin.

JonnyO's Pizzeria recently celebrated their two-year anniversary and has made its mark in the Belleville community.

Spend an afternoon in Belleville's Community Park and enjoy activities such as fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or strolling across the berm for spectacular views of Lake Belle View and the Sugar River. You might even see an eagle or two, great blue herons, and other wildlife.

Enjoy the nearby Badger State Trail and the Sugar River Trail, both of which contain segments of the Ice Age Trail. A highlight of the Badger State Trail is the Stewart Tunnel. The tunnel is about 1,200 feet long and measures 21-feet tall and 14-feet wide and was built with a curve. Currently the tunnel is closed, but repairs are being planned so that everyone can once again enjoy it.

If plans include shopping, the Duluth continued on page 10



Have fun at Belleville's UFO Day on October 28. You'll see a UFO-themed parade and other fall festivities.

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<sup>o</sup>hoto by Sue Mo

# Lingonberry Llama



Nestled in downtown Belleville is the Lingonberry Llama. Though fairly new, the Llama has quickly become a "favorite" spot for locals and visitors alike!

Stop in and enjoy homemade pastries, a variety of coffee drinks, teas and other refreshments. Stay and enjoy the inviting atmosphere, which includes a cozy room in the back of the shop with chairs, couch and small kids area.

If you are hungry for a meal, the Llama has a wonderful menu of homemade breakfast and lunch options.

Follow them on Instagram or Facebook to see mouthwatering photos as well as a variety of in-house events that they host. Voted the "Nicest Place in Wisconsin" in 2019 by Reader's Digest, Lingonberry Llama will quickly become your "favorite" place to visit!

You will find Lingonberry Llama at 103 W. Main Street, Belleville. For a complete menu and hours, visit their website at thellamacoffee.com, Facebook page, or call 608-424-0011.

### Change the world ~ But first, COFFEE.



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Trading Outlet offers great deals, or stop at Belleville Hometown Pharmacy for the perfect gift.

If you are interested in staying in the area, Cameo Rose Victorian County Inn is

an award-winning Bed & Breakfast. It's the perfect place to enjoy a girls getaway, or romantic time away.

Whatever you find to do near Belleville, you will find a small community with a big heart and lots of activities to add to your experience. For more information, please visit bellevillewi.org.



# Photo by Sue Moen

### **Sugar River Lanes**

Sugar River Lanes strives to be an entertainment and gathering spot for the community. Sugar River Lanes offers leagues and open bowling year-round and during the summer months they also have volleyball and bags.

The restaurant has a simple menu with great daily specials that are always changing. Keeping the menu simple makes it possible to ensure high quality with everything that comes out of their kitchen. They offer a Friday Night Fish Fry, which always proves to be a great start to any weekend!

In the bar you will find the best bartenders and servers around! They are always friendly and love making everyone feel right at home.

Sugar River Lanes is the best place to have your family or company party. They are able to provide everything you need from entertainment to food and beverages.

Speaking of entertainment, don't forget Sugar River Lanes bands. They have bands every month. Belleville has such a great music following, and it is great to be part of that.

Sugar River Lanes also enjoys being able to be part of the community through fundraisers, school sports team meetings, supporting the Belleville High School Bowling Team, craft fairs and other fun community events.

So, whether it's an event you are attending or you're just looking for a fun night out, come visit us at Sugar River Lanes.





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# Sugar River Nursery

Sugar River Nursery, nestled in the rolling hills between Belleville and New Glarus, has been providing fine garden plants to locals and visitors for over 25 years. At the nursery you will find an amazing array of annuals, perennials, herbs, succulents, and veggie plants, along with beautiful flowing hanging baskets and containers. If you love gardening, flowers, and breathing taking views, Sugar River Nursery is a must stop for you. The nursery is open seven days a week during the growing season, weekdays from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and weekends from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. They are located at 298 State Road 92, Belleville and can be reached by calling 608-381-7819.



# The Dam Bar & Grill

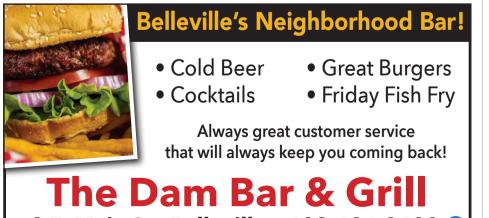
The Dam Bar is Belleville's neighborhood bar, with friendly, fast service and delicious food that will keep you coming back week after week, all at prices you can afford.

Choose from a variety of cocktails and beers to quench your thirst, order up cheese curds or jalapeno poppers for a snack, or "build your own" Dam sandwich! Don't forget about their spectacular Friday Night Fish Fry (a local favorite)! The Dam Bar also features Brew City fries, onion rings and mac 'n jack bites.

Visit The Dam Bar at 3 E. Main Street in Belleville, call them at 608-424-9600 or visit their Facebook page.



The Friday Fish Fry is a favorite at The Dam Bar & Grill -- plus a variety of beers and cocktails to hit the spot.



3 E. Main St., Belleville • 608-424-9600 😚



# Hometown Pharmacy

Hometown Pharmacy in Belleville is a wonderful destination for your gift shopping and pharmacy needs. The pharmacy staff is friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. Whether you're looking for vitamins, over-the-counter medications, or getting a prescription filled, they offer a large variety of products to fit your health and wellness essentials.

Not only are they a pharmacy, but a boutique, offering a lovely assortment of women's apparel, jewelry and purses. The children's section has toys, books, clothing and décor. You'll love the natural soaps, lotions and soy-based candle lines. They also offer a full assortment of greeting cards and gift wrapping essentials. Whether you're looking for the perfect décor piece to complete your home or a gift for a loved one, Hometown Pharmacy has what you need.

Stop in at Hometown Pharmacy, 1 W. Main Street in Belleville. You can also call them at 608-424-3364 with questions, or visit their website: hometownpharmacyrx.com.





### Including New Glarus, Monticello and Blanchardville

#### By Sue Moen

### Welcome to New Glarus, Wisconsin! "America's Little Switzerland"

The Village of New Glarus was established in 1845 by a group of Swiss settlers. The village is conveniently located on Highway 69 in the heart of Green County. Visitors will enjoy the beautiful rolling hills that reminded the 1845 settlers of their



Experience a life-size Advent Calendar in downtown New Glarus. View a new window unveiling nightly in December.

beloved home in Glarus, Switzerland.

New Glarus has a picturesque downtown featuring charming architecture and is home to interesting locally-owned shops, as well as many fine bars and restaurants. There are a wide variety of dining options in the quaint village, including many dishes based on family traditions. European specialties Schnitzel, Geschnetzelets, Rösti potatoes, and the perennial favorite Swiss Fondue are delicious. There are also a wide variety of tasty options from sandwiches, burgers, and pizza to farm-to-table offerings. The New Glarus Bakery offers yummy desserts year-round! To accompany your meal, or to take home, the New Glarus Brewing Company offers a wonderful selection of world class beers, including the favorite Spotted Cow!

For a complement of a different flavor, try sampling the wines at Bailey's Run, located just west of the village on Highway 39. Visitors are invited to enjoy great wine and a friendly atmosphere, including the beautiful expansive porch. New this

# Swiss Historical Village & Museum

The Swiss Historical Village & Museum has been a popular stop for visitors to New Glarus since it first opened in 1942. The museum not only shares the 1845 migration story of



Swiss colonists, but also shows the evolution of agriculture and dairying and explains New Glarus' transformation into a tourist destination.

The museum's 14 buildings include a cheese factory, a one-room schoolhouse, a print shop, an authentic 1850's cabin, and a replica of the community's first church. Be sure to spend some time in the Hall of History, which features a brand-new display chronicling the history of New Glarus and the ways that the original immigrants shaped our community.

For more information on hours of operation, please visit swisshistoricalvillage.org or call 608-527-2317. A modest admission fee of \$10 for adults and \$3 for children is charged, with a discount for AAA members. Group tours are welcome by appointment.



The rolling hills of New Glarus reminded early settlers of their beloved homeland.

year is Whiskey Run Distillery, part of Bailey's Run Winery. Enjoy their small-batch, hand-crafted bourbon, whiskey and more. Take a roadtrip to Browntown and sample Hawk's Mill Wineery's wide selection of dinner and dessert wines, made primarily from Wisconsin-grown grapes and fruit.

New Glarus area businesses are full of award-winning cheeses and meats, breads and pastries, wines and beers, and maple syrup, many of which are served at the local restaurants. Visit an area cheese factory and find out just how cheese is made. Green County is home to the only cheese factory in the United States that produces Limburger, a potently aromatic but mild (in flavor) delicacy.

Visitors love the charming downtown area, featuring chalet-styled architecture and home to some of the most interesting and unique shops outside of Europe. Find treasures imported straight from Europe, regionally crafted gifts and exquisite art pieces from locally-owned shops. Learn

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Learn about Swiss history at Swiss Historical Village & Museum.

# New Glarus Chamber of Commerce

Whether you're visiting New Glarus for a week, a day, or just pedaling through, it's easy to see why New Glarus' Swiss founders chose to settle in the picturesque hills of Green County. After over 175 years, New Glarus is as beautiful as ever and its people continue to celebrate their rich heritage with attractions sure to delight: festivals, museums, shopping, lodging, dining, plus so much more. The historic Swiss charm of New Glarus awaits you.

New Glarus Polkafest and Beer, Bacon & Cheese Festival – June 9-10, 2023. New Glarus' two-day celebration of polka. Free admission all weekend under the festival tent in historic downtown New Glarus, and free polka lessons on Saturday!

A highlight of Polkafest weekend is the annual New Glarus Beer, Bacon & Cheese (BBC), where one wristband entitles festgoers to unlimited sampling of some of the greatest regional flavors – craft beer, specialty meats and artisan cheeses. BBC wristbands are \$50.00 per person. Please visitswisstown.com for details on how to get your tickets. Bring your appetite!



Pouring out beer from the first keg at Oktoberfest in New Glarus.

New Glarus Blues, Brews & Food Trucks – June 24, 2023. Blues music all day long, cold local beers on tap and the streets will be lined with food trucks from all over the region. Bring a chair and spend the day!

Labor Day Weekend, Wilhelm Tell Festival – September 1-3, 2023. Share with your family the story of Swiss independence, written by German playwright Friedrich Schiller. It's a live theater presentation with intricate costumes and a lively cast that includes goats, cows and horses. More than 100 local volunteers join to make each colorful performance come to life. Performances are staged in a beautiful outdoor setting, just a short distance from downtown New Glarus. For a schedule of Wil*continued on page 16* 



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# **Chalet Cheese Haus**

Chalet Cheese Haus, located in downtown New Glarus, opened its doors in the fall of 2022. But Chalet Cheese is not new to Green County. They've operated a cooperative, one of the oldest in the United States, on County Road N near Monroe since 1885. Chalet Cheese is known for specializing in Baby Swiss, Limburger, Wisconsin Brick and Swiss – in fact, they are the only producer of Limburger in the USA.

The Cheese Haus, located at 554 1st Street in New Glarus, offers locally made cheeses, Wisconsin-made goodies such as ice cream, crackers, popcorn, wine, sauces, honey, maple syrup, fudge, chocolates and soy candles, as well as cutting boards and charcuterie accessories. They will create a custom gift basket for you, using products from their store.

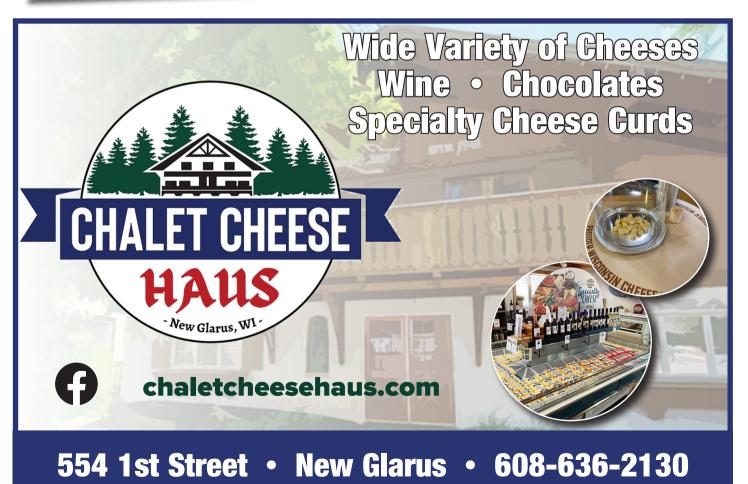


You can also have a freshly made grilled cheese sandwich, featuring a variety of cheeses from Chalet Cheese Co-op and delicious sourdough bread from the New Glarus Bakery.

Chalet Cheese Haus is open seven days a week, from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. They can be reached at 608-636-2130, and you can find them on Facebook or at chaletcheesehaus.com.



Find the perfect cheese, wine, specialty items and more at Chalet Cheese Haus in downtown New Glarus.



# Rusty Raven

Rusty Raven is a shop that defies description. Part gift shop, part vintage shop, part tap room, and all nonsense. Owner Jon Hovland has started referring to it is as New Glarus' little trading post.

A constantly evolving, constantly changing inventory, specifically designed to always keep you guessing and wondering what's in store next! As a sip and shop, patrons are welcome to grab a beer and peruse the shop where there is literally something for almost everyone, or they can circumvent the shopping experience all together and saddle up to the bar or settle into one of the cozy spaces designed in the drinking lounge. Whatever choice is made, Rusty Raven is a shopping experience like no other out there and a must stop when in New Glarus.

Find Rusty Raven at 500 1st Street in New Glarus, online at rustyraven.com and on Facebook and Instagram.



# **Dirty Dog Taphaus**

Dirty Dog Taphaus offers a rustic, yet classically historic vibe, by showcasing the Swiss history of the 101 6th Avenue location in lovely downtown New Glarus. This new downtown experience offers the latest trend by incorporating 30 self-pour taps featuring the broadest selection of local favorites and unique selections of beer, ciders, amazing root beer, and root beer floats! Pour yourself a full glass, half glass, a taste, or mix things together to create your own masterpiece while only paying by the ounce for what you pour.

The Dirty Dog Taphaus welcomes those who want to bring food in from one of the outstanding New Glarus restaurants while you enjoy a beer or cider with them. You can also enjoy their specially prepared local cheese curds, pretzel bites, onion rings, chili, brats, and always free popcorn.

Enjoy the complimentary games peppered throughout their indoor and outdoor experience, with open garage doors leading to their dog friendly patio as you soak in everything that is New Glarus!



When the weather's nice choose from indoor or outdoor seating at Dirty Dog Taphaus in downtown New Glarus.

Relax and enjoy live music featuring local musicians almost every weekend. With handicap accessibility, the architectural detail targets those of all ages who wish to soak in elements of their beautiful village.

You can find Dirty Dog Taphaus at 101 6th Avenue, call 608-636-2048 or visit their website at dirtydogtaphaus.com. Sit. Stay. Drink. Repeat.



Photo by Sue Moer

Come for the 82nd Wilhelm Tell Festival, a full weekend celebration of historic Swiss charm including a play, children's laternenzug (lantern parade), alphorns, yodel showcase, art show, live music, savory food and more on Labor Day weekend.



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# The Duke's Stash Quilt Shoppe

The Duke's Stash Quilt Shoppe is located at 13 7th Avenue in New Glarus, and opened in 2021. They carry 44" and 108" fabric, and precuts, batting, books, patterns, and notions, as well as a cute collection of end of the bolt cuts. There are beautiful quilts on consignment from local artist. If you don't sew, you can purchase a finished quilt!

Sheila La Duke, owner of The Duke's Stash, does alterations and feather pillow cleaning and reticking. Sheila has been doing alterations for twenty years for Dolphin Cleaners in Middleton, and Pilgrim Cleaners in Madison.

Duke's Stash now offers longarm quilting along with holding a variety of classes and open sew time.

The store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am-5:00 pm, and on Saturday from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Remember: Time Spent at the Quilt Store is time well spent!



### **NEW GLARUS CHAMBER**

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helm Tell performance times, tickets and festival events, visit wilhelmtell.org.

New Glarus Oktoberfest – September 21-24, 2023. Free admission to the festival tent all weekend! Oktoberfest offers many activities and events in downtown New Glarus featuring live music, great food, wagon rides, chainsaw carving, plus plenty of family fun. There will be free music in the festival tent all weekend, so bring your dancing shoes!

New Glarus Christkindli Market – December 1-3, 2023. Get in the holiday spirit with an old-fashioned Christmas market! Decorated wooden chalets will house vendors selling Christmas decorations, gifts, treats, and mulled wine. Special events happening throughout the weekend and keep an eye out for Santa!
 Find details on all 2023 events in New

Glarus at Swisstown.com. See you in New Glarus!



Look for Santa and friends at the Christkindli Market in December.

# **Bailey's Run Vineyard & Winery**

Bailey's Run Vineyard and Winery opened its doors in May of 2018, and has been a hot local spot ever since. The winery has breathtaking views of the rolling hills of New Glarus that are sure to keep you coming back time and time again.

Bailey's is family-owned and operated by husband and wife team, Todd and Janet. The winery is located on 12 acres of land, just one-mile west of downtown New Glarus, off State Highway 39. With outstanding attention to detail and a lot of love since planting their first 1,500 vines in 2015, the winery has grown into an amazing destination for both tourists and locals alike.

Bailey's is open seven days a week year-round, with live music every Friday,

Saturday and Sunday, and features over 30 hand-crafted wines, ranging from sweet whites to bold, dry reds; not to mention their delicious Neapolitan style wood-fired pizzas on the weekends.

Bailey's Run Vineyard and Winery is named after the owner's friendly 12-yearold Goldendoodle, Bailey, who can be found exploring her vineyard and greeting customers as they come to enjoy what "her" winery has to offer. A lot has been changing and adapting in the last year and they are very excited to see what all they've added on! You don't want to miss out on this local spot that's sure to captivate, amaze and entertain you. Visit Bailey's Run Vineyard today! "Where Wine Goes to Have Fun!"





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### **New Glarus Bakery**

### A Little Bliss in Every Bite!

For more than a century, New Glarus Bakery has been making the finest handmade Swiss and American pastries, desserts, donuts, cookies and artisan breads.

With old world recipes and traditional techniques, along with a commitment to the highest quality ingredients, the bakery has maintained their commitment to serving the area with the finest baked goods and is sure to have something for every taste.

Hard-crusted hearth breads and ethnic cookies can be found alongside popular hand-crafted donuts and rolls. Sinfully delicious cheesecakes are offered, along with Schnitten and Éclairs. Hearty breads and donuts, such as their signature Swiss Bread and awardwinning Apple Fritters, are popular favorites. Scones and brownies are also available, along with the bakery's famous Original Nut Horns, and Wisconsin's Best Long John (Custard-Filled, Turtle Style), a title won at the 2018 Midwest Foodservice Expo.

Some of the bakery's offerings have been enjoyed by generations, and some are newfound favorites.

If you can't make it to the bakery's charming storefront in beautiful Green County, you may still enjoy some of your favorites with nationwide shipping to the comfort of your home. To order for shipment, in-town delivery, or pickup, visit NewGlarusBakery.com.

Whether you're in need of a nostalgic fix or looking for freshly baked goods, a treat (or two) from New Glarus Bakery can brighten your day. They also provide top-quality baked goods to sweeten the holidays and corporate events with their Stollen and logo butter cookie tin.

New Glarus Bakery is located at 534 First Street in New Glarus.

Whiskey Run Distillery

Whiskey Run Distillery opened in Spring of 2023! The distillery is part of the Bailey's Run Winery, located at N8523 Klitzke Road, New Glarus. They're excited to showcase their brand new 500-gallon copper pot still. You will fall in love with their small-batch, hand-crafted bourbon, whiskey and much more.

Come out and visit Whiskey Run's full craft-cocktail bar and try some delicious new treats from Barley's Bourbon Kitchen. Bring your friends and see how true American spirits are made while taking time to eat, drink and relax inside or on their grand porch.

Whether it's one of their special events like a specialty Cocktail Class or seeing if you can get into their Speakeasy, it will be forever good times! Who knows, maybe you'll even meet Whiskey, their namesake Bernedoodle.

They are very excited to see you all very soon! Follow Whiskey Run on Facebook, visit their website at whiskeyrun.com or call 608-496-1966.





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# The Blumenladen Collective Experience

Are you looking for a unique and fulfilling day trip? Look no further than The Blumenladen Collective, located downtown in charming New Glarus! Their three familyowned and operated shops are dedicated to providing superior service, inspiration, and an experience like no other, where you can celebrate your style, family, home, and garden.

Their first store to open in 1996, The

Blumenladen, offers a wide range of home goods, kitchen gadgets, gourmet foods, fresh flowers, and houseplants, hand-picked to reflect the latest trends. In addition to being a full-service florist, the Blumenladen is also a complete garden center, offering colorful landscape plants, garden art and more to create your own backyard oasis.

Celebrating their fifth year in operation, The Boutique offers an eclectic mix of cloth-

# **Culver's of New Glarus**

Welcome to America's Little Switzerland, and welcome to the New Glarus Culver's! The New Glarus Culver's has been owned by the Blanchardville Co-op for 26 years and is the only Culver's out of 900 locations that is owned by a cooperative.

Whether you're in New Glarus for a festival, to visit a local attraction or just driving through, stop by and say hello!

Culver's is famous for their fresh, never frozen, Midwest-raised beef ButterBurgers, fresh frozen custard, made from real Wisconsin dairy sourced daily from local family farms, and their delicious cheese curds, along with other menu items, all served with a smile by their friendly employees.

Whether you dine-in, visit their drive thru or order for CurdSide Delivery, your food will always be prepared right after you order – no fast food here!

Culver's of New Glarus is located at 1405 State Road 69. Call 608-527-5690 or visit culvers.com/restaurants/new-glarus.



