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The Elegant Farmer's Harvest Festival provides the ultimate fall season experience complete with a kid-friendly corn maze, apple and pumpkin picking, hayrides, apple cider donuts and more.

8 things to love about East Troy this season

Consider this your ultimate guide to having your best fall ever complete with family fun, can't-miss events and the best ways to feel the leaves crunch beneath your toes.

EXPERIENCE THE FALL HARVEST ON THE FARM

The Elegant Farmer offers a family-friendly, old-fashioned farm harvest experience at its

annual Autumn Harvest Festival on weekends Sept. 9 through Oct. 22 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 trollev ride.

The Elegant Farmer will also offer

a family-friendly farm scene corn maze with easy in and out access for

Adding to the fun, the event features make-vour-own caramel apples along with barbecue pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, warm cider donuts, slices of pie a la mode, homemade chili, chicken pot pie, loaded spuds, pickles and fresh apple cider.

The Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main

St. (County Roads ES and J), is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information, call (262) 363-6771 or visit elegantfarmer.com

CRAFT WITH FALL FLAIR

Let everyone know how excited you are for the season by making

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Fall Events Calendar

25 Farm & Sea **Conservation Dinner**

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, W2493 County Road ES, will host a Farm & Sea Conservation Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25. For more information, visit michaelfields.org.

25 Farmers Market-**Artists & Fleas**

The East Troy Farmers Market will feature Artists & Fleas from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25 at East Troy Village Square Park, 2881 Main St. In addition to weekly vendors selling produce, specialty items, honey cheese, flowers and more, this market will feature the works of local artists and makers as well as flea market vendors. For information on being a vendor, email vanessa@ easttroy.org.

26-27 Blue Ribbon **Cheese Tasting**

The Elegant Farmer, on the corner of highways ES and J, will host tastings of Blue Ribbon award-winning artisan and specialty cheeses from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27. For more information, visit elegantfarmer.com

SEPTEMBER

1-4 Walworth County Fair

The 168th Walworth County Fair will be held Aug. 30 - Sept. 4 at the Walworth County Fairgrounds,

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Bluegrass **Festival** is back for 24th year

The East Troy Bluegrass Festival is celebrating its 24th year with a weekend lineup that once again includes two of the industry's biggest names.

The Day 1 lineup will feature bluegrass all-star Larry Efaw and the Bluegrass Mountaineers.

Becky Buller, one of bluegrass music's most decorated performers, will take the stage with the Becky Buller Band on

Staying true to the festival's roots, local, emerging and popular regional bands will pepper each day's lineup.

The two-day East Troy Bluegrass Festival, presented by the East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place Saturday, Sept. 9 and Sunday, Sept. 10 at East Troy Village Square Park, 2881 Main St.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day.

In addition to the musical entertainment, other festival

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

celebrate.

A bookstore has set up shop on the East Troy Village Square for the first time since the village's 1901 founding – giving both serious and casual book lovers a big reason to

"I believe that every village needs a bookstore," said Kayleen Rohrer, owner of InkLink Books, which now holds the title of East Troy's first ever bookstore.

After going 116 years without one, the underserved market of local bibliophiles, families looking to nourish developing bookworms and literary lovers has waited long enough for a bookstore.

The moment you step into InkLink Books, it's clear that the space is more than just a place

See INKLINK, Page 3

nature books in the impressive space. JAMIE ROHRER Good Neighbors

Above: InkLink

first bookstore,

opened its doors

on July 5 on the

north side of the

East Troy Village

Square. Right:

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of Wisdom Saga

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• Calendar (Continued from front page)

entertainment, food and special discounts. For more information, call (262) 723-3228 or visit walworthcountyfair.com.

1 First Friday Jam Session & Open Mic Night with Karaoke

East Troy's First Fridays event series will continue on Friday, Sept. 1 at East Troy Village

Square Park, 2881 Main St. with a Jam Session

& Open Mic Night with Karaoke. For more information, visit easttroy.org.

