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- 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 4th of July Breakfast Seating - Downtown (Hosted by Anna's Pizza & Pasta and Crossroads Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Parade Line-up at High School parking lot on McNair Rd. (No vehicles allowed in the parking lot for drop off or staging/decorating. All vehicles will need to show proof of insurance before driving in the parade)
- 10:00 a.m. Parade (Elida St. to Winnebago St., Benton St. to McNair Rd.)
- 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Food Booths Open (middle school front lawn)
- 11:00 a.m. - Business Booths Open (middle school front lawn)
- 11:00 a.m. until dusk - Oak Ridge Amusements (middle school front lawn)
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies (Main Stage - middle school front lawn)
- 12:00 p.m. Car Show
- 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Kickerball (middle school front lawn)
- 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Universal Joint (Acoustic - Main Stage)

- 2:00 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Destination Unknown (Country - Main Stage)
- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Billy the Balloon Guy
- 2:40 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Balloon Toss (Main Stage - sign up at Information Center)
- 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Destination Unknown (Country - Main Stage)
- 4:00 p.m.-4:20 p.m. Pie Eating Contest (Main Stage - sign up at Information Center)
- 4:20 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Destination Unknown (Country - Main Stage)
- 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. TKI Martial Arts Center Demonstration (Main Stage)
- 5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Mystery Eating Contest (Main Stage - sign up at Information Center)
- 6:00 p.m.-6:40 p.m. The Missing Links (Rock & Oldies - Main Stage)
- 6:40 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Pie Eating Contest (Main Stage - sign up at Information Center)
- 7:00 p.m.-7:40 p.m. The Missing Links (Rock & Oldies - Main Stage)
- 7:40 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies & Retire the Flag (Main Stage)
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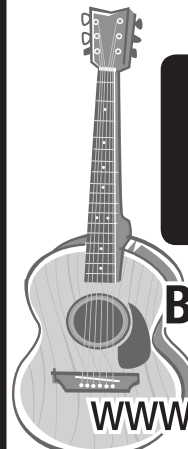
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Loves Park
June 4
 6315 Park Ridge Road – Matthew J. Didier, 52, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol

5020 N. 2nd St. – Aaron J. Eick, 28, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle without a driver's license, right of way violation, and an in-state warrant

June 5
 6055 John Ct. – Alexis A. Mischung, 27, on charges of interfering with a public officer

653 Sydney Ave. – Joshua W. Bowman, 29, on charges of an in-state warrant

June 6
 Windsor Road/Clinton – Jason A. Hauff, 48, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and illegal use of a cell phone

June 7
 Forest Hills Road/Sunbird Dr. – Laken M. Pouncy, 42, on charges of unlawful possession of a weapon and buy/receive/possess of stolen property

Forest Hills Road/Sunbird Dr. – Renard D. Macklin, 28, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, unlawful possession of a weapon, buy/receive/possession of stolen property and speeding

June 8
 5440 Windsor Road – Eugene E. Provenzano, 28, on charges of domestic battery

516 Olive Ct. – Nathanael E. Fansler, 34, on charges of investigation (ordinance violation)

Dale Ave./River Lane – Shiaere R. Williams, 30, on charges of multiple warrants/summons/subpoenas

204 W. Renrose Ave. – Branden M. Reed, 24, on two charges of criminal damage to property

Applewood Lane/E. Riverside Blvd. – Tiffany Quattlebaum, 28, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

June 9
 4800 N. 2nd St. – Steven R. Belt, 30, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

Machesney Park
June 4
 West Lane Road/Orlando St. – Eric L. Watcher, 33, on charges of possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis and possession of drug equipment


June 5
 N. 2nd St./West lane Road – Nicole L. Hultgren, 27, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, seat belt violations, and an attempt to locate/foreign warrant

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Learning about the history of fireworks, safety

By John Rindfleisch
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The next two weekends many communities in the area will be celebrating Independence Day. This year's celebrations will surely involve some sort of pyrotechnics display.

Fireworks have been amazing audiences for centuries, and this year's displays are sure to be just as spectacular as years past. Here are some facts about the history and science of fireworks.

Did you know the Chinese used firecrackers to scare off mountain men? As early as 200 B.C., the Chinese were writing on green bamboo stalks and heating it on coals to dry. Sometimes if left too long over the heat, the wood expanded and even burst, with a bang of course.

