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# Monroe County is the place to be this Summer

By KYLE EVANS

Interim Editor of the Monroe County Herald

#### **TOMAH**

In Tomah, Downtown Thursday Nights kicks off June 30. The weekly concert series, ran by the Tomah Area Chamber of Commerce runs for six weeks. They shut down Superior Ave. right in the heart of downtown Tomah. There are things to do for people of all ages. Refreshments and food are available for purchase from local organizations and businesses.

This concert series runs through August 11 skipping the week of the Monroe County Fair July 28. The concerts are Thursday evenings from 6-9pm and are free to the public. There is also a kids zone, to keep your little ones busy.

Tomah also has another concert series called 'Americana Music in the Park' featuring local bands, kids games, craft booths, and more. This series runs twice a month on the first and third Wednesday's from 6-8:30p.m.

Also the Tomah Farmers market runs through October every Wednesday from 11a.m to

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On June 27, sons of Bob Bohn performed a selection of songs in his memory, alongside friends of their late father. The concert was held as part of the Wonewoc Public Library's Concert on the Lawn series, highlighting local artists and providing a musical evening for all to enjoy. HSE photo by Nicolette Nauman.

# Wonewoc Public Library to host concert series

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN Sentry-Enterprise Editor

For the musically inclined, this summer the Wonewoc Public Library will be hosting a series of summer concerts, featuring local artists. These "Concerts on the Lawn" aim to provide an evening of musical entertainment while also providing an opportunity to take a break from the various summer fun and activities.

Each concert is set to begin at 6:30P.M. on Monday evenings,

and will be located in front of the Wonewoc Public Library, 305 Center Street in Wonewoc. Two concerts are planned for July 11 and July 18, with a third scheduled for August 15.

On July 11, local musician Erich "Eddie" Mobley will be performing. Mobley is a recent graduate of Hillsboro High School, and has been active in the school's music program throughout his school career.

TJ Moodie and Jonny Collier are set to perform on July 18,

bringing with them their unique experiences and musical styles.

Leah Rachuj will be rounding out the summer concert series on August 15, performing a mix of classic and modern songs as well as original pieces.

The Friends of the Wonewoc Library have also organized a silent basket auction to help raise money to create a park area in front of the library, complete with cement, planters, and two benches. The auction is set to continue through July 11.

CONCERTS COMING UP...

**JULY 11** 

Erich "Eddie" Mobley

JULY 18

TJ Moodie & Jonny Collier

AUGUST 15 Leah Rachui

All concerts start at 6:30p.m.



July

6- Dirt River

Rock

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# Outdoor recreational activities are all around

By KYLE EVANS

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In Ontario, 'the canoe capital of the Kickapoo', you can find many canoe rental businesses to make a trip down the Kickapoo river. There are many sand bars and places to exit the river when you're done.

In Sparta, you can canoe the La Crosse River. Amundson Park or the Angelo dam are good starting points to canoe the La Crosse River. There is a canoe rental business located near Rockland.

Near Union Center, you can hop on the Baraboo River and travel all the way past Baraboo. The River is 120 miles long and starts near Kendall and ends near Portage. From Union Center to La Valle is a 7-10 hour trip, a total of 19 miles. You can hop on the river at the 400 Bike trail parking lot or Spring Valley golf course in Union Center.

From Sparta, you can travel east or west on the bike trail. The La Crosse River State Trail runs west of Sparta and goes all the way to La Crosse. Or you can head east and go through three scenic tunnels on your way to Elroy on the Elroy-Sparta State trail. Once in Elroy, you can hop on the 400 State trail, which crisscrosses the Baraboo River on the way to Reedsburg.



**Elroy-Sparta State Trail** 

#### DNR to host 12th annual Landing Blitz this weekend

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN

Sentry-Enterprise Editor

Summer is well underway, and as more residents and visitors head out to enjoy the multitude of outdoor recreational opportunities Wisconsin has to offer, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking those taking to Wisconsin waterways to help combat the spread of invasive species this summer.

