

Sparta Farmers Market

July 1, 2023 8:00 AM - July 1, 2023 1:00 PM
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Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey, maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

Special event summer night markets will be held Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 15th on both sides of Water Street.

Travis Olson Memorial Tractor Ride

July 4, 2023 8:30 AM - July 4, 2023 1:00 PM

Registration at 8:30 am.

Ride leaves promptly at 9:30 am from the Frank Ponterio Farm N1590 St. Hwy 108, Melrose, WI

Cost is \$10.00 per person (*Wagon Riders are \$10 each as well*)

- *One person per tractor-No riders other than the driver
- *All tractors must display slow moving vehicle emblem
- *All wagons or trailers must have safety chains
- *Participants must sign a waiver prior to ride when registering
- *Not responsible for accidents
- *You are welcome to join in the parade after the ride

Proceeds go back to the community and Agricultural Scholarships in the memory of Travis Olson.

For more information call Corey at 608-317-7059

4th of July Pie & Ice Cream Social and Brat & Hot Dog Lunch

July 4, 2023 10:00 AM - July 4, 2023 1:00 PM

Held at Tomah First United Methodist Church. Held following Tomah 4th of July parade until 1PM.

Homemade Pie with Ice Cream – \$6

Brat or Hot Dog Lunch (*includes chips & beverage [coffee, water, or lemonade]*) – \$6

Brat or Hot Dog Lunch with Chips, Beverage, and Pie & Ice Cream – \$10

Everyone Welcome.

Bangor Independence Day Celebration

July 4, 2023 1:00 PM - July 4, 2023 11:00 PM

Hosted by Bangor American Legion Post 40.

1PM – A special presentation of a Quilts of Valor to Korean veteran Stanley Hansen and Vietnam veteran Mike Schroeder at the Bangor Veterans Memorial Park.

Celebration also features a trout fishing contest, cornhole tournament, Bangor Legion vs West Salem Legion baseball @ 7:00 pm, pie auction, charcoal chicken, bingo, and a huge fireworks show at 10:00 pm.

Marcia Andrew Strawberry Shortcake Social

July 4, 2023 1:00 PM - July 4, 2023 5:00 PM

The annual social will be held at historic Sherry – Butt House, 795 North Main Street, Viroqua, WI (near the fairgrounds).

Musical entertainment begins at 1 PM.

\$6 admission includes strawberry shortcake, frozen custard, beverage, entertainment, and a tour of the House.

Take-outs also available

For more information, contact the Vernon County Historical Society at (608) 637-7396 or [visit their website](#).

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

July 3, 2023 1:00 PM - July 31, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Social Hour

July 5, 2023 2:00 PM - July 5, 2023 3:00 PM

Social Hour at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

2023 Concert in the Park Series

June 28, 2023 7:00 PM - June 28, 2023 9:00 PM

This event recurs weekly until August 30, 2023

Presented by Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce.

Free weekly concert held every Wednesday night at 7PM at Evans-Bosshard Park in Sparta. A variety of bands and musical artists will be featured, along with special themed nights and food trucks!

[Click here](#) to view the full lineup.

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

July 6, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

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Each market features a variety of vendors selling handmade, homemade, and homegrown goods including body care, consumables, indoor/outdoor decor, and pet treats and goods.

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HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

PET TREATS INCLUDE: all-natural dog treats.

Questions? Contact Dawn Justin at dawn@justintrails.com or (608) 397-9708.

Ladles of Love

July 6, 2023 5:00 PM - July 6, 2023 7:00 PM

This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

Pedal, Paddle, or Plod 2023

July 7, 2023 7:00 AM - July 21, 2023 5:00 PM

Team Orangutan versus Team Pangolin.

Join Community Conservation's virtual event to raise funds for endangered species by participating in outdoor activities!

Participate in your own time and place: walk, run, bike, canoe, kayak, or complete another outdoor activity of your choice between July 7 and July 21!

Community Conservation is a small organization based in Viroqua, WI, with partners and projects around the world working to conserve biodiversity.

Early Bird Registration is open now through June 30 (save \$5!).

General Registration is open July 1-6.

Pedal, Paddle, or Plod runs July 7-21.

All participants get a laptop sticker for the team they join at registration.

You can [register online](#), or by calling (608) 616-9147, or emailing ccinfo@communityconservation.org

Rivoli Theatre Blood Drive

July 7, 2023 11:30 AM - July 7, 2023 3:30 PM

Rivoli Theatre and Pizzeria is partnering with the American Red Cross for Rivoli's first-ever blood drive.

Held at Rivoli Theatre in La Crosse. Everyone who donates will be offered free movie passes.

You can schedule a donation time [online](#) and enter 54601 in the ZIP code search bar.

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West Salem Historical Society Garden Walk

July 8, 2023 9:00 AM - July 8, 2023 1:00 PM

The walk begins at the Historic Palmer-Gullickson-Octagon House – 360 North Leonard Street, West Salem, WI (across from Our Savior’s Lutheran Church). Pick up instructions and addresses there.

\$10 Donation Appreciated.

Following the walk, return to the PGO House for sweet treats, iced tea & water, and raffle – prizes!

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

July 10, 2023 1:00 PM - July 31, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

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La Crosse Concert Band 2023 Season

July 12, 2023 7:00 PM - July 26, 2023 9:00 PM

Free, outdoor concerts will take place Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm (note – earlier time) along the banks of the Mississippi in Riverside Park 100 Block, State Street, La Crosse.

Concert dates are as follows:

July 12

“Choose Joy”

Conducted by Tammy Fisher

July 19

“Music in Living Color”

Conducted by Michelle Jensen

July 26

“TBD”

Conducted by Josh Baker

Riverside parking along Veterans Memorial Dr. is limited due to ongoing Park improvements. It is suggested you drop off audience members, then find nearby downtown parking, such as nearby Pine Street Ramp, just 2 blocks away and FREE AFTER 6PM!

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Raffle & 3D Bow Shoot

July 15, 2023 6:00 AM - July 15, 2023 6:00 PM

St. Mary's Ridge Sportsmen, Inc. presents the 19th Annual Raffle and 3D Bow Shoot on St. Mary's Ridge Church grounds on Highway U between Cashton and Norwalk.

28-3D Rinehart Target Walking Course. Registration 6 AM – 3 PM.

\$30 per ticket.

PRIZES:

- 1st – Mossberg .270 Patriot w/scope
- 2nd – Winchester 12-gauge pump
- 3rd – SAR 9mm pistol
- 4th – Savage .22 semi-auto w/scope
- 5th – Vortex Diamondback 2000 HD Rangefinder
- 6th – Vortex Diamondback 8.5 x 32 HD Binoculars
- 7th – TAC Cam Game Camera
- 8th – 18'6" Ladder tree stand
- 9th – \$100 Trigger-n-Tackle gift card

Ticket includes: shoot entry, raffle entry, meal, and refreshments! Veterans shoot for free but must purchase a ticket for raffle.

-Side Board Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, and Novelty Shoots the day of the Shoot

-Serving begins at 9 AM (additional meals available for \$5 per person) Carry-outs available

Kids 12 & under shoot free!

Raffle drawings & prizes awarded at 5 PM. Need not be present to win!

Questions? Call or text Clint Kramer at (608) 487-2834 or Ron Brueggen at (608) 343-2839.

[Visit St. Mary's Ridge Sportsmen Club on Facebook.](#)

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12th Annual Tractor Ride for Cancer

July 15, 2023 9:00 AM - July 15, 2023 3:00 PM

Hosted by the American Cancer Society Sole Burner of Chaseburg.

The ride leaves at 9AM from the Chaseburg Village Park – 401 Depot Street.

Lunch will be had at Norwegian Hollow in Purdy. The ride returns to the Chaseburg park in the afternoon.

The cost is \$20.00 per participant.

Wagon rides are available, or you may drive your own tractor. Tractors must be able to go at least 12 miles per hour. UTV's are also welcome.

To sign up, or for any questions, contact Linda DeGarmo 608-452-3367, or Bob Jeffers at 608-483-2578.

All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society Sole Burner of Chaseburg event

occurring on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

[Click here](#) to join a team or donate.

Event Website: <http://acsmove.org/Chaseburg>

31st Annual Rail Fair

July 15, 2023 10:00 AM - July 15, 2023 4:00 PM

Railroad Show – Flea Market – Swap Meet

Held at Copeland Park in La Crosse.

\$5.00 admission. Free for kids under 12 (accompanied by an adult).

BUY – SELL – TRADE an assortment of:

Model, Toy, & Antique Trains

Books & Magazines

Railroad Memorabilia

Railroad Art

Hobby Supplies

AND MORE

The La Crosse Short Line Railroad Heritage Museum will be open for guided tours. The big steam locomotive whistle can be blown for a small donation. Several railroad exhibits and displays will also be offered. Concessions will be provided by Frontier Badger #45 Masonic Lodge.

