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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018

Beer Lover's Brewfest

The 22nd annual Manitowoc Jaycees' Beer Lover's Brewfest is coming up Saturday, February 17, from 5-9pm at the Manitowoc County Expo (Merchants Building).

Each year, beer lovers from the lakeshore and beyond partake in one of Wisconsin's largest beer festivals. With over 30 breweries each serving three to four different types of beer, each attendee is sure to find several favorites.

From pilsners to stouts and everything in between, Brewfest has it all!

All those who attend receive a complimentary commemorative beer glass. Be sure to keep your

collection going! A limited number of past years' glassware will also be available.

Raffle and door prizes will be available.

Music will be provided by Advanced Entertainment DJ Services.

Burgers, Brats, Pizza and Pretzel Necklaces will be available for sale.

Tickets will be \$35 each and available at Superior Discount Liquor, 4355 Calumet Ave, 920-684-9900, Ryan's on York, 712 York St., 920-905-0700; North Shore Warehouse, 840 S 18th St, 920-684-6353.

Tickets will also be available online at www.manitowocjaycees.org.



For more information, call 920-758-JAYC (5292) or e-mail: mtwc.jc.brewfest@gmail.com.

Brewfest is one of the Manitowoc Jaycee's largest and most successful fundraisers.

Money raised goes towards such Manitowoc Jaycees projects as the Holiday Shopping Trip for Less Fortunate Youth, High School Senior Scholarship Program, and various agencies, such as, BB/BS, American Cancer Society to just name a few.

The Manitowoc Jaycees, established in July 1933, is a

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It's Never Too Late To Learn-To-Skate

Weekly Learn-To-Skate classes are offered through the Manitowoc County Figure Skating Club at the Manitowoc County Ice Center for skaters age 4 - Adult.

Classes are offered Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings & Saturday mornings.

Classes are a half hour, and meet once a week. Session 3 Classes meet January 2 - February 10.



To register, call Chris Pawlowski at 920-973-6756.

Forms and schedules are on the website

www.manitowocountyfsc.org



MANITOWOC COUNTY
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FAIR CORNER

**MANITOWOC
County FAIR**

★YOUR ALL★
American Fair

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Manitowoc County Fair set for August 21-26.

Deadline Dates!

Junior Fair Registration -
July 1

Open Class Registration -
July 15

Theme and Colors

The 2018 fair theme is "Your All American Fair." Colors for the theme are Red, White and Royal Blue.

Fairbook

The fairbook will be available online after February 1.

Make sure to print off current year fair rules and regulations as there have been changes and updates.

Junior Fair exhibitors can order a curriculum guide through your 4-H leader or if you are an FFA or other organization member, contact the Extension Office at 920-683-4169.

The curriculum guide allows exhibitors to complete projects in the guide and submit these projects in the Jr. Fair departments.

One Day Passes

One day passes are available in the Expo Office and make great gift ideas!

One day passes are only \$10 and include admission, parking, Unlimited Carnival rides, entertainment, and the special entertainment area.

Words From the Fairest of the Fair

2018 Here we come!

I do hope everyone had a great holiday season. I was able to get in some much needed family time and even met two of my nieces for the first time, the Binversie family is growing.

The end of the year brought me a visit to The Manitowoc County Senior Center where I had a great time meeting with residents and playing BINGO.

Were you able to catch me on WCUB? What a great conversation I had with Craig Dillon talking all about the upcoming Manitowoc County Fair, Your All American Fair, August 21-26!

I was also able to get a head start recruiting exhibitors and potential

future Fairest of the fairs at UW-Manitowoc just before their students headed into finals.

2018 Fairest of the Fair application deadline will be posted with additional information available soon.

It is crazy that no matter where I go in all of my travels somehow the distinction of fairs follows. I have been fortunate enough to grow close with the 1985 Manitowoc County Fairest of the Fair Marybeth Richards.

It was truly a joy talking about fairest of the fair duties including handing out ribbons at the fair and the photo session each fairest participates in and is done by Shellie Kappelman Photography.



Speaking of travels, the Wisconsin State Fairest of the Fairs convention is coming up in January at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells.

I want to be the first to wish all of Fairest participating this year the best of luck and to our 2017 State Fairest of the Fairs Rebecca Starkenburg, congratulations on a wonderful year of service and wishing you

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Rummage-A-Rama - February 10

Rummage-A-Rama will be held Saturday, February 10, in the Merchants building.

