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2014 East Troy Bluegrass Festival



*Family-friendly
music event returns
for 21st year*

East Troy, home to Alpine Valley Music Theatre, has had a long musical connection and over the years, it's evolved to become a popular destination for music fans from around the country.

On Saturday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 14, the East Troy Bluegrass Festival will continue this tradition with two days of unforgettable bluegrass music and string-scrubbin' down-home family fun.

The 21st annual festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day on East Troy's historic Village Square, featuring a full line-up of bluegrass bands and contests, plus great food and East Troy Marketplace vendors.

The event opens on Saturday with an open stage at 10 a.m., followed by a fiddle contest at 11:30 a.m.

Bands start in the afternoon, with Milkhouse Radio at 1 p.m., Bluegrass Express at 2 p.m.,

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2014 LINEUP

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

10 a.m. Open Stage
11:30 a.m. Fiddle Contests
1 p.m. Milkhouse Radio
2 p.m. Bluegrass Express
3 p.m. Band Scramble
4 p.m. Piper Road Spring Band
5 p.m. The Karl Shiflett and Big Country Show

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

10 a.m. Gospel Service featuring Solid Ground
11:30 a.m. Banjo, Mandolin & Guitar Contests
1 p.m. Big Cedar
2 p.m. Bluegrass Cavaliers
3 p.m. The Burie Family
4 p.m. Above the Town
5 p.m. Larry Gillis and The Hard Driving Swampgrass Band

• Check www.easttroybluegrass.com for updates.

FALL FUN

Guide:



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People will flock to the Elegant Farmer this fall during its popular family-friendly Autumn Harvest Festival Saturday and Sundays, Sept. 6- Oct. 26. Event favorites include tractor-pulled hayrides and strolls through 12 varieties of apple trees, offering pick-your-own fruits at its best (below).

Events to look forward to

We've narrowed down the best this season has to offer, and here you'll find a handy guide to this fall's top adventures.

Autumn Harvest Festival- Sept. 6-Oct. 26

The Elegant Farmer is offering a family-friendly, old-fashioned farm harvest experience at its annual Autumn Harvest Festival, weekends Sept. 6 through Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Twelve varieties of apples can be picked right from the tree on the farm's orchard and pumpkins of all shapes and sizes selected from the patch.

Enjoy beautiful fall colors aboard a tractor-pulled hayride, pony rides or vintage trolley ride.

The Elegant Farmer will also offer a family-friendly farm scene corn maze with easy in and out access for all ages. Adding to the fun, the event features make-your-own caramel apples along with barbecue pulled pork sandwiches, warm cider donuts, slices of pie a la mode and hot buttered apple cider.

"Red, yellow or green, tart, sweet or sour, The Elegant Farmer offers an apple guide to help you discover new flavors and remember old favorites," said The Elegant Farmer co-owner, John Bauer. "In order to select the best apples, you should know what you are going to do with the apples: eat, dip or bake. Then you should consider the flavors you and your family like ranging from sweet to tart and how long you would store the apples.

Lastly," Bauer advises, "Try, try, try. Taste as many varieties as you can to discover your favorites."

The Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main St. (County Roads ES and J), in Mukwonago, is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information, visit www.elegantfarmer.com.

Fall foliage trolley ride- through Oct. 26

Take in Southeastern Wisconsin's fall colors

aboard the East Troy Electric Railroad, Wisconsin's last original electric railroad line.

The railroad runs from East Troy to Mukwonago with regular weekend service through Nov. 2.

On Saturdays, and Sundays, Sept. 6-Nov. 2, trains depart eastbound from the East Troy Depot at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. and westbound

• See **EVENTS** on page 5



The complete package

A look at Contract Comestibles' work in East Troy

By Vanessa Lenz
CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Not many locals know about it, but East Troy is home to a well-established custom food manufacturer that works with entrepreneurs and established businesses across the country.

While Contract Comestibles has been around since 1997, the business for the most part has flown under the radar.

The fast-growing company however is continuing to blossom, attracting much attention in an underappreciated marketplace.

"We're doing something new and different every single day," said president Andy Gehl, who was hired two years ago to take the company to new heights.

Contract Comestibles, which spends

• See **COMPLETE PACKAGE** on page 3

Wisconsin Oven Corporation celebrates growth, 40th anniversary

Wisconsin Oven Corporation's expansion of its facility in East Troy has brought business back to the region and the company is celebrating with a community-wide open house.

