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EVENT UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Traditions At The Alliant Energy Center

The 10th annual **Second Harvest Grand Finale** and **Sort-A-Thon** will be **December 7th** at Exhibition Hall. This year, NBC15's Share Your Holidays to Eliminate Hunger should top 10 million meals raised since the campaign began. Second Harvest is a national network of more than 200 food banks and food-rescue organizations, serving every country in the United States. This Madison affiliate strives to keep donations local, and last year collected over 4 million pounds of food for persons in need. For more information, please visit www.secondharvestmadison.org.

The **Holiday Arts & Crafts Affair** in its 3rd year is becoming another holiday tradition here at the Alliant Energy Center and will be held **December 9-11** in Exhibition Hall. This show features over 500 artists and craftsmen from 30 states. It is a perfect place to pick-up last minute gifts, or to start new decoration projects. The show opens Friday at 11am to 9pm, Saturday 9am until 7pm, and will wrap up on Sunday from 10am till 5pm. Visit www.hpifestivals.com for more information.

Another wonderful holiday event is the **Empty Stocking Club Toy Depot** on **Dec. 12-15**. Exhibition Hall will serve as the staging for sorting and distributing of new toys for over 7,000 needy children just in time for the holidays. Call (608) 252-6038 for more information. The Alliant Energy Center is joining forces with the Salvation Army, United Way and the US Marine Corp to battle hunger and poverty through the Salvation Army's Holiday Basket and Toys for Tots campaign. Exhibition Hall will become a winter wonderland **December 19-21** with tables filled with toys and baskets of goodies. Over 2,000 needy families will experience this holiday cheer. To volunteer call (608) 250-2218.

The Alliant Energy Center hosts the American Red Cross' **20th Annual Holiday Blood Drive** on Saturday **December 24th** from 7am until 3pm in Exhibition Hall. Visits from Santa Claus and Bucky Badger are expected, along with holiday music. Make your appointment today at www.givelife.org or call 1-800-448-3543 for more information.



Great Entertainment For The Holidays

A concert with **311** and **Alien Ant Farm** will be presented on **December 6th at 7:30pm** in Exhibition Hall. 311 has a unique sound that mixes rock, hip-hop, funk and reggae; while Alien Ant Farm is recognized for their alternative music. Alien Ant Farm is known for their hit "Smooth Criminal," which climbed the charts in 2001. 311 has just released their 8th album "Don't Tread on Me," which is ranked as the #1 Digital Album, #1 Current Alternative Album, and #1 Top Hard Music Album. This hybrid sound includes something for everyone. For more information visit www.311.com.



Come and see the action and excitement of the **Xtreme Spirit Cheerleading Classic** in Exhibition Hall on Sunday, **December 18th starting at 9am**. Over 40 squads will be competing in Cheer, Dance, Pom, All Star, School and Youth divisions. To learn more visit www.xtremespirit.com.



The **Trans Siberian Orchestra** will return to Veterans Memorial Coliseum on **December 28th** for two performances. These exciting musical performances will be at **3:00pm** and **8:00pm**. TSO is a rock opera that all family members will enjoy as the performance is centered on the jubilant as well as reflective moments of the season. Carols like "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," "Joy to the World," and "Silent Night" are performed with metallic chords and spirit that will make the music spring to life. Crowds will jump to their feet after the band performs their very own mix of

Beethoven's "Für Elise" and "Flight of the Bumblebee." This seasonal tradition is the perfect opportunity for family members, both young and old, to unite as emotional stories unfold from the vocals and musical melodies. For more information visit www.trans-siberian.com.

Coming to Veterans Memorial Coliseum is the popular **Harlem Globetrotters**. They will be performing **December 30th at 7pm**. This Madison stop is one of the first for the World Famous Harlem Globetrotters' 2006 World Tour 'Unstoppable.' This wonderful family show is celebrating 80 consecutive years of bringing their unique brand of basketball and entertainment to fans across North America.

At the show the Globetrotters will demonstrate their amazing ball handling skills while performing comedy routines and providing a meet and greet session before and after the game. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the holiday with your family at this classic family show. See more at www.harlemglobetrotters.com.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 27	Professional Dairy Producers Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Urology Nursing Society 1	Urology Nursing Society 2 How Does Your Engine Run? Workshop	Matt Kenseth Fan Club Appreciation 3 How Does Your Engine Run? Workshop
4	Model Railroad Planning Committee 5	311 Concert 7:30 p.m. 6 MetaStar Meeting	Second Harvest Grand Finale-Sort-A-Thon 7 MetaStar Meeting CDBG Commission Mtg MAQIN 18 th Annual Hunter Conference	Friends of Expo Volunteer Banquet 8 WI Assn of Professional Ag Consultants Mtg MAQIN 18 th Annual Hunter Conference	Holiday Arts & Crafts Affair 9 Team Meeting Program	Holiday Arts & Crafts Affair 10 WI Fineblanking Holiday Party Team Meeting Program
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