

Heritage comes alive at Beckman Mill Sept. 10

The sights and sounds of rural life from a century ago will come to life again during Heritage Sunday on Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Beckman Mill Park, 11450 S. County Rd. H in Beloit.

In the mill itself, visitors can watch corn being ground by the original 1868 millstones powered by water or by a restored 1920 International Harvester Titan tractor engine. Know where the term "rule of thumb" came from? Get that answer during a tour of the mill.

A wide variety of activities will complement the grinding demonstrations. Collector show cars, including the Buick Club, will be on display. Demonstrators will be on hand to showcase historic trades, such as wool rug braiding, chair caning, basket weaving, wool spinning, but-

ter churning, embroidering, gardening, and wood carving – which were all an important part of family life and work. The blacksmiths will be working and will be located by the blacksmith shop. Walk down the military time line to meet the soldiers representing several of the wars that the U.S. has been involved in, including a Civil War surgeon performing surgery. Learn about the period of the Underground Railroad at the campsite. Help to "Honor America" by wearing red, white and blue.

Want music? At the shelter, the concertinas of John Sheehan and Mathew Wundrow will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the Christian Country Witnesses band will play from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The Jug Band, consisting of a hammer dulcimer, auto harps and bass guitar, will be by the soldiers.

Zachary Peterson will serenade from 11 a.m. to noon on his violin by the museum. Toes will be tapping and hands clapping with this lineup of music.

Inside the Cooperage/Beckman Home is the "Cooper Corner" display. Gary Hess, author of *Roll out the Barrels*, will be there to explain how barrels were made. Check out the display of the 1933 World's Fair trophy, which was won by Gertrude Beckman who was born and raised in the house. Also see the baker's table and bowl she used.

Stroll through "A Mothers Flower Garden", the vegetable garden, or the trail through the wild flowers and wetlands.

New this year will be pulled pork sandwiches cooked on site. Also available will be

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Alzheimer's Association invites Rock County residents to join walk

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Rock County residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 23 at Palmer Park, 2501 Palmer Drive, Janesville.

The event opens at 8:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. immediately followed by the Walk at 10:15 a.m.

"Getting together on walk day reminds you that there is a whole community that shares the same drive to end Alzheimer's and dementia," said Margo Westby, Rock County Walk Committee Member. "When I joined the committee, I was trying to find a way to deal with my grandmothers progressing Alzheimer's. I very quickly met a team that all were in my shoes and understood all the feelings I was having. My grandmother passed away on Christmas after a long battle with Alzheimer's and this group of people have offered a huge amount of support. The funds that are raised go to providing care and support for families during their journey, and also go to con-

tinued research towards treatments and prevention."

In this new era with Alzheimer's treatments advancing, walkers are fighting for a different future for families facing Alzheimer's and other dementia. They walk in honor of loved ones impacted by the disease and future generations. The walk begins with a poignant Promise Garden ceremony where walkers hold a colored flower representing their personal connection to the cause. They may have lost someone (purple), be fighting the disease (blue), a caregiver (yellow), or an advocate for the cause (orange).

The Alzheimer's Association is also excited to share that Craig Coshun, sportscaster covering the Brewers and the Bucks, will be the Honorary Chair for the 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's supporting all Wisconsin Walks. Coshun lost his mother to Alzheimer's and is active in the Sportscasters Against Alzheimer's initiative.

How to register

To register and receive the

latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit: act.alz.org/rockcounty. Pre-registration is encouraged. For questions or assistance, please call 800-272-3900.

Statistics

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In Wisconsin, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and 191,000 serving as caregivers. In Rock County alone, more than 3,000 individuals age 65 and older are living with dementia.

Sponsors

The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter thanks the numerous volunteers and sponsors of the Walk to End Alzheimer's, including National Presenting Sponsor – Edward Jones, and WCLO Big Radio, their local media partner.



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Beckman Mill will host another Heritage Sunday on Sept. 10 at Beckman Mill Park in Beloit. See classic cars, watch corn be ground at the mill, and watch many demonstrations from the olden days. Top: Blacksmiths will be giving demonstrations through the day. Above: Take some time to hear unique and beautiful music.