The new 30,000-square-foot facility at Main and Young Streets opened operations in June, retiring a leased facility in Waukesha and bringing all manufacturing back to East Troy.

Locals will get a chance to tour the addition and other facilities and toast Wisconsin Oven's 40th anniversary during the Open House slated for Saturday, Sept. 13 from 1-4 p.m. at 2675 Main St.

Trolley rides, provided by the East Troy Electric Railroad, will take attendees between buildings.

A food and refreshment tent with live music will be located in front of Wisconsin Oven's headquarters.

"We would like to take this opportunity to show the high level of skill and quality that is poured into our products

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Open House and 40th anniversary celebration

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 13, 1-4 p.m.

WHERE: Wisconsin Oven Corporation, 2675 Main St.

• See **WISCONSIN OVEN** on page 3

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a lot of time and resources coming up with the perfect product, plays an important part of the food system.

"We make food the way you would make food in your kitchen," said Gehl, a Hartland native who has spent his entire career in food manufacturing. "We take raw ingredients, mix it up, blend it, batch it, cook it."

The company has put an emphasis on local, natural and organic products and mainly works with wet foods like sauces, condiments dressings, jams and jellies.

A big part of the business is co-packaging for entrepreneurs and small existing businesses.

"It's the grandmother who says 'I've been making this for Christmas for 50 years. My kids say it's so good I should sell it. What do I do?'" said Gehl. "Or people who have been making and selling their product at a farmers market for many years and want to sell it in a grocery store."

Gehl said they also produce recipes created carefully by innovative college students, including one young customer who started his business in his kitchen playing around with hot sauce.

"All his friends loved it and now he's doing 50,000 bottles at a crack," Gehl said.

Contract Comestibles stretches processing capabilities, providing USDA & FDA inspected, organic and locally grown, kosher, thermal and mechanical processing.

A strong foundation

Gehl's partners Matt Nitz and John Delikat started the company at 2004 Beulah Avenue at the site of the old milk condensery.

The building, founded in 1904, represents one of the village's first industries.

At the time, Contract Comestibles rented the north portion of the building with the balance of the space used for an industrial painting compa-

ny.

The former employees of egg processing company Bolt Farms have gradually laid their own path.

"They had a really nice business going and they didn't actively try to expand it...The people across the street didn't know they were here and that truly was the case at the point I came on board in 2012," said Gehl.

In order to keep up in the food-manufacturing world, the company has shifted focus to growing and expanding since that time.

"We're still very much a small company and to be a food manufacturing company it's almost impossible to stay small," said Gehl.

Contract Comestibles bought the rest of the building in August of 2012 and spent the last two years renovating it. Gehl said they plan for renovations to continue for several years to fix issues with outdated infrastructure.

A launching pad

Gehl said Contract Comestibles prides itself on bringing entrepreneurial ideas to life every day.

He said the old way of taking a small entrepreneurial food business and growing it doesn't work any more because of government regulations.

"So very quickly you need a co-packer like myself to work with you to get it going," he said.

Contract Comestibles co-packages products for entrepreneurs out of Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis and all the spaces in between, according to Gehl.

The company provides a full range of services, including ingredient and packaging material sourcing, formula and process development, label development and quality control, and HACCP (hazard analysis and critical control point) programs.

Gehl said it also helps with product develop-



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Contract Comestibles, a custom food manufacturer, can package products in cartons, bags, bottles, cups/trays and bulk.

ment, including formula and process development from concept, prototype or recipe, duplication of existing products and scale up from lab to full production.

Products are sold wherever entrepreneurs choose to take them – whether it's regional specialties like Saz's award-winning barbecue sauces found on shelves throughout Wisconsin or small batches of hard to find products like egg curds sold nationwide.

Contract Comestibles is starting to expand its reach in the community, letting locals know who they are and what they do.

While they currently don't have a local store, Contract Comestibles sells a couple of its products at Wild Flour Bakery. The business will also have a presence at the East Troy Farmers Market on Fridays, from 3 to 7 p.m. through

Oct. 3 on West Main St.

Gehl said the company also plans to add a second shift in the near future. Contract Comestibles currently has 20 employees working in its 70,000-square-foot facility.

In the immediate future, the goal is to continue to focus on diverse and specialty products.

He said food manufacturing is no longer about producing high volume of one product.

"Today everybody wants something different," Gehl said.

"There's just variety upon variety upon variety and yet most of the food manufacturing plants built within the last 50 years weren't built to do variety. They were built to do cheap... This facility was built for the Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and unique higher end stores. The products coming out of this facility reflect that."

