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## The Tale of the Lake Wisconsin Railroad Bridge at Merrimac

*Submitted by Greg Stangl*

When you first hear the sound, your mind has a difficult time recognizing its source. It builds softly, off in the distance, somewhere just over the horizon and after a few minutes you begin to feel the dull vibration that always accompanies it. At first, your mind tries to make it into something more familiar, like a motor boat out on the lake or a distant neighbor mowing his lawn. Then your mind clicks and you remember, it's a train lumbering across the railroad bridge at Merrimac. The rhythmic clickity click becomes louder, steadier, until fading away, only to return the next day.

The train crosses the bridge from the Okee side then rumbles through Merrimac taking a hard left through the Wisconsin Valley, running along Route 78. Then it takes a hard right and heads north toward Devil's Lake and on to Baraboo. Traffic backs up at the crossing on Hwy 113 and drivers silently (and sometimes not so silently) bemoan their fate at being held up by the slow moving train. The train takes its time. Perhaps it's the age of the tracks or number of cars it's pulling. Or maybe the train is just not in that much of a hurry.

The story of the railroad bridge at Merrimac is actually the story of two bridges. It's the story of a successful bond sale and the story of a river crossing that made a small town into an urban crossroads. It's a story of profit and products on the move. It's a story about trains and bridges.

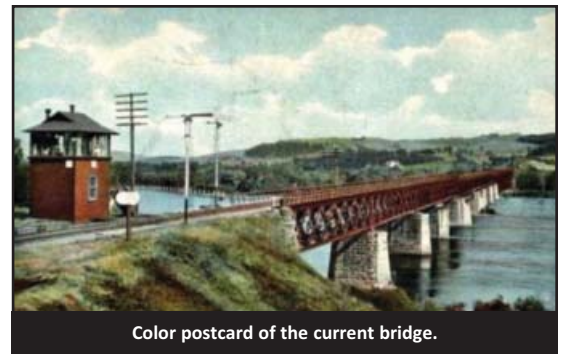
Over 1700 feet long and some 50 feet above the mud and sandy bottom of Lake Wisconsin, the bridge is an imposing structure. It's a complicated configuration that looks like it was designed by a committee. The depth of the water at its piers draws fisherman year-round and it serves as a common background for the many pictures of the Merrimac ferry. Railroad bridge aficionados consider the bridge over Lake Wisconsin to be one of the more impressive crossings of the river.

Beginning in 1827 an extensive rail system was conceived and built in the United States.

Wisconsin's first railroad was chartered in 1847 and the state's rail lines had grown to nearly 7,000 miles by the 1930s. The geographical location of Wisconsin and the vast timber resources in the northern half of the state caused Wisconsin's railroads to flourish during the turn of the century.

By the 1860s the first railroad right-of-ways were constructed in Sauk County. A new line ran from Madison to Reedsburg and the need for a bridge crossing the Wisconsin River valley soon became apparent. A plan was developed to construct a bridge to cross the Wisconsin River at Merrimac.

The first bridge was built in 1878 by the Leighton Bridge and Iron Works. It featured a lattice deck truss design with a through truss rail span. Built of locally harvested wood, it was



Color postcard of the current bridge.

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# Fishing on *Lake Wisconsin and the Wisconsin River*

By Gary Sanders | Lake Wisconsin Walleyes, LLC | [www.lakewisconsinwalleyes.com](http://www.lakewisconsinwalleyes.com)



**T**he walleye bite on Lake Wisconsin and the Wisconsin River changes in mid-to-late summer. A variety of factors, including mayfly hatches, will impact fish locations. During the peak of summer, a significant algae bloom darkens the already stained water even more, and causes surface temperatures to rise to their highest levels of the season, typically

reaching 80°F or more in most years. Fish are certainly still catchable, but the high water temps create a situation that necessitates that anglers need to take care to not inadvertently kill any fish that are intended to be released. Even though a fish swims away after it is released, it doesn't mean that fish will survive. How it is handled plays a big part in survivability. Delayed mortality is a fact of life everywhere fish are caught, and high water temperatures exacerbate the situation greatly. A certain amount of delayed mortality is inevitable, but we as anglers should do our best to prevent it.