OPEN DAILY 10:30AM - 10:00PM

ing, jewelry, and accessories that are perfect for any occasion. You will find top brands like Liverpool, Joseph Ribkoff, Brighton, Uno de 50, HOBO, and more. The Boutique's unique and stylish offerings are sourced from independent brands, so you can feel good about supporting the community while updating your wardrobe.

Their happy little toy store, The Kinderladen, brings joy in all shapes and sizes. You'll find toys, games, books, crafts, and puzzles, including STEM and eco-friendly options, that are carefully chosen to promote learning, creativity, and imagination. From classic board games to the latest fidget toys, The Kinderladen has something for everyone, of any age!

Everyone at The Collective believe in the power of shopping small for big memories, and they can't wait to see you in New Glarus! Visit The Blumenladen at 17 6th Avenue, on the web at brendasblumenladen. com, or call 608-527-2230. You can find The Boutique at 18 7th Avenue, and also on the web at railroadstboutique.com or call 608-636-2008. Find The Kinderladen at 523 1st Street, on the web at shopkinderladen. com or call 608-527-2772.



Make your home beautiful inside and out with plants, flowers and so much more from Blumenladen.



## New Rose



History, quality and story are super important to Bryenna, the owner of New Rose in New Glarus. She strives to find beautiful pieces and products that take care of the earth, it's animals and people. From jewelry and bags to tarot cards, barware and local liquor, most everything you'll find in New Rose is handmade, fair trade, environmentally friendly, up-cycled or vintage. Each piece has a story, which is what truly gives it its soul and magic! It is her ongoing mission to support and promote the artists of the world while honoring our planet.

New Rose is the current incarnation of Bryenna's ever-evolving pursuit to gracefully blend the eclectic and the eccentric!



# New Glarus Wäsche Center & Storage

Wäsche your worries away!

Located at 1500 State Highway 69, New Glarus, the New Glarus Wäsche Center and Storage places a state-of-the-art car wash, laundromat, dog wash station and selfstorage facility services in a bright, clean, modern and inviting environment.

Car wash packages and a loyalty package add to an already impressive menu of both touchless and soft-touch washes. The dog wash keeps the mess and fuss out of the home, and the laundromat's washers and dryers can clean clothes and beddings, from delicate to denim.

New Glarus Wäsche Center is currently open regular hours 6:00 am-10:00 pm for the Laundromat and Dog Wash, and 24/7 for the Car Wash.

To sign up for storage units, and purchase wash package bundles and gift certificates, visit ngwaschecenterstorage. com. For more information, please give them a call at 608-620-4287 or email ngwaschecenterstorage@gmail.com.



Visit the Wäsche Center & Storage and experience a sparkling clean car, fresh laundry, and a happy pet.

# **Tofflers Pub & Grill**

Tofflers Pub & Grill, in the "Four Corners" building in historic Backtown New Glarus, has housed a tavern since 1880. The current owners, Steve Longo and Christy Hunter, seek to continue the legacy by offering a fun and friendly place to gather, have a few drinks, and sample some tasty food. Whether you are a New Glarus native or a newcomer, you can be sure you will be among friends in their casual Wisconsin tavern.

Tofflers has ten local brews on tap, including six from New Glarus Brewery. They showcase live local, regional and national music. Watch all your favorite live sports events on their eight big screen TVs all year round, with free appetizers for all regular season Packers games. When the weather's nice enjoy their expansive outdoor patio



and beer garden with an outdoor bar. Join them for Sunday breakfast from 9:30 am to noon featuring homemade specials, plus the best Bloody Marys in New Glarus.



local beers, good food, family dining, relaxing Sunday afternoons and rocking evenings.

- Best burgers in Green County
- Friday fish fry
- Daily lunch and dinner specials
- Breakfast on Sunday
- New Glarus beer on tap
- Outdoor patio and beer garden
- Live music
- Banquet facilities
- Fully accessible

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The Bramble Patch offers imported Polish pottery, and speciality products such as their family-made maple syrup, plus local honey, jams, mustards, and local apparel.

# **Puempel's Olde Tavern**

Puempel's Olde Tavern was established in 1893 by Josef and Bertha Puempel, as a tavern and boarding house. They operated it until 1935 whereupon their son, Otto, took over and operated it for 58 years until 1993, when the current owner, Chuck Bigler, purchased the business.

The original back bar, made by the Brunswick Corporation in 1912, still looks proudly over its visitors. The murals on the wall were painted in 1913 by Albert Struebin, in exchange for his room and board (60 cents per day). It took him six months to complete, painting them from Puempel family postcards. Feel free to look around (and up), throw a dollar on the ceiling (donated to charity) and ask questions. Stop in at 18 6th Avenue, in New Glarus. They will be glad you visited. Visit them at puempels. com or like them on Facebook.



# The Bramble Patch

Wandering into the Bramble Patch for the first time is an amazing experience.

The first thing you notice is their vast collection of vibrant, handmade Polish Pottery. Each piece is literally a work of art, yet they are designed to be used every day as they are oven, microwave and dishwasher safe. This is certainly one of the largest collections of Polish Pottery you will ever discover.

"Our background is in working with nature and creating the best product possible," says Carol. "For the past 134 years, our family has been making maple syrup on the same land in North-Central Wisconsin. We have won numerous international awards, and the secret lies in the attention to every little detail, the focus on quality every step of the way, and a lot of dedication. When we find other products that follow that same philosophy, we gladly add them to our store."

In addition to Polish Pottery and maple syrup, you will also find quality local apparel with custom-designed artwork; honey, jams, salsas and mustard that are made in Wisconsin; seasonal décor and dedicated year-round Christmas room.

The Bramble Patch is celebrating over 20 years in New Glarus. Maple tasting is always available. Come experience the reason they have been included in the International Maple Hall of Fame. It's more than you can imagine.

Visit The Bramble Patch at 102 5th Avenue in New Glarus. Call them at 608-527-4878 or you can check them out online at TheBramblePatch.com.



# **Hoesly's Meats**

Since 1983, Hoesly's Meats has been processing a variety of meats and making sausages at their New Glarus shop. Known for their traditional Swiss favorites such as Kalberwurst, veal sausage, and dried beef Landjaegers, they also offer unique sausage spice combinations that keep their customers coming back.

There is no shortage of flavors at Hoesly's. When it comes to Wursts, Dennis, his son Dusten, and Head Sausage Maker Tim Kummer offer many varieties. Swiss and Mushroom, Cajun, Pizza, Italian, Jalapeño Cheddar, Smoked, and Veal brats are popular at summertime cookouts, as well as the many New Glarus festival celebrations. Their award-winning all-natural casing Wieners and their original Honey Wieners are favorites of locals and tourists alike.

In addition to sausages, the Hoesly family are masters of beef jerky. The popular flavors of Tex Mex, BBQ and Original are made with carefully combined ingredients that customers have come to appreciate. Their Old-Fashioned and Jalapeño Cheddar



sausages enhance any of Green County's famous cheeses. Hoesly's also offers Snack Sticks in assorted flavors to satisfy any snack craving!

Come visit Hoesly's Meats at 219 Industrial Drive to enjoy the original flavors created by this local New Glarus family. They are open 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 7:30 am-12:30 pm on Saturdays.



Hoesly's features quality meats and award-winning sausages which include old-fashioned wieners, braunschweiger and jerky.

### Kristi's Restaurant

Kristi's Restaurant, located at 119 5th Avenue in downtown New Glarus, is in a charming historic Victorian home. Samara Kalk Derby from the *Wisconsin State Journal* states, "Kristi's is another good reason to celebrate New Glarus", and "One of the best fine dining restaurants with Mexican flair you are going to find in the area."

Family owned and operated since 2013, they feature made-from-scratch, fresh and original dishes to please many palettes. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner in one of their intimate dining rooms. They feature many foods with a taste of Mexican flair. Their appetizer menu has fresh ceviche or shrimp cocktail, homemade guacamole and locally made cheese curds. Kristi's was voted #10 for best cheese curds by USA Today in 2019. Their lunch menu includes homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, burritos and various daily specials. Dinner items showcase fresh seafood and local beef. Also available is lamb, duck and other specialty items. Craft cocktails are served along with local beer on draft or a fine glass of wine at their cozy bar. They have a Friday fish fry, Saturday steak and seafood specials and are famous for their delicious margaritas!! To round out your meal, try one of their madefrom-scratch desserts, including crème brule or homemade cheesecake.

Outdoor seating is available on the wraparound porch and on the backyard patio during the spring, summer and fall months, weather permitting. If you are looking for a unique, intimate setting, come and let them treat you to some small town hospitality.

For more information call 608-527-2012 or visit kristisrestaurant.com. Specials are listed daily, along with hours and reservation information.



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Sausage: Old-Fashioned Summer Sausage, Jalapeño Summer Sausage, Schublig and Cervelats. Snack Sticks / Jerky: Snack Sticks, Beef Jerky, All Beef Snack Sticks, BBO Beef Strips, BBO Sticks, Choped & Formed Beef Strips, Ham & Cheese and Jalapeño flavors.

Wieners: All Natural Casings, unless otherwise indicated, available in All Beef Skinless Wieners, Cheese Skinless Wieners, Cheese Wieners, and our very own Honey Wieners.

Bratwurst: BEST BRATS IN WISCONSIN! With flavors such as Beer & Bacon, Pizza, Italian, Jalapeño & Cheddar, a variety of Smoked Brats and many more!

**Custom Meat Processing:** Pork, Beef, or Wild Game Processing, including Venison, Bear, Elk, Moose, Caribou, Antelope and Wild Boar.

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### Sisters

Sisters, located on First Street in beautiful downtown New Glarus, is a fabulous mix of old and new.

Sisters offers a unique selection of not to be found anywhere else home accents, gift ideas, and antique and vintage furniture.

If you're looking for wonderful wicker pieces, the perfect antique trunk to use for a coffee table or a well-loved bench, Sisters is the place to find it. To comple-



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ment your vintage finds, you can find a bounty of picked-just-for-you items, such as pictures, table-top accessories and pottery, along with all of the other things that truly make a house your home.

Don't think too long about what you're going to take home with you or someone else will get that "we only have one" piece. Be sure to check out the "Sisters" t-shirts while you're at it!

So, if you're looking for a special place to spend a couple of hours, spend it at Sisters, at 523 First Street in New Glarus. Find hours on Facebook, their website, or call them at 608-527-5558.

# Chalet Landhaus Restaurant

The Chalet Landhaus Restaurant, located inside the Chalet Landhaus Inn at 801 Highway 69 in New Glarus, serves an authentic European breakfast seven days per week.

Visit their Älpli Bar for your favorite cocktails and New Glarus brews, and the restaurant for authentic and delicious Swiss food. Their Swiss-trained chefs prepare everything from Cheese Fondue to Wienerschnitzel, highlighting their locallyproduced meats, sausages, and in-season vegetables and, of course, famous Green County Cheeses.

Visit them in the summertime every Thursday evening, rain or shine, for the legendary Swiss Cookout on their outdoor garden terrace. For more information call 608-527-5234 or see their website at landhausrestaurant.com.

# Chalet Landhaus Inn



Greetings from the Chalet Landhaus Inn, where traditional Swiss hospitality and charm welcome you all year round. The Chalet Landhaus Inn is built with a perfect blend of modern convenience and old fashioned Swiss décor to give you a touch of Switzerland close to home, in the rolling hills of New Glarus.

The pool, sauna, hot tub, and fitness room are sure to please everyone in your group.

Guests are a short walk from the many shops and restaurants New Glarus has to offer. Many other activities guests can enjoy include the Sugar River Bike Trail and golf course, just minutes from the Chalet.

The Chalet Landhaus Inn specializes in group tours with special group packages.

For more information, call 608-527-5234, visit chaletlandhaus.com, or like the Chalet Landhaus Inn on Facebook. Chalet Landhaus Inn is located at 801 Hwy. 69.

# Chalet Landhaus is a full service Inn famous for Swiss hospitality and old world charm – with all the modern amenities you expect.

Family & Whirlpool Suites with Wireless Internet
 Indoor Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Room
 On the Sugar River Bike Trail
 Newly Renovated Extended Stay Units Available
 Walk to shops, attractions, and museums
 Swissland Mini-Golf across the street

• A short drive from anywhere in the Driftless area!



SPECIAL PACKAGES TO TASTE ALL THAT NEW GLARUS HAS TO OFFER!



Enjoy breakfast or gourmet evening dining in our famous Chalet Landhaus Restaurant.

Furnished in a comfortable Swiss style chalet, the restaurant has proven equally popular with guests and local residents alike. Start your day with a continental breakfast, or on Saturday and Sunday mornings enjoy our delicious hot breakfast. Evenings, dine on the best of Swiss and American cuisine, and be sure to save room for one of our fabulous Swiss desserts.

Bringing you a European experience in your own backyard!



You'll find lots of fun at the many festivals in New Glarus – enjoy great food, entertainment, and music for the entire family.

# Hometown Pharmacy

Hometown Pharmacy in New Glarus is a wonderful destination for your gift shopping and pharmacy needs. The pharmacy staff is friendly, knowledgeable and helpful. Whether you're looking for vitamins, over-the-counter medications, or getting a prescription filled, they offer a large variety of products to fit your health and wellness essentials.

Not only are they a pharmacy, but a boutique, offering a lovely assortment of women's apparel, jewelry, and purses. The children's section has toys, books, clothing and décor. You'll love the natural soaps, lotions and soy-based candle lines. They also offer a full assortment of greeting cards and gift wrapping essentials. Whether you're looking for the perfect décor piece to complete your home or a gift for a loved one, New Glarus Hometown Pharmacy has what you need.

Visit them at 1101 WI-69 in New Glarus. You can also call them at 608-527-2517, or visit their website for more information: hometownpharmacyrx.com.





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about the history of New Glarus by attending one of their ethnic festivals or visiting their area museums.

Two unique museums call the village home. The Chalet of the Golden Fleece Museum has an unusual collection of antiques and artifacts from around the world. It has three floors of coins, artwork, Swiss scissor-cutting, antique glass and china, dolls and more. The other museum is the Swiss Historical Village. First opening in 1942, it tells the story of the founding of New Glarus. Visit the 14 buildings with exhibits focusing on rural life during the 19th century.

The Sugar River Recreational Trail begins in New Glarus. Whether you prefer to bike or hike, the 23-mile trail offers a wonderful outdoors experience for all skill levels. Bring your clubs as New Glarus is home to Edelweiss Country Club golf course nestled in the rolling foothills. Right on Hwy. 69, is a miniature golf course for all ages to enjoy. If you want to camp or just enjoy a wooded atmosphere, the New Glarus Woods State Park is located just south of the village.

New Glarus boasts warm Swiss hospitality and folklore traditions of the homeland. The local citizens love to share those traditions with the visitors who come here every year. From Alpine music in the streets, and many festivals throughout the year, the people of New Glarus will make you feel welcome. Visit Swisstown.com.

# EarthShip Treasures

The love for crystals started as a little girl for Misty, owner of EarthShip Treasures, with collected stones, shells, and pinecones whenever she ventured outdoors. Her grandmother was very earthy and knowledgeable of the old ways of healing with Mother Nature. Pops told Misty while growing up, "To always do something you loved and it would never be work." Thanks to Pops, Misty isn't "working", she is sharing her passion!

EarthShip Treasures has been in business for six years, starting with a website earthshiptreasures.com, then growing to the retail store in beautiful New Glarus. You will find one of the largest selections of crystals and minerals in the area, with many artistmade gemstone jewelry, Fairtrade items, metaphysical supplies and gifts, plus CBD products.

Stop by EarthShip Treasures at 523 1st Street in New Glarus.



New Glarus Area ~ New Glarus, Monticello & Blanchardville

# Monticello: The Heart of **Green County**

### By Sue Moen

The Village of Monticello lies between Monroe and New Glarus on State Highway 69. From the picturesque Lake Montesian, to the two bike trails and the beautiful Montesian Gardens, Monticello is great place to kick back and enjoy small-town hospitality. Only 30 miles south of Madison, Monticello offers proximity to the city and the peace and wonders of the country.

There are great places downtown to grab something to eat or enjoy a beverage, along with numerous nearby cheese factories that offer samples of their awardwinning cheeses.

The Sugar River Trail and Badger State Trail intersect just east of the village, making biking easy and a great way to enjoy wildlife and natural areas nearby.

In July, true small-town flavor is celebrated with the Monticello Homecoming. Softball, volleyball, canoe races (the only rule is there is no rules), Tug O War, and many other activities await. Then there's the food: enjoy pies... so many delicious pies, along with the Lions Club's famous hand-dipped deep fried cheese curds and mushrooms, as well as lots of other tasty treats. On Saturday night the sky lights up with fireworks! Sunday afternoon's parade is a charming celebration of life in a small town.

Monticello offers a welcome to the place where there is a feeling of home, no matter where you hail from.

# Monticello Chamber of Commerce

One of the first things Monticello visitors notice is the welcoming panorama of Lake Montesian - ideal for kayaking and canoeing. A handicap-accessible fishing pier and a footbridge to the island make it a family favorite. Kick back, relax, and try your luck at fishing. If fishing is not your thing, check out Montesian Gardens. The community gardening project has handicap-accessible paved walking paths for visitors to enjoy the garden during all seasons, as different flowers and grasses are constantly coming into bloom.

Monticello's Main Street is a neat and tidy downtown district with restaurants, a grocery store, a coffee shop, a pizza place, a bakery, and several pubs. While you are on Main Street, get a taste of the past at the Monticello Historical Museum, open on Saturdays.

If bicycling is your passion, the Badger and Sugar River Trails intersect east of the village. Access over 60 miles of trails right here in Monticello! From the trails,

it's a quick ride downtown where you can try some fresh pie or local flavors like fresh cheese, landjaegers and award-winning summer sausage.

Favorite events in Monticello include the annual Monticello Lions Car Show and Monticello Fire Department Pig Roast (third weekend in May), Washington Reformation UCC Music Fest (July 4), and Homecoming festival (second weekend in July). Monticello's summer



Enjoy a spring stroll on the Sugar River State Trail, lined with Dame's Rocket.

highlight is the annual "Homecoming" Weekend (second weekend in July). It is a traditional hometown family favorite, including softball and baseball games, mud volleyball and tug-of-war. Local groups host food stands with deep fried cheese curds, homemade pies, and fresh-squeezed lemonade. Homecoming weekend also hosts live music all weekend, fireworks display on Saturday night, and Chicken BBQ and a parade on Sunday.



Monticello's summer highlight is 'Homecoming' weekend, featuring mud volleyball, tug-of-war, live music, fireworks, a parade, food and more.



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- Wonderful hometown atmosphere just 35 minutes from Madison
- Sugar River Bike Trail and Badger State Bike Trail access, with great fishing at Lake Montesian



# Sugar River Country Bakery

Sugar River Country Bakery was established in 1982 by Glenn and Kathy Clark. Glenn began the business by making muffins, as the original muffin man on the Square. He would drive to Madison and get in line to set up as one of the first vendors at the Dane County Farmers Market every Saturday. Kathy, who worked a full-time job, would come home and help him bake and send him on his way. As the business



and the DCFM grew, they expanded their baked goods to what they sell today. The list contains items including scones, sweet tea breads, a large variety of cookies, specialty bars, and pies made from scratch.

After 35 years of growing their bakery. the Clarks decided to retire and that is where Andrew and Alex McNaught, come into the story. Andrew met Glenn at a beer brewing class and they hit it off well. After a year of knowing each other, Glenn figured if Andrew can measure the ingredients to brew beer then surely he can measure flour and sugar for baked goods and eventually asked if the family wanted to buy the bakery. Andrew accepted the offer and began the five-year transition as bakery owner in 2018. Andrew, Alex, and their family began working side-by-side with the Clarks to learn the recipes and tricks to their amazing baked goods. Faithfully the family spent their weeks baking and selling them every Saturday to the crowds that walk around the Capitol square. Today, five years later in 2023, Andrew, Alex, and their family have officially opened a storefront



Owners Andrew and Alex McNaught make from-scratch baked goods that "taste just like grandma's!"

in downtown Monticello. They continue to make the fresh baked goods that the Clarks created, and have added in fried cake donuts, made fresh daily and sold only at the storefront! The legacy of the Clarks will continue for another generation and the McNaughts will continue to make fromscratch baked goods that taste just like grandma's. As Glenn always says, "we are living the dream".



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Visit us at our storefront Wednesday thru Sunday; at the Fitchburg Farmers Market Thursdays thru Oct. 26; at the Dane County Farmers Market Saturdays thru Nov. 11; and at the Paoli Mill Sundays thru Oct.

# The Pink Heifer Saloon & Smokehouse

If you are looking for some of the best barbeque in Wisconsin look no further than the Pink Heifer Saloon and Smokehouse, located on Main Street in the center of downtown Monticello, just 30 minutes

southwest of Madison. The Pink Heifer offers up authentic southern style barbeque that is smoked using pure hickory and fruit hardwood logs to cook their USDA prime beef briskets, premium pork, and best in class St. Louis style ribs. This labor of



Executive chef/pitmaster Jon serves up ribs – some of the tastiest barbecue north of Texas!

love requires the meats to be slow smoked, some up to 14 hours, which is why the Pink Heifer's smoking pit operates all day and night to bring the most delicious barbeque

night to bring the most delicious barbeque remember a **Hawk's** Mill Winery in Browntown believes that visiting a winery should always be a great experience, so they make every effort to be sure that you enjoy your time there. This starts with a great staff and delicious wines and con-

tinues with a cozy environment and a spectacular view overlooking two acres of vineyards and 600 acres of State Park land. While they have a full range from dry to sweet wines, they really special-



Visit Hawk's Mill Winery to sample their wines, browse the gift shop or buy your favorite wine by the bottle or glass.

to the Badger state.

