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> Enjoy a girls night out with an evening of music and wine on the terrace at Botham Vineyards & Winery in Barneveld. Cover photo by Sarah Botham



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Welcome to the Driftless Explorer!



Visit the many galleries, restaurants, shops and more in Mineral Point.

By Matt Geiger

This is a place of new horizons and old friends. Communities where painters paint, musicians play, and local farmers pluck their crops from the rich black soil and bring them directly to local markets. The clink of glasses at a restaurant on a warm summer night, the whirring of bike tires as they roll down a wooded path,



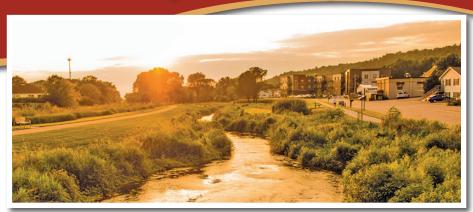
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A light haze remains as the sun comes up on a new day in Cross Plains, part of the Driftless region of Southwestern Wisconsin.

the bubbling chatter and laughter of people coming together; you'll find all these and more in this corner of the world.

There is Norwegian flair in Mount Horeb, Swiss charm in New Glarus and the rich river culture of Spring Green. 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. Every community in this part of Wisconsin has its own distinctive personality, its own unique and compelling story to tell, from Dodgeville and Mineral Point, to Black Earth, Mazomanie, Cross Plains and Middleton.

And with typical Midwestern congeniality, the people here want to share the special things about the Driftless region with people far and wide. The people here are eager to share their culture, their food and drink, their ON THE COVER: OThe Mayor Troll created by Michael J. Feeney

friendship, and of course, their story. Because everyone has a story to tell, and the ones you'll find here are funny and moving, heartfelt and heartbreaking, ancient and completely new.

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Take a kid (or two!) fishing at any of the many great lakes, rivers, creeks or ponds throughout the Driftless region.



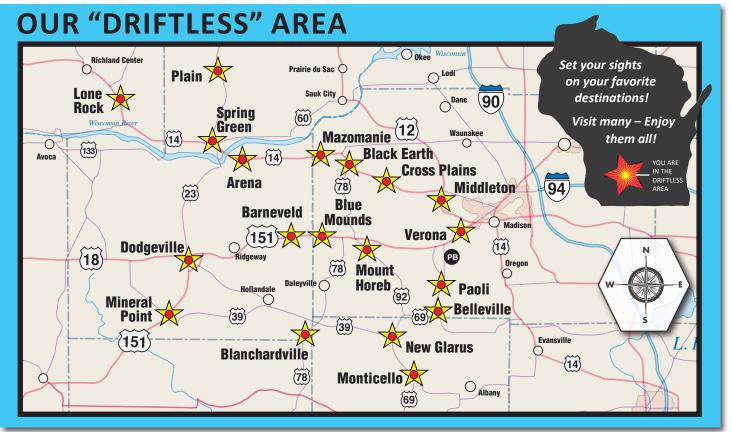
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A colorful sunset at West Mineral Point and Garfoot Roads in Cross Plains.

Photo by Bryan Poast



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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, 2024, and will be notified by mail.



Raise a glass with friends at any of the many festivals held across the Driftless region of Wisconsin.



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| Who has an outdoor patio that overlooks a bike trail? | Where can you enjoy live music on a dog friendly patio? |
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| Where can you enjoy a car, truck, and motorcycle show in July? | Who serves ice cream and made-from-scratch bakery? |
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| Who hosts free live music events? | Where can you be inspired by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright? Where is there a working pottery studio with over 250 artists? |
| Where can you relax around a firepit with a glass of wine? | |
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| Who can host your special event on an authentic wiffleball field? | Who holds open houses to visit their one-room schoolhouse? |
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Located in downtown Middleton, the Mustard Museum's collection has grown to house over 6,000 jars from across all 50 states and more than 70 countries since its opening in 1992.

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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 south-



There are plenty of oppportunities to swim, canoe, and just relax at one of the many lakes near Dodgeville.

western quarter of the state, which was untouched by glaciers during that frigid epoch. The un-glaciated 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.



The ever-changing Wisconsin River has a sandy bottom and a significant number of sandbars and shallow water between Mazomanie and Spring Green.

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



 The beauty of the Driftless Region is evident in the magnificent views of the area.

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Trains still run past the depot in Black Earth, which now houses the Black Earth Historical Society's history museum. The museum is open Sundays, 1–4 pm through the last Sunday in September.

and other forms of outdoor recreation, there are few places that can match what the Driftless region of Wisconsin has to offer.

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.



Students learn what life used to be like while on a field trip to the historic District No. 1 Schoolhouse in Mount Horeb.



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 world-class 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. Stop in for a burger, pizza, beer and more served in an old-school sports bar filled with sports memorabilia. Treat yourself at a coffee house serving coffee, tea and espresso

from a local roaster and tasty sandwiches. Their old bank vault is a gift shop filled with 100% local goods! Dine in an authentic feed mill, whose history dates back to pre-Civil 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. 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



Photo courtesy Poast Family

Take in the beautiful views of the hills and valleys of the Driftless area of Dane County at Festge County Park, which offers 155 acres of wooded parkland with hiking trails and nearby Salmo Pond.

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, restaurants, specialty stores, and much more – that promises something for everyone.

Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce

Welcome to Cross Plains, Wisconsin, where small-town charm meets big-hearted hospitality! Nestled in the picturesque landscape of Dane County, Cross Plains offers a warm embrace to visitors seeking a serene retreat from the bustle of city life.

Discover the beauty of nature as you explore their scenic parks and trails, perfect for hiking, biking, and picnicking with family and friends. Lose yourself in the tranquility of Indian Lake Park or soak in the stunning views from the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, showcasing the region's glacial history.

Immerse yourself in their rich cultural heritage by visiting local landmarks or the charming downtown district, where you can shop for unique treasures and savor delicious homemade treats at cozy cafes.

Experience the warmth of community at their lively events and festivals, where you can celebrate with locals and make lasting memories. From summer live music events to festive holiday gatherings, there's always something happening in Cross Plains. Indulge your taste buds with mouthwatering cuisine at their welcoming eateries, serving up everything from classic comfort food to gourmet delights crafted with locally sourced ingredients.

Whether you're seeking adventure in the great outdoors or simply craving a peaceful getaway, Cross Plains invites you to experience the magic of small-town living. Come explore, unwind, and create unforgettable moments in their charming corner of Wisconsin.



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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 mustard – an ever-growing display of more than 6,000 jars, tins, and pots! They're consistently named one of Wisconsin's top-ten museums, because, unlike most museums, it's not all "look-don't-touch." Their unique interactive exhibits will teach you everything you need to know about the greatest condiment on Earth.

In the Gourmet Gift Shop you can browse hundreds of mustards, sauces, snacks, and souvenirs. Don't forget to stop by the Ultimate Tasting Bar to sample over a hundred exotic mustards from around the world, along with other gourmet goodies like hot sauce, jam, and honey. Their knowledgeable Condiment Counselors are here to suggest recipes and help you find the ideal condiment for any occasion.

The Old Feed Mill Restaurant

For the best in country cuisine and a one-of-a-kind dining experience, The Old Feed Mill at 114 Cramer Street in Mazomanie is the place. In 2024, 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.



An Old Feed Mill specialty is their fork tender pot roast, featuring slow roasted beef topped with rich pan gravy.



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 more information, visit mustardmuseum.com.



Find a favorite mustard from England, France, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Canada, or right here in Wisconsin!



7477 Hubbard Ave. Middleton, Wl 608-831-2222 MustardMuseum.com

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The Shoe Box is one of the largest shoe stores in the US. They carry an incredible selection of over 300,000 shoes at their location in Black Earth.

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.



In the Black Earth Creek valley, walkers, bikers and seasonal snowmobilers will find Wolf Run Trail, part of a multi-use regional recreational trail. Anglers can also access the creek and its nationally-renowned trout waters along the trail.

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.



Enjoy coffee, tea or espresso, along with an assortment of light and hearty eats, plus gluten-free and vegetarian options at 1855 Coffee House in Mazomanie.





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Rookies Food & Spirits

Rookies Food & Spirits is a sports bar built in February of 1998, at the corner of Highways 14 and 78 in Mazomanie, Wisconsin – just 23 miles west of Madison. They feature an all-American menu. But it's not the impressive bar and dining areas that put Rookies on the map – it's the authentic Wiffle ball field with an attached clubhouse that's perfect for events.

Rookies is open seven days a week and serves a full menu with daily food and drink specials. Weekday Happy Hour is observed every day from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm, with 2 for 1 drinks. Daily food specials include Mexican Monday, featuring free nachos with your pitcher or bucket of beer, free cheesy garlic flatbread with your pitcher or



Your choice of sandwiches and madefrom-scratch burgers will satisfy the hungriest eaters. Make your burger a double patty or how about a triple?



Stop in for breakfast at Rookies, served every Saturday and Sunday, 7 am until noon.

bucket of beer on Tuesdays, six free wings on Wednesdays with your pitcher or bucket of beer, Thursdays features a baby back ribs and potato dinner for just \$17.99 and Busch Light cans (12 oz.) for \$2, the Friday Fish Fry special for \$17.99 includes cod, perch or walleye with your choice of potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a dinner roll, along with \$3 Old Fashioneds, on Saturday you can get half price glasses of wine to complement your 10 oz. Prime Rib dinner with your choice of potato for just \$23.99 and on Sunday a chicken dinner with your choice of potato is just \$15.99 and your kids can eat for half price!

Every Saturday and Sunday, visit Rookies for breakfast, served from 7:00 am until noon. Choose from several three egg omelets,



Catch a fish special on Friday nights – cod, perch or walleye with your choice of potato, coleslaw, beans, and roll.

classics such as biscuits and gravy, eggs Benedict, pancakes and French toast.

Their lunch and dinner menu features tantalizing appetizers, delicious sandwiches, all-star burgers, authentic Mexican dishes, pizza and salads.

Whether you're a sports fan, passionate about down-home cooking, or want to grab a drink with the friendliest staff, Rookies has what you're looking for. Rookies offers dinein options, carry-out or delivery.

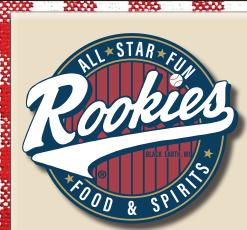
Try the new ice cream shop attached to Rookies with 12 flavors of ice cream! Freshly popped popcorn and root beer floats also available.

Visit Rookies at 10267 Highway 14 in Mazomanie, call 608-401-1181, like them on Facebook and order online on their website at rookiesfood.com.



Plan your event at Rookies and play a game on the authentic Wiffle ball field and attached clubhouse – perfect for birthday parties, class reunions, family gatherings, office parties and more – fun for all ages!

Appetizers? Try jumbo pretzel sticks with beer cheese sauce, onion rings, or nachos that the whole family can enjoy.



DAILY FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS

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 Thursday - Baby back ribs & potato dinner 17.99, 12 oz Busch light cans 2 dollars
 Friday - Cod, perch or walleye with choice of potato, coleslaw, baked beans and a dinner roll. 17.99, Rookies Old Fashioneds 3.00

Saturday - 10oz Prime Rib dinner, choice of potato 23.99, half price glasses of wine. **Sunday** - Chicken dinner served with choice of potato 15.99, half price kids meals. *SOUP OF THE DAY* 4.99 Please ask your server for details.