Warmer water does create additional stress on all fish when they are caught, but with these tips, you can help ensure that the majority of those fish that are released, live to procreate and hopefully be caught again another day. The most important thing you can do is to be prepared. What this means is that you should have a plan in the event you catch a fish that you want a picture of. If possible, leave the fish in the water or live well (if legal) so it can breathe until you are ready. Act quickly and have

your camera out and ready to go, so you're not fumbling around trying to locate it while the fish is out of the water. Don't overplay fish to the point of exhaustion. Have an appropriate net along and use it to land the fish as quickly as possible. Learn how to properly hold the fish so that you don't drop it on its head or create any additional injuries by tearing a gill or squeezing it too hard to unhook it. Have appropriate tools ready to quickly unhook the fish. If a fish is deeply hooked, it is better to cut the line or the hook itself and hope for the best, rather than attempt surgery or forcefully remove any hooks. Never pick a fish up by the eyes, and take care to not lay the fish on a hot deck. Understand that just as you can't breathe underwater, a fish can't breathe out of water.

By thinking these things through in advance and by being prepared, we can get fish back in the water as quickly as possible, and help prevent delayed mortality.

*Tight Lines . . .*

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## DID YOU KNOW

The 1896 Summer Olympics (Modern Greek: Θερινοί Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες 1896, Therinoí Olympiakoí Agónes 1896), officially known as the Games of the I Olympiad, was a multi-sport event held in Athens, Greece, from 6 to 15 April 1896. It was the first international Olympic Games held in the modern era. Because Ancient Greece was the birthplace of the Olympic Games, Athens was considered to be an appropriate choice to stage the inaugural modern Games. It was unanimously chosen as the host city during a congress organized by Pierre de Coubertin, a French pedagogue and historian, in Paris, on 23 June 1894. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was also instituted during this congress.



## Railroad Bridge, continued from front page...

a solid, tall structure. Financing for the original bridge was arranged through the sale of bonds in Baraboo and Reedsburg. Timbers for the bridge were harvested in an area just



Construction on the current train bridge.

north of the Dells and arrived via the Wisconsin River. The stones for the piers came from a quarry near Parfrey's Glen. The deck of the original bridge was 40 feet above the water.

When the first train arrived in Baraboo the event drew a considerable crowd. After the line was extended to Sparta and beyond, Baraboo became a valued terminal for receiving and shipping goods. For many decades Baraboo was not only a railroad town but an important division on the line. As many as 10 trains a day passed through Baraboo at one point.

As the original bridge aged and trains became longer and heavier, it was deemed that a new, more substantial bridge was needed. Construction on the second and current bridge started in 1895 by the American Bridge Company with additional work being completed in 1903 and 1930.

The present bridge, commonly called Bridge 334 by the railroad, is a combination deck/plate girder truss bridge. The stones for the piers were locally mined with some being encased in concrete. The deck girders are all steel. Originally built with a single track, some of the piers were

enlarged in the 1930s with the intention of adding a second parallel track, but construction was stopped because of budget considerations.

An interesting feature of the bridge is that one section is actually a "no longer functioning" swing bridge. The river channel was very deep near the north-western side of the river and opening the swing bridge allowed cargo ships and tall steamboats to pass. Before the Prairie du Sac dam was built, freight and passenger steamers travelled from Portage to Prairie du Chien and onto the Mississippi. The swing bridge would pivot 90 degrees on a vertical locating pin and a support ring allowing river traffic to pass. While open, this bridge section had to support its own weight as a balanced cantilever. Because swing bridges require no counter balance, the weight of the structure was



Swing bridge in the open position. Note the balancing beam at the bottom of the swing section.

significantly reduced compared to other types of bridges. Bridge members on either side of the swing section require additional stiffness.