All of their barbeque creations are the result of over 30 years of traveling the south's best barbeque joints, shacks and pit stops. From their Texas brisket to

> their Kansas City burnt ends, as well as their exclusive 'wagon rolls' served with their very own Alabama white and Carolina gold barbeque sauces, come and experience all of their regionally-inspired smoked meats, sauces and housemade sides. The

savory taste of authentic southern style barbeque is sure to please your taste buds, their unique western style dining hall and saloon will make your visit one to remember and wanting to come back time and again. Whether you are looking for a quick bite while traveling through town or a family-friendly dinner while touring this beautiful area, the Pink Heifer can accommodate even the largest groups. Plus, their private banquet hall can accommodate your events for up to 150 people.

Be sure to visit them for their Friday fish fry, featuring their hand-dipped Guinness beer battered premium cod and the last Saturday of every month to indulge in their Dijon and horseradish-crusted smoked prime rib.

The Pink Heifer Saloon and Smokehouse is located in beautiful downtown Monticello at 149 N. Main Street, and offers dine-in and carry-out. They can be reached by phone at 608-938-9037. Follow their Facebook page for the most up-to-date hours, and to view their menu and specials, at facebook.com/pinkheifersaloon.

Find the ad for The Pink Heifer Saloon & Smokehouse on the inside back page of this issue.

# Hawk's Mill Winery

ize in the sweeter blends and fruit wines. A refined palate and vast knowledge of wines is definitely not required to visit! They also offer several appetizers if you are hungry, and if wine isn't your thing, they also have beer and soft drinks available. Enjoy daily tastings of their wine selections or pick out a bottle and stay for an afternoon of relaxation and fun.

You can check out their website at hawksmillwinery.com for tasting hours and weekly events.

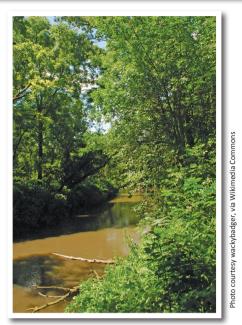


# Blanchardville – On the Peaceful Pecatonica

Come experience charming small-town living and good old-fashioned fun on the peaceful misty Pecatonica River in scenic Southwest Wisconsin. on the road to Yellowstone Lake State Park. They're a valley village on the eastern tip of the unique geological feature known as the Driftless Area, and they're a friendly gateway to the hills and valleys created by streams and rivers, missed by the glaciers that flattened so much of the state. Wander the shops of their historic downtown. enjoy fishing from the mowed river bank or handicap-accessible platform, watch a Home Talent baseball game, or just listen to the water tumble over the historic dam next to the old mill which is now their Historical Society building. Learn about their Mormon settlement and their entrepreneurial history at the Historical Marker outside the building and from the exhibits in the building.

The rivers and fertile land first brought Native Americans to the area. Members of the Winnebago Tribe camped near Blanchardville. Settlers had arrived by the time Wisconsin became a state in 1848. At that time, Samuel Horner built a grist mill on the Pecatonica in the village. Around 1850 a Mormon colony was established in the community, named Zarahemla. In 1855, village namesake Alvin Blanchard purchased the village mill and surrounding land and with an entrepreneurial spirit that continues in the village today, and started assembling the village that took his name at the time of incorporation in 1890.

Now, they have a Farmers Market in the center of Main Street the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of the month, May through October. They have a playground for kids and three covered shelters in McKellar Park for family picnics that can be reserved with the Amy, the village clerk at blanchvilclerk@tds.net. Grab a beer, an ice cream, a cappuccino or a burger and sit on the benches under the Ryan Park Gazebo to watch tractors, Amish buggies, antique cars, UTVs and Harley Davidson motorcycles cruise through town. The curvy country roads are popular with just about everyone, if you don't mind driving in a county with no stop lights and more cows than people. All of their roads are open to ATV/UTVs. They are near the Cheese Country Trail and the Pecatonica



The idyllic Pecatonica River offers trout and game fishing, along with natural habitat for area birds and other wildlife.

State Trail.

They love visitors and have lots of places to stay in and near town! Choose one of the historic Airbnbs, Hipcamp farmstays, or RV in the village campground along the Pecatonica River, plus a development of six to eight cabins along the riverside within the village. You can even stay in guest rooms above a haunted bar! If you stop to buy gas, browse the antique store, taverns, restaurants, home décor and custom sign shop, hardware and bait store, grocery store, coffee and ice cream shop. Bring friends and host a party in their historic Main Street event venue. While you're here, stop and take a photo in front of one of their historic murals; a postcard mural on the old car dealership building on the south side of town, or their Small Town Big Heart selfie mural featuring area flowers, a barn and a large cow on the north side featured when you cross the curved bridge welcoming you into downtown. Share your snaps and tag us! #onlyinblanchardville #smalltownbigheart #blanchardvillewi

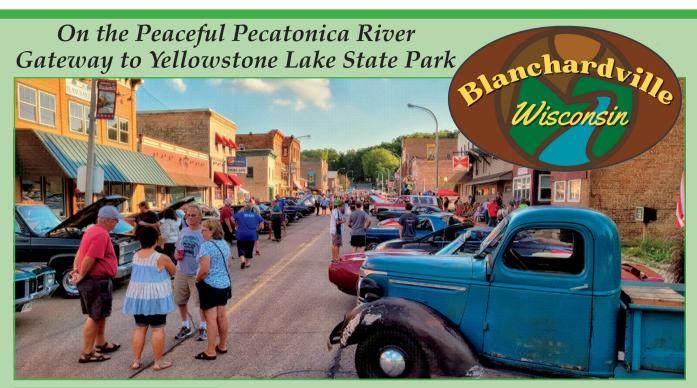
They are a lively community and welcome you to join them for one of their many annual events like the Father's Day Chicken Barbecue or the Cruis'n Wisconsin Car, Motorcycle & Truck Show. They have one of the largest and most rambunctious alumni homecoming celebrations around, bi-weekly summer evening concerts in downtown Ryan Park, a community Christmas on Main celebration with firetruck rides and a visit from Santa. Check for a list of events on Blanchardville.com.

The Pecatonica River offers over 90 miles in total of gentle watersports, with canoe rentals available and tubing nearby. All summer long people are fishing along the riverbanks and by the dam near the historical society/former hydroelectric and grist mill. This is the longest unrestricted flow of water in the state of Wisconsin. The river loops back and forth through valleys with views of scenic bluffs, scenic farm pastures, and marshes and woods. The river and adjoining branches offer excellent trout and game fishing, along with natural habitat for wildlife, including many birds and mammals.

Yellowstone Lake State Park offers a 455-acre game fish stocked recreational lake with ample space for swimming, fishing and boating, along with park lands for hiking, camping and picnicking. In winter the lake is open for ice fishing, and the park lands are open for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Canoe, rowboat and paddle boat rentals are available at the lake.



Yellowstone Lake State Park is a popular year-round recreation area that features camping, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, biking and picnicking.



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# Blanchardville Community Pride



**Blanchardville Cenex** 

Blanchardville Cenex is a smalltown convenience store that carries a wide variety of items, from fuel to beer.

There are several activities that the community offers, such as camping and fishing. If you need supplies for either of these activities, then Blanchardville Cenex is the perfect place to stop for those last minute items! They have worms and some fishing items for your fishing trip too.

They carry firewood, and all the ingredients you need for S'mores. They have a deli that serves breakfast through dinner, and they have the coldest beer in town!

Stop by and visit them and see what they have to offer while you are visiting Pecatonica!



#### **Blanchard Hall**

Blanchard Hall is a stunning and historic event, meeting and wedding venue with a supper club feel in Southwest Wisconsin. It is located within easy driving distance of Madison, Dodgeville, Mount Horeb, Monroe, Platteville, and Janesville.

Scenically located in Blanchardville on the banks of the Pecatonica River, this beautifully restored downtown historic building provides the ideal setting for any occasion. Across the street from the Ryan Hotel Park, Pecatonica River dam, and McKellar Park, there are plenty of places within an easy walk.

Imagine your next event at Blanchard Hall. They understand that every event is unique and special. To provide you with the ideal gathering place they have three spaces available for rent. Rental of any space includes use of their beautiful outdoor patio. With a full kitchen, networked video screens, and sound system available, they have the equipment and expertise to make your event wonderful. Their own Eliza House Airbnb, accommodating up to 16 people in two units, is also just a short walk away.



#### Viking Café

Viking Café, located in beautiful downtown Blanchardville, is nestled into the second oldest building on Main Street. They offer homemade pies and baked goods, along with daily lunch specials.

On Fridays, they cook up a Wisconsin traditional fish fry along with a fresh salad bar.

Stop in early mornings with your favorite child or grandchild and enjoy a worldfamous Scooby-Doo pancake. This café offers old school waitering and dining. Enjoy the local art work from local high schoolers, guided by one of the best art teachers around.

#### **Circle M Vintage Glampground**

The Circle M Vintage Glampground is a unique bed-and-breakfast experience tucked into the quiet Pecatonica River valley, an easy five-minute bike ride from Blanchardville. Owners Kriss and Shannon Marion will even lend you one of several vintage Schwinns for your ride!

This working sheep farm – with Great Pyrenees guardian dogs, a cast of friendly barn cats, and roaming chickens and ducks – offers overnights in three restored vintage camper trailers. Circle M won Wisconsin Hipcamp of the Year for 2022, and has been featured in six national magazines, including *Midwest Living, Pioneer Woman, Modern Farmer,* and *Parents*. This farm offers star-filled night skies, private campfires, tins stocked with s'more fixings and vintage and new records with a turntable in each camper. Guests from all over the nation and world – from families to newlyweds – find a special connection with nature and livestock at Circle M.

You can book your stay through Hipcamp, Airbnb or through the website at circlemfarm.com, or call 608-636-4652.

#### **Yellowstone Hills Cabin Rentals**

Experience 'America's Dairyland' up close and personal when you stay at these newly built cabins on a 35-acre farm!

As you pull up to the Blanchardville vacation rental, enjoy the view of horses and cows that live on the farm! Then, step inside your abode to find comfort with private cabin with bath, and a welcoming living space where you can lounge and watch your favorite shows. When you're ready for adventure, take your ATVs or snowmobiles out to nearby trails, or visit Yellowstone Lake State Park for your nature fix. Back at the cabin there is WiFi, heat and A/C, gas grills, and your own kitchen in each cabin.



### The Viking Scoop

The Viking Scoop is a new coffee shop in Blanchardville, serving exquisite coffee and espresso drinks from a real espresso maker, as well as Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream, sandwiches, soups, salads, donuts, and seasonal treats. The mom-and-popand-kids shop is a friendly place in a newly remodeled space that boasts great WiFi, local art on the walls, and a community room with games and big table to gather. During the warmer months, customers sit outside on benches and at several picnic tables. Dine-in or take-out and come back the next day for more! Specialty Latte changes often and is always worth trying.

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### **Community Pride**

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Bootlegger's Inn

Stay at the Bootlegger's Inn – at the heart of the action with a view of the downtown!

Within two blocks you can eat and drink at the cafe, taverns, ice cream and coffee shop. Find groceries and a gas stationconvenience store and visit the Pecatonica River to fish, canoe or kayak. The public park has tennis and basketball courts, campground, and playground. Visit the Library or village museum.

NOTE: Unit includes entire apartment – second floor of building. Walk-up – must be able to climb steep stairs. Call 608-335-9490 for more information.



#### **Paint & Rust Mercantile**

When you are in Blanchardville, visit Paint & Rust Mercantile. The owner, Jackie, and her friends and family will welcome you to her store featuring home décor and much more. You will find candles, home décor, wall art, custom family signs, Wisconsin and local apparel, unique decorative storage solutions, and group art projects.

They are located by the bridge as you enter Main Street on the north side. Look for the OPEN sandwich board and the decorated windows that draw you inside to find many treasures. Call 608-523-4545.

#### Eliza House

"Stay in the history of Blanchardville" at the Eliza House. The Eliza House was built by James and Eliza Blanchard; James was the son of village namesake Alvin Blanchard. They have named this grand house the Eliza House to honor the woman that the house was built for.

There are two separate suites that can be combined into one full house. One beautiful upper 2-story retreat with a view of the park and river. Three bedrooms (two on third floor with two bathrooms) full kitchen, library/ living room and 2nd story sunporch looking into the trees.

The ground floor suite features original woodwork and historic charm; the grand staircase leading to the reading nook landing with windows overlooking the village curved bridge and river, kitchenette, two bedrooms – one on the porch with ample windows overlooking the river on two sides. There is also a living room with a grand brick original fireplace. Ground floor is fully handicap accessible.

There are accommodations for eight on each floor, allowing for 16 people to stay. Private spacious entrances for both units. The Eliza House is in the center of Madison, New Glarus, Mount Horeb, Mineral Point, Monroe, and convenient to many other destinations.

#### **Drift-Inn Cabins**

New and opening in August of 2023 is Drift-Inn Cabins, offering four 2-bedroom cabins that sleep six each. Four RV sites are also offered, with full hookups. Fiberoptic internet included for all cabins and RV sites. The development will offer eight cabins in the future. The cabins are just a short walk to Blanchardville's Main Street, where you will find restaurants, taverns, retail shops and a convenience store.

Be one of the first to stay in this new cabin development! More information is available at 608-206-1193.



#### **Junk & Disorderly**

Whether you're a collector of militaria, antiques, depression era glass or vintage toys, you can find it at Junk & Disorderly. With numerous vendors and consigners, the selection is ever changing; you never know what treasure you'll find on your next visit.

In this big, jam-packed antique mall in a historic Main Street car dealership building, you can lose track of time exploring with friends and family. Grab a cup of coffee and browse more than 3,500 square feet of memories; if you find a treasure to take home, that's just a bonus! Junk & Disorderly also carries newer items, greeting cards, DVDs, CDs and games...truly something for everyone. Come and get Junk & Disorderly in Blanchardville!



### Rachel & Ray's Pub & Grill and Hotel Blanchard

Rachel & Ray's Pub & Grill is located in downtown Blanchardville. Owners Ray and Rachel Plum invite you to stop in and enjoy a cold beverage, grab a bite to eat and relax all summer long on the newly remodeled covered patio. R & R's offers daily food specials and carries a full bar menu. The bar opens daily at 11 am Wednesday through Monday, and is closed on Tuesdays. They also have a great selection of live music throughout the year.

Looking for a reasonable place to stay in town? Ray and Rachel also own and operate Hotel Blanchard, which is located on the second floor of their historic building. Newly renovated rooms rent for \$65 a night and have two queen size beds in each room. Rooms include flat screen TVs, free WiFi, refrigerator, microwave and AC.

After your stop at R & R's, you can plan to visit the other local businesses as well in Blanchardville. Catch a hometown baseball game or enjoy the local parks. Don't miss the car shows on July 10th and August 17th.

Support of small-town businesses is greatly appreciated and vital during these challenging times.

### Husie's Bar & Grill

Visit Husie's Bar & Grill while you are in Blanchardville. Owner Mike Hughes has been a part of Blanchardville his whole life. With Husie's charboiler, their "Husie Burger," grilled chicken sandwiches and other foods stand out. Their homemade pizzas featuring a thick layer of real cheese are wonderful.

Stop in for a full breakfast, lunch or dinner. The Friday night fish fry is outstanding. Come and enjoy a beer or a cocktail, and play a game of pool while you visit. They also have outdoor tables out back where you can enjoy a view of the riverbank.

Eat in, or phone ahead and carry out.



### Including Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds and Barneveld

### By Matt Geiger

If you stroll around the Village of Mount Horeb for a few minutes, you'll probably see a few things that stop you in your tracks. It's just hard not to pause and have a look, a listen, or a taste in a community with so much to offer its visitors.

You could hear any number of musicians as they pluck, strum and drum at myriad festivals throughout the year, from the summer Art Fair to the Winter Scandihoovian celebration (which is capped off by a game of turkey bowling).



Stop by the 52nd Annual Art Fair on the Trollway in Mount Horeb July 15-16.

You might see an affable artist with a fiery beard on his chin and a leather apron covering his chest, as he uses white-hot fire to turn rusty old agricultural tools into new and vibrant sculptures that celebrate Wisconsin's natural splendor.

Or, you might shake the well-calloused hand of a local farmer as you peruse a cornucopia of local vegetables and meats at



Visit some 4-legged friends at one of the many festivals put on by the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce.

the farmers market.

You might order coffee next to an acclaimed author or stop and ask a talented playwright for directions.

You will absolutely get to meet some of the many trolls that inhabit this unique Mid-

western town that is known as "The Troll Capital of the World."

This village of just under 8,000 people, a bustling ode to Scandina-

via that retains strong ties to its agricultural roots, is a place like no other. Together with their human counterparts, the trolls make Mount Horeb a spe-

cial destination for people from across the world, and even for

those who simply want respite from the chains and traffic of nearby cities.

by Matt

Mount Horeb maintains strong links to its past, but it is growing and changing. What was a small, sleepy town just a few years ago experienced one of the biggest redevelopment booms in its history. At a time when small, family-owned businesses across the country are shuttering their doors, new and original shops are popping up on what seems like a daily basis in Mount Horeb. Each week, the local newspaper, the *Mount Horeb Mail* features a new ribbon cutting, or groundbreaking, or award won by some local poet, artisan, baker or entrepreneur.

According to the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, land purchases that eventually led to the creation of the village began in 1849. An Englishman named George Wright gave the town its name in 1861 when, charged with choosing a name for the post office, he decided on the name of the place where the Book of Deuteronomy says God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

When the railroad came to town, it chose



You'll see lots of smiles and friendly faces when you visit Mount Horeb!

a station site farther west than the initial business district and Mount Horeb changed forever. Businesses moved to be closer to the train, creating the Main Street area (known today as the Trollway) that is familiar to residents and visitors alike.

Many of those first European settlers were Scandinavian, and in the ensuing years Mount Horeb has embraced its Nordic heritage and allowed anyone, regardless of their particular heritage, to feel like a Viking.

Today, it draws people in with its quirky, whimsical take on Scandinavian mythology. Around every corner, at shops and on public streets, a variety of trolls wait to greet visitors – to have their photos taken and to inspire tales of northern adventures full of fjord horses, giants, elves and more.

But while the trolls bring people here, it is an authentic depth and surprising breadth of culture, community and commerce that brings people back, over and over again to Mount Horeb.

The past and the present are converging here and now in this unique community that doesn't take itself too seriously.

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Fourth graders learn what life used to be like while on a field trip to the historic District No. 1 Schoolhouse.

### **MOUNT HOREB AREA**

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Recreation is abundant in the Mount Horeb area. Tucked among the deep valleys and farmland of southern Wisconsin, visitors can enjoy camping, fishing, golfing and bowling at the village-owned Norsk Golf Bowl, swimming at the Aquatic Center, and a 39-mile recreational trail great for biking, hiking and jogging.

There are locally-brewed stouts and lagers, ales and ports, along with rugged outdoors-wear, homemade art to view and homespun yarns to hear.

If you're visiting Mount Horeb, you'll want to stop by the Chamber of Commerce



Stroll along Mount Horeb's main street and listen to live music at the Fall Village Market.



The Mount Horeb Summer Frolic gets summer started each year at Grundahl Park, with a carnival, a parade, live music, fireworks, bingo and lots more.

Welcome Center to get a map to the attractions. And Mount Horeb's trolls love kids, so be sure to have your family's picture taken with them along the Trollway.

# **Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce**

You know you've arrived in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, when trolls welcome you and guide you along the village's historic Main Street, also known as our Trollway.

Say "Hello" to your favorite trolls, and then head out and enjoy all that the Mount Horeb area has to offer. Take in the views at one of the local county or state parks, go spelunking at Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark, practice your drives at Norsk Golf Club or at Tyrol Basin's disc golf course, taste some locally produced wine, cider, beer, or food, and learn all about the Driftless Region and greater Southwest Wisconsin at the Driftless Historium, an awardwinning history museum. They have not one but two chocolate shops in downtown



Stop by the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center to pick up a map of local shops, restaurants and more.

Mount Horeb, each offering their own unique take on everyone's favorite guilty pleasure. Locally owned and operated shops and restaurants will surprise and delight. You have to experience their unique smalltown charm with a quirky twist!

If you hit Mount Horeb during one of its large community events, you'll find a bustling downtown full of great live music, food trucks, and incredible vendors! The Mount Horeb Art Fair draws 15,000 people over two days, so make sure that one is on your summer bucket list!

Whether you're traveling as a family, a couple, or as a solo adventurer, there is something for everyone in Mount Horeb! Can't fit it all in? Make it an extended visit and stay at one of our local lodging properties. There is fun for the whole family, so plan your year-round adventure today!

### Community Events

June 8-11 | Mount Horeb Summer Frolic Enjoy the kick-off to summer at Grundahl Park for a full weekend of entertainment, including a carnival, bingo, live music, the Norsk Run, a youth baseball tournament, a volleyball tournament, fireworks, a parade and more! Visit mthorebsummerfrolic.com.

### July 15-16 | Mount Horeb Art Fair

The 52nd Annual Art Fair in Mount Horeb's historic downtown, the Trollway, is a juried art fair, showcasing fine artists & crafters from around the Midwest. Experi-



Enjoy curbside dining at one of the many restaurants in Mount Horeb.

ence Norwegian culture, friendly atmosphere, food, silent art auction, music, and downtown amenities. Visit trollway.com/ art-fair.

### September 9 | Thirsty Troll Brew Fest

The Thirsty Troll Brew Fest is an intimate beer sampling that features 30 craft brewers and fermenters from across the Midwest serving over 125 different beers, ciders, seltzers, and more. Visit trollway. com/thirsty-troll-brew-fest.

## September 30-October 1 | Fall Village Market

Join them in Mount Horeb's historic downtown for a weekend vendor market and discover unique vintage, upcycled, and

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# **Driftless Historium History Center & Gift Shop**

The Driftless Historium is an unexpectedly big-time museum in the heart of small-town Mount Horeb, with something for everyone! •Stroll through the award-winning exhibit, "Life and Change at the Edge of the Driftless." You'll experience the stories and see



Stroll through the museum and take in the history of Mount Horeb and the surrounding area. Then take your pick from 2023 favorites Lemon Bar or Cinnamon Churro ice cream at the Driftless Historium gift shop.

xperience the stories and see the stuff of generations of Native Americans, migrants, settlers, farmers, innovators and others who have lived, loved and died here.