During the upcoming Fourth of July weekend, the DNR will have both staff and volunteers with the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) project stationed at boat launches throughout the state as part of their 2022 Landing Blitz campaign.

The Landing Blitz campaign is an effort to help provide boaters in Wisconsin with the knowledge and skills necessary to help prevent giving a ride to any unintended hitchhikers. State law prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species, which makes programs like the Landing Blitz rather useful

like the Landing Blitz rather useful.

Invasive species are defined as "nonnative plants, animals, and

diseases that cause great ecological, environmental, or economic harm." Wisconsin is already no stranger to invasive species, such as zebra mussels and multiple types of carp, but the posed threat level can vary between different invasive species.

In order to comply with state law, and to protect our state's water resources, boaters are asked to thoroughly inspect their boats, trailers, and equipment. If any plants or animals are found hitching a ride, be sure to remove them

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6p.m. and Saturday from 6a.m to 1p.m in Gillette Park.

The Tomah Aquatic center is open for open swim weekdays from 1-4:30p.m and 6:30-8p.m. On Saturday 12-6p.m and Sunday from 1-6p.m.

For more information visit tomahwisconsin.com.

#### **SPARTA**

In Sparta, the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce also has a weekly concert series dubbed 'concerts in the park.' Every Wednesday evening through the week before Labor Day in Evans Bosshard Park, you can find great local bands in the bandshell. Food and refreshments are also available from local organizations and businesses. The concerts start at 7pm every Wednesday.

The Sparta Farmers Market is located in Mueller Square and across the love lock bridge on E Main St. in downtown Sparta. The market runs through the third Saturday in October on Wednesday's from 3p.m to 6p.m and Saturday's from 8a.m to noon.

The Sparta Aquatic center is open for open swim weekdays from 12:30-4p.m and 6:30-8:30p.m and weekends from 12-8p.m.

Sparta's annual Festival 'Butterfest' went on earlier in June with live music, a car show, softball tournament, carnival, flea market, and more.

Also, ride through Sparta on the Elroy-Sparta State Bike trail and enjoy going through multiple tunnels.

For more information visit bikesparta.com.



Sparta Aquatic Center

#### LEON

Gatorfest is the last full weekend in August at the Leon Community Center. The weekend long festival includes live music, a laundry basket softball tournament, a walk-through parade, and more. The T & K Greeno 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday morning of the festival starting at the community center. For more information visit the Gatorfest Facebook page.

#### **CASHTON**

This fall, the second weekend in September, the Cashton Community Club will have the Cashton Fall Festival, which includes live music, antique tractor pull, arts and crafts, carnival rides, a fun run, a parade, and more. For more information visit the Cashton Community Club Facebook page.

#### MELVINA

The Village of Melvina has their annual Frog Days, which is the first weekend in August. The festival includes a volleyball tournament, softball tournament, frog races, and more. For more information visit the Frog Days Facebook page.

#### NORWALK

The Norwalk Lions Club will hold their annual truck and tractor pull at the village park. The event is the second weekend in August. The event offers food, refreshments, duck races, bounce house for kids, a kids pedal pull, and more.

Also, ride through Norwalk on the Elroy-Sparta State Bike trail and enjoy going through multiple tunnels. For more information visit the Norwalk Lions Club Facebook page.

#### **WILTON**

In Wilton, the Village has an annual festival called Wilton Fest. Events for Wilton Fest include a softball tournament, a volleyball tournament, duck races, a bike rodeo, a kids pedal pull, and more.

The Wilton Pool is open everyday (weather permitting) from 1-5p.m and from 6-8p.m.

Also, ride through Wilton on the Elroy-Sparta State Bike trail and enjoy going through multiple tunnels. For more information visit villageofwiltonwi.com.

#### KENDALL

In Kendall, Kendall Fest is Labor Day weekend. The weekend long festival includes live music, a parade, and more.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS**

The Farmer's Market in Mueller Square, downtown Sparta, every Wednesdays, 3-6p.m. and Saturdays from 8a.m.-12p.m.

