

**JUNE EVENTS** continued from previous page**2-4-LITTLE CHUTE**

**Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival:** Live music, food, amusement rides, kids entertainment, animal petting zoo, parade, walk/run, cheese tasting, cheese carving demo, cheese curd eating contest, cheese breakfast and cheesecake contest. Friday 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday 10:30 a.m.-midnight, Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Doyle Park, 100 Van Buren St. 920-423-3869, [www.littlechutewi.org/cheesefest](http://www.littlechutewi.org/cheesefest)

**2-4-FITCHBURG**

**Festa Italia:** Hosted by the Italian Workmen's Club, this annual event features Italian food, Italian culture, live entertainment, a bocce tournament, a spaghetti-eating contest and a carnival. Friday 4:30-11 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (10 a.m. Mass). 608-258-1880, [iwcmadison.com](http://iwcmadison.com)

**3-SUN PRAIRIE**

**Taste of Sun Prairie:** 12-7:30 p.m. at Cannery Square Plaza, East Main Street. Fifteen or more area restaurants will be set up so that you can sample their best dishes for \$5 or less. Kids activities, games and lots of fun. Special sales by local vendors. Live music. 608-298-3475, [www.cityofsunprairie.com](http://www.cityofsunprairie.com)

**3-MADISON**

**Cows on the Concourse:** A free family-friendly event that kicks off June Dairy Month in Dane County. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids and adults meet and greet cows and baby calves from local farms. Located on the Capitol Square on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Enjoy the live music, food, games and cows. 608-250-4257, [www.cowsontheconcourse.org](http://www.cowsontheconcourse.org)

**3-STATEWIDE**

**National Trails Day:** Meander through the Aldo Leopold Legacy Trail System holding Wisconsin's 42 state trails offering a variety of surfaces, open to a wide-variety of activities throughout all seasons. National Trails Day has grown to inspire nearly a million trail enthusiasts to flock to their favorite trails to discover, learn about and celebrate trails while participating in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects. 800-972-8608, [nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org](http://nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org)

**3-4-STATEWIDE**

**Free Fishing Weekend:** Fish without a license in Wisconsin. All waters of the state are open, including state waters of the Great Lakes and rivers bordering Wisconsin. Residents and nonresidents of all ages can fish over these two days. All other regulations (length limits, bag limits, etc.) apply. 608-266-2272, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)

**3-4-KENOSHA**

**Outta Sight Kite Flight:** Grand launch of more than 300 kites at noon both days. Flying demonstrations of giant show kites (100+ feet) and stunt kite demonstrations by professional flyers from around the Midwest. Food and refreshments or bring a picnic, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Kennedy Park on Kenosha's lakefront. 414-305-3145, [www.giftofwings.com](http://www.giftofwings.com)

**3-4-STATEWIDE**

**Wisconsin State Parks Open House Day:** No charge for admission to state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails. Special activities at most locations. Camping fees are not waived. Parks open 6 a.m.-11 p.m. 608-266-2621, [dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks)

**4-FORT ATKINSON**

**Wings & Wheels Fly-In Breakfast:** Municipal airport on Highway K, 8 a.m. to noon. Featuring a traditional all-you-can-eat country breakfast prepared by Jones Dairy Farm, 50/50 cash raffle, raffle baskets, airplane and helicopter rides for purchase and car show. [www.bgcfortatkinson.org/wingswheels](http://www.bgcfortatkinson.org/wingswheels)

**4-11-MILWAUKEE**

**Bead and Button Show:** The largest jewelry and bead show in the world. More than 370 vendors will be selling one-of-a-kind finished jewelry plus precious gems, pearls, art beads, gold and silver, beading supplies and books. The show will also feature a juried exhibit of bead art and more than 600 bead and jewelry classes. Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave. 800-554-0197, [www.beadandbuttonshow.com](http://www.beadandbuttonshow.com)

**8-11-MOUNT HOREB**

**Summer Frolic:** A weekend of music, entertainment, food, midway rides, arcade games, bingo, prizes, and fireworks. This year the festival will also host the Stihl Lumberjack Competition (Saturday and Sunday). The competition will feature the country's top Midwestern professional lumberjack athletes vying for an opportunity to advance to the U.S. Pro Championship. Grun-dahl Park, 401 Blue Mounds St. 608-437-5914, [www.mthorebsummerfrolic.com](http://www.mthorebsummerfrolic.com)

**9-STOUGHTON**

**Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society:** Chamber music with a bang! Innovative chamber music played with joy, creativity, spontaneity and technique that are second to none. 7:30 p.m. Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St. 608-255-9866, [www.stoughtonoperahouse.com](http://www.stoughtonoperahouse.com), [www.bachdancinganddynamite.org](http://www.bachdancinganddynamite.org)