•See "History in 3D" in their newest exhibit that invites you to use special glasses to get a three-dimensional view of Wisconsin's past. Available for a limited time only!

•Soak up some culture via a rotating slate of local art installations.

•Indulge in retail therapy in our fully-stocked and eclectic gift shop and bookstore.

•Snap a selfie with Mount Horeb's FIRST troll, the "Chicken Thief." (Teaser: you'll see how nature took back what this mischievous troll swiped.)

The museum store features the Village's largest book selection: local author-signed works and histories, Wisconsin-themed titles, a children's section and a wide variety of other tomes chosen to entertain and enlighten.

You'll also discover a delightful and quirky array of miscellany, from Troll Town souvenirs, locally-produced artistry, vintage-inspired toys and kitchenware, to ethnic gifts, yard art and cast-iron statuary, t-shirts, jewelry and more. And a colony of trolls waiting to join your family! We specialize in carrying an array of genuine, vintage, crazy-haired trolls, scouted from estate sales, basements and attics—and, of course, our exclusive Mount Horeb trolls!

Guided tours, with behind-the-scenes peeks at the artifact and archive preservation rooms, are available by advance reservation, personalized to your group size and interests.

The three-building facility also serves as the base of operations for the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. Genealogists, historicontinued on page 52

# **Cave of the Mounds**

### Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark – An Underground Treasure

You are invited to enjoy Wisconsin's great natural outdoor recreation all year-round! The Cave's constant 50-degree temperature provides a cool experience on hot summer days, and warm, dry shelter in the winter.

The Cave lay untouched until its accidental discovery during a routine quarry blast on August 4, 1939. There isn't a natural opening, so you won't find any common cave creatures such as bats. A tour of the Cave takes you past colorful stalactites, stalagmites, columns, underground streams, still



Lots of twists and turns lead to the Centennial Room at Cave of the Mounds.

pools and other formations. Rent a blacklight and experience the scientific property of fluorescence as you tour the cave. Cave of the Mounds has been called the most significant cave in the upper Midwest, and is commonly referred to as the "jewel box" of America's major caves, for the variety and delicacy of its formations.

Cave of the Mounds is not just a cave – the park grounds on the surface are worth the visit alone. Kids of all ages love the Gemstone Mine where they can find their own collections of real gem and fossil specimens. Watch as they crack open a Geode in the Rock and Fossil shop. Stroll along a nature trail next to a disappearing stream trickling through the oak valley savanna. Explore the Karst Trail, which leads you to multiple sinkholes. Extensive prairie gardens change with the seasons to offer habitat to insects, birds, and butterflies throughout the year.

Tours of Cave of the Mounds are available seven days a week year-round. The cave is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Tours follow a paved and



View the colorful formations from paved walkways inside the cave.

lighted walkway with interpretive signage with knowledgeable educators to help you enjoy an unforgettable experience suitable for all ages. Special events throughout the year are a must, so purchase a yearlong membership and come often to enjoy the beauty above and below ground. Group and School Programs are available by advance reservation.

To find out more, visit their website at caveofthemounds.com or call them at 608-437-3038.

#### **Open House Imports**

Open House Imports of Mount Horeb established its over 57-year reputation of fine service by offering patrons Scandinavian gift selections which are both ethnically traditional and tastefully unique. Located in an 1893 Victorian Manor with rosemaling at the entrance, it is the first clue that you are surely in Norwegian territory.

Inside the shop you will have many rooms of imports to select from, including Sølje, jewelry, Troentorp clogs, rosemaling, Porsgrund Farmers Rose porcelain, B&G, Royal Copenhagen, Fjord Design stainless steel flatware, Lefse baking implements, Ebelskiver pans, Scandinavian almond cake pans, biodegradable dish cloths from Sweden, wrought iron candle holders, candles, towels, table runners, imported candies, selected food items like lingonberries, cookies, flatbrod, and fiskbullar (fish balls). Sweaters. fun T-shirts. Viking figurines, Dala horses, Nisse/Tomte/ Gnomes and of course Trolls, Trolls, Trolls!!!

Trolls are the keepers of the riches of the earth, such as rich soil, copper, zinc and gold. You can tell it's a Troll as they have 4 fingers, 4 toes, long or bigger noses and a tail; they're available in latex, resin, clay or wood all in a variety of sizes. Looking to adopt a troll? This is the place to come to add to your family!

Troll Odin and Olav started to adorn the portal of the shop in the 1970's, bringing a smile and good fortune to those who visit.

If you can't make it in person, check out their website at openhouseimports.com.

Follow them on Facebook or Små Troll Odin on Instagram open\_house\_ imports.

> The shop is located at 308 E. Main Street, which is right on the Trollway. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closed Mondays. Also closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and several weeks in January. Call 608-437-5468 or 1-800-236-8811 with questions or for their current hours.

> "Providing Scandinavian gifts from our family to yours since 1966"



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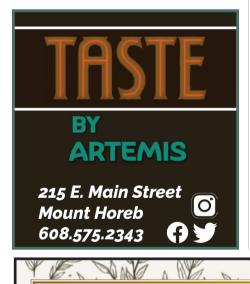
#### Taste by Artemis

Food can be such a powerful force in our lives. Beyond its nourishment, it can bring you comfort and joy, as well as heal wounds great and small. Food is a connector, a glimpse into worlds and cultures both past and present.

With this in mind, the owners of Taste by Artemis are excited to bring their business to Mount Horeb. They will be bringing a diverse menu that ranges from traditional comfort to a unique blend of Caribbean and American options. When they think about food, they want to honor comfort and exploration and bring these options to the growing food scene in Mount Horeb.

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner service, Taste will offer a variety of menus that include traditional breakfast and lunch options. A dinner menu will split into a Taste of both Jamaican and American comfort foods, from Brown Stew Oxtail to Braised Beef Bolognese. Taste will be different as they will be sourcing all of their proteins directly from southern Wisconsin farmers, ensuring the highest quality taste and freshness.

Come out for a Taste, stay for the comfort!



## Silk and Steel Clothing Boutique

Jessica Week is draping a paisley and fringe blouse on a hanger, explaining why she recently opened Silk and Steel Clothing Boutique in downtown Mount Horeb.

"I just want every woman who comes in to feel beautiful and empowered," she says. "And not just women. I want everyone to get to experience the glow that happens when the outside matches the inside. I want people to find their inner beauty and embrace it."

Silk and Steel is located at 209 E. Main Street, Suite D, on the right just before you get to Skål Public House. The space is a showcase for Week's aesthetic eye and country chic sensibilities. Painted by warm lights refracting off of natural wood, the store is filled with dresses, shirts, hats, jewelry, purses, shoes and more. The shelves are lined with suede and fringe, with southwestern colors and Sheridan style.

"Mount Horeb's downtown area is a great fit for our company," she adds. "The downtown's feeling of craftsmanship, attention to detail, and quality is paramount in reflecting the image of Silk and Steel. Since opening we have received so much support and love from the community. I couldn't be happier and excited to share my vision with the community."

#### Artemis Provisions & Cheese

Butcher shop meets charcuterie is the new theme for the arrival of Artemis Provisions and Cheese on Main Street in Mount Horeb. This boutique retail store will be a state licensed meat establishment with its own retail presence, which will allow Artemis the unique ability to work directly with local farmers to bring the best Wisconsin has to offer directly to the consumers.

The retail space will also host what Wisconsin is still known for, and that is cheese. Artemis will be bringing the best of Wisconsin cheesemakers under one roof and complementing it with all things charcuterie. When it comes to feeding your family or hosting that special engagement, Artemis will be your one stop shop for your culinary needs. Their goal is to be the connection between great Wisconsin producers and consumers who recognize the importance of fresh local produce.

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Skål Public House serves upscale pub food, craft beer and more to enjoy.

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hand-made goods! Enjoy live music and tasty fair from local restaurants and food trucks. Stop in at a local restaurant and pick up a cocktail-to-go as you stroll along Mount Horeb's Main Street and shop at local boutiques. Visit trollway.com/fall-villagemarket.

#### October 13 | Witches' Night Out

Pick up an event passport at the Mount Horeb Welcome Center. This will guide you through participating businesses and highlight who is offering specials, giveaways, tasty treats, and more. Visit trollway.com/ witches-night-out.

#### December 1-31 | Mount Horeb Trollidavs

Celebrate the holidays like a troll! For the entire month of December, trolls will be getting into the holiday spirit! Go on a trolliday scavenger hunt, enjoy specials at local shops and restaurants, book your stay at a local lodging property, and make trolliday memories with the trolls in your life! Visit their website: trollway.com/mount-horebtrollidays.

#### Skål Public House

Welcome to Skål, a modern take on the traditional Norske style beer hall bringing upscale pub food, craft cocktails and a large selection of craft beer to blend with the rich Norwegian heritage of Mount Horeb.

Skål Public House strives to build a familv-friendly environment, whether it be grabbing a bite after the game with your children and their teammates, meeting old friends for a cocktail by the fireplace or sharing a few pints of a new beer, Skål is vour destination.

Skål has an extensive menu to choose from and proudly serves Marr's Valley View Farms beef and bacon. They have a delicious Friday Night Fish Fry, and don't forget their Sunday Brunch on the first and last Sunday of each month.

Have you checked out their beers on Untappd? You can see barrel levels and learn a little bit about each beer. Check in to a beer at Skål Public House on their Facebook page to unlock an exclusive Skål Warrior badge!

Stop in at 209 E. Main Street in Mount Horeb, and enjoy their spacious outdoor covered patio. You can visit their website at skalpublichouse.com. Skål Public House is open Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Friday and Saturday from 11:00 am-9:00 pm, and Sunday from 11:00 am-7:00 pm.

birthdays, graduations, bachelor and bach-

elorette parties and more!

### SPH Axe Throwing

Located at 209 E. Main Street in Mount Horeb, SPH Axe Throwing is your newest family fun axe throwing center for the Mount Horeb community and beyond. SPH Axe Throwing is available for large groups and is a great team building activity for parties and celebrations.

Safety is a top priority at SPH Axe Throwing. To ensure every guest has a safe experience, several safety features and precautions are followed. Participants must be 14 years of age.

They feature four axe throwing lanes, a full bar with the area's largest tap beer selection, plus a large assortment of bottles, cans and craft cocktails.

Work up an appetite? They're located right next door to the Skål Public House restaurant.

Reservations are encouraged by calling 608-437-1012 or booking on their website at sphaxethrowing.com. SPH is available for



throw some axes. Call to reserve your Located right next to **Skal Public House** 

Any day is a good day to come in and spot or book a time online.

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#### **KELLA**

KELLA is a retail shop located in downtown Mount Horeb, and can be found at 118 E. Main Street. Often described as a real-life Etsy store, this fun and welcoming space is unlike any other and offers one-of-a-kind, handmade items from over 30 local makers ranging from artists, jewelers, potters and so much more! Their goal is to promote the Wisconsin way of life. Whether you appreciate the state parks, love craft beer or enjoy biking the endless trails – there's something in the shop for you.

They invite you to stop in to find Wisconsin-focused gifts such as glassware, artwork and apparel by their featured brand, Forward Apparel Company. To learn more please visit their website at MadeBvKELLA.com or follow them on Facebook or Instagram at @ Made-ByKella.



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#### Gemplers

Gemplers' store in Mount Horeb gives outdoor pros and enthusiasts one more way to shop Gemplers' selection of hard-to-find, professional-grade tools, equipment and gear. Whether you're working outdoors in gardens, greenhouses and farm fields, or tackling rugged trails and camping this summer, add this stop to your summer bucket list.

You'll get a complimentary wave of nostalgia with every trip. A 1950s vintage Coke machine stands near the Gemplers' "Tool Shed", stocked with favorites like Felco, Hickok, Dramm and Kinco. The store hearkens back to the outdoor general store grandpa took you to as a kid. And, just like grandpa bought you a stick of candy if you didn't make trouble, you'll find stick candy at the register here, too. Shoppers can even get an old-fashioned glass bottle of Coke for a dime with their Gemplers' store purchase.

"We offer some of the best-loved brands you know, plus some you should," said President and Owner Carl Atwell. "Customers will find Carhartt, Patagonia, YETI, Hydroflask, Vortex, Darn Tough and The Midwest Girl."

Mount Horeb is the ideal destination with its abundance of small boutiques, charming sights and delicious eateries. Don't hit the trail, turf, field or flower garden this summer without bringing your shopping list to Gemplers' retail store at 109 E. Main Street, in





Sip on an iced latte when you stop in at Badger Bros Coffee in Mount Horeb.

## **Badger Bros** Coffee

Badger Bros Coffee has been roasting and brewing top shelf coffee since 2003, right on Main Street in Platteville! With such great success in Platteville over the past 20 years, they have been able to expand to Mount Horeb, as of February 2023.

At their Mount Horeb location, located at 515 Springdale Street, they feature freshly roasted coffee, bakery items, and a wide assortment of other drinks. The space is unique and fun and offers indoor and outdoor seating. It's the perfect spot to enjoy on a sunny day when the garage door is open to let all the fresh air in!

As a family-owned company, Badger Bros Coffee understands the importance of value and service. Their mission is for each customer to have a welcoming environment that is community focused. They invite you to see why Badger Bros Coffee has been a fan favorite for years in Platteville, and now the ever-growing Mount Horeb area!

Visit their website at badgerbroscoffee. com to view their menu and more.



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Dine indoors or out when the weather's nice at Grumpy Troll Brew Pub.

#### Grumpy Troll Brew Pub

The Grumpy Troll, located at 105 S. 2nd Street in Mount Horeb, is an awardwinning brew pub. The bold and creative handcrafted ales and lagers brewed on-site bring locals and travelers from afar, and they keep coming back again and again for the delicious food and The Grumpy atmosphere! Their menu offers in-house smoked meats, masterfully built burgers and sandwiches, house-made soups, salads and filling appetizers. They invite you to try one (or a few) of the dozen microbrews on tap.

#### Sugar Troll

Mount Horeb's first candy shoppe, Sugar Troll, is located at 122 E. Main Street in Mount Horeb. Sugar Troll is the best spot to find both the nostalgic sweets you loved as a child and the most creative, modern craft candy available today.

Specializing in hard-to-find vintage offerings, new craft candy, gelato, bulk candy, coffee and more - Sugar Troll is dedicated

to providing only the highest quality confections. Whether you're looking for French Macarons, fudge, taffy, and more, they continue to curate some of the most unique candy available. Stop in to find their growing selection of sugar-free, gluten-free, kosher, dairy-free, organic and international candies.

To learn more, you can visit their website: SugarTrollMtHoreb.com.

With a window from their dining room, you might even catch Brewmaster Mark Knoebl in action. Their Biergarten offers vear-round outdoor pet-friendly seating. and you'll want to check out The Taproom upstairs. Featuring their complete menu, this casual environment has a fully stocked bar, many televisions for great sports viewing and games to keep the kids occupied! They also rent this space for private events perfect for any special occasion.

For more information, please visit TheGrumpyTroll.com.



PIck a favorite gelato at Sugar Troll can you pick just ONE favorite???



#### **Feed Your Troll**

Mt. Horeb's first candy shoppe! The Sugar Troll is the best spot to find both the nostalgic sweets you loved as a child and the most creative, modern craft candy available today.

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#### **Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy**

Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy is proud to be a locally, independently owned and operated pharmacy, and they are committed to supporting the community in a variety of ways!

They go beyond the basic pharmaceuticals and carry many unique gifts and children's items, many of which are made by Wisconsin artisans. When shopping at their store you can be assured you are helping other businesses stay local and sustainable as well!

Their intention is to become the health and wellness store of the area, and they carry a range of high quality, clean professional supplements, nutrition and hydration for everyday living, and also for fueling and recovering from your most recent workout. They carefully select which products they choose to carry to ensure you receive a quality product you can feel good about. Their friendly staff will gladly share their knowledge and answer any questions you might have.

They offer a wide variety of pharmacy

services including customized medication packaging, immunizations, free local deliveries and blood pressure monitoring.

Whether you are a local resident, or

passing through the area, be sure to visit Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy at 203 W. Main Street, and support the Mount Horeb community. They look forward to seeing you!

### Munchkey Apples

Munchkey Apples is a family-owned and operated apple orchard located in the rolling hills of southwest Wisconsin. Founded in 2011 by Brad and Laura, the orchard has since grown to 9,000 apple trees with over 13 varieties.

In addition to their delicious apples, Munchkey Apples offers a bakery with homemade apple pies, caramel apples, and apple cider donuts. Visitors can either pick their own apples or purchase them in the on-site store.

The orchard is located on a farm where visitors can also see part of their beef herd, goats, and donkeys. Munchkey Apples offers a unique farm-to-table experience that is perfect for families or anyone looking for a fun day trip.

Conveniently located south of Mount Horeb off of 78 South, or just 12 miles west of New Glarus off of Hwy. 39, Munchkey Apples is a must-visit destination in Wisconsin. Don't miss out on the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful drive and experience the delicious fruits of the orchard firsthand.



Munchkey Apples has pick your own apples, already picked apples, a bakery, and much more!





The friendly staff at Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy takes pride in serving local customers' pharmaceutical and gift buying needs. Stop in!



#### **Driftless Chocolates**

"So you make all your chocolate truffles and bonbons right here?" is an inquiry oft heard. And the answer is, "Yes, right here." And "right here" is their kitchen behind their shop in the heart of Mount Horeb's downtown at 209 E. Main Street.

When you walk in to Driftless Chocolates, you'll see an array of handmade truffles, bonbons, caramels, bars, and barks in a display case, where you can choose just what you desire in creating your own box. Your selection will include single origin chocolate from small farms and coops from around the Equator, where the cacao plant is grown, because that's where their chocolate originates...in countries such as Colombia, Dominican Republic, Sao Tome, Peru, Mexico, Madagascar and Tanzania, to name a few. The single origin chocolate they use picks up the terroir of the region where it originally grew, and their chocolatier, Stan Kitson, matches the natural flavors of the chocolate with ganaches that bring that taste forward using ingredients sourced in Wisconsin.

They partner with other local producers



Chocolatier Stan Kitson creates flavors partnering with local producers of ingredients sourced in Wisconsin.



Satisfy all your chocolate cravings at Driftless Chocolates, where Robin Kitson greets you with a smile.

in creating the flavors offered. For example, Telsaan Tea, just down the street, added to their tea-inspired flavors. The honey in their popular Sea Salt Caramels comes from Gentle Breeze Honey of Mount Horeb, and people tell them this top-seller is like a "taste of sunshine." The spiciness of habanero and chipotle from Savory Accents, just miles from their shop, heat their two Mexican truffles. Rich butter and cream in so many of their offerings come from Wisconsin cows on nearby farms.

Mount Horeb is in the Driftless area – an area of meandering streams and breathtaking beauty never touched by glaciers. Owners Stan and Robyn Kitson have a deep connection to Donald Park near Mount Horeb, and that's Donald Rock – a landmark for centuries to travelers – outlined in the Driftless Chocolates logo.

Find them on the Trollway, at 209 E. Main Street #E, in Mount Horeb. Their hours are posted on their website at driftlesschocolates.com. They'd love for you to come visit!

### Lekko Beauty

'Makeup' your next adventure with Lekko Beauty. Located at 508 Springdale Street in Mount Horeb, Lekko Beauty is a cosmetic studio offering high quality makeup, special event makeup, permanent cosmetics, lash extensions and makeup lessons.

Owner Liz Klopotic is a mother to two small kids with a love of makeup and adventure. She has eight years of experience as a professional makeup artist and was professionally trained in permanent cosmetics and lash extensions. Her priority is to enhance the natural YOU. Work with Lekko Beauty and wake up ready for the adventure called life!

Book online at lekkobeauty.com or call 608-636-6206.





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## **Driftless Social**

When the restaurant at 128 E. Main Street in Mount Horeb served its first meal, the television had not yet been invented. The first shot of the first World War had not vet been fired. Vacuum cleaners and washing machines were still a futuristic dream for most middle-class homeowners. Zippers. Band-Aids and sliced bread wouldn't be dreamed up for several more years.

The year was 1911, and a man named Otto Olson left his job making butter at a local creamery to open a bakery and restaurant in downtown Mount Horeb. It is impossible to articulate just how much the world has changed since then, but through all of it, through the wars, the disasters, the triumphs of art and love and humanity, the eatery that was known as Olson's, Frederickson's, Gobel's, Schubert's, and now the Driftless Social, has been a gathering place for people in the heart of downtown Mount Horeb.

The Driftless Social is run by Matthew and Tim Schmock, the grandchildren of Leonard "Smoky" Schmock and his wife, Janet, who opened one of Madison's most iconic restaurants, Smoky's Club, in 1953.

The Mount Horeb business offers an array of martinis, old fashioneds, wines and much, much more.

"It's really comfortable," said Matt. "Just a really nice place to go with friends and family and neighbors."



Owners Matt and Tim welcome you to Driftless Social on Main Street in Mount Horeb!

#### Telsaan Tea

At Telsaan Tea, they're savoring their favorite flavors and enjoying the new, larger space. They opened Telsaan in 2015, and over the last year moved one block away from the original location to 108 E. Main Street. They're nestled right in downtown Mount Horeb in a charming, walkable area. They're pretty sure you're going to enjoy their new place as much as they do.

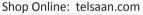
As always, they've got tons of tea! Of course you'll find classic flavors such as Peach, Chamomile, and Earl Grey. Alongside of those are some scrumptious new blends like Chocolate Hazelnut, Strawberry Kiwi, and Vanilla Chai. Whether you like your tea hot or iced, they've got options you'll love.

They're excited to be introducing a line of locally grown herbs later this year, too.