7 Girl's Night Out

East Troy House, 2093 Division St., East Troy, will host Girls Night Out from 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. The event will feature local vendors, food and drink specials and live music. No cover. For more information, call (262) 642-

9-10 East Troy Bluegrass Festival

The 24th annual East Troy Bluegrass Festival is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10 at East Trov Village Square Park.

A full line-up of Bluegrass bands and contests. plus lots of great food and East Troy Marketplace vendors, will take place from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Weekend wristbands are \$10 per person; children 15 and younger will be admitted free. For more information, easttroybluegrass.com.

23 Mud Run for Kids Camp

The Salvation Army - Army Lake Camp, N8725 Army Lake Road, will host its first annual Mud Run for ages 14 to 99 at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. The run will feature 15 demanding obstacles

through the camp grounds, lake shores, woodland trails & mud-ridden paths, crawls, climbs and ravines.

Entry fee is \$125 until the day of the event. For more information, call (262) 642-6400 or visit armylakecamp.org

30 Harvest Fest Nature's Classroom Institute and Montessori

School will host its 21st anniversary celebration and Harvest Festival for the community from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30 on school grounds, W336 S8455 Highway E, Mukwonago. Highlights of the festival include: pumpkin

decorating, bouncy houses, hayrides, tours of the farm, face painting, bake sale and more. There will also be food and beverages for sale. The cost is \$20 per family or \$5 per person. For more information, call (262) 363-6820 or email info@ nciw.ora.

OCTOBER

6 ETHS Homecoming

A week-long series of East Troy High School Homecoming events will culminate with the Homecoming Parade and football game on Friday, Oct. 6. The Homecoming Parade will start at 3:30 p.m. The route begins at the high school, heading east on Main Street, around the East Troy Village Square and back to the high school.

The ETHS varsity football team will face Turner High School on Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at Trojan Stadium, 3128 Graydon Ave. The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7.

6 First Friday Harvest Wine & Dine

East Trov's First Fridays event series will continue on Friday, Oct. 6 at East Troy Village Square Park. 2881 Main St. Celebrate the bounty of delectable foods and wines at harvest time with a pop up dinner and wine walk. For more information, visit easttroy.org

13, 14, 20, 21, 22 'ALIBIS'

The Friends of the East Troy Lions Public Library will host their fourth annual play, "ALIBIS," presented by Off the Square Players at Ivan's Backstage, 2093 Division St., East Troy. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 13, 14, 20 and 21 and 2 p.m. on Oct. 22. The play is directed by Mary Hubbard Nugent. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will go toward library programming.

13 Girl's Night Out East Troy House, 2093 Division St., East

Troy, will host Girls Night Out from 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12. The event will feature local vendors, food and drink specials and live music. No cover. For more information, call (262) 642-

14 Pumpkin Walk

Camp Timber-lee, N8705 Scout Road, East Troy will host its annual free pumpkin walk on Saturday, Oct. 14 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 animal. For more information, call (262) 642-7345 or visit timber-lee.com.

21 Cemetery Walk

Join the East Troy Area Historical Society for a Cemetery Walk at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 at White Oak Cemetery. For more information, call (262) 642-2642 or visit the museum Wednesdays 9 a.m. - noon or Saturdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

21 Crock Pot Prep

The East Troy Family and Community Resource Center, 3066 W. Main St., suite 108 in the Windfield Plaza, will host an adult only Crock Pot Prep Night session with drop in start times between 5:15-6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21. Cost is \$10 and the workshop will last about 2 hours.

Participants will construct 10-meals to take home and freeze in the company of others using recipes developed by the Resource Center. Shopping lists to purchase groceries for the meals will be sent in advance. The Resource Center will prepare one of the meals for sampling and will provide beverages for participants. Preregister no later than Sept. 14 at (262) 642-4900

STEAM Expo

East Troy High School, 3128 Graydon Ave., will host a fall STEAM Expo with date TBA. The event will feature innovative hands- on demonstrations highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Agriculture and Math as a fun learning resource. For details, visit easttroy.k12.wi.us.

or easttroyfamily@gmail.com. Space is limited to

26 Halloween Bash

East Troy High School, 3128 Graydon Ave., will host its annual Halloween Bash from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26. Children 10 and younger, along with their parents, are invited to trick-or-treat through the school. The event will also feature face painting, a costume contest, pumpkin bowling and more. For more information, call (262) 642-6760.

