ROCHESTER'S WEEKLY WHAT-TO-DO GUIDE
WEEK OF JUNE 6-12, 2019

ROCKCHESTER RETURNS!

Stretch your neck at Alpaca Yoga

Spielberg classics at Gray Duck
It was touch-and-go for a while, but summer is finally here! Blue skies! Sunny weather! Yet, counterintuitively, we're about to try to coax you inside for much of this weekend.

NerdinOut opens the doors of a new store (with giveaways and prize drawings!) on Saturday. Take a little time to swing by the new digs.

And Happy Pride, by the way! We have some colorful drink options for you to try out, if you'd like to spend the weekend celebrating at a local brewery or bar.

Just too ready to be outside? Spend some of those sunlit hours at Pauley Alpaca Co.'s first Alpaca Yoga. Don't worry, the animals will merely watch as you get your workout in.

Finally, is the weather not cooperating? Head to Gray Duck Theater and Coffeehouse for "Jaws" and "Jurassic Park," two classic summer hits (the first of which literally coined the term 'blockbuster' when it drew crowds that stretched around movie theaters' blocks).

There are also tons of ROCKchester performances at various venues next weekend. The youth music fest is going strong, and has plenty of fresh, young talent on the roster. Plan your concert schedule now!
NerdinOut opens new location

by ANNE HALLIWELL

Look for some huge changes when comic book/game/general geekery shop NerdinOut moves to its new location downtown.

The brand-new NerdinOut store opens big Saturday with all-day giveaways (goodies! NerdinOut Con 2 tickets!) and a drawing for a brand-new Nintendo Switch.

Late last week, workers were still finishing the floors and putting up a sign on the 2nd Street SW location.

But the windows were already filled with Marvel, DC, Star Wars, and LEGO memorabilia to give the public an idea of what was coming to the busy block.

The move was prompted when the store ran out of space, co-owner Brad Vigesaa (he founded the shop with Jake Scharpen) says.

Community contributions

NerdinOut has always tried to be community-driven, Vigesaa says, but didn’t have space for much in the way of public space inside the old store.

Look for eight gaming tables in the back of the new location, as well as a bar area serving nitro coffee.

“Every night, we’ll have something new,” Vigesaa says. Check later on for a schedule, but he hopes to host Magic: The Gathering, board game meetups, and other gaming sessions.

One section of wall inside the new store will be reserved for local artists, as a way to spotlight Rochester works, Vigesaa says. Artists who hope to sell their pieces can look into displaying work there.

NerdinOut will begin renting out a podcast studio after the new opening as well.

“We really wanted to be something for the community,” Vigesaa says, “something outside of your normal comic book store.”

Laser tag

Vigesaa and Scharpen are using the move to expand into a new business avenue as well: laser tag.

The pair will open a new laser tag business – suitable for birthday parties, corporate events, or open play – over the summer, following the store’s opening in June.

“We’re hoping and praying for July 1,” Vigesaa says. Children will be given hand-blasters for a rules-light game called “hero blast,” while adult players can join one of two teams and be given free run of a building adjacent to NerdinOut, which is being fitted with lights, cover, and “respawn areas” where players can regroup after being ‘shot.’

Games will last an hour.

“The whole time you’re playing, it’s, like, a blast,” Vigesaa says. “You’re immersed in the game itself – it’s fun!”

If you go

New Location:
1802 2nd St. SW, Rochester

Hours:
11 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday-Sunday

Grand Opening:
11 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, June 8

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**Take a kid fishing!**

This Friday through Sunday, Minnesota residents can fish without licenses, as long as they go with a child age 15 or younger. Visit a state park to borrow gear, attend an I Can Fish program, and/or visit the DNR website at mndnr.gov/GoFishing for more info.

**If you go**

**What**
Take A Kid Fishing Weekend

**Where**
Various locations

**When**
Friday-Sunday, June 7-9

**Cost**
Free

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**Raise a glass to charity**

**If you go**

**What**
Whistle Binkies 17th Anniversary Party

**Where**
Whistle Binkies Olde World Pub,
3120 Wellner Dr. NE, Rochester

**When**
12-10 p.m. Saturday, June 8

**Cost**
Free

Whistle Binkies hosts its 17th annual anniversary party, as well as the Jamie Engle memorial, this Saturday. Food, drink, silent auctions, and live music – and all proceeds benefit NAMI SE MN.

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**Pick up a new (old) fave**

Bring a few bucks or any old video game discs and consoles you have to Godfather’s. Planning to sell or trade? Message Rochester Retro Video Game Swap Meet on Facebook and plan to bring your own table.

**If you go**

**What**
Rochester Retro Video Game Swap

**Where**
MGodfather’s Pizza Rochester, 1611 16th St. NW

**When**
4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 8

**Cost**
Free (but consider spending $5 on food)

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**Strum, strum away**

Hear top-tier chamber music by Beethoven and Giovanni Sollima when the Artaria String Quartet takes the stage in Chatfield. Concert features international guest cellist Norm Fischer, from the Stringwood Chamber Music Festival.