• WISCONSIN OVEN from front page



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David Strand, President and CEO of Wisconsin Oven Corporation (center), and his employees celebrated the completion of Wisconsin Oven's 30,000 square foot addition with a ribbon cutting and East Troy Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event in June.

every day by our great employees," said President and CEO David Strand. "Wisconsin Oven is the leading manufacturer of industrial ovens and we would like to thank our team of champions and their families for their dedication to our success.

"The community is welcome to join Wisconsin Oven's employees and families in celebrating our continued growth and success."

The event is suitable for all ages.

New plant named after Strand

Employees, business members and community members gathered at Wisconsin Oven Corporation on June 11 to celebrate the completion of its new addition, which will bear Strand's name.

Owner Philippe Blandinieres of PLC Group of France surprised attendees with the news that he was naming the new facility after Strand.

Strand started working for Wisconsin Oven

Corporation at 19 years old on the shop floor and has stayed with the company for 28 years, working his way up to his current position.

Strand congratulated his "championship team" of employees for the company's success and also all of those who helped make the expansion a reality.

The addition was necessary for Wisconsin Oven after record shipments and record growth in 2013, according to Strand.


The impressive expansion is 120-feet wide by 240-feet long by 50-feet high, making it the tallest building in East Troy.

Wisconsin Oven has been manufacturing the highest quality industrial heat treating equipment for 40 years. The new facility is suited for manufacturing massive equipment for the automotive, aerospace, mining, and energy industries with two 20 ton cranes and two 10 ton cranes.

The Strand Plant officially began manufacturing equipment on June 16.

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Premier cycling event *celebrates* third successful year

The East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, along with title sponsor the Klumb Family Foundation, was thrilled to serve as the local host for the June 20 East Troy Cycling Classic for the third straight year.

The race, which was the second leg of the 11-day Tour of America's Dairyland, is billed as the largest competitive cycling event in the United States.

With more than 500 amateur and professional racers navigating a .62 mile course showcasing the East Troy Village Square and neighboring streets, spectators and locals were treated to non-stop action and free entertainment all day.

The area community and business response to the event was amazing as all eyes turned to East Troy for a great day of elite cycling and fun.

Organizers pulled out all the stops for the event, including a visit from the Brewers Famous Racing Sausages, return of the popular Tour de Square Kids Races and a live broadcast from ESPN radio.

Thank you East Troy!

Members of the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce's Bike Race Committee are very grateful to the sponsors, volunteers and local businesses and residents for the success of the event.

The committee was chaired by Jane Thompson of Red Door Café and JT Interiors. Committee members included: Linda Kaplan of East Troy

Shell, DeAnne Conrad of Citizens Bank of Mukwonago, Ann Zess of Allan Integrated Control Systems, Inc. and Tony LaShay of Excel Engineering.

This event would not be possible without the continued support of title sponsor, the Dennis and Janice Klumb Family Foundation. Dennis Klumb Jr. also played a significant role by securing additional major sponsorships from his company, KS Energy Services, LLC.

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From top: Local mascots, the East Troy High School Trojan (from right) and Java Jeff Fornear, representing sausage race sponsor Red Door Café, join in the Milwaukee Brewers' famous sausage race during the East Troy Cycling Classic on June 20. The Polish sausage won by a nose. The Pro Women's train charges hard around the historic East Troy Village Square during the East Troy Cycling Classic, day two of the Tour of America's Dairyland. The event was presented by the Dennis and Janice Klumb Family Foundation and the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce.

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John Theisen
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Ted, Joey and Ben Zess

Thanks to all the local business owners, employees and residents for their patience with the detours around the central part of the village. We appreciate your continued support.
East Troy Cycling Classic Committee



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Wren Smith, 4, and Liam Rohrer, 4, both of East Troy, claim their first ever podium finishes at the East Troy Cycling Tour de Square Kids Race, finishing first and third, respectively.

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Fares are \$12.50 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors and \$8 for youth 3-11. Children younger than 3 ride for free.

Experience the romance of dining aboard one of the East Troy Electric Railroad's award-winning dinner trains.

The two-hour excursion offers a gourmet four-course meal and a full cash bar overlooking Phantom Lake on Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.

The railroad's family-friendly pizza train will ride the rails Oct. 4.

For a complete schedule, visit www.east-troyrr.org.

