



Welcome to the June 2025 edition of *Capitol Connections* — your source for the latest news and updates from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Our mission to collect, preserve and share stories is made possible by continued support from the Wisconsin Legislature and administration. Thank you!

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH IN WISCONSIN

Every June, Wisconsinites kick off summer with a special celebration of all that makes our great state known as America's Dairyland. June Dairy Month is all about appreciating the farmers, cheesemakers and other industry professionals who make Wisconsin the cream of the crop when it comes to dairy—and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate this dairy legacy at the Wisconsin Historical Society!

There are many ways to celebrate from visiting a [dairy breakfast](#) in your community to learning more about Wisconsin's agricultural roots in a [Wisconsin Historical Society Press](#) title on the topic. You can also explore Wisconsin's dairy heritage by visiting the Society's "Becoming Dairyland" exhibit at the Capitol building. On display now for a limited time, the exhibit is located on the third floor of the east wing just outside of the State Library.



CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ HISTORY

Did you know? Pride Month is observed in June to coincide with the anniversary month of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a tipping point in the United States' Gay Liberation Movement. And throughout history, Wisconsin has been an early leader in the movement—in fact, Wisconsin was the first state to enact anti-discrimination legislation in 1982.

Looking to explore Wisconsin's LGBTQ+ history? Check out this selection of [LGBTQ+ history events and resources](#) offered during Pride Month and beyond. You'll find collection highlights, publications, traveling exhibits, walking tours and more.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12 & 14: [Madison's LGBTQ+ History Walking Tour](#) (Madison)

June 14: [Baraboo's Circus Parade & Celebration](#) (Baraboo)

June 15: [Dads Get in Free at Old World Wisconsin](#) (Eagle)

June 19 & 21: [Madison Black History Walking Tours](#) (Madison)

June 19: [Lakeside Stroll & Tour at Black Point Estate](#) (Lake Geneva)

June 21: [Midsummer Celebration at Old World Wisconsin](#) (Eagle)

June 21: [Behind the Scenes Tour of Villa Louis](#) (Prairie du Chien)

[Click here](#) for a complete list of upcoming events.

WISCONSIN HIP-HOP TAKES THE STAGE IN NEW EXHIBIT



A new pop-up exhibit developed in collaboration with Pyramidal Productions is on display now at the [History Maker Space](#) on Capitol Square in Madison. "Lead Between the Rhymes" explores the fascinating history of hip-hop in Wisconsin, spotlighting local artists and elements of the movement that have shaped Wisconsin's music culture over the past five decades.

IN THE NEWS

- [WUWM: Old World Wisconsin opens historic Wittnebel's Tavern](#)
- [Smithsonian Magazine: He Went Out to Catch Fish in Lake Michigan—and Discovered a 102-Year-Old Shipwreck Instead](#)
- [Wisconsin State Journal: Julie Parkinson grew up at Circus World. Now she's back to lead it](#)
- [Midwest Living: Why You Shouldn't Just Drive Past This Fun Town On Your Way to the Wisconsin Dells](#)
- [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Why did Wisconsin's capital move from Belmont to Madison?](#)
- [Wisconsin Public Radio: Wisconsin's record-breaking treasure-hunting deep-sea diver](#)

RECENT LISTINGS

Recent Additions to the State Register of Historic Places:

- [Blackhawk Avenue Historic District](#) (Crawford County)
- [Widmer's Cheese Cellars](#) (Dodge County)
- [Alan and Janet Mackenzie House](#) (Dane County)
- [Carleton District #3 School](#) (Milwaukee County)

Recent Additions to the National Register of Historic Places:

- [Little Harbor Launch Shipwreck](#) (Door County)
- [Gay Building](#) (Dane County)
- [New Glarus Hotel](#) (Green County)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Society's ongoing [History Makers Tour](#)—bringing pop-up exhibits, author talks, special events and more into local communities statewide—just entered the northwest region of Wisconsin! Check out a tour stop in communities like Bayfield, Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire happening now through December.



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