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rings. Finished with a generous drizzle of our house made BBQ sauce 13.99 ROCK N FIRE - Beef patty topped with pepperjack, bacon, and grilled jalapeno 13.99

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Including Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds and Barneveld

By Matt Geiger

Mount Horeb is a village of just under 8,000 people, a bustling ode to Scandinavia that retains strong ties to its agricultural roots. Combined with the picturesque rural communities that surround it, the village is a special destination for people from across the world, and even for those who simply want authentic respite from the chains and traffic of nearby cookie-cutter cities.

Mount Horeb maintains strong links to its past, but it is also growing and changing. What was a small, sleepy town just a few years ago has 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. This summer alone, numerous new businesses will open their doors for the first time.

According to the Mount Horeb Area His-

torical 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 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



Wednesday Night Live is a wonderful, free summer concert series at Grundahl Park in Mount Horeb.

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.

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 Welcome Center to get a map to the attractions.



Come for a dip in the pool and cool off! The Mount Horeb Family Aquatic Center features a 35 meter pool, zero entry baby pool, slide with plunge pool, diving board, concession stand, and grass decks.



The Mount Horeb Veterans Memorial was dedicated in September of 2021, honoring veterans from Mount Horeb and the surrounding area.

Mount Horeb Area ~ Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds & Barneveld

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 their '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 their 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 Histo-



The 53rd Annual Art Fair features fine artists and crafts from Mount Horeb and around the Midwest.

rium, an award-winning history museum. They have not one but two chocolate shops in downtown 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 small-town 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!

Request a Visitor's Guide at mounthorebchamber.com/info. And be sure to stop in at the Mount Horeb Welcome Center at 300 E Main Street to pick up your Troll Map!

Community Events

June 6-9 | Mount Horeb Summer Frolic



Take a stroll around the Mount Horeb Trollway – can you find all the trolls?

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 27-28 | Mount Horeb Art Fair

The 53rd Annual Art Fair in Mount Horeb's historic downtown, their Trollway, is a juried art fair, showcasing fine artists and crafters from around the Midwest. Experience Norwegian culture, friendly atmosphere, food, silent art auction, music, and downtown amenities. Visit trollway.com/art-fair.

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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!

• "What's the deal with the trolls?", you ask – they got ya! Explore the mystery and heritage of Mount Horeb's most (in)famous resident in the all-new, small-but-mighty Troll Museum. Always free!

• Stroll through the award-winning exhibit, "Life and Change at the Edge of the Driftless." You'll experience the stories and see the stuff of generations of Native Americans, migrants, settlers, farmers, and innovators who have lived, loved and died here.

• See "History in 3D" in a special exhibit that invites you to use special glasses to get a three-dimensional view of Wisconsin's past. Only showing through 2024!

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

• Indulge in retail therapy in our fully-Mount Horeb Area ~ Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds & Barneveld 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, vintage-inspired toys and kitchenware, to ethnic gifts, yard art and castiron statuary, t-shirts, jewelry and more. And a colony of trolls waiting to join your family! They 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 where the history magic happens, continued on page 18



Explore the mystery and heritage of local trolls at the Troll Museum.

Brigham Farmhouse

Brigham Farmhouse rests on 75+ acres in the Driftless Area of Southwest Wisconsin. The original property, which includes The Cave of the Mounds (across the street) and Brigham County Park, was one of the earliest farms in Dane County, owned by pioneer settler, Ebenezer Brigham. The house, built in 1903, was designed by Madison architects Claude and Stark and boasts large picture windows, beautiful wood floors, and a magnificent front porch with a breathtaking view to the south.

The farmhouse comfortably accommodates eight people, with 4 bedrooms, and 2-1/2 baths. Enjoy your meals together around the grand dining room table in the great room, showcasing a unique chandelier and a multi-leaf dining table to seat 12. The kitchen is fully equipped with all the amenities you'd find at home.

The outdoor amenities are just as spectacular, with a large front porch for sharing



morning coffee; the side patio features a fire table lounge area and an outdoor grill. Enjoy games in the expansive yard with connecting area trails, then finish the evening relaxing on the front porch or the patio to share the stories of the day.

The rolling hills and vistas in this part of the Driftless Area offer ample opportunities for great recreation all year. Military Ridge Recreational Trail can be accessed from an extension that runs along the east side of the property, which also takes you to Brigham Park.

Guests receive FREE passes to visit The Cave of the Mounds with your rental.



Plan your stay at Brigham Farmhouse, in a beautiful private setting located near Cave of the Mounds.

We look forward to hosting you at Brigham Farmhouse and sharing this exciting and unique region of Wisconsin!

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 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.



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



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Bloomingdeals Resale Boutique turns second-hand shopping into an upscale experience.

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 job at a consignment store and has been hooked on all things thrift ever since.

After having children, Jill decided to sell some of their clothing and toys on social media. This inspired her to explore selling gently used high-quality items on a larger scale.

GrandStay[®] Hotel & Suites

The GrandStay[®] 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 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, plush white towels, soft cotton sheets, and comfortable Serta® mattresses.

The GrandStay invites members of the community to stop by for a tour, book a romantic staycation, fun-filled birthday pool



At GrandStay Hotel & Suites you get your choice of standard rooms or suites to fit your travel needs. Enjoy the indoor pool and spa and other amenities during your stay.

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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."

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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, call 608-437-1010 and visit their website at bloomingdealsresaleboutique.com. Open Thursday-Saturday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, and Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.



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natural outdoor recreation all year-round!

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Bar Manzo

Bar Manzo, opening in the summer of 2024, is a new Italian restaurant with supper club influences in downtown Mount Horeb. Owner Nathan Mergen has decades of restaurant experience, studied at the French Culinary Institute (subsequently renamed the International Culinary Center) in New York, and currently also owns 107 State, an upscale tavern, in Madison. Mergen also had restaurants in New York, at The Edgewater, The Hilton at Monona Terrace and even once served as a private chef.

Bar Manzo translates to "Beef Bar" in English and Mergen says they will feature an authentic gourmet menu that is as approachable as it is exciting and gourmet. He plans on serving dishes such as duck leg lasagna, rigatoni ala vodka, braised lamb ragu, beef and pork meatballs in rich gravy, scampi, salads, freshly-baked bread, soups, scampi, an assortment of fine cheeses, decadent sauces, and of course, an array of beef, from brisket to prime rib to sirloin. Bar Manzo will also feature an assortment of Italian wine.

Busy right now with the design of the interior of the restaurant and the menu, Mergen has already hired his primary chef.

Bar Manzo will be located at 209 E. Main Street in Mount Horeb. Visit their website at barmanzo.com to keep up to date on their opening date.

To beef, or not to beef, that is the question.



tal 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 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 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. See their ad on page 2.



View the colorful formations from paved walkways inside the cave. Mount Horeb Area ~ Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds & Barneveld

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 pas-





Enjoy the outdoors on the large patio, near the Military Ridge Bike Trail. Looking for an event venue? Martinson Hall, located upstairs in the historic Reilly Brothers Implement Building can create the perfect place for your special day or night.

sion 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 2023 Best of Madison awards, including Golds for outdoor dining, private parties, restaurant and catering. They have four locations: 804 Liberty Boulevard in Sun Prairie, 800 West Broadway in Monona, 108 South Second Street in Mount Horeb, and 1370 Water Wheel Drive in Waunakee. The Mount Horeb Buck & Honey's is 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.

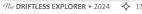
With menus offering items such as soup, salads, burgers, pizza, sandwiches, steaks, seafood and several entrée choices, you're sure to find something that you will love to eat at Buck & Honey's. Brunch is offered each Saturday and Sunday.

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.

You can visit Buck & Honey's on the web at buckandhoneys.com, find them on Facebook and Instagram, and see their ad on page 83.







Dine on a delectable assortment of amazing food fresh from their kitchen, sip craft brews or cocktails, and treat yourself to live music at Buck & Honey's, Mount Horeb.

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Jangle Natural Living

When walking down Main Street Mount Horeb, many people find themselves being lured into Jangle Natural Living, following 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, house plants, and more! The most notable store inventory is the wide line of soap and bath and body products. Holmstrom makes all of her products by hand, with top of the line, natural ingredients and, of course, milk from her own goats. Aside from soaps, the Jangle Soapworks line also includes many other natural



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and organic body care products such as deodorants, body butters, lotion bars, lip balms, and more. Other local body care makers' products such as Selah Vie Soapery, Wanna Do Herbs!, Luminous Rose, Meliora, Indigo Ridge, My Little Farm in Town, Ecosense Goods, Driftless Woolen Mill, Cassie's Natural Living and Papermoon Pottery can be found among the shelves too.

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

Find Jangle Natural Living at 134 E. Main Street, Mount Horeb.

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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, historians 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, visit mthorebhistory.org or facebook.com/ MtHorebHistory/, or call 608-437-6486. "We'll see you soon!" Find the Driftless Historium's ad on page 2.

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, and were honored to be named Best of Madison for Pharmacy in 2023.

They go beyond the basic pharmaceuticals and carry many locally sourced 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, wellness screenings, supplement and nutrition counseling, Diabetes support classes, Mount Horeb Vikings and Barneveld Eagles apparel 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!



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Sift and 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,

Brix Cider

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

Owners Matt and Marie Raboin explain, "Our goal is to make truly farm-to-table food and drink that is approachable, for a



fun, family-friendly dining experience that connects people to Driftless Area farms."

Brix uses 100% locally grown apples for their hard ciders, and they never add concentrate, water, or any artificial flavors. Brix Cider's culinary team regularly refreshes the menu to feature locally grown ingredients when they are in season so that the food is always fresh, flavorful, and connected to the local farming community.

In addition to great food and drink, Brix Cider also regularly hosts live music and events, including Open Mic every Thursday evening, live music every Sunday afternoon, and an annual music and arts festival called Burning Troll! 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!



Sift and Winnow owner Linda Winther creates her handmade copper enamel jewelry at her shop in Mount Horeb.

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.

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The 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. With a window from their dining room, you might even catch Brewmaster Mark Knoebl in action.

Their Biergarten offers year-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

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 sugarfree, gluten-free, kosher, dairy-free, organic and international candies.

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



Catch an early meal of masterfully built burgers, sandwiches and more at The Grumpy Troll Brew Pub, then head on over to the Sugar Troll for locally-made gelato, specialty treats or nostalgic sweets for a sugar fix.



Feed Your Troll

The Sugar Troll specializes in all things candy! Whether you're craving the nostalgic sweets you loved as a child or the latest specialty candy available - we have something for everyone! Stop in to taste-test our 12 flavors of locallymade gelato and so much more.

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Isaac's Antiques

Isaac's Antiques, at 132 E. Main Street in downtown Mount Horeb, is home to over 60 vendors occupying the large threelevel former movie theater. The variety of fabulous finds at Isaac's is incredible.

The vendors, who are mostly local and

frequent the mall often refreshing and restocking their spaces, bring in items ranging from antique and vintage furniture, coins, linens, buckets, kitchenware, jewelry, crate boxes, tools, iron works, wall decor, lamps, bottles, and so much more. The vendors have their own styles and presentations, but everything you find at Isaac's is unique, one-of-a-kind antique,

Driftless Chocolates

"So, your chocolate truffles and bonbons are handmade?" is an inquiry oft heard. And the answer is, "Yes!" Right here in their kitchen behind their shop in the heart of Mount Horeb's downtown, at 209 East Main Street.

"We introduced our Wisconsin Supper Club Collection last summer. Wow, it has been a hit!" says chief chocolatier and co-owner, Stan Kitson. "In chocolate truffles and bonbons we feature the flavors of before-dinner cocktails Brandy Old-Fashioned, Irish Cream, and Manhattan along with the after-dinner ice cream drinks Pink Squirrel, Grasshopper and Brandy Alexander."

