

Other fests this week

Greek Fest

When Noon-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 13-15
Where State Fair Park, 8200 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis
Info www.annunciationwi.com

South Shore Frolics

When 4-10 p.m. Friday, July 13; 1:30-10 p.m. Saturday, July 14; noon-10 p.m. Sunday, July 15
Where South Shore Park, 2900 S. Shore Drive.
Info www.bayviewarts.org

St. Mary's Hales Corners Parish Festival

When 4-11 p.m. Friday, July 13; 2-11 p.m. Saturday, July 14; noon-9:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15
Where St. Mary's, 9520 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners

Dominic Days

When 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, July 13; 2-11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, July 15
Where St. Dominic Catholic Church, 18255 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield
Info www.stdominic-brookfield.org

Gathering on the Green

When 5 p.m.-dusk, Friday, July 13; 4 p.m.-dusk, Saturday, July 14
Where Rotary Park, 4000 W. Highland Road, Mequon
Info www.gatheringonthegreen.org

Festival Watch



If you get a chance to check out the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, your skill in "faire-ness" will increase by 1 point. MKE FILE PHOTO BY JUSTIN SHADY

RENAISSANCE FAIRE "Feast of Fools"

Before Gen Con, the Renaissance Faire was the cultural hub for dungeon masters to personify their inner paladin. The Bristol faire is one of the most highly regarded on the circuit and it celebrates its 20th birthday this summer.

COME FOR A day in the life of Elizabethan England, before the time of high-speed Internet.

BEWARE Multisided dice.

DON'T MISS Singing, jousting, court-jesting.

WHEN AND WHERE 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, July 7-Sept. 2, and on Labor Day, Sept. 3. 12550 120th Ave., Kenosha. More info at www.renfair.com/bristol.

NOTHIN' BUT A GOOD TIME

Waukesha County Fair

When visiting a fair, it's come hungry and gorge on wonderfully horrible-for-you eats. In Waukesha, you get traditional county fair fare plus the Wisconsin Hot Air Balloon Championships. This year's music headliner? None other than Poison!

COME FOR The best in lighter-than-air aviation, '80s butt rock.

BEWARE The Un-skinny Bop! Bop!

DON'T MISS Nobody wanks off on guitar like Poison's C.C. DeVille. 8 p.m. Friday, July 20.

WHEN AND WHERE 3 p.m.-midnight, Wednesday July 18; 10 a.m.-midnight, Thursday-Saturday, July 19-21; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the Waukesha County Exposition Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. More info at www.waukeshaountyfair.com.

SUSSEX

Lion's Daze

There's fun for everyone, with a motorcycle rally, sheephead tournament, firefighter water fights, volleyball and softball tournaments, fireworks, carnival

rides, a petting zoo and live music.

COME FOR Beer, tunes, fun and games.

BEWARE Lions take their Sheephead seriously — Mauer at your own risk, buddy.

DON'T MISS Tractor pull, 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14, south of the food booths.

WHEN AND WHERE 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday, July 13; noon-midnight, Saturday, July 14; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at Sussex Village Park. Visit www.sussexlions.org/lionsdaze/index.htm.

YEE-HAW!

Country Thunder

Country Thunder is just like Coachella with cowboy boots and pickup trucks. The lineup is an immense who's who of contemporary country.

COME FOR All-star country lineup; getting to say "hoedown."

BEWARE Concert-goers may have a bizarre sense of history.

DON'T MISS Kenny Chesney, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 22

WHEN AND WHERE Wednesday-Sunday, July 18-22 at the Country Thunder Festival Grounds, 2305 W. Lance Drive, Twin Lakes. More info at www.countrythunder.com.

GET YOUR FRENCH ON

Bastille Days

Honor the rise of the bourgeoisie merchant class at a bourgeois block party full of crepes. Street performers and interactive entertainment emulate the Parisian atmosphere, along with a 43-foot faux Eiffel Tower.

COME FOR Unusually bourgeois festival fun.

BEWARE Historically justified class exploitation (a waiter-waitress obstacle course?)

DON'T MISS Samba Mapangala and Orchestre Virunga, 5 and 9:15 p.m. Friday, July 13.

WHEN AND WHERE 11 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday, July 12-14; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at Cathedral Square Park, 520 E. Wells St. More info at www.easttown.com.

Special events

"Milwaukee: World Series City" If you think the Brewers are a hot ticket this year, you should've seen the pandemonium in 1982 when the World Series came to town. Milwaukeeans bled Brewers blue and gold for the home team that looked like they worked at Miller Brewing Co. In the 1950s, the Milwaukee Braves brought consecutive World Series to the city and stunned the Yankees in 1957 for Milwaukee's only baseball world series title. Stop at the Central Library for and check out this exhibit. 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, July 14-Aug. 25 at the Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Croatian Day Picnic: Features ethnic food and bakery, softball tournament and music by Sinovi. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. July 14. Mukwonago Field Park, Highways 83 and NN. Mukwonago. (262) 363-2124.

Croatian Fest: Features Mass, ethnic food and cultural entertainment. 11 a.m. July 15. Croatian Park, 9140 S. 76th St. Franklin.

Deja-Moo Back to the Farm-Cat Show: Fancy felines on display. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. July 14-15. Hart Park, Mueller Building, 7300 W. Chestnut St. Wauwatosa. \$6.

