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The PSL or Pumpkin Spice Latte is one of the drinks offered at Coffee Wizardz in Appleton.  
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# Bring out the pumpkin spice

These 6 Appleton-area coffee shops are now serving seasonal lattes

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It's that time of the year where jackets are worn in the morning and shed by afternoon, leaves begin to change colors and coffee shops prepare for the Pumpkin Spice Latte (PSL) rush. The popular espresso drink, served

hot or cold and in several different signature versions, can be found at chain coffee shops across the nation, but for those who prefer to support locally owned shops, there's plenty of other options. These Appleton-area coffee shops are serving their PSLs now, here's where to find them and how much they cost.

**Brewed Awakenings**  
*107 E. College Ave., Appleton; 920-882-9336*  
Starting at just \$4.90, Brewed Awakenings' PSL is made with espresso and signature pumpkin spice syrup. Specialty drinks for the month include: the

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## Festival Foods sold to grocery chain based in St. Louis

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A St. Louis-based grocery chain will expand into Wisconsin with its purchase of Festival Foods and a chain of nine more small-market grocery stores. The family that runs Schnucks Markets announced in a Sept. 16 news release that 1939 Group Inc., its newly-formed holding company, will buy all outstanding shares of Skogen's Festival Foods and Hometown Grocers Inc., and take over operation of 51 Wisconsin grocery stores. The purchase includes shares held by Festival's employee stock ownership plan. Terms of the sale were not disclosed. Festival Foods operates 42 stores across Wisconsin. Hometown Grocers Inc. owns nine small-market grocery stores that include Super Ron's Food Center in Pulaski, Sentry Foods in Wittenberg, Thompson's County Market in Oconto and Lakewood SuperValu in Lakewood. The sale is expected to close in October and once complete, the holding company will own and operate 164 grocery stores in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The trio of companies will employ a combined 19,000 people. Schnucks Markets CEO Todd Schnuck will become chair and CEO of 1939 Group Inc. once the deal is complete.

"Schnucks, Skogen's Festival Foods and Hometown Grocers share a strikingly similar set of core values, tracing our success to decades of consistently focusing on the communities we serve, the values we share and the ongoing quest for excellence in grocery retail," Schnuck said in the news release. "With this combination, we're

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## Thrivent commits to building new operations center

Plan is for Wilden Portfolio Park in Appleton

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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans plans to break ground early next year on a new four-story, 155,000-square-foot operations center at Wilden Portfolio

Park on the north side of Appleton. "We've finalized our decision to build a new building within the development," Eric Merriman, director of real estate and workplace services at Thrivent, told The Post-Crescent. "We're excited to share that to make it official." The operations center is the first project announced for Wilden Portfolio Park, which is owned by Thrivent. The 580-acre property lies north of Interstate 41, east of Meade Street and west of Ballard Road. The development is a collaboration between Land by Label Development Co. and North Meadows Investment Ltd., a subsidiary of Thrivent. Merriman declined to disclose the estimated cost of the new operations center. Thrivent also declined to release conceptual images of the building. The start of the construction will depend upon approvals and permitting from the City of Appleton. Thrivent intends to submit the final plat for the first phase of Wilden Portfolio Park for review within a month. The plat covers the south 263 acres.

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