The Annual Rail Fair is a production of the 4000 Foundation in partnership with La Crosse Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department. All proceeds go to maintain and restore the La Crosse Short Line Railroad Heritage Museum.

Youth Outdoor Fest 2023

July 15, 2023 10:00 AM - July 15, 2023 2:00 PM

Held at Pettibone Park, La Crosse.

Free fun event for kids to venture outside and try something new!

Activities include: kayaking, archery, fishing, bb guns, geocoaching, disc golf, and more!

SACS BBQ/Brat/Bake Sale

July 15, 2023 10:00 AM - July 15, 2023 1:00 PM

Sparta Area Cancer Support will be selling barbecue, brats, and baked goods in front of the old Arenz Shoes store – 113 South Water Street, Sparta, WI. Selling from 10AM until food is gone.

PACT Act Awareness and Mini Fair

July 15, 2023 11:00 AM - July 15, 2023 4:00 PM

Hosted by the Tomah VA Medical Center to highlight Toxic Exposure.

The event will be in front of building 400 by the gymnasium at the Tomah VA Medical Center.

The event is open to all area Veterans, family members and caregivers, and the public. No registration is required.

Attendees can sign up for VA care and learn about toxic exposure and a VA provider trained in providing toxic exposure screenings will also be available to screen Veterans who are eligible for this screening.

The mini-fair portion of the event will include Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) representatives who will be available to answer questions about VA disability claims and benefits. County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) will be available to meet with Veterans to help navigate additional questions and learn about benefits. Other onsite resources will include representatives from Tomah VA Mental Health and the Military2VA (M2VA) program, MyHealtheVet, HUD-VASH, Whole Health, Vet Center,

and PACT Social Work.

Lunch will be available along with yard games and music from a band comprised of Veterans, "Behind the Curtain".

[Click here](#) for more information about the PACT Act.

For more information, call 1 (800) 872-8662 ext. 64201.

Rocket Day

July 15, 2023 11:00 AM - July 15, 2023 2:00 PM

Free event celebrating the 48th anniversary of Deke Slayton's space launch.

At the Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum in downtown Sparta, WI.

Create and launch 3 different kinds of rockets!! Straw rockets, paper rockets, and Alka Seltzer rockets.

Cancer Benefit Event for King Hull

July 15, 2023 12:00 PM - July 15, 2023 6:00 PM

Doors open at 12PM at Tomah VFW – 1618 South Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660.

Great food, good music, silent auction, basket raffles, bake sale, and more!

All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses.

More information, please call or text Shyrah at (608) 852-1527.

Event Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/801986064778449/>

4th Annual Garden Walk

July 15, 2023 3:00 PM - July 15, 2023 7:00 PM

Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve is hosting its fourth annual Garden Walk featuring seven gardens in Viroqua.

Tickets are \$15 to visit all gardens and are [available online](#) or at the KVR Visitors Center.

Participating garden addresses and map will be emailed upon purchase of your ticket.

In addition, tickets will be sold on July 15 at the Viroqua Farmers Market. These sales will be cash or check only and the garden addresses and map will be given with purchase.

Come enjoy the beauty of the gardens and support the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

Joe's Cancer Benefit

July 16, 2023 11:00 AM - July 16, 2023 4:00 PM

Held at Sparta Eagles Club.

Food, Raffles, Basket Raffles, Gun Raffles, and more.

Joe Hodgkins AKA Koko Moe was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. He is currently receiving treatment. Direct monetary donations can be made at 1st Community Credit Union account: Joes Cancer Benefit.

Questions? Contact:

Lisa at (608) 633-7848

or Desha at (608) 769-3155.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

July 17, 2023 1:00 PM - July 31, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Job Fair

July 19, 2023 2:00 PM - July 19, 2023 5:00 PM

Held at the Monroe County Assembly Room (Use human services entrance on Oak St) in Sparta.

Employers from multiple industries will participate.

Free and open to the public.

Hosted by Monroe County Child Support Agency.

Employers wishing to take part in the job fair can contact:

Wendy Swenson: (608) 269-8014, email Wendy.Swenson@co.monroe.wi.us

or Nicole Jacobs: (608) 269-8980, email Nicole.Jacobs@co.monroe.wi.us

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Conducted by Michelle Jensen

July 26

"TBD"

Conducted by Josh Baker

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St. Patrick's Annual Rummage Sale

July 13, 2023 8:00 AM - July 22, 2023 11:00 AM

Held at St. Patrick's PCCW – 100 S. L Street, Sparta.

Dates and times of sale are as follows:

July 13-14 (8AM-4PM)

July 15 (8AM-11AM)

July 20-21 (8AM-4PM)

July 22 (8AM-11AM)

Sparta Farmers Market

July 22, 2023 8:00 AM - July 22, 2023 1:00 PM
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Best Ever Chicken

July 23, 2023 11:00 AM - July 23, 2023 1:00 PM

Hosted by American Cancer Society Sole Burner of Chaseburg at the Chaseburg Village Park, 401 Depot Street, in Chaseburg.

The ½ chicken, beans, and potato salad meal for \$15, will be served from 11 am until gone. Beverages will be available from the Snowmobile Club.

Proceeds will go to help fund the repaving of the walking trail in the park.

Trinity Lutheran Church Community Blood Drive

July 24, 2023 12:00 PM - July 25, 2023 5:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church – 612 North Water Street, Sparta.

July 24 – 12PM-5PM – [click here to schedule](#)

July 25 – 12PM-5PM – [click here to schedule](#)

Schedule an appointment to become a priority donor online or by calling 877-232-4376.
Donate for a chance to win \$1,000 in e-gift cards.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

July 24, 2023 1:00 PM - July 31, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

20th Annual Sparta Friends of Scouting Luncheon

July 26, 2023 12:00 PM - July 26, 2023 1:00 PM

Held at Sparta American Legion. Join other fellow Scouts and Scouting supporters to hear from Reinhard Mueller about giving back to your community and local Scouts on their experiences.

All donations to this annual program stay local.

Please RSVP by July 19th.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

July 26, 2023 2:15 PM - July 26, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is Viroqua Chamber Main Street with Chris Clemens, Executive Director. Held at Care Cove & Zoomed to Viola & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

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Fort McCoy Blood Drive

July 27, 2023 10:30 AM - July 27, 2023 3:30 PM

The American Red Cross is conducting a blood drive at Building 50 South O Street, Fort McCoy, WI 54656.

Each blood donation can help save up to three lives and each donor will receive a free Shark Week t-shirt.

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Films on the Field – “The Sandlot”

July 28, 2023 6:00 PM - July 28, 2023 9:00 PM

A special showing of the 1990s classic The Sandlot (rated PG) will be held at the Park Bowl Baseball Field in Viroqua.

Admission and concessions begin at 6:00 pm, and showtime is 7:00 pm. You can [buy tickets in advance online](#) for \$10, or in-person for \$12 the day of the event (cash only). Tickets are half-price for kids 12 and under and are free for children 4 and under.

Betty’s Tacos will be serving food from their food truck. Other movie concessions such as popcorn and soda are available as well (cash only).

Proceeds raised from the event support the VMH Foundation’s mission to enhance accessibility to quality health and wellness for people in the communities served by VMH.

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2023 Sparta Tour of Gardens

July 29, 2023 8:00 AM - July 29, 2023 1:00 PM

Presented by the Sparta Garden Club – celebrating over 70 years of gardening fun!

Start at Sparta Barney Center (1000 E. Montgomery St., Sparta) for tickets & maps.

Self-guided tour: a unique opportunity to experience Sparta's best gardens.

Featuring twelve gardens in and around Sparta.

Return to Barney Center for dessert & beverage.

Contest at Barney Center for "Best Botanical Arrangement" and "Best African Violet."

Ticket Pricing (CASH ONLY)

\$12/general

\$5/students

\$10/seniors

10 & Under **FREE**

Summer FUN-draiser

July 29, 2023 10:00 AM - August 17, 2023 7:00 PM

Help raise funds for Family Promise of Monroe County while having fun!

Dates/Locations are as follows:

July 29 – 10AM-2PM @ Molters in Tomah (Brat Barn)

Aug 5 – 10AM-2PM @ Hansen's IGA in Sparta (Brat Barn)

Aug 10 – 3PM-6PM @ Papa Murphy's in Tomah

Aug 17 – ALL DAY @ Papa Murphy's in Sparta

See Facebook event for more details.

Antique/Farm Tractor Pull

July 30, 2023 11:00 AM - July 30, 2023 3:30 PM

Held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Tomah.

The Ridgeville Tractor Pullers Association invites you to the Antique/Farm Tractor Pull at 11AM in front of the grandstand. Southwest Pullers Association will also be there with super farm and modified super farm classes.

Tickets:

\$5/general

Free for kids 12 & under

Charcoal chicken and refreshments will be served.

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Sparta National Night Out

August 1, 2023 5:00 PM - August 1, 2023 8:30 PM

Held at Sparta Memorial Park.