Tomah Farmers market runs through October every Wednesday from 11a.m to 6p.m. and Saturday from 6a.m to 1p.m in Gillette

#### **JUNE 30**

Downtown Thursday Nights on Superior Ave., Tomah. Live music, food, and more! Thursday, June 30, 6-9p.m.

#### JULY 2

Garage Rock II: Band Camp at the Beer Shop, Sparta, July 2, 6:00p.m.

#### **JULY 6**

Concerts in the Park. Evans-Bosshard Park, Sparta. Wednesday, July 6, 7p.m.

Americana Music in

the Park: local bands, kids games, craft booths, and more. Tomah. 6-8:30p.m.

#### **JULY 7**

Downtown Thursday Nights on Superior Ave., Tomah. Live music, food, and more! Thursday, July 7, 6-9p.m.

#### **JULY 13**

Concerts in the Park. **Evans-Bosshard** Park, Sparta. Wednesday, July 6, 7p.m.

#### **JULY 14**

Downtown Thursday Nights on Superior Ave., Tomah. Live music, food, and more! Thursday, July 14, 6-9p.m.

#### **JULY 16**

Sparta Crazy Daze, July 16th. Pick up your punch card at a participating business for your chance to win local prizes.

#### **JULY 16-17**

Oakdale Fun Days: 5K

& 10K run/walk, a bean bag tournament, softball tournament, live music, and more. July 16th and 17th.

#### **JULY 17**

Classy Chassis Car Show. July 17th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, 1115 N. Superior Ave, Free to the Public and benefits Family Promise of Monroe County.

#### **JULY 20**

Concerts in the Park. **Evans-Bosshard** Sparta. Wednesday, July 6, 7p.m.

Americana Music in the Park: local bands, kids games, craft booths, and more. Tomah. 6-8:30p.m.

#### **JULY 21**

Downtown Thursday Nights on Superior Ave., Tomah. Live music, food, and more! Thursday, July 21, 7p.m.

#### **JULY 27**

Business After 5 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, July 27th, 5-6:30p.m. Food, music, and door prizes





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#### **AUGUST 3**

Americana Music in the Park: local bands, kids games, craft booths, and more. Tomah. 6-8:30p.m.

#### **AUGUST 4**

Astronaut Mark Lee at the Deke Slayton Museum, Aug 4th, 6-9p.m., \$40

#### **AUGUST 5**

Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, Aug 5th, call 608-269-4123 to register today!

#### **AUGUST 5-6**

City-Wide Rummage Sales, Sparta, Aug 5th and 6th

Bye Bye Birdie, A Musical Comedy, Aug 5th and 6th, Tomah High School

#### AUGUST 5-7

Melvina Frog Days: volleyball tournament, softball tournament, frog races, and more. Aug 5th through 7th.

Wilton Fest: softball

tournament, a volleyball tournament, duck races, a bike rodeo, a kids pedal pull, and more. Aug 5th through 7th.

#### **AUGUST 12-14**

Norwalk Lions Truck & Tractor Pull: food, refreshments, duck races, bounce house for kids, a kids pedal pull, and more. Aug 12th through 14th.

#### **AUGUST 17**

Americana Music in the Park: local bands, kids games, craft booths, and more. Tomah. 6-8:30p.m.

#### **AUGUST 26-28**

Leon Gatorfest: live music, a laundry basket softball tournament, a walkthrough parade, and more. Aug 26th through 28th.

#### SEPTEMBER 2-3

City-Wide Rummage Sales, Tomah, Sept 2nd and 3rd.

#### SEPTEMBER 3-4

Kendall Fest: live music, a parade, and more. Sept 3rd and 4th.

#### SEPTEMBER 9-11

Cashton Fall Fest: live music, antique tractor pull, arts and crafts, carnival rides, a fun run, a parade, and more.

#### **SEPTEMBER 10-11**

Cataract Field Days: a trout fishing pond, kids pedal pull, a volleyball tournament, trap shooting, rifle shooting, bingo, and more.

