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Winona Farmers Market begins summer season

The Winona Farmers Market 2019 summer season opens in Levee Park (Main and Second streets) on Saturday, May 4. The market will operate every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to noon through October.

The Winona Farmers Market supports long-time and new vendors bringing homegrown vegetables, fruits, flowers, mushrooms and herbs; locally-produced

meats, honey, cider and maple syrup; fresh breads, jams, soups, salsa and canned foods; as well as cookies, pies and pastries.

The market hosts monthly events celebrating local food producers and has introduced an education tent providing information about small-scale farming, healthy eating, local environmental concerns and more. The market continues to support SNAP benefit partici-

pants, offers Market Bucks (spend \$10, get \$10) for qualified customers, and will promote the PoP (Power of Produce) program for children ensuring fresh produce for all at affordable prices.

Get to know the people who grow and produce your food while enjoying a delicious crepe and fresh coffee. Local musicians perform weekly. Learn more at WinonaFarmersMarket.com.



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Sun 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

100 MILE GARAGE SALE May 2-5



Historic river towns in two states clean out their attics, garages and basements to create the most spectacular garage sale around on May 2-5, 2019. Bargain hunters can start anywhere along the river road – Minnesota or Wisconsin – rain or shine. Mississippi Valley Partners sponsors the 100-Mile Garage Sale that spans all towns along the Great River Road. Find participating sales from Hastings, Minn., south on Highway 61 to Winona, across the river to Fountain City, and north on Highway 35 to Prescott, Wis., where you'll find deals, steals and fun. Learn more at 100MileGarageSale.org.

MMAM to open two exhibits in May

This May, the Minnesota Marine Art Museum is opening two exhibitions featuring the works of two world-renown artists, painter Maarten Platje and photographer Alec Soth. Running on May 3 through August 18 is Maarten Platje: "The Early History of the U.S. Navy." This exhibit features recent paintings by Dutch marine painter Maarten Platje showcasing historic moments in the early years of the U.S. Navy. His paintings are richly detailed, technically accurate, and extensively researched to provide a realistic portrayal of historic ships, battles, and events.

Opening May 9 and running through September 1 is Alec Soth: "Sleeping by the Mississippi." Minnesota artist Alec Soth is one of the most celebrated, awarded, and acclaimed photographers working today. His award-winning book and photography series, "Sleeping by the Mississippi," explores the landscape of the Mississippi River and people living along its banks.

Save the date for this month's Second Saturday event themed "Color" on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Every

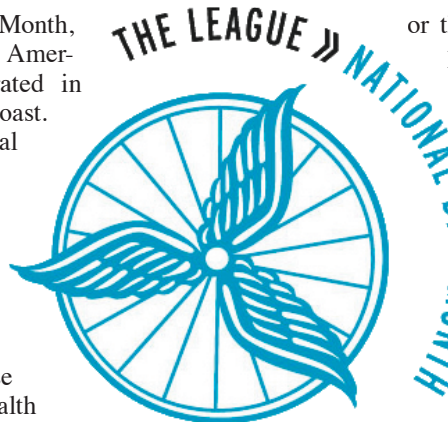


Second Saturday, MMAM features \$1 admission and special activities. For more information, visit mmam.org/secondsaturdays.

National Bike Month: Winona events and specials

May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

Whether you bike to work or school; ride to save money or time; pump those pedals to preserve your health



or the environment; or simply to explore your community, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons people ride.

Throughout the month of May, Winona area businesses and organizations are hosting special events and deals for bikers. For the full list of happenings, visit livewellwinona.org/may-is-bike-month/.

Tour de Water New 'Urban' bike for all ages



Bike month will be featuring a second run of the "Tour de Water," an urban bike ride that highlights Lake Winona or a larger tour of the community that encompasses Lake Winona, Goodview Lake, the Mississippi River, and numerous parks along the way.

Cyclists of all abilities can circle the Lake Winona path and stay within Lake Park's flat, well-controlled confines. More experienced cyclists are invited to take the full tour, cycling among automobiles on city roads to the west end of the community, returning along Prairie Island and Riverview roads and the Interstate Bridge before finishing at Lake Park. Signs will mark the way and maps are available for download.

A \$25 registration fee includes a "Tour" water bottle and snacks, with proceeds going to the Southeast Minnesota and Western Wisconsin Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Visit the website for more information: <https://tourde-water.weebly.com/> and register at Eventbrite.

Lake Lodge Recreation Center opens for season

Whether it's kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, tandem biking, log rolling, long-boarding, or just taking in the beautiful view, Lake Lodge is sure to offer an experience that floats your boat. Along with open hours, special programs include SUP Yoga with Alanna Pelowski, group paddle

experiences, full moon paddles and Wenonah Canoe kayak clinics.

Lake Lodge members enjoy unlimited watercraft and equipment rental all year long and can also participate in Wenonah Canoe kayak clinics and full moon paddles for free. Annual membership is \$20 or a daily rate of

\$10. Lake Lodge hours are on May 1-27, Monday through Friday, from 4-7 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 1-7 p.m.; and June 1 to August 31 from 12-8 p.m., seven days a week. Visit CityofWinona.com and click on the Park & Rec tab for more.



Kick-off Winona's summer with Chocolate, Shakespeare and Champagne



Summer is almost here and that means it's time for Chocolate, Shakespeare and Champagne: a beloved summer kick-off and fundraiser event on Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Winona County History Center. Just as the name says, enjoy delicious chocolate desserts and bubbly champagne

(with additional beverages), and get an exclusive preview of the Great River Shakespeare Festival season 16 performances, plus a chance to mingle with the cast and crew. Each year GRSF sets its performances in various, and sometimes unexpected, historical eras. This year, the theme is

Cymbeline, taking attendees back to Roman times. Come see what all the excitement is about and enjoy some Chocolate, Shakespeare and Champagne to support local history and all things Winona. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Visit winonahistory.org or call 507-454-2723.

Touch-A-Truck and Play Streets return to downtown

Touch-A-Truck is a free, family-friendly event in downtown Winona on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, that gives kids of ALL ages the opportunity to explore the big vehicles they see every day and to give them an understanding of how they work, understand vehicle safety, pose for photos and ask the vehicle operator questions. What types of vehicles can

you expect to see? Construction, emergency, transportation, military, utility, delivery and any other fun equipment. A horn-free "quiet time" will be from 9-11 a.m. for those sensitive to loud noises.

In tandem with Touch-A-Truck, Live Well Winona and Winona Health will host Play Streets, an event highlighting activities that promote a healthy life-

style and community. Streets surrounding Third Street from Center to Lafayette will be closed to motorized traffic to allow kids and adults an opportunity to participate in wellness-based activities. Bike parking will be available, and attendees are encouraged to walk and bike to the event. For more, visit winonamainstreet.com, the Facebook event page or call 507-452-2272.



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