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EVENT UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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Horses of the World

The **Midwest Horse Fair** gallops into the **Alliant Energy Center April 21–23** featuring “Horses of the World.” The Fair will be showcasing beautiful breeds representing countries from around the world. As always, the event will provide educational and entertainment opportunities for experienced horse owners, horseless horse lovers, children and everyone in between. The 27th annual Midwest Horse Fair will attract an expected 50,000 people. The Midwest’s largest equine event utilizes the entire facility with over 400 vendors, well-known horse clinicians Curt Pate and Charles Wilhelm, along with numerous seminars. There will be a Youth Judging Contest, a Hippology Contest, the Gold Medal Trailers Shoot Out, a Photo Contest, a Kids Korral and barn after barn filled with 38 breeds of horses. Gates will open at 7am each day and the vendor hour’s start at 8:30am. For up-to-date news on clinicians, speakers, topics, schedules, and evening performances featuring “Horses of the World” visit www.midwesthorsefair.com.



Animals Galore

This April the Alliant Energy Center welcomes a purple dinosaur, fuzzy alpacas and spotted cows in an array of events with animals galore!

Barney® Live! The Let’s Go Tour will whisk your imagination off on a magical journey in the **Veterans Memorial Coliseum April 18–19**. Get geared up for fun because Barney and friends are going to take you on a trip to a Tee-rific Toy Workshop. Join Barney, BJ and Baby Bop when they meet new friends and larger than life toys on this adventure. Tickets go on sale March 13 through the Coliseum Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at 608-255-4646. www.barney.com

April 28–29 a national caliber cattle show, the **Midwest Spring Holstein Show**, will be in the **Arena**. Over 250 purebred cows will be looking their best as they compete for top honors. The Red and White show will be held on Friday, April 28 and the Midwest Spring National Holstein Show will be on Saturday, April 29. Information is available at www.wisholsteins.com.

The **Great Midwest Alpaca Festival** is prepared to help everyone “Discover the Magic of Alpacas” at the **Veterans Memorial Coliseum on April 29–30**. This exciting event is open to the public with free admission so everyone can have the opportunity to see hundreds of alpacas, meet local and regional breeders, learn more about alpacas and their fibers, and purchase alpaca products. There will be plenty of activities for all with a halter show, a fleece show, a silent auction, seminars, spinning demonstrations and more. Don’t miss this opportunity to discover the magic of alpacas. www.gmaf.info



Competitions—Conferences—Conventions

Over 3,000 of Wisconsin’s best and brightest middle school, high school, and technical college students gather in Madison at the annual **Career Skills Expo April 5** at **Exhibition Hall** in conjunction with both the **HOSA Conference** and the **SKILLS USA Conference April 4–6**. These events will allow students to explore career opportunities and challenges them in hands-on technical and health occupation competitions. The “Window to Your Future” exhibit hours are Wednesday 8am-1:30pm and seminars are from 9:30am–12:15pm. This is a great career exposure event for all students and there are still exhibit spaces available. www.careerskillsexpo.org

The **Lovin’ Life Expo** will have you lovin’ your life in **Exhibition Hall** on Wednesday, **April 19**. The show is set to start at 8am and goes until 2:30pm. There will be seminars, exhibits, a wellness room and entertainment. <http://ogarapublishing.com>

Exhibition Hall hosts the **2006 International Cheese Technology Exposition** on **April 25–27**. The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association and the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research hosts this event for cheese manufacturers and suppliers from across the nation and around the world. This is the largest cheese industry event of the year and will feature morning seminars and two full afternoons of uninterrupted trade show exploration. In addition, the **Champion Cheese Reception** will be Wednesday, **April 26** and the **World Champions Reception and Awards Banquet** will be Thursday, **April 27**. www.wischeesemakerasn.org

The elegant **Epic Anniversary Dinner** for 2000 plus guests in **Exhibition Hall** on **April 28** will feature savory edibles created by onsite caterer, Centerplate. Centerplate offers a variety of menu selections for the most discriminating palates with delectable dishes and decadent desserts. For more information to customize a menu for your unique event contact Scott Recob at 608-661-0525 or at scott.recob@centerplate.com.

Madtown Throwdown 7 sets-up shop in **Exhibition Hall** Saturday, **April 29**. This freestyle combat challenge will feature Jameel Massouh versus Mike Lambrecht. Doors open at 6:30pm and the action-packed competition begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at the door, by phone at 608-577-2006, or online at <http://mادتownthrowdown.com>.

Saturday, **April 29** is the **8th Annual Home Buyers Fair** in **Exhibition Hall**. This is a one-stop shopping spot for potential homebuyers to learn about the home buying process provided by the Home Buyers Round Table of Dane County. The Fair will go from 8:30am until 3:00pm with workshops on finance, real estate, home inspection, construction and more. www.homebuyersroundtable.org/fair.html

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
RV/Camper Show Mar 26	Mar 27	WI Assisted Living Assn Conference Mar 28	WI Assisted Living Assn Conference Dane Co Weatherspotters Class Mar 29	WI Assisted Living Assn Conference Impact World Tour Mar 30	WI Deer & Turkey Expo Boat Wars—Boat Sale Impact World Tour Mar 31	WI Deer & Turkey Expo Boat Wars—Boat Sale Impact World Tour 1
WI Deer & Turkey Expo Boat Wars—Boat Sale Impact World Tour 2	3	Career Skills Expo 4	Career Skills Expo 5	Career Skills Expo Dane Co Breast Feeding Symposium 6	7	Dane Co LINK—Connecting Families Police Auction Kappa Kappa Gamma Banquet 8
9	DNR Spring Hearing 10	Dane Co Highway Rodeo 4-H After School Fair 11	WI DOT Division Meeting Komen Race for the Cure Planning Mtg 12	Car Wars—Used Car Sale 13	Car Wars—Used Car Sale 14	Car Wars—Used Car Sale Xiong-Thao Reception 15
EASTER 16	17	Barney®Live! The Let's Go Tour WI DOA Leadership Meeting 18	Barney®Live! The Let's Go Tour Lovin Life Expo 19	20	Midwest Horse Fair 21	Midwest Horse Fair 22
Midwest Horse Fair 23	24	Int'l Cheese Technology Expo Harbor Senior Concepts Ctr for Dairy Research 25	Int'l Cheese Technology Expo Energy Center of WI-Equipment Protection Meeting 26	Int'l Cheese Technology Expo 27	Midwest Spring Holstein Show EPIC Anniversary Dinner Labor Relations Conf Conference on Child Abuse 28	Midwest Spring Holstein Show Great Midwest Alpaca Festival FCC Madtown Throwdown Home Buyers Fair 29
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