"Another new favorite is our Artisan Dark Equatorial Adventure collection," adds Robyn Kitson, co-owner. "Single origin chocolate lovers enjoy the nuanced flavor experiences of fine dark chocolate from different countries."

When you visit 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. The single origin chocolate they use picks up the terroir of the region where it originally grew, and chocolatier Stan highlights the natural flavors of the chocolate with ganaches that bring that taste forward using ingredients sourced in Wisconsin.

They partner with other local producers in creating the flavors offered. For example, Telsaan Tea, just down the street from their shop, added to their tea-inspired flavors. The honey in their popular Sea Salt Caramels comes from Gentle Breeze Honey of Mount Horeb. 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 in Mount Horeb. Hours are posted on their website at www.driftlesschocolates.com. They'd love for you to come visit! vintage, quality collectibles, or homemade items.

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

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





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Dreamy 280 Farm Fresh Meats

Dreamy 280 Farm Fresh Meats direct markets beef, pork, chicken, and much more from their on-farm store located in Blue Mounds at 2790 Cave of the Mounds Road. The store offers all retail meat cuts, 1/4, 1/2, whole beef, and beef bundles. They sell beef to restaurants and local food programs.

Dreamy 280 also carries hard-to-find specialty beef cuts. Seasonally, they offer



Dreamy 280 features Wisconsin local, pasture-raised meats and eggs, bringing the best of the Driftless Region to your table. Try their 24 hour meat vending machine!

custom beef cuts that are used for grilling, smoking, and have holiday favorites such as fresh prime rib, fresh tenderloin, and gift boxes. Additionally, eggs, an array of canned goods from other local vendors; as well as beautifully hand-made items can be found in their on-farm store as well as on their website.

The farm store is open year-round, on Wednesday from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm, and on Saturday from 8:00 am-Noon. When the store is closed, you can use their exclusive meat vending machine that is stocked with customer's Dreamy 280 favorites, available 24/7, and only found at Dreamy 280!

Visit their website to order online at Dreamy280.com or contact them directly at Dreamy280@gmail.com.

Customers comment that their store is unique, has the best meats they have ever eaten, and worth the drive!

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



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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.

Since opening, she has been teaching others some of the joys and charms 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 located at 205 E. Main Street, in Mount Horeb. For studio hours, class availability and other information, call 608-437-0418, or visit PegGinsbergWatercolors.com.



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Open House Imports

Open House Imports of Mount Horeb established its over 58-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!

Trolls 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.

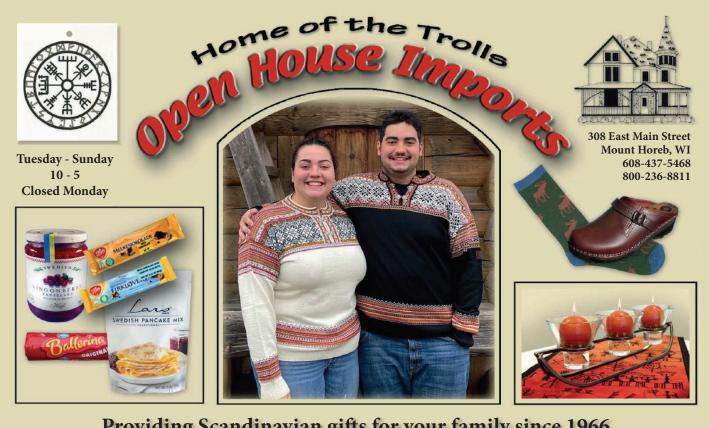
Follow them on Facebook or Små Troll Odin on Instagram open house imports.

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.



Find a favorite troll or gnome and shop the many rooms of traditional and unique Sølje jewelry and other Scandinavian gifts at Open House Imports in Mount Horeb.



Providing Scandinavian gifts for your family since 1966 www.openhouseimports.com

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Telsaan Tea

Telsaan Tea is known for having an amazing selection of tea, knowledgeable staff, and fair prices. You'll love the experience of exploring their cute little tea shop. They're nestled right in downtown Mount Horeb in a charming, walkable shopping area.

They've got tons of tea! Of course you'll find classic flavors here such as Peach, Chamomile, and Earl Grey. Alongside of those are some scrumptious new tea blends like Strawberry Kiwi, Princess Cake, and Vanilla Chai. Whether you like making your tea hot or iced, they've got options you'll love. They're excited to be introducing a line of locally grown herbs, too.

If you're not sure where to start, try one of our best-sellers. You'll immediately learn why they made it on their list of favorites.

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

If you've never made loose leaf tea before, this is definitely the place to be. They have a variety of easy to use tea infusers and teapots which come in different styles and sizes to suit your needs. They'll help explain how to use them so you can get started making tea. Other accessories that they offer are iced tea makers, handmade ceramic mugs, paper tea filters, bombillas, matcha whisks, and local honey. 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

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.

tea; you just need to be curious.

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

Shop Online: telsaan.com

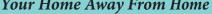
Sunniva Inn

Located in a quiet neighborhood only one block from Main Street, this beautifully restored 1903 Victorian foursquare 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. A tasty breakfast will start your morning off right and once your adventures for the day are complete you can kick back and relax on the front porch overlooking the beautiful gardens.

Visit sunnivainn.com to book your reservation.







Firefly Events Decor and Flowers

Firefly is a love story between a farmer and a florist: Jerry Ziegler and Heidy Lange. They opened Firefly in July, 2023. Heidy is a floral innovator with decades of experience and is originally from Chicago. Heidy's daughter is the fourth generation to work in the floral industry, and is Firefly's event coordinator and a master at creating charcuterie. The family floral



tradition is traced to Heidy's grandfather. When he came from Italy to the United States, he was a gravedigger who opened a floral shop. The rest is history!

Firefly is a full-service florist. Like the nighttime fireflies, their team will light up your event, big or small! For Firefly, it is about the team, it takes an army to support events and the shop. Our florists create unique floral arrangements for a wide variety of events including weddings, funerals, birthdays, anniversaries, proms, and other occasion flowers using modern and traditional arrangements with fresh, dried or silk flowers. They also use a large variety of locally grown flowers and products.

Firefly offers plants, fruit, gourmet foods, gift baskets, candy bouquets and a large array of gift and plush products. Many of the décor items are crafted by local artisans. Customers can also choose from an extensive gift line and greeting cards.

Firefly is committed to providing amaz-



ing customer service and believes our clients deserve the very best products. The Firefly team is ready to fulfill all of your flower and décor needs. The team is committed to fostering excellence in all they do. They are located in the Murphy House, 109 8th Street in Mount Horeb. Visit their website at fireflyeventsdf.com or call 608-437-2837. They can be followed on Facebook, Instagram and the Knot.



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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 mouthwatering 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.

Linstroth's Valley View Farm

In 2007, Paul and Sharon had a dream to start a local old-fashioned farm market, and people have taken the picturesque drive to our indoor/outdoor farm market ever since. They have made it a destination to meet family, friends, and neighbors; making it a great place to purchase quality fresh



produce grown the old-fashioned way from start to finish. Hand-picked to ensure quality and freshness.

Linstroths offers a wide range of fall produce including many varieties of potatoes, winter squash, cabbage, onions, beets and much more. Among the antique wagons on display you'll find everything for your fall decorating needs; unusual and decorative pumpkins, gourds, decorative corn, straw bales, corn shocks, and, of course, carving pumpkins. You'll find their prices are rather old-fashioned too, so plan on stocking up!

Linstroth's Valley View farm is located at 70 Drammen Valley Road, Mount Horeb, just off Highway 39. Open mid-September through the end of October, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Visit their website at linstrothfarmmarket.com to learn more about them and their growing practices. "Support local and taste the difference."





Treat yourself to freshly-shaved Prime Rib Philly Cheesesteak and other mouthwatering specials at Ope Haus Pub in Barneveld.

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.



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September 7 | Thirsty Troll Brew Fest

The Thirsty Troll Brew Fest is an intimate beer sampling that features over 30 craft brewers and fermenters from across the Midwest serving over 125 different beers, ciders, seltzers, and more. New this year, the event will take place at Tyrol Basin! Visit trollway.com/thirsty-troll-brew-fest.

October 5-6 | Fall Village Market

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

Sunn Cafe

Located in the heart of downtown Mount Horeb, 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 made-fromscratch gluten-free dessert bars, too! Sunn also features a unique selection of espresso and cold brew drinks, craft beers and wines.

"Sunn" is Norwegian for "wholesome" or "good for you." Sunn Café aspires to hold true to this meaning-using local and organic ingredients when possible and concentrating on inventive recipes and flavor combinations. Sunn's menu changes often and features seasonal fare.

Sunn's high-quality food is matched by their state-of-the-art ventilation and air purification system - because indoor air quality still matters! Outdoor seating is plentiful... with sunny sidewalk dining and a charming Back Alley Patio! You'll find your favorite spot! Summer 2024 hours: 7:30 am until 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

CAFE

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-village-market.

October 17 | 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 Trollidays

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 trollway.com/mount-horeb-trollidays.

For more information find the Mount Horeb Chamber's ad on page 2.



Come for the weekend October 5-6 during Fall Village Market in Mount Horeb and find treasures from local vendors and crafters from the area.

Jada's Garden & Greenhouse

The flowers at Jada's Garden & Greenhouse in Blue Mounds are in full bloom marking their eighth spring season. You can find them located off Hwy 151, at 10849 Village Circle, across from Casey's gas station. They offer year-round garden maintenance and seasonal container design. Their specialty is sourcing highquality plant materials and designing them uniquely for your outdoor spaces. Their staff also provides general cleanup, garden rehabilitation, and installation of a wide assortment of plant materials.

You can visit their retail greenhouse and gift shop which is open seven days a week from April through June, on weekends during the summer, and six days a week from September through December. They have the area's best quality and selection of locally sourced plants, trees and shrubs, pottery and seasonal garden gifts. During the busy spring season you can also expect local music, food, and drink vendors on weekends.

"Get to know us - we think you'll love our friendly, reliable service and creative ideas for beautifying your house and gardens." If you want to learn more, you can call 608-437-4769 or visit jadasgarden. com for more information and to check out their fun and informative classes and event listings.



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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 Vineyards wines is carefully monitored through every laborious step in the vine-to-bottle process. Highly acclaimed for their structure and balance, the Botham Vineyards wines have earned hundreds of medals in national and international competition over the last 30+ years. Recognized as the Wisconsin Winery 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 carefully and lovingly given new purpose. 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.

Visitors are welcomed for public and private group tastings. A calendar of live music, trivia and other public events can also be found at bothamvineyards.com.

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 more information call 608-574-2162 or visit www.bothamvineyards.com. We look forward to welcoming you.

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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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14 South Artists Regional Art Tour

Attention Art Lovers!

Mark your calendars for September 14 and 15, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and make plans for a road trip to visit some of Wisconsin's finest artists in their home studios located throughout the region. Over 25 artists will be participating in multiple locations from Madison, Middleton and Sun Prairie to Oregon and Blanchardville, with many inviting stops in between.

Beautiful and imaginative works in metal, fiber, wood, glass, mixed media, pottery, painting, jewelry and photography will be available to purchase, so you're sure to find art treasures to please every taste. Additionally, many artists will be providing demonstrations during this two-day celebration of art.

The tour is presented by 14 South Artists, a group of passionate artists and art supporters from South Central Wisconsin who work to promote the visual arts through education, outreach and events; our annual Regional Art Tour foremost among them.

14 South Artists first formed in 2004, when several artists living along the Highway 14 corridor came together to network and promote their work. Now, in their 20th anniversary year, they have grown to over 50 members and maintain a permanent gallery in the Oregon Art Center at 134 Janesville Street, in the Village of Oregon, a location that will be included in this tour.

