

Park concerts return for summer

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If the genre of music being played at one of the Music on Main or Concerts in the Park series isn't quite to your liking, Verona Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Le Jordan said all you have to do is wait for the next one.

Both concert series will feature "a little bit of everything" throughout the summer, she said.

The Chamber began Music on Main two years ago when construction consumed much of the downtown - Chamber staff

Music on Main lineup

June 14: The Beth Kille Band

June 28: The Trophy Husbands

July 12: Casey & Greg

July 26: The North Code

Aug. 9: Soggy Prairie Boys

wanted residents to know Main Street businesses were still open - and have taken over the booking of performers from the city's

Concerts in the Park lineup

July 11: Your Mom

July 18: Chicken Bacon

July 25: TBD

Parks Department for Concerts in the Park.

The city will still run the event, Jordan said.

Music on Main is held from 5-8 p.m. every other Friday, starting June 14 and ending Aug. 9, at Home-town Junction Park, 101 W.

Railroad St. Concerts in the Park, held from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays in July, will be located at Harriet Park.

The only Thursday in July that won't feature a concert is the 4th of July.

The Music on Main concerts usually feature smaller acts for a more intimate experience, Jordan said, while the Concerts in the Park series tends to bring in larger bands.

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Refugee crisis talk at library June 20

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If You Go

What: Emerging Refugee Crisis: How Will Wisconsin Respond?

Where: Verona Public Library, 500 Silent St.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20

Info: veronapubliclibrary.org

Those interested in how Wisconsin can get involved in the refugee crisis in Europe can learn more at a talk Thursday, June 20.

UW-Superior political science professor Khalil Dokhanchi will speak at the Verona Public Library on the "Emerging Refugee Crisis: How Will Wisconsin Respond?" The talk will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Dokhanchi will discuss "recent migration patterns, how they have shaped the current refugee crisis in Europe, and what can be learned from the example of asylum seekers in Germany," according to the event information on the library's website. He will also discuss the different meanings of phrases like "displaced person," "refugee" and "migrant."

The event is sponsored by

the Wisconsin Humanities Council and the Working Lives Project, "whose goal is to deepen and broaden the conversation about what it means to make a living and a life here," according to the website.

For information, visit veronapubliclibrary.org.

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VACT presents 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' over two June weekends

Go on an adventure with a magical car during the Verona Area Community Theater's summer family production of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

The show will run for two weekends in June, with productions at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22, and a 2 p.m. matinee performance Sunday, June 23. The three shows the following week will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, through Saturday, June 29.

The productions will be put on at the Verona Area High School Performing Arts Center, 300 Richard St.

Tickets are \$17 for general admission, and \$12 for seniors ages 65 and older, children and K-12 students. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, depending on availability.

The musical is based on the 1968 film, which was adapted from a children's book, according to a VACT news release. The plot follows two children who fall in love with a car in a local junkyard, and whose widowed father, Caractacus



Photo submitted

The cast of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" sits in the car. The Verona Area Community Theater will put on the musical for two weekends in June.

Potts, wants to save it for them. Once Potts saves the car from being destroyed, it takes them on an adventure, where the car and the family go up against an evil baron and baroness who do not like children.

According to the release, the show involves more than 50 performers from the Verona and greater Madison area. David Joe plays the role of Potts, with Emma Vogel beside him playing

the role of Truly Scrumptious. The roles of the children are shared among four performers, with Alex Christy and Ben Freiberg in the role of Jeremy, and Callie Lederer and Gabi Kiefert playing Jemima. Supporting characters include Tim Yanachek as Grandpa, Riley Custer as the Baron and Lauren Welch as the Baroness.

The show is directed by Terry Dvorak. Assisting

Dvorak with the production is Lynn Vilker as producer, Meg Aspinwall as music director, Alyssa Dvorak as choreographer and Sara Ward-Cassady as the stage manager.

For information, visit vact.org.

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Senior center to host craft sale June 23

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Area artists will have another venue to share and sell their creations Sunday, June 23.

The Verona Senior Center will host its first arts and crafts fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside its building on 108 Paoli St.

Senior center programming director Alasa West told the Press a pair of seniors, who attend an exercise class at the center and do painting and other art,

suggested a spring arts and crafts fair following a partnership fair held in the winter with JNJ Craftworks.

West said event was "pretty well attended" with 150 to 200 people, so she agreed to have the center sponsor one.

As of Monday, June 10, 12 vendors were signed up with a variety of media, including painting, photography and woodworking.

"We're just kind of letting it run to see how popular it gets," West said.

Others interested in

having their works on display can get a table for \$20 by calling the senior center at 845-7471. Money raised through the fair will go toward senior center

programming.

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