28 Halloween Karaoke at ET House

East Troy House, 2093 Division St., East Troy will host Halloween Karaoke beginning at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. For more information, call (262) 642-7100.

31 Trick-or-treating

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

NOVEMBER

3 First Friday Art Walk

East Troy's First Fridays event series will continue on Friday, Nov. 3 at East Troy Village Square Park, 2881 Main St. A collaboration of local artists, galleries, non-profits and businesses will celebrate the arts in East Troy with art on display from 5-8 p.m. For more information, visit easttroy.org.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

11:30 a.m

• Bluegrass (Continued from front page) highlights include a popular food court

featuring local fare and a Marketplace featuring local crafters, artisans and farmers market vendors.

Weekend admission is \$10 per person. Children 15 and younger are admitted free.

Attendees should bring their own lawn chairs. No alcohol is allowed at this family

Jestival at a glance

Brewtown Bluegrass

Bluegrass All Stars

Larry Efaw and the

Sawdust Symphony

Soggy Prairie Boys

Becky Buller Band

Bluegrass Mountaineers

Gospel Service featuring the

Noah John and Ringing Iron

Windy City Bluegrass Band

Banjo, Mandolin & Guitar Contests

Fiddle Contest Black Horse String Band

Band Scramble

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Open Stage (bands, duos, trios)

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

For more information, call (262) 642-3770 or email vanessa@easttroy.org.

Meet the headliners

LARRY EFAW AND THE **BLUEGRASS MOUNTAINEERS**

Larry Efaw and the Bluegrass Mountaineers tour widely throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and can also be found at major festivals outside their home

In a quest to carry on the traditional bluegrass sound, the Bluegrass Mountaineers combine old time claw hammering, classic country yodeling and twin fiddles to showcase their unique style.

All members of the Bluegrass Mountaineers take turns demonstrating their vocal and instrumental abilities, including Larry Efaw on mandolin & vocals, Edward Efaw (Beanpole) on rhythm guitar & vocals, Stanley Efaw on fiddle & vocals, Christopher Wilcox, 8, on mandolin, Anthony Prater on upright bass, Tom Isaacs on banjo & vocals and John Bryan on guitar & vocals.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Good Neighbors

Becky Buller, one of bluegrass music's most decorated performers, will play with The Becky Buller Band on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the East Troy Bluegrass Festival.

BECKY BULLER BAND

In 2016, Becky Buller was chosen to make bluegrass music history by becoming the first person ever to win in both instrumental and vocal categories at the International Bluegrass Music Association awards.

As is usually the case, Becky's is an overnight success story almost 20 years in the making. Her songs, on the lips of the industry's best, preceded this fieryhaired fiddling St. James, Minn., native to prominence in the acoustic music world.

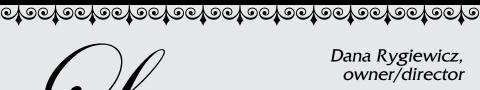
Now audiences are connecting the

composer with her compositions – to the tune of five IBMA awards in the last two years, including the 2016 Fiddler and Female Vocalist and 2015 Songwriter of The Year

Since 2015, the Becky Buller Band has toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada. The group has an exciting 2017 planned, beginning with the release of Becky's fourth solo album on the Dark Shadow Recording label.

Find out more at easttroybluegrass.com

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to find titles, literary fiction, political works,

cookbooks, titles on science and nature,

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The result is an impressive variety – hard

While Rohrer is a local expert on what to

read and can guide you through the shelves,

she wants the selection process to be more

more to round out the selection.

wandered into a real-life fusion of the library from Beauty and the Beast and Flourish and Blotts (the student bookstore in Harry Potter).