If you look at the third pier out from the Merrimac side, you can still see the pivot point and its intricate set of wheels and track. In order to support and balance the weight of the pivoting bridge section, there is a large concrete berm under the water that runs perpendicular to the bridge under the pier that supports the pivot point. The central pivoting support berm also provided two channels for

boat traffic reducing the likelihood of collisions.

The bridge once stood 30 to 40 feet above the lake but completion of the dam in Sauk Prairie in 1914 raised the water level so that parts of the bridge are now only a few feet above the water. One section is brightly painted near the water line as a warning to boaters.

The Wisconsin River was never deep enough to handle commercial traffic on a regular basis. Shifting sand bars also caused difficulty for steamers and larger boats. With the completion of the dam, the river was deemed no longer fit for commercial navigation in the 1930s and the swing section of the bridge fell into disuse.

For many years, products from South Central Wisconsin continued to flood the U.S. marketplace via the bridge. Trains carried such diverse items as fresh cut timber from the northern part of the state, cars from the famed Ringling Brothers Circus and slightly less entertaining products from the Badger Ammunition Plant.

The State of Wisconsin currently owns the bridge and leases it to the Wisconsin and Southern Railroad. Last inspected in 2010, the report stated that the bridge is generally in good condition although the piers were never intended to be underwater.

Next time you hear the rumble of a train across the bridge or you are out on the lake boating, take a few minutes to admire this historical structure. The railroad bridge at Merrimac has truly linked this part of Wisconsin to the rest of the world for the past 138 years, and as long as there are trains, it will continue to do so.



*Submitted by Greg Stangl, resident of Lake Wisconsin. Greg has a Master's Degree in photography and has been a writer, photographer and speaker for close to 45 years. He and his wife, Colleen, have owned a cabin on Lake Wisconsin for 25 years... Greg enjoys researching and reading about some of the history of the Lake Wisconsin area. You will be hearing more from Greg in future issues of the Lake Wisconsin Living newsletter. Comments on this article, please contact the author at profotoguy@hotmail.com.*

# Kirk's Korner Q&A

By Kirk M. Boehm - Sales Agent | Terra Firma Realty



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## What MAKES UP the Lower Wisconsin River Basin?

**About the Basin** - The Lower Wisconsin River basin drains approximately 4,940 square miles of south central and southwestern Wisconsin. The basin includes the Wisconsin River from the Castle Rock Flowage dam to its confluence with the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chien, and all the streams tributary to the Wisconsin along this reach, spanning all or parts of 12 counties: Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Jackson, Juneau, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, and Vernon. Water quality in the basin is generally considered good. The primary water quality problems are caused by nonpoint sources of pollution, particularly from agricultural operations, excessive populations of rough fish and hydrologic modifications such as dams, stream straightening, and the ditching, draining or other alteration of wetlands.

**Basin Streams** - The basin has more than 3,800 miles of streams including the Lemonweir, Baraboo, Pine, and Kickapoo Rivers. Approximately 870 miles of streams in the basin are considered a cold water sport fishery, or trout waters. Another 856 miles are warm water sport fishery waters while 115 miles are valuable forage fishery streams. DNR lacks existing use classification information for more than 2,104 of the total stream miles in the Lower Wisconsin River basin.

There are presently 41.4 miles of outstanding resource waters (ORW) and 145.5 miles of exceptional resource waters (ERW) in the basin. An additional 14.5 miles are proposed for ORW designation and 237 miles are proposed for ERW designation in the basin.

**Basin Lakes** - The Lower Wisconsin River basin has few lakes. In northeastern Monroe, southeast Jackson and Juneau counties -- an area that comprised glacial Lake Wisconsin -- most of the "lakes" are flowages created either to support cranberry culture or in an attempt to drain land for farming earlier in this century. Most of these impoundments are shallow and have little fishery value. Many do have important wildlife values. We have little water quality data on these flowages and their impacts on downstream water quality and fisheries habitat.