**If you go**

**What**
Artaria String Quartet

**Where**
Potter Auditorium, 401 Main St. S, Chatfield

**When**
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12

**Cost**
$10 in advance, $15 at the door, chatfieldarts.org
get ready to make your yoga wild and woolly. Well, woolly at least. The Pauley Alpaca Company is hosting alpaca yoga Saturday. The alpacas are definitely wooly, but not so wild. “They’re gentle creatures,” said Brett Pauley, co-owner of the Pauley Alpaca Company.

The popularity of goat yoga prompted the Pauley Alpaca Company to host a similar event with their alpacas. Goat yoga has people doing yoga alongside goats. Oftentimes miniature pygmy goats will join in and even jump onto participants. Pauley said the much larger (and heavier) alpacas won’t be pulling such stunts.

“The alpacas wouldn’t be brave enough to climb on you anyway,” he said.

The event starts at 10 a.m. with an introduction to the alpacas through a gate. They might not be brave enough to climb on participants, but they will be curious about what’s going on, Pauley said. A quick introduction through the gate will help reassure the alpacas — and participants.

After introductions, the alpacas and yoga participants will be let into a grassy field. Pauley said the fresh grass will be a good place for yoga and a nice treat for the alpacas — as long as the yoga isn’t too distracting for them.

“They’ll probably be curious about what everyone is doing,” he said. “Who knows, maybe we’ll get them to try some poses.” Alpacas are pretty dexterous — especially in the neck, Pauley said.

All levels of yoga skill are welcome at the event. The yoga will require only basic and beginning poses. Anyone new to yoga can feel free to participate with minimal embarrassment.

“Alpacas are non-judgmental creatures,” he said.

The event will be the first alpaca yoga session at the Pauley Alpaca Company. “We said let’s try this to see if there’s interest,” Pauley said.

Depending on the event’s success and participation, Saturday’s alpaca yoga session probably won’t be the last. Depending on other scheduled events and weather, Pauley Alpaca Company might host another yoga event in August.

If you go

What
Alpaca Yoga

When
10 a.m. Saturday, June 8.

Where
Pauley Alpaca Company, 4220 Eastwood Rd SE, Rochester

Cost
$20, pauleyalpacacompany.com
We at 507 are here to celebrate diversity and all people. With that in mind, we implore you to drink the rainbow. June is Pride Month, so we have gone through colorful drinks, available locally, to represent each color of the LGBTQ+ Pride flag. There are a number of different types of beers, ciders, cocktails, and wine that we could have included. We pared this list down a lot, but the fact of the matter is, drinking has never been so colorful. (I recently had a green milkshake IPA that was delicious, so anything is possible.) With that in mind, drink up – and love your fellow humans.

**Casablanca Mojito**
This hazy, light green drink is the perfect concoction of lemon, lime, and mint. Casablanca is a hidden cocktail gem in town. But if this doesn’t sound appealing, you can find a melon margarita just about anywhere in town this summer!

**Lts Karma, Little Thistle Wetlands**
This kolsch is a simple, yellow beer. Clean and easy to drink. And if you’re wondering what kind of yellow it is, think of a macro lager. If you want something a little murkier, Little Thistle’s Wetlands is full of citrus fruit.

**Hot Chip Burger Bar The Rambler**
This amaretto and blue curaçao malted adult milkshake is mightily blue, not unlike Bantha milk in the Star Wars universe. Hot Chip may be a burger and fry joint, but the malted milkshakes are worth seeking out for dessert or a dinner substitute.

**Chester’s Blackberry Bush, Victoria’s Aviation**
Made with blackberry jam, this cocktail shows off a lighter or darker purple, depending on how the light hits it and how it’s mixed. It’s not only highly Instagrammable, but also delectable. Victoria’s also makes a drink called Aviation with Crème de Violette to meet all of your purple drink needs.

**The Loop Frosé, Porch and Cellar Bloody Mary**
Nobody does red-hued drinks better than The Loop. This summer, they’ve brought back the Frosé – a frozen sangria that throws together rosé, St. Germaine, rosé vodka, lemon juice, Moscato, and strawberry and peach purée. Sure, some might say it’s pink, but I think in the right lighting (and based on The Loop’s recent Facebook post), this drink is a vibrant red. Also red and delicious? The Bloody Mary at Porch and Cellar.

**Forager Tropical Gummies Make Us Likeable, Toppling Goliath Scorpius Morchella**
This delectable orange treat from Forager is filled to the brim with tropical fruit, finishing with a nice tartness that isn’t overwhelming, but provides just enough sourness to give this beer more depth. If you’re looking for something hoppy and orange, check out Scorpius Morchella from Toppling Goliath. The hazy double IPA is on tap and available in cans around town.
Youth music keeps Med City moving

by JOHN SIEVERS

ROCKchester turns four this year and will celebrate by expanding its musical melee into four venues. From math rock to dream pop, the annual youth music and arts festival will host more than 32 acts over three days.