"I had this vision of bringing in an Old World Parisian look with the high ceiling and catwalk," Rohrer said. She also mixed in a midcentury modern fireplace to give the feeling the store has always been here but gone through various updates throughout the

The building, located on the north side of the square, dates back to 1862 and Rohrer has completely transformed it into a chic yet comfortable space filled with beloved titles of every genre.

As you enter, you are surrounded by floor to ceiling books, a rolling ladder, fireplace and attractive window displays. Murals of

ABOUT InkLink Books

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goddesses of wisdom adorn the walls and ceiling.

Creating a unique

East Troy experience

Rohrer has always been a book lover

and has spent the majority of her career in

build a love of reading- was a no-brainer.

libraries so having a chance to create her own

community bookstore - a place to nurture and

"I think it's so important," said Rohrer.

[from books]. They teach you how to live life

InkLink Books has captured the nostalgia

"You learn how to be an empathetic person

of the best independent shops by filling its

"We took lists of books that I've been making forever," said Rohrer.

She said they then worked with her

favorite publisher, Penguin Random House,

and various others such as Workman, Simon

shelves with books from hyper-curated lists created by Rohrer for over a decade.

Rohrer said she brought in Stacey Williams-Ng, a Milwaukee-based painter and muralist, to paint Athena the Greek Goddess

of Wisdom on the ceiling and things expanded from there.

We thought, let's take this a step further and do different aspects of wisdom -Athena is courage, Saga (the Norse Goddess of Wisdom) is knowledge, Seshat (the Egyptian Goddess of Wisdom) is strength and Saraswati (the Hindu Goddess of Wisdom) is elegance and grace."

InkLink Books is a space where people can take their time choosing their next perfect

"My preference is for people to do the hunt," Rohrer explained. "A lot happens when you do that. It's inevitable that you find something you didn't know was out there. It's

Surviving in a digital age

Since InkLink Books opened its doors on July 5, the response from locals and visitors alike has been overwhelmingly positive.

"We've been so supported," according to Rohrer.

The brick and mortar experience offers much that you can't get online and people appreciate that, she said.

InkLink Books has also received compliments from publishers, messages of encouragement and networking requests from bookstores across the country and even a shout out from the American Booksellers

Rohrer believes there is room for independent bookstores like InkLink to survive and thrive in the digital age.

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InkLink Books has captured the nostalgia of the best independent shops as vibrantly as possible offering spaces to browse, read and soak in the ambiance.

Golf outing supports community development

The East Troy Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 20th annual golf outing on Friday, Sept. 22 at Alpine Valley Resort in East Troy.

Registration/Warm-up begins at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. and dinner and prizes at 5:30 p.m.

Spend the day on the golf course, with 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch (courtesy of Citizens Bank), beer (courtesy of Wisconsin Oven Corporation) and a chicken & fish fry dinner. Save \$15 with the early bird price of \$100 per person by Sept. 9. There's also a dinner only option for non-golfers for \$25.

Golfers who don't have a foursome, can be paired up with a team. All entries are due by

The outing is one of the main fundraisers for the chamber, serving as a way for golfers to enjoy an afternoon with friends, both old and new, while benefitting the Chamber's

efforts to make East Troy a better place to live, work and play.

"It's a great way to get out of the office and network with employees, other chamber members and clients," said Vanessa Lenz, East Troy Chamber Executive Director.

Winners are announced during a dinner following the tournament. The winning foursome takes home prizes, the coveted East Troy Chamber Golf Outing traveling trophy for one year and bragging rights.

"Our outing is catered to golfers of all levels. Whether you golf in a league or golf once a year, you'll love our 4-person scramble-style outing where there will be more to do than swing your clubs," Lenz said.

Big draws to the event are the course contests like longest putt and closest to the wheelbarrow, as well as the large lineup of raffle prizes and silent auction items.

To register, visit easttroy.org.



Golfers (from left) Alex Jimenez, event chairman Kyle Resler, Matt Petritis and Nick Brozowski represent American Family Insurance- Kyle Resler Agency at the East Troy Chamber's annual golf outing.

