

Be a tourist in your own backyard

Eat, drink and be merry in Ozaukee County

Let's be honest ... some of the most fun we have with friends and family centers around eating and drinking. This summer, Ozaukee County is serving up ample opportunities for great food, great drink and great fun to keep you and your peeps well-fed and enjoying the outdoors.

Get a group together and visit one of the amazing Traveling Food Truck Tours both Grafton and Thiensville will host this summer from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy the festival-like atmosphere with 15 to 20 food truck vendors, a beer garden, music and fun activities for the whole family. Grafton will host the tour at Veterans Memorial Park on the last Tuesday of each month from June through September, starting June 27. Thiensville will host the trucks June 13, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 12 at Thiensville Village Park.



Thiensville Farmers Market

each day, featuring eight local and regional blues bands over the weekend.

Belgium will host Beer & Wine Garden events June 28 and Sept. 6 at the Luxembourg American Cultural Center from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will feature live music by JJaruj in June, followed by the Belgium fireworks at Heritage Park and Ryan McIntyre in September. Another great stop is at Belgium's Summer Nights Live events. They are Friday nights (May 31, July 12 and Aug. 16) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and include live music, Luxembourg beer and wine gardens, kickball, games and a night market. If you have little ones, plan to visit Ozaukee's only splash pad in Belgium this summer. Splash Pad Sundays will be June 23 and July 28 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with ice cream and games. Round out the summer fun in Bel-

The Cedarburg Art Museum will again open its beer garden Thursdays from June 6 through Sept. 19. Take time to view the wonderful art exhibitions and enjoy a cold beverage and live music in its back garden. Hot summer nights will be the perfect time to pop into the Cedarburg Pool and Park area for its three beer garden events, June 16 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., July 21 from noon to 7 p.m. and Aug. 18 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. New this year, Cedarburg's Strawberry Festival will feature "Party in the Park," a beer garden and Paramount Blues Bash in Cedar Creek Park June 22 and June 23, with extended hours into the evening for those fest-goers not ready to head home. Music will start at 1 p.m.



Belgium Splash Pad



gium with Luxembourg Fest Aug. 10 and Aug. 11; there will be live music, fun for the kids and a parade.

The Port Washington Beer Garden runs Saturday nights from June through October, rain or shine, from 11 a.m. through 8 p.m. in Upper Lake Park Lion's Centennial Pavilion. This popular event features food, live music and, of course, beer.

Bags and Brews will be held in Saukville Saturday, June 15 at Grady Park. Enjoy a bags tournament, beer garden, food and live music by Otto Day & the Nites. Treasures of Oz is hosting its 10th Anniversary Eco-Tour June 15 as well, with exciting things going on at the Treasure Sites throughout the day. The brand-new Birchwood Hills Nature Preserve, Virmond County Park and Sauk Creek Nature Preserve are just a few places you'll want to check out. Visit the website at www.treasuresofoz.org for all the details and to plan out your day.

Ozaukee also serves up an abundance of bustling farmers markets throughout the county, featuring produce, flowers, products, music and an array of vendors. The popular Thiensville Village Market draws thousands to Thiensville Village Park (250 Elm St.) Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting June 11 and running through Oct. 15. Grafton Farmers Market in Veterans



Appleland

Park (1000 13th Ave.) draws guests on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 11 to Sept. 26. Port Washington's Farmers Market is Saturdays (except July 20, when Fish Day will be held) from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting June 8, on Main Street. Saukville's Farmers Market is every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 23 through Oct. 27 at Veterans Park downtown Saukville. Cedarburg's Makers & Growers Market features a variety of artisans and locally grown produce, as well as food trucks and fresh and smoked salmon and trout. It runs Fridays June 14 through Oct. 11 behind the Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62 N546 Washington Ave. Witte's Vegetable Farm in Cedarburg is a great place to go to get fresh produce, and it's open every day during the season. Located at 10006 Bridge St. in Cedarburg, Witte's prides itself on providing families with delicious seasonal produce options, as well as "pick your own" opportunities. In August, keep Appleland Farm Market on your list of places to stop for fresh apples for both eating and baking. With more than 15 varieties of pick-your-own and prepicked apples, as well as peaches, plums, cherries, pears and pumpkins plus treats like caramel apples, honey, cider donuts, pie, cider, hard cider, fruit wines and more, it's a must-visit for local families.

Appleland Farm is located at 4177 Highway 57 in Fredonia.

Ozaukee is the perfect place to get outside and enjoy outdoor dining, beer gardens and other great adventures throughout the summer. Visit the Ozaukee County Tourism website at www.ozaukeetourism.com and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page to find information on these activities and more.

On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit.