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Park (Sunday), and children's lantern parade (Friday evening). The final pageant performance is in German. Wilhelm Tell Grounds, W5199 Cty. Rd. W. 608-527-2095, www.wilhelmtell.org

1-4-RURAL EDGERTON

Rock River Thresheree Reunion: This 61st annual living history festival features working antique steam engines and equipment demonstrations in the 200 acre park. Take a train ride on the Rock River Cannonball and watch an operating saw mill and pile driver. Check out the blacksmith shop, woodcarvers, antique cars and trucks, construction equipment display and demonstrations, steam calliope, kids activities and more. Shop the large flea market and take the opportunity to drive your first tractor, watch the daily Parade of Power at 2 p.m., and enjoy live music each evening. This year features Allis Chalmers and Fairbanks Morse engines. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Rd. (bordering Highway 51 between Edgerton and Janesville). 608-868-2814, www.thresheree.org

2-KENOSHA

Walk in the Woods Art Fair: One of the most popular and well respected art fairs in Southeastern Wisconsin. The serene woodland trail and flower garden setting for over 60 artists and their work makes the event one-of-a-kind. The festivities go all day with live music at two outdoor stages, wandering entertainers, face painting and a kids' nature play station. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, 880 Green Bay Rd. 262-552-8196, www.hawthornhollow.org

2-3-KENOSHA

Cheese-A-Palooza: Celebrate all things cheese along the harbor downtown. Features a variety of entertainment, food and activities. Kenosha Harbor, 6th Ave. and 54th St. 262-564-8800, wisconsincheeseapalooza.com

2-3-MADISON

Taste of Madison: More than 80 local restaurants, 20 beverage stands and three entertainment stages. The participating restaurants sell a vast variety of unique and traditional dishes to the estimated 225,000 attendees over the two-day period. Food items priced from \$1 to \$4. Admission is free and open to the public. Capitol Square. 608-276-9797, www.tasteofmadison.com

7-10-JEFFERSON

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival: Family event featuring stock dog trials; sheep, Shetland, Border Collie, fleece and hooked rug shows; auction, art classes and giant country store. Food and beverages served all day. Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 North Jackson Ave. 608-868-2505, www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com

7-9-MADISON

Quilt Expo: Features a 10-category quilt contest, vendor mall, stage presentations, informal lectures, Sit & Sew and hands-on workshops, nationally known celebrity presenters and raffle prizes. Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way. 866-297-6545, www.wiquiltexpo.com

8-EDGERTON

Country Edge presented by Chilimania: Rising Nashville star and nationally touring artist Keith Anderson will headline, playing on the main stage on North Henry Street in downtown Edgerton at 9 p.m. Longtime Chilimania favorites, the John Mellencamp tribute band Pink Houses, will open for Anderson at 7 p.m. Food and beverages, including beer, will be available. This is the night before Chilimania and will be the official Chilimania pre-party. All proceeds from Country Edge and Chilimania directly benefit the Edgerton community. 608-561-7566, www.chilimania.com

8-10-DARIEN

Cornfest: A weekend celebrating all things corn, with sports tournaments, tractor pulls, raffles, outhouse races, live entertainment, carnival, fireworks, arts and crafts, raffles and much more. West Park, Darien. 262-949-9358, dariencornfest.us

8-10-MILWAUKEE

Indian Summer Festival: Indian Nation's largest cultural celebration. On Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront. Veterans parade, exhibit and theme: Honoring Our Warriors, with special tributes for all veterans, active military personnel and first responders. Traditional Pow Wow, fireworks, Indian dance troupes, Native Music Awards Program (ISMA), Tribal Villages, cultural demonstrations, storytellers, Lacrosse demo's and tournament, juried fine art, American Indian traditional and contemporary entertainers, authentic foods, a Native farmers market, and an extensive Native marketplace. Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-midnight; Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N Harbor Dr. 414-604-1000, www.indiansummer.org

9-LAKE GENEVA

Taste of Lake Geneva: Several local chefs and restaurateurs come together in Flat Iron Park (201 Wrigley Dr.) with a variety of local cuisine and culinary delights to tantalize your taste buds. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 262-729-9872, www.visitlakegeneva.com

9-EDGERTON

Chilimania: Family-friendly street festival featuring the Wisconsin State Championship CASI-sanctioned chili cook-off, a traditional chili cooking contest and a salsa contest. The event also features a 5K fun run and walk, 12 hours of live music, a Bloody Mary contest and

more. Chili tasting begins at 3pm and lasts until the chili is gone. Admission is charged. 11 a.m.-midnight. 608-561-7566 (days), www.chilimania.com

9-MOUNT HOREB

Thirsty Troll Brew Fest: Taste beers from Wisconsin and the surrounding area. Approximately 25 regional brewers, along with Jorgen the Troll, will be showcasing up to 100 different brews. Music, food. Grundahl Park, 401 Blue Mounds Rd. 1-5 p.m. 608-437-5914, www.trollway.com

9-JANESVILLE

Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin Show and Sale: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave. Admission is free (donations accepted). Woodcarvers from the local club will be joined by others from throughout Wisconsin and Illinois for an extensive display of many different types of wood carvings, as well as demonstrations throughout the day. Vendors will have wood and tools available for purchase, and attendees can vote on their favorite carvings and enter the raffles. Food will be available. 608-868-4522, www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com