Dylan Hilliker, ROCKchester founder, planned the first festival when he was a 16-year-old high school student. He’d been playing in bands since he was in seventh grade and saw a dearth of opportunities for musicians his age to perform, so he did something about it. Though he had a lot of support from his mom, Terri Allred, and community mentors like Ryan Utterback, it was his mission to “energize the creative arts scene.”

“I want to make sure kids are getting the opportunities to play,” Hilliker says. He hopes the festival, which focuses on performers and artists age 25 and younger, is “teaching kids (that) if you love being around music, you can make a career out of it.”

Now 20 and finishing a music business degree at Belmont University in Nashville, Hilliker’s dream of providing youth performance opportunities has flourished. Last year, the festival attracted about 600 attendees. This year, Hilliker has a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council and a wide variety of community partners, including Destination Medical Center, the Diversity Council, the Rochester Civic Theatre (RCT), My Town My Music, Pure Rock Studios, Carpet Booth Studios, The Current, and Canvas and Chardonnay, among others. His team of other young arts lovers includes Andy Furness, Emily Nelson, Kevin Andrews, Isaac Jahns, Kristen Brown, Jack Hilliker, and Bri Colvin.

The festival will launch with a community arts panel and discussion in the Rochester Civic Theatre lobby from 3-5 p.m. on Friday, June 14. It will include important arts stakeholders like Rochester Mayor Kim Norton and will center on improving communication with the goal of activating, supporting, and investing in Rochester’s arts ecosystem.

Musical showcases will take place at the RCT’s Black Box theatre from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, with a side stage in the lobby. The lineups for these nights include a mix of local and regional acts with bands like Parkway & Columbia from Ann Arbor, Mich. and local favorites like VILD. Other stand-outs like the punky Gully Boys (recently voted “Best New Band” by the City Pages) defy the constraints of genre and as Hilliker says, “don’t sound like they can fit into any mold.”

Andy Furness, the ROCKchester graphic designer, is spearheading the official afterparty at Canvas and Chardonnay Friday night. “We wanted an opportunity to showcase hip-hop without needing to censor artists to make them family-friendly for our main event shows,” says Furness. Though excited about the whole lineup, he can’t wait to see the Chicago-based rap duo Glitter Moneyyy perform as part of the “one-time-only nightclub” he’s planning. “There’s always been live music in Rochester,” says Furness, “but over the last four years the scene has grown tremendously, and it feels so good to be a part of that with ROCKchester.”

Young visual artists will have their time to shine at a showcase from 3-4:30 p.m. in the RCT lobby Saturday. Kristen Brown curated the show and had artists from as far away as Portugal apply.

On Sunday, June 16, the festival will include an emerging artists’ showcase at Pure Rock Studios with six acts, including bands like Torquemada from Minneapolis and Rochester-based performers like Charlie Burket. Later that day, Carpet Booth Studios will present an in-studio session with limited seating for 25 guests. “If you want to experience a glimmer of what it’s like to be an artist in the studio, this will be a great look into that,” says Carpet Booth’s owner Zach Zurn.

“I absolutely love the heart behind the festival,” says Zurn. He wishes he’d had something like ROCKchester when he was growing up in Rochester.

To keep events like ROCKchester and other arts-oriented happenings strong, Hilliker has some simple advice. “If you want music and the arts to keep happening in Rochester,” he says, “you have to show up. That’s the only way.”

If you go

What
ROCKchester

When
Friday, June 14-Sunday, June 16.

Cost and Location
See www.rockchesterfestival.com for a full schedule of times, locations, and ticket prices for ticketed events. Some events are free.
Few may recall a film that left them feeling joyful or patriotic, but ask someone which movie scared the bejesus out of 'em and they're quick to answer because it’s a feeling you don’t forget.

That’s a testament to the effectivity of the cinematic visceral chill — the experience of being in a dark room completely at the mercy of the plot and more subtly, the score.

I asked Andy Smith about the film “Jaws,” which his Gray Duck Theater is screening this weekend, and if the iconic Steven Spielberg thriller triggers any terror for him, as it did for many since its 1975 release.

“I was already scared by the film before I saw it,” he said. “I knew the iconic score, the famous legs in the water scene, and quotes like ‘You’re going to need a bigger boat’ before I even saw it. The power of the film, however, is that nothing can prepare you for actually seeing the story play out. From my first time I just remember the tension I felt, while at the same time having a complete blast.”

The film, based on Peter Benchley’s best-seller of the same name, was an early collaboration of Spielberg and composer John Williams. Its iconic tuba solo (!) is probably one of the most recognizable snippets of all time.