Live Demonstrations

Police K9 Demonstration

Gundersen AIR Helicopter

Movie in the park at dusk.

Visit the [Sparta Police Department Facebook page](#) for updates.

Vernon County National Night Out

August 1, 2023 5:00 PM - August 1, 2023 9:00 PM

Held at Vernon County Fairgrounds.

Free Admission. Free food.

Come say goodbye to K9 Robbie before his retirement!

Mock crash scenario ft. Vernon Electric Cooperative.

Kids activities, demos, smokehouse, first responders, petting zoo, face painting.

Scavenger hunt with the Goose Chase app.

Visit [Vernon County Night Out Facebook page](#) for updates.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

August 2, 2023 1:00 PM - August 30, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

August 2, 2023 2:15 PM - August 2, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is Lasagna Love with Mary Breitenstein from Stevens Point. The neatest meal delivery service is in Vernon County. Program held at Care Cove in Viroqua & Zoomed to Viola & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082

2023 Concert in the Park Series

August 2, 2023 7:00 PM - August 2, 2023 9:00 PM

This event recurs weekly until August 30, 2023

Presented by Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce.

Free weekly concert held every Wednesday night at 7PM at Evans-Bosshard Park in Sparta. A variety of bands and musical artists will be featured, along with special themed nights and food trucks!

[Click here](#) to view the full lineup.

Tomah Community Blood Drive

August 3, 2023 10:45 AM - August 3, 2023 5:00 PM

Held at Masonic Lodge – 520 East Saratoga St. Tomah, WI.

All presenting donors will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a summer fun grill package including a wireless portable travel speaker, 60 qt wheeled insulated portable cooler and standup propane gas grill. Approximate value \$325. The package is non-transferable or redeemable for cash. Plus, win a private shark dive at Long Island Aquarium in NY! [Click here for details.](#)

Schedule a donation time [online](#) or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

August 3, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

Held Thursdays from July-September from 4PM-8PM at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656.

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HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

PET TREATS INCLUDE: all-natural dog treats.

Questions? Contact Dawn Justin at dawn@justintrails.com or (608) 397-9708.

Ladles of Love

August 3, 2023 5:00 PM - August 3, 2023 7:00 PM
This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

Meet Astronaut Mark Lee

August 3, 2023 5:30 PM - August 3, 2023 8:00 PM

Fundraiser for Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum.

Food, drinks, pictures, autographs, and a presentation by Mark Lee at the Sparta American Legion – 1116 Angelo Road, Sparta, WI.

The event begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner begins at 6 PM and consists of a buffet with a choice of entrée, broasted chicken or baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, and roll.

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased at the museum or [online](#).

52nd Antique Show

August 4, 2023 8:00 AM - August 6, 2023 5:00 PM

S1061 Hwy 27 – 2 miles north of Westby, WI

August 4th, 5th, and 6th beginning at 8 AM each day.

Featuring:

Steam Engine

Anvil Shoot
Tractor Show
Threshing
Sawmill
Tractor Pull (*Friday @ 6PM*)
American Mini Pullers (*Saturday @ 4PM*)
Flea Market
Hit & Miss Cafe (*Breakfast & Lunch*)
Hot Food (*Served by Cornerstone School*)
Many Displays
Women's Building (*Pie & Ice Cream Served*)
Kid's Activities

Tickets are \$7/day or \$10/weekend. Kids 12 & Under FREE.

For show confirmation, contact John Wangen at (608) 606-0103.

For tractor show confirmation, contact Anthony Wangen at (608) 778-1712.

Touring for Tim

August 5, 2023 7:00 AM - August 5, 2023 9:00 PM

ATV/UTV Ride

7am-9am – Registration at Houston County Fairgrounds

9am – Ride leaves

Registration is \$20/person.

Food/Raffles/Live Auction

Starting at 5:00 pm at the Houston County Fairgrounds

Donations are being accepted and can be dropped off at Merchants Bank in Caledonia or contact Connie Schroeder or Kim Klug for arrangements.

T-shirt's will be available for purchase.

Tim is a Firefighter on the Caledonia Fire Department and a husband and father of 2 who was recently

diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon cancer that has spread to the lymph nodes in his spine and his lungs.

[Click here](#) for more info.

16th Annual Ride for Sight

August 5, 2023 7:30 AM - August 5, 2023 1:00 PM

The La Crosse Lions Club will hold their 16th Annual Ride for Sight – a family fun trail ride or a road ride through La Crosse County.

The Rides begin at the parking lot for the La Crosse River Bicycle Trailhead on County Highway B in La Crosse. There are 12K and 22K trail rides and 25K, 50K and 100K road rides. The 100K ride features Killer Hill which is a welcomed challenge for experienced riders. Each of the rides is supported with rest stops. Riders receive a free t-shirt or bike socks and lunch following the ride. Door prizes and raffle prizes are also available.

The cost for the Ride is \$25 for adults (2 for \$45), and \$10 for children 6 and over. There is a family maximum of \$55. The cost is slightly higher on the day of the ride (\$28 or 2 for \$50 with a max of \$60 per family) so advanced registration is appreciated and preferred.

Registration information is available on the [La Crosse Lions Club website](#) or by calling 608-386-1854.

The Ride for Sight supports the many Lion Club projects to help the visually impaired.

Sparta Farmers Market

August 5, 2023 8:00 AM - August 5, 2023 1:00 PM

This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey,

maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

Special event summer night markets will be held Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 15th on both sides of Water Street.

William Hoffman Memorial Ride

August 5, 2023 10:00 AM - August 5, 2023 8:00 PM

COW97 presents the 2023 William Hoffman Memorial Ride for St. Jude.

\$25/person (\$10/meal ticket only)

Sign-up at 10 AM. Ride leaves at 11 AM.

Sign up for bikes at Great River Harley-Davidson in Onalaska.
Sign-up for all other vehicles at Harris Crossing Bar in Sparta.

Rides leave from respective sign-up locations. Riders must return to Harris Crossing Bar in Sparta by 6 PM to be included in Poker Run drawing.

Winning Poker Hand receives 50% payback (up to \$500), with remaining proceeds to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Live music by Carlos Danger.

All vehicles (including ATVs/UTVs) welcome!

Summer FUN-draiser

August 5, 2023 10:00 AM - August 17, 2023 7:00 PM

Help raise funds for Family Promise of Monroe County while having fun!

Dates/Locations are as follows:

Aug 5 – 10AM-2PM @ Hansen's IGA in Sparta (Brat Barn)

Aug 10 – 3PM-6PM @ Papa Murphy's in Tomah

Aug 17 – ALL DAY @ Papa Murphy's in Sparta

[See Facebook event for more details.](#)

Spotlight on Nature Series: Native Plants & Insects

August 5, 2023 10:00 AM - August 5, 2023 12:00 PM

Held at The Nature Place Native Gardens at Myric Park in La Crosse.

Hosted by Strive 2 Thrive Coulee Region, The Nature Place, and the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry, and Driftless Area BioBlitz.

Presenters will give a tour of the gardens and discuss the value of native plants and pollinators and explore our role in preserving and restoring our natural environment.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Archaeological Presentation

August 5, 2023 1:00 PM - August 5, 2023 6:00 PM

The public is invited to come and listen to Ryan Howell at the Hazel Leicht Library in West Salem.

Ryan will present his findings from a 2004 dig he did near the Neshonoc Dam outside of West Salem. His presentation will be about the Native Americans who were in the Driftless Area around the La Crosse River Valley near West Salem in the 1800s. Relics that were found will be on display.

At the conclusion of his presentation, people are invited to accompany Ryan to the Neshonoc Dam where the dig took place.

Following that, refreshments will be served at the Palmer-Lewis-Octagon House (the West Salem Tourist Center by the Neshonoc Dam, Highway 16).

Donations will be greatly appreciated to attend this event!

Annual Ridgeway Community Celebration

August 6, 2023 10:00 AM - August 6, 2023 3:00 PM

The FREE Annual Ridgeway Community Celebration will be held at Ridgeway Community School – 35564 County Road 12, Houston, MN.

Featured events include:

- tractor and classic car show *(those bringing tractors and classic cars are asked to have them in place by 9:30 am)*
- vendor and craft fair
- music by Bruce Greenwood
- pie auction *(at 2:30 pm)*
- auto extrication (Jaws of Life) demo by the Ridgeway Fire Department and First Responders

Childrens activities include:

- water games
- barrel train
- petting zoo
- wagon rides
- pedal tractor pull *(beginning at 11:30 am. Age groups for the pedal tractor pull will be 9 & 10, 7 & 8, 5 & 6, and 3 & 4 year olds. All participants will receive ribbons and trophies will be given to the top three finishers in each age category.)*

A Chicken-Q and hot dog meal will be available from Steakshop Catering beginning at 11:00 a.m. and

Ridgeway students and the Pleasant Busy Bees will be selling refreshments throughout the day.

