

AUGUST EVENTS continued from previous page

Park; the exploration of the historic Mill Race by pontoon boat at the "Embrace the Race" event; and a regional garden tractor expo that brings hundreds of vintage and refurbished garden tractors to town. Among the many long-standing Covered Bridge Days activities are a kids' fun run, garden displays, tractor show with a thresheree and tractor pull, horse show with pony rides, toy tractor pull, flea market, vendors on the square, Model A antique car display and classic car show, historical tours, volleyball and softball tournaments, a street dance, a parade, food stands and beer gardens. Downtown Square and south Brodhead. 608-897-8411, 608-558-1967 (art festival), www.cityofbrodheadwi.us

12-MADISON

Great Taste of the Midwest: One of the premier beer festivals in the United States. Over one hundred brewpubs and microbreweries from the midwest come to Olin-Turville Park (1155 E. Lakeside St.) overlooking Lake Monona in Madison, Wisconsin, to share beer and good times with six thousand patrons. 1 p.m.-6 p.m. 608-255-2537, www.greatastetaste.org

12-13-LAKE GENEVA

Art in the Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Flat Iron Park on the shore of Geneva Lake. AITP is a juried show that spotlights original fine art from approximately 80 artists from throughout the United States. The event will also feature a silent auction, live entertainment, food and beverage and a children's activity tent. 262-249-7988, www.genevalakeartsfoundation.org

12-ALBION (RURAL EDGERTON)

Albion Craft & Gift Fair: Stroll through beautiful Albion Park (on Albion Road) for a fine arts and crafts show, bake sale and farmers market. Feast on a chicken barbecue and other food. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free admission. 608-289-1042

12-ALBION (RURAL EDGERTON)

Albion Academy Historical Society's Pie and Ice Cream Social: Dessert and visiting with other people interested in the history of Albion and the Academy. Tour the museum and the Sheepskin one-room schoolhouse. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at Albion Academy Historical Society (605 Campus Ln.), Exit 160 off I-90, two miles north of Edgerton in Albion. 608-774-4339, aahs50.wordpress.com

12-13-MILWAUKEE

Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair: Features 130 fine craft artists exhibiting media in ceramics, glass, leather, wood, photography, jewelry, fiber, enamel, handmade paper, metal and mixed media. Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N Water St. 262-894-0038, www.morninggloryfinecraftfair.com

12-13-IOLA

Vintage Military and Gun Show: Show vehicles include military vehicles, military equipment, tractors, machines and professional vehicle exhibit. Battle re-enactments for World War II and Vietnam era with pyrotechnics. Living history encampments, swap meet, parades of vehicles and speakers, vintage tractors and equipment. Family camping is available. Iola Old Car Show Grounds, 130 Jenson Dr. 715-445-4005, iolavms.com

16-20-LAKE GENEVA

Venetian Festival: Five day festival featuring a carnival, craft fair (Saturday/Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.), water ski show, musical entertainment, local cuisine and on Sunday the festival's traditional lighted boat parade followed by a fireworks display high above Geneva Lake. Wednesday-Friday 5 p.m.-midnight, Saturday and Sunday noon-midnight. Library Park/Flat Iron Park, Main Street. 262-215-9112, www.lakegenevajaycees.org

17-20-MILWAUKEE

Irish Fest: The nation's largest Irish Festival celebrates Irish music, dance, culture, sports and cuisine. More than 300 entertainers on 17 stages, children's activities, Irish wares. Henry Maier Festival Park, Thursday, 5-10 p.m.; Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-midnight; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 414-476-3378, irishfest.com

17-20-FOND DU LAC

Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest: Check out Fond du Lac's "Miniature EAA" and experience the biggest and best radio controlled airplanes from all over the US and Canada. Bring the family and see jets flying at 200 MPH. You'll also see giant scale models with wingspans over 15 feet flown by some of the best R/C pilots in the country. Wellnitz Field, N4841 Hickory Rd., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 920-907-6159, www.midwestwarbirds.com

17-20-SUN PRAIRIE

Sweet Corn Festival: Festival begins with a parade down Main Street on Thursday evening. Event includes craft show, carnival rides, concessions, family stage, beer tent with live bands, kiddie korner activities, petting zoo and lots of sweet corn on Saturday and Sunday. The annual Prairie Pull-Off Tractor Pull runs 4 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Thursday-Friday, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, noon-midnight; and Sunday, noon-10 p.m. Angell Park, 100 Park St. 608-837-4547, www.sunprairiechamber.com

17-20-MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee A la Carte: The zoo's annual food and music "feast with the beasts." More than 25 area



A youngster gets a tractor ride at the Rock River Thresheree. The 61st Thresheree will be held Sept. 1-4 in rural Edgerton. (File photo)

restaurants provide the feast, plus four entertainment stages. Bring your appetite and your dancing shoes. Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W. Bluemound Rd. www.milwaukeezoo.org

19-STOUGHTON

Coffee Break Festival: Small town fun in the place where the coffee break was born. Sample coffee from a host of coffee vendors, check out the art and craft show, car show, children's activities, music, food, and beer. Also participate in the 1-mile or 5k run. Mandt Park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-873-7912, www.stoughtonwi.com

19-FITCHBURG

Agora Art Fair: Featuring more than 100 local Wisconsin artisans in a variety of mediums exhibiting and selling their creations, live music, Capital Brewery Beer Garden, food pavilion and Children's Art Yard. Paintings, photography, jewelry, mixed media, pottery, glass, fiber, wood, graphics, printmaking and sculptures. The Agora, 5500 E. Cheryl Parkway. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 608-332-7900, www.agoraartfair.com