In the film, Roy Scheider is the sheriff of a small New England beach community terrorized by a great white shark that threatens the town’s livelihood at the apex of tourist season. Consequently, they offer a bounty which attracts an oceanographer (Richard Dreyfuss) and a crusty old sea captain (Robert Shaw).

Showing with “Jaws” is another Spielberg classic: 1993’s “Jurassic Park,” based on Michael Crichton’s similarly-named book which, legend has it, Spielberg learned of as he and Crichton broke for lunch one day during the production of Crichton’s TV series, “ER.” Spielberg asked the former medical student what he was working on next and Crichton described the tale of reconstituting dinosaurs from their DNA harvested from mosquitos preserved in Jurassic-era amber. Spielberg was stunned. “THAT is the one we should be working on.”

“Jurassic Park” works on multiple levels by splicing plausible science and tangential ethical issues which manifest in some of the most salient dialog like that of Jeff Goldblum’s rockstar mathematician Ian Malcolm who posits, “Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could that they didn’t stop to think if they should.”

Fair point. Velociraptors in the modern world; what could possibly go wrong?

Best of all, it is a smart film that doesn’t underestimate its audience. The protagonists are a chaotician, a paleobotanist, and a girl who is a UNIX whiz. Thanks to “The Big Bang Theory” that may be ubiquitous now, but back then, that much science was heady stuff.

I take that back, it’s still awesome.

It’s also highly quotable and I asked Smith what one was his favorite. “Easy: ‘Life finds a way.’ It defines the whole film and betrays the deep themes behind the fun spectacle,” he answered. “That said, I still get a little misty every time Richard Attenborough says ‘Welcome to … Jurassic Park’ while John Williams’ score swelters in the background.”

Smith said he wanted to have a well-known, classic summer blockbuster to kick-off the summer season at Gray Duck, “So we actually put a poll out on Instagram and Facebook,” he said. “I think these two films communicate well our desire to bring a well-rounded film experience to Rochester. Yes, we like to screen foreign, independent, and documentary film, but we also love all kinds of movies, including feel-good popcorn flicks.”

Tickets for either film are $8, $12 for the double feature — or free for members of Gray Duck’s Flying V Program where for $20 a month, patrons have access to all regular show times — available via grayducktheater.com, Fandango, or at Gray Duck Theater & Coffeehouse, 619 6th Avenue Northwest.
Blue Ox builds a following

by JOHN MOLSEED

For Nate Sipe, member of Minnesota bluegrass band Pert Near Sandstone, playing at the right music festival means performing on stage is only a small part of the fun of being there.

“Jamming by a campfire, reuniting with old friends and making new connections are the best parts.

“That’s the thing keeping us playing music to a large degree,” Sipe said. “It’s finding places where playing music is not just a grind.”

The Blue Ox music festival, still relatively young in its fifth year, has become that kind of experience.

When Pert Near members teamed with Jim Bischel, owner of the Whispering Pines campground in Eau Claire, Wis., where Blue Ox is held, they were hoping to create the kind of festival they would enjoy playing or attending.

“We really envisioned this festival based off our favorite festivals,” Sipe said.

When Sipe first saw the tree-shaded festival grounds and stage overlooking a pond, he knew the site would provide.

“I was astounded — it was just perfect,” he said. “We just immediately were dreaming big.”

Sipe and his bandmates modeled the festival off other established events like the String Summit in Oregon that he and his bandmates look forward to every year.

“To have the spirit of those kinds of events — living and breathing and growing to what it’s become — is very rewarding,” Sipe said. “Finding festivals like this — they’re gems.”

With most of the festival infrastructure in place and campground owners who had experience running a music festival, Sipe and his bandmates focused their attention on cultivating a good lineup and making sure musicians and performers felt comfortable and welcome at the event.

“To me, it’s like a dream job,” Sipe said. “It’s a pretty well-oiled machine for being such a young festival.”

With about 4,000 attendees each year, Blue Ox has cultivated a strong base of fans and adds newcomers each year.

“I think the community was really hungry for something like this,” Sipe said.

There have been plenty of memorable moments on and off the stage over four years of festivals, including the Bela Fleck and the Flecktones reunion, and bluegrass royalty Del McCoury, wearing a white suit, being escorted to the stage through a muddy field on the back of a golf cart during a weekend of record rains. For Sipe, the best memories are spending time with guest musicians, playing or chatting and jamming in the early morning at the campground stage.

Other important ingredients for a successful festival are daytime events and music instruction sessions. Family programming is also part of the festival.

“I think of it as we’re providing an opportunity for this music to live and grow and expand and move on to the next generation,” Sipe said. “It’s a powerful thing.”
“Godzilla: King of the Monsters”  
(Action fantasy, PG-13, 135 minutes)  
★★★★

Five years after the world learned the hard way that supposedly mythic creatures are, in fact, real, everyone tries to figure out how to deal with them in a muddled and overlong sequel. As we get mired in heavy-handed lectures about how humans are the real monsters, it’s all so ... serious.

