

JULY EVENTS continued from previous page**25-29-UNION GROVE**

Racine County Fair: Five fun-filled days of competitive youth and adult exhibits, children's entertainment, national entertainment, tractor pulls, demo derbies, midway rides, food, animal and agricultural displays. Fairgrounds, 19805 Durand Ave. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. 262-878-3895, www.racinecountyfair.com

27-29-MILWAUKEE

German Fest: Enjoy authentic German food and music, sheephead, dachshund races, cultural village, battle of the bands, live glockenspiel, fireworks, Marktplatz and so much more. Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N Harbor Dr. Friday, 3 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-midnight; Sunday, noon-9 p.m. 414-464-9444, www.germanfest.com

27-29-RACINE

Italian Festival: Italian food and top-quality family entertainment. Festival Park, 5 Fifth St. Friday and Saturday noon-1 a.m., Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. 262-898-1694, www.romalodge.com

27-29-KENOSHA

Taste of Wisconsin: Takes place at Celebration Place in Downtown Kenosha, along the shore of Lake Michigan. This is a family-friendly celebration of all things tasteful and all things truly Wisconsin in their flavor. Admission is free. The ninth annual event includes food and beverage vendors, live music, a demo center, kids' activities and more. Kenosha Harbor, 6th Ave and 54th St. Friday, 3-11 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 262-496-9400, www.tasteofwi.com

28-29-CAMBRIDGE

Midwest Fire Fest: Demonstration-heavy celebration of all things created with fire, heat, and smoke including but not limited to clay, metal arts, welding, forging, hot glass, food, and performance. Attractions for the weekend include on-site firing and hot reveal of a clay sculpture, community iron pour, fire dancers, Saturday night's Fire Feast, and smoking hot music all weekend. West Side Park and around Cambridge. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (times subject to change). 608-423-3780, www.midwestfirefest.com

28-29-WEST BEND

Art and Chalk Fest: The Museum of Wisconsin Art's Art and Chalk Fest is a free outdoor fine arts and crafts festival featuring artist booths and live street chalking. This event offers art activities for all ages, live music and entertainment, food vendors and a beer garden. Museum of Wisconsin Art, 205 Veterans Ave. 262-334-9638, wisconsinart.com

28-CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge Lake Ripley Ride: Featuring three distances: a family friendly 22-mile (mostly flat) route, a longer and slightly hilly 40-mile route, and a more challenging 62-mile metric century route. You will ride quiet country roads and visit Cambridge, Rockdale, Marshall, and London. 8 a.m. start, Lake Ripley Park, Park Road. 608-423-8108, www.cambridgecap.net

28-MILWAUKEE

Brady Street Festival: Highlighting some of the finest products Wisconsin offers. This day-long celebration features local food growers and award winning artisan cheese makers from around the state, along with a large variety of wines and other beverages. Live music. 11 a.m.-midnight. 414-272-3978, bradystreet.org/documents/20-brady-st-festival-

28-ALBANY

Amish Quilt and Consignment Auction: Hundreds of handcrafted quilts, quilt tops, pillows, furniture and other items created by Amish artisans. Also auction ring with farm and horse equipment. Food stand featuring Amish baked goods and lunch, plus ice cream hand-cranked via horse power. Amish School House, intersection of Highway 104 and Atkinson Road. 9 a.m. 608-897-8500

29-MILWAUKEE

BrewFest: 9th Annual event featuring over 300 craft beers and micro brews from over 85 breweries from all over the United States. Enjoy live musical performances as well as great food from local restaurants and vendors. McKinley Park, 1600 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. 414-321-5000, www.milwaukeebrewfest.com

**1-5-MADISON**

Reebok CrossFit Games: The games are world-renowned as a grueling test for the toughest athletes on Earth as well as a thrilling experience for spectators. Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way. 608-267-3976, games.crossfit.com/games

2-12-WEST ALLIS

Wisconsin State Fair: The state's largest annual event blends Wisconsin agricultural traditions with the excitement of a contemporary, urban event. International Bazaar, midway thrills, blue ribbon livestock, 30 stages of top name entertainment and world-famous cream puffs. Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S 84th St. 414-266-7000, www.wistatefair.com

3-4-BELOIT

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/

3-4-ELKHORN

Corn & Brat Days (formerly Festival of Summer): Support the Elkhorn Chamber by feasting on brats and roasted corn all day. Walk around and do a little shopping with the many crafters and vendors that line the square. Also children's activities and live entertainment. Veterans Park in the downtown square, 100 W. Walworth St. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. 262-723-5788, www.elkhornchamber.com

3-5-UTICA

Utica Festival: Horse pull, live music, bingo, Badger State Super Farm & Hot Farm Tractor Pull, mini-rod pull, spectator truck pull, kids' sawdust money dig, softball tournament, food and concessions. Friday opens at 5 p.m., Saturday opens at 8 a.m., Sunday opens at 9 a.m. Utica Community Association Park in Utica, located between Cambridge and Stoughton. 608-764-8480, utica park.org

3-5-MONROE AREA

Soil Sisters: For three days and with five unique components and involving more than twenty farms, this jam-packed culinary event celebrates Wisconsin's family farms and rural life in and around the farming communities of Monroe, New Glarus, Blanchardville and Brodhead. From heirloom tomatoes to emus, sheep to solar energy, bed and breakfasts to beef, the farmers and artisan food producers share a unique diversity of farm experiences showcasing the summer's bounty. Choose from a variety of activities. Green County, various locations. 608-329-7056, soilsisters.wix.com/soilsisters