The events will wrap up with a live pie auction at 2:30 p.m. The pie auction supports programming costs as well as other service projects throughout the year, including the veterans and volunteer recognition luncheons.

For more information, contact the School toll free at 1-866-454-9566
or office@ridgewayschool.org; or visit the [school's website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

August 7, 2023 1:00 PM - August 30, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call
Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Badger State Box Distribution

August 9, 2023 10:30 AM - August 9, 2023 2:00 PM

One box per low-income household will be given away at 217 North Black River Street
in Sparta beginning at 10:30AM until boxes are gone. Identification required.

Badger Boxes are 100% Wisconsin foods sourced from small and medium-sized farmers
and food producers. They feed the hungry and support local foods!

Boxes contain milk, eggs, butter, cheese, meat, and produce.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

August 9, 2023 2:15 PM - August 9, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is Compass Survey by Liz Evans, Community Impact Director for Great Rivers
United Way. A survey to assess community needs & health issues in the area. Program
held at Care Cove in Viroqua & Zoomed to Viola & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Vernon
County Over 50 262-384-0082.

2023 Concert in the Park Series

August 9, 2023 7:00 PM - August 9, 2023 9:00 PM

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Presented by Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce.

Free weekly concert held every Wednesday night at 7PM at Evans-Bosshard Park in Sparta. A variety of bands and musical artists will be featured, along with special themed nights and food trucks!

[Click here](#) to view the full lineup.

Summer FUN-draiser

August 10, 2023 3:00 PM - August 17, 2023 7:00 PM

Help raise funds for Family Promise of Monroe County while having fun!

Dates/Locations are as follows:

Aug 10 – 3PM-6PM @ Papa Murphy's in Tomah

Aug 17 – ALL DAY @ Papa Murphy's in Sparta

[See Facebook event for more details.](#)

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

August 10, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

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HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

PET TREATS INCLUDE: all-natural dog treats.

Questions? Contact Dawn Justin at dawn@justintrails.com or (608) 397-9708.

Ladles of Love

August 10, 2023 5:00 PM - August 10, 2023 7:00 PM

This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

Hillsboro Charity Tractor Pull

August 11, 2023 4:30 PM - August 12, 2023 9:00 PM

Three massive sessions of pulling action at Hillsboro Firemans Memorial Park – E18075 State Hwy 33, Hillsboro, WI.

SESSION ONE

Friday, August 11th – 7PM (gates open at 4:30PM)

Super Modified Tractors Presented by MITAS

Pro Stock Tractors Presented by Lemke Motorsports

Super Farm Tractors Presented by Fair Valley Performance

Mini Rod Tractors Presented by SCS Gearbox/Probell Racing

ARP Super Stock Diesel Trucks

Super Modified 2WD Trucks presented by Optima Batteries

(Pre-commit only & BSTPA only)

SESSION TWO

Saturday, August 12th – 12PM (gates open at 10AM)

ARP Super Stock Diesel Trucks

Mini Rod Tractors Presented by SCS Gearbox/Probell Racing

ARP Light Weight Super Stock Tractors

Advanced Yield Light Pro Stock Tractors

SESSION THREE

Saturday, August 12th – 6PM (gates open at 3:30PM)

ARP Light Weight Super Stock Tractors

Advanced Yield Light Pro Stock Tractors

Super Modified Tractors Presented by MITAS

Pro Stock Tractors Presented by Lemke Motorsports

Super Farm Tractors Presented by Fair Valley Performance

Super Modified 2WD Trucks presented by Optima Batteries

(Pre-commit only & BTSPA only)

\$25/General Admission – Kids 10 & Under FREE

[Click here](#) for more information.

23rd Annual Hank Aaron State Trail 5K Run/Walk

August 12, 2023 7:00 AM - August 12, 2023 1:00 PM

Activities begin at 7 a.m. with registration open for those who did not pre-register.

Coffee and bakery items will be available, and DJ Rick, the Milwaukee Brewers' gameday DJ, will entertain the crowd. Following the race, burgers, beverages, and ice cream will be available. In addition, all attendees can bid on silent auction items.

About the race:

- The start, and finish lines are at American Family Field near the Tailgate Haus
- 5k / 3.1 miles course
- Professionally chip timed event
- Prizes for top three finishers in fifteen age divisions, top male and female, team prizes

Additional event details

- Free parking
- Entertainment from DJ Rick, The Milwaukee Brewers DJ
- Pre- and post-race refreshments and snacks
- All participants are eligible for free door prizes
- Silent same-day auction featuring tickets to Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Wave, Milwaukee Zoo, Wisconsin Badgers, as well as many other supporters.

The Run/Walk serves as the Trail's largest fundraiser and supports all major Trail initiatives, including:

- Sending urban youth to [Bike Adventure Camp](#) each summer to learn routes and how to ride safely,
- Organizing [Stew Crews](#) that keep the trails clean from spring through fall, and
- [Art along the trail](#), including an upcoming mural on the 16th Street Viaduct at W Canal Street.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Sparta Farmers Market

August 12, 2023 8:00 AM - August 12, 2023 1:00 PM
 This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey, maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

Special event summer night markets will be held Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 15th on both sides of Water Street.

2nd Annual Crawford FFA Alumni and Supporters UTV Ride

August 12, 2023 8:30 AM - August 12, 2023 8:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM – Registration at Log Cabin Heritage Park in Gays Mills (\$25 Per Rig)

8:30-10:30 AM – Pancake Breakfast Served by North Crawford FFA

11:00 AM – Ride Starts

5:00 PM – End at Halvers Town Tap
5:30 PM – Door Prize Drawings at Halvers
6:00 PM – MUSIC – Ann Christoffer

50/50 Raffles at each stop

4th Annual John Cain Memorial Benefit

August 12, 2023 9:00 AM - August 12, 2023 9:00 PM

Presented by the John Cain Foundation.

Food – Gun Raffles – Chinese Raffle – Fireworks Show

Scenic Poker Run through the Coulee Region. Stops include Great River Harley Davidson, Cindy's Bar (Mindoro), 1st and Last Chance (Black River Falls), Jailhouse (Centerville), Hilltop (Stevenstown), ending at The Lion's Club Pavilion in Mindoro.

Register at Great River Harley Davidson – Ride leaves at 10:30AM sharp!

Motorcycles, cars, trucks, and hotrods all welcome!

Cost is \$20/person or \$35/couple & includes a FREE T-shirt!

The party starts at 5PM at the Mindoro Lion's Club Pavilion – W3839 Lion's Club Road, Mindoro.

Live Music by Jason Sebranek and Jarry and the Landscapers.

All proceeds go to Tunnels to Towers (a veteran's charity) and Cataract 1st Responders.

Follow the [John Cain Foundation Facebook page](#) for updates and registration information.

American Legion Riders District 7 Legacy Run

August 12, 2023 9:00 AM - August 12, 2023 6:00 PM

The sixth annual District #7 Legacy Run will begin at 9 AM with registration at Great River Harley-Davidson in Onalaska. Cost is \$20 per rider, \$20 per passenger. Kickstands up at 11AM.

Stops include Melrose, Bangor, Cashton and Sparta.

The ride will end at the American Legion Post #100 in Sparta with a post ride party, raffles, and a beef tip dinner meal for \$10. Dinner is only \$10 for a beef tip meal. If not on the ride, the public is welcome to join us for raffles and dinner.

The goal is to raise funds to support the American Legion Veteran Programs and other local veteran organizations.

Ways to get involved: Participate in the ride, donate to the cause or show your support at the beginning and/or end of the ride. Prize donations will be used as door prizes at the event. Businesses that have provided sponsorships for the event and will be recognized during the ride. Bring your family, your employees & your friends and enjoy a day of activities. Food and drink will be available starting at 4PM. Doors at American Legion Post 100 will open to the public at 11am.

Visit [the American Legion Riders District 7 Legacy Run Facebook page](#) for more information.

Chaseburg Community Horsepull and Chicken-Q

August 13, 2023 11:00 AM - August 13, 2023 4:00 PM

Held at Chaseburg Legion Park.

Chicken-Q starts at 11am.

3 classes of Horsepulling start at noon Lights, Middles, and Heavies 50/50 and other raffles throughout the day!

Fun for the entire family!

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

August 14, 2023 1:00 PM - August 30, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Job Fair

August 16, 2023 2:00 PM - August 16, 2023 5:00 PM

Held at the Monroe County Assembly Room (Use human services entrance on Oak St) in Sparta.

Employers from multiple industries will participate.

Free and open to the public.

Hosted by Monroe County Child Support Agency.

Employers wishing to take part in the job fair can contact:

Wendy Swenson: (608) 269-8014, email Wendy.Swenson@co.monroe.wi.us

or Nicole Jacobs: (608) 269-8980, email Nicole.Jacobs@co.monroe.wi.us

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

August 16, 2023 2:15 PM - August 16, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is Where Does Our Recycling Go? by Stacie Sanborn, Director, Vernon County Solid Waste & Recycling. Program held at Care Cove in Viroqua & Zoomed to Viola & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Vernon County Over 50 262-384-0082.