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Monroe Theatre Guild presents stage comedy

Monroe Theatre Guild is proud to announce its next installment in their Colony Brands 2023 Season, "God of Carnage". This new comedy was written for the stage in 2008 by Yasmina Reza, originally in French, and later translated into English by Christopher Hampton. The play has enjoyed acclaim in productions in both London and New York and won the 2009 Tony Award for Best Play. In 2011 it was adapted into a movie, simply entitled "Carnage".

Monroe Theatre Guild is proud to introduce Director Jonah Levia as he makes his directing debut at MTG, along with Assistant Director Marcia Bredeson. Both have spent hours as volunteers and actors in numerous productions over the years at MTG. Now the two are ready to tackle a play that turns the light on parenting styles, with this hilarious living room free-for-all, that at times gives the impression of a boxing match.

This small cast features two men and two women,

played by Katie Landmark and Steven E. Smith as married couple Annette and Alan Raleigh. Abigail Ewert and Aiya Islam play married couple Veronica and Michael Novak.

A playground altercation between their eleven-year-old sons brings these two sets of parents together in Brooklyn, New York for a meeting to mutually resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed. But as the meeting progresses, and the rum flows, tensions emerge, and the gloves come off. By the time the meeting has devolved into a lost cause, the couples are left with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.

The content and the language in the play are recommended for adults. For one astonishing scene, audience members may need to rely on a strong stomach. With a little too much clafouti and rum offered by the hosts, one character appears to lose the contents of their stomach quite convincingly on stage.

This smart comedy makes



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a great date night away from the kids, or a fun event for a ladies' night out. Performances at Monroe Theatre Guild on the Colony Brands Stage

span two weekends, Sept. 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. The second weekend, performances are Oct. 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. with the final per-

formance on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Aug. 30 on the website, monroetheatre.com.

The MTG ticket window,

910 16th Ave. in Monroe, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Patrons can also call 608-325-1111 to purchase tickets.

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A few spots still open for virtual dementia caregiver class

Registration required by Sept. 11

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County is offering a nine-week "Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia" virtual class, as developed at the University of Texas Health Science Center by Sharon Lewis and the WellMed Charitable Foundation. The class begins Monday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and runs until Nov. 20.

Who is SBP for?
Anyone caring for someone with a form of dementia will benefit from the program.

What is SBP?
The Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia is a proven curriculum developed by Sharon L. Lewis, RN, PhD, FAAN, in conjunction with the University of Texas Health Science Center and the WellMed Charitable Foundation.

which teaches stress management, relaxation tools, coping strategies and problem-solving skills with a support group component. Participants view the program as a source of strength and support for their caregiving role.

"Caregivers of someone with dementia experience high levels of stress, anxiety and depression. Dealing with those issues in a healthy way is vital to a caregiver's well-being. Consequently, to care for the person with dementia, the caregiver must first learn how to care for themselves," said Karen Tennyson, dementia care specialist at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County. Reserve your spot today for the Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia by contacting Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force to finalize local agreement

Representatives from more than 20 local agencies plan to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on Thursday, Sept. 14 to officially outline the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force's (RCAHTTF) collaborative mission, roles and advocacy in the area.

"As educators, we have a responsibility to look out for the health, safety, and welfare of our students, and being a partner in the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is a natural fit," said Steve Pophal, Superintendent of the School District of Janesville. "Our teachers and staff see the children every day, and are in a unique position to be able to raise awareness, concern, and provide assistance when needed."

The multi-jurisdictional task force is designed as a collaborative network to identify those at risk, raise awareness, provide training and address gaps in ser-

vices for individuals who are trafficked.

"While we don't have exact data to show specific numbers, we know it is impacting the young women and children of our community," says Jason Steinke, Director of Emergency Services and ICU at SSM Health. "If we can come together as a stronger unified community to raise awareness and educate, we can help rescue those silent victims that need help the most."

