

COMING SOON TO THE VALLEY

Sun Valley doesn't roll up the sidewalk when Labor Day comes to an end. Things are just heating up as the aspen turns yellow and orange. Here's a look at some of the things in store this coming fall:

SUN VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sun Valley's epicurean menu is nothing to shrug about. But this festival Sept. 21-23 takes it up a notch, giving foodies a chance to learn from celebrity chefs as they share cooking secrets using lots of locally grown foodstuffs. The event includes a Martini and Caviar Party, Restaurant Walk, Harvest Marketplace and Dutch Oven Culinary Demonstration featuring Idaho river guides. Information: sunvalleyharvestfestival.com

CROSSTOBERFEST

This event Sept. 26-27 combines bike racing and beer. And the muddier the conditions as racers lift their bikes over obstacles the better. Information: powerhouseidaho.com

TRAILING OF THE SHEEP FESTIVAL

Its signature event is the Trailing of the Sheep Parade down Ketchum's Main street as 2,000 struttin' mutton make their way from summer pastures to winter quarters. But the four-day event is so much more, what with fiber workshops, storytelling sessions, music and dancing from Basque Dancers to Peruvians and sheep dog competitions.

This year's festival will shine the spotlight on fiber with "Wild Fibers" editor Linda Cortright primed to discuss how she's slept with 12,000 cashmere goats and witnessed sheep rescued by helicopter in New Zealand. The festival is a favorite of foodies, as well, as local chefs like private chef and caterer Tim Filgate keep-

ing busy serving up tasty lamb sliders and other dishes. Filgate may even teach a lamb cooking class for youngsters this year. Information: www.trailingofthesheep.org

SUN VALLEY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Enjoy hundreds of live performances ranging from Dixieland jazz to contemporary jazz and even a bit of zydeco thrown in at this festival Oct. 17-21. Bands from around the world will perform on a dozen different stages while those who just can't sit still in their seats can partake in dance workshops and competitions. Information: sunvalleyjazz.com

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

St. Thomas Playhouse will present "The King and I" Oct. 18-21 at the nexStage Theatre, while Company of Fools presents "The Woman in Black," a gripping spine chiller, Oct. 17-Nov. 3. And the nexStage Theatre will stage its second annual Murder Mystery Theatre performance Sept. 21-22.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY SYMPOSIUM

The 4th annual Ernest Hemingway Symposium will spotlight "Hemingway and Politics" in this presidential election year. Scholars will talk about how his life and writing were influenced by the world he lived in and how he may have used his writing to change that world. The event includes a tour of local Hemingway haunts and film screenings. Information: thecommunitylibrary.org

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