They invite you to join them there and at all the tour sites for this late summer outing that will take you on a scenic adventure from city to suburb, and village to country roads in search of great art!

Visit 14southartistsregionalarttour.com for details.



The historic Belleville train station no longer services trains, but has become the focal point of the Badger State Trail.

Verona Area Performing Arts

The Verona Area Performing Arts Series is entering its 24th year of presenting live music in our Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center. Location information and ticket sales will be available this summer on our webpage, vapas.org.

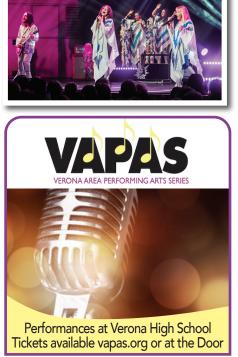
Our 2024-25 concert series:

Decades Rewind: November 2, 2024. Featuring musical hits from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

Welcome Home – The Legacy of Carole King: March 15, 2025. Remembering the iconic music of Carole King

Abbamania: April 26, 2025. Enjoy the dancing music of Abba.

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Discover Paoli

Nestled amid Wisconsin's driftless region along the banks of the Sugar River, the tiny hamlet of Paoli emerges like a hidden gem, wrapped in an aura of bygone eras. Paoli is located 12 miles south of Madison and 4 miles south of Verona, at the intersection of State Highway 69 and County Highway PB.

Rich in agricultural and dairy history, Paoli evolved into a quaint rural community attracting artists and artisans drawn to its scenic beauty and peaceful atmosphere. Today, Paoli retains its small-town charm with historical buildings housing independent businesses ranging from antiques, apparel, artisan butter and cheese, custom bicycles, fine art, home goods, jewelry, craft beer, wine and spirits, and a boutique hotel honoring the deep-rooted dairy history of Paoli.

The central focal point of Paoli is the Mill Park complex, which from May through October hosts free live music up to five days a week, a Sunday morning Farmer's Market plus other quirky, fun events throughout the year. Paoli is a year-round destination with many additional events and something new to discover each time you visit. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram @discoverpaoli.

Outdoor recreation abounds in and around Paoli. A favorite destination for cyclists, fly fishers and kayakers from spring to fall and snowmobilers in the winter, Paoli is adjacent to Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area and in close proximity to both Badger State and Military Ridge Trails.

To stay hydrated during your visit, Paoli has an eclectic mix of beverage options to satisfy all ages and all walks of life. Craft cocktails, mocktails, wine, microbrew beers and coffee...there is something for everyone!

Last, but certainly not least, is the wonderful selection of food options. From classic bar fare, award-winning grilled cheese sandwiches, locally sourced cuisine focused on Wisconsin traditions to elevated fine dining. Paoli meets the needs of even the most discerning of foodies. And don't forget the locally made small batch ice cream and soft serve too!

From everyone at the Paoli Merchants As-

sociation, they invite you to discover Paoli! Close to home, a world away. Visit discoverpaoli.com to find out more.



Stop and visit Paoli any time of year and discover something new each time. The Mill Park complex hosts free live music, a Sunday Farmer's Market plus many other events from May through October. Browse the shops and enjoy the outdoors, whether fishing, cycling, kayaking, or just relaxing and enjoying a beverage of your choice.



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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 microdairy, nestled in Seven Acre's Dairy Café)!

Paoli Road Mercantile

Paoli Road Mercantile art gallery features jewelry, art, and goods from over 75 artists and makers.

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

On location you will also find the jewelry studios of Paoli Road Metalsmiths. Owner Julie Walser is silversmith/metalsmith who, along with Hannah Wong of HRSdesigns, have their studios on location.

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 are open year-round, Tuesdays-Sundays. Follow them on Instagram and Facebook to keep up on the new jewelry and art. Visit them in charming Paoli soon. Support artists and makers – shop small, shop local!



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.



Paoli Art in the Park

Paoli Art in the Park Labor Day Weekend

In 2022, a small group of seasoned artists decided to step up and take on the challenge of running the popular Paoli Art Fair. A new venue, the Paoli Town Park was secured, and the event became Paoli Art in the Park.

This small group of artists is now the Southern Wisconsin Art Guild, Inc. (SWAG), a friendly, active organization of artists and art supporters, working to find ways to bring artists and the public together. They welcome artists of all levels, as well as non-artists, to join us. For more information, our website is https://southernwisconsinartguild.org.

Now in its third year, Paoli Art in the Park has gained a reputation as a quality art fair. They seek to introduce visitors to a wide selection of local and regional artists. Check



out its website at https://paoliartinthepark.

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.

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, 11:00 am-9:00 pm. Visit

them in Mount Vernon at 8646 Davis Street (Mt. Horeb address) or call 608-832-6289.



Belleville and the Sugar River Area

History of Belleville and the Sugar River Area

Early indigenous inhabitants of the Belleville area include the Sac and Fox nations, later replaced by the Ho-Chunk. It is the Ho-Chunk inhabitants that named the Sugar River "Tonasookarah", meaning "sweet or sugar water" based on the abundance of



sugar maples near the mouth of the river.

In 1847 John Frederick acquired land along the Sugar River, building a dam and erecting a sawmill. He soon added a grist mill and, along with John Mitchell, laid out the village of Belleville in 1848, named after Frederick's hometown in Ontario.

It didn't take long for the area to grow. A blacksmith shop was built in 1846, a mercantile and doctor settled in by 1847. By 1851 there was a hotel and post office. By the 1870s there were two general stores, harness and wagon shops, shoe makers and blacksmiths. By 1887 the Chicago Madison and Northern Railroad developed a line from Freeport, Illinois, that went through Belleville on its way to Madison, including a tunnel a few miles south of Belleville. Surrounding communities developed during the same era. Exeter was platted in 1843 and grew with lead mining. Paoli saw a mill, tavern and store open in 1847. Land in New Glarus was purchased by emigrants from Switzerland in 1845, and the next year a colony arrived. Primrose, the hometown of US Senator/Wisconsin Governor Robert La Follette, was established in 1849. Montrose had a mill on the Sugar River in 1851. Dayton was named after Dayton, Ohio, in 1852. The railroad helped Basco and Brooklyn grow in the 1880s.

Today the Sugar River Area sits on the edges of both Green and Dane Counties, and is mainly known for its natural beauty and outdoor activities, dairy farming, and unique shops and dining in historic settings.

Belleville Chamber of Commerce

Belleville is a connection point.

Located partly in Green County and partly in Dane County, Belleville connects the two together. Within the village you have wonderful parks, a historic downtown, choice dining, and other amenities. From downtown you can travel short distances to connect-up with state and county parks, trout streams, snowmobile and bike trails, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, hunting lands, picturesque rolling hills, and of course they're just a short hop to Paoli's fun events.

Connecting the surrounding outdoors destinations to the village is the Sugar River that flows through into the beautiful Lake Belle View. The lake and park are perfect for swimming, kayaking and canoeing, picnics, taking in a baseball game, enjoying a concert, light fishing, or enjoying the lighted holiday displays at the end of the year. Or head down the street to the swimming pool during the warmer summer months.

Bicyclists will want to take the path around the lake to the foot bridge that takes you along the Sugar River (under the road bridge) to connect to the Badger State Trail. From there go in either direction, head north towards Madison or south past the old train depot towards Stewart Tunnel. (Stewart Tunnel restoration is scheduled for completion in 2025, and is closed until then.)

Belleville can connect residents and visitors with fun events like the Community Picnic, Brother Love Music Festival, Belleville Music Festival, the summer concert series at Library Park, and of course, the UFO Day Parade on the last Saturday in October.

Belleville connects quality of life with



Enjoy Belleville's Music Festival in August.

something a little more affordable. You'll find you get more for your housing dollar while enjoying the small-town atmosphere and friendly people.

Conveniently located just 17 minutes from the Epic campus in Verona, and 30 minutes to the Capitol Square in Madison in Dane County; likewise 30 minutes to the downtown square in Monroe or 11 minutes to New Glarus in Green County.



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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

Sugar River Nursery

You will find Sugar River Nursery perched high on the rolling hills between Belleville and New Glarus. The nursery has been providing fine garden plants to locals and visitors for almost 30 years. They carry an amazing array of healthy annuals, perennials, herbs, succu-



lents, and veggie plants, along with beautiful flowering hanging baskets and containers. If you love gardening, flowers, and the areas breathing taking views, Sugar River Nursery is a must stop for you. The nursery is open seven days a week during the growing season, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, 9:00-5:00 on Saturday and Sunday, and are located at 298 State Road 92, Belleville. You can call them at 608-381-7819. 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 at hometownpharmacyrx.com.



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, 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.



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Sugar River Lanes

Sugar River Lanes is one of Belleville's best places for entertainment. They offer both competitive and recreational bowling leagues. Not a league bowler? Then come out for some fun open bowling. Bowling is a great event for your group activities also. Sugar River is happy to host kids' birthday parties, company parties, family get-togethers or just a place to gather with plenty of space. Not a bowler? Sugar River has live entertainment every month. During the summer they have volleyball leagues and bags leagues. With multiple HD TVs, they are the best place to watch your favorite sporting events!

Lingonberry Llama

Nestled in downtown Belleville is the Lingonberry Llama; 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, a 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. 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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Don't like to cook? Sugar River Lanes has you covered! With a great regular menu and daily food specials, you are sure to find something you like. Their Friday Night Fish Fry is one of the best around. Try the cheesy hashbrowns, they are fabulous.

Sugar River Lanes is proud to be part of the wonderful community in Belleville. They have hosted multiple fundraisers and have been happy to help raise money for school sports and other community events.

Sugar River Lanes greatest asset is its wonderful team. They all look forward to showing you a great time for whatever reason you find to come in. They hope to see you soon! Visit them at 807 River Street in Belleville, call them at 608-424-3774 or check out their website at sugarriverlanes.com.



The Dam Bar & Grill

The Dam Bar has been Belleville's neighborhood bar for 14 years, 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 including the Dam Bloody Mary, crafted with Tito's Vodka, their own Dam Blood Mary Mix and loaded with ol-

ives, a pickle, beef stick, celery stick, three crispy chicken wings and three deep fried cheese curds and your choice of beer chaser. If you're hungry, order up cheese curds or jalapeno poppers for a snack, or "build your own" Dam sandwich! They also features

Brew City fries, onion rings and mac 'n jack bites.

The Dam Bar & Grill was recently named as a Fluff's High Life Dive Bar Pick of the Week, and featured on the Registry of Dive Bars.

Visit The Dam Bar at 3 E.

Main Street in Belleville, call them at 608-424-9600 or visit their Facebook page for weekly specials and more.



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Including New Glarus, Monticello and Blanchardville

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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 beloved home in Glarus, Switzerland.



New Glarus is aglow with color at the annual Oktoberfest celebration.

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 traditional dishes with Mexican flair. The New Glarus Bakery offers yummy desserts yearround! 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. And be sure to enjoy Whiskey Run Distillery, with their small-batch, hand-crafted bourbon, whiskey and more. Take a road trip to Browntown and sample Hawk's Mill Winery'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 about the history of New Glarus by attending one of their ethnic festivals or visiting their area museums.



Get in the holiday spirit in New Glarus at an old-fashioned Christmas market!

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 scissorcutting, 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 Highway 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.



Rent an e-bike and travel the Sugar River Recreational Trail from New Glarus to Monticello, a scenic route that travels through the valley of the Little Sugar River.

