

Tap your toes to tunes in Central Park

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Concerts in the Park continue in 2018 in Edgerton's Central Park at the Menhall Band Pavilion (310 N. Main St.), with a lineup that will provide an eclectic, enjoyable soundtrack for summer.

This year's Concerts in the Park dates are June 6 (Conway Family Band), June 20 (David Landau), July 11 (Mourning Dayze), July 21 during Edgerton Clay Day and Art Festival (Tad of Sriracha and Bree Morgan), Aug. 8 (Jackie Brown Band) and Aug. 22 (The Dirty Groove). Find details on the performers under the accompanying photos.

The free, family-friendly Wednesday concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. The series is sponsored by contributions from local organizations and individuals, including the Arts Council of Edgerton (ACE).

One of ACE's goals with the concert series is to highlight local musicians.

"Our concert schedule is attempting to feature some local music, like The Conway Family Band, Mourning Dayze and The Dirty Groove," said Alan Lemke, president of ACE.

Refreshments are provided by the local band boosters club from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Attendees

will need to bring their own lawn chairs. Parking is plentiful.

The alternate rain venue for all performances except the David Landau children's program is Red Baron, 124 W Fulton St. The rain venue for the Landau program is Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion St.

For more details, visit www.artscouncil.edgerton.com.

Also see *Mourning Dayze photo on page 29*



A Mauston, Wis., native who now lives in Janesville, Bree Morgan performs a mix of country, pop and original tunes. The guitarist and vocalist will perform with Tad of Sriracha in Edgerton's Central Park on July 21 during the Edgerton Clay Day and Art Festival, which will be part of Edgerton Tobacco Heritage Days. For more info on Morgan, visit www.breemorganmusic.weebly.com. (Photo from website)



Jackie Brown Band will be performing Wednesday, Aug. 8, in Central Park as part of the 2018 Concerts in the Park series. Brown, a Milwaukee native, has been performing since she was 13 years old. She and her six-piece rock and modern country rock band have appeared at SummerFest, the Wisconsin State Fair, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, Miller Park and dozens of other venues throughout southeastern Wisconsin. "My music and writing style focus on songs that make you feel something," Brown states on her website, www.jackiebrowbandandtheboys.com. "As an artist and performing musician I strive to share that experience of emotion and exhilaration with others. Capturing that passion has always been what it's about, whether performing a cover or writing an original." This year, the band plans to release its second CD. (Photo from Jackie Brown Band Facebook page)



The Conway Family Band of Edgerton will perform classic hits in Central Park on Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. The current lineup of the family band includes four sons on drums, bass, keyboards and lead; along with their father on vocals and guitar. To view performances by Conway Family Band, search the band name on YouTube. (Photo courtesy of ACE)



The Dirty Groove will perform in Central Park on Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. The four-piece band, formed in 2015, covers "a variety of current hits and classic rock, all done with a funky twist," according to the band's Facebook page. Band members include Chris Kaebisch (vocals and trombone), Chris Maedke (vocals and bass guitar), Kevin Schmitz (guitar) and Joe Brennan (drums). "Soaring vocals, harmonies and horns put the band in a class all their own and with a huge and evolving repertoire of songs," states an ACE press release. For more information, visit the band's website, www.dirtygrooveband.com, or Facebook page. (Facebook photo)



Children's musician David Landau will perform in Central Park on Wednesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. as part of ACE's Concerts in the Park series. Landau, a former Madison-area teacher, was voted 2016 Children's Performer of the Year by the Madison Area Music Association. His shows are "educational, upbeat musical programs that involve children as active participants," according to his website, www.happytrails.biz. "Storytelling and performing children's music are two of my passions and talents," Landau states on the website. "I travel to elementary schools, preschools, and libraries to perform musical programs that are educational, entertaining and motivating." (Photo from website)

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