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**WINTER
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February 5-6
Sure cure for cabin fever

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exhibit at Milwaukee Art Museum

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Blast from the past at Cedarburg Winter Festival

HISTORIC CEDARBURG, just 20 minutes north of Milwaukee, kicks off its 2011 season of festivals with the perfect antidote for cabin fever – the 37th Annual Winter Festival, held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5-6. This year's theme is "The Nifty '50s."

After this month's Winter Festival, the fun continues with the 26th Annual Strawberry Festival, June 25-26; 39th Annual Wine & Harvest Festival, Sept. 17-18 and German Festival, Oct. 8-9. These special events, sponsored by Festivals of Cedarburg, Inc., are known for rollicking good times, terrific music and entertainment, juried arts and crafts fairs and wacky contests.

The lovingly preserved 19th century architecture of Cedarburg creates a charming backdrop for the festivals and makes Cedarburg a popular destination year-round. The entire downtown was named to the National Register of Historic Places in the mid-1980s. Stone buildings, picturesque churches and Victorian homes create a delightful spot for strolling, shopping and dining.

Winter Festival events include the "Cedar-Ice-Burg Open" charity golf tournament in Cedar Creek Park Saturday, Feb. 5, at 9 a.m. A fun way to view the "Sixteen Tons" Ice Carving Contest entries is to hop

aboard the "Shake, Rattle & Roll" tractor-drawn hay wagon along Washington Avenue. And spectators and players always enjoy the co-ed Sno-Ball Tournament Saturday at 9 a.m.

A heated competition on Saturday at the Cedarburg Community Center, W63 N641 Washington Ave., is the "Great Balls of Fire" Chili-Contest with celebrity judges. Festival attendees can sample and vote for their favorite restaurant chili entries from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Food and beverages will be served all day.

The Winter Festival parade kicks off at 1 p.m. Saturday, heading down Washington Avenue to frozen Cedar Creek for the 50's themed Costumed Bed Racing competition at 1:30 p.m., followed by Barrel Races on Ice at 2 p.m. Enjoy open family skating on the Mill Pond all weekend.

Grown-up fun is on tap Saturday evening at the "Cool Brews" event. Sample assorted specialty beers and appetizers from area restaurants, followed by the music and comedy of Pat McCurdy at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62 N546 Washington Ave. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

Sunday morning, Feb. 6, crowds gather for the

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Pancake Breakfast at the Community Center from 8-11 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., the "under 7 set" ventures outdoors to search for treats during the Egg Hunt, followed by a Family Sock Hop from 1-2:30 p.m. with live music by Dante's Bop.

Also on Sunday, the Alaskan Malamute Dog Weight pull Competition from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. is always a crowd favorite. The Snowshoe Olympics feature human competitors in a tug-of-war, egg toss, relays, sprint, Frisbee toss and inner tube luge. Or, come in from the cold at 3 p.m. to the Cedarburg Cultural Center for a children's theatre performance.

The Shops of Cedar Creek Settlement will have live music and Valentine Goodie Bags while Cedar Creek Winery offers wine sampling. Throughout Cedarburg, merchants will feature special live music and family activities. Harris Bank is a premier sponsor of Winter Festival.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend Cedarburg's upcoming festivals.

Strawberry Festival is all about the "Arts on the Avenue" arts and crafts shows, the Plein Air Painting competition and of course, everything strawberry. Cedar Creek Winery highlights

Strawberry Blush wine and delicacies include strawberry shortcake, strawberry slush, chocolate-covered strawberries and even strawberry brats. Lots of kids activities, strawberry contests and live music are planned.

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Wine & Harvest Festival highlights include a farmer's market, "Arts on the Avenue," Cedar Creek Winery's award-winning wines, scarecrow contest, Giant Pumpkin Regatta, live bands, food courts, grape stomping, hayrides and other great family fun.

German Festival celebrates the heritage of Cedarburg's founding fathers. Crowds gather for authentic German bands and dancers, live Cuckoo Clock shows and contests (think Wife

Carrying, Outhouse Racing and Beer Carrying). German foods, desserts and specialty beers are a highlight, as well as a Merchant's Marketplace. On Sunday morning, an ecumenical worship service is open to all.

For more information about the festivals, phone 262-377-9620 or 888-894-4001 or visit www.cedarburgfestivals.org.

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