Films on the Field – “The Sandlot”

August 16, 2023 6:00 PM - August 16, 2023 9:00 PM

Rescheduled from July 28th.

A special showing of the 1990s classic The Sandlot (rated PG) will be held at the Park Bowl Baseball Field in Viroqua.

Admission and concessions begin at 6:00 pm, and showtime is 7:00 pm. You can [buy tickets in advance online](#) for \$10, or in-person for \$12 the day of the event (cash only). Tickets are half-price for kids 12 and under and are free for children 4 and under. *All tickets purchased for the July 28th show are valid for the rescheduled date.*

Betty's Tacos will be serving food from their food truck. Other movie concessions such as popcorn and soda are available as well (cash only).

Proceeds raised from the event support the VMH Foundation's mission to enhance accessibility to quality health and wellness for people in the communities served by VMH.

2023 Concert in the Park Series

August 16, 2023 7:00 PM - August 16, 2023 9:00 PM
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Ladles of Love

August 17, 2023 5:00 PM - August 17, 2023 7:00 PM

This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

Star Struck: The Kids From Wisconsin 55th Anniversary Tour

August 17, 2023 7:00 PM - August 17, 2023 9:00 PM

Held at Tomah High School Auditorium.

Tomah High School Band Director Alex Knoepker will conduct the KIDS Band!

Admission is \$10. Tickets available at Kwik Trip South (1504 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI 54660) in advance OR at the door.

Bring a non-perishable food item with you to benefit NEIGHBOR-FOR-NEIGHBOR food pantry!

Sparta Farmers Market

August 19, 2023 8:00 AM - August 19, 2023 1:00 PM

This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

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Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

August 21, 2023 1:00 PM - August 30, 2023 1:45 PM

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Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

August 24, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

Held Thursdays from July-September from 4PM-8PM at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656.

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Ladles of Love

August 24, 2023 5:00 PM - August 24, 2023 7:00 PM
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ART OUTDOORS

August 26, 2023 10:00 am - August 26, 2023 3:00 pm

Held at the Wegner Grotto County Park – 7788 Daylight Road, Sparta, WI.

This family-friendly event includes exploring one of Wisconsin's fascinating art environments, the Wegner Grotto, and creating art in the outdoors.

Activities include clay sculpting, mosaic making, and painting with pastels. All skill and age levels are encouraged to attend. There is no fee for this event, but a \$1.00 per person donation is greatly appreciated to defray programming costs.

For more information, please [visit the Monroe County Local History Room Facebook page](#) or call 608-269-8680.

FIRST ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS HOCKEY FOUR PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE

August 26, 2023 11:00 am - August 26, 2023 4:00 pm

Held at Skyline Golf Course, Black River Falls.

Registration begins at 11AM. Shotgun start at 12PM.

\$70 per person (\$50 for Skyline members).

Price includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a meal afterwards.

Raffle items available in the club house.

Contact Rita Casper at 715-299-3284 (rcasper3284@gmail.com)

or Jessy Oliver at 715-896-3443 (jess_s65@hotmail.com) to pre-register your team.

KICKING BEAR – FREE FAMILY EVENT

August 26, 2023 4:00 pm - August 26, 2023 10:00 pm

Held at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Ave, Sparta, WI.

Activities include archery, tough course, tomahawks, slip ‘n’ slide, games, bonfire, bb-guns.

Free for the whole family! Registration is open now! [Click here for more information.](#)

KAMPAIGN FOR KIDS COMMUNITY COOK OUT

August 27, 2023 12:00 pm - August 27, 2023 3:00 pm

Held at Memorial Park (Shelter #1) in Sparta, WI.

Food & Beverages available for purchase while supplies last.

Brats & Dogs.

Corn Hole & Yard Games.

Bring a yard chair or blanket.

Bring your fishing pole & bait.

50/50 Cash Raffles.

Music & Prizes.

Special Guests.

Platoon Run Car & Motorcycle Show

August 27, 2023 1:00 PM - August 27, 2023 3:00 PM

Hosted by the Tomah VA Medical Center.

The annual Platoon Run car and motorcycle show celebrates classic vehicles and connects Veterans with summer fun.

Participants driving their vehicles will cruise from the recreation park at the Monroe County Fairgrounds to the VA Medical Center. On the Tomah VA grounds, visitors can browse the cars and motorcycles and enjoy music by musical group [_site7_](#). Ice cream floats will be available for purchase. At 2:30 p.m., awards will be presented to vehicles in various categories. We hope you can join us.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

August 28, 2023 1:00 PM - August 30, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

August 30, 2023 2:15 PM - August 30, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is the History & Activities of the Viola Horse & Colt Show with Mickella Nofsinger. Live at the Viola Public Library. Zoomed to Ontario Library & Care Cove in Viroqua. Call Vernon County Over 50 262-384-0082.

2023 Concert in the Park Series

August 30, 2023 7:00 PM - August 30, 2023 9:00 PM

Presented by Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce.

Free weekly concert held every Wednesday night at 7PM at Evans-Bosshard Park in Sparta. A variety of bands and musical artists will be featured, along with special themed nights and food trucks!

[Click here](#) to view the full lineup.

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

August 31, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

Held Thursdays from July-September from 4PM-8PM at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656.

The market offers a great selection of locally made & grown items that embrace the bounty of the Driftless Region.

Each market features a variety of vendors selling handmade, homemade, and homegrown goods including body care, consumables, indoor/outdoor decor, and pet treats and goods.

Purchase fresh, unique goods and products directly from the people who grow and make them!

CONSUMABLES INCLUDE: wine, cheese, freeze-dried food, cookies, cakes, muffins, fresh baked granola, maple & honey products, plant-based wellness products.

BODY CARE INCLUDES: natural soaps, lip balms, and lotions.

HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

PET TREATS INCLUDE: all-natural dog treats.

Questions? Contact Dawn Justin at dawn@justintrails.com or (608) 397-9708.

Ladles of Love

August 31, 2023 5:00 PM - August 31, 2023 7:00 PM
This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

Sparta Farmers Market

September 2, 2023 8:00 AM - September 2, 2023 1:00 PM
This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey, maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

Special event summer night markets will be held Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 15th on both sides of Water Street.

Rock the Vets

September 3, 2023 11:40 AM - September 3, 2023 7:00 PM

Held at American Legion Post 417 – 700 Fishermans Rd., La Crosse, WI.

Two stages under the big top! 7 hours of continual music. Lawn chairs recommended.

Rain or shine. Beverages. Dancing.

Tickets: \$20. No refunds. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

ACCOUSTIC STAGE

Bruce Tessmer – *11:40AM-12:25PM*

Brianna Rae Unplugged – *1:45PM-2:30PM*

Cheech – *3:30PM-4:15PM*

The Sun Dogs – *5:15PM-6PM*

MAIN STAGE

The Executives – *12:45PM-1:45PM*

The Shufflin' Dupree's – *2:30PM-3:30PM*

LB & The Highvolts – *4:15PM-5:15PM*

Craig Olson – *6PM-7PM*

[Click here for more information.](#)

Spear & Arrowhead ID Program

September 5, 2023 7:00 PM - September 5, 2023 9:00 PM

Held at Vernon County Museum & History Center – corner of S. Main & E. South Streets, Viroqua.

Jean Dowiasch, Senior Research Archaeologist and Educational Coordinator for the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center in La Crosse, will present a hands-on program for people of all ages about spear and arrowhead identification.

Learn how and why we look at the different parts of points, and how those parts help us determine the age of points. You are welcome to bring your own artifact collections.

Program is free and open to the public.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

September 4, 2023 1:00 PM - September 27, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua & Ontario Public Library. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

September 6, 2023 2:15 PM - September 6, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is Wildcat Mountain's 75th Anniversary by Andrew Haffele, Superintendent of Wildcat Mountain State Park. Held at Ontario Public Library & Zoomed to Care Cove in Viroqua, Viola & Readstown Public Libraries. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Family Fun Night

September 6, 2023 4:00 PM - September 6, 2023 7:00 PM

Family Fun Night at La Farge Medical Clinic, Vernon Memorial Healthcare.

Highlights of the event include:

1. Kids' Corner: A dedicated area for the youngest members of our community, featuring engaging crafts, delightful face painting, and a wide array of interactive games.
2. Meet Your Medical Team: This is a fantastic opportunity for our community to get to know the medical professionals who work tirelessly to keep La Farge and the surrounding areas healthy. Our medical team will be available for casual conversations and to answer any questions you may have about your healthcare.
3. Red Lou Library: Explore the wonders of reading and knowledge with the Red Lou Library, a local institution that fosters the love of books and learning. They will be present to share information about their programs and resources.
4. Local Ambulance Display: Experience a close-up look at our local ambulance service, gaining insight into the vital role they play in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Learn about their equipment, procedures, and how they respond to emergencies.

