

# Beloit Hot Spots & Happenings

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## Hot Spots

**The Angel Museum**, 656 Pleasant St., is truly a heavenly site. See story on page 63.

The **Beloit Snappers** present the grassroots of America's Pastime at Pohlman Field, 2101 Cranston Rd. Located just minutes off of Interstate 43 & 90, the 3,500-seat stadium is the home of Major League Baseball's Oakland A's Class A affiliate. The stadium features amenities such as a multi-level picnic deck along the first base line, children's play area and a walk-in gift shop. 608-362-2272, beloit.snappers.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t554

The **Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead**, 2149 St. Lawrence Ave., is a 1957 Victorian farmstead with barn, an 1873 one-room schoolhouse and a smokehouse. The historic site features the home of James Hanchett, a pioneer contractor and builder of dams who came to Beloit in 1840. He built dams in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, including the first dam across the Rock River in 1844. The site is open June through mid-September on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. 608-314-6289, www.beloithistoricalsociety.com/homestead.php

The Beloit Historical Society's museum is located in the **Lincoln Center** (845 Hackett St.). Located on the site of the former Lincoln Junior High School, the museum offers a chance to view exhibit areas which focus on a variety of local historical themes, including the Beloit Gallery, Arthur Missner Veterans Gallery and Memorial, the Ted Perring Sports Hall of Fame and the Beloit Hall of Fame. The center also houses the Beloit Historical Society's offices, archives, community room, collection storage rooms and the Luebke Family Memorial Library. Open Tuesday-Friday, 12-4 p.m. 608-365-7835, www.beloithistoricalsociety.com

**The Logan Museum of Anthropology**, Beloit College, 700 College St., is the home of a collection of more than 225,000 ethnographic and archeological artifacts from around the world. The museum, founded in 1893, is a hands-on teaching museum with collections from over 123 countries and over 480 cultural groups. Gift shop on site. Free admission. Open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-363-2677, www.beloit.edu/logan/

The **Wright Museum of Art** (corner of Prospect Street and Bushnell Street) features local, international and specialized art located on the campus of Beloit College. Main gallery shows rotate. The museum's principal purpose is to provide the college and local community with diverse opportunities to appreciate, interact with and understand the visual arts through exhibitions, collections and programming. Museum hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 608-363-2702, www.beloit.edu/wright/

Located at 520 E Grand Ave., **Beloit Fine Arts Incubator** (BFAI) provides a supportive environment for artists to practice, create, exhibit and sell their art. BFAI's monthly gallery shows are kicked off with a "BFAI First Friday's Gallery Opening" and feature the work of local and regional artists. These events are free and open to the public and include complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. BFAI partners with downtown restaurants to offer dinner specials to make it an evening of dining and art. Gallery hours are Mondays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 608-313-9083, www.beloitfineartsincubator.com

**Weekly on Fridays-Friday's in the Park free sum-**

## Happenings

**mer concert series:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., May 25-Aug. 31, State Street and Grand Avenue. Listen to live music, kick off your shoes, soak up the sun and enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by one of Beloit's local eateries. 608-365-0150, downtownbeloit.com

**Saturdays, May-Oct.-Downtown Farmers' Market:** Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., State Street, Grand Avenue and Mill Street parking lot. An award-winning community tradition spanning over 50 years, the market continues to grow with more than 85 vendors weekly, selling local produce, organics, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, herbs, bedding plants, fish, meat, eggs and cheese, fresh flowers, artisan crafts, scents and skin care. 608-365-0150, downtownbeloit.com/us/farmers-market-2/

**Select Mondays, June through August-Dancin' at Harry's Place:** Love to dance or just wish you could? Dancin' at Harry's Place is the spot to learn Swing, Cha Cha, Tango, Line Dance, Waltz and more. Free lessons select Monday nights at the Harry C. Moore Pavilion in Riverside Park, 1240 Riverside Drive. Lessons at 7 p.m., open dancing 8-9 p.m. Dates include June 4, June 18, July 16, July 30, Aug. 13 and Aug. 27. 608-362-0964, www.friendsofriverfront.com

**June 23-24-Battle Wisconsin Flag Football Championship:** The event will feature big cash prizes, top teams from across the country and divisions for all age groups, sexes and skill levels. Visit www.ffwct.com for more information, including location and times.

