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Hoop Stars And Future Fishers

On **June 2**, **Kids Fishing Day** allows over 400 future anglers to practice their skills with the backdrop provided by **Willow Island's** ponds and natural green space. Sponsored by the Yahara Fishing Club, kids will be exposed to the lifetime activity of fishing. Whether children are first timers or seasoned pros, they can fish with club members throughout the day during this great family activity. For more information, visit www.yaharafishingclub.org.

Veterans Memorial Coliseum hosts the **Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Girls All-Star Games** on **June 23**. Top senior female athletes from four divisions across the state will hoop it up. As part of a 29-year tradition, funds from the game benefit the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer Fund as people gather to watch this showcase of talent. Visit www.wisbca.org for more information.



A Wealth Of Gatherings

On **June 2**, talented dancers participating in the 4th Annual **Madison Feis** gather in **Exhibition Hall**. A feis, pronounced "fesh," is traditionally known as an Irish step-dancing competition. This event features intense and exciting competition among 1,500 participants from around the Midwest as well as musicians, vendors and a raffle. All raffle proceeds support the Mission for Meghan which assists an accomplished Irish dancer with her fight against cancer. Visit www.madisonfeis.com.

On **June 2**, participants in the 10th Annual **Susan G. Komen Madison Race for the Cure** gather to cross the finish line on **Willow Island**. With a 5K walk and run, and 1-mile fun course, this event offers something for everyone while raising funds to promote awareness, education and early detection of breast cancer for women of Dane County and across the nation. Visit www.madisonracefortheure.com.

On **June 3**, **Exhibition Hall** hosts the **Middleton High School Graduation**. This year, 480 graduates from the Middleton-Cross Plains area will receive their high school diplomas. Senior speakers also take the stage to reflect on their education and envision the future as proud family, peers, faculty and friends look on.

On **June 22**, **Exhibition Hall** is the venue for another prestigious commencement ceremony as **Herzing College** presents diplomas to its deserving graduates. In this celebratory gathering, 200 eligible graduates receive diplomas in areas ranging from Bachelors of Science to health care. For more information, visit www.herzing.com.

Market Square Midwest fills **Exhibition Hall June 24-25** as suppliers and retailers gather to showcase and discover the hottest gift ideas for fall. This industry-only event offers true artisan pieces that exhibit fine craftsmanship in furniture, accessories, traditional crafts, home accents and gifts that will be sure to catch your eye! Visit www.marketsquashows.com.

The Annual **Wisconsin FFA Convention** convenes in **Exhibition Hall** on **June 11-14**. This year more than 3,300 of Wisconsin's outstanding agricultural education students, advisors, parents and alumni will gather to participate in an experience that includes award ceremonies, recognition dinners, competitions, and seminars while building and strengthening leadership skills to assure future success. To highlight this year's gathering, motivational speaker Aaron Davis and country singer Michael Peterson will address students as keynote speakers. Visit www.wisconsinffa.org.



Highlighting Equines And Canines

The **Parelli USA Tour** inspires horse enthusiasts in **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** on **June 30-July 1**. Pat Parelli demonstrates a training system that focuses on understanding "horsenalties" to correct behavioral problems by teaching approaches that will advance equine performance. Check out www.parelli.com.

The 14th Annual **Prairie States Classic** trots into the **Arena** on **June 1-3**. Over 150 Morgan and Saddlebred horses are competing for trophies and prizes this year. This show also features an Academy division which showcases beginning riders. The Classic also takes a break during competition to offer fun and entertaining events like the Blind Buggy Race and classes in English, Western, Hunt and Driving. Have a look at www.midstatesmorgan.org.

Willow Island hosts the 11th Annual **Mounds Dog Fest June 10**. Drawing crowds in past years of over 7,000, this event will offer dogs and their companions plenty of space to roam and events in agility, lure coursing, and flyball to name a few. To highlight this year's theme, "Dogs In Space—Mars Rovers!," dogs will have the opportunity to strut in their space suits while competing in a costume contest that will be truly out of this world. For more information, visit www.moundspet.com.



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Fun Fishing Tips For Summer

As kids and accompanying adults flock to **Willow Island** for **Kid's Fishing Day** on **June 2**, future fishing trips may be on the horizon. Here are some fishing tips for summer as well as some of Dane County's premier fishing spots for kids.

Tips for Pan-fishing:

- Panfish tend to school together, so if you catch one don't move—others should be there
- Locate spawning beds that resemble a moon crater. During their spawn, aggressive males are easily caught while trying to guard the spawning beds
- Concentrate on fishing in three feet of water or less, focusing on stumps, logs, brush or any kind of emergent vegetation
- The best action is seen within the first and last few hours of daylight
- Look for a place that has a good fish habitat with food, oxygen, water, shelter and space
- Use an ultra light spinning rod with 4-6 lb test line to enjoy the fight and land the fish
- For bait, consider earthworms, minnows or grubs on a #8 hook, which will help prevent fish from swallowing your hook

Fishing Spots for Kids:

- **Governor Nelson State Park**—Waunakee, WI.
Fishermen will enjoy camping, picnic areas, restrooms, hiking trails, and naturalist programs. Commonly found fish are bluegill, perch, pumpkinseed, northern pike, muskellunge, walleye, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass.
- **Tenney Park**—Madison, WI.
This Madison park provides restrooms, a picnic area, beach, playground, and shelter house. Anglers can expect to find bluegill, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass and crappie here.
- **Warner Park**—north side of Madison, WI.
This area offers restrooms, a shelter house, beach, and recreational areas. Varieties of fish like bluegill, pumpkinseed, and largemouth bass inhabit this area.



A Rich History Continues...



Celebrating its 40 year anniversary, **Veterans Memorial Coliseum** continues to change with the times as this modern and versatile facility hosts top name events. In its history, this building has stood on high ground overlooking Lake Monona on the east and the beautifully illuminated State Capitol Building to the north. Not only is Veterans Memorial Coliseum elevated in terms of topography, but also in terms of event attractions. This multi-faceted facility prides itself in offering a comfortable venue with over 10,000 upholstered and padded seats in which concerts, family shows, sports, consumer shows, conventions and assemblies can delight the public. The versatility of this building shines through as top names and events such as His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Maya Angelou, Hillary Clinton, Eric Clapton, Alan Jackson, the NHL, NBA, Olympics and Sesame Street have all executed successful shows under the same roof.



Recent improvements to the front of the house and backstage areas allow Veterans Memorial Coliseum to attract the public and provide relaxing amenities for entertainers. With the ability to host more than 10,000 patrons, and luxury suites that provide the "best seat in the house," spectators always have an excellent view of the spectacular shows that transform the 60,000 square foot space of Veterans Memorial Coliseum. This venue's rich history has provided significant interactions as solid business relationships have developed with national and regional tours and promoters whom continue to utilize this valuable space. At the center of it all, Veterans Memorial Coliseum remains a favorite Madison venue.