In addition to these fantastic activities, attendees can enjoy a delectable spread of free food and refreshments, fostering an atmosphere of togetherness and enjoyment.

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

September 7, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

Held Thursdays from July-September from 4PM-8PM at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656.

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BODY CARE INCLUDES: natural soaps, lip balms, and lotions.

HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

PET TREATS INCLUDE: all-natural dog treats.

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Ladles of Love

September 7, 2023 5:00 PM - September 7, 2023 7:00 PM
This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

76th Annual Cashton Fall Fest

September 6, 2023 5:00 PM - September 10, 2023 4:00 PM

Hosted by Cashton Community Club at Cashton Village Park.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Welcome Back to Cashton Fall Fest!

5PM-9PM at the NEW Bank of Cashton

Fall Fest Footage

Food & Refreshments

Music by Brian Brueggen & Mississippi Valley Dutchmen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30AM – Old Fashioned Tractor Ride (Lineup at 10AM, leaving at 10:30AM from Trescher's Farm)

7PM – Antique Tractor Pull

9PM-12AM – Unforgettable Entertainment – DJ Jeremy Roberts

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7AM-11AM – Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast (at Fire Station)

8:30AM – Cashton Library 5K Run/Walk (Registration 7:30AM at Cashton Library)

9AM-1:30PM – 2nd Annual Cashton Snowmobile Show (Antique to Present – Elem. School Parking Lot) *Contact Gerald (608) 462-3006 or Brian (608) 386-6849.*

9AM-2PM – Classic Car & Bike Show

9AM – 3 PM – Cashton FFA Farm Toy Show & Antique Tractor Show (HS Gym)

9AM-4PM – Arts & Crafts (Community Hall)

10AM-5PM – Fall Fest Ride (Register at the Cashton Village Park. Anything street legal! Cash prizes.)

11AM-2PM – Scenic Coulee Flag Football (at Village Park, old soccer field)

1PM – Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (Tennis Court in Park. Free Registration through age 11.)

2PM – Mini Pullers Lawn Tractor Pull (Village Park)

4PM-7PM – Blue Collar 40 (Button Admission)

8PM-12AM – High Mileage (Button Admission)

DUSK – Fireworks

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9AM-3PM – Arts & Crafts (Cashton Community Hall)

9:30AM – Community Worship Service (Outside Trinity on the lawn. All are welcome!)

11AM – Charcoal Chicken by Sparta Lions Club (Cashton Park)

12:30PM – Parade

ADMISSION

Buttons available at local retailers! Advance \$2. At Fest \$3.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Volleyball Tournament – Contact Lucas Fanning for more information at (608) 487-6903.

Cashton Fall Festival Medallion Hunt – Check out the [Cashton Community Club Facebook page](#) for clues!

SPECTRUM CARNIVAL

4 hour time slot of your choice – Megaband \$60 in advance, \$75 at ticket office

Super Advance daily wristbands \$20 in advance, \$25 at ticket office

Wristbands good Friday 6-10, Saturday 1-5 or 6-10, and Sunday 12-4.

Wristband prices go up to \$25 on Friday, September 8.

Fort McCoy Retiree Appreciation Day

September 8, 2023 7:00 AM - September 8, 2023 3:30 PM

Fort McCoy will host its 2023 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) in building 2472, giving military retirees a chance to catch up with one another and learn more about their benefits.

The day begins with a prayer breakfast at 7AM.

Attendance to the 2023 Fort McCoy Retiree Appreciation Day is free and no pre-registration is required. It is open to military retirees; for this event, military retiree ID is required to access the installation.

Information and registration are available by calling the Fort McCoy Soldier for Life/Retirement Services Office at 800-452-0923, or by e-mail at usarmy.mccoy.id-readiness.mbx.dhr-rso@army.mil.

The Break Room 2nd Annual Benefit Ride

September 9, 2023 6:00 AM - September 9, 2023 11:00 PM

Co-sponsored by The Break Room & AMVETS Post 2180 Benefitting Homeless Veterans & Veteran Relief.

Held at The Break Room – 1123 Superior Ave., Tomah, WI.

Registration fee for ride participants \$20. No fee to attend the event at The Break Room supporting the raffles.

Ride sign-up and raffle tickets available at 9AM.

Bucket Raffles & 50/50 Raffles.

Food & Drinks Available at 6AM.

Public Welcome! Need Not Be Present To Win.

71st Annual Field Days

September 9, 2023 7:00 AM - September 10, 2023 7:00 PM

Held at Cataract Sportsmen's Club. 15 Miles South of Black River Falls on Hwy 27. 10 Miles North of Sparta on Hwy 27.

SATURDAY EVENTS

7AM-4PM – 3D Archery Shoot *(35 Targets – Large & Small Game)*

9AM-2PM – 100 Bird Progressive Trap Shoot 16 yd, 18 yd, 20 yd, 22 yd *(signup 9AM)*

8AM-12PM – ATV/UTV Ride *(Return by 5:30PM)*

Volleyball Tournament *(Saturday and Sunday)*

8PM – Outdoor Family Movie

SUNDAY EVENTS

6AM-10:30AM – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Charcoal Chicken

7AM-4PM – 3D Archery Shoot *(35 Targets – Large & Small Game)*

9AM-12PM – 2 Man Team Trap Shoot *(signup at 9AM... Fun Shoot to follow)*

Music All Day

11AM-2PM "Just the 2 of Us" Laruel Brandt & Dianne Clark

2PM-6PM – Larry’s Drifters

11AM-6PM – Caricatures by Tommy Orrico

2PM – Kids’ Pedal Tractor Pull (*Ages 4-12*)

2PM – Bingo

Archery Range (*Bring your own bow/Youth Bows Provided by Matthews Inc.*)

Trout Pond

Horse & Wagon Rides by Emily Timm

Kids’ Bounce Houses (*Sponsored by Vertical Bounce Co.*)

Medallion Hunt (*Clues can be found [here](#)*)

Packers vs Bears Football Game Televised

Raffles Throughout the Day

Food & Refreshments Both Days

****NO CARRY-INS****

RAFFLE DRAWING

1st – Winchester XPR Strata 350 Legend

2nd – \$500

3rd – Pit Boss Wood Pallet Grill

4th – \$400

5th – Henry Model H001 Lever Action .22 Long Rifle

6th – Stihl FSA 57 Battery Trimmer

7th – \$250

8th – Stihl BG 50 Leaf Blower

9th – \$200

10th – 1/2 Hog

11th – \$150 Meat Bundle

12th – \$150 Meat Bundle

Raffle Tickets \$5 each or \$10 for 3 – Drawing 6PM on Sunday – Need not be present to win.

CONTACTS

Trap – Josh Wiegand (608) 633-4264

Volleyball – Mikahla Hansen (608) 487-2277 (text preferred)

Poker Run – Jared Smith (608) 487-7400

3D Shoot – Jared Smith (608) 487-7400

Tractor Ride – Lee Follendorf (608) 272-3721

Check [Cataract Sportsmen’s Club Facebook page](#) for updates & info.

Event Website: <http://cataractsportsmensclub.com>

Sparta Farmers Market

September 9, 2023 8:00 AM - September 9, 2023 1:00 PM

This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey, maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

Special event summer night markets will be held Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 15th on both sides of Water Street.

Mental Wellness Walk-A-Thon

September 9, 2023 9:00 AM - September 9, 2023 1:00 PM

Raising awareness for mental wellness, one step at a time.

Free event. All ages welcome.

Hosted by Black River Memorial Hospital, Krohn Clinic, and Jackson County Health and Human Services.

The event will include a walking track, kid’s activities, and wellness stations where participants will be invited to partake in activities such as pet therapy, mindful eating exercises, beginner yoga, positive affirmations, and much more!

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Quilt Auction & Fall Festival

September 9, 2023 9:00 AM - September 9, 2023 2:00 PM

Held at Sugar Creek Bible Camp – 13141 SCBC Rd., Ferryville, WI.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9AM – 5K Run and Walk (*register [here](#)*)

9AM-2PM – Family-friendly Fall Festival for children... Crafts, games, & pony rides

10AM-2PM – Quilt & Antique Auction

BBQ Lunch & Silent Auction All Day Long

3rd Annual Harvest Fest

September 9, 2023 3:00 PM - September 9, 2023 6:00 PM

Held at True North Chiropractic – 923 12th Ave S., Onalaska, WI

Family-friendly fundraiser benefiting the Hunger Task Force of La Crosse.

GAMES – MUSIC – ACTIVITIES – PRIZES – LOCAL VENDORS – FOOD TRUCKS – & MORE FUN!

The event is free, but a monetary or food donation to the Hunger Task Force of La Crosse is appreciated.

[Click here](#) for more information.