**9-11-MILWAUKEE**

**PrideFest:** The largest gay/lesbian, bisexual and transgender festival in Wisconsin. A celebration of diversity. Enjoy the festivities and partake in the food, entertainment and marketplace. Henry Maier Festival Park, Fri-



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day 3:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday noon-midnight, Sunday noon-10 p.m. 414-272-3378, [www.pridefest.com](http://www.pridefest.com)

**9-11-WAUKESHA**

**Fiesta Waukesha:** Multicultural awareness is the focus of this free festival, which will offer Hispanic entertainment, Latin American cuisine, amusement rides, music and children's activities. 262-547-0887, [www.lacasadeesperanza.org](http://www.lacasadeesperanza.org)

**9-11-NEW GLARUS**

**Roger Bright Polka Festival:** Polka bands from Wisconsin and the Midwest in the big tent downtown. Free admission. Sponsored by New Glarus Hotel. Music, dancing, food and refreshments. Additional bands at Puempel's Olde Tavern. 608-527-2095, [swisstown.com](http://swisstown.com)

**10-JANESVILLE**

**Rock County Dairy Breakfast in rural Clinton:** Enjoy a morning on the farm and a delicious, all-you-can-eat dairy breakfast. Farm fun includes crafty cow contest, farm tours, tractor wagon rides, crafters, small animal display, kids games with prizes, music and more. 6:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Brandl Farm, 10817 E. Lake Shore Rd., Clinton. [www.dairydaysofsummer.com](http://www.dairydaysofsummer.com)

**10-MONROE**

**Old Time Cheesemaking at Imobersteg Factory:** Watch as Green County cheesemakers create a wheel of Swiss cheese the old-fashioned way. Enjoy music, food and beverages, featuring signature cream puffs and "Masters" grilled cheese sandwiches. National Historic Cheesemaking Center, 2108 6th Ave. 9:30 a.m.-noon. 608-325-4636, [www.nationalhistoriccheesemakingcenter.org](http://www.nationalhistoriccheesemakingcenter.org)

**10-SUN PRAIRIE**

**Taste of the Arts Fair:** Art and craft vendors from around the state. Wine and Cheese tasting 11 a.m.-3 p.m., central shelter. Free parking, food vendor booths, entertainment, children's playground and more. Sheehan Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 608-837-4547, [www.sunprairiechamber.com](http://www.sunprairiechamber.com)

**10-NEW GLARUS**

**BBC-Beer, Bacon & Cheese Festival:** The BBC Festival presents beer, bacon, sausage and cheeses that are made in Green County and the surrounding area. Booths will be set up around town featuring local products for sampling. You'll find lots of good music, food, beverages. 608-527-2095, [www.swisstown.com](http://www.swisstown.com)

**10-KENOSHA**

**Salute to Freedom:** The free family-friendly event features outdoor and indoor activities. The event typically includes artillery and cannon demos, live music, camp and cooking demos, field hospital and medical displays, civilian demos, and a bake sale. 262-653-4141, [museums.kenosha.org/civilwar](http://museums.kenosha.org/civilwar)

**10-11-LAKE GENEVA**

**Geneva Lake Art Association Annual Paint-In:** Artists from Wisconsin and Illinois paint on the streets of Lake Geneva. Downtown sidewalks of Lake Geneva. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 262-249-7988, [www.genevalakeartsfoundation.org](http://www.genevalakeartsfoundation.org)

**10-17-MADISON**

**GRABAAWR (the Great Annual Bicycling Adventure Along the Wisconsin River):** This seven-day, fully supported tour begins at the headwaters of the Wisconsin River. Cyclists follow much of the 427-mile length of the river as they pedal from the Northwoods to the Driftless area (average of 55-85 mi./day). Two Bicycles and a Map, Ltd. 608-843-8412, [www.bikewisconsin.com](http://www.bikewisconsin.com)

**14-JANESVILLE**

**Rock County Porkfest:** 5-7 p.m. (drive-through opens at 4 p.m.), Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave., 608-757-5696. Drive-up serving begins at 4 p.m. Pork chop dinner served with potato salad, applesauce, rolls and beverage. Fresh, uncooked seasoned pork chops for sale as well. Live music, kids activities, dessert sales and the annual Pork Fest Car Show. [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org)

**15-18-FORT ATKINSON**

**Fort Atkinson Generals Baseball Festival:** A Home Talent League tournament is the highlight of this event hosted by the Fort Atkinson Generals. Festival also in-

cludes a carnival and concessions. 920-563-3210, [www.fortgenerals.com](http://www.fortgenerals.com)