Cost for admission is only fifty cents and the event runs from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

There will be over 100 tables of clothing, antiques, collectibles, as well as items from Avon®, Mary Kay, and more for those attending the sale.

Stop by the A&W concessions area in the Merchants building to see what's on their menu that day!



2018 Dates

February 10
March 10
November 10
December 8

Paid Reservations begin
October 1.

Form online - Click on link
[Rummage-A-Rama](#).

Fire and Ice Game Convention

Come one, come all, both big and small!

FIRE & ICE, Northeast Wisconsin's premier board and card game convention is once again coming to the Manitowoc County Expo, February 23-25, 2018.

Admission Options

Single Day Admission

- Friday \$12
- Saturday \$17
- Sunday \$17
- Non-Player Observers FREE
- Children under 5 FREE

Three Day Admission

- Basic Three Day \$27

Two Day Admission

- Basic Two Days \$22

We offer a free "look and see" where you can enter the convention and preview the events.

Note: No additional charge to play unless stated otherwise in the event description.

Event Hours

- Friday from 9am-11pm
- Saturday from 9am-11pm
- Sunday from 9am-6pm

The icy winds of February are just around the corner and that means it

is once again time to ignite our passion for games.

Fire & Ice, Northeast Wisconsin's Largest Gaming Convention, is once again bringing game players from all over Wisconsin and the mid-west to Manitowoc County Expo to pit skills and strategies against each other in their favorite classics and new releases.



While there are some classics, like Scrabble, Fire & Ice carries a slew of new games that appeal to the young, the old, the novice, and the expert gamer.

Don't fool yourself, board games don't have to be boring. Many of these have easy to learn rules but provide enough depth of play for hours of enjoyment.

For those that board games isn't their scene Fire & Ice offers table top warfare, collectible card

games, and role-playing games. Table top warfare allows you to recreate historical battles, such as Gettysburg or the Battle of the Bulge. Or you can pit armies of alien races against mankind's space marines on distant worlds of the future.

Collectible card games allow one to "construct" their own deck and pit it against an opponents deck. If you have ever wanted to be your favorite movie or superhero, then roleplaying is for you. Take on the role of a hero in any one of many game genres and explore/adventure through your characters universe.

FIRE & ICE is open to the general public and always welcomes new people to the gaming hobby.

There are always game players willing to teach others how to play their favorite game and plenty of opportunities for veteran game-players to test their skill in game tournaments. In addition to playing games, other features you'll find at FIRE & ICE are vendors selling games or

game supplies, game companies showing off their newest games, game prize drawings, a costume contest, miniature painting workshops and a selection of

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Brewfest Cont...

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dynamic group of energetic young men and women, ages 18 through 40, who are committed to making a difference in the community and in themselves.

The membership, which currently is 50



Best of the Fest - Lindsey Hawig and Hinterland Brewery

individuals, is composed of a diverse group of people from a wide range of occupations, interests and backgrounds.

As a part of the Wisconsin Junior Chamber of Commerce, United States Junior Chamber and Junior Chamber International, the Manitowoc Jaycees

promote individual development through leadership training and community service with other young people. Anyone wishing to have further information on the Manitowoc Jaycees can visit our website www.manitowocjaycees.org.

New Dairy Cattle Barn Construction Begins in 2018



The Manitowoc County Expo-Ice Center board is excited to announce the construction of a new dairy cattle barn for 2018!



The demolition of the existing dairy cattle barn will begin after January 1 with completion by March 1.

The construction of the new dairy cattle barn will begin in March with a substantial completion date of August 1.

Jerome Vetting, Expo-Ice Center board chairman, stated

that the construction of the new dairy cattle barn will be the anchor of the Manitowoc County Fair and will ensure the existence of the Manitowoc County Expo and the Fair at the current location.

Vetting noted that the building construction budget was approved for \$550,000 and another \$500,000 has been approved by the county board for other capital improvement projects on the Expo Grounds in 2018.

The new dairy cattle barn design build was developed by an ad hoc committee that included Dr. David Kammel, Biological Systems Engineering Department at UW-Madison; Scott Gunderson, Manitowoc County UW-Extension

Agricultural Agent; Todd Borgwardt, Dairy Cattle Exhibitor; Mitch Kappelman, Manitowoc County Holstein Association; Angie Ulness, 4-H Dairy Committee; and several Expo-Ice Center Board members.