“Aladdin”  
(Musical fantasy, PG, 128 minutes)  
★★★★

Despite a couple of large, genie-blue stumbles along the way, Guy Ritchie’s live-action version of Disney’s “Aladdin” is overall a colorful and lively adventure suitable for all ages and a touching romance featuring two attractive leads. I liked the flying carpet, too.

“Brightburn”  
(Horror, R, 90 minutes)  
★★★★

The Breyers of Brightburn, Kansas, might be the dumbest couple in America. When a UFO crash-lands and they find an infant from outer space inside, rather than dialing 911, they take in the child and raise it as their own.

“John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum”  
(Action thriller, R, 131 minutes)  
★★★★★

The third installment of the ultraviolent, wonderfullly askew “John Wick” franchise is the most outlandish and maybe the most entertaining chapter to date. Keanu Reeves returns, giving a classic deadpan performance in an escape movie that encourages us to groan and cringe and laugh at the mayhem.

“Tolkien”  
(Biographic drama, PG-13, 111 minutes)  
★★★★

This biopic profiles the author of the beloved “Hobbit” and “Lord of the Rings” books by jumping back and forth between the hellish World War I experiences of Lt. Ronald Tolkien (Nicholas Hoult) and his boyhood days as an orphan in a boarding school. The result is a well-acted, competently made, utterly tedious bore of a film lacking in creative spark.

“Long Shot”  
(Comedy, R, 125 minutes)  
★★★★

In a cheerfully raunchy, entertainingly weird slapstick comedy, a widely respected presidential candidate (Charlize Theron) begins an unlikely romance with her dorky new speechwriter (Seth Rogen). Of course she’s out of his league. That’s the launching point for the laughs.

“The Hustle”  
(Comedy, PG-13, 93 minutes)  
★★★★

Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson do their best to add zip and zest to a nearly laugh-free, unimaginative story about a pair of mismatched con artists duping superficial and incredibly stupid men. Even with a running time of 93 minutes, “The Hustle” felt about an hour too long.

“In the Intruder,” newcomers to a country home in Napa (Michael Ealy, Meagan Good) can’t seem to shake the menacing former owner (Dennis Quaid). Every single character in this film, including the villain, is irritatingly, maddeningly dumb.

“Avengers: Endgame”  
(Superhero drama, PG-13, 182 minutes)  
★★★★

Amid all the soaring and the blasting, this superhero adventure for the ages is a genuinely moving drama involving characters we’ve come to know and love. It’s a serious contender to be the best of the Marvel series and the undisputed champion when it comes to emotional punch.
CONTRIBUTE TO MANTORVILLE ART GUILD. Mantorville Art Guild is looking for artists to paint around town at the Plein Air event and show at Historic Mantorville Saturday, June 29. Your choice of location. Stop in to register before June 29. First, second, and third place prizes $150-75. Call 507-635-5665 for more details.

HEIRLOOM HOUSE VICTORIAN MUSEUM, 225 First Ave. NW, Rochester. 1:00 p.m. $5.00 adults. A house museum dedicated to educating visitors about Rochester history and Victorian life. A quiet oasis located in the beautiful Central Park green space. heritagehousevictorianmuseum.com, 507-292-0582.

JAMES WEGNER, Austin ArtWorks Center, 300 N Main St., Austin. 5:00 p.m. This gallery show celebrates the works of local artist James Wegner, whose has received awards for his works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and fiber. He has exhibited at Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Art Institute, Tweed Gallery in Duluth, Mason City McHenry Museum and Rochester Art Center, as well as in Austin Area Art Center, Albert Lea Art Center and Naive Hospital. Gallery Opening is on May 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; free and open to the public. Exhibit open through June 8, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, go to www.austinareaarts.org or call 507-434-0934.

ART EXHIBIT BY COURTNEY ARMSTRONG AND WENDY WESTLAKE, Crossings at Carnegie, 320 East Ave., Zumbrota. 10:00 a.m. May 6 through June 15, Crossings at Carnegie will be running an exhibit of works by artists Courtney Armstrong and Wendy Westlake. The exhibit is located in the gallery of Crossings at Carnegie, and is open and free to the public for viewing. For more information visit www.crossingsatcarnegie.com, call 507-732-7616 or stop in to Crossings at 320 East Avenue in Zumbrota.

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**Art**

- **Drawing for Beginners**, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:00 p.m. A local artist teaching class for beginners. Participants will meet to learn fundamental pencil and charcoal drawing techniques. Register online or by calling 507-328-2305.

**Music**

- **Open Mic**, High Court Pub, 109 Parkway Ave. N, Lansebore. 7:30 p.m. Come join us for a night of acoustic music, stories, poems, or other art forms. Open to all experience levels and instruments. 507-467-2782.

**Sports and Recreation**

- **Senior Chorus**, Lake City Area Arts Center, 220 E Chestnut St., Lake City. 1:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing or know someone who does, join in the fun. No auditions needed. coleensuefowler@gmail.com.

