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Despite the long hours of work, Glendale Farms owner, Steve Kluth enjoys the customers who appreciate the strawberry picking experience. PROVIDED BY GLENDALE FARMS

You-pick strawberry season is almost here

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Ask most Wisconsin strawberry growers and they will likely admit it hasn't been the ideal spring for growing the red, succulent fruit.

April thunderstorms dumped plenty of rain across the state, and in May, growers spent many nights irrigating strawberry fields in an effort to protect the plants from frost. And now, a lack of rain in late May and early June has many of them irrigating their crops at

the crack of dawn.

Unfortunately for one area strawberry farm, Mayberry Farms near Mayville, a soil-borne pathogen spread through a newly planted crop's root system, dashing their Pick Your Own strawberry season.

For many of the "you-pick" operations, the three-week window when the berries are ripe will spell the difference between a profitable year or one of loss.

In the coming weeks, strawberry farms will become a hive of activity as berry lovers eager for fresh-picked fruit descend upon their businesses by the

carload.

"We traveled to a pick-your-own strawberry farm and got there at 7 o'clock in the morning only to find there were 50 or more cars already in the parking lot," said Wayne Lubbert, who operates a greenhouse and vegetable market outside of Fond du Lac.

Most farms are looking to open their "you-pick" operations in late June. Many also sell pre-picked containers for those who don't want to go out in the fields.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Priciest county property sold for \$1.24M

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FOND DU LAC - Here's a list of real estate transfers in Fond du Lac County, according to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

To determine the purchase price of the real estate, divide the transfer fee by 0.003. This means real estate sold at a price of \$100,000 would have a transfer fee of \$300.

The top transfer fee listed is for \$3,720, recorded June 5. Dividing that fee by 0.003 gives you the purchase price of \$1,240,000.

June 1

Knoll Investments LLC to Shasta Connally, \$570

Paul Osterholm Jr. to Joline M. Brotzman, \$1,710

Donald Huth to Victoria Huth, N/A
The Michael J. Birschbach Revocable Trust to Redtail Ridge Acres LLC, \$1,199.70

Katie Dobyns A/K/A Schrage to James Heiser, \$749.70

Sarah M. McGowan Revocable Trust UTA to Mark S. Ramsey, \$994.80
Leslie R. Broks to Karen A. Stewart, \$989.70

William J. Averbeck and Romona M. Averbeck Revocable Trust to Adam D. Averbeck, \$720

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Third Thursdays on Main starts June 18 in Fond du Lac

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FOND DU LAC - Destination Lake Winnebago Region announced a new event to engage downtown Fond du Lac visitors on four summer nights.

Third Thursdays on Main kicks off June 18 across the downtown area, with more events scheduled for July 16, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17.

During the events, several downtown stores will stay open until 7 p.m. and offer specials for the occasion, and local restaurants will join in on the festivities with their own specials under a backdrop of live music.

Here's what to know for the first night.

Local stores announce sales and other specials

As June 18 gets closer, Destination Lake Winnebago Region has been listing some of the night's specials on the Facebook event listing.

So far, activities include an Amazing Race Activity at La Belle FDL, make-your-own flame-painted leaf earrings at Argentum et Aurum, Game Night and Open Knitting/Crocheting starting at 4 p.m. at Knitty Gritty Shop, a game of Plinko for deals with any \$5 purchase at Main Street Fashion, build-your-own

Char-pooch-erie or Char-cat-erie boards starting at 4 p.m. at Victoria's Pet Nutrition, and \$5 wine tasting and a \$35.71 Paint & Sip Class at Cujak's Wine & Spirits.

Giveaways include Americana Swag Bags starting at 4 p.m. at Bird's Eye View Optical Inc., a free gift with \$50 purchase at Lunar & Lake Book Market, and a free goodie bag with a \$25 purchase while supplies last at Dream-catcher's Corner.

Additionally, Blue Marble Botanicals will offer 25% off Michael Michaud designer charms, Sumercé Artisans will offer 20% off hand-stitched World Cup keychains, and other deals are announced at Shea Avenue Boutique, THE

Dispensary, Limitless Finds, Wellness 360 Spa, Aurora's Apothecary, Edith's Formal Wear, VendiCards, and Focus Hobby.

While all listed shops are open until 7 p.m., opening times will vary. A list of all participating businesses is available at fdl.com.

Restaurants list special menus and pricing

Food specials announced so far include the following:

● CC's Chocolates Cafe: A special menu featuring street tacos and more from

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