If you've struggled to find a new tea infuser, this is definitely the place to be. Everybody makes tea differently, and they have different types and sizes that will fit most cups, travel mugs, or teapots. Other accessories that they offer are iced tea makers, local handmade ceramic mugs, paper tea filters, bombillas, matcha whisks, and a variety of teapots. Don't worry if you've never heard of some of those. They're happy to help answer questions. You don't need to be a "connoisseur" to explore the world of tea; you just need to be curious.

They hope their shop makes it on your list of places to stop in the Driftless area!

Their best sellers include: Herbal Chai Spice Blend, Chai Black Tea, Turmeric & Ginger, Matcha, and Blueberry Fruit Infusion.





Expand your tea-making skills with Erin, owner of Telsaan Tea.

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Bergey Jewelry is a full-service jewelry store with unique and affordable locally-made jewelry.

#### Bergey Jewelry

Bergey Jewelry is a family-owned and operated small-town jeweler in business since 1951. You will feel the history as soon as you walk through the door. The newly renovated store, on the Trollway in Mount Horeb, brings out the downtown's historic character.

Bergey Jewelry is a full-service retailer, offering custom, locally made and fine jewelry for all of life's occasions. The competitively priced merchandise selection includes timeless styles and current trends. The store's knowledgeable and trustworthy staff is known for delivering excellent customer service and great value to its customers. Repairs, gold buying and in-house jewelry designs by an experienced goldsmith are available, with a certified gemologist and watchmaker on staff too. To make shopping easier, the store keeps wish lists on file and offers free gift wrapping.

To learn more about Bergey Jewelry, visit BergeyJewelry.com, call 608-437-8155 or stop in at 203 East Main Street.



#### Peg Ginsberg Watercolor Studio

Step into watercolor artist Peg Ginsberg's studio on Main Street in Mount Horeb and you will find a welcoming world of sights and places, and memories of things and feelings you may not even know you ever had. The gallery is an ever growing and changing collection of work of the artist, who has been painting and drawing all her life.

Peg attended Milwaukee's Layton School of Art and Design in the early 70s, but didn't discover the magic of watercolor until taking a community education class at a local library in Minnesota 10 years later. She started the road to teaching and selling even later, showing her work in small galleries and art fairs. When a small space opened up in Mount Horeb in 2008, she decided to settle down and focus more on sharing and teaching close to home. Since opening, she has been teaching others some of the joys and charms

### Sunniva Inn

Located in a quiet neighborhood only one block from Main Street, this beautifully restored 1903 Victorian four square is the perfect place to relax. Guests love the easy walk to shops and restaurants in downtown Mount Horeb, to Stewart Lake Park, Military Ridge trail, and other local escapes.

Sunniva Inn has four guest rooms with private bathrooms; two have over 450 square feet of space and can accommodate up to four guests. There are multiple common areas inside, as well as porches and patios outside to gather with family and friends. Kick back and relax on the front porch overlooking the beautiful gardens.

Visit sunnivainn.com to book your reservation.

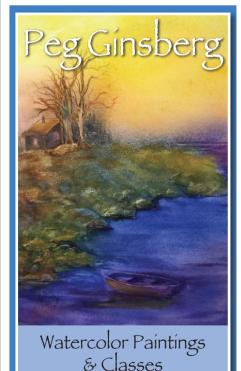


of creating with this fluid and vastly diverse medium.

"I didn't yet know how interactive art really is," she says, "and I am learning what a nurturing and expansive role students play in my life. I am also discovering the excitement of sharing my own feelings and experiences with watercolor with strangers who walk in and find surprise or delight when they connect with a particular piece. What matters to you as a viewer can be more important than what I as an artist put into it, and that can be magic."

The paintings are all Peg's own, showcasing her diverse works – landscapes and waterscapes, both real and imagined; portraits of flowers and inviting gardens; still life settings and even some abstractions available in original framed and matted paintings. A few are available in limited edition Giclée prints and blank notecards.

Peg Ginsberg Watercolor Studio is now located at 205 E. Main Street, in Mount Horeb. For studio hours, class availability and other information, call 608-437-0418, or visit Peg-GinsbergWatercolors.com.



Visit My Studio at 205 East Main, Mount Horeb 608-437-0418 PegGinsbergWatercolors.com

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#### Isaac's Antiques

Isaac's Antiques, at 132 E. Main Street in downtown Mount Horeb, is home to nearly 50 dealers occupying the large three-level antiques mall. The variety of fabulous finds at Isaac's is incredible. The dealers, who are mostly local and frequent the mall often refreshing and re-stocking their spaces, bring in items ranging from antique and vintage furniture, coins, linens, buckets, kitchenware, jewelry, crate boxes, tools, iron works, wall décor, lamps, bottles, and endlessly more. The dealers have their own styles and presentations, but everything you find from the dealers in Isaac's are unique, one-of-a-kind antique, vintage, quality collectible or homemade items.

Additionally, along with new ownership of Isaac's Antiques, you will find some new retail gift items, fine foods such as artisan chocolates, flavored oils, vinegars and spices, and fine art from area artists. Look for local photography, unique paintings, pottery, hand-made jewelry, wood carvings, and so much more.

Finds change daily. Once is never enough at Isaac's Antiques.



## Hart House Guitars

Hart House Guitars offers sales of new and used guitars, amps, effects pedals, accessories, and children's instruments, as well as providing lessons and repair services. Located right next to the Mount Horeb Welcome Center on the ground-level of a charming old house on Main Street, Hart House Guitars is the quintessential small guitar shop with a character all its own. Whether you are a seasoned guitar veteran, or just an appreciator of music, Hart House



Owner Corey Hart doesn't just sell guitars ... he plays them too. Visit his store at 304 E. Main in Mount Horeb.

Guitars is a must stop location on your visit to Mount Horeb.

Hart House opened in October of 2021 and further increases the variety of Mount Horeb's downtown area, and serves the community of musicians in the greater area. Come visit the shop to pick on the current selection of instruments, grab a pack of strings, or procure a bag of Hart House Roast coffee, roasted locally by Mounds View Roasters.



#### Sunn Cafe

Located at the corner of Main and 2nd Streets, Sunn Café offers locals and visitors alike a fresh place to grab a bite to eat with homemade breakfast options, soups, sandwiches, salads and more. Indulgent madefrom-scratch gluten-free dessert bars, too! Sunn's menu changes often and features local, seasonal fare. A unique selection of espresso and cold brew drinks, craft beers and wines are also available.

With a bright, friendly vibe, Sunn is a welcoming environment for all. Outdoor seating



Come explore your food desires with made-from-scratch breakfasts and lunch options. Dine in or carry out.

is plentiful...with sunny sidewalk dining and a charming Back Alley Patio...You'll find your favorite spot!

And make sure to check out Mt. Horeb's first public space mural – designed by local art students and Dane Mural Arts – displayed on Sunn's west-facing wall. Sunn is proud to be a sponsor and supporter of this beautiful, heart-felt tribute to mental wellness.

Summer 2023 hours: 7:30 am until 3:00 pm, Mondays through Saturdays.



#### **McFee on Main**

McFee on Main: "There's Something Magical Happening Here" Specialty boutique is a local and area favorite

When McFee on Main celebrated its sixth anniversary in October 2022, owner Lynn McFee was proud of the shop's first six years, she said, but never expected that she'd have been recognized so many consecutive years with the *Madison Magazine* Best of Madison award for women's clothing.

"When [2017 Best of Madison] voting started, we were less than a year old," McFee said. "I was completely shocked by it, now we've been fortunate enough to receive awards several years in a row."

"It really exemplifies what a hidden treasure Mount Horeb is. There is something magical happening here," she said. "People seek us out because the energy here is

#### Fresh Complexions

In the fall of 2022, Rita Krause moved Fresh Complexions from a small room in Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, to a beautiful, larger space in Mount Horeb, located at 216 W. Main Street. Specializing in customizing professional skin care treatments to suit each client's individual needs, facials here are relaxing and effective!

Rita also has extensive training on brow shaping and waxing, and loves making skin and brows look their best. Check out all of the services available and book online 24/7 at FreshComplexions.com.

What are you waiting for?



contagious."

McFee opened McFee on Main on Mount Horeb's Main Street after retiring from her role as Senior Director Brand Manager at global fashion brand, Ralph Lauren. After more than 30 years with the company, she was ready to pursue a dream and launch a business in her husband's native Mount Horeb.

"I love Mount Horeb," she said. "Opening our store has really been a great experience; the community has been very welcoming and supportive."

In 2019, McFee on Main was selected as the Business of the Year by the Mount

Horeb Chamber of Commerce.

Featuring clothing for the hip, classic woman of any age, as well as gifts and home décor, McFee on Main is located at the east end of Mount Horeb's bustling downtown at 400 E. Main Street. McFee and her husband. John. purchased the building in the spring of 2015, and transformed what was formerly a cafe into a bright and welcoming retail space.



McFee On Main features home décor, unique art pieces, gifts, women's clothing and more. Let their staff help you find that something special you've been looking for.

McFee on Main | For the Hip, Classic Woman of any age.



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#### Sift & Winnow



Sift and Winnow is the atelier of featured, copper enamel jewelry artist, Linda Winther. Linda focuses on color, line and shape to inform the jewelry she creates. Choose from a seemingly endless array of hues. Searching for that perfect color? This is a good place to look.

While Sift and Winnow currently showcases much of Linda's jewelry, the intent for the brick and mortar shop is to present a carefully curated collection of lifestyle items to enrich your everyday moments. Linda naturally shares her Scandinavian heritage through her aesthetic, and will gladly teach you the proper way to say "hygge". As her favorite candle company, Skandinavisk, says, "Living more Scandinavian is not just which part of the world you come from, it's also how you think, how you treat others and the nature that surrounds you, and what you treasure."

At Sift and Winnow you will find handmade jewelry, candles, books, journals, crystals, minerals, stickers, enamel pins, vintage items, pottery, wooden creations, rain ponchos, greeting cards, boxed cards, planners, etc. Sift and Winnow is a place to enjoy and take away a fresh outlook.

In the 1990s, Linda was the driving force behind the iconic "Shakti Bookshop" on State Street in Madison. Since then, Linda has been selling her handmade jewelry at art shows and nearly every Saturday at the top of State Street during the Dane County Farmers Market season.

Why Sift and Winnow? Linda sifts powdered enamels on copper as part of the process of her work. Her designs are minimalist and simple, speaking to the winnowing away of the extraneous, allowing core elements to shine. Linda's jewelry will not wear you! While a student at the University of Wisconsin, Linda learned of the metaphor for the academic pursuit of truth, "sifting and winnowing", a local byword for the tenet of academic freedom. Sift and Winnow "encourages the continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found." ~1894 Richard T. Ely

Visit Sift and Winnow at 110 E. Main Street, Mount Horeb, call 608-437-4527, or find them online at siftandwinnow.com.



#### Campo di Bella



Campo di Bella is a small, family run farm to table restaurant/winery and diversified sustainable farm. They are dedicated to providing local, naturally produced food and Italian seasonally inspired meals from their own heritage breed pork, lamb and sustainably grown vegetables.

Join them for three course Cenetta dinners on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm, and five course Farm to Table dinners on Saturday evenings at 6:00 pm, at the winehouse. See a full list of dinner events, menus and purchase your dinner reservations online at their website: campodibella.com.

Campo di Bella's wine bar is open every Friday evening from 4:30 pm–9:00 pm and Saturday evenings from 4:00 pm-9:00 pm but call ahead to reserve a table, otherwise stop by on a Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm–5:00 pm, with no reservations required. Enjoy a glass of their family crafted wine and à la carte wine bar menu overlooking the beautiful countryside and Driftless landscape. They offer their own hand-crafted and bottled wine and vermouth from local grapes crushed and fermented at the winery, as well as an artisan red wine vinegar.

Call 608-320-9287 or visit their website for seasonal hours of operation and weekly dinner menus. Plan a weekend on the farm and stay at their Farmstay. Book Airbnb reservations from their website. Sit down with your family for a wonderful locally grown meal and reawaken a more traditional and simple way of life.



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### Jangle Natural Living

When walking down Main Street Mount Horeb, many people find themselves being lured into Jangle Natural Living, follow-



#### Icki Sticki

Aloha, and welcome to Icki Sticki! They are a coffee and ice cream shop located on Springdale Street, in the village of Mount Horeb.

They proudly serve 36+ flavors of ice cream, made locally in Madison. They also serve locally roasted coffee, and have Hawaiian Shave Ice with over 40 house-made flavors, espresso and latte drinks, housemade Chai, smoothies, Boba tea, Belgian waffles, breakfast and lunch options, and more. Icki Sticki offers many gluten-free bakery, food, and vegan ice cream options!

They are open year-round, seven days a week! Icki Sticki offers a convenient drive thru and ample indoor and outdoor seating options. They also have a 7-foot gumball machine! They even have pup cups for your doggie!

Icki Sticki offers free Wi-Fi and a great place for meeting friends. They are family owned and operated! ing the scent of pure essential oil soaps. Janelle Holmstrom, owner of Jangle Natural Living, takes great pride in running a "natural living" store where you will find her homemade soaps, as well as a plethora of household items to take care of your body and your home, naturally.

Jangle Natural Living is a new retail store in the old Isaac's Soaps space in downtown Mount Horeb. This new business has natural living necessities, locally made soaps and body care products, organic baby items, natural gifts and home goods, products from local artisans, house plants, healthy snacks, and more! The most notable store inventory is the wide line of soap and bath and body products. Holm-



See the 7-foot gumball machine at Icki Sticki at both Mount Horeb and Verona locations.



strom makes all of her products by hand, with top of the line, all natural ingredients and, of course, milk from her own goats. Aside from soaps, the Jangle SOAPworks line also includes many other natural and organic body care products such as deodorants, body butters, lotion bars, lip balms and more. Other local body care makers products, such as Madison Soap Company, Selah Vie Soapery, Wanna Do Herbs!, and Mount Horeb Hemp, can be found among the shelves, too.

In addition to natural home goods, you will also find a wide variety of work from local artists including pottery, photography, home-spun yarns, and cards.

"Our inventory priority is natural, local, and artist-made," says Holmstrom. JNL is focusing on healthy living, healthy home, healthy family, and healthy planet.

Find Jangle Natural Living at 134 E. Main Street, Mount Horeb. Bring a bag along with you for your purchases to support efforts toward minimal waste and sustainability.



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#### Bloomingdeals Resale Boutique

At Bloomingdeals Resale Boutique, they turn second-hand shopping into an upscale experience.

Owner Jill has loved fashion for as long as she can remember. While attending college she landed a part-time resale job and has been hooked on all things thrift ever since. Jill decided to sell some of her children's outgrown clothes and toys on social media and that inspired her to explore selling gently used, high-quality goods on a larger scale.

Every product that's offered at Bloomingdeals is cleaned, inspected for defects and then re-inspected during the pricing process before it ever hits the sales floor. Jill has high standards for the items that she offers to her customers, because she knows that they have high standards, too.

Bloomingdeals carries a wide variety of gently used items for women and children, including clothing, shoes, accessories, books, toys and various other items. Visit them at 207 E. Main Street, Suite B, in downtown Mount Horeb, follow them on Facebook and Instagram or call 608-437-1010. Open Thursday-Saturday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, and Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Owner Jill promotes sustainability by providing quality pre-owned merchandise for women and children.







Taste the flavors of Wisconsin's Driftless Region at Brix Cider.

### Brix Cider

Wisconsin's first Cider Pub, Brix Cider, can be found at 119 South 2nd Street in Mount Horeb, with a beautiful patio right on the Military Ridge Bike Path.

Owners Matt and Marie Raboin explain, "Our goal is to make the best cider you have ever tasted, featuring local, sustainably grown ingredients. Our tasting room menu features true farm-to-table foods to pair with our ciders."

Brix Cider products are not just locally made, they're locally grown and part of a sustainable farming community that is growing the local economy. Brix Cider is also available at many local liquor stores and independent grocers in the Madison area. Support local, shop local!

To learn more please visit their website at brixcider.com and follow them on Facebook and Instagram @brixcider, or give them a call at 608-437-BRIX. Cheers!



### The Little Marketplace



Browse one-of-a-kind vintage finds and much more at The Little Marketplace.

Vintage Finds, Home & Garden, and Timeless Design are words that adorn the front windows of The Little Marketplace, located on W. Main Street in Mount Horeb. Designed with a taste of yesterday blended with a feel of today, the store boasts pristine and tasteful vintage items, along with beautiful home décor, fine pottery, glassware, French milled soaps, soy candles, letterpress stationery, woven baskets imported from Europe, live topiaries, gardening supplies, and much more.

Stop by and check out The Little Marketplace's ever-changing inventory at 205 W. Main Street in Mount Horeb, or visit their website at thelittlemarketplace.com.



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All of the vegetables are grown by hand the old-fashioned way from start to finish at Linstroth's Valley View Farm.

#### Linstroth's Valley View Farm

Welcome to Linstroth's Valley View Farm, "Fall Produce Our Specialty".

Linstroth's offers a wide range of fall produce including many varieties of potatoes, winter squash, cabbage, onions, beets and much more. Their fresh produce is handpicked to ensure quality and freshness.

Take your time browsing through the indoor and outdoor selections of decorative pumpkins, gourds, mums, decorative corn, straw bales, corn shocks, and of course pumpkins.

Paul and Sharon started produce farming in 2007, after moving to the Mount Horeb area from Racine. Visit their website at LinstrothFarmMarket.com to learn more about them and their growing practices.

Located in the heart of many small-town attractions within Mount Horeb, New Glarus and Mineral Point, Linstroth's Valley View Farm is located at 70 Drammen Valley Road, just south off Hwy 78. Open mid-September through the end of October, Wednesday through Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Support local and experience the taste difference.



#### **Buck & Honey's Restaurant**

Buck and Honey Birkinbine were one of Sun Prairie's best-known residents; they once owned and farmed the land where their first location sits today. Together they lived a life of service and philanthropy in the community, and were well known for hosting good company at their home on Windsor Street.

It is in their spirit that they present to you Buck & Honey's Restaurants. Every effort is made at Buck & Honey's to make you feel as though you've dropped by an old friend's house. A friend that has an undeniable passion for service and prepares amazingly fresh food out of a scratch kitchen. A friend with an upscale casual atmosphere, huge patios, live music, craft brews on tap, specialty craft cocktails, and an extensive wine list. A true friend, indeed!

Their mission is to consistently deliver creative, yet familiar food in a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere. They facilitate the fun to ensure each guest has a memorable experience at a great value.

Buck & Honey's won several 2022 Best of Madison awards including golds for outdoor dining, private parties, restaurant and catering. They have three locations: 804 Liberty Boulevard in Sun Prairie, 800 West Broadway in Monona, and 1370 Water Wheel Drive in Waunakee. Coming soon is their brand new location on Second Street in Mount Horeb, due to open in the summer of 2023. The Mount Horeb Buck & Honey's will be housed in a brick building originally built as an implement store, with the restaurant on the first floor and the second floor features an event space called Martinson Hall. With menus offering items such as soup, salads, burgers, pizza, sandwiches, steaks, seafood and several entrée choices, you're sure to find something that you will love to eat at Buck & Honey's. Brunch is offered each Saturday and Sunday.

Pair your meal with a domestic or foreign wine, a variety of cocktails, mocktails, or your choice of local (and not so local) beers.

Enjoy live music on a weekly basis at all of their locations.

Please visit Buck & Honey's on the web at buckandhoneys.com or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

See Buck & Honey's ad on the inside back page of this guide.



Watch for Buck & Honey's summer 2023 in Mount Horeb! Offering diners creative cocktails, fantastic food and top notch service.



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#### GrandStay<sup>®</sup> Hotel & Suites

The GrandStay<sup>®</sup> Hotel & Suites Mount Horeb-Madison serves as your basecamp when visiting the many treasures of Mount Horeb, lovingly referred to as the Troll Capital of the World, and the surrounding Driftless Region. Now, more than ever, their reputation for cleanliness and attention to



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detail makes them the ideal place to stay when traveling.

Awarded TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence for multiple consecutive years, the GrandStay Mount Horeb offers a variety of rooms that are meticulously clean and beautifully appointed. Their sparkling indoor pool and spa is a favorite with the kids, and will help you unwind after a long day of work or play. All standard and suite rooms feature a TV, mini-fridge, microwave, in-room coffee, Bath & Body Works<sup>®</sup> Products, plush white towels, soft cotton sheets, and comfortable Serta<sup>®</sup> mattresses.

The GrandStay invites members of the community to stop by for a tour, book a romantic staycation, fun-filled birthday pool party, or reserve one of their conference rooms for a meeting, baby shower, or holiday party. Is your special day on the horizon? Set up a block of rooms for family coming into town to help you celebrate! Open Swim hours are available to the public to take a dip in the pool or soak in the spa.

The GrandStay Hotel & Suites Mount Horeb-Madison is ideal for business travelers working in the area and for visitors to Blue Mound State Park, Cave of the Mounds, Tyrol Basin, Military Ridge State Trail, and the village's many other treasures.

Stop by and take a look at what the Grand-Stay has to offer. "We value every guest – every time."



#### **Bargain Nook**



These popular thrift stores have been growing and changing for 40 years. They offer a variety of quality merchandise, including some new, and often gently used

items. Clothing, housewares, home furnishings, domestics and accessories are, many times, one of a kind. In fact, it's probably a good idea to stop by frequently to see what new items have arrived since merchandise is put on the sales floor daily.

There are five Bargain Nook stores, each located in a unique and appealing town in southwest Wisconsin: Mineral Point, Darlington, Spring Green, Platteville, and Mount Horeb. They provide jobs for more than 30 individuals in the communities where they are located.

Hodan Community Services Inc. owns and operates the Bargain Nook stores, and is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation located in Mineral Point. It is the mission of Hodan Community Services to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals.

