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**Buzzworthy: Summer signals**

By Steven Hyden

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A sure sign summer is on the horizon is when the fine folks at Summerfest start making artist announcements. And after a couple of lackluster years, Wisconsin's biggest and best music festival is looking strong again.

Let's begin with the main stage announcements. Alan Jackson, the reigning Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year, is set to perform July 8 at Marcus Amphitheater. "American Idol" winner Carrie Underwood is the opener. Tickets go on sale at noon April 8 through Ticketmaster at 920-731-5000, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), Marshall Field's in the Fox River Mall and Piggly Wiggly on Northland Avenue. Tickets are \$54.75, \$37.25 and \$24.75, plus fees.

Also coming to Marcus Amphitheater is Nine Inch Nails, which performs July 2. Bauhaus, an originator of the Goth rock sound NIN later perfected, opens. Tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. April 8 through Ticketmaster. Ticket prices are \$49.75, \$39.75 and \$32.25, plus fees. There also will be a limited number of free, general admission lawn seats made available the day of the show on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mary J. Blige will take the Marcus Amphitheater stage on July 3, with R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo as the opener. Tickets go on sale at noon Saturday through Ticketmaster for \$49.75, \$42.75 and \$34.75, plus fees. This show will also have a limited number

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of free, general admission lawn seats.

The following artists will perform at Summerfest 2006 on side stages: The Bravery, Chris Brown, Ryan Cabrera, Alice Cooper, Elvis Costello and The Imposters featuring Allen Toussaint, Los Lonely Boys, Medeski Martin & Wood, Phil Vassar, Yellowcard and The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards. Dates, times and specific stages haven't been determined yet.

Summerfest takes place June 29 to July 9 in Milwaukee. Be sure to check with Weekend for all future Summerfest announcements.

### Music television with actual music

Keeping up with local music can be a full-time job. It is for me anyway. For those with real jobs, Time Warner Cable has a cool new way to check out Fox Valley bands.

The Wisconsin On Demand channel (999 on your digital cable dial) started playing music videos by local bands last week. The videos can be selected, a la carte style, and watched at any time. The first video posted was by Appleton band The Starrs, the latest project from former Antifreeze frontman Jon Tyler. Without any publicity, the video received nearly 30 views during its first day on the channel, according to Time Warner spokesman William Harke.

Time Warner has since added videos by Wisconsin acts such as Fine Line, Rob Anthony and Spiral Trance. To get your video added, contact Harke at 920-831-9105 or [william.harke@twcable.com](mailto:william.harke@twcable.com).

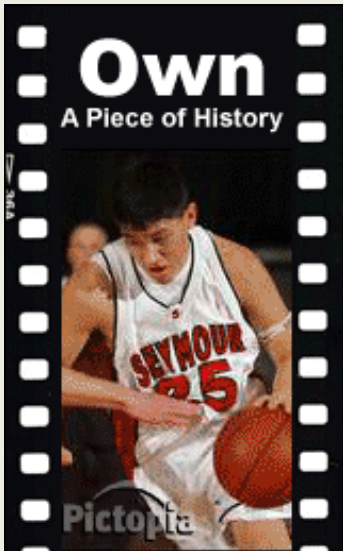
### She hopes you dance

Country singer Lee Ann Womack will perform May 20 at Oneida Casino in Green Bay, according to her Web site. Details of the show haven't been announced yet.

According to CMT.com, Womack will spend most of the summer performing for American troops overseas. Her plans include traveling to a military hospital in Germany for injured soldiers from Iraq, and then heading off to Italy to entertain troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. Womack also is working with Anysoldier.com on gift packages for deployed troops. Womack fan or not, that's pretty cool.

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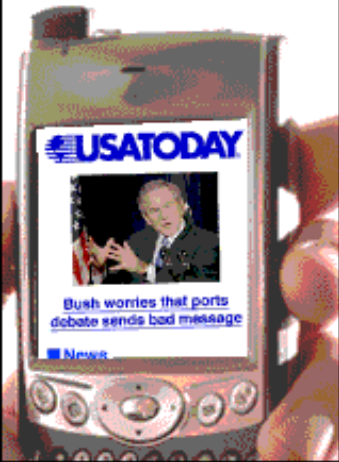
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