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 7-8, 2024: 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. Bring your appetite! BBC wrist-



There's free admission to the festival tent all weekend in downtown New Glarus at everyone's favorite four-day festival, Oktoberfest, this year October 26-29. Come for live music, local beer, great food, wagon rides and lots of family fun!

bands are \$50.00 per person, please visit swisstown.com for details on how to get your tickets.

Heidi Play – June 8, 2024: Enjoy Heidi weekend filled with great food, entertainment, music, and fun for the whole family. The weekend's highlight is the presentation of Johanna Spyri's classic play, Heidi. It's the heartwarming story of the young girl with braids, Heidi, her gruff grandfather, and their love of the majestic Alps of Switzerland. The performances are staged by local actors in a warm presentation that includes live goats and kittens on stage!

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The Blanc Chalet

Experience the Extraordinary at The Blanc Chalet

Discover The Blanc Chalet, where Swissinspired charm meets modern comfort. Formerly known as the Swiss-Aire Motel, this roadside haven was transformed by a dedicated mother/daughter team with the support of their family in early 2023.

Some rooms have been fully renovated, and others "refreshed" to offer a variety of pricing and value options for all types of travelers. The name 'Blanc Chalet' draws

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

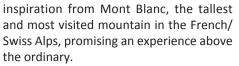
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and locally made cheese curds. Kristi's was voted #10 for best cheese curds by USA Today in 2019. Their lunch menu includes homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, burritos and various daily specials. Dinner items showcase fresh seafood and local beef. 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 sea-food specials and are famous for their delicious margaritas! To round out your meal, try one of their madefrom-scratch desserts, including crème brûlée 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.

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



At The Blanc Chalet, guests will find a passion for hospitality and a commitment to creating a homey environment. The guest experience is designed to be modern, effortless, and easy. Whether guests prefer contactless check-in or a simple check-out process, every detail has been considered to ensure a comfortable and stress-free stay.

Experience the extraordinary at The Blanc Chalet. Rest, adventure, and feel at home in its spaces. The Blanc Chalet looks forward to hosting you! Book your reservation at www.theblancchalet.com.



Welcome to The Blanc Chalet, where the newly renovated and refreshed rooms ensure a wide variety of pricing and value options for all sorts of travelers.





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Find the perfect décor when you stop in at Hometown Pharmacy in New Glarus.

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. Call them at 608-527-2517, or visit their website for more information: hometownpharmacyrx.com.

A Well Worn Story Handcrafted Goods

A Well Worn Story is a sewing studio and retail shop based in New Glarus, Wisconsin, creating handcrafted leather and canvas goods. Run by husband and wife team, Tim and Morgann Boettner, A Well Worn Story focuses on making beautiful products from natural, high quality materials that will get better with age, telling your unique story.

Inside the shop you will find handcrafted canvas and leather bags, wallets, belts, and other accessories being made on site. Purchase one of the in-stock styles or order a different color to be made especially for you.

The shop also features handcrafted goods from local artists and USA brands,



including leather care, wood kitchen utensils, handmade soaps, candles, and apparel in-spired by Wisconsin lifestyle.

Come visit A Well Worn Story located in a beautiful historic building in the heart of New Glarus at 538 1st Street, and watch your leather goods being sewn!



The Duke's Stash Quilt Shoppe

While you are shopping in New Glarus, check out The Duke's Stash Quilt Shoppe located at 13 7th Avenue. Sheila La Duke opened her store in August of 2021.

When you walk in the small cozy store you will see lots of color. She carries a great collection of panels. Look around at all the quilts hanging for sale, or you can purchase a kit to make your own. There are over 1,000 bolts of fabrics available. You will find pre-cuts, notions, batting, books, patterns, and a great section of end of the bolt cuts.

Sheila offers alterations, feather pillow cleaning, and long arm services. She has

over 20 years of experience doing alterations at different dry cleaners in Madison. If you would like to design a quilt, Sheila would be happy to make it for you. They offer classes the second Monday of the month along with open sew.

The store is open Tuesday through Friday, 10-5, and Saturday 10-3. She participates in the Dairyland to the Dells shop hop in February, follow them on Facebook. Also you will see her in June for the state wide shop hop as well.

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



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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 sixth year in operation, The Boutique offers an eclectic mix of clothing, jewelry, and accessories that are perfect for any occasion. You will find top brands like Liverpool, Tribal, HOBO, Scout Curated Wears, Ambre Scents, and much 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 MESH, STEAM+, and ecofriendly 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 believes in the power of shopping small for big memories, and they can't wait to see you in New Glarus!



The Blumenladen is a complete garden center and full-service florist, who also offers home goods and kitchen gadgets; The Boutique carries an eclectic mix of clothing, jewelry and accessories. The Kinderladen brings joy to kids of all ages.

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New Glarus Blues, Brews & Food Trucks – June 29, 2024: 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 is New Glarus' annual Wilhelm Tell Festival – August 31 – September 1, 2024: 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 Wilhelm Tell performance times, tickets and festival events, visit wilhelmtell.org.

New Glarus Oktoberfest – September 26-29, 2024: 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 6-8, 2024: 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 2024 events in New Glarus at Swisstown.com. See you in New Glarus!



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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 locally-produced meats, sausages, and in-season vegetables and, of course, famous Green County Cheeses.

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.

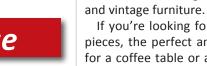
For more information, call 608-527-5234, visit chaletlandhaus.com, or like the Chalet Landhaus Inn on Facebook. Chalet Landhaus Inn is located at 801 Hwy. 69.

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.

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!



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 complement 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

Sisters

Sisters, located on First Street in beauti-

ful downtown New Glarus, is a fabulous

mix of old and new. They offer a unique

selection of not to be found anywhere

else home accents, gift ideas, and antique

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 vou're at it!

Spend some time at Sisters, at 523 First Street in New Glarus. Find hours on Facebook, their website, or call them at 608-527-5558.



Sisters "Where casual antiques meet urban accents" 523 First Street. ~ New Glarus, WI 608.527.5558 sistersnewglarus.com

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!



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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.

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Sugar River Shoppe

Welcome to Sugar River Shoppe, now under new ownership, where every visit feels like a warm hug from your favorite cozy corner of home! Step through their door and breathe in the comforting scents of the candles, soaps, and lotions, inviting you to stay awhile and explore the treasures within.

Ready to embark on your delightful shopping journey? Begin with their everchanging jewelry collection, each piece carefully selected to add a touch of personality and charm to your everyday look. Then lose yourself in the stories waiting to be discovered within the pages of their historical and inspirational books - a perfect companion for a quiet evening at home.

Feeling inspired? Wander through the inviting spaces filled with home decor and kitchen essentials, where every item has been chosen with love to enhance the cozy atmosphere of your home. And don't forget to browse their clothing selection, where you'll find pieces that feel like they

were made just for you.

At Sugar River Shoppe, they're more than just a store - they're a sanctuary of warmth and comfort, where you're always welcome to come in and explore at your own pace. So stop on in at 108 5th Avenue in New Glarus or shop online anytime at https://sugarrivershoppe.com.



At Sugar River Shoppe in New Glarus you'll find clothing that feels like it was made just for you!

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 breath-

taking 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

In Beautiful Downtown New Glarus



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, rang-

ing 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-year-old 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



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Puempel's Olde Tavern in New Glarus has a rich history in a unique and historic atmosphere. They feature hearty sandwiches, pizzas and more, and serve a variety of spirits and beers.

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.

Whiskey Run Distillery

Whiskey Run Distilling Co. opened in the 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, which serves a full menu complete with a Friday night fish fry and delectable desserts. 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.



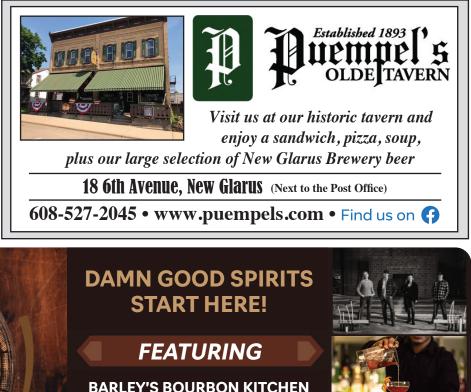
Whiskey Run is also available as an event center – you can reserve the Speakeasy for your next special occasion by emailing drink@ whiskeyrun.com.

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 608-345-3619.



Summer hours have started at Whiskey Run – enjoy the new cocktails on their summer drink menu, along with their full food menu and Friday night fish fry.



BARLEY'S BOURBON KITCHEN & CRAFT COCKTAIL BAR



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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

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. 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!

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 www.dirtydogtaphaus.com. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for hours and live music schedule.

Sit. Stay. Drink. Repeat.



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, choc-



Chalet Cheese Haus is the only producer of Limburger cheese in the whole USA.

olates 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 check out chaletcheesehaus.com.



Stop in for FRESH Pepper Havarti Cheese Curds and you will find the perfect cheese, wine, specialty items and more at Chalet Cheese Haus 554 1st Street, New Glarus.



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 nine big screen TVs all year round! When the weather's nice enjoy the largest outdoor patio in New Glarus, and beer garden with an outdoor bar. Dogs are welcome to join their humans on the patio.

Join them for Sunday breakfast from 9:30 am to noon featuring homemade specials, plus the best Bloody Marys in New Glarus.



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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 27 years and is the only Culver's out of nearly 1,000 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.



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.





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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 award-winning 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. continued on page 50



Lake Montesian is ideal for canoeing, kayaking, fishing and enjoying the view.

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 bakery, and several pubs. While you are on Main Street, get a taste of the past at the Monticello Historical Museum, open on Saturdays.

Access over 60 miles of trails right here in Monticello! The Badger and Sugar River State Trails both intersect east of the village. From the trails, it's a guick ride downtown

where you can try some fresh pie or local flavors like fresh cheese, landjaegers and award-winning summer sausage.

There are also many greenhouses and markets just a short drive into the country from



See trucks, cars, motorcycles and more at the Lions Car Show.

the thriving downtown amenities. Favorite events in Monticello include Tulip Fest (Mother's Day weekend), the annual Monticello Lions Car Show and Monticello Fire Department Pig Roast (third weekend in May), Washington Reformation UCC Music Fest and holiday décor offerings are available



hoto by Sue Moer

Celebrate Homecoming in Monticello with rides, food, games and fun for all.

(July 4), and Homecoming festival (second weekend in July).

Monticello's summer 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 tugof-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.

Pumpkins, harvest

from September-December with the addition of our annual Winter Walk (the second Saturday in December). Visitors can see Santa at the fire station, make ornaments continued on page 50

DINE ~ SHOP ~ HIKE ~ BIKE ~ VISIT MONTICELLO!

- 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



Alex and Andrew McNaught continue the legacy of made-from-scratch baked goods at Sugar River Country Bakery.

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-byside 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.

In 2023, Andrew, Alex, and their family officially opened a storefront in downtown Monticello. They continue to make the fresh



Delicious pies made from scratch, along with sweet breads, cookies, scones and specialty bars can be found at Sugar River Country Bakery.

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 from scratch baked goods that taste just like grandma's. As Glenn always says, "we are living the dream".



Wednesday-Saturday 7am - 5pm, Sunday 7am - 2pm (Monday-Tuesday Closed)

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 to bring the most delicious barbeque 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 barbegue sauces, come and experience all of their regionally inspired smoked meats, sauces and house-made 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



StageCoach 1 food trailer can bring the Pink Heifer's best-in-class BBQ to your event.

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 on the last Saturday of every month to indulge in their Dijon and horseradish crusted

smoked prime rib.

