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Why Wisconsin?

Cheese curds, fishing, hunting, euchre, or the Packers, you can't go wrong with living in Wisconsin. I've lived in Wisconsin for the entirety of my life and I couldn't have asked for a better place to live. One of the main reasons why Wisconsin is such a great place to live is because of the local business and restaurant Gooch's Greenhouse. Through all of the community involvement, festivals thrown, atmosphere, and great food, Gooch's Greenhouse is a prime example of why Wisconsin is so great.

Gooch's Greenhouse is located in southwest Wisconsin in a small town called Kieler. It is right in the middle of larger towns such as Dubuque, IA, and Platteville, WI. This brings in many customers into the area that are able to enjoy such great service and food. One thing that Gooch's does that makes Wisconsin so great is their community involvement. They sponsor career development programs at Cuba City High School, and are always willing to donate to the athletic programs as well. They hire multiple students in the area which provide kids with a great opportunity to learn more about what happens in the background of running a successful business and restaurants. They were the leading company in organizing our basketball program's water softener salt sales, and making sure that our fundraiser was successful. After most sports games, the team usually goes out to eat to celebrate the victory. They are always good about us coming in and always provide great service. All together Gooch's Greenhouse is a great company that is never afraid to help out around the community and welcomes anybody that wants to come eat.

Another thing that Gooch's does that makes it so great is all of the festivals that they throw. The first festival is on the Fourth of July, where they help provide beverages at the Kieler picnic, which is a fundraiser for HG-IC parishes in Kieler and Dickeyville, WI. After the picnic

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concludes, everyone is invited down to Gooch's where there is a live band, specials on the menu, and fireworks at the end of the night. The next festival they throw is Summerfest. This is a festival thrown that helps conclude a great summer, and is a perfect way to start up the school year which begins a week after. During this festival there are activities for young kids such as a punt, pass, and kick competition. There is also a scavenger hunt in a sand pit, face and hair painting, balloon animals, and stations where you can race cars. This festival has a lot of activities to keep kids occupied while parents can have a good time catching up with friends they might've not seen in a while. Through all of the festivals and activities Gooch's hosts, they show why Wisconsin is such a great place to live in.

Gooch's Greenhouse has a great atmosphere. Whenever I go in to eat, there is always someone I know eating there as well. It is very family friendly having a game room for the kids and plenty of space for celebrations and parties. They have an outdoor patio so everyone can enjoy the sun, as well as a space behind the building where people can gather and eat as well. They have a multitude of TVs that are always playing everybody's favorite sports teams and games. The workers there always carry a positive attitude and are never afraid to strike up a conversation. Eating and spending time at Gooch's is always a fun experience.

Another reason Gooch's is so great is because of the food. They have a very diverse menu starting with appetizers, sandwiches or pizza, and even have some desserts when you're finished. Additionally they have wraps or salads, and pretty much everything someone would want at a bar. They also have specials on certain days of the week. During the summer, one Wednesday a month, a friend of the owner will come in and make a bunch of smoked meat and that will be special. He makes ribs, pulled pork, sausages, and burnt ends. They also have taco

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nights, serve meatloaf and mashed potatoes and many more. Because of the diversity in their menu, I will never complain whenever someone recommends going to Gooch's.

In all, Gooch's Greenhouse is a perfect example of why Wisconsin is such a great place to live. Through all of their community service, festivals they throw, and great food, they show others why Wisconsin is such a great state. Although many other businesses may be active like Gooch's, their customer service and great atmosphere puts it over the top of its competitors. So next time you are in the Tri-State Area, come in and try out Gooch's Greenhouse because it is an experience that you will never forget.

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