They encourage you to stop in while you are passing through the area. You never know what "treasures" await you or, at the very least, enjoy a visit with their friendly and helpful staff. Please visit their website at hodancs.org/bargain-nook-stores/ or find them on Facebook: facebook.com/ BargainNook/





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#### Jada's Garden & Greenhouse

The flowers are in full bloom and they are busy with their seventh spring season at Jada's Garden's in beautiful Blue Mounds.

Located right off Hwy. 151, at 10849 Village Circle (across from Casey's gas station), they feature year-round garden maintenance and seasonal container design. Their specialty is the ability to source high-quality plant materials and design them uniquely for your designated areas. In addition, their awesome staff offers general cleanup, garden rehabilitation and installation of a wide assortment of plant material.

Visit their retail greenhouse and brand new gift shop, operating seven days a week April-June, weekends in the summer, and seasonally in the fall and winter months. They have the area's best quality and selection of locally sourced plants, trees and shrubs, pottery and garden gifts. Look for local music, food and drink vendors on weekends throughout the busy spring season.

"Get to know us - we think you'll love our



Find a beautiful selection of flowers, plants, statuary and garden gifts at Jada's Garden & Greenhouse.

friendly, reliable service and creative ideas for beautifying your house and gardens." Call 608-437-4769 or visit jadasgarden.com for more information, online ordering and our fun and informative class and event listings.



#### **Ope Haus Pub**

Ope Haus, a family-friendly gastropub located in the heart of Barneveld, opened in the summer of 2022. Keepin' it Midwest, they offer fresh, local, house-made food that represents the region's broad culinary palate with menu items such as mouth-watering burgers featuring Hook's Cheese, a variety of appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, entrees and a kids menu. Not only do they serve the standards, but they also feature creations such as Lion's mane mushroom cakes, hot honey fried chicken with locally sourced honey. Slickernchit poutine – made with fries, local curds and drizzled with a hearty sauce. Because it's Wisconsin, Ope Haus offers the Midwest necessities - Friday Fish Fry and Saturday Prime Rib.

Ope Haus also serves a 60 oz Uff-Da Bloody Mary topped with all the fixins: wings, sliders, curds and more! You betcha they offer a hand-muddled classic Old Fashioned!

Ope Haus is locally owned and operated.



They offer banquet facilities for all types of occasions.

Keep er' movin on over to Ope Haus Pub, located at 107 County Road ID, Barneveld. Ope Haus Pub can also be found online at opehauspub.com, on Facebook and Instagram. Give them a shout at 608-924-1989.



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ans and researchers are encouraged to take advantage of the Society's expansive archival and artifact holdings, with free research visits and commissioned research services available by appointment.

The Driftless Historium calendar includes special events and programs for all ages. For the most up-to-date information and listings, visit mthorebhistory.org or facebook. com/MtHorebHistory/, or call 608-437-6486. They look forward to seeing you soon!

## **Botham Vineyards**

Situated in the heart of Wisconsin's Iowa County Uplands and surrounded by more than 900 acres of nature conservancy, Botham Vineyards & Winery has been growing and producing regionally distinctive wines of international acclaim since 1989.

Each of the Botham Vinevards wines is carefully monitored through every laborious step in the vine-to-bottle process. The estate's 10-acre vineyard, planted in 1989, supplies the winery with premium-quality grapes for use in crafting these wines. Highly acclaimed for their structure and balance, the Botham Vinevards wines have earned hundreds of medals in national and international competition over the last 30+ vears. Recognized as the Wisconsin Winerv of the Year, its Uplands Reserve has additionally been twice named Wisconsin's Best Wine (epicurious.com and purewow. com) and the vineyard's Field 3 was recognized as "hands down, the best wine in the state" by FoodandWineAesthetics.com.

Designed and built as a dairy farm in the early 1900s, the soul of the property was



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8180 LANGBERRY RD. BARNEVELD, WI 53507 bothamvineyards.com • 888.478.9463 carefully and lovingly given new purpose. Its gently sloping pastures, once deeply lined with the hoof prints of a half-century's herds and knotted with rocks and tree stumps, became host to the tranquil symmetry of trellis. The circa-1900 'hung' barn, revered for its beauty and historical significance, was lovingly refurbished and now houses the tasting room, gift shop and indoor spaces for private and public events.

The vast grounds and a large outdoor terrace provide spectacular views in every season and are the ideal backdrop for live music, family gatherings, private and corporate gatherings, weddings and a host of special events that are open to the public throughout the late spring, summer and fall. The venue is also a popular destination for rehearsal dinners, bridal and baby showers and celebrations of every kind. The tasting room, appointed with a lifetime's collection of vintage automobilia, is an interesting and inviting space for all, but perhaps especially for vintage car clubs, rallies, Sunday tours and motors-andwheels enthusiasts of every persuasion.

This is a family company, founded by winegrower and winemaker Peter Botham, who runs the business with assistance from his wife, Sarah, their son, Mills, and a staff of warm and welcoming associates passionate about tending the vineyard and pouring, enjoying and sharing the delightful bounty in a great glass of wine.

Visitors are welcomed for public and private group tastings during regular business hours. A reservation is not required. Additions and changes to tasting room hours happen seasonally, with updates posted regularly at bothamvineyards.com. Tours are offered by appointment for groups of 15 or more.

Botham Vineyards is located approximately 1.5 miles south of Barneveld and 25 miles southwest of Madison, at the intersection of County K and Langberry Road. To get there, take County Road K south off Highway 18/151 and follow the signs.

For public events information, to schedule tours or private tastings or inquire about hosting a celebration, wedding or private event call 888-GR8-WINE (478-9463) or visit bothamvineyards.com.

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Welcome to Dodgeville, Wisconsin, where they invite you to discover, explore, and refresh. Whether you are here for a few days, a long vacation, or passing through, they encourage you to relax here and enjoy the abundant history, attractions, and cultural experiences.

Families and friends can walk in the footsteps of history looking out over the unglaciated terrain of the Driftless Region or tour Pendarvis, the settlement of highly skilled Cornish miners. Many visitors discover the climate offers the best of all four seasons and a host of year-round outdoor activities. No matter where you decide to go, you'll quickly find that they are home to many captivating attractions, exciting events and more outdoor adventure and natural beauty than you can experience in one trip.

You're invited to explore Dodgeville, "At



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<sup>2</sup>hoto by Terry McNeil, courtesy of Dodgeville

Follow the .5-mile trail to Stephens Falls, a stunning waterfall amongst rock outcroppings and abundant ferns at Governor Dodge State Park.

the Heart of it All". This very scenic area, founded in 1827 by Henry Dodge, Dodgeville is one of the state's unglaciated, driftless areas. It is located among sandstone bluffs, steep hills and gently rolling farmlands. It is also referred to as the "Driftless region" because

the absence of glaciers meant that no "drift" (or accumulated rock and soil) was left behind. Many people simply refer to this area as the "Uplands." By any name, it's no exaggeration to say that the surrounding area is a feast for the eyes with its rugged rock outcroppings, wildflower meadows and prairies, wooded hillsides, lakes, and streams. The area's natural beauty is not all that Dodgeville has to



hoto by Terry McNeil, co Dodgeville Area Chamber

A light haze remains as the sun comes up on a new day in the Driftless area near Dodgeville.

offer. The city was designated a Tree City U.S.A. in 1993, and the streets are lined with trees and a variety of other greenery to welcome visitors to this historic and serene community. Visit their many area attractions that will be of awe for everyone and at any age. So pack your things, bring grandma, grandpa, and the kids for an adventure the whole family will enjoy.

#### Spurgeon Winery

Located in the beautiful rolling hills of southwest Wisconsin, just outside of Highland, is Spurgeon Winery.

Owners Glen and Mary Spurgeon purchased the land from Mary's parents when they married in 1976. They turned an 80-acre farm into a thriving winery. They made their first wines in 1981, and opened the doors of Spurgeon Winery on May 1, 1982.

They invite you to enjoy free wine tasting of their entire line of wines (over 20 from which to choose). You are also invited



to soak up the beauty of the surrounding hills on their covered deck, with a glass of wine and some cheese or sausage from their gift shop. They also offer many wine pairing events and music events. Their flagship wine is Ruby Lady, one of a wide variety on their tasting table. They offer dry wines, semi-sweet wines and sweet wines. Let their knowledgeable staff guide you through a complementary tasting.

They're located at 16008 Pine Tree Road, Highland, WI 53543, and can be reached at 608-929-7692 or visit their Facebook page or website at spurgeonvineyards.com.



Dodgeville Area

#### **Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce**

Dodgeville, Wisconsin, is at the heart of it all and welcomes visitors with the coziness of a small rural town, the thrill of outdoor activities, and a colorful history.

Daytrips are a popular way for visitors to explore the beautiful region of southwest Wisconsin, because you can head in any direction to take in scenic views, visit an attraction, or play in the great outdoors. During the summer months the area parks offer trails for hiking, picnic areas, horseback riding, hunting, rock climbing, biking, swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, camping, and picture-perfect views from the bluffs. They have three golf courses within a short driving distance, and four state parks - Governor Dodge State Park, Tower Hill State Park, Yellowstone Lake State Park, and Blue Mound State Park. Take a walk in the historic business district and tour the oldest active courthouse in the state of Wisconsin, or meander through quaint shops and stores all around town.

Local restaurants and familiar national chains dish up an inviting menu of choices for where to eat. From cozy cafés to awardwinning BBQ, or that comforting homemadestyle meal – they are sure you will delight in the food and service from their people! Top it off with a sweet treat from the local bakery or a hot beverage from the local coffeehouse. The nightlife brims with activity at their bars, brewpub, and bowling alleys (and do not forget about Friday night fish frys!). After a day of fun, you will find peaceful rest at one of the hotels, motels, campgrounds or area bed and breakfasts, and wake refreshed and ready to go again.

During the cooler months, photographers and road trip enthusiasts can soak up the beauty of the colorful rolling hills, winding roads, and scenic countryside. The Fall Art Tour takes place in October, and visitors will enjoy touring the local artisan's workshops and galleries while watching them skillfully create their pieces of artwork. Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, ice climbing, and snowmobiling are popular snow activities in the parks and on county trails, and they invite you to check out their very own ice-skating rink at Ley Memorial Pavilion in Harris Park.

They welcome you to join them for one of their many family-friendly events and fes-



tivals in the Dodgeville area. The WI Grilled Cheese Championship is held in early spring and highlights the cheese and dairy industry of Wisconsin. In August there will be a weekend filled with Music, Cars, and More at DodgeFest. There is music with great food and fun. From late spring to mid-December, the calendar is filled with music festivals and classes at Folklore Village, a bike tour sponsored by Taliesin and the Lands' End Summer Concert Series, as well as Farmers Appreciation Day; a Town Square is created in downtown that is filled with daily and nightly activities from children's arts and crafts to live music almost every night, the Fall Art Tour, Halloween Trunk or Treat Block Party, and Home for the Holidays, where you can take a nostalgic horse-drawn carriage ride through the downtown district. Come visit soon!

# Experience Summer in the Driftless



Dodgeville Area

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## Folklore Village



Folklore Village offers many exciting events throughout the year – classic weekend music, dance festivals, folk school classes, concerts and more.

Folklore Village is a nationally recognized folk arts and culture center dedicated to enriching lives through time-honored traditions. Founded by renowned international folkdance leader Jane Farwell, Folklore Village presents artistic and cultural programming that includes concerts, weekend retreats, barn dances, old-fashioned Saturday night socials, open mics, seasonal events, field trips, senior outreach programs, and a Folk School.

Over thirty Folk School classes are offered in 2023. One- to six-day offerings include instrument building, basket making, rosemaling, blacksmithing, foraging, fermentation, and much more.

Other weekend-long events offer intensive learning opportunities in dance, music, crafts, and cultural traditions, with delicious ethnic-themed food prepared fresh in their restaurant-quality kitchen. Many events are family-friendly.

Folklore Village facilities, including Farwell Hall and the historic Plum Grove Church, are available as rentals for your dream wedding, your next family reunion, or a company meeting or celebration.

Find details and current program information at folklorevillage.org. "Come dance with us!"

#### Folklore Village Farm Farwell Hall

Monthly Barn Dances, Socials, and Open Mics Folk School Classes Weekend-long Music and Dance Festivals Folk Music Concerts Charming Wedding & Event Rentals Between Ridgeway & Dodgeville (608) 924-4000 www.folklorevillage.org

### **BPA Boutique**

BPA Boutique, on N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville, opened in August of 2022. Owner Jessica, who provided childcare for 10 years, always dreamed of opening her own store and waited for just the right spot to open up in downtown Dodgeville.

BPA, which is named for her children, Braeden, Parker and Ashlyn, started as a clothing boutique with men's, women's and children's clothing, along with offering jewelry, shoes, boots, and accessories such as handbags, including five vendors offering homemade items.





Stop in at BPA Boutique – items are updated often for kids, women's, and men's clothing, plus crafts and more.

In February of 2023, Jessica added to her business and expanded her inventory to include handmade items, furniture, crafts, vintage items, antiques, seasonal items and décor and cabinetry. The vendors are always refreshing their items, so stop often to check out what they've found for you! And don't forget to hit the clearance room for unbelievable deals.

Stop in at the BPA Boutique to check out their ever-changing inventory at 146 N. Iowa Street and 150 N. Iowa Street. Follow them on Facebook for their hours (which vary by season) or call 608-574-6161.

## Farmyard Primitives & Antiques

Farmyard Primitives & Antiques in downtown Dodgeville, just off Highway 151, offers a wide variety of antiques, collectibles, primitive décor, signs, stained glass, snacks and much, much more!

If you are looking for a personalized sign, they can do that too! Or, if you like a little DIY, they are the place for that. Their enthusiastic vendors are always bringing in new



Farmyard Primitives & Antiques has a wide assortment of farmhouse and primitive décor and antiques.

inventory, so shoppers will want to come in every week to see what new treasures they have found! Plus, the beautifully maintained building, with the original tin ceiling, is a must see!

Visit Farmyard Primitives and Antiques at 121 N. Iowa Street or call them at 608-574-3871. You can also find them on Facebook @Robin Lindner Primitives or on Instagram @FarmyardPrimitives.



## Cathryn's Market

Cathryn's Market is located in a building dating back to the late 1800's that they have restored to its original beauty. They offer excellent locally-roasted coffee and espresso drinks and bake a wide variety of items from locally grown organic flours produced in a local mill. The assortment includes cookies, brownies, muffins, coffeecake, and their famous graham crackers.

#### **Quality Bakery**



Stop by for a treat at Quality Bakery in downtown Dodgeville, the area's leading bakery, where four generations of bakers have served the community for over 95 years. Baked goods, such as cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, donuts, spritzer cookies and special order items, are made fresh daily from time-tested family recipes using quality ingredients. Try their ethnic specialties: Cornish pasties, saffron buns, and tea biscuits.

Call 608-935-3812 for more information, and visit them at 154 N. Iowa Street for your next sweet tooth craving. You can also find their website by visiting qualitybakerydodgeville.com. Cathryn's also sells locally produced beef, pork, lamb, chicken, eggs, produce, cheese, breads and many more items. They offer daily breakfast and lunch options and take home heat-and-eat meals, all using locally grown and produced items. Cathryn's has a beautiful 1930's soda fountain where they make phosphates, ice cream sodas, malts, shakes and wonderful sundaes.

Please come and enjoy what their amazing region produces! Cathryn's Market, 206



N. Iowa St., Dodgeville, WI 53533. Visit their website: cathrynsmarket.com

### Red Room Bar & Restaurant

The Red Room Bar & Restaurant has been part of the Dodgeville community since 1934. They strive to provide good food, good service and a place where all feel welcome.

At the Red Room, breakfast is served on weekdays until 11:00 am. There are plenty of tasty choices for lunch and on



Stop in for lunch or dinner at the Red Room Bar & Restaurant in Dodgeville. Enjoy daily specials and a delicious salad bar.

Friday nights they have a popular fish fry, along with other dinner choices.

The Red Room also offers an event space for your next birthday party, graduation party, bridal or baby shower, or celebration of life luncheon.

Visit the Red Room Bar & Restaurant at 108 E. Merrimac Street in Dodgeville, call 608-935-7108 or find them on Facebook for their hours and daily specials.





DOWNTOWN DODGEVILLE 154 N. Iowa St. • 608-935-3812



#### Steph's Sweet Treats & Sprinkled With Style

Sweet treats and shopping all in one location. Steph's Sweet Treats, in historic downtown Dodgeville, also houses the Sprinkled With Style boutique that carries everything from baby clothes, to men's work jeans and boots, to made in USA women's items, bagged coffee and fancy sprinkles! Featuring name brands like Brooks Running, Wrangler, Blowfish and KanCan, along with small local makers and brands. Check their Facebook page for current hours and stop by this local mom and pop shop to treat yourself.

If you want to place an order ahead of time for the bakery (plan ahead and give a week's notice) – some of their most popular items include chocolate chip cookie dough cupcakes, brandy old fashioned cake, and frosted sugar cutout cookies.

Feel free to visit stephsweetreats.com for more information, along with social media links, and be sure to put 133 N. Iowa Street on your list of local stops this year!



## Dodger Bowl Lanes

Dodger Bowl Lanes and Event Center, located on the corner of Highway 18 and King Street, has been serving Dodgeville residents and visitors for more than 35 years.

Dodger Bowl offers twelve lanes of bowling fun that includes a bumper option for kids, along with special events like Moonlight Bowling. The restaurant lounge serves a full menu of unique items, specialty pizzas, soup and salad bar, and daily specials. A freshly remodeled event space seats 350 and can be rented for wedding receptions, class reunions, business meetings and funeral luncheons. All food served in the hall is made on-site by an experienced staff,





with catering options available.

In addition to the amenities offered inside the building, an outside bar is open three days a week during summer months. It can be rented for graduations, family reunions, or private parties.

Bowling tournaments, League events, various fundraisers and banquets are held at Dodger Bowl throughout the year.

Visit Dodger Bowl Lanes at 321 King Street or call 608-935-2595 for more information. Check out their Facebook Page: Dodger Bowl Lanes.

## Schurman's Wisconsin Cheese

Schurman's Wisconsin Cheese has been part of Wisconsin's cheese business for over 100 years. They take great pride in their excellent Cheddar Cheeses, especially their Aged Xtra Sharp Cheddars; they also carry many additional award-winning cheeses. Try any of their 80 other varieties of cheese for great flavor and a real taste of Wisconsin.

Schurman's procures only the finest quality Wisconsin cheeses for your selection.

Schurman's Wisconsin Cheese outlet store also offers Chocolate Shoppe ice cream. Visit Schurman's at their downtown location, 233 N. Iowa Street, Dodgeville.

DOGER BOWL LANES Dodgeville WI (608)-953-2595

### 321 KING ST Dodgeville, wi

- 12 BOWLING LANES
- BAR & GRILL
- BANQUET FACILITIES
- CATERING
- OUTDOOR BAR

5:30 pm; and Saturdays, 8 am-4 pm. They are closed Wednesdays, Sundays and holidays. You may call to place an order for any of their famous Wisconsin Cheddar Cheeses or other Wisconsin Cheese varieties. 608-

They are open on Monday, 9:30 am-5:30

pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 am-

or other Wisconsin Cheese varieties, 608-935-5741. Please call in advance for curd orders over three bags and cheese trays for your special events. During the holiday season, Schurman's Wisconsin Cheese also offers cheese gift boxes. They ship throughout the country from late October through March.





mineralpoint.com



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A trip to Mineral Point is good for the soul – a respite from the hustle and bustle of busy lives. First time visitors often tell us they feel like they have stumbled into a small European village.

Historic buildings are treasured here and many have been re-birthed to accommodate new uses. This preservation of their architectural heritage led to Mineral Point being the first city in Wisconsin listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Take a stroll or a drive through town and soak in the charm of 19th century architecture crafted by early residents and restored by modern craftsmen.

This is a place to experience small-town life with a creative flair. The arts are part of their everyday lives, and they love sharing that. Explore small-town shopping at its best... see a show at the beautifully restored Opera House... tour Pendarvis... Orchard Lawn and the Railroad Depot Museum... dance up a storm with live music... enjoy a meal prepared with local ingredients... and a beer brewed next door... take a walk in the prairie... or a ride on the trail. Those are just some of the reasons to love Mineral Point.

#### Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce

Mineral Point, a small town in Wisconsin, is a hidden gem with a rich history, a thriving creative community, and a charming personality. Visitors can explore the town's historic sites and take a stroll through its streets, soaking in the charm of 19th-century architecture built by early residents and restored by modern craftsmen. It's like stepping back in time.

But Mineral Point is not just about history. The town is also a hub for local artisans and makers who have been molding a creative community for decades. Visitors can find handcrafted items from potters, painters, weavers, woodworkers, printmakers, photographers, glass artists, jewelry designers, pizza chefs, and musicians. The art scene in Mineral Point is vibrant and worth exploring.

When it comes to food, Mineral Point does not disappoint. The town is home to award-winning cheese, and the local farm-



Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy 'Jammin' on the Porch' Concert Series at Orchard Lawn historical landmark.

ers' market is a must-visit for fresh, seasonal produce.

For those looking for a unique place to stay, Mineral Point has plenty of options. Guests can choose from century-old guest houses, luxurious apartments or stylish boutique hotels. The town's Midwestern hospitality is second to none, and visitors will feel welcomed from the moment they arrive.

In addition to exploring the town's historic sites and creative community, visitors *continued on page 62* 



#### **Café 43** Coffee Bar & Boutique Market

Located in the Old Royal Inn, an iconic Mineral Point building, Café 43 Coffee Bar & Boutique Market is a gathering place for good food, good friends and great coffee!

Stop in to find a curated selection of wine, beer and spirits in addition to a locallysourced seasonal breakfast and lunch menu. Their market offers a selection of fresh produce, dairy, cheese and meats, as well as every day pantry items, and specialty foods.

The Café and Market is open from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday-Saturday (kitchen closes at 3:00 pm) and Sunday from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Visit them after hours, from 5:00 pm-10:00 pm, on Friday and Saturday, to enjoy craft cocktails and a curated dinner menu.