"Multiple systems must be engaged in order to build a response that meets the needs of the youth," says Penny Nevicosi, Rock County Juvenile Justice Supervisor. "As youth have different points of entry into the system, it is critical that providers have a venue for communication in order to leverage resources."

Recycling excellence award nomination period now open

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting nominations for the 2023 Recycling Excellence Awards. The nomination period is open until Sept. 15.

The Recycling Excellence Award showcases and celebrates outstanding recycling efforts, innovation and performance for communities, organizations, schools and businesses throughout Wisconsin. Food waste recovery or diversion programs are also eligible.

"It's hard work and creativity by local governments, businesses, schools and non-profits that make waste minimization and recycling so successful in Wisconsin," said Brad Wolbert, DNR Waste and Materials Management Program Director.

"The DNR wants to support and spotlight these important efforts."

Awards are offered in four categories: overall program, projects and initiatives, innovation, and special events. Entities of any size may self-nominate or submit an application on behalf of another program. Applicants are encouraged to submit supporting materials such as outreach samples, data or graphs, and high-resolution photos.

Winners of the award will be featured on the DNR's website.

The nomination form, information about the categories and profiles on past award winners can be found on the DNR's Wisconsin Recycling Excellence Awards webpage.



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Milwaukee Area Technical College was a 2022 recipient of a Recycling Excellence Award for the Culinary Arts Program's composting initiatives.

In brief

Choral Union Janesville to begin rehearsals

Choral Union Janesville will begin rehearsals for this season's performance of Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville.

A registration fee of \$20 a person will be collected and music will be provided. For any further questions, call Steve Geisler at 608-741-5074.

Program on trees coming to Orfordville

Mary Ann Buenzow, former Wisconsin DNR forester, will present a program on trees at the Sunny Peace Prairie, 2604 S. Coon Island Road, Orfordville at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Besides having 42 acres of

restored native prairie habitat, the property has 10 acres of woods with ample opportunities to learn about trees.

Attendees should wear comfortable walking shoes. Mary Ann and her husband Brian, a former Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Technician, serve as advisors to the prairie. The program will last approximately an hour and a half.

For further information, contact the Parkview School District, 608-879-2717.

Golden Days Harvest Fest held in Green Lake

The Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce announces that the 35th annual Golden Days Harvest Fest will be held in Green Lake on Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24.

There will be a classic car

show, entertainment featuring Driftwood on Saturday, polka from New Generation on Sunday, bed races, children's activities, a parade, food trucks, local brews, and over 100 craft booths, located in their downtown parks.

For more information, visit their website at www.visit-greenlake.com.

Red Cross UW-Madison Blood Drive on Sept. 7

Join the American Red Cross at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Kick Off Blood Drive Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Nick, 797 W. Dayton St.

All participating donors will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. Blood donors are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment.

Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin hold carving show

The 17th Annual Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin are holding a carving show and sale on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rock County Fairgrounds at Craig Center, 1301 Craig Avenue, Janesville. Admission is free, though donations are accepted.

This year's featured carver is Bud Cunningham. Bud enjoys going to different events and sharing his talents with the public. Most recently he has

gone to the Janesville Public Library demonstrating his chip carving. Bud carves a variety of subjects but does seem to prefer woodburning and chip carving. Please come and talk with Bud about his passion for wood carving as well as the other exhibitors. There will be many examples of artistry in wood.

• Class: Spiral Icicle Class taught by Randy Callison with a limit of 6 people.

• Demonstrations: How to carve cottonwood bark with Jim Trumpy.

• Vendors: Wilcox Wood Works - carving wood; Humul Carving Company - carving tools and supplies; Jeff's Coffee Bar - food.

Visit www.rockrivercarvers.com for show updates.

For more information contact Brad Crandall at 608-931-0188. Please leave a name and number and a brief message.

• Task Force

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Representatives from the agencies will sign the MOU at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 at Community Action, Inc., 20 Eclipse Center, Beloit.