Run for a reason- Sept. 6

The East Troy Area Historical Society will host its sixth annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 6. Registration is from 7-8 a.m. at Prairie View Elementary School, 2131 Townline Road.

The 5K race begins at 8:30 a.m. A 1-Mile Dash for children 12 and younger will start at 8 a.m.

Medals will be awarded to all 1-Mile Dash participants and the overall male and female winners and first through third place winners in each age group.

The certified course will begin and end at Prairie View. Healthy snacks and beverages will be provided to participants after the race.

Entry fees are \$25 for pre-registered runners/walkers, \$30 for day of race registrations and \$10 for the 1-Mile Dash.

For more information, visit www.etahs.org or call Jamie Baumeister at (262) 215-7103.

Fall Fest- Sept. 7

East Troy Manor, 3271 North St., will host Fall Fest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7.

The event will feature live music, food, classic cars, bingo tent, kids corner and more. The event is open to the public.

See a show- Sept. 20

The East Troy Lioness Club will host impressionist Joan Michna as Helen Keller in "A Life Nearly Lost" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Ivan's Backstage.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for students. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Lioness Judy at (262) 642-5480.

Get lost in a local corn maze –Sept. 26-Nov. 1

Army Lake Camp's annual corn maze will be open Sept. 26-Nov. 1.

The maze is open Fridays from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The maze is available to groups by reservation Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 to 8:30 p.m.

Attendees are also invited to explore the courtyard, which includes concessions, bounce house, wagon rides, pumpkin patch, climbing wall and games. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 and free for children younger than 4.

The camp is located at N8797 Army Lake Road, East Troy. For more information, call (262) 642-6400 or visit www.armylakecamp.org.

Timber-lee pumpkin walk – Oct. 18

Camp Timber-lee, N8705 Scout Road, East Troy will host its annual free pumpkin walk on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 6-9 p.m.

Hundreds of lit pumpkins, carved by East Troy Prairie View Elementary School students, will line the camp's hiking trails.

Other activities include a hayride, corn maze or a visit to the nature center to view the night sky or hold a fuzzy or scaly ani-

mal.

For more information, call Karen at (262) 642-7345 or visit www.timber-lee.com.

Spend autumn on the farm – Sept. 6-Oct. 26

Visitors to Old World Wisconsin will celebrate the harvest season at Autumn on the Farms with brewing, baking and cooking and putting up produce, as they did in the late 1800s/early 1900s.

This event will span eight weekends, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning Sept. 6 and running through Oct. 26.

Old World's popular Catch Wheel Fever! interactive experience is free all season with Old World Wisconsin admission.

The centerpiece of the experience is the hop-on reproduction tricycles, where children and adults can pedal around a track and catch some wheel fever firsthand.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily through Labor Day and Thursday-Sunday Sept. 4 through Oct. 31.

Admission is \$16 for adults, \$9 for children 5-17, \$14 for students and senior citizens (65 and older) and free for children younger than 5. Admission for a family (two adults and two or more dependent children 5-17) is \$43.

Old World Wisconsin is located at W372 S9727 Highway 67, Eagle. For more information, visit at www.oldworldwisconsin.org.

Halloween happenings- Oct. 30 & 31

Trick-or-treat hours will be held in the Village of East Troy, Town of East Troy and Town of Troy on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

East Troy High School will host its annual Halloween Bash on Thursday, Oct. 30. Children 10 and younger, along with their parents, are invited to trick-or-treat through the school from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (262) 642-6760.

Visit East Troy Farmers Market on Fridays

Get your fill of veggies, local treats and artisan goods at the East Troy Farmers Market from 3 to 7 p.m. on Fridays through Oct. 3.

The market began its sixth season this year on the grounds of Wild Flour Bakery, W2463 County Road ES, on East Troy's west side.

The market features about 15 vendors selling homegrown and local produce, specialty items, meats, baked goods and crafts. The event includes live music and activities each week. For a complete lineup, visit www.easttroy.org.

For more information, email vanessa@easttroywi.org.

Meal-Planning at the Market

Eat locally and in season by planning your meals around these Farmers Market finds:

Breakfast:

Free-range eggs from Murphy Farm Fresh and a side of blueberries

Morning Snack:

Farmer John's cheese curds from Nina's Dairy Goats

Lunch:

Wild Rice Soup using rice and recipe from Pheasant Run with a chunk of Country French sourdough bread from Wild Flour Bakery

Afternoon Snack:

Jalapeño grass fed beef sticks from Healey's Wholesome Haven

Dinner:

"Grandpa's Way" Ribeye steak from Black Earth Meats and honey-glazed organic carrots with garlic from Michael Fields Agricultural Institute and honey from V&K Honey

Dessert:

Kettle Corn from Sky Mountain Kettle Corn



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Old World Wisconsin's newest interactive experience, Catch Wheel Fever!, opened to the public this summer to great enthusiasm from guests. The hands-on experience, which continues through Oct. 31, captures the excitement of the 1890's cycling craze that swept the nation.