The Pink Heifer can make your event even more memorable by deploying their state-of-the-art 24' food trailer, which they affectionally refer to as StageCoach 1. Whether you're having a backyard birthday party for 25 people, or a 500-person farm wedding, StageCoach 1 will bring their best-in-class BBQ and the experience to make the process smooth and easy. Whether you're planning a birthday bash, wedding, corporate shindig or a good oldfashioned hoedown, they've got you covered. Call or text Nicole at 608-636-4439 or email Nicole@pinkheifer.com to make arrangements for catering.

The Pink Heifer Saloon and Smokehouse is located in historic 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 visit their website at pinkheifer. com.



Hawk's Mill Winery



The tasting room at Hawk's Mill Winery sits on top of a hill overlooking two acres of vineyards plus 600+ acres of state park land. They have a cozy log cabin feel inside, with two deck areas and grassy seating areas outside.

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 continues 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 specialize 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.





Canoe races are just one activity you'll find at Monticello Homecoming.

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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.



Visit with Santa in Monticello and put turn that frown upside down.

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at a variety of locations throughout town, participate in a scavenger hunt which leads them to our wonderful Monticello Library while sampling some goodies and shopping for crafts from local artisans. Many venues have food and drink specials throughout the day. It's a time to enjoy family, friends and community, and finishes with the beautiful lighted Christmas trees, wreaths and holiday decorations up Main Street into Village Park. *New Glarus Area* ~ *New Glarus, Monticello & Blanchardville*

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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.

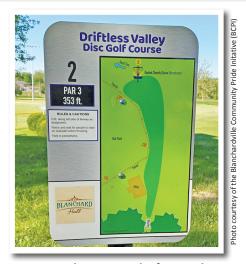
The rivers and fertile land first brought Native Americans to the area. Members of the Winnebago Tribe camped near Blanchardville. Settlers had arrived by the time Wisconsin became a state in 1848. At that time, Samuel Horner built a grist mill on the Pecatonica in the village. Around 1850 a Mormon colony 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, June



Check out the Cruis'n Wisconsin Car, Motorcycle & Truck Show in July or come for Cruis'n Night in August.

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Try a round or two on the free to play Driftless Valley 18-Hole Disc Golf Course supported by the Blanchardville Community Pride Initative (BCPI).

through October. They have a playground for kids and three covered shelters in McKellar Park for family picnics that can be reserved at blanchvilclerk@tds.net. In August, 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 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.



Enjoy summer evening concerts in downtown Ryan Park.



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Blanchardville Community Pride



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.



Rachel & Ray's Pub & Grill and Hotel Blanchard

daily food specials and carries a full bar menu. The bar opens daily at 11 am, and is closed on Wednesdays for the summer. 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 \$75 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. Rachel and Ray's Pub & Grill is a sponsor for all of the local ATV/ UTV and snowmobile trails and clubs. Access for all of the trails is located behind the bar!

Drift-Inn Cabins

Drift-Inn Cabins are four 2-bedroom cabins that sleep six each. Four RV sites are also offered, with full hookups. Fiber optic 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.

Come and stay in this new cabin development! More information is available at 608-206-1193, or driftinncabins@gmail.com

Garthwaite Auction and Realty

Garthwaite Auction and Realty is an experienced team of auctioneers and professionals in southwest Wisconsin based in Blanchardville, Wisconsin.

Garthwaite Auction and Realty can assist with your auction, whether it is an estate auction, agriculture auction, or an auction of your collection.

If you're considering selling your home or some property, they will help you find the right buyer for your residential, commercial or agricultural property. Their deep familiarity with the region allows them to create sales strategies that consider your property's unique features to develop a plan that suits your needs and timetable.

Garthwaite Homes is the father and son team of Zeke and Jeff, and they take pride in building high-quality homes with a personal touch. It's truly a family business, with parents, siblings and children all helping out in one way or another. Garthwaite builds custom contract and spec homes for their customers. Contact them at 608-558-6867 to get started.



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. For more information, contact them at 608-214-4512 or book your stay at Evolve.com.

Woodford State Bank

Welcome to the Blanchardville branch of Woodford State Bank. Located in a historic building at 319 S. Main Street, the bank is proud to work with the community of Blanchardville to provide financial support and guidance for all aspects of your life. Woodford State Bank is locally owned and operated. Their attention to customers, the communities that they serve, and their commitment to provide professional service is what sets them apart from the rest of the financial service industry. Woodford State Bank has a local tourism information kiosk in the Blanchardville branch, located right in the entry near the ATM which offers 24-hour access.

Woodford State Bank offers business, agricultural, mortgage, commercial and consumer loans along with supporting *continued on page 55*

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farmers and businesses with financial services to continue moving forward. They also offer the latest in banking technology for both personal and business customers, including online banking with bill pay, mobile banking, Zelle and more.

Visit woodfordstatebank.com for more information or call 608-523-4215.



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.

For information go to elizahousewi.com. New Glarus Area ~ New Glarus, Monticello & Blanchardville



The Viking Scoop

The Viking Scoop is a newly established ice cream shoppe, offering the best flavors of hand-scooped ice cream from Ashby's Sterling. Whether you're in the mood for a cup, a cone, a shake, a malt or some bubble tea, the Viking Scoop has what you're craving!

Located on a side street entrance behind Kundert's Main Street Market, at 200 S. Main Street Suite 200 in Blanchardville, you can bring the whole family to enjoy a great scoop of ice cream.

Outdoor seating is available, or take a short walk over to the bridge and enjoy your treat down by the dam.

Like them on Facebook for frequent updates on specials and hours.



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.



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 anytime and see what they have to offer while you are visiting Blanchardville!



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.

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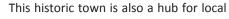
A trip to Mineral Point is good for the soul a respite from the hustle and bustle of busy lives. First time visitors often tell us they feel like they have stumbled into a small European village.

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, the third oldest city in Wisconsin, is a hidden gem with a rich history, a thriving creative community, and a charming personality. Found in the Driftless Area, visitors can explore the town's historic sites, strolling through its streets, soaking in the charm of 19th-century architecture that has been meticulously restored. You will feel like you are stepping back in time.





artisans and makers who have been molding a creative community for decades. Visitors will discover items created by potters, painters, weavers, woodworkers, printmakers, photographers, glass artists, jewelry designers and more. The art scene in Mineral Point is vibrant and worth exploring.

Live music is abundant throughout the year and can be found in multiple venues. You'll also want to check out the oldest railroad depot in Wisconsin, now a museum. along with other historic sites open to the public.

When it comes to food and drink, Mineral Point does not disappoint.

Enjoy a made-from-scratch meal, Cornish cuisine, or farm to table comfort food. Grab a craft beer or make a stop at the local winery which focuses on cold climate

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Explore Pendarvis and learn about the very first Wisconsin "badgers", tour the limestone buildings, or get a behindthe-scenes tour to learn even more. Mineral Point Area

Red Rooster Café

The Red Rooster Café 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.



Stop in for a slice of fresh strawberry pie (homemade of course), or come and 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.



158 High Street–Mineral Point

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

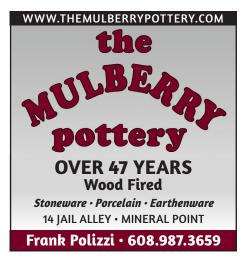


This year Sullivan's celebrates 3 years in business, carrying everything from wines, spirits and ciders, to home décor, clothing and bath and body items.

The Mulberry Pottery

With over 47 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, the mysteries of porcelain, and the allure of wild clay adventures. Call 608-987-3659 or you can visit their website at themulberrypottery.com.





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Midway Bar & Grill

WHOA, nearly 100 years! The owners have changed over time, however the name and antique bar back are still there today – MIDWAY BAR & GRILL – your hometown favorite for fast and friendly service!

Midway Bar & Grill has your locally sourced burgers, freshly made pizzas and plenty of your full menu favorites, with daily specials! Midway Bar & Grill prides itself on a family atmosphere, based on their Wisconsin roots. Once you try the hand-battered Friday night cod or bluegill with a freshly muddled made from scratch Old Fashioned, you'll be sure to come back! Not feeling the Wisconsin roots..... we've got you covered with the Voted Best in Iowa County PIZZA! Who doesn't Iove a freshly homemade pizza and cold malt beverage!?

Whether it's date night, family night or just watching your favorite sport teams – Midway Bar & Grill has your hometown hospitality. To-go order? Just call 608-987-4309. Follow along on their Midway Bar & Grill Facebook page for all the up-to-date specials!

Midway Bar & Grill is located at 140 High Street in Mineral Point, WI.

Proudly serving their customers daily!



with Ms. Merriweather Flowers and Plants for any gifts you may want to include with your chocolates.

You can find Atomic Chocolate Co. at 14 Fountain Street in Mineral Point, or call 262-384-1236.



Endulge in artisan created chocolates at this full service chocolate shop -find chocolate covered strawberries, sea salt caramels and more!

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.



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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

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grapes. The town is home to award-winning cheeses and Saturday's local farmers' market is a must-visit for fresh, seasonal produce, locally raised meats, baked goods, and much more.

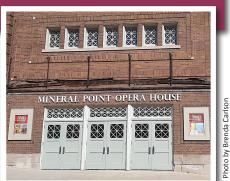
Mineral Point has plenty of options for those looking for a unique place to stay. Guests can choose from quaint cottages, century-old guest houses, stylish boutique hotels or national chain lodging. The town's Midwestern hospitality is second to none, and visitors will feel welcomed from the moment they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

In addition to exploring the town's historic sites and creative community, visitors can also take classes to nurture their own creative side at various locations within the historic district, including a national known center for the arts and crafts, a cooking school and individual artist classes. The town has excellent opportunities for anyone looking be creative, inspired or recharged.

More information can be found at mineralpoint.com or contact the Mineral Point Chamber of Commerce at 145 High Street. call 608-987-3201 or email info@mineralpoint.com.

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.

The Mineral Point Opera House is located at 139 High Street. For a complete list of events, movies, and more, visit their website: mpoh.org or call 608-987-3501.



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.



Mineral Point Area

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.

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Brewery Pottery

Whether you're looking for art, history, or both – Brewery Pottery is sure to pique your interest. It's an absolute "must stop" for anyone looking for an interesting, one-of-a-kind experience, while exploring Mineral Point.

Brewery Pottery, housed within a rambling 1850s brewery, is nestled on the edge of town at 276 Shakerag Street. Inside, you'll enjoy a unique and expansive gallery, a small brewery museum, and a working pottery studio. The gallery holds the work from over 250 artisans, including 50 different jewelers. Original pottery, paintings, woodwork, glassware, sculptures, and more are all available in a variety of prices designed to fit any budget.

While visiting, wander up into the pottery studio located within the gallery. Find the owners making, glazing, and firing pottery. Guests are welcome to peek around the studio and ask questions.

The small brewery museum, also within

the gallery, is a shrine to the building's former life as the Mineral Spring Brewing Company. Discover old photos, bottles, signs, and brewery memorabilia. It's a fan favorite for beer and history enthusiasts alike.

Come in, look around, ask questions, and take home a treasure. Brewery Pottery is open every single day, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. They look forward to meeting you, rain or shine!



Brewery Pottery is a working pottery studio and art gallery featuring the fine arts and crafts of over 250 artists.





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Wander through their displays for the latest in home décor, 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!

Aspen Ridge Home & Garden is open 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!

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.

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

• Quality New & Used Apparel • Recycled Treasures BARGAIN NOOK MINERAL POINT 242 High Street • 608-987-3774 Darlington Spring Green Platteville Mount Horeb 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: face-book.com/ BargainNook.

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Dine on hand-tossed, wood-fired New York-style pizza at Popolo.