4-10-THROUGHOUT WISCONSIN

SAGBRAW: Ride Wisconsin's oldest cross-state bicycle tour and enjoy a piece of cycling heaven. You'll pedal at your own pace over some of the most picturesque, bicycle-friendly terrain in the state. Refuel with some of the best pie in the world. Sample Wisconsin's finest cheeses. Two Bicycles and A Map, Ltd. 888-245-3941, www.bikewisconsin.com

4-5-NEW GLARUS

Fire Fest: Kid's firehouse, fire truck rides, spray house, fire fighter competitions and water fights, steak and brat fry, live music, beer tent. New Glarus Fire Department, 212 4th Ave. 608-527-5300, www.newglarusfd.com

4-MIDDLETON

National Mustard Day: Celebrated annually at the National Mustard Museum, 7477 Hubbard Ave., Middleton. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family and has traditionally included free hot dogs as well as music, games, other entertainment, free mustard sampling, and more. 608-831-2222, mustardmuseum.com

4-RIPON

Cookie Daze 2018: Cookie decorating, baking contest, themed bingo, cookie blaster rockets and more. Barlow Park, Griswold and Watson streets, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 920-748-6764, www.ripon-wi.com

4-5-KENOSHA

Pike River Rendezvous: Step back in time as costumed re-enactors talk about what life was like during the fur-trading era of the 1740s through 1840s. Simmons Island Park, 5001 4th Ave. 262-653-4140, www.kenoshapublicmuseum.org

4-5-PEWAUKEE/WHITEWATER/MADISON

Bike MS: An unforgettable ride with an unbeatable destination – a world free of multiple sclerosis. This all-inclusive, fully-supported cycling event travels from the Milwaukee area to Madison with an overnight stay in Whitewater and features 50-, 75- and 100-mile route options each day. Waukesha County Technical College, 800 Main St., Pewaukee. 800-242-3358, main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/WIGBikeEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=29301

4-5-ELKHORN

Madison Classics Car Show & Swap Meet, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn. This year featuring Corvettes. Offers more than 1,300 car part vendors, perfect for finding the parts you need for your summer project. There are also hundreds of cars in the Cars for Sale Corral. 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. 608-244-8416, www.madisonclassics.com

5-NEW GLARUS

Volksfest: Swiss Independence Day celebration with music and dancing. Swiss choral folklore music, yodeling, flag throwing, alhorn playing and accordion music. Telling Shooting Park, County Road O. 1-3:30 p.m. 608-527-2095, www.swisstown.com

5-RACINE

Armenian Fest: The largest Armenian festival in the midwest with food, music and dance. Fun for the whole family. Festival Park, 5 Fifth St. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 262-639-0531, realracine.com

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Annual Job's Daughters Craft Fair: Outdoor craft fair held adjacent to Pershing Park on Lake Michigan. Featuring the works of more than 70 crafters from Wisconsin and Illinois. Food available for purchase. Free admission. Masonic Center, 1012 Main St. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 262-878-4843, www.realracine.com

5-JANESVILLE

Tallman Arts Festival: The Rock County Historical Society hosts this annual festival on the grounds of the historic Lincoln-Tallman House, 440 N. Jackson St. The festival is juried and draws artists from throughout the Midwest to display fine arts and studio crafts in a variety of media and styles. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-756-4509, www.rchs.us

9-12-WATERTOWN

Riverfest: A music, food and entertainment extravaganza in Riverside Park in the center of the city. Live music throughout the weekend, nationally renowned bands, regional acts as well. Fireworks, carnival midway, taste of Watertown all four days. Craft show Saturday and Sunday, classic auto show with more than 350 vehicles on Sunday. Thursday 4-11 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Riverside Park, Labaree St. 920-261-4949, www.watertownriverfest.com

10-PLYMOUTH

Cheese Capital Jazz Crawl for the Arts: Presented by the Plymouth Arts Center, Plymouth's restaurants and pubs hosting 11 live jazz and blues bands, from small jazz combos to a full orchestra swing band. Plymouth Arts Center, 520 East Mill St. 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. 920-892-8409, www.plymoutharts.org

10-11-ANIWA

Central Wisconsin Military Show: Show vehicles include military vehicles, military equipment, tractors, machines and professional vehicle exhibit. Battle reenactments for World War II and Vietnam era with pyrotechnics. Living history encampments, swap meet, parades of vehicles and speakers, vintage tractors and equipment. This event was previously held in Iola. Motorama Auto Museum, Ltd., 4381 Stradale Ln. 715-449-2141, centralwisconsinmilitaryshow.com

10-11-SEYMOUR

Burger Fest and Balloon Rally: Witness "The World's Largest Hamburger Parade," get your fill at the hamburger eating contest, take the plunge on the ketchup



Attendees of last year's Midwest Fire Fest in Cambridge gather around as a clay statue is fired in an on-site kiln. The creation was eventually unveiled as Max and Lovemark of *Where the Wild Things Are* fame. The fiery annual festival will be held again on July 28-29. (Photo by Tristan McGough)

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