Jennell Krizek, Expo Facility Manager, will be working on a naming rights sponsor which will be used for additional "wish list" items to be added to the building design.

The Manitowoc County Expo-Ice Center board and staff are looking forward to the grand opening of the new building and a ribbon cutting ceremony that will occur during the week of fair, August 21-26!

Words Fairest of the Fair cont...

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all the best for the life ahead of you.

With a new year comes a new calendar so if you

have not, mark your calendar for the 2018 Manitowoc County Fair, August 21-26, Your All American Fair.

Keep liking the Manitowoc County Fairest of the Fair on Facebook.

I will be featuring past Fairests and future Fairests as the Fairest of the Fair competition approaches.

As always check back at our website at www.manitowoccounty.com/fair for more details.

Happy New Year
Jennifer Binversie
2017 Manitowoc County Fairest of the Fair

Advertising Options

Advertising opportunities available in the TIDBITS Newsletter.

There are five issues a year to over 2,000 readers.

The mailing list includes Jr. Fair and Open Class Exhibitors, the farming community, local businesses as well as businesses outside of the community, vendors, horse groups,

employed personnel, and retired people.

Advertising Prices:

1/8 Ad \$50

1/4 Ad \$90

Half Page Ad \$150

Full Page Ad \$250

Call the Expo Office at 920-

683-4378 or email Jennell

Krizek at

JennellKrizek@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

The next issue of the TIDBITS Newsletter will be

released in March for the months of March and April.

If you would like to have your ad placed in this issue, the Expo staff would need to receive your ad no later than March 5.

The Expo staff can help you design your ad today!



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Public Skate

Every Weekend through
March 4
 Saturday & Sunday 1-3 pm

Public skate is a great way to spend time with family and friends.

Admission Prices

Adults	\$5
Children	\$3
(13 and under)	
Seniors (60+)	\$3
Skate Rental	\$2

Concessions are available during public skate hours.

Not sure what to do on Friday Nights

Friday Night Skate
 7pm-9pm

- January 12
- January 26
- February 9
- February 23

Skate with your friends!



Do You To Skate?

Do You Love to Skate?

Join us for Valentine's Skate on Saturday, February 10 from 8pm-10pm at the Manitowoc County Ice Center.

Admission:

Adults	\$5
Children	\$3
(13 & Under)	
Skate Rental	\$2

Valentine Special Couples \$6

22nd Annual Ice Show presents



Mark your calendars for the Manitowoc County Figure Skating Ice Show, set for March 16-18!

Skaters will be skating to songs from Grease, High School Musical, and Many More!

Show Times:

Friday, March 16	7pm
Saturday, March 17	2pm & 7pm
Sunday, March 18	2pm

The MCFSC's annual ice show features a cast of over a 100 local skaters ages 3 to adult.

The ice show theme is Grease with High School Musical mixing in for songs that appeal to the younger audience too. The ice show will be enjoyed by all ages.

Tickets will be available at the Manitowoc County Ice Center after February 20 on Tuesdays 5-7pm & Wednesdays 5-7pm.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more info contact Chris Pawlowski 920-684-8496



Holiday Tree Drop Off

RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY TREE
Manitowoc County residents and businesses may drop off their natural holiday trees at the Basswood Compost Site.

Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, stands and storage bags from trees before dropping off. If your tree is more than 6 feet long, please cut it in half.

The Basswood compost site is located at 3000 Basswood Rd., near the

intersection of CTY P and R. Please call 683-4333 or visit www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/recyclingcenter for information.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association around 29 million natural trees are sold over the holidays. Many of these trees are recycled once their holiday usefulness is over.

Used natural trees can be chipped and turned into wood mulch. Mulch is used for groundcover and erosion control in landscaping projects and trails.



Another popular use is for constructing wildlife habitat. If properly placed in a backyard these holiday conifers provide shelter and protection for songbirds during the winter. Placed in loose piles at the edge of a woodland, these trees help many wildlife including birds, small mammals and even the animals that depend on them for food.

Many sportsmen will construct these brush piles to attract small game or to create hunting blinds.