**Festivals and Markets**

- **Decoding the Driftless**, Winona County History Center, 160 Johnson St., Winona. 6:30 p.m. $10 adults, students free with ID. Documentary film, followed by Q&A with filmmaker George Howe.

**Sports and Recreation**

- **Stand-Up Comedy: Open Mic**, Goonie’s Comedy Club, 2723 Commerce Dr. NW, Rochester. 7:30 p.m. Free. Each week a selected list of up-and-coming performers takes the stage. info@gooniescomedy.com.

**Food and Drink**

- **Wine & Acrylic Pour Painting**, Crossings at Carnegie, 212 Old West Main St. SE, Rochester. 7:00 p.m. Performing acoustic pop & rock live.

**Sports and Recreation**

- **Kubbing to Kick Cancer - Kubb Tournament**, Veterans Memorial Park, 201 7th St. NW, Kasson. 8:00 a.m. Join us for a day of family-friendly Kubb competition with the goal of raising money to kick cancer. Proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society, Silent Auction. Delicious BBQ food and beverages will be available for sale by Triple T BBQ Team. 2-6 players per team, up to 48 teams. U.S. National Rules, DMK Tournament Format, $40 per team. ($20 for kids’ team). Learn more and register at kubbingtokickcancer.org, 507-269-2668.

**Festivals and Markets**

- **Spring Fresh Art Tour**, Lake Pepin and Chippewa River Valleys of Western Wisconsin, 10:00 a.m. A self-guided meander to the finest studios and galleries in the Lake Pepin and Chippewa River Valleys. Travel the famous Great River Road and backroads of western Wisconsin, discover pottery, jewelry, paintings and more. Artist information and map: freshart.org.

**Festivals and Markets**

- **Downtown Farmers Market**, 401 4th St. SE, Rochester. 7:30 a.m. Sunday farmers markets host 65-75 unique family farms and small businesses each week. All farm vendors live and grow their products within a 50 miles of Rochester! We are a vendor-organized market presenting the highest quality foods and products you can find in southeastern Minnesota. We accept cash, credit/debit, and SNAP food benefits! rochfarmmkt.org, 507-273-8222.
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**Show your heart for Ms. Heart of Global United,** Rochester Eagles Club, 917 15th Ave. SE, Rochester. 12:30 p.m. Fundraiser to support Alexandra Kvenvold as she competes for the international pageant title of Ms. Elite Global United. Her goal is to raise $1,500 and anything above and beyond that amount she will donate to Childhood Cancer Research. Right now we are looking for silent auction donations. Any questions or if you are willing to donate silent auction items please email alexandria.kvenvold@gmail.com.

**Monday, June 10**

**Music**

Wanted! Men Who Like to Sing, Masonic Center lower level, 2002 2nd St. SW, Rochester. 7:00 p.m. Rochester BarberShop Chorus meets Monday evenings. Walk-ins welcome. 507-244-0095.

**Sports and Recreation**

Pickleball Novice Instruction, Cook(e) Park, 722 7th St. NW, Rochester. 6:00 p.m. The Rochester Area Pickleball Association (RAPA) is offering beginner pickleball instruction every Monday, except Memorial Day, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Paddles and balls will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own paddle, if you have one. rochesterpickelball.com, 507-259-1283.

**Sports & Recreation, RMSs, McQuillan Fields.** (off Marion Rd. SE). 8:30 a.m. Ages 50 to 80 plus, you will be drafted to one of 8 sponsored teams, bats are supplied. League play starts May 6th through Sep. 25th. Start anytime price $48, then prorated. Games played at McQuillan fields in SE Rochester Mon & Wed @ 9:30 a.m. Call Randy: 507-424-9801. rochnms.com, 507-424-9801.

**Festivals and Markets**

Water Festival Week - We All Live Downstream, Jay C. Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21st St. Northeast, Austin. Celebrate the importance of clean water with free, family-friendly water fun throughout the week. Programs and activities include workshops, plays, canoeing, pond scooping, crayfish hunting, water survival games, art projects, tours and field trips. For more information, go to www.hormelnaturecenter.org or call 507-437-7519.

**Community**

**Movies You Must See Before You Die - The Thing,** Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:30 p.m. In this 1982 horror film, an American research team in Antarctica is terrorized by an otherworldly creature that can shapeshift into the form of anything it kills. Rated R.

Learning Together Rochester Homeschool Meet Up, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:30 p.m. Homeschool parents, both experienced and just curious, are invited to attend this meeting of Learning Together Rochester, a secular and inclusive homeschooling group.

**Voice-Over Class,** Tilden Community Center, 310 River St., Hastings. 6:10 p.m. $29. In what could be the most enlightening workshops, plays, canoeing, pond scooping, crayfish hunting, water survival games, art projects, tours and field trips. For more information, go to www.hormelnaturecenter.org or call 507-437-7519.