Kids activities- September & October

The East Troy Family and Community Resource Center, 3066 W. Main St., suite 108 in the Windfield Plaza, will host a full slate of fall events.

Beginning Sept. 10, the Resource Center will host playgroups every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Playmore Park on the corner of West Street and Graydon Avenue.

On Tuesdays from 9:30-10 a.m., beginning Sept. 9, the Resource Center will host a pre-school class called Alphabet Adventures for children ages 2-5. Each week, the class will incorporate different skills such as cutting, coloring, counting, pasting, color and shape recognition in addition to learning a new letter.

The Resource Center also hosts arts activities every Monday night from 6-6:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 15. Programs are typically geared toward school age children.

Another session of the Percy Jackson Book Club featuring the book "The Sea of Monsters" will begin in October.

Save the date for the organization's annual Fall Dinner and Silent Auction set for Saturday, Nov. 8 at Ivan's Backstage. The event will feature hors' d'oeuvres, dessert buffet, silent auction, beer raffle and wine pull. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Participants are asked to pre-register for all events at 642-4900 or easttroyfamily@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.east-troyfamily.webs.com.



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East Troy FFA will once again bring favorite farm animals to the East Troy Farmers Market on Friday, Sept. 12. For a complete schedule of special events, visit www.easttroy.org.

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“Our base herd that was started in 1999 still remains with us and these cows are still producing excellent calves that excel in the ring and when harvested, some of the most exquisite beef that you can ever have the pleasure of tasting,” said manager Heather Bailey.

Cobblestone Farm is open Wednesday through Friday- noon to 6 p.m. and by appointment only Monday and Tuesday.



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Cobblestone Farm, known for producing exquisite beef, recently joined the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce as a Corporate Partner.

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Andy Gehl, president of Contract Comestibles, is welcomed to the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce by Chamber Secretary Linda Kaplan of East Troy Shell.



Crazy Bears & The Muffin Tin

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Crazy Bears, located in the Village of Mukwonago (one block off of Rochester St.), has quickly become a popular place for pizza with its homemade dough, diverse toppings and specialty pies.

The family-owned business opens in the mornings daily as The Muffin Tin, serving muffins, coffee, bear claws and breakfast, and switches over to Crazy Bears during lunch/dinner, serving pizza, sandwiches, gyros and hot dogs. Delivery is available to East Troy. Hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-midnight Friday, 8 a.m.-midnight Saturday and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.



VANESSA LENZ Good Neighbors

East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce board member Jane Thompson of JT Interiors and Red Door Café welcomes new member The Muffin Tin and Crazy Bears, represented by owner Ray Barber (from left) holding son Julian, 28 months, his wife Slobodanka holding son Graham, 28 months, and cousin David Oldenburg, kitchen manager.

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Spotlight Real Estate's team, including (from left) JoAnn McCormack, Mike Millsap, Anne Dunlop and Sharon Warsh have backgrounds in education, small business ownership, real estate and finance.

News briefs

County to host clean sweep in October

The Walworth County Public Works Department will host its 2014 Clean Sweep Program on Friday, Oct. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the City of Whitewater Public Works Complex, 150 East Starin Road and the City of Delavan Municipal Garage, 490 Richmond Road. Items may also be dropped off on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Walworth County Public Works Department, W4097 County Road NN in Elkhorn.

The program is organized to help households, businesses and institutions properly dispose of

banned, damaged, and unusable or unwanted products that contain harmful chemicals. The clean sweep program will also have a pharmaceutical collection. For more information contact, Janet Cline at (262) 741-3367 or email jcline@co.walworth.wi.us.

Give blood Sept. 13

The BloodCenter of Wisconsin will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2665 North St.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit www.bcu.edu/StPaulsEastTroy to make an appointment. For more information, contact Nancy Schumacher at (262) 642-3202 or email schooloffice@stpaulset.net.