According to Scientific American,

Chinese scholars noticed that the noises effectively scared off abnormally large mountain men. And, thus, the firecracker was born.

By some accounts, fireworks were also thought to scare away evil spirits. The invention of fireworks led to the invention of pyrotechnic weaponry—not the other way around. Sometime between 600 and 900 C.E., Chinese alchemists accidentally mixed saltpeter (or potassium nitrate) with sulfur and charcoal, inadvertently stumbling upon the crude chemical recipe for gunpowder.

Supposedly, they had been searching for an elixir for immortality. This "fire drug" (or huo yao) became an integral part of Chinese cultural celebrations. Stuffing bamboo tubes with gunpowder created a sort of sparkler.

It wasn't long before military engineers used the explosive chemical concoction to their advantage. The first recorded use of gunpowder weaponry in China dates to 1046 and references a crude gunpowder catapult.

The Chinese also took traditional bamboo sparklers and attached them to arrows to rain down on their enemies. On a darker note, there are also accounts of fireworks being strapped to rats for use in medieval warfare.

A firework requires three key components, an oxidizer, a fuel, and a chemical mixture to produce the color. The oxidizer breaks the chemical bonds in the fuel, releasing all the energy that's stored in those bonds.

To ignite this chemical reaction, all you need is a bit of fire, in the form of a fuse or a direct flame. In the case of early fireworks, saltpeter was the oxidizing ingredient that drove the reaction.

Firework color concoctions are comprised of different metal elements. When an element burns, its electrons get excited, and it releases energy in the form of light. Different chemicals burn at different wavelengths of light.

Strontium and lithium compounds produce deep reds; copper produces blues; titanium and magnesium burn silver or white; calcium creates an orange color; sodium produces yellow pyrotechnics; and finally, barium burns green. Combining chlorine with barium or copper creates neon green and turquoise flames, respectively. Blue is apparently the most difficult to produce.

Pyrotechnic stars comprised of these chemicals are typically propelled into the sky using an aerial shell. China may have invented the firework, but Italy invented the aerial shell (and made fireworks colorful).

Most modern firework displays use aerial shells, which resemble ice cream cones. Developed in the 1830s by Italian pyrotechnicians, the shells contain fuel in a cone bottom, while the "scoop" contains an outer layer of pyrotechnic stars, or tiny balls containing the chemicals needed to produce a desired color, and an inner bursting charge.



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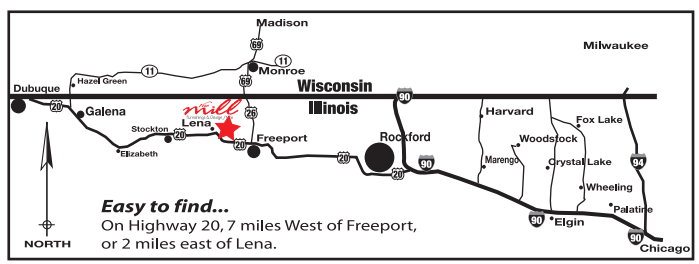
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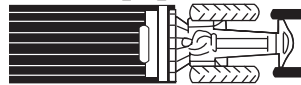
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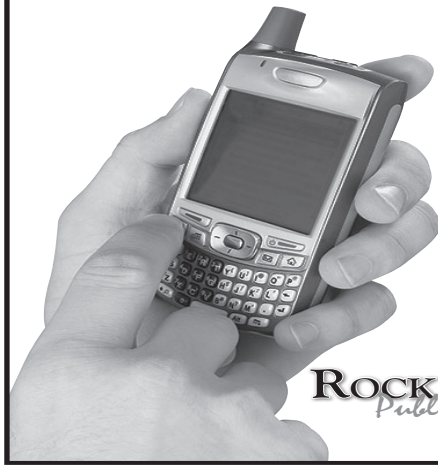
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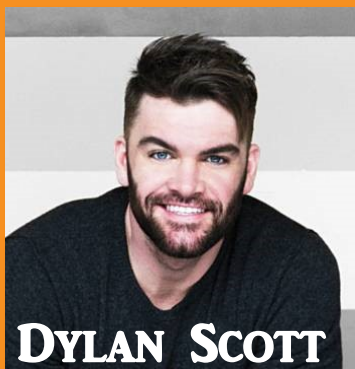
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