“The Gift of the Magi” Auditions

September 10, 2023 2:30 PM - September 12, 2023 7:30 PM

Area Community Theatre in Tomah will be holding additional auditions for their holiday production of “The Gift of the Magi” on September 10 from 2:30-5:30pm as well as on September 11-12 from 5:00-7:30pm in the Gatsby Room on the second floor of the theatre.

Inspired by the classic story written by O. Henry in 1905, the musical tells of a young

husband and wife and how they deal with the challenge of buying Christmas presents for each other with very little money.

Directors Steve Jones and Lynda Clay Palmer are looking for six ladies (ages 18-60) one young girl (6-12 years old), seven men (ages 18-60), and one boy (6-12 years old) to fill the roles in the production. Those who audition will be reading select scenes from the script and possibly singing a short selection chosen by the director.

Show dates for "The Gift of the Magi" will be Nov. 30- Dec. 3 as well as Dec. 7-10. For more information, call ACT at (608) 374-7469. Performances and auditions will be held at the theatre located at 907 Kilbourn Avenue in Tomah.

100 Year Celebration of Former Sparta Masonic Temple Building

September 13, 2023 7:00 PM - September 13, 2023 9:00 PM

Held at the Monroe County Local History Room & Museum/Deke Slayton Space & Bicycle Museum Building – 200 West Main St., Sparta, WI.

Join the staff of both museums and representatives from the Sparta Masons and Eastern Star to hear about the history and past use of this local landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Free admission.

Cake & refreshments to follow the program.

For more information visit the [Monroe County Local History Room Facebook page](#) or call 608-269-8680.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

September 11, 2023 1:00 PM - September 27, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua & Ontario Public Library. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

September 13, 2023 2:15 PM - September 13, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is Update on Viroqua by Nate Torres, Viroqua City Administrator. At Care Cove in Viroqua & Zoomed to Viola, Readstown & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Vernon County Over 50 262-384-0082.

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

September 14, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

Held Thursdays from July-September from 4PM-8PM at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656.

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HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

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Questions? Contact Dawn Justin at dawn@justintrails.com or (608) 397-9708.

Ladles of Love

September 14, 2023 5:00 PM - September 14, 2023 7:00 PM

This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

All Village Rummage Sales & Garland Days

September 14, 2023 8:00 AM - September 17, 2023 9:00 PM

Hosted by the West Salem Historical Society.

ALL VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALES take place September 14th-16th. *Maps available at the two West Salem Kwik Trips, LeCoulee Cheese Shop, Hansen's IGA, Historic Salem, and the West Salem Village Hall (Village Hall only on Friday).*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

HAMLIN GARLAND HOME (357 W. Garland Street, West Salem)

11AM – House Opens

11AM-1:30PM – Pioneer Stew, Pie, and Beverage (\$\$ donation)

11AM-4PM – Silent Auction

12PM-4PM Music with Kelly and Karen Bleich

2PM – Guest Speaker

4PM – House Closes

8PM – Candlelight Memorial at Neshonoc Cemetery, Hwy C, West Salem.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ANNUAL GARLAND DAYS CAR SHOW @ PALMER-LEWIS OCTAGON TOURIST CENTER (W3362 WI-16, West Salem)

11:30AM-2:30PM – River City Corvette Car Club Show (Free Admission)

Club members will display Corvettes from each of the eight generations produced since 1953.

Non-Club members are invited to take part that day.

Lunch available (BBQ, chips, water, and pie. \$\$ donation)

Questions? Contact Dennis Schaper (608) 779-4189.

HAMLIN GARLAND HOUSE (357 W. Garland Street, West Salem)

1PM – House Opens

Tours, Music, Silent Auction

3PM – Birthday cake and ice cream (\$ donation)

3:30PM – House Closes

BANQUET @ WEST SALEM AMERICAN LEGION (148 Leonard Street S., West Salem)

6PM – Banquet Meal (baked chicken, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, salads, vegetable – \$20/meal, includes tip) ***RESERVATIONS REQUIRED***

To reserve your meal, call Errol at (608) 518-8566.

7PM – Presentation/speaker. Free. Annual meeting to follow.

Cranberry Country Rally Days

September 15, 2023 2:00 PM - September 16, 2023 7:00 PM

Held at Tomah Recreational Park – 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah, WI.

Cost: \$15/machine – additional competition entry fees may apply.

Camping: Thursday-Saturday. 1 Night – \$50. 2 Nights – \$75. 3 Nights – \$100.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

2PM-6PM – Check in/Registration Open for all Events

5PM-6:30PM – ATV/UTV Group Ride

5PM-6:30PM – Car Cruise

6:30PM – Prime Rib Dinner (*seating starts 30 minutes before meal*)

Saturday

7AM – Check in/Registration Open for all Events

7AM-10AM – Pancake Breakfast Hosted by the Tomah Lions Club
8:30AM – 5K Fun Run/Walk
9AM-3PM – Craft/Vendor Fair
9AM-2PM – Classic/Custom Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show
10AM-2:30PM – LEGO Design Contest
11AM – ATV/UTV Convoy – Beer Garden Opens
12PM – Cornhole Games Start
1PM-4PM – Kids Zone hosted by Noah’s Ark
1PM-3PM – Mud Pit Open
1PM-4PM – Marsh Tour
1PM – BBQ Contest Chicken Turn In
1:30PM – BBQ Contest Ribs Turn In
2PM – Team Puzzle Building Contest
2:30PM – Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show & LEGO Design Contest Awards
4PM-7PM – Live Music and Dancing in Beer Garden – *Another Fine Mess*

Register online. More information – email tomahrotaryclub@gmail.com or [click here](#).

Wildcat Mountain 75th Annual Celebration

September 16, 2023 12:00 AM - September 16, 2023 11:00 PM

Come celebrate Wildcat Mountain’s birthday and enjoy a day of fun!

The celebration includes:

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
5K Trail Fun Run
Live Music
Naturalist Programs
Jack-O-Lantern Carving & Hike
Kids Games
Food Vendors
Stargazing

Vehicle admission fees waived!

Sparta Farmers Market

September 16, 2023 8:00 AM - September 16, 2023 1:00 PM
This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey, maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

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31st Annual Marshfield Maple Fall Fest

September 16, 2023 9:00 AM - September 17, 2023 4:00 PM

Visit Marshfield is excited to be celebrating 31 years of "all things Maple" during Maple Fall Fest at Wildwood Park. Proceeds from each year's festival go to fund grants for local organizations that support tourism efforts in Marshfield. This event will feature 150+ vendors with original artwork, handmade arts and crafts, entertainment, Amish specialties, The Maple Village, food vendors, and beer garden. The festival will also bring back favorites Mad Dog and Merrill "Grillin' Buddies," and family-focused fun for all ages. There will be a Potato Pancake Breakfast served each day. Hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4.

Vendors of handmade crafts can now [register for the upcoming festival online](#) (payment must be submitted to secure a booth space). Sponsorship packages are now available to local businesses and partners. Email or call Bethany Pierson at 715-384-4314 at Ext. 2. To keep up to date on new festival announcements, go to visitmarshfield.com.

JD Fest

September 16, 2023 1:00 PM - September 16, 2023 10:00 PM

A fundraiser to support the JD Olson Memorial Foundation. Held at Leon Community Center

ALL AGES HOME RUN DERBY 3-5 PM

DJ 6-11 PM

RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING 8 PM

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Baskets – Walk Around Raffles (*multiple weapons including **Matthews V3 bow** and **Henry Golden Boy***) – Wingspan – Merchandise – Kids Activities

*Raffle tickets for **Matthews Phase 4 bow**, **Weatherby 270 Van Winguard**, **1/4 Beef**, **Blackstone Grill**, **Sliding Porch Glider** and **Green Bay Packer** tickets available at: Leon Country Tavern, Cotter Pin, London Drywall & Electric, and Kim at Fast Eddies.*

An account has been set up at Citizens First Bank under JD Olson Memorial Foundation.

More information can be found here.

Sharing Space with Deke

September 16, 2023 5:30 PM - September 16, 2023 7:30 PM

Held at the Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum (200 W. Main St., Sparta) and virtually over Zoom.

Includes presentations by Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise (virtually) and mission patch expert Logan Jaeren (in-person). Attendance can be either in-person at the museum or on Zoom. There will be time to ask both speakers questions. Autographed copies of Haise's book, "*Never Panic Early*," will be available for purchase at the museum as well as Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Apollo 13, and Approach and Landing Test patches.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased here. Those attending on Zoom will receive the link one hour before the event.

Hunter Safety Course

September 18, 2023 7:00 PM - September 30, 2023 12:00 PM

A Wisconsin Hunter Education course will be held at the Sparta High School beginning Monday, September 18th.

The two-week course will be held from 7pm – 9pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for the initial two weeks.

A field test will take place on Saturday, September 30th, from 7:45am till Noon at the Sparta Rod & Gun Club.