Find the Café and Market at 43 High Street in Mineral Point, and reach them at 608-987-6556 or visit their website at cafe43mp.com.



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#### **Mineral Point Opera House**

Dedicated in 1915 as the "Theater for All the People," the description still holds true for the Mineral Point Opera House. In its early days the theater attracted nationally acclaimed touring artists who presented first-class entertainment to an enthusiastic community. The auditorium originally seated over 700 spectators, who were treated to



live drama, comedy, grand opera, and symphonic music. As movies gained prominence as entertainment, the community spent their weekends in the theater enjoying first-run movies through the years.

In 2008, a non-profit group was established and a campaign to restore the Opera House was created as a collaborative endeavor involving many community members. The restoration has breathed new life into the Opera House as an enthusiastic community witnessed this magnificent old theater return to its original grandeur. Today, this theater is considered an elegant jewel, maintaining its original integrity of the past, nestled in the Driftless region of Wisconsin, in the beautifully restored historic town of Mineral Point. It now hosts a diverse mix of cultural, musical, visual/film, and community and private events throughout the year.

#### Aspen Ridge Home & Garden

Get ready to be inspired at Mineral Point's home and garden destination! Conveniently located at 915 Ridge Street, Aspen Ridge Home & Garden is historic Mineral Point's shopping destination for your indoor and outdoor living spaces. They take pride in carrying a large selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, native, and greenhouse plants. Their team has a rich history of gardening knowledge and a love for the land.

Wander through their displays for the latest in home decor, garden art, and local artisan products. Looking for something with a little more history? Browse their selection of responsibly restored furniture and antiques. And while you're there, don't forget to visit their goats! year-round and offers four seasons of gift giving ideas. Stay up to date on special events, sales, seasonal hours, and new products — like them on Facebook and Instagram, visit aspenridgemineralpoint.com, or call them at 608-987-0461. And don't forget to join their Birthday Club for a special gift on your birthday!







• Open Year-Round •

## Red Rooster Café

The Rooster has been serving traditional pasty, figgy hobbin and other Cornish specialties for over three generations in historic Mineral Point. This downtown diner has a full menu of sandwiches, daily specials, and homemade pies.

Gather around the counter, or grab a table, and order your favorite. The menu features an extensive breakfast selection ranging from scramblers, omelets, pancakes, French toast and other breakfast items, as well as several sandwiches, gyros and reubens, along with a senior and children's menu. Daily specials can be found on their Facebook page.

The Red Rooster Café is open seven days a week, from 7:00 am-3:00 pm, at 158 High Street in Mineral Point, offering dine-in and carry-out service. You can reach them by phone at 608-987-9936.



Try some figgy hobbin (raisins, brown sugar, cinnamon, and walnuts wrapped in a pastry crust with hot caramel and whipped topping) at Red Rooster Café.



Figgy Hobbin & Bread Pudding

Open 7 day a week 7am—3pm 608-987-9936 158 High Street–Mineral Point

#### **Commerce Street Brewery Hotel**

The Commerce Street Brewery Hotel was chosen by the management of Booking.com as Wisconsin's "Coolest Place to Rest Your Head" in 2018, and called "the Perfect Brewery" by *Only in Wisconsin* in 2022.

It has been featured by the Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Seattle Times, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Food & Wine, National Public Radio, and on television stations around the country.

Situated in an 1854 landmark building, Commerce Street is conveniently located in Mineral Point's historic downtown district, walking distance to galleries, shops, and the Cheese Country recreational trail.

## Hook's Cheese Company

Over 50 years of cheesemaking experience shows through in their numerous grand champion cheese awards at the county, state, national and world championship level at Hook's Cheese in Mineral Point.

Producing several varieties of cheese in a facility that was built over 150 years ago during the area's mining era, Hook's Cheese ages their cheese in curing caves at just the right temperature and humidity for a slow curing process that allows their cheese to age to perfection. Their legendary Ten-Year Cheddar is highly acclaimed, and Cheesemaker Julie Hook was, and still is, the only woman to win the overall world championship at the World Cheese Championship.

Visit Hook's Cheese Company at 320 Commerce Street in Mineral Point, reach them by phone at 608-987-3259, or visit their website at hookscheese.com.



MINERAL POINT, WI 53565 608/987-3259 hookscheese@gmail.com www.hookscheese.com Guests of the brewpub enjoy thoughtfully prepared food and drinks, as well as a slate of beers brewed right on-site. Crowd favorites include the Brown Pointer Dog and the Blonde Betty, which was first brewed to mark the occasion of Betty White's 97th birthday.

Hotel guests are treated to luxury accommodations, such as oversized whirlpool tubs, fireplaces, exposed limestone walls, delicious, locally-baked welcome treats, and more.

Weekends book up early, so be sure to plan ahead during the busy season! Find them at 23 Commerce Street in Mineral Point, call 608-987-3298 or you can visit their website at commercehotel.com.



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can also take classes to nurture their own creative side. The town is an excellent destination for artists, writers, and anyone looking for inspiration and a chance to recharge.

#### Midway Bar & Grill

Midway Bar & Grill in Mineral Point has been a fan favorite for nearly 100 years! Ownership has changed over the years, but the original back bar is still the anchor of this established downtown business and they are still locally owned and operated. Midway is well known for their fast and friendly service, reasonable prices, delicious food and ice-cold drinks.

Midway Bar & Grill's menu features hand-pattied burgers made from locallysourced beef, sandwiches, daily features, weekly specials, hand-battered Friday Night Fish Fry with your choice of a dinner or a sandwich, bluegill or cod, and the best pizza in Iowa County made just the way you like it.

Midway also features a full bar, with made-from-scratch Old Fashioneds, a Wisconsin staple, and your favorite beer





or spirit. It's the perfect spot to catch the game with your friends and enjoy a beverage.

Stop down to the Midway Bar & Grill, at 140 High Street in Mineral Point, call 608-987-4309. or visit them on Facebook. Whether you're a regular or a stranger, they look forward to serving you!

Mineral Point is a must-visit destination for those who love history, art, food, and the great outdoors. It's a place where visitors can step back in time, explore their creative side, and enjoy scratch-made local cuisine or farm to table comfort foods.

Get in touch with the Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce at 145 High Street, their hours are: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You can also reach out by phone at 608-987-3201, email info@mineralpoint.com and visit their website at mineralpoint.com.



Take a walk in the prairie or a ride on the trail when you visit Mineral Point.

### Ben Franklin 5-10

Stop in Ben Franklin 5-10 while you are shopping in Mineral Point. Ben Franklin is a traditional variety store, carrying general merchandise, household items, quality fabrics and crafts, yarns, home décor, toys, games, plus a vintage section. Ben Franklin has the area's largest selection of Melissa and Doug's toy line, perfect for



any child.

Visit often to see new merchandise as it arrives and join them for Candlelight Shopping and fireworks in December.

It's all at Ben Franklin, 206 High Street in Mineral Point, serving the area for over 60 years. You can call them at 608-987-2234 or visit them on Facebook.



Mineral Point Area

#### **Mineral Point Hotel**

Mineral Point's premier boutique hotel is a Grand Hotel in "petite" size! Ranked the #1 hotel in Mineral Point by TripAdvisor.

The Mineral Point Hotel, located at 121 Commerce Street, is family owned and operated. Their contemporary accommodations in each guest room and suite, competitive pricing, free coffee, muffins and fruit in the morning, make them the best overall value in town. At the Hotel Mineral Point there are never additional fees for housekeeping service during or after your stay. There are no additional fees of any kind.

We are a traditional full-service hotel





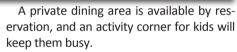
Stay at Mineral Point's premier boutique hotel, located in the heart of the historic downtown.

dedicated to providing a hospitality experience customary to the industry and innkeeping profession. Now serving wine, beer, specialty coffees and tea in the lobby, and our spacious patio café.

Visit them at mineralpointhotel.com or call 608-987-3889 to book your stay!

### Suzy's Pointer Café

If you're in the mood for an afternoon breakfast or want a delicious piece of pie, Suzy's Pointer Café is the place to go. This traditional, locally-owned family diner offers daily specials, sandwiches, and homemade soups and mouth-watering pies, along with an extensive breakfast menu. Pastys are made fresh every Thursday.



Suzy's is open daily from 7:00 am-3:00 pm, and on Friday evenings they're open until 7:00 pm. Visit them at 809 Ridge Street in Mineral Point or call them at 608-987-3733. Free WiFi is available.





### Crazy Frank's Indoor Flea Market

Crazy Frank's Indoor Flea Market has been serving the Driftless region of Wisconsin for over 50 years, and is a flea market like no other – it is the World's Greatest Treasure Hunt! With over 350 vendors and three locations, one in Mineral Point and two in Readstown, they're one of the largest indoor flea markets in southwest Wisconsin, displaying some of the finest products not sold anywhere else in the country.

New items arrive daily at all three stores which are clean, well-lit and organized. There are treasures for everyone, including antiques, vintage items, collectibles, home décor, kitchenware, furniture, crafts, toys, army surplus – and much more!

All three of Crazy Frank's locations are open seven days a week. The Mineral Point store, 1246 State Road 23, is open from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. The Readstown locations, at 611 State Road 61 and 414 S. 4th Street, are open from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Reach the Mineral Point Store at 608-987-3346, the Hwy. 61 Readstown location at 608-629-5186 and the 4th Street Readstown location at 608-625-5261.

Find them on Facebook or visit their website at crazyfranks.com.



World's Greatest Treasure Hunt!



Antiques
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Crafts, Home Décor and much more!

Open Year Round, 7 Days a Week THREE LOCATIONS - One in Mineral Point 1246 State Road 23 - Two in Readstown 414 S. 4th Street 611 Hwy 61 South

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### Sullivan's



Sullivan's is your local Mercantile for boutique-style shopping. They're your "one stop" shop for everything.

Grab your Mineral Point souvenirs and support your Pointers with an entire line of Pointer gear. There's home décor, upcycled furniture and more from over 60+ local artisans!

They also offer carefully curated assortment of craft beers and wine from one of seven local wineries. They have added Mineral Point's very own Cider Farms & Blue Ash Farm Spirits.

From local honey, syrups, chocolates,

## **Bargain Nook**

These popular thrift stores have been growing and changing for 40 years. They offer a variety of quality merchandise, including some new, and often gently used items. Clothing, housewares, home furnishings, domestics and accessories are, many times, one of a kind. In fact, it's probably a good idea to stop by frequently to see what



new items have arrived since merchandise is put on the sales floor daily.

There are five Bargain Nook stores, each located in a unique and appealing town in southwest Wisconsin: Mineral Point, Darlington, Spring Green, Platteville, and Mount Horeb. They provide jobs for more than 30 individuals in the communities where they are located.

Hodan Community Services Inc. owns and operates the Bargain Nook stores, and is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation located in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. It is the mission of Hodan Community Services to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals.

They encourage you to stop in while you are passing through the area. You never know what "treasures" await you.

Please visit their website: hodancs.org/ bargain-nook-stores/ or find them on Facebook: facebook.com/BargainNook/





candies all the way to boutique clothing for women and children, there is definitely something for everyone at Sullivan's!

#### Tony's Tap Bar & Grill

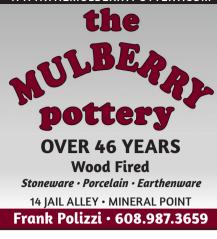
You will find a winning combination at Tony's—great food and friendly service! Relax with your favorite beverage at this cozy, family operated bar. Tony's was voted as lowa County's best bar, along with best burger and best bartender.

Try their mouth-watering half pound burgers, appetizers, delicious grilled sandwiches, seafood and Tombstone pizza, and enjoy daily lunch specials and Friday Fish Fry, which draws people from surrounding communities, plus all your favorite drinks.

Tony's is located just across the street from the Mineral Point Depot Museum, at 10A Commerce Street in Mineral Point, and is open daily at 11:00 am (closed on Mondays). Tony's has direct access to the Cheese Country Trail and the Tri-County Trail. Reach them at 608-987-2211 or visit their website at tonystap.com.



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#### Quality Inn of Mineral Point

Enjoy affordable rates in a convenient location when choosing the Quality Inn<sup>®</sup> in Mineral Point, ideally located off of Highway 151/23, near many area points of interest.

Get refreshed in inviting guest rooms, all of which feature expanded cable television channels, along with free local calls. Additional amenities include a free hot breakfast (including waffles!), free weekday newspaper, free Wi-Fi, an indoor heated pool, guest laundry, microwave and refrigerator and whirlpool suites. Take care of basic business needs with access to copy and fax services, and, for added convenience, guest laundry facilities are available onsite. They offer a banquet facility, with full bar, that can accommodate over 300 people.

Make your reservation today at the Quality Inn hotel in Mineral Point for a memorable stay in a great location, all at an affordable price. To make your plans, visit their website at choicehotels.com or call 608-987-4747.



choicehotels.com

#### The Mulberry Pottery



With over 46 years in the Mineral Point art scene, Studio Potter Frank Polizzi continues to create a variety of functional and decorative pottery. Traditional stoneware, porcelain and earthenware pieces are all wheel thrown, wood fired and hand decorated. Local wild clays are prominent in the inventory as well.

The Mulberry Pottery Studio/Gallery, at 14 Jail Alley in downtown Mineral Point, is an open and casual browsing space. The upstairs Student Studio provides four pottery wheels to accommodate those interested in a "hands on" experience. During the season from May – October, Frank and his visitors explore the magic of the potter's wheel, the science of glazing and the mysteries of porcelain.

Call 608-987-3659 or you can visit their website at themulberrypottery.com.

#### Popolo

Popolo is Italian for "people." Ovens in Italy were communal for a long time and became a gathering point for the town. Popolo's food is for the people, not just Italian, but the world.

Sean Henninger and Wendy Dueling opened Popolo in the spring of 2016. Since opening, Popolo has been working diligently to use as many local farm products as possible. At peak season, Popolo boasts nearly 95% local farm products, including beef, pork, lamb, poultry, vegetables, salad greens, mushrooms, herbs and honey.

What Popolo doesn't source locally is always as fresh as possible. Seafood products sourced sustainably find their way onto the worldly nightly menu. Fresh mussels, Canadian walleye, and ocean fish are staples.

Popolo offers a casual dining experience appealing to locals and visitors alike. The main attractions are the hand-tossed, wood-fired, New York-style pizza, creative house-made sausages and regional fare from around the world. The menu consists of classics as well as a daily changing menu based on season, holidays and availability.

Popolo is located at 20 Commerce Street, in Mineral Point. Call 608-987-0480 or visit their website at popolomp.com for information. Serving dinner Wednesday-Saturday, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, and Sunday, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.



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#### By Linda Schwanke

Nestled in the scenic Driftless region of the upper Midwest, formed thousands of years ago in land that was never covered by glaciers, sits the Wisconsin River valley. Located in southwest Wisconsin, the area is home to unique natural wonders, arts, cultural landmarks and exceptional dining and shopping experiences. From the gateway *continued on page 68* 

#### Spring Green Arts & Crafts Fair

The Spring Green Arts & Crafts will return this summer on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25. With more than 50 years of service to community, the fair has raised well over \$1 million that has been donated back to the community in grants, scholarships,



One of the most popular festivals in the River Valley area is the Arts & Crafts fair.

publicity and profits for service groups who provide food for the fair.

Born over a bridge game as a way to promote Spring Green in a "nice, clean, family way," according to a report in the *Home News* weekly newspaper from that time, the fair has grown to become an institution cherished by the community and those who benefit from the fair. The primary mission of the fair is to support the arts in the River Valley area. Each fall, grant proposals are submitted to the art fair committee for, "arts related projects that will impact a large number of people, from non-profit organizations in the River Valley area."

Recipients of fair grants have included the Spring Green Community Library, Gard Theater, River Valley Players, Rural Musicians Forum, American Players Theatre, Bloomin' Buddies garden club, River Valley School District, Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce, Taliesin Preservations, St. John's School, Spring Green parks, Wyocontinued on page 67





Marcus Truschinski, Ronald Román-Meléndez, Jamal James and Nate Burger in the 2022 production of Love's Labour's Lost.

#### Harrisburg One Room School

The Harrisburg School, built in 1892 for \$885, welcomes visitors to relive the past when eight grades were taught by one teacher. The building has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A museum of antique farm and kitchen items is also located on the grounds.

The Harrisburg School taught many generations of students and its last class was in May of 1955, after a referendum held in June 1954 resulted in the consolidation of one room schools across the entire region. After being used for farm purposes for decades, three former pupils spearheaded the restoration of the school house.

Open Houses will be held from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm on the first and third Sundays from June until September.

Located five miles east of Plain at E7646 County Road B, Spring Green. Please visit harrisburgtroyhistoricalsociety.com for more information or call 608-546-5194.



River Valley Area ~ Spring Green, Arena, Lone Rock & Plain

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**

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ming Valley Cultural Arts Center and many others. A scholarship was established in 1971 to help River Valley High School students attending secondary school in the arts pay tuition for college.

Other beneficiaries of the art fair are service clubs who provide food at the fair. These groups include the Spring Green Lions, Spring Green Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts, 4-H clubs, library, sports and church groups, among others.

Publicity has played a key role in the success of the fair. With press releases and TV, radio, newspaper and magazine advertising all over the state and upper Midwest, the fair has spent \$350,000 promoting the area.

The fair is held on Jefferson Street the last full weekend in June. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm Saturday and 9 am to 4 pm Sunday.

#### Fireside Campground

Under the new ownership of Calvin and Donna Anderson, Fireside Campground is located between Spring Green and Richland Center, just off of Highway 14. It offers 90 shady sites with 86 full hook-up & 4 water and electric sites, which are pull-through sites and big rig friendly.

Fireside is just one mile from two public boat landings for the Wisconsin River access. The 14-mile Pine River Recreation Trail is nearby and runs from Lone Rock to Richland Center. Clean, updated bathrooms, laundry facilities and wireless internet are available.

Visit firesidecampground.com, or email firesidecampground22@outlook.com for more information.

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## American Players Theatre

American Players Theatre - affectionately known as APT - is a world-class theater in the woods of Spring Green, Wisconsin, offering nine plays in rotating repertory this season June 10 - November 19, 2023. This summer in the 1,075-seat outdoor Hill Theatre, you can see William Shakespeare's delightful comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor and an adaptation of Romeo & Juliet (a production that features two deaf actors, and combines spoken word with American Sign Language), as well as David Ives' comedy The Ligr: Thornton Wilder's American Classic. Our Town; and Anton's Shorts - a series of one-act comedies by Anton Chekhov, freely adapted by Aaron Posner. The 200seat indoor Touchstone Theatre offers Marco Ramirez's The Royale – a riveting, theatrical look at the life of heavyweight champ Jack Johnson; Once Upon a Bridge, a poetic new work from Sonya Kelly; Melinda Lopez's Mala, a one-woman tourde-force featuring Nancy Rodriguez; and opening in late October, David Auburn's Pulitzer-Prize winner, Proof.

Located in Wisconsin's beautiful Driftless Area on 110 acres of rolling hills and woods, picnicking on APT's grounds before the performance (or after matinee) has become a tradition. Pack your own basket, or order one from the theater in advance. Dining events, tours, live music and discussions about this season's plays and more are also available on select dates.

And make sure to explore the area during your stay – Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin is just around the corner, and Spring Green is home to eclectic shops, dining and lodging. And the Driftless is a gift for more outdoorsy types. Visit the nearby state parks, paddle the Wisconsin River or bike the winding roads.

Come see what made *The New York Times* say, "Ah, now this is what summer theater is all about..."

Visit AMERICANPLAYERS.ORG, or call the Box Office at 608-588-2361 for tickets and information.



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to the River Valley in Arena, historic Lone Rock, to the hills of Plain and diversity of Spring Green, the area is a magnet for nature lovers as well as art lovers, whether for a day, a week or a lifetime.

The natural beauty of the rolling hills, prairie and Wisconsin River valley are home to flora and fauna galore. Whooping cranes, sandhill cranes, eagles, other cranes and pelicans, herons, song birds, many species of turtle including the threatened Blanding's turtle, snappers, painted and wood turtles, rare cacti and grasses are only the beginning. Hiking is a popular pastime at the Nature Conservancy just north of Spring Green. Trips along the river in canoes or inner tubes offer an up close look at nature that few spots can rival. Fishing along the river is another popular pastime, summer or winter.

Just over 20 miles west of Madison on Highway 14, the Village of Arena boasts two beautiful parks which feature a ball diamond and a fishing pond at West Park. A dog park and archery range are open the public. The village has a large cheese factory where visitors can watch cheese being made.

Further along Highway 14 is Lone Rock,

### Wisconsin Riverside Resort

Wisconsin Riverside Resort is located on the banks of the beautiful Wisconsin River, at S13220 Shifflet Road in Spring Green.

Operating on the lower Wisconsin River since 1961, you will find big rig RV sites, riverside sites, tent sites and cabins overlooking the river. If you are looking to spend the day out on the river and sandbars there are canoes, tubes and kayaks available for rent. Trips can last from halfhour to four days. You can play a round of mini-golf at Sinker's 18-hole course or spend the day relaxing and playing in the swim pond with fun inflatables! After a busy day, enjoy your favorite drink while watching the river go by and listening to music on the patio, and grab a bite to eat at the bar and restaurant. Open daily with lunch and dinner specials including a Friday fish fry or Saturday prime rib dinner.

Call to make your camping and canoe reservations at 608-588-2826 or go online to wiriverside.com.



Spend a day or more at Wisconsin Riverside Resort and cool off at Liza's Lagoon, a one-acre pond with a gradual slope to 9 feet deep and two shallow swimming areas for the little ones. The inflatables include trampolines, slides, and more.



which is also home to two beautiful village parks. Battery Park, commemorating those who lost their lives in the Civil War. Firemen's Park, located on the south side of the village, has a splash pad for children that offers a zero depth water experience that will cool off the little ones. There are even benches for parents and grandparents to sit and enjoy. Ball diamonds, horseshoe pits and a large shelter are also amenities. A scooter/skate park is new to the park.