Film events

Daniel M. Soref Planetarium: Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St. (414) 319-4629.

Black Holes: The Other Side

of Infinity: The dome screen becomes the backdrop for exploring the extraordinary science of black holes. (Through Sept. 6)

SonicVision: Music ignites this one-of-a-kind computer-generated musical and visual experience, which uses next-generation digital technology to illuminate the planetarium's dome with a dazzling morphing of colorful visions. Featured music from Radiohead, U2, David Bowie, Coldplay, Queens of the Stone Age, Prodigy, The Flaming Lips and more. (Through Nov. 17)

Wonders of the Universe: Peer deep into space through the eyes of the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope and travel back billions of years in time to witness the birth of the universe. (Through Sept. 6)

Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater: Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St. (414) 319-4629.

Deep Sea: Dive into the magical underwater and be transported below the ocean surface to swim alongside some of the planet's most unique, colorful and fascinating creatures. (Through Sept. 6)

Mountain Gorilla: Filmed in the lush mountain cloud forest of Rwanda, "Mountain Gorilla" provides close encounters with the largest of all primates as it documents a day in the life of these extraordinary creatures. (Through Sept. 6)

Milwaukee Art Museum: Lubar Auditorium, 700 N. Art Museum Drive. (414) 224-3220.

Milwaukee International Film Festival

"24-Hour Film Contest" screening: Amateur filmmakers, here's your chance to justify always putting off making that breakthrough movie you're getting around to filming. Here's the deal: Produce a five-minute film to be judged by Milwaukee International Film Festival panelists, who will assign your movie's theme the morning before it's due. You can recruit up to seven other people to help you. Finished films are due back 24 hours after they are assigned. You will compete against other area filmmakers, and the winner gets screened at September's film festival. If you wait until the last minute, a minute is all it takes, right? Now go. Filmmakers meeting 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Milwaukee Art Museum's Lubar Auditorium, 700 N. Art Museum Drive. Screening at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, July 19. For more information, visit www.milwaukeeinternationalfilmfestival.org or call (414) 225-9740.

Racine Zoo: 2131 N. Main St. Racine. (262) 636-9189.

"Zoovies" outdoor film screening of "Happy Feet": 7 p.m. July 13.

Urban Ecology Center: Riverside Park, 1500 E. Park Place. (414) 964-8505

"The End of Suburbia" film screening: 6:30 p.m. July 18.

Books/lectures

Fashionable Prejudice: Changing Tastes in American Furniture: Professor Kenneth Ames talks in-depth about shaping the American taste in home furnishings. 6:15 p.m. July 12. Milwaukee Art Museum, Lubar Auditorium, 700 N. Art Museum Drive. (414) 224-3220.

Stephen L. Carter: "New England White." 7 p.m. July 16. Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave., Shorewood. (414) 963-3111.

Michael Tucker and Jill Eickenberry: "Living in a Foreign Language." 7 p.m. July 17. Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave., Shorewood. (414) 963-3111.

Family/kids

Educational and environmental activities for all ages: Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, 500 N. Harbor Drive. (414) 765-9966. (Ongoing)

Farm animals and wildlife, children's activities: Bear Den, Petting Zoo & Farm. 6831 Big Bend Rd. Waterford. (262) 895-6430. (Through October)

Franklin Library Playgroup: Family play-time at the library. 10:15 a.m. July 16. Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road. Franklin. (414) 425-8214. (Through Aug. 13)

"Get a Clue" Summer Reading Program: St. Francis Public Library, 4230 S. Nicholson Ave. St. Francis. (414) 481-7323. (Through Aug. 10)

"Square Kids" summer program: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 17 (through Aug. 21). Bayshore Mall Town Center, 5900 N. Port Washington Road. (414) 963-8780.

Miscellaneous

Ballroom and Latin dance, beginner to advanced classes: Main Street Ballroom, 309 W. Main St. Waukesha. (262) 832-0176. (Ongoing)

Beginner line dance lessons: Double D Dancers. American Legion Post 416, 6351 W. Grange Ave. Greendale. (414) 423-5667. \$5. (Ongoing)

Fine Arts Fair: features fine art and craft booths, silent auction, food and continuous entertainment. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. July 14. Wisconsin Lutheran College, Campus courtyard, on 89th St. between Blue Mound Road and Wisconsin Ave. (414) 443-8802.

Jumpin' Jive Club basic swing lesson: 8 p.m. July 16 (through Aug. 27). Rooters, 901 E. Northview Road. Waukesha. (262) 547-9464.

Ten Chimneys estate tours: Ten Chimneys, S43-W31575 Depot Road. Genesee Depot. (262) 968-4110. (Through Nov. 10)

Walking tours based on Milwaukee's history and architecture: Historic Milwaukee, Inc., 828 N. Broadway, Suite 110. (414) 277-7795. (Through Oct. 14)

Westown Farmers Market: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18. Zeidler Union Square, 301 W. Michigan St. (414) 276-6696. (Through Oct. 31)

Sports schedule

Milwaukee Brewers The team returns from the All-Star break with a 10-game homestand that begins with a three-game series against the Colorado Rockies 7:05 p.m. July 13, 6:05 p.m. July 14 and 1:05 p.m. July 15, followed by a four-game set against the Arizona Diamondbacks 7:05 p.m. July 16-18 and 1:05 p.m. July 19. Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants pay a visit July 20-22.