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Check out the blacksmith shop, woodcarvers, antique cars and trucks, construction equipment display and demonstrations, steam calliope, kids activities and more. Shop the large flea market and take the opportunity to drive your first tractor, watch the daily Parade of Power at 2 p.m., and enjoy live music each evening. This year's marquee features are Massey equipment and Stover Gas engines. Concessions available. Use entrance on Highway M, just off Highway 51. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Rd. (bordering Highway 51 between Edgerton and Janesville). 608-868-2814, www.threshere.org

**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. 800-432-8747

1-KENOSHA

Kenosha Classic Cruise-In Car Show: The annual show is free and open to all makes and models of vehicles and motorcycles. Featuring live music and refreshments. Rain date Sept. 9. Downtown, 56th Street and 7th Avenue. 262-818-6410, 262-385-7707, www.visitkenosha.com

1-KENOSHA

Walk in the Woods Art Fair: One of the most popular and well respected art fairs in Southeastern Wisconsin. The serene woodland trail and flower garden setting for over 60 artists and their work makes the event one-of-a-kind. The festivities go all day with live music at two outdoor stages, wandering entertainers, face painting and a kids' nature play station. Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, 880 Green Bay Rd. 262-552-8196, www.hawthornhollow.org

1-2-KENOSHA

Cheese-A-Palooza: Celebrate all things cheese along the harbor downtown. Features a variety of entertainment, food and activities. Kenosha Harbor, 6th Ave. and 54th St. 262-564-8800, wisconsincheeseapalooza.com

1-2-MADISON

Taste of Madison: More than 80 local restaurants, 20 beverage stands and three entertainment stages. The participating restaurants sell a vast variety of unique and traditional dishes to the estimated 225,000 attendees over the two-day period. Admission is free and open to the public. Capitol Square. Saturday 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 608-276-9797, www.tasteofmadison.com

6-8-MADISON

Quilt Expo: Features a 10-category quilt contest, vendor mall, stage presentations, informal lectures, Sit & Sew and hands-on workshops, nationally known celebrity presenters, and raffle prizes. Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. 866-297-6545, www.wiquiltexpo.com

7-9-JEFFERSON

Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival: Family event featuring stock dog trials; sheep, Shetland, Border Collie, fleece and hooked rug shows; auction; art classes and giant country store. Food and beverages served all day. Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 North Jackson Ave. 608-868-2505, www.wisconsin-sheepandwoolfestival.com

7-9-MILWAUKEE

Indian Summer Festival: Indian Nation's largest cultural celebration. On Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront. Veterans parade, exhibit and theme: Honoring Our Warriors, with special tributes for all veterans, active military personnel and first responders. Traditional Pow Wow, fireworks, Indian dance troupes, Native Music Awards Program (ISMA), Tribal Villages, cultural demonstrations, storytellers, Lacrosse demo's and tournament, juried fine art, American Indian traditional and contemporary entertainers, authentic foods, a Native farmers market, and an extensive Native marketplace. Friday, 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-midnight; Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N Harbor Dr. 414-604-1000, www.indiansummer.org

7-8-BELOIT

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 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

7-EDGERTON

Country Edge presented by Chilimania: National and regional country music acts take the stage in down-

town Edgerton. Food and beverages, including beer, will be available. This is the night before Chilimania and will be the official Chilimania pre-party. All proceeds from Country Edge - as well as the proceeds from the Chilimania chili cook-off and live music festival to be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 - directly benefit the Edgerton community in the form of college scholarships for Edgerton High School seniors and donations to other local nonprofit organizations and projects. 608-561-7566, www.chilimania.com

8-EDGERTON

Chilimania: A street festival featuring the upper mid-west's largest chili cook-off and salsa competition. An average of 60 chili cook booths fill the street with mouth-watering smells. Musical entertainment by top bands rock the festival stage all day and into the night. Games and activities for children make Chilimania a good option for families. Food vendors and a beer area round out this fun-filled festival. Admission is charged. 11 a.m.-midnight. Also, don't miss the Sept. 7 Country Edge concert (see above listing), an event that kicks off the Chilimania festival. 608-561-7566 (days), www.chilimania.com

8-MOUNT HOREB

Thirsty Troll Brew Fest: An intimate beer sampling that features craft brewers serving more than 100 different beers. Live music. Food served by area civic organizations. Get your picture taken with Jorgen the Thirsty Troll. Festivities run from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday. Grundahl Park, 401 Blue Mounds Rd. 1-5 p.m. 608-437-5914, www.thirstytrollbrewfest.com