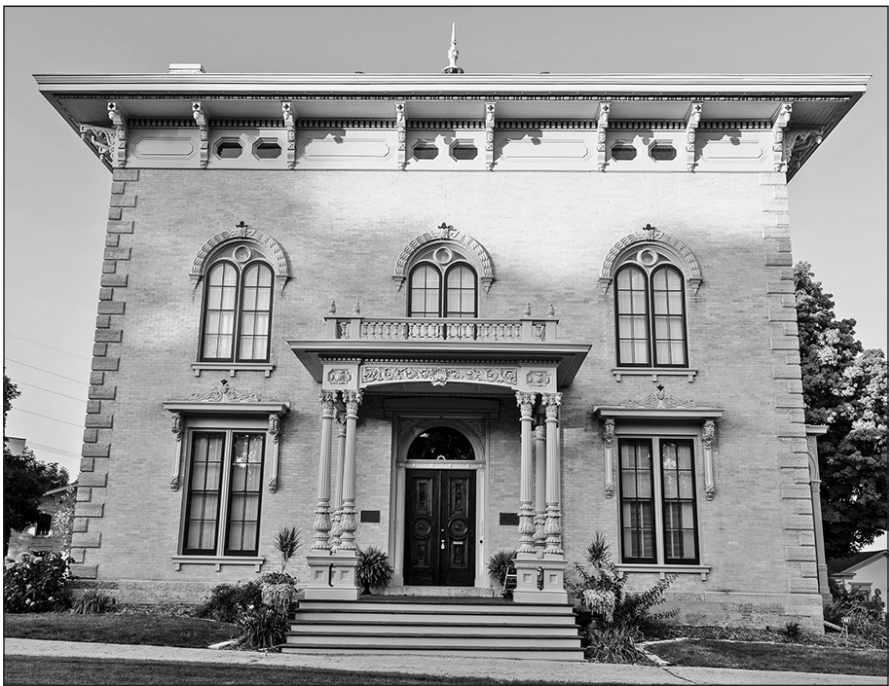
For more information contact Sara Schumacher at 608-313-1335 or sschumacher@communityaction.org.

About Community Action

Community Action is a 100% local, not-for-profit organization, operating a broad spectrum of community programs aimed at preventing and reducing local

poverty in Rock and Walworth counties. It operates the Fresh Start program, offers child care, at-risk youth programming, health care, senior benefits counseling, homeownership

programs, affordable housing units, home weatherization and rehab, assistance in dealing with a housing crisis, food for area pantries, and shelter for the homeless.



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Celebrating 75 years at RCHS

On August 25, the Rock County Historical Society hosted a celebration for their 75th anniversary. Attendees enjoyed live music and free tours of the Lincoln-Tallman House. Above: State Sen. Mark Spreitzer, second from right, was pleased to join Rep. Sue Conley, far left in photo, to present the Rock County Historical Society with a legislative citation on behalf of themselves, Rep. Clinton Anderson, and Rep. Jenna Jacobson honoring their 75th anniversary and giving thanks for all the RCHS does for the community. It was also great to see Rep. Scott Johnson. Top: The grand opening of the newly-renovated historic Wilson-King Stonehouse, which was built in 1842, was held at the 75th anniversary of the Rock County Historical Society.

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Poll reveals Laura Ingalls Wilder as the state's favorite author

Helen Keller, Mark Twain and others were chosen in other states

Harper Lee, Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway ... these iconic names are among the luminaries hailing from the United States. However, more locally, each state has produced their own homegrown authors who have left an indelible mark on literature with their diverse and significant contributions.

A survey of 3,000 respondents by StoicQuotes.com sheds light on each state's most cherished authors, re-

vealing some intriguing outcomes. Living authors were not included in the survey.

Consider Alabama. While many might presume Harper Lee, famed for "To Kill a Mockingbird," to be the state's favored author, it was Helen Keller who garnered the majority of votes. Born in Tuscumbia in 1880, Keller's youth was overshadowed by an illness rendering her blind and deaf. Yet, under Anne Sullivan's unwavering mentorship, Keller transcended her adversities, evolving into a revered author and speaker. Throughout her journey, Keller held a profound affection for Alabama, often alluding to it as her treasured homeland.

