

# Edgerton Hot Spots & Happenings

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## Hot Spots

The **Sterling North Home and Museum**, 409 W. Rollin St., was the boyhood home of author Sterling North, who, among other popular titles, wrote the children's book "Rascal." Today the home serves as a literary center and museum with programs available to schools and the general public. The home has been restored to its 1917 setting and is furnished with authentic antiques, including North's desk and typewriter, and many family artifacts, photos, books and memorabilia. A restored barn and the grounds are also part of the tour. The museum, which includes a gift shop, is open Sundays, April-December, from 1-4:30 p.m., and by appointment. 608-884-3731, [www.sterlingnorthsociety.com](http://www.sterlingnorthsociety.com)

The **Edgerton Performing Arts Center (EPAC)**, 200 Elm High Dr., is home to the Edgerton School District's music programs and is host to an abundance of fine arts activities that bring high-caliber performances to South Central Wisconsin. 608-561-6093, [www.edgerton.k12.wi.us/EPAC.cfm](http://www.edgerton.k12.wi.us/EPAC.cfm)

**Albion Academy Museum**, 605 Campus Ln., (in Town of Albion, two miles north of Edgerton) is located in the rebuilt Kumlien Hall. The museum showcases how life at the academy looked from the 1860s to the 1910s. An exhibit featuring the Albion Tigers baseball team memorabilia is also featured. Albion Academy was founded in 1854 as the first co-educational academy in the state. Also on the campus is Sheepskin School, a rural one-room schoolhouse that looks like it did when it was closed in 1959. The museum is open Sundays in June, July and August from 1-4 p.m. (excluding Edgerton's Tobacco Days weekend). The campus includes a park with playground equipment, picnic shelter and bathrooms. 608-774-4339, [aahs50.wordpress.com](http://aahs50.wordpress.com)

## Happenings

**Ongoing-Saturdays, May 13-Oct. 28—Edgerton Community Farmers Market:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Central Park, 312 N. Main St. Seasonal, locally-grown or made fruits, vegetables, cheeses, berries, flowers, plants, herbs, soaps, eggs, honey, arts, crafts and



The sky will be bursting with color during the **Edgerton Lions Club's Independence Day Celebration in Racetrack Park on July 3. This photo was taken during last year's celebration. (File photo)**

more. 608-884-8504, [kschuetz@bunburyrealtors.com](mailto:kschuetz@bunburyrealtors.com)

**Select Wednesdays-Concerts in the Park:** Central Park, 310 N. Main St., 7 p.m. Enjoy this series of free summer outdoor concerts sponsored by the Arts Council of Edgerton (ACE). Located at Menhall Band Pavilion. The series is sponsored by contributions from local organizations and individuals. Dates and performers: June 7 – Conway Family Band and Backporch Twilight; June 21 – The Dirty Groove; July 12 – The Lower 5th; July 26 – Michele Thomas and SoulMeme; and Aug. 23 – The Stingrays. See story elsewhere in this section of the Lakes Edition for more details. [www.artscouncilofedgerton.com](http://www.artscouncilofedgerton.com)

**July 3-Edgerton Lions Fest and Fireworks:** Musical entertainment, family entertainment, food, beverages and a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. The Edgerton Lions have provided Independence Day fireworks and activities for the Edgerton area for more than 65 years. Racetrack Park (IKI Drive and Stoughton Road). 608-884-2862, [edgertonlions.org](http://edgertonlions.org), [edgertonfireworks.com](http://edgertonfireworks.com)

**July 4-7th annual "Patriot Tournament" horse-shoe tournament:** Racetrack Park (IKI Drive), all day. \$20 entry fee with deadline of June 5. Cash and prize awards for everyone. For more information, contact Kevin Brekke at 608-669-1218 or [brekkekev3@netscape.net](mailto:brekkekev3@netscape.net).

**July 14-16-46th Annual Edgerton Tobacco Heritage Day:** Huge festival celebrating the city's heritage. Events will take place at various locations throughout the city, primarily downtown and at Racetrack Park. Events include the Arts in the Park on Saturday in Central Park (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), car show Saturday downtown, big wheels race, lip-sync contest, baseball, softball, city-wide rummage sale, Rascal Run/Walk, downtown parade on Sunday, live bands, food and much more. There are fun activities for all ages all weekend long. Be sure to check out the website for a full, up-to-date schedule. [www.edgertontobaccodays.com](http://www.edgertontobaccodays.com)

**July 14-15-Used book sale:** Friday 12-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-2:25 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Edgerton Public Library, this sale offers great books at even better prices. There's something for everyone.

**Aug. 12-Albion Academy Historical Society's Pie and Ice Cream Social:** Dessert and visiting with other people interested in the history of Albion and the Academy. Also featuring a silent auction on the grounds. There is a requested donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family to tour the museum and the Sheepskin one-room schoolhouse. Be sure to walk around the outside of the museum to see the daylilies and the Butterfly garden, which should be in bloom at that time. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at Albion Academy Historical Society (605 Campus Ln.), Exit 160 off I-90, two miles north of Edgerton in Albion. 608-774-4339, [aahs50.wordpress.com](http://aahs50.wordpress.com)

**Aug. 12-Albion Stroll Through the Park Craft and Gift Fair:** Stroll through beautiful Albion Park (on Albion Road) for a fine arts and crafts show, bake sale and farmers market. Feast on a chicken barbecue and other food. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission. 608-289-1042

**Sept. 1-4-61st Annual Rock River Threshere Reunion:** This 61st annual living history festival features working antique steam engines and equipment demonstrations in the 200 acre park. Take a train ride on the Rock River Cannonball and watch an operating saw mill and pile driver. Check out the blacksmith shop, woodcarvers, antique cars and trucks, construction

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