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**Sports and Recreation**

**Music**

Summer Concert Series, Plainview Area Community & Youth Center, 346 West Broadway, Plainview. 7:00 p.m. Free will donation. Entertaining us will be “Riverland Polka Band” featuring Jim Sexton and Craig Morton. Pie, ice cream and beverages sold during intermission. Hope to see you there. 5073438002.

Tuesday Noon Day Pipe Organ Recitals, Trinity Lutheran Church, 226 Hewitt Ave. SW, Rochester. 12:15 p.m. Enjoy a 45-minute Pipe Organ Concert Every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. June, July and August. More information at: trinitylutheran.org, 507-251-4981.

Music at the Mansion - Kids’ Concert, Hormel Historic Home, 208 4th Ave. NW, Austin. 2:00 p.m. Come join us for a magical afternoon of singing, laughter and storytelling! Entertainer and author Dennis Warner has traveled through all 50 states and beyond performing for all ages, singing songs from his 10 CDs and reading from his popular children’s book, “Beads on One String.” Rain or shine - weather permitting, concert will be in the Peace Garden – bring your lawn chair or blanket to sit back and relax; otherwise, concert will move indoors. Beverages available for purchase. For more information, call 507-433-4243 or go to www.hormelhistorichome.com.

**Festivals and Markets**

125 LIVE Center for Active Adults, 125 Elion Hills Dr. NW, Rochester. 10:00 a.m. Technology is changing the driving experience. The new Smart DriverTEK workshop developed jointly by AARP Driver Safety and The Hartford, will keep you in the know about the latest high-tech safety features in your current or future car. One session: 10:00-11:30 a.m. Fee for all in attendance. Register by calling (877) 805-4115.

**Make-N-Take: Madder Plant Scarf,** Youth Center, 346 West Broadway, Plainview. 7:00 p.m. Free will donation. Entertaining us will be “Riverland Polka Band” featuring Jim Sexton and Craig Morton. Pie, ice cream and beverages sold during intermission. Hope to see you there. 5073438002.

**We Are Going To Be A Country,”** Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:30 p.m. Talk Saves Lives is a community-based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, and how together, we can help prevent it. This presentation will be geared towards the LGBTQ community.

Family Dance Party, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:30 p.m. Lights, shakers, dance! Put on your dancing shoes for 30 minutes of non-stop dancing fun! 507-437-7519.

**Wednesday, June 12**

**Music**

**Art**

Make-N-Take: Madder Plant Scarf, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:30 p.m. The roots of the madder plant, probably the oldest natural dye in the world, will make orangy red colors on natural fibers. We will use different stitching to techniques to create the patterns on a silk scarf. This class is limited to 20 people. Register online or by calling 507-328.2305.

**Weekly Life Drawing,** 125 LIVE, 125 Elion Hills Dr. NW, Rochester. 6:00 p.m. $10. Will meet Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. -9:30 p.m. with a variety of models. Feel free to bring your own charcoal, watercolors or any other materials you like to work with. The session is untutored. After each session we, informally, review each other’s work. The atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly; all are welcome regardless of experience or skill. Member $5/Non-Member $10. 312-448-4197.

**Community**

NAMI Connection Peer Support Group, First Presbyterian Church, 101 6th Ave. NW, Kasson. 7:30 p.m. A NAMI Connection peer support group for adults recovering from a mental illness meets in Kasson. The free group is sponsored by NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Trained facilitators who are also in recovery lead NAMI Connection groups. The group meets from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m on Tuesdays. For more information, contact Karen at 507-316-0968 or NAMI SE at 507-287-1692.

Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention for the LGBTQ community, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:30 p.m. Talk Saves Lives is a community-based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide. Attendees will learn the risk and warning signs of suicide, and how together, we can help prevent it. This presentation will be geared towards the LGBTQ community.

**Festivals and Markets**

**Sports and Recreation**

**iFilms - The Sower,** Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:00 p.m. The Sower (2017), France In 1851, France’s autocratic President Louis-Napoleon Bonaparte has ordered the arrest of all the men of a remote mountain farming village. Some women have lost their husbands; others, like the shy but inwardly strong Violette, suddenly have no chance of experiencing physical love or motherhood. The women take an oath: if a man comes, they will share him as a lover.

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**Rochester Pride Public Meeting, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 7:00 p.m.** Practice your Spanish language skills, no matter your level of fluency.

**Pathways to Decarbonization of Transportation,** 30 Civic Center Dr. SE, Rochester. 6:00 p.m. Please join the MN Department of Transportation for a public meeting to learn about and provide feedback on Minnesota Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation. The project is exploring potential strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) from cars, trucks, and buses in Minnesota.

**Myfree taxes Property Tax Refund help,** Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 5:00 p.m. Tax coaches will be available to assist you with completing the M1-PR to claim your property tax refund using myfreetaxes.com. Bring your CRP form.