In a similar vein, despite F. Scott Fitzgerald penning

"The Great Gatsby," the author wasn't New Yorkers' top literary pick. That honor belonged to James Baldwin, renowned for "Go Tell It on the Mountain." This 1953 semi-autobiographical novel delves into intricate subjects like religion, race, and family dynamics, portraying the life of John Grimes, a young African American boy navigating his identity amidst a religious upbringing in Harlem.

New Hampshire's choice too was unexpected. J.D. Salinger, celebrated for "The Catcher in the Rye," was surpassed by Grace Metalious. Born in 1924, Metalious gained acclaim for "Peyton Place," a 1956 novel that boldly tackled taboo topics, juxtaposing them against the backdrop of a seemingly

quaint New Hampshire town. However, some states made more predictable choices. Nutmeggers, for example, championed Mark Twain and his "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Mississippi residents honored Tennessee Williams, the eminent playwright best known for "A Streetcar Named Desire." And Ernest Hemingway, whose "The Old Man and the Sea" clinched the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1953 and paved the way for his Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954, was the unanimous choice for both Idaho and Florida.

Laura Ingalls Wilder emerged as Wisconsin's favorite author. The beloved author of the "Little House" series has an enduring connection to the state of Wisconsin. Born

in 1867 in the Big Woods near Pepin, her early years in the state formed the backdrop for her first book, "Little House in the Big Woods." The novel provides a detailed and heartwarming depiction of pioneer life in the Wisconsin wilderness during the late 19th century. Through her vivid storytelling, Wilder painted a picture of a close-knit family navigating the challenges and joys of homesteading, offering readers a window into the beauty, simplicity, and occasional harshness of life in the American Midwest. While the Ingalls family moved to various locations throughout Laura's childhood, including Kansas, it was her Wisconsin beginnings that set the tone for the series and introduced readers to the resilient and

adventurous spirit of the Ingalls family. Wisconsin, with its dense woods, changing seasons, and pioneering communities, played a pivotal role in shaping Laura's narrative voice and her nostalgic recollections of early American frontier life.

Wisconsin's second choice was August Derleth, followed by Zona Gale at third.

"It's fascinating to see the varied preferences across states, reflecting the rich tapestry of our nation's cultural and historical narrative. This survey not only highlights the iconic authors we all know and love but also brings attention to the often unsung heroes of literature who've left an indelible mark on their home states," says Shaun Connell from StoicQuotes.com.

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quarter-pound all-beef hot dogs, chips, beverages, pies and fresh baked goods. The "meal deal" is a sandwich, chips and drink for \$5. A variety of Beckman Mill products, including cornmeal that was ground in the mill, will be for sale in the Gift Shop inside the Grünke Creamery. Don't forget to get tickets for the quilt raffle. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m.

Kids will have the oppor-

tunity to help a blacksmith, make butter, dig potatoes, and shell an ear of corn. Don't miss out on getting a Beloit Heritage Days Passport stamped at the membership table by the shelter during the day.

Heritage Sunday events will take place in Beckman Mill County Park, one mile south of Highway 81, about five miles west of Beloit. There is no admission charge for the event, but donations will

be gladly accepted and are appreciated. The entire project has been completed and made possible by volunteers, donated monies and materials, grants, and memberships. The profits for the day will be used to further continue their 33 years of relentless efforts.

Please join everyone for a fantastic family fun-filled day! Call 608-751-1551 for more details or visit their Facebook page.



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University partnerships expand Blackhawk's offerings to include bachelor's degrees

In a strategic move to enhance pathways to bachelor's degrees, Blackhawk Technical College announced on Aug. 30 groundbreaking partnerships with three Wisconsin universities, ushering in a new era of academic possibilities for Blackhawk students.

Concordia University, Lakeland University and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County will now offer a comprehensive array of bachelor's degree programs that grant Blackhawk students access to a four-year education while fostering a seamless transition from associate to bachelor's level studies.