20-JANESVILLE

Riverside Music Festival and Chicken Roast: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Riverside Park, North Pavilion, 2200 Parkside Dr. The all-day event will feature three main stage musical groups sponsored by the Friends of Riverside Park, a wine and beer tent, shuffleboard games and family fun activities. The Janesville Noon Lions will be offering a roasted chicken dinner from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. or until sold out. Rain or shine. 608-752-2676, www.janesvillecvb.com, www.janesvillenoonlions.org/chicken-roast

20-MILTON

Milton House Museum's Arts and Crafts on the Lawn Fair: More than 100 vendors of authentic arts and crafts offer their wares to the approximately 10,000 people that attend the event each year. Ice cream social, discounted museum tours, craft raffle, Lions Club Car Show, dunk tank, non-profit food booths and country store. Held in conjunction with the Milton Chamber's Chicken BBQ. 18 S. Janesville St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-868-7772, www.miltonhouse.org

20-RACINE

Racine Zoo Classic Car, Truck and Bike Show: From old to new, mild to wild, this car and motorcycle show is one of the best attended in southeast Wisconsin. Food, fun and classics for all to enjoy and admire. Racine Zoological Gardens, 2131 N. Main St. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 262-636-9189, www.racinezoo.org

25-27-MILWAUKEE

Mexican Fiesta: Mexican Fiesta is a cultural foundation concentrating on providing education and cultural events for the growing Hispanic community honoring culture, tradition and family. Share in the beauty of Mexico's rich history, art, music and food. Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N. Harbor Dr. Noon to midnight. 414-383-7066, www.mexicanfiesta.org

25-27-MIDDLETON

Good Neighbor Festival: Enjoy three days of live entertainment, games, prizes, food, arts, crafts and fun for all ages. See the parade, join the 5K run/walk and enjoy the biggest Middleton event of the year. Fireman's Park, 7400 Lee St. 608-831-6350, goodneighborfestival.com

25-MONROE

Cars on the Square: Historic Downtown Courthouse Square, 1016 16th Ave., 5-8:30 p.m. Classic cars on display, prizes, food. 608-328-4023, www.mainstreetmonroe.org

26-FORT ATKINSON

Rhythm on the River: Live music, food and fun for all ages on the riverwalk in downtown Fort Atkinson. Start your night with a "Taste of Fort" featuring everything

from cheese curds to cupcakes from local food vendors. Dance the night away to the sounds of live bands, including Katie Mack and the Moan followed by the headliner, The Love Monkeys. Back by popular demand, "The Balloon Guy" will be offering balloon animals and airbrush tattoos for the kids. Free admission to the public. 4 p.m. to midnight. 920-563-3210, www.fortchamber.com

26-POTOSI

Potosi Brewfest: Includes samples from more than 35 vendors of craft beer, wine, specialty meats and cheeses. Try your hand at the Beer Stein Holding contest or enjoy music, all in the beautiful setting of the Holiday Gardens across from the historic Potosi Brewery. Holiday Gardens Event Center, 109 Main St. 1-5 p.m. 6080763-4002, www.potosibrewery.com

26-PALMYRA

American Legion Horse Pull and Pancake Breakfast: Craft fair/flea market and horse pull contests. Breakfast starts at 7 a.m. Village Park 262-495-2632, www.villageofpalmyra.com

29-30-RURAL MILTON

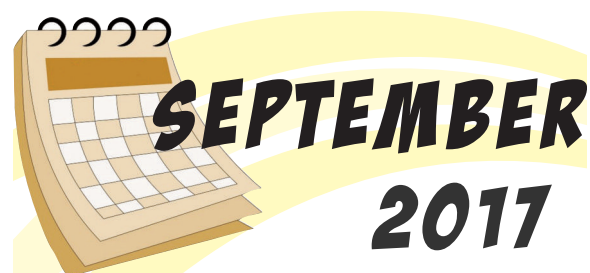
Lobster Boil at Buckhorn Supper Club: On Lake Koshkonong, 11802 N. Charley Bluff Rd. 608-868-2653, www.thebuckhorn.net

30-Sept. 4-ELKHORN

Walworth County Fair: One of the oldest fairs in the state, the Walworth County Fair was established in 1849. Livestock judging, exhibits, carnival rides, concessions, harness racing, tractor and truck pulls, demolition derby and free grandstand shows. Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 Court St. 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Midway open noon-11 p.m. daily except on Labor Day (11 a.m.-8 p.m.) 262-723-3228, www.walworthcountyfair.com

30-Sept. 4-MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee Rally: All motorcycles and riders are welcome. Poker run, hundreds of vendors, non-stop entertainment, hottest bikes, scenic road trips, and hometown hospitality. Harley-Davidson Dealers in Milwaukee. 800-241-1340, www.milwaukee rally.com

**1-Oct. 15-STATEWIDE**

Colorama: The amber hues of Autumn sweep through Wisconsin from north to south as the forests sparkle with fall color. Enjoy an auto tour through the spectacular scenery of Wisconsin in the fall.

1-3-WAUKESHA

Wisconsin Highland Games: Scottish and Irish athletics, rugby tournament, Highland dancing, pipe and drum competition, kids' area, cultural area, pub tent, live music all day, demonstrations, workshops, animals, parades, food and more. Pub tent open late with live music Saturday and Sunday. Waukesha Expo Center, 1000 Northview Rd. Friday, 5-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. 262-548-7200, www.wisconsinhighland.org

1-3-NEW GLARUS

Wilhelm Tell Festival: Highlights include Swiss music, yodeling contest, parade (Saturday morning) Art in the

Continued on next page