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best-selling aviation author of "Shot Down," will be flying in from California to sign autographs of his B-17 Susan Ruth book. Saturday will include a fly-over from 100 Beechcraft Bonanzas. Rockford REACT's EC-135 will be flying in for ground tours. Plenty of concessions, including Famous Dave's BBQ, Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream's "Bombs Away" ice cream and Veebo's Pizza's on-site wood-fired pizzas. Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, 4004 S. Oakhill Ave. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 608-757-3171, jvl18.splashthat.com

July 24-29-Rock County 4-H Fair: The oldest 4-H fair in the United States. Midway rides, exhibits, demonstrations, grandstand entertainment, great food and family fun. Includes Fair Royalty Coronation (Tuesday 7 p.m.) and the Fair Star Contest (Wednesday 7 p.m.). Main stage entertainment TBA every other evening. Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave. 10 a.m.-11 p.m. 608-755-1470, www.rockcounty4Hfair.com

Aug. 4-Arbor Ridge Trail Race: Follows Wisconsin's iconic Ice Age Trail through the secluded and serene Robert O. Cook Memorial Arboretum. Race a 5k, 8k or 16k route through heavily-shaded forest, over roots and rocks, around a flowering meadow and along a meandering stream. The mostly single-track Arbor Ridge Trail offers some challenging climbs and rewarding downhill. The race is open to competitive and recreational runners of all ages, with a free 1K fun run for the kids. A portion of race proceeds will go to the Ice Age Trail Alliance. Packet pick-up begins at 6:30 a.m., first race starts at 8 a.m. Robert O. Cook Memorial Arboretum, 3550 W. Cty. Hwy. A. 608-931-1819, www.arborrockrunning.com

Aug. 4-Cruise In for Cause Car and Bike Show: Bring your show cars, tuners, custom trucks, classics, and hot rods out to a great fun filled day at Traxler Park. All cars and bikes are welcome and there will be food and drink vendors on site. Spectators welcome for this family friendly event. Past years have featured more than 250 vehicles. All proceeds benefit the American Family Children's Hospital. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traxler Park, 600 N. Main St. www.janesvillecvb.com

Aug. 5-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

Aug. 9-12-Willy Wonka JR.: Charlie Bucket's delicious adventures at Willy Wonka's chocolate factory light up the stage in this adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder and a host of fun new songs,



Michael Las Casas, shown here with one of his remarkable murals, was a featured sidewalk chalk artist during the 2016 "Art Infusion" event in Janesville. This year's event is being held Sept. 8-9. (File photo submitted by the Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau)

Willy Wonka JR. is a scrumdilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth. Kids ages 8-18 who participated in JPAC's four-week summer camp will present four performances of this dazzling Broadway-style musical in the Janesville Performing Arts Center Auditorium, 408 S. Main St. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9-11 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 12. 608-758-0297, www.janesvillepac.org

Aug. 10-12-National Water Ski Show Tournament: Janesville hosts the Division I National Water Ski Show Championships, featuring its own renowned water ski show team, the Rock Aqua Jays. Individual event competition begins Friday. Team competition begins Saturday and continues Sunday. Concessions available. Free admission, on-site parking available for a fee. 608-757-3171, www.rockaquajays.com

Aug. 10-Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: Hundreds of men don high-heels and walk a grueling mile to end domestic violence. Much more than a fundraiser for YWCA domestic violence shelter, Walk a Mile raises great awareness in our community, especially among men. Party and dinner reception to follow. Guests will enjoy silent and live auctions, dinner, cash bar and walker and team contests and awards. Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N. Pontiac Dr., 5:30 p.m. 608-752-5445, ext. 205

Aug. 18-Rotary Corn Roast & Mud Volleyball: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Traxler Park, 600 N. Main St. Family-friendly festival with all the free sweet corn you can eat, a mud volleyball tournament, children's games and activities, live music, food vendors and more. Tickets available at many local business sponsor locations. www.janesvillecvb.com

Aug. 19-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 roasted chicken dinners. Rain or shine. 608-752-2676, www.janesvillenoonlions.org/chicken-roast

Sept. 8-9-Art Infusion 2018: Event featuring a chalk art creation by a professional street artist and a competition for all ages. There is no fee to draw a chalk mural for fun. Those who wish to participate in the chalk art competition will need to register and pay a fee, which includes chalk art pastels, sponge and gloves. There will be a cash prize for the overall winner in the chalk art competition. Members of the public are invited to view the creations on the river walk and chat with the artists. Artists are welcome to work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Firehouse Park, 100 N. Main St. 608-757-3171, www.janesvillecvb.com

Sept. 8-9, 14-16-Parade of Homes: Visit new and remodeled homes and outdoor living spaces in the Rock County area for building and remodeling ideas. Watch the SCWBA website for parade home addresses and an online Parade book. All Parade tour homes will have tickets available for purchase on-site. 608-752-8075, scwba.com

Sept. 8-Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin Show and Sale: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Craig Center, 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

Sept. 22-Rock River Wine Walk: Taste different wines at your favorite downtown businesses. Tickets will be available in advance online. They will also be for sale the day of the event at the starting locations, where you can get your wristband, commemorative glass, and location map. Wine sipping locations and starting locations will be announced as the event approaches. 1-5 p.m. 608-757-3171, www.downtownjanesville.com

Sept. 29-Pokémon Go Historical Walk: Hunt for Pokémon while learning a bit of local history, as you walk around the Courthouse Hill neighborhood in Janesville. Tour begins and ends at the Hedberg Public Library, 316 S. Main St. No registration necessary. For all ages; kids ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 1-2:30 p.m. 608-756-4509, ext. 304, www.rchs.us





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