These partnerships are the cornerstone of Blackhawk's visionary initiative, the University Center. Housed within the heart of the college's Central Campus, the center is a hub where students can access

transfer information, receive guidance from advisors and engage in activities related to their educational goals.

"These transformative alliances signify an extraordinary step forward for Blackhawk," said Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk. "Our collaborations with Concordia, Lakeland and UW-Whitewater at Rock County stand as a testament to our commitment to fostering accessible,

high-quality higher education for our community. The University Center is poised to redefine the trajectory of our students' academic journeys, granting them an avenue to seamlessly pursue their bachelor's degrees without having to leave home."

The presidents from Concordia and Lakeland, as well as the chancellor from UW-Whitewater, joined Dr. Pierner and other Blackhawk staff, faculty and students for a grand opening celebration of the University Center on Aug. 30. State Rep. Jenna Jacobson, State Sen. Mark Spreitzer, Mark Holzman, Superintendent of the Janesville School District and Blackhawk District Board member, and Rachel Andres, Executive Vice President of Prent and Blackhawk District Board member, also were in attendance.

"We look forward to collaborating to see how this partnership impacts not only the communities locally but across the state, and as Concordia University and Blackhawk Technical College work together and work with the surrounding communities, we're excited to see how this

impacts the wider world," said Dr. Erik Ankerberg, President of Concordia.

Dr. Beth Borgen, President of Lakeland, said she was excited to see private and public institutions working together.

"We're excited to help students achieve their educational goals while aligning regional workforce development needs, especially in the areas of computer science, accounting and education," she said.

And Dr. Corey King, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, said the partnership with Blackhawk and the subsequent collaboration with Concordia and Lakeland is an "application of the Wisconsin idea" to solve problems and critically think about how to help communities.

"It's important that we understand that the partnership is about students. At the end of the day, those students are going to be benefitted with an education that will allow them to go into the community and solve and serve," he said.

After a comprehensive application process, the three university partners were chosen for their academic excel-

lence, range of disciplines and dedication to providing Blackhawk students with a seamless transition from their associate degree. Also, each partner university brings unique strengths and attributes that align with Blackhawk's commitment to accessibility and diversity.

Concordia University will offer bachelor's degrees in Nursing, Business Management, Criminal Justice and Social Work. Lakeland University will offer bachelor's degrees in Accounting, Education and Computer Science. And the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County will offer a Bachelor's of Applied Arts and Sciences, with emphases available in Criminology, Digital Marketing, Human Services, Leadership, Occupational Safety and Professional Selling.



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Blackhawk Technical College recently announced groundbreaking partnerships with three Wisconsin universities: Concordia University, Lakeland University and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County. From left: Dr. Beth Borgen, President of Lakeland; Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk; Dr. Erik Ankerberg, President of Concordia; and Dr. Corey King, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Study reveals shift towards adoption of shelter dogs over purebreds in Wisconsin

In the past, the sight of purebred dogs like Dachshunds, Boston Terriers, and French Bulldogs was common in American neighborhoods. However, recently a notable shift in consumers' preferences has steered away from these purebreds despite their previous popularity.

For some, the exorbitant cost of purebred dogs, which can reach up to \$10,000 for breeds such as Rottweilers and Chow Chows, is a considerable deterrent. For others, the concern is over health issues commonly associated with purebreds. English Bulldogs and Pugs, for instance, are often plagued with respiratory problems. Also, many individuals also feel a moral obligation to provide homes to shelter dogs.

Bone Voyage Dog Rescue recently conducted a study revealing a significant shift towards adopting shelter dogs over purchasing purebreds from breeders. A survey of 3,000 potential dog owners in Wisconsin revealed that an impressive 48% of them expressed an intent to adopt from shelters, marking a 8% swing towards possible shelter dog ownership when contrasted with older data from the Humane Society of the United States, which indicated that 40% of pet dogs in households were previously shelter dogs.