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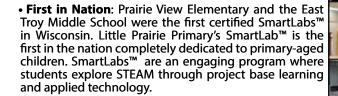
Among the district's offerings and recent successes. . .

• Family & Community Connections: The District offers a free program for children from infant to age 4 that is designed to promote play and social development, as well as offer safe and meaningful interactions. The ETCSD also offers several educational parent nights throughout the year that cover topics such as Parenting Strategies,

Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Bullying, Internet Safety, and Mental, Emotional, and Social Health. District staff have developed over 100 community partnerships for two consecutive years that assist with supporting meaningful learning experiences.



• World Recognized Fab Lab: East Troy is among the very few Fab Labs in Wisconsin that are recognized worldwide as part of MIT's Fab Foundation.



• Little Prairie Primary School Opens Fall 2017: Little Prairie Primary will serve students in the district's early childhood program through second grade. The building reflects ecological and architectural aspects of the East Troy community as well as provides flexible learning spaces within multi-grade academic wings.

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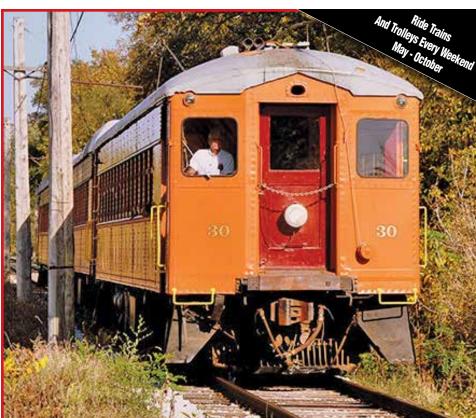
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- SEPT. 9 Beer Tasting Train
- SEPT. 30 Oktoberfest



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Off the Square Players will present a poetry show during the evening of Friday, Nov. 3 at Ivan's Backstage, 2093 Division St., East Troy.

4 Resource Center Silent Auction Fundraiser

The East Troy Family and Community Resource Center will host its annual Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Ivan's Backstage, 2093 Division St. Doors open at 5 p.m. This event will feature a wine pull, large silent auction, local music talent, food and desserts and raffles throughout the evening. To make a donation or purchase tickets, contact Marolyn at (262) 642-4900 or easttroyfamily@gmail.com.

11 All-You-Can-Eat Chili Dinner

The VFW will hold its third annual All-You-Can-Eat Chili Dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Lindey's on Beulah, W1340 Beach Road, East Troy. For more information, call (262) 642-9617

ONGOING

Kids Activities

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 Tuesday, Sept. 12.

On Tuesdays from 9:30-10 a.m., the Resource Center will host a preschool class called Alphabet Adventures for children ages 2-5. Play group

will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 13.

Adventures in Art will be offered the second Thursday of every month throughout the school year from 5:30-6 p.m. This program begins Sept

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

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

First Fridays

East Troy's First Fridays event series will return, May-November. Each First Friday of the month will feature a showcase event at East Troy Village

Square Park with surrounding local businesses collaborating to bring an afternoon and evening of

First Friday events include: Friday, Sept. 1-Jam Session & Open Mic Night with Karaoke, Friday, Oct. 6- Harvest Wine & Dine and Friday, Nov. 3- East Troy Art Walk. For more information, visit easttroy.org

East Troy Farmers Market

The East Troy Farmers Market continues Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. at East Troy Village Square Park, 2881 Main St.

The market will feature vendors selling homegrown and local produce, specialty items, meats, honey, cheese, flowers, crafts and more. The event will also include live music. For more information, visit easttroy.org.





East Troy's popular First Fridays event series will feature a Harvest Wine & Dine on Oct. 6 and the East Troy Art Walk on Friday, Nov. 3. For details, visit easttroy.org. The series, which was created to celebrate everything East Troy has to offer, is now in its sophomore vear.