**15-18-COTTAGE GROVE**

**Cottage Grove Firemen's Festival:** Raises funds for the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department. Includes live music, carnival games and rides, a Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned BBQ contest, a craft and vendor fair, the Hot2Trot Cottage Grove 5K and 10K, and fireworks. 608-839-4343, [www.cottagegrovefire.org](http://www.cottagegrovefire.org)

**16-17-MANITOWOC**

**Metro Jam:** Annual free music event that always features 10 different national and regional acts, with a variety of music styles, and sure-to-please entertainment. Washington Park, 12th and Washington streets. 920-683-5980, [www.metrojam.org](http://www.metrojam.org)

**16-17-MONROE**

**Monroe Balloon Rally:** Ballooning exhibition and events. Balloon launches and flights generally at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday evening "Balloon Glow." Saturday: food booths, live music (five blues bands), beer stand, car show, arts and crafts fair. Green County Fairgrounds, 2600 10th St. 608-214-3852, [www.monroeballoonrally.com](http://www.monroeballoonrally.com)

**16-18-MILWAUKEE**

**Polish Fest:** America's largest Polish Festival with folk dancing, polka music, a cultural village, folk art demos, Polish rock bands, classical musicians, the Chopin Youth Piano Competition, marketplace, children's stage and Polish food. Henry Maier Festival Park. Friday and Saturday noon-midnight, Sunday noon-8 p.m. 414-529-2140, [www.polishfest.org](http://www.polishfest.org)

**16-18-MILWAUKEE**

**Milwaukee Lakefront Festival of the Arts:** One of the country's finest juried art shows. Features 189 national artists who display and sell. Sculpture garden, children's art activities, entertainment, artist demonstrations and food/beverage vendors. Milwaukee Art Museum, Friday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 414-224-3200, [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

**17-WISCONSIN DELLS**

**Wisconsin Dells Waterslide-athon:** Specific water parks designate one slide as the official "Waterslide-athon" slide. During the event, a donation is given by the water park to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Madison for every guest that goes down the slide. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 800-223-3557, [www.wisdelles.com/waterslideathon](http://www.wisdelles.com/waterslideathon)

**17-WAUPACA**

**Strawberry Fest:** Celebrate the first taste of summer. Strawberry shortcake, fresh strawberries for sale, arts and crafts, live music, food, children's activities and more. Downtown. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 715-258-7343, [www.waupacamemories.com](http://www.waupacamemories.com)

**17-RACINE**

**Lighthouse Run:** Choose from 4 and 10 mile competitive runs or a 2 mile run/walk. Kids race and mascot race. All routes follow Racine's beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline. Downtown. 262-634-1994, [www.ymcaracine.org/LighthouseRun](http://www.ymcaracine.org/LighthouseRun)

**17-SUN PRAIRIE**

**Annual Strawberry Fest and Craft Fair:** Family friendly strawberry festival featuring craft fair, run/walk, breakfast/lunch, raffles, children's carnival, computer arcade, book sale, skateboard competition, lots of delicious strawberries and more. Colonial Club Senior Activity Center 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 608-837-4611 [www.colonialclub.org](http://www.colonialclub.org)

**17-18-EAGLE**

**Scandinavian Midsommar Celebration:** Celebrate the year's longest day at Old World Wisconsin by decorating and raising a maypole and making flower crowns. Enjoy a traditional Swedish meal, along with folk music and dancing. 262-594-6300, [www.oldworld-wisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.oldworld-wisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org)

**18-WAUKESHA**

**Carl Zach Cycling Classic:** See first hand jaw-dropping speed as international bicycle racers take hairpin turns on the streets of downtown Waukesha during the last leg of the Tour of America's Dairyland series. Downtown, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 262-524-3737, [www.tourofamericasdairyland.com](http://www.tourofamericasdairyland.com)

**20-24-OSHKOSH**

**Country USA:** The premier country music and camping festival in the nation with some of today's hottest country music headliners. Special VIP and reserved seating, camping, marketplace and concessions. 2017 headliners include: Blake Shelton, Chris Young, Gary Allan, Florida Georgia Line and Rascal Flatts. Ford Festival Park, 2535 W. Ripple Rd. 920-882-4949, [www.countryusaoshkosh.com](http://www.countryusaoshkosh.com)

**22-25-OREGON**

**Summer Festival:** Fireworks extravaganza, carnival midway, food, nightly music, beer tent, 5K classic, classic car show, huge parade, softball tournament. Thursday 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Friday 4 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-1 a.m., Sunday noon-7:30 p.m. Kiser Firemen's Park, 245 Brook St. 608-835-3697, [www.oregonwisummerfest.com](http://www.oregonwisummerfest.com)

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