Work to become a better investor

“On Sept. 1, we observe Labor Day — a celebration of the American worker. Of course, you work hard at your own job, but you can also benefit from putting in the hours toward other important endeavors of your life — such as invest-

ing,” said Jim Jakscht, Edward Jones financial adviser. “You’ll want to work to identify your goals and follow a consistent investment strategy. Knowing where you want to go and how you want to get there, can help make your investment journey a lot less bumpy along the way.”

“Also, work to know your own risk tolerance. Finally, you and your financial adviser should consistently review your progress toward your financial goals.”

For more information, contact Jakscht at (262) 642-5717.

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PHOTOS SUBMITTED *Good Neighbors*

Fervent bluegrass fans of all ages will flock to the East Troy Village Square during the 21st annual East Troy Bluegrass Festival to see headliners The Karl Shiflett and Big Country Show (above) and Larry Gillis and the Hard Driving Swampgrass Band on Sept. 13 and 14, respectively.

Band Scramble at 3 p.m., Piper Road Spring Band at 4 p.m. and national headliner The Karl Shiflett and Big Country Show at 5 p.m.

The music resumes on Sunday with a gospel service featuring the Solid Ground at 10 a.m. followed by banjo, mandolin and guitar contests at 11:30 a.m. The bands return in the afternoon with Big Cedar at 1 p.m., Bluegrass Cavaliers at 2 p.m., The Burie Family at 3 p.m., Above the Town at 4 p.m. and national headliner Larry Gillis and The Hard Driving Swampgrass Band at 5 p.m.

Weekend wristbands are \$5 per person. Children 15 and younger are admitted free. Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. No alcohol is allowed at this family event.

The rain location is East Troy Middle School, 3143 Graydon Ave.

For more information, contact event sponsor, the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, at (262) 642-3770 or vanessa@easttroywi.org.

MEET THE HEADLINERS

The Karl Shiflett and Big Country Show:
Best known for their highly entertaining ret-

ro stage show, The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show keeps the spirit of the past alive with their authentic delivery of bluegrass and classic country music. Their 1999 debut release went to the top of the charts resulting in the group becoming a household name overnight. The band has been recognized by organizations like IBMA and SPBGMA for their musical contributions to the industry.

Highly respected by fans and peers alike, bandleader Karl Shiflett is one of the most recognizable and identifiable names in bluegrass music. The rest of the current lineup includes CJ Lewandowski (mandolin/vocals), Brennen Ernst (banjo/vocals), Billy Hurt Jr. (fiddle/vocals), Kris Shiflett (upright bass) and Dany Bureau (scrub board).

Larry Gillis and the Hard Driving Swampgrass Band:

When it comes to hard driving bluegrass music, Larry Gillis is the man most people



think of. Through the '90s, he and his brother John performed at just about every festival known to man. Once the Gillis Brothers hit the stage, they had the audience in the palm of their hands.

After taking a break, Larry Gillis has made up his mind to set the woods on fire all over again with a young, hard driving band to perform by his side. In late 2008, Larry released "Old Man Dreaming," an album with original songs and great Gillis classics and started rising back to the top by early '09.

AT THE LIBRARY:

many events planned for fall

The East Troy Public Library, 3094 Graydon Ave., will offer the following programs this fall.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Lego Building, Thursdays, 3 p.m.
Join Lego enthusiasts for some building fun.

Therapy Dog Visit, Thursdays, 3 p.m.
Read a poem, picture book or a book chapter to therapy dogs Tucker and BJ.

Nintendo Wii gaming, Thursdays, 4 p.m.
Come play against other kids at the library.

Preschool Story Hour, Fridays, 11 a.m.
Join Miss Nancy as she helps children gain pre-literacy and school readiness skills by sharing lively stories, fun crafts and sometimes a yummy snack.

New Maker Space, TBD

The East Troy Library is establishing a maker space program, giving people a place to gather to create and collaborate. Explore new skills (i.e. computers, robotics or textile arts), share knowledge and work on fun projects.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

'Murder by the Book'

The Friends of the East Troy Lions Public Library will present "Murder by the Book" on Sept. 27-29 and Oct. 3-5 at Ivan's Backstage, 2087 Division St.

The plot is similar to Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians." A group of mystery writers are gathered on an island, isolated from the rest of the world and each disguised as a famous literary figure. One by one they are eliminated - each in a manner consistent with their writings. The play, which is a comedy, has a twist ending.

Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the East Troy Lions Public Library will host its annual book sale at the library on Nov. 7-8.

For more information, call 642-6262 or visit www.easttroy.lib.wi.us/easttroy.

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