**NAMI Connection Peer Support Group,** Next Step Clubhouse, 216 S Washington Ave. Ste 2, Albert Lea. 5:00 p.m. NAMI Connection peer support group for adults recovering from a mental illness meets from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Next Step Clubhouse. Trained facilitators who are also in recovery lead
Music

NY Pop-Duo SIRSY, Kathy’s Pub, 307 South Broadway, Rochester. 8:30 p.m. High-energy pop music! sirsy.com, 507-252-8355.

Rend Collective, Autumn Ridge Church, 3611 Salem Rd. SW, Rochester. 7:00 p.m. 55$, 52$, 59$, 62$. Autumn Ridge Art Series concert. 507-288-8881.

Open Mic, High Court Pub, 109 Parkway Ave. N, Lanesboro. 7:30 p.m. Come join us for a night of acoustic music, stories, poems, or other art forms. Open to all experience levels and instruments. 507-467-2782.

Senior Chorus, Lake City Area Arts Center, 220 E Chestnut St., Lake City. 1:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing or know someone who does, join in the fun. No auditions needed. colleen@fowler.com.

Sports and Recreation

Stand-Up Comedy: Open Mic, Goozle’s Comedy Club, 2732 Commerce Dr. NW, Rochester. 7:30 p.m. Free. Each week a selected list of up-and-coming performers takes the stage. info@goozlescomedy.com. “My Fair Lady,” Page Theatre, Saint Mary’s University, Rochester. 7:00 p.m., $20 adults, $15 seniors, $12 children 12 and younger. Home & Community Options production. 7 p.m. June 13-15, 7 p.m. June 17-18, and 5 p.m. June 16. 507-457-1715.

Food and Drink

Food allergies Rochester MN, Autumn Ridge Church, 3611 Salem Rd. SW, Rochester. 7:30 p.m. We support, encourage, educate and advocate for people living with food allergies. We offer public support meetings once a month, the second Thursday of each month. foodallergiesrochestermn.org, 507-289-5555.

Festivals and Markets

Thursdays Downtown, First Ave. SW / Peace Plaza, Rochester. 11:00 a.m. A weekly summer staple of Rochester, Thursdays Downtown combines arts, music, food and a vendor market into one community-uniting, block-party-style event! Art abounds at Thursdays Downtown; find works of art from jewelry to photography to glassware and everything in between! Your taste buds will be satisfied with enticing foods and musical styles, too! Every week running June through August, enjoy life, feel a sense of place and interact with others at Thursdays Downtown! Relax with friends and family as musical talents take to the Thursdays Downtown stage from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stick around for the Music Festival performances at 5 and 7 p.m. on two stages! downtownrochestermn.com/tol, 507-216-9882.

Minnesota Quilt Show, Mayo Civic Center, 30 Civic Center Dr. SE, Rochester. 9:00 a.m. $11. Explore the world of today’s quilts at the annual Minnesota Quilt Show sponsored by the Minnesota Quilters! See more than 300 quilts entered by quilters across Minnesota and beyond including a special exhibit of quilts inspired by Prince, quilts commemorating the victims of the Nazi and vintage quilts with a modern twist. Classes available plus 100 vendors. mnquilt.org/mqshow2019, 651-402-7544.

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Improv Jam, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 7:00 p.m. Join a group of intermediate to advanced improv actors as we develop improv skills through games and exercises.

Free English (ESL) Classes, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2577 Schaeffer Lane NE, Rochester. 7:00 p.m. Free. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Thursday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The emphasis is on conversation. Free preschool child care is provided. Begins Oct. 4. trinityrochester.org, 507-316-7902.

Italian Conversation Group, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 5:30 p.m. Practice your Italian conversational skills with other Italian language learners. Best for speakers at an Intermediate Level.

q club, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 4:00 p.m. A safe and welcoming meet-up for LGBTQ+ teens and allies ages 13-18! Hang out, make friends and have fun at this club just for you.

English Conversation Group, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 1:00 p.m. Practice your English skills through conversation with native English speakers. Offering writing review as well. Open to adult, non-native English speakers.

Baby Time, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 10:00 a.m. Bring in your baby for rhymes, songs and stories just right for the little ones (birth to 18 months).

Toddler Time, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 10:30 a.m. Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Toddler Time, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 11:00 a.m. Special stories and songs for active toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years).

Allies and Advocates Training, Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St. SE, Rochester. 6:00 p.m. This training is a participatory scenario-based session that provides opportunities for individuals to learn about and practice responses to incidents they might encounter in their daily lives. The session include tips and tactics for de-escalation, passive intervention, and reporting on behalf of a victim or intended victim while avoiding confrontation with an aggressor.

Optimist Thursdays, Rochester Eagles Club, 917 15th Ave. SE, Rochester. 5:30 p.m. The Optimists meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. We are a long-standing service and social club in Rochester. Our motto is “Friend of Youth.” We are dedicated to promoting the philosophy of optimism as a way of life. optimistclubrochestermn.org, 507-250-1203.

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