8-JANESVILLE

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

8-9-MANITOWOC

Mid-Lakes Threshere: Discover what life was like in a rural community throughout our community's early years with live field demos, steam engines, farm tractors and various activities in 25 historic buildings. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pinecrest Historical Village, 924 Pine Crest Ln. 920-684-4445, www.mid-lakesrusticiron.org

9-BELOIT

Heritage Days: 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

9-MADISON

Ironman Wisconsin Triathlon: Cheer on more than 2,000 athletes as they swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles. The competition begins at 7 a.m. at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, 1 John Nolen Dr., and concludes at midnight around the Capitol Square. 608-255-2537, www.ironman.com

14-16-JEFFERSON

48th annual Gemuetlichkeit Days: Gemuetlichkeit is German for "good times, good fun, good fellowship." Celebrate with German food, crafts, great music, dancing, and a big parade on Sunday at noon. The 2018 theme is "Jeder Liebt Eine Parade" (Everyone Loves a Parade). Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 N. Jackson

Ave. Friday 5 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 9 a.m.-midnight, Sunday 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. 920-674-4511, www.gdays.org

14-16-MONROE

Green County Cheese Days: Oldest food festival in the Midwest - honoring cheesemaking, dairy farming and the Swiss traditions that are deeply rooted in the heritage of this region. For more than 100 years, this celebration has attracted crowds of revelers ready to yodel, polka and consume cheese by the truckload. Attendance of more than 100,000 people, including regional, national, and international visitors. Cheese Days Chase on Saturday, Big Cheese Tent, Old Time Copper Kettle cheesemaking demonstration, cow milking contest, family farm adventure for kids, dairy farm tours, barn quilt tours, three entertainment stages, "Taste of Green County" food booths, beer garden, arts and crafts fair, carnival, vintage tractor show, children's parade, huge parade on Sunday led by herd of decorated Brown Swiss cattle. Courthouse Square, 1016 16th Ave. 800-307-7208, www.cheesedays.com

14-16-WISCONSIN DELLS

Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Festival: Filled with family activities, including an arts and crafts fair, antique flea market, Maxwell Street Days, live entertainment and a 75-unit parade. Bowman Park and downtown. 800-223-3557, www.wisdells.com/wozhawa.htm

15-WHITEWATER

Whitewater Main Street Festival: This annual event celebrating the arts is held against the backdrop of historic architecture and natural beauty throughout Whitewater. Explore galleries, local shops and restaurants. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Downtown. 262-473-9845, www.wwmfestival.blogspot.com

15-CAMBRIDGE

Fall Fest: Tractor hayrides, scarecrow building, chainsaw artist live demo, live music, pie contest, auction benefitting the Cambridge Food Pantry, bee-keeping demo, face painting and FFA farm animal petting zoo. Veterans Park, 100 E. Main St. The Cambridge Community Activities Program will also be conducting its annual Fun Run and Family Wellness Fair in the morning at downtown West Side Park. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 608-423-3780, www.cambridgewi.com

15-RACINE

Great Lakes Brewfest: Featuring unlimited sampling of more than 450 craft beers, ciders and hard sodas from nearly 100 brewers on the beautiful shore of Lake Michigan. Attendees will enjoy a souvenir tasting glass and live music. Food will be available. Racine Zoological Gardens, 2131 N. Main St. 262-681-2052, www.greatlakesbrewfest.com

15-LAKE MILLS

Tyranena Oktoberfest Bike Ride: 25, 45 and 65-mile routes through Jefferson County countryside begin and end at the Tyranena Brewery. Rest stops, SAG support, and free tours of the brewery in the afternoon. Enjoy beverages, live music (1-10 p.m.), and a complete dinner. Riders leave between 9:30-11 a.m. Tyranena Brewing Co., 1025 Owen St. 920-648-8699, www.oktoberfestbikeride.com

15-DELANAN

Scarecrow Fest: Scarecrows line the sidewalks at this fun fall festival of food, arts and crafts, flea market, live entertainment and Delavan's famous duck race. Kid's carnival, petting zoo, kid's activity center and more. Downtown, Tower Park, E. Walworth Ave. 262-740-0959, www.delavanwi.org

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"Colorama" officially begins across Wisconsin on Sept. 1. The famously winding Highway 42 in Door County is even more striking in the fall. (Photo courtesy of the Door County Visitor Bureau via the Wisconsin Department of Tourism)