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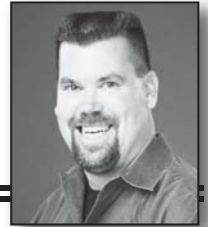
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## 7 Deadly SINS of Overpricing

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**M**ost experts would advise that the best way to increase your odds of a successful sale is to price your home at fair market value. But, as logical as this advice sounds, for many sellers it is still tempting to tack a few percentage points onto the price to "leave room to negotiate". To avoid this temptation, let's take a look at the seven deadly sins of overpricing.

- 1. Appraisal Problems** – Even if you do find a buyer willing to pay an inflated price, the fact is over 90% of buyers use some kind of financing to pay for their home purchase. If your home won't appraise for the purchase price the sale will likely fail.
- 2. No Showings** – Today's sophisticated home buyers are well educated about the real estate market. If your home is overpriced they won't bother looking at it, let alone make you an offer.
- 3. Branding Problems** – When a new listing hits the market, every agent quickly checks the property out to see if it's a good fit for their clients. If your home is branded as

"overpriced", reigniting interest may take drastic measures.

**4. Selling the Competition** – Overpricing helps your competition. How? You make their lower prices seem like bargains. Nothing is worse than watching your neighbors put up a sold sign.

**5. Stagnation** – The longer your home sits on the market, the more likely it is to become stigmatized or stale. Have you ever seen a property that seems to be perpetually for sale? Do you ever wonder - What's wrong with that house?

**6. Tougher Negotiations** – Buyers who do view your home may negotiate harder because the home has been on the market for a longer period of time and because it is overpriced compared to the competition.

**7. Lost Opportunities** – You will lose a percentage of buyers who are outside of your price point. These are buyers who are looking in the price range that the home will eventually sell for but don't see the home because the price is above their pre-set budget.

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# To the RESCUE... *Oh Deer!*

By Greg Stangl

As I was driving out of my subdivision near Merrimac the other day, I came across this tiny baby fawn that was right on the road! It lay there so awkwardly that I thought it might have been in trouble or wounded.



I later read that baby deer can stand within 20 minutes of birth and outrun a man within a week. This little guy must have just been born! It was amazing and thrilling to hold the fawn, if just for a minute.



I would not normally handle wildlife, but I was worried that someone else would come along and run over the poor thing. I gently lifted it up and put it to the side of the road. It wobbled to its feet and stumbled back into the woods.



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Jim's focus is on the expertise of his bucket man as well as the clean-up efforts of the grounds crew. Very often after the job is completed, customers have stated that, "one would have never even known that a tree once stood there!"

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## JULY 3RD

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## JULY 4TH

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- **Pardeeville** - Parade at 12 noon with Fireworks at dusk, Chandler Park, east of Hwy 44, left on Park Drive.
- **Prairie du Sac** - "Fire on the River" at Sauk City Riverwalk, 726 Water Street in

Sauk City [www.fireontheriver.org](http://www.fireontheriver.org)

- **Reedsburg** - Freedom Fest 3 p.m. until dusk. Fireworks at dusk at Nishan Park (on Hwy H), Reedsburg. Visit [www.reedsburgwi.gov](http://www.reedsburgwi.gov) for more info.

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## Another **FREE Educational Program** *Near Shore Fishery Survey Demonstration a Success!*

A small, but lively group of guests and residents attended the Near Shore Fishery Survey Demonstration on May 19th at Camp Rest Park & Boat Launch on Tipperary Road. The demonstration was hosted by the Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) and was presented by Dave Marshall and Tim Larson, both retired DNR professionals who are now contractors that complete near shore fishery surveys. The surveys will be used to determine overall species diversity and water quality of the lake. Dave and Tim demonstrated their methods for surveying including electro-shocking and seine netting. A number of species were found at Camp Rest including pumpkin seed sunfish, yellow bullhead, willow cat, Johnny darter, and a state special concern mud darter. Smallmouth bass and rock bass were also found and are classified as environmentally intolerant or sensitive meaning their presence indicates good water quality.



Dave Marshall talking about seine netting techniques.