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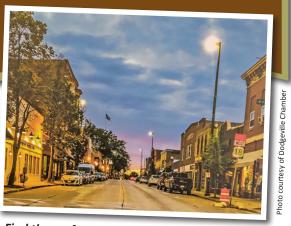
Dodgeville Area

dodgeville.com

Welcome to Dodgeville, 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 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



Find the perfect getaway and visit Dodgeville and the many attractions and events sure to please.

beauty is not all that Dodgeville has to 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.

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



Chamber Executive Director Jenna Vondra invites you to plan your adventures and explore Dodgeville and the surrounding areas. Stop in at the the Dodgeville Chamber's information center for brochures, maps and more. 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 homemade-style 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



The hiking trail at Governor Dodge State Park offers scenic landscapes most any time of year.

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, *continued on page 63*

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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



Fill your calendar with events – festivals, parades, summer concerts, arts & crafts, bike tours, cars and more in Dodgeville.

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 festivals 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!



The Military Ridge Trail is a 40 mile multi-use trail that runs from Fitchburg to Dodgeville and caters to more than 200,000 users annually. This beautiful trail traverses woods, wetlands, prairies, and farmland and small towns. The trail connects Fitchburg, Verona, Klevenville, Riley, Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds, Barneveld, Ridgeway, and Dodgeville.

Experience Summer in the Driftless



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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

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.

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. Closed on Sunday, they are open from 10:00 am-3:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm on Wednesday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm on Thursday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm on Friday, and 10:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturday. Follow them on Facebook or call 608-574-6161 for more information. 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.

NEW in 2024: Relax around their fire pit. Also new for the summer and fall seasons, Spurgeon will be open until 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

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.



Relax around the firepit while you sip a glass of wine from the wide variety on the tasting table at Spurgeon Winery.



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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 96 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.



Visit Quality Bakery in Dodgeville and satisfy your next sweet tooth craving.

Folklore Village

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 2024. Offerings include instrument building, basket making, blacksmithing,

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 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 daily specials. Open Wednesday and Thursday, 7:00 am-2:00 pm; Friday, 7:00 am-8:00 pm; Saturday, 11:00 am-8:00 pm; and Sunday for parties and events. Closed on Monday and Tuesday.

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108 East Merrimac St. Dodgeville • 608-935-7108 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 our restaurant-quality kitchen. Many events are family-friendly.

Folklore Village facilities, including Farwell Hall and the historic Plum Grove



Take one of the many classes offered at Folklore Village in Dodgeville.

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 www.folklorevillage.org. Come dance with us!



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www.folklorevillage.org

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.

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, all using locally grown and produced items. Cathryn's has a beautiful 1940'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



Welcome to Cathryn's: A favorite spot for espresso and coffee drinks, ice cream and soda fountain drinks, local items, and made-from-scratch bakery.



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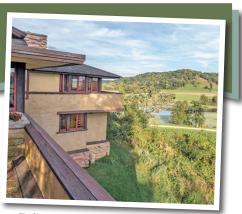
Including Spring Green, Arena, Lone Rock & Plain

By Linda Schwanke

The River Valley area in southwest Wisconsin is home to natural wonders, the arts, cultural landmarks and unique dining and shopping experiences. From the gateway to the River Valley in Arena, historical Lone Rock, to the hills of Plain and diversity of Spring Green, the area is a magnet for anyone and everyone, whether for a day, a week or a lifetime.

Just over 20 miles west of Madison on Highway 14, the Village of Arena boasts two beautiful parks which feature ball diamonds and also a fishing pond at West Park. The village has a nice selection of restaurants and a large cheese factory where visitors can watch cheese being made. The boat launch onto the Wisconsin River is located north of the village on River Road. It's the perfect spot to boat, canoe, picnic or fish off the banks.

Further along Highway 14 is Lone Rock, which is also home to two beautiful village parks. Battery Park, commemorating those who lost their lives in the Civil War, is located in the heart of the village. It is home to Dillon's tailor shop, where the 6th Wisconsin Battery was formed during



Taliesin, home of world-renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, is open for tours May through November.

the Civil War. The village hosts encampments each summer in the park. Firemen's Park, located on the south side of the village, is the location of a 4th of July celebration with fireworks each year.

Plain is nestled amid valleys and bluffs along Highway 23 in central Sauk County. The village park features a swimming *continued on page 71*

Spring Green Arts & Crafts Fair



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

The Spring Green Arts & Crafts Fair will return this summer on Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30. 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, 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, Wyoming 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 Club, Spring Green Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl 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,

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



Harrisburg One Room School welcomes to you visit them and come for their Open House events this year.

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.

Sunday 2024 Open House activities from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm: July 7th, Veterans Celebration and Car Show; August 4th, 4-H Celebration; September 15th, Farmers Market and Tractor Show.

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



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

Arthur's Supper Club

Arthur's Supper Club in Spring Green has been a staple in the fine tradition of Wisconsin supper clubs since 1968. Called "The Place for Steaks", the restaurant also features seafood and more – and now has new owners. Brian and Kris Stoddard and their sons, Cole and Nick, purchased the restaurant in October of 2021, and are carrying on the supper club tradition.

The Stoddards are hard at work any given day in the restaurant and kitchen, perfecting homemade recipes and ensuring the best quality food is served. Arthur's also now carries Certified Angus Beef, one of the highest levels of quality beef you can serve. They will also continue with previous specials such as Wednesday night seafood feast, a new Thursday pasta night - with their new homemade alfredo sauce, and their Friday Night Fish Fry is a classic Wisconsin tradition with an old family recipe of lightly battered fish, deep fried or baked, with a fresh crisp vinaigrette coleslaw. On Saturday evenings enjoy Choice Certified Angus Prime Rib (served every night they are open - Wednesday-Sunday). On Sundays enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. Also enjoy an "All You Can Eat Prime Rib Buffet" available on the first Saturday of each month. Or a wonderful Lobster Feast on the fourth Wednesday of each month. There is something for everyone at Arthur's Supper Club go to www.arthurssupperclub.com for more

details and the most updated menu options. Arthur's also has a drive-up window for your convenience.

Plan your visit around dinner at Arthur's by enjoying their spacious bar area featuring classic cocktails and hand muddled ice cream drinks such as Grasshoppers, Pink Squirrel, Golden Cadillac, Brandy Alexander, or our popular Nutty Arthur. A fun new addition to the bar is their lineup of classic beers – a blast from the past – serving Schlitz, Hamm's, Old Milwaukee, Old Style, Natural Light, Red Stripe, Labatt Blue, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Coors, and Budweiser.

In addition to the four dining rooms, one featuring a waterfall and pond, there is a large banquet area with private bar and patio, dance floor. Seating is up to 225 guests, with accommodations for smaller parties and rehearsals as well.

Arthur's also has three outdoor patios that are available for dining and relaxing by an open wood fire pit. The larger back patio also has a wonderful waterfall surrounded by a small brick pond.

Located at E4885 Hwy. 14 in Spring Green, the restaurant is open Wednesday through Sunday from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm on weekends, and 8:00 pm during the week and Sundays. The lounge opens at 4:00 pm to close. Call Arthur's Supper Club at 608-588-2521 or email arthurs-foh@gmail.com to make reservations.



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Prem Meats

Located in Spring Green and Prairie du Sac, they are a state-approved meat processing facility, with a retail meat market. Once you visit their shops you will be back

again because of the excellent quality of products at highly affordable prices.

Most of the products in their market are their own recipes that they have perfected over the years. One of the areas that they specialize in is their ready-toheat and serve meats they prepare for sandwiches. These meats are grilled on their outdoor Southern Pride, to give you the most

tender and flavorful meats. These meats can also be ordered thicker sliced to be served as the main course for your dinner.

Prem Meats was initially founded in the late 1800's by Michael Prem in a small village in Germany. In 1921, Michael's son, Joseph, immigrated to the United States,



bringing along with him the recipes and craft that they pride ourselves on today. Decades later, Joseph's son, Bill, wanted to carry along this family tradition of sausage-

> making by opening the newest edition of Prem Meats in Spring Green. Bill opened his shop with the goal to process 100 deer per season. In the late 1980's, Bill was asked to cater a summer party for a local business, sparking the catering venture of Prem Meats. New beginnings and record numbers came in 1999, as the shop garnered 1,700 deer that season along with

huge advancements in the smoking and processing stages of the meat. Bill and his wife, Sandy, were able to retire from their other jobs and work at their shop full-time. Upon their retirement, they sold the business to their sons, Marty and Terry, in 2010. In 2012, Marty and Terry began opening a new



to their process as well as adding more fulltime employees. Their exploration brought more than just meat but led to the development of the only mobile slaughtering business in the state of Wisconsin along with the sales of bread, desserts, dips, heat & eat items and more! By July 1, 2021, Marty and Terry opened the Prairie du Sac location allowing for 32 full-time staff members across both locations. The next generation of the Prem family is now helping, as Gavyn is the General Manager of the Prairie du Sac store.

Bargain Nook

shop exploring the future of the business. At

the end of 2012, they had surpassed their 3-year projection set earlier that year, and by 2016, Prem's added a new sausage line

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.

They encourage you to stop in while you are passing through the area - you never know what "treasures" await you. Please visit their website at hodancs.org/bargainnook-stores or find them on Facebook: facebook.com/BargainNook.



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The Spring Green Farmers Market offers locally grown fruits and vegetables, handmade products, flowers, prepared foods. Find it on Saturday mornings at 230 E. Monroe Street in the parking lot off Albany Street.

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.

RITE WAY SHELL

- 24 Hour Pumps & Car Wash
- Camping Supplies
- Propane Tanks
- ATM
- Bait & Tackle
- Beer Liquor Wine
- Local Cheese and Meat

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Spring Green Medical Center

The Spring Green Medical Center is part of The Richland Hospital and Clinics and provides a full range of family medicine services. Their local providers are dedicated to caring for your whole family and partnering with you to improve your quality of life.

In addition to services like annual exams, sports physicals, lab work and vaccinations,

their local team provides onsite physical therapy, X-rays, and DOT physicals. They welcome patients of all ages, providing care for all stages of life, including well-child visits and geriatric care for older patients.

Find their team in the Jefferson Plaza in downtown Spring Green or on their website at RichlandHospital.com.



The Richland Hospital and Clinics staff provides quality care to the community.



American Players Theatre

American Players Theatre is celebrating its 45th season in the woods of Spring Green, June 8 through November 10. Located on 110 verdant acres of woods and prairie, APT offers 9 plays in rotating repertory on two stages – the 1,075-seat, outdoor Hill Theatre, and 201-seat indoor Touchstone Theatre. This season on the Hill stage: *Ring Round the Moon* by Jean Anouilh, adapted by Christopher Fry; William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* and *King Lear*; August Wilson's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*; and Brian Friel's Dancing at Lughnasa. In the Touchstone Theatre, the World Premiere of Michael Hollinger's The Virgin Queen Entertains Her Fool; Marisela Treviño Orta's Wolf at the Door; Nick Payne's Constellations; and opening in October, Nat Turner in Jerusalem by Nathan Alan Davis. Come see why the New York Times wrote "...

ah, now this is what summer theater is all about." Tickets are on sale now. Visit their website at www. americanplayers.org.





In 2023, APT presented William Shakespeare's comedy The Merry Wives of Windsor.

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Offering 9 plays in the outdoor Hill Theatre & the indoor Touchstone Theatre



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North Earth

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, 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.



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radio, newspaper and magazine advertising all over the state and upper Midwest, the fair has spent \$350,000 promoting the area.