Carefully placed piles on the ice in lakes can be used to create fish habitat once the ice melts and the trees sink to the bottom. Be sure to check for restrictions before building fish or wildlife structures.

Holiday trees may be taken for free from the Manitowoc County Basswood Compost Site during normal business hours. Whole trees will be set aside in a separate pile for those interested in using them.

Christmas Lights

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is accepting unwanted Christmas lights for FREE. Strings of lights are highly recyclable even with the bulbs in them. Bring them to the Recycling Center Main Office at 3000 Basswood Road Monday-Friday between 7am and 4pm.

Replacing old lights with new energy efficient LED lights can help you save on your electric bill.

All string lights will be accepted as well as extension cords. Garland, wreaths, trees and other lighted decorations will not be accepted.

Normal light bulbs, including spot lights, compact fluorescents, fluorescent tubes, and incandescent bulbs can be recycled but normal fees apply.

Visit the Recycling Center at www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/recyclingcenter or call 920-683-4333 to learn more about Christmas Light Recycling and similar programs offered in Manitowoc County.



Holiday Waste Reduction

Going Green This Holiday Season: Give More & Waste Less

Did you know that household waste in the United States generally increases 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day? According to the pollution control association, all the shopping bags, packaging, gift wrap, boxes, bows and ribbons add up to an **additional** one million tons of waste each week!

Give the Gift of Togetherness

This year during the holidays give a gift of time or experience instead of stuff.

Offer to babysit, give music lessons, do house chores or run errands.

Have kids create fun "coupons" for their time, such as taking on extra chores, watching a younger sibling or providing lots of hugs and kisses. Or try these ideas:

- Make a "trash-to-treasure" gift from odds and ends



- Give homemade baked goodies, such as cookies, preserves or bread
- Make a charitable donation in someone else's name
- Give no-waste gifts, such as tickets to concerts, museums or sporting events, or gift certificates for dinner, a massage or spa treatment
- Need a stocking stuffer? Give packets of seeds to grow indoors and transplant in the spring

Reducing Waste during your Holiday Celebrations

Try incorporating a little "green" into your shopping, decorating and entertaining:

- Bring reusable tote bags when shopping
- Use LED holiday lights and put the lights on a timer
- Decorate with natural materials such as pine cones, evergreen boughs and garlands of popcorn and berries
- Get creative with gift wrapping by using baskets, glass jars or cookie tins and make your own gift tags
- Use cloth napkins, silverware, glass or ceramic drinking cups and reusable plates at holiday parties

Buildings Available for Rent

Looking for a place to host a reception, graduation party, company picnic, or event fundraiser?

The Expo Grounds has buildings available to rent throughout the year!

The Manitowoc County Expo Grounds provides a place for receptions, company picnics, festivals, horse shows, benefits, circuses, and more!

Easily accessed from the interstate, the Expo Grounds has ample parking and camping areas for guests.

The 200'x80' Merchants building even includes a kitchen.

Besides wedding receptions and graduation parties, this building has hosted trade shows, dartball tournaments, merchandise sales events, as well as the Fire and Ice Convention.

Need more space? How about our 200'x100' Ice Center?

This building has ample room, high ceilings, a concessions area, bathrooms, and bleachers.

The Ice Center has held the Home Builders Show, Northeast WI Dog



Set up of the Merchants Building for Birthday Celebration!

Show Classic as well as the Ant Hill Mob Bike Show and Dance.

No matter what size event you're planning, the Manitowoc County Expo can meet all of your event needs!

We're on the Web!

www.manitowocounty.com/expo

www.manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter

Schedule of Events

- **Jan 1-2** - Expo-Ice Center Offices Closed
- **Feb 10** - Valentine Skate Ice Center
Read article on page 5
- **Feb 10** - Rummage-A-Rama Merchants Building
8:30am-2:30pm
\$.50 admission
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- **Feb 17** - Brewfest Merchants Building
5pm-9pm
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- **Feb 23 - Feb 25** - FIRE and ICE Game Convention Merchants Bldg
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food available for our hungry game players.

There's nothing better than the simple pleasure of sitting down at a table with a few friends and sharing in the fun, intellectually stimulating and socially engaging experience of playing a game.

To find out more information and view pictures from previous

years, visit the FIRE & ICE Game Convention website at

www.fireandiceconvention.com also like us on [Facebook](#).