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Maggie Zoellner, Executive Director of the Kettle Moraine Land Trust, soaks in the beauty of Beulah Bluff Preserve, located at N9026 Bakavi Way, East Troy. The preserve overlooks the northwest shoreline of Lake Beulah and is open to the public for passive recreation and environmental education.

Kettle Moraine Land Trust

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Kettle Moraine Land Trust is a non-profit organization that makes a positive impact on the community.

KMLT volunteers actively manage four nature preserves for wildlife and native plant diversity. Several of the preserves are open to the public.

Educating all generations about the importance of nature is part of KMLT's mission. Every year KMLT hosts community nature hikes, bird walks and school field days.

Beulah Bluff Preserve is the nearest KMLT nature preserve to East Troy. Beulah Bluff is located at N9026 Bakavi Way, East Troy.



Owners Kitty and Benny Stichmann run one of downtown East Troy's popular bars, Al Smith's Saloon, known for its fresh squeezed vodka lemonade shake ups and beer selection.

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festive fall décor. Here are some local classes: Amor Décor will host a creation class from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Lindey's on Beulah, W1340 Beach Road, East Troy. Attendees will get a chance to make an Amor Décor piece of their choice – wooden sign, bottle opener, wine rack, herb box and more. Prices vary depending on project. For more information and additional classes, call (262) 684-9699.

The East Troy Family and Community Resource Center, 3066 W. Main St., suite 108 in the Windfield Plaza, will host Stephanie Sheahan from Studio 37 on Thursday, Oct. 19. Sheahan will offer a variety of options for make and take board art. Registration deadline is Oct. 12. For more information, visit studio37creations.com or find East Troy Family Community Resource Center on Facebook.

ENJOY A SCENIC DRIVE

Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery down an open country road.

Travel Wisconsin recommends the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive, a 115-mile ramble through the riot of oak, maple and aspen fall color in the 50,000 acres of the southern and northern units of the Kettle Moraine State

The scenic fall drive traverses Walworth County via Whitewater Lake, W7796 Kettle Moraine Drive Whitewater. There are many places to picnic, hike, camp, bike, swim and fish along the route. For more information, visit dnr.

Insider Tip: Travel Wisconsin's Fall Color Report provides a guide to peak colors throughout Wisconsin. With 100 fall color reporters providing updates in all 72 counties of the state, no other report is as comprehensive or timely. For details, visit travelwisconsin.com/ fall-color-report.

TAKE A VINTAGE **TROLLEY RIDE**

Catch a glimpse of nature's splendor this fall aboard the East Troy Electric Railroad, Wisconsin's last original electric railroad line.

The railroad runs from the East Troy Depot to Mukwonago and an additional stop at Indianhead Park in Mukwonago with regular weekend service through Nov. 5.

On Saturdays and Sundays, trains depart eastbound from the East Troy Depot at 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., westbound from Indianhead Park in Mukwonago at 10:40 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 12:40 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 2:40 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. (not a round trip) and westbound from The Elegant Farmer at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. (not round trip).

Fares are \$12.50 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors and \$8 for youth 3-14. Children 2 and younger ride for free.

Dinner Trains: 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. 16, Oct. 7, Oct. 14 and

The railroad's theme trains will ride the rails on Sept. 9 (Beer Tasting Train) and Sept. 30 (Oktoberfest Train).

Special Events: A variety of antique trolleys and interurban coaches that once whisked passengers from major cities to surrounding towns and nearby summer retreats will be featured during Milwaukee Day on Sept. 23.

For more information, call (262) 642-3263 or visit easttroyrr.org.

FIND HALLOWEEN THRILLS AND CHILLS ON MAIN STREET

The Mckone family of East Troy is once again constructing East Troy's scariest Halloween trickor-treat attraction for a good cause.

Area residents are invited to test their courage at the local residents' second "Walk of Terror" haunted house located at 3019 Main St.

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She said recent reports show there has been a steady decline in the sale of e-books and research on college students recently revealed people retain information better when using hardcopy books.

"People really do want the physical copy. They want the smell, the feel, the ability to focus increased," Rohrer said.