The cost of the class is \$10 per person and all students must have a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources customer number when they register. For registration or questions, call Maurice Amundson at 608-487-4534. Preregistration is required to attend.

Trinity Lutheran Church Community Blood Drive

September 18, 2023 12:00 PM - September 19, 2023 5:00 PM

Held at Trinity Lutheran Church – 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

Runs Monday 9/18 & Tuesday 9/19 from 12PM – 5PM both days.

Schedule an appointment to be a priority donor. Call 877-232-4376 or [click here](#).

Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP Experience to your favorite hometown football team. [Click here for terms & conditions](#).

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

September 18, 2023 1:00 PM - September 27, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua & Ontario Public Library. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Job Fair

September 20, 2023 2:00 PM - September 20, 2023 5:00 PM

Held at the Monroe County Assembly Room (Use human services entrance on Oak St) in Sparta.

Employers from multiple industries will participate.

Free and open to the public.

Hosted by Monroe County Child Support Agency.

Employers wishing to take part in the job fair can contact:

Wendy Swenson: (608) 269-8014, email Wendy.Swenson@co.monroe.wi.us

or Nicole Jacobs: (608) 269-8980, email Nicole.Jacobs@co.monroe.wi.us

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

September 20, 2023 2:15 PM - September 20, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is "What is Hospice?" by Carter Bahr, Hospice Care Consultant with Moments Hospice. Learn how hospice focuses on care, comfort & quality of life. At Care Cove in Viroqua & Zoomed to Viola, Readstown & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Vernon County Over 50 262-384-0082.

Justin Trails Summer Farmers Market

September 21, 2023 4:00 PM - September 28, 2023 8:00 PM

Held Thursdays from July-September from 4PM-8PM at Justin Trails Resort – 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656.

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Each market features a variety of vendors selling handmade, homemade, and homegrown goods including body care, consumables, indoor/outdoor decor, and pet treats and goods.

Purchase fresh, unique goods and products directly from the people who grow and make them!

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HOME DECOR/GOODS INCLUDE: paintings, signs, wood crafts, and flowers.

PET TREATS INCLUDE: all-natural dog treats.

Questions? Contact Dawn Justin at dawn@justintrails.com or (608) 397-9708.

Ladles of Love

September 21, 2023 5:00 PM - September 21, 2023 7:00 PM

This event recurs weekly

A community meal held each Thursday evening from 5pm-7pm. The meals are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 North Water Street, Sparta, WI.

All are welcome!

More information can be found on the [Ladles of Love Facebook page](#).

Raise Your Glass 2023

September 21, 2023 6:00 PM - September 21, 2023 8:00 PM

Altra is hosting their 6th annual Raise Your Glass Tasting Event to benefit Great Rivers United Way.

This year's event will be held at Pettibone Resort in La Crosse and will feature live music, a bottle raffle, a silent auction, and tasting samples from the Coulee Region's best chefs, brewers, distillers, and vintners. New this year is a 50/50 raffle and the option to purchase samples tasted at the event.

You can purchase tickets and find out more on [Altra's website](#).

St. Andrew's Pancake Breakfast

September 22, 2023 6:00 AM - September 24, 2023 11:00 AM

St. Andrew Catholic Church, located at the corner of May and Pine Streets in Warrens, will hold their annual pancake breakfast – featuring their secret cranberry syrup recipe on all three days of the Warrens Cranberry Festival, Sept. 22-24, 2023.

Serving is from 6AM to 11AM. Indoor/outdoor seating and carry-outs available.

The cost for the breakfast – which includes pancakes with choice of cranberry syrup or organic maple syrup, sausage, cranberry sauce, coffee, milk, and cranberry juice – is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Children 5 or younger eat for free.

During the festival, Mass is offered on Saturday at 6p.m.

Sparta Farmers Market

September 23, 2023 8:00 AM - September 23, 2023 1:00 PM

This event recurs weekly until October 21, 2023

The 2023 Sparta Farmers Market runs each Saturday from 8AM until 1PM at Mueller Square and Creek Side.

Vendors will be selling plants, produce, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, honey, maple syrup, flowers, homemade dog treats, eggs, meat, and more!

Special event summer night markets will be held Tuesday, June 20th, Tuesday, July 18th, and Tuesday, August 15th on both sides of Water Street.

ACS Sole Burner of Chaseburg

September 23, 2023 11:00 AM - September 23, 2023 8:00 PM

The 18th Annual American Cancer Society Sole Burner of Chaseburg Event will be held at the Chaseburg Village Park, 401 Depot Street, Chaseburg, WI.

Registration will be at 11 AM. A variety of food trucks are available. Activities include arts & crafts vendors, Red Cross Blood Drive, a live dessert auction, silent auction, bucket raffle, wine cork raffle, Home Depot Kids event, bounce house, face painting, live music, raffle drawing, a variety of soups, and much more.

Questions? Contact Eric Ostrem at 608-452-3135 or Linda DeGarmo at 608-452-3367 (or email grannydegarmo@yahoo.com).

[Click here to join a team or donate.](#)

Breast Cancer Benefit

September 23, 2023 1:00 PM - September 23, 2023 6:00 PM

Held at American Legion – 1116 Angelo Road, Sparta, WI.

There will be a 50/50 Raffle, Gun Raffle, Silent Auction, Wing Span, Bake Sale, and much more! Live auction @ 3PM! Hot dogs and brats until gone!

Come have fun and raise funds for Tracy Kast, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in October of 2022 and had a double mastectomy on May 2, 2023.

You can also make donations by contacting April Hansen at (608) 487-2732 or Tom Hemmersbach at (608) 269-1697. Monetary donations can also be made at River Bank in the account of Tracy Kast Benefit.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Tai Chi Exercise

September 25, 2023 1:00 PM - September 27, 2023 1:45 PM

Occurs every Monday and Wednesday from 1pm-1:45pm at Care Cove, Viroqua & Ontario Public Library. Call Over 50 Lunch & Learn 262-384-0082.

Over 50 Lunch & Learn: Program

September 27, 2023 2:15 PM - September 27, 2023 3:00 PM

Program is "Elderberries" with Mike Breckel, Elderberry Entrepreneur. Learn about benefits of elderberries, how Mike made it a business & his inventions. At Care Cove in Viroqua & Zoomed to Viola, Readstown & Ontario Public Libraries. Call Vernon County Over 50 262-384-0082.

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“Internet for All” Broadband Workshop

September 28, 2023 9:30 AM - September 29, 2023 4:00 PM

Held at the Cranberry County Lodge – 319 Wittig Rd, Tomah, WI.

Extension will kick off the workshop at 9:30 am with Mark O'Connell, President and CEO of the Wisconsin Counties Association, Carah Koch from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and Alyssa Kenney with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Day 2 will feature a demonstration of Extension's broadband toolkit and discussions on financing and legal considerations for broadband projects. The workshop concludes with public-private partnership meetings between public-sector participants and internet service providers.

Cost is \$90 for both days. [Click here to register.](#)

Crafty Capers Annual Fall Fest & Craft Show

September 29, 2023 9:00 AM - September 30, 2023 3:00 PM

Held at Stoney Creek Inn, La Crosse.

Friday, September 29th – 9AM-6PM

Saturday, September 30th – 9AM-3PM

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Kickapoo 5K/Fun Run

September 30, 2023 8:30 AM - September 30, 2023 11:00 AM

Held at Kickapoo High School.

Sign up on [Kickapoo Area Schools Facebook page](#) by September 22, 2023, to guarantee a t-shirt.

\$10 without t-shirt

\$20 with t-shirt

Check-in: 8:30AM

Race: 9:00AM

Proceeds go towards Viola FD, Readstown FD, and Kickapoo Class of 2027.

Sparta “Scrap It” Day

September 30, 2023 9:00 AM - September 30, 2023 1:00 PM

ONE DAY ONLY. Bring your scrap to Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce, 111 Milwaukee St., Sparta. Hanson’s Scrap Metal will be on-site to rid you of your unwanted junk.

A collection of the proceeds will be donated to Sparta Area Cancer Support.

Cash donations accepted. All proceeds stay in Sparta.

Accepted Items (FREE)

Household: *Door Hardware, Metal Bed Frames, Electric Cookers, etc.*

Garage/Shed: *Machinery, Garage Doors, Lawnmowers, etc.*

Electric Cabling: *Household Wiring, Christmas Lights, etc.*

Computers: *Desktops, Laptops, Hard Drives, Flat Screen Monitors, etc.*

Vehicles: *Bicycles, ATVs, Motorcycles, Car/Truck Parts, etc.*

Remodeling: *Pipes, Metal Siding, Metal Doors, etc.*

Accepted Items (\$15.00)

Air Conditioners: *Window, Central*

Refrigerators

Freezers *(anything containing coolant, i.e. freon)*

Old Tube/Box Monitors

\$20 for TVs. No Projection Screens.