Plain is nestled amid valleys and bluffs along Highway 23 in central Sauk County. The village park features a swimming pool along with a ball diamond, sand volleyball court and shelter. The nine-hole Westbrook Hills Golf Course is a favorite spot to play a few holes on a warm summer day. Not to be missed is St. Anne's Shrine and grotto *continued on page 69* 

## **Rite Way Shell**

Come visit the only convenience store and car wash designed by James Charles Montooth at Frank Lloyd Wright's School of Architecture. Rite Way Plaza is characterized by large overhangs, limestone walls, and frameless windows. It is a Shell branded store with an eco-friendly car wash, clean earthtone mosaic glass tiled restrooms, a beer cave, and an eating area with a warming fireplace.

They also have daily specials, deli sandwiches, locally-made hot sticks and jerky, a variety of cheese, fruit, and dairy products, along with a huge selection of beverages. Other items available include an ATM, DVDs, firewood, live bait, and bagged ice. They are located on the corner of Highways 14 and 23, at the only stop and go lights in Spring Green. Call 608-588-2465 for more information.



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located on a remote hilltop.

Spring Green is located at the heart of the River Valley area. It is home to art galleries, unique shops and restaurants in addition to two village parks. North Park includes a municipal swimming pool, large shelter and ball diamond. The Spring Green Golf Course makes a nice spot to take a break in the sun and play a few holes.

South of Spring Green is Wyoming Valley, where one will find American Players Theatre, one of the Midwest's premier repertory theaters. Taliesin, the home of world renowned architect Frank Llovd Wright, is open May through November for tours. The House on the Rock, one of the state's most

## Bargain Nook

These popular thrift stores have been growing and changing for 40 years. They offer a variety of quality merchandise, including some new, and often gently used items including clothing, housewares, home furnishings, domestics and accessories.

There are five Bargain Nook stores, each located in a unique and appealing town in southwest Wisconsin: Mineral Point, Darlington, Spring Green, Platteville, and Mount Horeb. Hodan Community Services Inc. owns and operates the Bargain Nook stores. It is the mission of Hodan Community Services to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals.

Please visit their website at hodancs. org/bargain-nook-stores/ or find them on Facebook: facebook.com/BargainNook/



popular visitor destinations, is located just up the road from Taliesin. The Wyoming Valley Cultural Arts Center on Highway 23 is the only school ever designed by Wright.



There's just-picked produce, bakery and more at the local farmers markets.

### North Earth **Crystals & Gifts**

North Earth Crystals & Gifts is a shop and gathering place for the spiritually minded in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Here you can nurture yourself. Breathe. Slow down. Look for the beautiful, the unusual, the inspiring; that which can enhance your spiritual walk on earth. They carry a large selection of crystals, jewelry, gifts, wellness items, and decor for mindful living, including CBD oil, doTerra, L'BRI, sage, incense, journals, books, cards, and unique items by local artisans. It is a retreat for mind, body, and spirit in a hectic world. North Earth Crystals & Gifts is also a center for alternative healing and divination. Please visit their website or Facebook page for upcoming speakers, healing practitioners, readers, and mediums. Stop in at 124 W. Jefferson Street, call them at 608-588-3313 with questions, or visit their website: northearth.com.



#### Arena Cheese

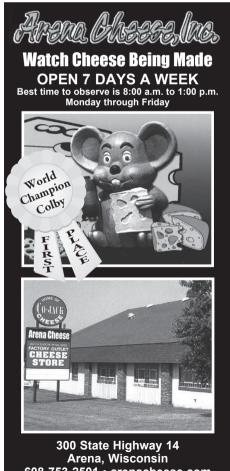
If you are looking for that perfect gift for the perfect someone, then you have arrived at the right place at Arena Cheese. Whether it's anniversary, birthday, holiday, or corporate gifts, they have you covered with unique gift ideas. Arena Cheese specializes in producing the finest Wisconsin Cheese for the entire country to enjoy.

Arena Cheese is located in the Wisconsin River Valley on State Highway 14 in Arena. It is the home of the original Co-Jack Cheese and is easily recognized by the large mouse in front of the cheese and gift store. Arena Cheese is a 30-time medal winner in the US and World Cheese Contest.

Check out the viewing area where you can watch artisan cheese makers making different varieties of cheeses. Samples are available for your tasting pleasure. Don't forget to take home fresh "squeaky" cheese curds made daily.

Bus tour groups are always welcome and a narrative of the cheese making process is available with an advance notice.

Please feel free to give them a call at 608-753-2501 with any questions.



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#### Including Black Earth, Mazomanie, Cross Plains, and Middleton

Welcome to the Gateway to the Driftless Region ... a beautiful destination full of opportunities for outdoor recreation with friends and family. Walk along the glaciallycarved landscapes of the Ice Age Trail; fish in the renowned Black Earth Creek - a worldclass trout fishery which also runs along Salmo Pond, near Festge Park. Bring a picnic to any of the many parks in the area, some with trails for hiking, open areas for play, or quiet spots to relax and unwind. Step back in time and stay in an 1865 Victorian Italianate home and shop local at an apothecary and mercantile, and treat yourself at an old fashioned ice cream shop. Dine in an authentic feed mill, whose history dates back to preCivil War 1857, and find must-haves in their gift shop before or after dining there. Enjoy small town shopping at its finest, with shoes for everyone in the family, a cafe, plus a coffee house with treasure in their vault! Browse at a gourmet gift shop featuring a tasting bar – tasting what? Well, mustard, of course!

From Black Earth and Mazomanie's pastoral beauty and summer concerts to Cross Plains' exciting downtown situated right on the Black Earth Creek, to a Mustard Museum in Middleton you can't miss. Here you'll find an eclectic mix – parks, coffee houses and restaurants, specialty stores, and much, much more – that promises something for everyone.

#### 1855 Coffee House

Nestled in historic downtown Mazomanie, the 1855 Coffee House is named for the year that Mazomanie became a village in the state of Wisconsin. What used to be a bank has been renovated into a cozy place to grab a cup of coffee or tea, and a bite to eat.

Owner Michelle is a Wisconsin native who immediately fell in love with the wellpreserved building that houses 1855 Coffee House and strives to provide an inviting atmosphere – a gathering place to meet neighbors, friends and family.

1855 Coffee House offers many drink options, from a single cup to an entire pot! They brew with BrewHaHa Roasters coffee, locally produced in Spring Green. They also have bakery items and a lunch menu.

Whether you're there for five minutes or five hours – they're always happy to see you! Visit them at 1 Brodhead Street in Mazomanie, on the web at 1855coffeehouse.com, on their Facebook page or call 608-401-1032.

**1855 Coffee House** 

 Brodhead St., Mazomanie

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Tuesday night's Concerts in the Park are a popular event during June and July in Black Earth; then Mazomanie takes over with their Lake Marion Summer Concert Series during August.

#### The Shoe Box

The Shoe Box in Black Earth carries brands that put their very best into everything they make, providing customers with quality shoes that last a lifetime. Every brand has a unique story behind it - it's not just about good-looking shoes. When you visit The Shoe Box it's like stepping back in time, when customer service was the number one priority. The engaging and friendly Shoe Box staff takes you back to a time when old fashioned values were the rule – not the exception. "Service like it 'oughta be!" is their motto. The staff loves to share their passion for great footwear. Whether you're in the store to buy or browse, the friendly, knowledgeable Shoe Box family will do everything they can to make you feel comfortable, answer your questions, and help you on your road to the perfect pair of shoes.

When you're in Black Earth be sure to stop at The Shoe Box, located at the intersection of Hwy. 14 and Hwy. 78, on Canal Street. Open daily, see their website for details: theshoebox.com, or call them at 608-767-3447.



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# **Apothecary & Mercantile**

The Apothecary & Mercantile in downtown Mazomanie represents the community of artisans and merchants who put passion into the products they provide. It is a wonderful way to shop local. The Apothecary is a modern take on the early apothecary, providing natural herbal products, ice cream, bistro food, soda, and mocktails/cocktails in an old-fashioned ice cream shop. They are a boutique shop, bistro, and old-fashioned soda shop all in one.

They have indoor seating, or an outdoor

patio and back yard with seating and large yard games. It's a great place for kids and adults. They are located in the historic district of Mazomanie, on the Black Earth Creek.

Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of the month, June through October, for their pop-up vendor and local artisans market, also featuring live music and a food truck.

For more information please visit their website at apothecary-mercantile.com or give them a call at 608-354-9115. They can

# The Old Feed Mill Restaurant

For the best in country cuisine and a oneof-a-kind dining experience, The Old Feed Mill at 114 Cramer Street in Mazomanie is the place. In 2022, The Old Feed Mill restaurant brings local farmer's flavors to the table. From local, pasture-based cheeses blended into classic favorites to grains grown in the valleys of Taliesin, stone ground and baked in the hearth of the working grain mill which dates back to 1857. History surrounds guests as they taste their famous pot roast, bread pudding and warm honey wheat bread. Flour is ground fresh daily in stone burr mills from whole wheat and rye berries grown locally.

Beautiful, handmade quilts hang in Miller's Loft, located on the second floor of The Old Feed Mill, and other items such as milled soaps, body products and local art are available for purchase at Millstone Mercantile, a clever gift shop located on the first floor. Year 'round, groups of all sizes choose The Old Feed Mill to celebrate weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, baby showers, bridal showers, holiday parties or corporate events. If it's history you desire, you can take a self guided tour through the mill. Staff are always happy to talk about the milling process and its significance in the area's development. Visitors should also ask about the spirits that are part of the Old Feed Mill's fascinating history.

For current hours, call or visit their website at oldfeedmill.com. Call 888-345-4909 or locally 608-795-4909 for more information.



The Old Feed Mill Restaurant, housed in a restored 1857 flour mill, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

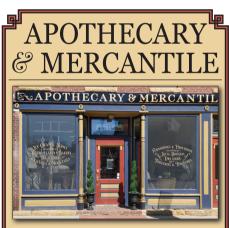


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also be found on Facebook @Apothecary-Mercantile and on Instagram @Instagram. com/apothecarymercantile.



Support local artisans and check out the new merchandise at Apothecary & Mercantile in downtown Mazomanie.



Boutique ~ Bistro Old Fashioned Ice Cream Shop

Featuring Local Artisans Furnishings & Provisions, Natural Herb Products Ice Cream, Bistro, Sodas, Mocktails & Cocktails, Teas & Herbs, and more!

Indoor Seating • Outdoor Patio Including a Back Yard with Seating and Large Yard Games

18 Hudson St., Mazomanie Located in the historic district on the Black Earth Creek

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## Vessel Cafe

The Vessel Café in Cross Plains is a place for community to gather for good food and good conversation in a clean and open environment. Opened recently by owners Shaun and Krystal, they serve primarily breakfast and bakery items, but also have lunch offerings, to the community and visitors, and offer catering services as well.

On the menu you'll find classic breakfast and lunch items, along with a few surprises, as well as bakery offerings and drinks including coffee, tea and infused beverages.

Visit the Vessel Café at 1820 Main Street in Cross Plains, call 608-413-0031, view their website at vesselcafecp.com or visit them on Facebook.



Find your favorite comfort food at Vessel Cafe in Cross Plains.



# Iron Amethyst Inn

Looking for Wisconsin lodging that is different than the rest? Iron Amethyst Inn offers a peaceful, fun, and spa-like getaway in Mazomanie. The beautiful Villa is nestled on Black Earth Creek among the scenic bluffs, woods, and rolling farmland of beautiful Southern Wisconsin and only 20 minutes west of Madison. Iron Amethyst Inn blends luxury and fun with history in this stunning brick Victorian Italianate home. The home was built in 1865, and features formal parlors, library, dining room, a speakeasy and spacious wrap-around porch.

Visit the 2One Speakeasy, where the roaring 20's is alive. Step back in time and enjoy 20's music, Prohibition-style drinks, and a lounge designed with the ambiance of a true Speakeasy club. The Speakeasy features local beer, seltzer, cider, wine, cocktails and nonalcoholic beverages. They offer a variety of local appetizers and boards. Staying local is very important to them. When the weather is nice they have a large Beer Garden with



Iron Amethyst Inn in Mazomanie offers a beer garden, stable room, and Speakeasy lounge in a peaceful setting on the Black Earth Creek.

over 100 seats on the porch or in the garden. There are yard games such as bags, giant Jenga, giant dice, giant dominoes, and giant chess. Come sit by the fountain or hang in the hammock haven. In the colder months they offer outdoor dome package rentals. Located at 21 S. State Street, please check their website for hours and other information at ironamethyst.com. Call the inn at 608-401-1122.

# The National Mustard Museum

Is there really a museum dedicated to mustard? Absolutely! The National Mustard Museum in Middleton is home to the world's largest collection of mustards (more than 6,000) and mustard memorabilia. Come find out why the National Mustard Museum is con-

sistently named one of Wisconsin's top ten museums!

But, unlike most museums, it's not all 'look-don't-touch.' You can taste dozens of exotic mustards at our Ultimate Mustard Tasting Bar, where the Confidential Condiment Counselors find the perfect mustards for



your life-style and personality. You'll find gift sets, fun souvenirs and more to fill your cart at this gourmet shop! A broad selection of BBQ and finishing sauces, jams and jellies, oils and vinegars and other culinary delights are available to sample and purchase.

The National Mustard Museum is located in the heart of downtown Middleton, bordering Madison to the west, a 45-minute drive from the Wisconsin Dells, 1-1/2 hours from Dubuque, and 6,798 kilometers from Dijon, France. For details visit mustardmuseum.com.





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- Yellowstone Lake State Park



The trail is open at Tower Hill State Park in Spring Green. Climb the hill and see the original shot tower which manufactured lead shot until 1860.



Take the kids and let them discover what it would be like to be a veterinarian: visit the Black Earth Children's Museum where kids enjoy hands-on learning experiences while they play.



Take a tour at Pendarvis Historic Site, a collection of miners' cabins built by Cornish immigrants in the early 1800s.

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The District No. 1 Schoolhouse, owned and maintained by the Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, is available as an interesting historic venue for meetings and personal events.

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## **NEW GLARUS AREA**

#### Bootlegger's Inn ..... Pages 28, 31 An Airbnb Guest Suite Climb the stairs to your hidden private overlook of downtown Blanchardville. 608-335-9490 • Bookings: Airbnb.com Unit includes entire apartment – second floor of the building. One bedroom, three beds, one bath. Walk-up entrance: must be able to climb steep stairs. Close to shopping, restaurants, public park, and Pecatonica River.



Bootlegger's Inn is an entire rental apartment in the heart of downtown Blanchardville.

Chalet Landhaus Inn ...... Page 22 801 Hwy. 69, New Glarus 800-944-1716 or 608-527-5234 chaletlandhaus.com Family & whirlpool suites with Wi-Fi, indoor pool & hot tub, Alpine restaurant, fitness room, on the Sugar River Bike Trail.



**Experience Swiss-style accommodations** at Chalet Landhaus Inn in New Glarus.

## **Circle M Vintage** Glampground ..... Pages 28, 30

1784 County Road H, Blanchardville 608-636-4652 • circlemfarm.com Farm Stay Glamping in restored vintage camper trailers. Kids and couples alike love visiting the animals, or enjoying lawn games, hammocks, and the view of a restored native prairie. Homemade baked goods for breakfast from local farm ingredients. Free Wi-Fi.



Spend an overnight or two 'glamping'at Circle M Glampground.



Drift-Inn Cabins ...... Pages 28, 31 Opening in the Village of Blanchardville Late-Summer 2023. 608-206-1193 • driftinncabins@gmail.com Four 2-bedroom cabins, each sleep six. Three RV sites with hookups. Adjacent canoe landing.



Beautiful views of the Pecatonica River can be found at Drift-Inn Cabins.

Eliza House ..... Pages 29, 31 204 S. Main Street, Blanchardville Call 608-523-4247 for more information **Bookings: Evolve.com** 

"Stay in the history of Blanchardville" at Eliza House. Two separate units which can be combined into one full rental. Upper 2-story retreat with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, library/living room and 2nd story sunporch. Ground floor suite has 2 bedrooms, one overlooking the river on two sides, living room with fireplace. Accommodates eight on each floor. Private spacious entrances.

Ground floor is handicap accessible.



Enjoy the historic charm of Eliza House. 

### Hotel Blanchard...... Pages 29, 31 308 S. Main Street, Blanchardville 608-523-4888

Located on the second floor of Rachel & Ray's Pub & Grill. Newly renovated rooms featuring two queen size beds in each room. Includes flat screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, refrigerator, microwave and A/C.



Each room at Hotel Blanchard overlooks Blanchardville's downtown main street.

## **Yellowstone Hills**

Cabin Rentals ..... Pages 28, 30 New Rural Rustic Cabins in the countryside of Blanchardville. 608-214-4512 for more information Bookings: Evolve.com

Experience 'America's Dairvland' up close and person on a 35-acre farm. Private cabin with bath, welcoming living space, Wi-Fi, heat and A/C, gas grills and kitchen.



Enjoy the countryside of Blanchardville in new rustic cabins.

## **MOUNT HOREB**

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Welcome to Sunniva Inn Bed & Breakfast, downtown Mount Horeb.

## **MINERAL POINT**

## Commerce Street Brewery Hotel ..... Page 61

23 Commerce Street, Mineral Point 608-987-3298 • commercehotel.com Conveniently located in Mineral Point's historic downtown district, walking distance to galleries, shops and the Cheese County recreational trail. Luxury accommodations include oversized whirlpool tubs, fireplaces, exposed limestone



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## **MINERAL POINT continued**

Mineral Point Hotel ...... Page 63 121 Commerce Street, Mineral Point 608-987-3889 • mineralpointhotel.com 19th Century building located in the heart of Mineral Point's historic downtown. Located near award-winning restaurants, art galleries, antiques and unique shops, museums. Featuring eight beautifully-appointed guest rooms and suites. Free coffee, muffins and fruit included each morning. Also serving wine, beer, specialty coffees and tea in the lobby and their spacious patio café.



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## **GATEWAY TO THE DRIFTLESS REGION**

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## Fireside Campground ..... Page 67 33533 Jay Lane, Lone Rock

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### Wisconsin Riverside

Resort ...... Page 68 S13220 Shifflet Road, Spring Green 608-588-2826 • wiriverside.com Ninety sites, tent camping or RVs with full hookups, flush toilets, showers, washers/dryers, pull-through sites, on Wisconsin River, canoe rentals, bar and grill, swimming pool and splash pad, handicap accessible.



Enjoy music on the River Stage at Wisconsin Riverside Resort.



Stay in a Victorian Villa on the banks of the Black Earth Creek in Mazomanie.







Tofflers is a great place to enjoy the 'best burgers in Green County'.



Try a Roasted Beet Reuben at Café 43 in Mineral Point. Featuring beets with pastramistyle rub, kohlrabi & bell pepper slaw, Hook's Swiss cheese, on artisan sourdough.



Taste by Artemis brings a diverse menu ranging from traditional comfort food to a unique blend of Caribbean and American options.

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Steph's Sweet Treats creates gourmet cupcakes for everything from the everyday sweet tooth to weddings. Plus cakes, cookies and bars too!



Puempel's serves pizzas, hearty sandwiches, and more, along with a variety of spirits and beers – your local favorites.



Order a Cheese Curd Lovers Box from Arena Cheese. This large gift box includes Jalapeño, cajun, taco, dill, honey BBQ, garlic & herb, and a regular cheese curd.



## **TASTE & TOAST TOUR OF THE DRIFTLESS AREA**



Ope Haus Pub in Barneveld is 'keepin' it Midwest.' Proudly serving fresh, local and house-made foods.



Cool off with Brewhaha Roasters Whirling Dervish cold brew at 1855 Coffee House in downtown Mazomanie.



Look for the brat cookouts at Bavaria Sausage, featuring their large assortment of flavors, hot off the grill. Then get some to grill at home with family and friends.

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Reserve your table at the Chalet Landhaus Restaurant and enjoy a steak & shrimp dinner.



Come to The Old Feed Mill and try their mouth-watering Chicken Pot Pie featuring tender chicken in a toasted honey wheat bread boat.



Get a boozy ice cream cocktail specially made for you at Driftless Social in Mount Horeb.





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Like to sew? Stop at The Duke's Stash Quilt Shoppe in New Glarus for fabric, batting, patterns and notions, plus finished quilts.



Find shoes, boots, sandals, and more at The Shoe Box in Black Earth, where you can find footwear for the entire family.



Sprinkled with Style in Dodgeville offers women's, men's and children's clothing.

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EarthShip Treasures has artist-made gemstone jewelry, metaphysical supplies, crystals, minerals and more.



Buttery and sweet Apricot Pocket Cookies and other bakery items are available at New Glarus Bakery.



Hook's Cheese makes over 60 varieties of cheese including Cheddar aged to 15 years.



Shop Local

Sip a beer while you shop where you can find something for everyone at the Rusty Raven.



There's toys, books, games, and fun for the kids at Kinderladen, part of The Blumenladen Collective in downtown New Glarus.



Browse dresses, shirts, hats, jewelry, purses, shoes and much more at Silk & Steel Clothing Boutique.



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Take a stroll through the past at the Black Earth Historical Society's Museum at the Depot Sundays through September.

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- The Old Halfway Prairie Schoolhouse
- Walking Iron Park, Mazomanie



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Blue Mound State Park features a pair of observation towers with views of the rolling forests of the Driftless area and more.



Watch a parade and see lots of colorful characters in your hometown or when you visit most any community in the Driftless Region.



The Springs Golf Course is a great place for a day on the green, located in the lush terrain of the Wisconsin River Valley in Spring Green.



Tour Harrisburg One Room School and relive the past when students were taught by one teacher. Open Houses are held the first and third Sundays June until September.





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