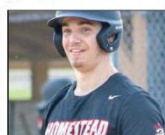




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Tall ships to make a stop in Ozaukee



The Appledore IV's rig height is 76 feet. The ship weighs 48 tons and has a hull made of steel.

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PORT WASHINGTON — The size and majesty might be the first thing that take visitors' breath away when they cast their eyes on the visiting ships in Port Washington next week. But the stories behind each is equally compelling.

Port Washington will serve as a host to Tall Ships America from Thursday, July 24 to Monday, July 28 at Coal Dock Park, where visitors will have an opportunity to take free deck tours or go out on a ticketed twilight sail.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the public to connect with our coastal heritage," said Wayne Chrusciel, director of Port Washington Tourism. "Along with Port Washington Main Street, we're proud to welcome the community and our visitors to this one-of-a-kind experience on Lake Michigan."

With Lake Michigan as the backdrop, the event offers a unique blend of history, outdoor recreation and education — perfect for families, adventurers and history buffs alike, according to a press release. Whether one is joining a sail, taking photos from shore or just strolling the docks, the tall ships bring a sense of wonder to the lakefront.

The visit is part of the Tall Ships Challenge, an annual event organized by Tall Ships America and which alternates between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic oceans. While Port

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Ships that will be in Port Washington next week include the When and If, above, and the Liberty Clipper, below.



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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

Fish Days, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Veterans Park, 432 N. Lake St., Port Washington. Enjoy food, drinks, live entertainment and more all three days. Thursday is Senior and Veterans fish fry, bags tournament and more. Friday is alumni night. Saturday is parade, car show, makers market, fireworks and more.

Movie Matinee: "Saturday

Night," 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Frank L. Weyenberg Library, 11345 N. Cedarburg Road, Mequon.

Pet Walk Ozaukee, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Rotary Park, 4100 Highland Road, Mequon. Features vendors, entertainment, activities, treats and more. Benefits shelter animals.

AstroWings of Grafton 36th Annual RC Fly-In and Swap

Meet, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 1866 N. Port Washington Road, Grafton. See scale planes, jets, warbirds, aerobatics and helicopters. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Parking is \$5.

Toby Keith Tribute Show, 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Memories Ballroom, 1077 Lake Drive, Port Washington. Tickets for dinner & show are \$74.50. Tickets for show only are \$54.50.

Splash Pad Sunday and Kid's Market, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 104 Peter Thien Ave., Belgium. Splash pad, free ice cream and more. Kids between 10 and 18 will have a stand at the Kid's Market to encourage their entrepreneurial spirit.

Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, American Legion and Auxiliary Post 470, 601 W. Dekora St., Saukville. Doors open at 5 p.m.

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