### Additional **LWA Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- Thursday, July 28, 2016 LWA Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m., Location TBD - Check LWA website to verify location
- Thursday, August 27, 2016, 12-4:30 p.m. - Thirsty Moose - check LWA website to verify time and location
- Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 6-8 p.m. - Fish Shocking Demo, Location TBD - Check LWA website to verify location

The LWA received a grant from the Prairie du Sac Aquatic Resources Enhancement Fund to complete near shore fishery surveys on Lake Wisconsin in 2015 and 2016. Dave and Tim will provide a full report to LWA later this year. The results from the 2015 surveys were presented to LWA in January 2016 and can be found LWA website at [www.lakewisconsinalliance.org](http://www.lakewisconsinalliance.org) and can be accessed from the "Resources" tab under "Past Education Seminar Materials".

If you have questions about this event or any other LWA educational event(s), feel free to contact Melissa Keenan at 608-355-4838, or [mkeen@co.sauk.wi.us](mailto:mkeen@co.sauk.wi.us).

Lake Wisconsin Alliance (LWA) – a recently developed, non-profit (501(c) 3, citizen advocacy organization with a mission to endeavor to balance the diverse interests of the Lake Wisconsin community while improving recreational opportunities, water quality, and sustaining a healthy ecosystem within the Lake Wisconsin watershed.



LWA would like to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to

Lake Wisconsin *Living* and Terra Firma Realty for allowing us to share our educational events, fundraising and mission in this publication at no cost to our non-profit organization.

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### Lake Wisconsin Alliance & Leinenkugel's Beer **FUNDRAISER**

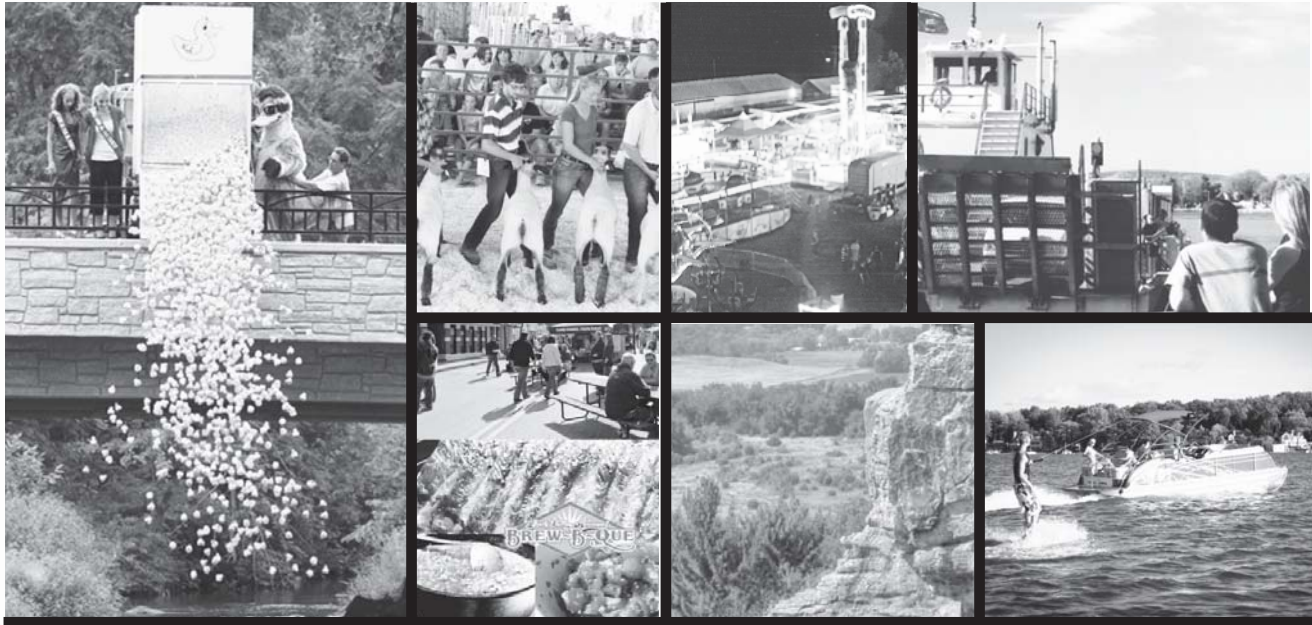
Again this year, Leinenkugel's and LWA joined together for another fundraiser. From now through the end of August, Leinenkugel's Beer will be donating \$1 for every case of Leinenkugel's beer purchased from the local businesses around Lake Wisconsin. This includes bars and restaurants around the lake as well as Piggly Wiggly, Main Street Liquor, Harmony Grove BP, and Lodi Mobil. Last year, LWA raised \$1,000 from this fundraiser, so they are anxious to exceed that goal this year. So, next time you are thirsty, remember your Leinenkugel's purchase will help support the efforts of LWA and its goal of assuring great water quality and recreational opportunities on Lake Wisconsin.