**July 4-Pops on the Rock:** 7:30 p.m., Harry C. Moore Pavilion, Riverside Park, 1240 Riverside Dr. in Beloit. Celebrate the Fourth of July with an outdoor concert on the riverfront. The Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra's patriotic performance is followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Free family event. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. 608-365-4838, www.rockriverphil.org

**Aug. 3-4-Celebrate Downtown Weekend:** On Aug. 3, sidewalk sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with children's activities. Also on Aug. 3, street dance runs from 5:30-11 p.m. on the 300 block of State St. Sidewalk sales continue Aug. 4 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 608-365-0150, www.downtownbeloit.com/us/

**Aug. 11-U.S. Kubb Open:** Will be open to players of all skills, ages, genders and nationalities that want to compete and discover new abilities. Kubb is a lawn game where the object is to knock over wooden blocks, known as "kubbs," by throwing wooden batons at them. Riverside Park, 1160 Riverside Dr. www.kubbunited.com

**Aug. 18-Beloit Dirty Dash:** Youth run/walk and obstacle course for ages 4-18. The event includes a loop around the Dirty Dash course, a T-shirt and other goodies. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. You are guaranteed to encounter mud pits and nature trails. Rinse station available. 9 a.m. to noon. 608-364-2890, ext. 3, www.beloitrecreation.com

**Aug. 24-Movie on the Big Lawn:** Come watch a free movie on a giant inflatable movie screen down on the waterfront. Family fun begins in the afternoon with picnics, activities, food and games. Movie starts at sundown. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 26. 608-365-4838, www.friendsofriverfront.com

**Sept. 7-8-Festival on the Rock:** Festivities include carnival rides, food vendors, beer tent, live music and more. Boat regatta, fireworks and Kubb tournament. Free admission/parking. Preservation Park, 3444



**Youngsters enjoy a paddleboat ride in Beloit's Riverside Park. (Photo courtesy of Visit Beloit)**

Riverside Dr., Hwy. 51. Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 9 a.m.-midnight, Sunday, 9 a.m.-midnight. 608-362-4612, www.townofbeloit.org

**Sept. 9-Heritage Days Festival:** Arts, crafts and antique festival with musical performances, concession stands, silent auction and history impersonators. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St. 608-365-7835, www.beloithistoricalsociety.com

**Sept. 15-16-Thunder on the Rock Boat Racing:** Stock outboard, modified outboard, junior classes, meet the drivers, and more. Visit www.marineracingclub.com for more information.

**Sept. 16-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. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 608-290-3628, www.beloitautorama.com

**Sept. 21-Oktoberfest:** Dancing, cold beer, live music all night. Admission \$5 for adults, \$1 for children ages 4-11 and free for kids younger than 4 years old. 5:30-11 p.m. State Street, downtown. 608-365-0150, www.downtownbeloit.com

**Sept. 29-30-Alpaca Farm Days:** See alpacas up close. Kids activities, food, demonstrations. Free admission. 5546 W. Plymouth Church Rd. 608-751-2261, www.pacesetteralpaca.com

**Sept. 29-Walk to End Alzheimer's:** Two-mile walk to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Registration available online or at the event. There is no registration fee; however, every walker is asked to make a personal donation and commit to raising funds in the fight against Alzheimer's. Registration at 8:30 a.m., ceremony at 10 a.m., walk at 10:15 a.m. Riverside Park, Harry C. Moore Pavilion Park Shelter, 1240 Riverside Dr. 608-203-8500, www.act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2018/WI-SouthCentral-Wisconsin?pg=entry&fr\_id=11630

**Oct. 13-Downtown Beloit Wine Walk:** 2-5 p.m. Enjoy wine tastings at several shops throughout historic downtown. 608-365-0150

**Oct. 24-Taste of the Chamber:** 5-8 p.m. Enjoy food samples, beer tasting, live music and more. www.visitbeloit.com

**Oct. 27-Halloween Parade and Party:** Children show off their costumes in a parade down Grand Avenue visiting downtown Beloit businesses for treats during the last Farmers Market of the season. The fun includes live music and activities. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 608-365-4838, www.downtownbeloit.com

*Information compiled from internet sources, including local chamber of commerce websites, municipal websites, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's www.travelwisconsin.com, and other websites, unless noted.*

## WISCONSIN WILDCARDS



### LARGEMOUTH BASS *Micropterus salmoides*

#### IDENTIFICATION

They don't call them "Bucketmouth" for nothing! The largemouth bass is the largest member of the sunfish family. It has a big mouth and knows how to use it! Its upper jaw extends beyond its eye. Notice the prominent lateral line on the side of the fish and the deep notch in the dorsal fin.

#### HABITAT

Largemouth bass prefer warm water and like to hide under lily pads, docks, or in weed beds.

#### TACKLE TIPS

Old Bucketmouth has excellent senses of sight, smell and hearing. These fish like weedy areas so don't forget to use a weedless bait or you may lose your lure!

#### COMMON CATCH SIZE 12-14", 1 lb.

(Check regulations for legal catch size and season.)

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