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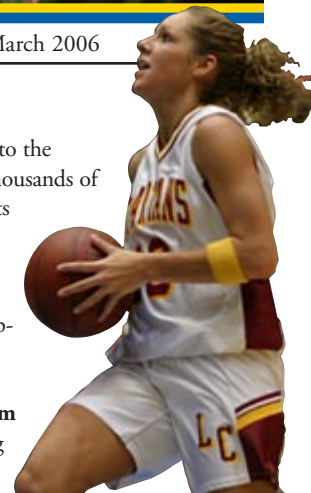
March 2006

## Sports & Entertainment at the AEC

The Coliseum will attract spectators, athletes and concertgoers this month. The **WIAA State HS Hockey Tournament** glides into the Coliseum March 2-4 and the **WIAA Girls HS Basketball Tournament** will pass and dribble into the Coliseum March 9-11. Thousands of fans will watch the tournaments to cheer on their teams to their ultimate goal—winning the state championship. These tournaments draw fans from all over Wisconsin to the Coliseum and are also televised statewide. Tickets are sold at the door and at competing schools. For complete line-ups and start times visit [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org).

The Coliseum will also host the **Casting Crowns Concert** Friday, **March 23 at 7pm**. Casting Crowns has traveled fast up the music ladder in the two years since their debut. This Christian band's music line-up speaks of their devotion and beliefs that will captivate and engage their listeners. Their recent Grammy nomination and album "Lifesong" demonstrate how popular their music is. [www.castingcrowns.com](http://www.castingcrowns.com)

The **WWF Kids Folkstyle State Tournament** will bring the top two youth wrestlers in each age and weight class to the Coliseum on **March 24-25**. This tournament will showcase the all-star 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade wrestlers around the state, and also features the crowning of new state champions. Fans can expect exciting competition, entertainment and good ole' family fun. [www.wiwrestling.com](http://www.wiwrestling.com)



## Homes, Hobbies and Hunting

The **MABA Home Products Show** turns **Exhibition Hall** into an information center for remodeling projects and home building **March 3-5**. This is an educational and informational showcase of home products and services. [www.maba.org](http://www.maba.org)

The **Arena Building** will come alive as the 12<sup>th</sup> **Bike-O-Rama** rolls in on **March 10-12**. Attendees can comparison shop, test ride, accessorize and view 2006 bicycle brands in one place! Admission is free and every bicycle purchase includes a lifetime service warranty. The show is Friday noon-9pm, Saturday 8am-9pm and Sunday 10am-6pm. [www.bikeorama.com](http://www.bikeorama.com)

The Worlds' largest paddlesport expo, **Canoeopia 2006** makes waves **March 10-12** in **Exhibition Hall**. Over 20,000 people will attend Canoeopia, which fills over 150,000 square-feet of space for education and inspiration with 108 different presentations. Admission is \$10 per day or \$15 for a weekend-pass and the show will be open Friday 4pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. [www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia](http://www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia)

**March 17-19** the **Art Glass and Bead Show** will transform **Exhibition Hall** into a creative center. Workshops start on Friday and the sale floor will be open Saturday and Sunday featuring over 40 vendors. The show will also have make-n-takes. Admission is \$5 per day. There is an additional fee for the workshops. [www.beadshowmadison.com](http://www.beadshowmadison.com)

Two fun-filled days of kids' activities fill **Exhibition Hall** when **Kids Expo 2006** comes to town **March 18-19**. From babies in the 'diaper derby' to the fifth and sixth graders racing up rock-climbing walls, there will be activities for all. Kids can enjoy a petting zoo, art area, pee-wee Olympics, circus train rides, bouncing castles, obstacle course, face painting, tattoos and more—all in 100,000 square feet of **Exhibition Hall!** Parents can find information about summer camps, adventure schools and after school activities. Contact Rhonda Reese at 608-252-6103 or [rreese@madison.com](mailto:rreese@madison.com) with any questions. [www.kids-expo.com](http://www.kids-expo.com)

Hunters' dreams are on display in **Exhibition Hall** on **March 31-April 2** as the **Wisconsin Deer and Turkey Expo** with game animals featuring deer, cougar, bears, coyotes, bobcats, and wild turkeys. The show includes over 600 exhibits and 50 new seminars—remember all seminars are free with the purchase of admission. There will also be hands-on shooting ranges, a trophy contest, and cooking demonstrations. Admission is \$10 per day, but there are daily specials. Visit [www.deerinfo.com/wisconsinhome.asp](http://www.deerinfo.com/wisconsinhome.asp) to learn more.



## PDPW & WALA Conferences with Impact

**March 14-15** the **Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin** hold their **Annual Business Conference** at **Exhibition Hall**. This two-day forum will feature high-energy speakers, national dairy experts and a great trade show for dairy enthusiasts. This "Daring By Design" business-management conference is intended to network high-reaching dairy producers and industry representatives in order to share ideas, solutions, resources and experiences. [www.pdpw.org](http://www.pdpw.org)

Wisconsin's largest assisted living conference is coming to **Exhibition Hall** **March 28-30** when **Wisconsin Assisted Living Association** presents their **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference**. Last year's conference attracted over 500 providers, suppliers, exhibitors and top-notch speakers. This year's conference is geared-up with a fantastic array of speakers and topics. Come to learn, network and live it up as WALA sets-up shop at the Alliant Energy Center. [www.ewala.org](http://www.ewala.org)

The **Impact World Tour** **March 30-April 2** will bring a high-action and high-energy show to the **Coliseum** using arts, and entertainment. The events includes sports, contemporary and cultural dance, X-sports, and music with World Class performers from all over the globe. The Impact World Tour is sponsored by local individuals, businesses and churches in Dane County.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Madison Feb 26 Fishing Expo Badger Cheerleading Tournament	Feb 27	Intercon Feb 28 Construction Safety Meeting Harbor Senior Concepts	1	WIAA State Hockey 2 Tournaments Landmark Services Cooperative	WIAA State Hockey 3 Tournaments MABA Home Products Show	WIAA State Hockey 4 Tournaments MABA Home Products Show
5	6	FMPS—Principal 7 for a Day Dane Co SSI MC Enrollment	Komen Race 8 for the Cure Planning Meeting	WIAA State Girls 9 Basketball Tournament	WIAA State Girls 10 Basketball Tournament Canoecopia Bike-O-Rama	WIAA State Girls 11 Basketball Tournament Canoecopia Bike-O-Rama
12	13	Professional Dairy 14 Producers Conference	Professional Dairy 15 Producers Conference	Dane Co JFF 16 Meeting Russ Darrow Car Sale	Art Glass & 17 Bead Show Russ Darrow Car Sale	Art Glass & 18 Bead Show Russ Darrow Car Sale Kid's Expo
Art Glass & 19 Bead Show Midwest Motorcycle Swapmeet Kid's Expo	Epic Staff Meeting 20	Harbor Senior 21 Concepts Meeting Chocolate Shoppe Customer Meeting	Chambers & Owen 22 Banquet 4-H Dog Inspection	Chambers & Owen 23 Trade Show Casting Crowns Concert 7:00 pm	WI State Folkstyle 24 Wrestling Tournament	WI State Folkstyle 25 Wrestling Tournament
26	27	WI Assisted Living 28 Conference	WI Assisted Living 29 Conference Dane Co Emergency Management— Weatherspotters Class	WI Assisted Living 30 Conference Impact World Tour Assembly/Concert	WI Deer & 31 Turkey Expo Impact World Tour Assembly/Concert Family Boat Show	WI Deer & Apr 1 Turkey Expo Impact World Tour Assembly/Concert Family Boat Show

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