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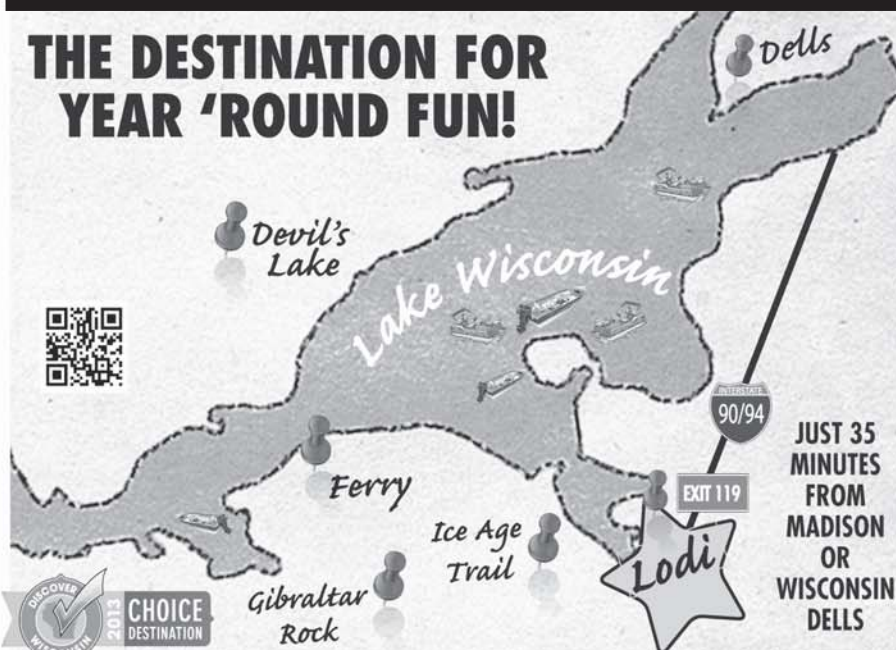
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#### Lodi Agricultural Fair

■ July 7th - 10th, 2016

#### Susie the Duck Day

■ August 13th, 2016

#### Brew B Que

■ September 24th, 2016

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## ICE AGE TRAIL Volunteer Opportunity



The Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) Lodi Valley Chapter is looking for a volunteer to be their Community Outreach Coordinator (COC) and handle media announcements and website updates. Ideally, the COC would also help with a chapter e-newsletter. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Joanna at [atiwannahike2day@gmail.com](mailto:atiwannahike2day@gmail.com).

## Lake Wisconsin HOMEOWNERS...

We are going to write a future article on some of the resorts that used to be on Lake Wisconsin.

If anyone has any information, pictures or knowledge of any of the resorts, please contact Greg at [profotoguy@hotmail.com](mailto:profotoguy@hotmail.com).  
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| 10:00-8:00 | Microbrewery Tent & Raffle Sales                              |
| 11:00-1:00 | Chicken BBQ & Lunch Sales                                     |
| 11:00-6:00 | Horseshoe Tournament & Brat/Hotdog Sales                      |
| 11:00-5:00 | Chicken Drop  |
| 11:00-8:00 | Food Vendor Sales   |
| 2-3 & 5-6  | Water Ski Shows   |
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**THE PARDEEVILLE TRIATHLON – July 9<sup>th</sup>,** the third race in the Wisconsin Tri Series – provides a gently rolling bike course and swim along the Shore of Park Lake. The spectator-friendly 5K course weaves through the town of Pardeeville after a loop around Chandler Park, east of Hwy 44, left on Park Dr. to the park. 8 am. [www.pardeevilletri.com](http://www.pardeevilletri.com)