InkLink Books hopes to become an integral part of the community, beginning with community centered events like book dinners, author visits, signings and discussions.

For more information, visit facebook.com/ inklinkbooks.



The elaborate haunted house will offer experiences for both adults and children and organizers promise that this year's event will be bigger and better than its debut last year.

The spine-chilling haunted house geared toward adults will run on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28. Admission is \$10.

A third haunted house for kids will run on Tuesday, Oct. 31. This event will feature \$5 admission and will coordinate with the Village of East Troy's Halloween trick-or-treat hours.

All proceeds will go to the Walworth County Alliance for Children to help stop child abuse. More than \$2,300 was donated to the foundation in 2016. For more information, visit https:// walkofterror.wixsite.com/walkofterror.

GO ON A FALL **D** FOLIAGE HIKE

East Troy is home to some of the most beautiful areas for hiking and they become even better when the leaves are changing. Here are our top four fall foliage destinations:

1. Beulah Bog: Visitors can travel along its hiking trail east to catch sight of its shallow bog lake, floating mud flats, tamarack forest and wet open moat. Located on Stringers Bridge Road.

2. Lulu Lake: The focal point of the diverse wetland and upland communities located on County Road J is the 95-acre Lulu Lake, a 40 foot deep, hard water drainage kettle lake fed by the Mukwonago River and situated at the base of glacial deposits. Best seen by canoe via the Mukwonago River or through the channel from Eagle Spring Lake.

3. Kettle Moraine State Forest-Mukwonago River Unit: The 970-acre former Rainbow Springs property is situated in the Mukwonago River watershed and is an area known for its outstanding resource waters, including the 35acre Rainbow Springs Lake, varied habitats and biological diversity. Visitors can park in lots on Highway LO, County Road J or County Road E.

4. Price Park Conservancy: Two miles of self-guided hiking trails run through the park, located on Hodunk Road in the Town of LaFayette, and include panoramic views of Sugar Creek and wildflower areas, as well as other outstanding features of natural diversity. The park features a parking lot, picnic shelter and public bathrooms.

PICK THE LARGEST PUMPKIN FROM THE PATCH

If you're looking to keep it local and spend

the day picking pumpkins, here's where you

1. The Elegant Farmer: 1545 Main St. (County Roads ES and J). Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information, call (262) 363-6770 or visit elegantfarmer.com.

2. Bowers Produce: W490 State Road 20, East Troy, Wisconsin. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (262) 642-

3. Green Meadows Petting Farm: 33603 High Dr. (Highway 20) East Troy.

Admission runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Friday, with the farm closing at 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday admission is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the farm closing at 5 p.m. For more information, call (262) 534-2891 or visit greenmeadowsfarmwi.

STOCK UP ON **FALL PRODUCE**

> Get your fill of the season's best veggies, as well as local treats and artisan goods at the East Troy Farmers Market, which continues on Fridays through Oct. 6 at East Troy Village Square Park. Hours of operation are 2 to 6 p.m.

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Above: A scenic ride on the East

The market features local vendors selling homegrown and local produce, specialty items, meats, baked goods and crafts. The event includes live music and special activities.

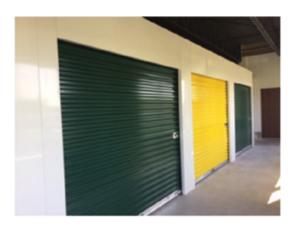
For a complete lineup, visit easttroy.org. Can't make it to the market? Stock up on Rohrganics produce anytime in the retail section of 2894 on Main, located on the northwest side of the East Troy Village Square. At the store, you can also sign up for Rohrganics' Weekly Farm Box CSA (available through October). For more information, email info@rohrganics.com.



Ron Henningfeld, East Troy native and accomplished cheesemaker of Hill Valley Dairy works his East Troy Farmers Market stand with his daughter Lenora, one of the new additions to the market family. Stock up on fall produce, specialty items, meats, honey, cheese, flowers, crafts and more at the weekly market, which runs Fridays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 6.

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