The impact doesn't stop there. Motels, restaurants and shops all reap the benefits of thousands of people visiting the River Valley area. All motel rooms and campsites are full for fair weekend year after year. Many fair goers report returning to the area, both before and after the fair, to spend time enjoying the many shops, attractions and events the area has to offer.

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

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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 located on a remote hilltop. The Stations of the Cross mark the path from St. Luke's Church to the shrine.

The Town of Spring Green is a designated Wisconsin "Bird City." The town has made a commitment to conservation and sustainability for bird habitats and the area draws many bird watching enthusiasts each year.

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.

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 features a municipal swimming pool and large shelter. 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 reparatory theaters. Taliesin, the home of world renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, is open May through November for tours. It's also the home the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. The House on the Rock, one of the state's biggest tourist draws, is located just up the road from Taliesin. New to the area is the White Church Theatre Project, which features mime and physical theater.

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.



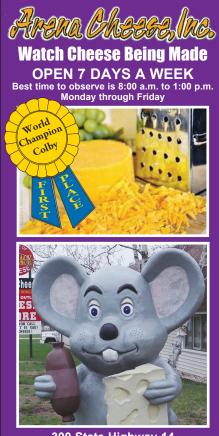
Arena Cheese

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. Please feel free to give them a call at 608-753-2501 with any questions.



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Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin

Taliesin: Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Estate in Spring Green, Wisconsin

If you were asked the question, "Who is the most iconic architect of all time?" would your answer be Frank Lloyd Wright? Would it surprise you to know that he lived for nearly 50 years in the Driftless Region of Spring Green and built a home, drafting studio, and several other buildings – the same place where, as a boy, he spent summers as a farmhand for his uncles?

Taliesin was Frank Lloyd Wright's home, studio, and estate from 1911 until his death in 1959. For over a century, Taliesin has served as a "living laboratory" where Wright and his apprentices experimented on innovative building techniques. It's a place where architecture, agriculture, culture, and the natural environment converge.

Taliesin means 'shining brow' in Welsh. In Wales, where Wright's family originated, it was common to give your home a name. He called his home Taliesin and built it on the 'brow' of the hill because he said if you built it on top of the hill, you'd lose the hill. Wright worked in tandem with the rhythms of nature and coined the phrase "organic architecture." He was an innovator, disruptor, and genius – a man truly ahead of his time.

At Taliesin Preservation, our mission is to inspire visitors by sharing Wright's legacy and vision. We offer a range of tour offerings, beginning with an Introductory House Tour to a 4-hour comprehensive Estate Tour. By taking a tour of Taliesin, you will learn about Wright's love for Wisconsin, gain a greater appreciation and understanding of his architecture and ideas, and think differently about how you live in the world today.

In addition to tours, you can grab a bite at Riverview Terrace Cafe or shop at our



Frank Lloyd Wright wanted Riverview Terrace to serve as a gateway to Taliesin, so he created a restaurant at this location as a gift to his Spring Green neighbors.

Taliesin Gift Shop located within the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center. It is also the place where tours depart from. The building was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the only remaining Wright-designed restaurant in the world.

We also offer summer youth camps with our own version of STEAM spelled: Science, Technology, Engineering, ARCHITECTURE, and Math. Sign up for our e-newsletter to stay in touch!

Visit us in-person daily May – October and on weekends (Fridays – Sundays) in April and November at: 5607 County Road C, Spring Green, WI 53588.

Visit our website for hours and details at: *TaliesinPreservation.org*

The Frank Lloyd Wright Trail

Frank Lloyd Wright's impact on modern architecture can't be understated – and we're lucky to have many of his greatest built works right here in his home state of Wisconsin. The Frank Lloyd Wright Trail connects nine of the legendary architect's works from Racine County to Richland Center. Visit the website to learn more, download our app, and sign up for the Trail Tracker



The mission at Taliesin Preservation is to inspire visitors by sharing Wright's legacy and vision, offering a range of tours to learn about Wright and his love for Wisconsin.

feature to track your journey. FrankLloyd-WrightTrail.org

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Starting at the east end of the trail, the first stop is the SC Johnson Administration Building and Research Tower, a pair of structures that Wright designed from top to bottom, including the furniture. From there, you'll stop at Wingspread, a four-winged, prairie-style house. Then it's over to Milwaukee's Burnham Block, the earliest example of Wright's affordable, small-scale dwellings.

Madison

Madison is home to two of the Trail's stops – Monona Terrace, which Wright called his "dream civic center," and the First Unitarian Society Meeting House, which is internationally recognized as an icon of religious architecture and the place where Wright once worshipped.

Spring Green

The next stop is Spring Green, where you'll begin your journey at the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center at Riverview Terrace, which overlooks the Wisconsin River and includes a gift shop and Riverview Terrace Cafe. It's here where you'll check in for your tour of Taliesin, Wright's famous home, studio, and 800-acre property with buildings from nearly every decade of his career. Minutes away is his Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center.

Richland Center

Lastly, in Richland Center, you'll find the avant-garde A.D. German Warehouse, an impressive brick structure topped by a magnificent concrete frieze that's said to resemble a Mayan temple. The west end of the Trail is where it all truly began—in the city of Wright's birth.

Learn more at: FrankLloydWrightTrail.org



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FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Taliesin is a National Historic Landmark and part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site right here in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Your Taliesin experience begins at the Wright-designed Riverview Terrace, home of the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, Taliesin Gift Shop, and Café. Recently added to the National Register of Historic Places, Riverview Terrace Cafe is the only remaining Wright-designed restaurant in the world.

Be sure to reserve your tour tickets in advance, as they do sell out!

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EXPERIENCE FIRSTHAND THE MANY WAYS THE DRIFTLESS REGION CAPTURED WRIGHT'S HEART Visit Multiple Sites Along the Frank Lloyd Wright Trail

Explore Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural wonders, starting in Spring Green at Riverview Terrace – the gateway to Taliesin and where tours begin. Enjoy Riverview Terrace Cafe and the Taliesin Gift Shop with stunning views of the Wisconsin River. Then visit Wyoming Valley School – a school as only Wright would've envisioned it, with light-filled classrooms. From there, journey to Richland Center, the town of Wright's birth, to see the iconic A.D. German Warehouse.



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Welcome to Sunniva Inn Bed & Breakfast, in a quiet neighborhood only one block from Main Street.

NEW GLARUS AREA

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Experience the many Swiss-style accommodations at Chalet Landhaus Inn in New Glarus.

Eliza House..... Pages 53, 55 204 S. Main Street, Blanchardville Call 608-523-4247 for more info Bookings: Evolve.com

"Stay in the history of Blanchardville" at Eliza House. Two separate units, 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 entrances. Ground floor is handicap accessible.



Enjoy the historic charm of Eliza House on Main Street in Blanchardville.

Circle M Vintage Glampground Pages 52, 54 1784 Cty Road H, Blanchardville 608-636-4652 • circlemfarm.com

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Spend an overnight or two 'glamping'at Circle M Glampground.

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Beautiful views of the Pecatonica River can be found at Drift-Inn Cabins.

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Cabin Rentals Pages 52, 54 New Rural Rustic Cabins in the countryside of Blanchardville. 608-214-4512 for more information Bookings: Evolve.com

Experience 'America's Dairyland' up close and personal 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.





TASTE & TOAST TOUR OF THE DRIFTLESS AREA



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Taliesin's new Riverview Terrace Cafe offers the freshest and finest ingredients from local farms and producers.



Visit Sugar River Lanes in Belleville for a great Friday Fish Fry, along with desserts like Cherry Pie and Cookie Monster Cheesecake.



Brix Cider in Mount Horeb partners with local farms and orchards to bring the best of Wisconsin's Driftless region.

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Stop at Rookie's new Ice Cream and Popcorn Parlor and try any of the 12 flavors of Cedar Crest Ice Cream. Fresh popcorn and rootbeer floats available too!



Kristi's in New Glarus serves lunch and dinner specials, some with a Mexican twist.



Stop by Sunn Café for a strawberry spinach salad for lunch and add a homemade sweet treat, cold beverage, craft beer or wine.





TASTE & TOAST TOUR OF THE DRIFTLESS AREA



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Choose your favorite flavor of Gelato at Sugar Troll in downtown Mount Horeb.



Enjoy a hearty bowl of soup, or an assortment of sandwiches for lunch at Lingonberry Llama. Or stop by for breakfast!



Mount Vernon Tap is known for their pizza -- stop in and try their new barbecue chicken pizza, or customize your own.

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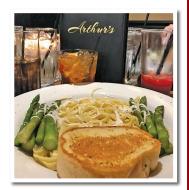
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Arthur's in Spring Green features your choice of pasta on Thursday nights, with their new homemade alfredo sauce and garlic toast.



The first Saturday April thru November is Sips and Song Saturdays at Spurgeon Winery in Highland. Enjoy live music as you sip a glass of wine or an ice cold beer.



Satisfy your thirst with a made-inhouse Old Fashioned at Midway Bar & Grill in Mineral Point.



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| Hart House Guitars – New and used guitars, amps, accessories, children's instruments |
| Isaac's Antiques – Antiques and repurposed items, plus new retail gift items from area artists |
| Jada's Garden & Greenhouse – Annuals, perennials, shrubs, veggies, pottery and garden gifts |
| Jangle Natural Living – Pure essential oil soaps, body care products, and natural gifts |
| Linstroth's Valley View Farm – Fall produce including potatoes, squash, cabbage, onions, and more |
| Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy – Basic pharmaceuticals, unique gifts and children's items Page 18 |
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Jangle Natural Living offers pure essential oil soaps, body care products, and natural gifts.



Find award-winning cheeses at Landmark Creamery in Paoli. Enjoy a grilled cheese too!



Browse the hand-made jewelry, plus books, pottery, and more at Sift & Winnow in Mount Horeb.





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| Whiskey Run Distillery – Small batch, hand-crafted bourbon, whiskey and more | Page 43 |
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Get your very own 'Sisters' t-shirt when you're browsing antiques, décor and gifts at Sisters in New Glarus.



Shop for annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets and more at Sugar River Nursery near Belleville.



Pick your own apples or purchase them in store, along with apple-themed bakery items at Munchkey Apples.



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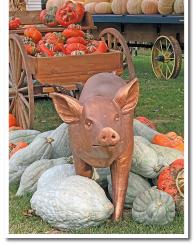
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Find home décor, household, fabric and craft items, toys, plus general merchandise at Ben Franklin 5-10 in Mineral Point.



Stop in for the best of fall produce at Linstroth's Valley View Farm.



Come visit Hoesly's Meats to enjoy the original flavors created by this local New Glarus family.



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 - Middleton Historical Society's Rowley House Museum
 - Morton Forest County Park, Mazomanie
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- Donald County Park
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- Mount Horeb Aquatic Center
- Norsk Golf Club
- Stewart County Park
- Tyrol Basin Ski & Snowboard Area
- Wally Keller Tool Museum



Hike the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The Table Bluff Segment is a 2.5 mile footpath on the edge of the Driftless Area in Cross Plains that offers wildlife viewing and more.



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Step back in time when you visit Hyde's Mill in Ridgeway, a historic grist mill with a wooden water wheel.

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Spend some time browsing the displays at the Mazomanie Historical Society. The museum comprises four rooms and an attached jail, along with a research center, and document and artifact storage annex.



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- Pendarvis Historic Site
- Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts



Try a round or two on the free to play Driftless Valley 18-Hole Disc Golf Course in Blanchardville.



Browse the many artisan shops found throughout Mineral Point and most anywhere in the Driftless area.



Share with your family the story of Swiss independence when you go to the Wilhelm Tell Festival Aug. 31–Sept. 1.

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- The Springs Golf Course
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- Westbrook Hills Golf Course
- Wisconsin River



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