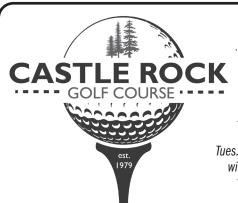
#### SEPTEMBER 23-25

Warrens Cranberry Festival: massive flea market set up throughout the village, Cranberry Marsh tours, shopping, a parade, food, refreshments, and more.

All these events plus many more can be found at bikesparta.com or Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page. For Tomah area events, check out tomahwisconsin.

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# Vernon County announces National Night Out 2022

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN

Sentry-Enterprise Editor

The Vernon County National Night Out planning committee has announced that the annual National Night Out event is set to take place on Tuesday, August 2, beginning at 5:00P.M. This event will be held at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua, and will feature multiple law enforcement, fire, and EMS departments from all over Vernon County.

Vernon County held their first National Night Out in August of 2019, with COVID-19 putting a halt on the event's return in 2020. However, organizers were able to bring the event back in 2021, and are excited to continue the tradition this summer.

As part of the evening, guests will be able to get up close and personal with a variety of emergency response vehicles, include the fan favorite fire trucks and ambulances, as well as police squad car and tactical rescue vehicles.

Over forty local and county organizations and businesses will have displays at the event, building off of the theme of safety, health, and wellness. Free food will be available



One of the demonstrations to take place during National Night Out focused on the use of certain pieces of equipment, particularly the jaws of life, in rescuing car accident victims from the mangled wrecks of their vehicles. HSE photo by Nicolette Nauman.

for those in attendance, along with a variety of games and give-a-ways. A bouncy house is also on the docket for this year's event, as well as a dunk tank.

Demonstrations are scheduled to take place throughout the evening, ranging from safety procedures to K-9 units showing off their skills. A demonstration and visit from the Gundersen Air team is also set for this event, and Vernon County's mounted deputy, Jay Vosseteig, and his

horse Leon will be making their rounds through the fairgrounds.

Organizers have stated their hope that these events will help build and develop a positive relationship between the community and the first responders who serve them. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00P.M. until 9:00P.M., and stop by the Viroqua Fairgrounds for a fun night out with Vernon County's first responders.



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tunnels. For more information visit the Kendall Fest Facebook page.

#### **WARRENS**

In Warrens, the last full weekend in September is the annual CranFest, which draws thousands of people. The event is a massive flea market set up throughout the village. The event features Cranberry Marsh tours, shopping, a parade, food, refreshments, and more. For more information visit cranfest.com.

#### **OAKDALE**

In Oakdale, Oakdale Fun Days runs the third weekend in July, hosted by the Oakdale Fire Department. Events include a 5K & 10K run/walk, a bean bag tournament, softball tournament, live music, and more. For more information visit the Oakdale Fun Days Facebook page.

#### **CATARACT**

In Cataract, the second weekend in September, the Cataract Sportsmen's Club hosts an annual celebration called Field Day's. The events include a trout fishing pond, kids pedal pull, a volleyball tournament, trap shooting, rifle shooting, bingo, and more. For more information visit the Cataract Sportsmen's Club Facebook page.

Monroe County has opened up all County Highways as ATV and UTV routes. The City of Tomah has its own routes in the city limits along with the city of Sparta.

#### **DNR**

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before departing. Make sure to drain all water from boats, motors, livewells, and any other equipment you've brought with you.

The DNR advises boaters to never transport live fish away from a waterbody, and to dispose of any unwanted or unused bait in the trash. If you purchase minnows, be sure to do so from a Wisconsin bait dealer. If any minnows are left over, only use them on the same waterbody-or if no lake or river water, or other fish, were added to the same container.

Thousands of Wisconsin residents and visitors flock to Wisconsin's waterways every Fourth of July weekend, which is hands down the state's busiest boating holiday. Volunteers stationed at landings throughout Wisconsin will be providing demonstrations on the prevention steps boaters can take to boat responsibly and help protect the waterbodies they enjoy.



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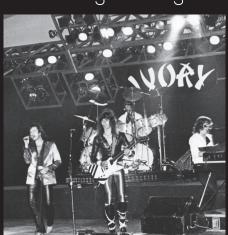
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