**SAUK COUNTY FAIR – July 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.** Free admission. Sauk County Fairgrounds, 700 Washington Avenue, Baraboo. Visit [www.saukcountyfair.com](http://www.saukcountyfair.com) for complete schedule of events.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR – July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>,** games, carnival, food, moto cross, tractor pull, rodeo, demolition derby, and more. Visit [www.columbiafair.com](http://www.columbiafair.com) for a complete schedule.

**WaunaFest – July 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>,** Carnival with softball, volleyball and other tournaments, live music, craft fair Saturday, beer tents and food stands. Visit [www.waunafest.org](http://www.waunafest.org) for more info.

**BARABOO CIRCUS CELEBRATION DAYS – July 23<sup>rd</sup>&24<sup>th</sup>,** 10:00 – 6:00 pm. Music, food, entertainment, fun and a Big Top Parade at 2:00 pm. [www.baraboo.com](http://www.baraboo.com)

**MERRIMAC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL – Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-8pm.** Merrimac Memorial Park at Front & River Streets, along the beautiful shoreline of Lake Wisconsin. Chicken barbeque, art & craft fair, horseshoe tournament, kids games, music, raffles, water ski show, food vendors, beverage tent and more. Visit [www.villageofmerrimac.org](http://www.villageofmerrimac.org) for complete schedule of events.

**HARMONY GROVE 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Brat & Beer Fest – Aug 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>,** Lewis Byrnes Park, intersection of Cross Street and Rodney Drive. Softball tournaments, food, music, & raffles. For additional information call: 608-279-7149

**Fitz's CORN BOIL – Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-10pm.** Fitz's on Lake Wisconsin W11602 County Road V, Lodi – Fitz's Annual Corn Boil fundraiser for Lodi Area Non-profits is a great outdoor event has it all - music, raffles, auction and fun for the whole family. Dinner includes brats and corn-on-the-cob. For additional information call 608-592-3302 or go to [www.fitzrestaurantlakewisconsin.com](http://www.fitzrestaurantlakewisconsin.com)



**SUSIE the DUCK DAY, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.** Duck Race starts after the parade at Veterans Park and ends at Goeres Pak in downtown Lodi. Family-fun event with activities including Duck Derby race on Spring Creek with prizes, Search-for-Susie kids game, car show, dining, music and food. Downtown Lodi. Parade at 12noon on Main St. sponsored by Lodi Rotary. Admission is FREE. Visit [www.lodilakewisconsin.org](http://www.lodilakewisconsin.org) for details.

**CHALK WALK, Artisans Fair, Dance Party & Outdoor Movie, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 12noon,** Downtown Waunakee. Local art vendors will have work on display starting at noon; chalk walk in downtown Waunakee 5-6:30pm; dance party starts at 6:30pm, and outdoor movie begins at dusk. Visit [www.vil.waunakee.wi.us](http://www.vil.waunakee.wi.us) for additional information.

**BADGER STEAM & GAS Engine SHOW – Aug 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 8am-5pm,** Huge flea market with over 600 vendors, crafts, antiques, auction, music, food and more. Badger Steam & Engine Showgrounds, S3347 Sand Rd, Baraboo. Call 608-393-3021 or visit [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com) for more info.

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- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1pm, Robert J
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- July 30<sup>th</sup> – 1pm, Katie Scullin
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – 6pm, Footloose
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**HIKE UNDER A FULL MOON - Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.** Meet at 7:30 pm at the Slack Road Trailhead. Watch for yellow "Ice Age Trail Event" signs. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Well behaved leashed dogs are welcome. For questions call Bill at 608-843-3926. For directions visit: <https://goo.gl/maps/f5TlJ> and for more

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