9-10-MANITOWOC

Mid-Lakes Thresheree: Discover what life was like in a rural community throughout our community's early years with live field demos, steam engines, farm tractors and various activities in 25 historic buildings. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pinecrest Historical Village, 924 Pine Crest Ln. 920-684-4445, www.mid-lakesrusticiron.org

9-10-BELOIT

Festival on the Rock: Festivities include carnival rides, craft tents, bags tournament, food vendors, beer tent, live music, fireworks and more. Free admission and parking. Preservation Park, 3444 S Riverside Dr. Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 9 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 608-362-4612, www.townofbeloit.org

9-11-BELOIT

Heritage Days: Tour historic neighborhoods and buildings, tour Beloit's oldest cemetery and attend special events at Beckman Mill and the Angel Museum. Tour the Indian Effigy mounds on the Beloit College campus and enjoy live music and demonstrations of old-fashioned crafts. Throughout Beloit. Times vary. Free admission to most events. 608-365-4838, www.visitbeloit.com

10-CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Volunteer Fire Dept. annual Dance and Poker Run: Live music, ice cream social, raffle, car show, fire fighter games, dance and more from 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Poker run starts at 11 a.m. Bingo 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Fire station, 273 W. Main St. 608-423-2013, www.visitcambridgewi.com

10-MADISON

Ironman Wisconsin Triathlon: Cheer on more than 2,000 athletes as they swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles. The competition begins at 7 a.m. at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, 1 John Nolen Dr., and concludes at midnight around the Capitol Square. 608-255-2537, www.ironman.com

15-17-JEFFERSON

47th annual Gemuetlichkeit Days: Gemuetlichkeit is German for "good times, good fun, good fellowship." Celebrate with German food, crafts, great music, dancing and a big parade on Sunday at noon. The 2017 theme is "Lichterfest" (Festival of Lights). Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave. Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 9 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. 920-674-4511, www.gdays.org

15-17 WISCONSIN DELLS

Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Festival: Filled with family activities, including an arts and crafts fair, antique flea market, Maxwell Street Days, live entertainment and a 75-unit parade. Bowman Park and downtown. 800-223-3557, www.wisdells.com/wozhawa.htm

16-WHITEWATER

Whitewater Main Street Festival: This annual event celebrating the arts is held against the backdrop of historic architecture and natural beauty throughout Whitewater. Explore galleries, local shops and restaurants. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Downtown. 262-473-9845, www.wwmsfestival.blogspot.com

16-CAMBRIDGE

Fall Fest: Tractor hayrides, scarecrow building, chainsaw artist live demo, live music, pie contest, auction benefiting the Cambridge Food Pantry, bee-keeping demo, face painting and FFA farm animal petting zoo. Veterans Park, 100 E. Main St. Fun Run and Family Wellness Fair in the morning at downtown West Side Park. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 608-423-3780, www.cambridgewi.com

16-RACINE

Great Lakes Brewfest: 75 craft brewers from across the country offer unlimited sampling of more than 150 brews along with live music, food and special performances by the Racine Kilties Drum & Bugle Corps. Racine Zoo, 2131 N. Main St., 3-7 p.m. 262-681-2052, www.greatlakesbrewfest.com

16-LAKE MILLS

Tyrana Oktoberfest Bike Ride: 25, 45 and 65-mile routes through Jefferson County countryside begin and end at the Tyrana Brewery. Rest stops, SAG support, and free tours of the brewery in the afternoon. Enjoy beverages, live music (1-10 p.m.), and a complete dinner. Riders leave between 9:30-11 a.m. Tyrana Brewing Co., 1025 Owen St. 920-648-8699, www.tyrana.com/bikeride

16-DELANVAN

Scarecrow Fest: Scarecrows line the sidewalks at this fun fall festival of food, arts and crafts, flea market, live entertainment and Delavan's famous duck race. Kid's carnival, petting zoo, kid's activity center and a street dance until 8:30 pm. Downtown, E. Walworth Ave., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 262-740-0959, www.delavanwi.org

16-MILTON

Milton House Twilight Tours: 7-10 p.m., Milton House, 18 S. Janesville St. See the Milton House by lamp and candlelight as a fugitive slave would have over 150 years ago while traveling on the Underground Railroad. Discover what this stagecoach inn would have looked like to the traveler arriving after dark. Before and after the tour, enjoy wine and cheese pairings with Northleaf Winery in the Tomah Room. Plus, bid on silent auction items. Tours every 15 minutes. 608-868-7772, www.miltonhouse.org

17-BELOIT

Autorama: Annual car show, swap meet, car corner, as well as an arts and crafts sale. One of the largest automotive one day events in the Midwest for classics, collectibles, street rods and trucks. Preservation Park, 3380 Riverside Rd. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 608-290-3628, www.beloitautorama.com

22-24-JEFFERSON

Fall Jefferson Car Show and Auto Swap Meet: Swap meet, car corral and car show, street rods and trucks. Covers 99 acres. More than 3,100 vendor stalls and over 1,000 cars for sale. Swap and car corral all three days; car show Saturday and Sunday. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson Ave. 608-244-8416, www.madisonclassics.com/car-shows/fall-jefferson.php

22-24-NEW GLARUS

New Glarus Oktoberfest: Free Admission to the festival tent all weekend. Oktoberfest presents many activities and events in downtown New Glarus featuring live music, food, wagon rides, chainsaw carving, plus plenty of family fun. Live music in festival tent all weekend. 608-527-2095, www.swisstown.com

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Immerse yourself in Wisconsin's Native American heritage during the Indian Summer Festival on Sept. 8-10. (Photo courtesy of TravelWisconsin.com)