"This increasing trend towards shelter dog adoption promises substantial improvements in the welfare of homeless animals. The shift could lead to a decrease in the number of dogs in shelters, as more are adopted,"

says Annette Thompson, Executive Director of Bone Voyage Dog Rescue, when commenting on the study.

A state-by-state analysis of the survey data revealed the strongest preference for shelter dog adoption is in Nebraska, with a remarkable 81% expressing a preference for shelter dogs over purebred breeds.

In a complementary study, Bone Voyage Dog Rescue used Google Search trends to understand the public's interest in shelter dogs over the past year. The insights from Google mirrored the survey data, reinforcing the shift towards shelter dog ownership.

Among the top 25 states most interested in shelter dog adoption, 22 demonstrated a marked shift towards this preference, as per the survey data. Wyoming, for instance, had the highest proportion of shelter dog searches, reflecting its second-place ranking in the survey. Similarly, New Mexico ranked third in Google searches for shelter dogs, aligning with its second-place position in the survey for those most likely to adopt a shelter dog.

The rising trend of shelter dog adoption holds considerable potential for improving animal welfare in the US. This shift could have multi-faceted benefits, creating a ripple effect that extends beyond the lives of the individual dogs adopted.

Secondly, an increase in the adoption of shelter dogs could influence the supply-demand dynamics of the pet industry. If consumers choose adoption over purchasing from breeders, it might discourage unethical breeding practices, including those prevalent in puppy mills. This change would further contribute to enhancing animal welfare on a larger scale.

Finally, each adopted dog's individual quality of life would likely see significant improvements. Home environments typically offer more space, personal attention, and stability than shelters. Adopted dogs receive consistent care, training, and socialization opportunities, leading to better physical health and behavioral outcomes. This transformation enriches the adopted dog's life and can bring immeasurable joy and companionship to the family adopting.

"This rising trend of adoption not only promises a brighter future for shelter dogs but also signifies a broader cultural shift towards responsible pet ownership and empathy towards animal welfare," adds Thompson. "The data certainly supports the trend, and it's a trend that would have immense impact across the animal welfare field."

Town of Spring Valley Board Meeting
MONDAY, September 11, 2023
Public Hearings for Fritz Wenger CUP, 6 PM
ORFORDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT MEETING ROOM
173 N. WRIGHT ST., ORFORDVILLE WI

CUP AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper notice
4. To consider an application by Fritz D Wenger 15043 W Lang Rd., Orfordville WI 53576 for an ag business conditional use permit to operate the selling and servicing of cargo trailers on 2 +/- acres of his property. This conditional use is provided for in the Town of Spring Valley Zoning Ordinance section 4.4. The 20 acre property is zoned A-1, located at 15043 W Lang Rd., Orfordville WI, tax parcel 6-18-126, on W20A NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 15-2-10.
5. Adjournment to regular meeting

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper notice
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Supervisor's reports
7. Chairman's report
8. Audience communication
9. Old Business
 - A. Rock County Public Works
 - B. Road work
 - C. Fire/EMS/New contract with Orfordville
 - D. Board decision on vacating the roads
 - E. Blonhaven
10. New business
11. Future agenda items
12. Payment of bills
13. Adjournment

Dela Ends, Clerk

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly town board meeting at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI for the following purpose: To consider an application by Fritz D Wenger 15043 W Lang Rd., Orfordville WI 53576 for an ag business conditional use permit to operate the selling and servicing of cargo trailers on 2 +/- acres of his property. This

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The Town of Spring Valley Planning & Zoning Committee will consider the application at its August 28, 2023 meeting and will advise the Board of their recommendation. A quorum of the Committee members may be present for information-gathering purposes.

Dela Ends, Clerk

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NOTICE ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION TOWN OF DECATUR RESIDENTS ONLY

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Please bring a valid driver's license or other sufficient proof of residency in the Town to the event.

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BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
7:00 P.M.

**** BUILDING TOURS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:30 P.M., FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR MEETING ****

This meeting is a meeting of the

Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the Agenda.

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- III. ROLL CALL
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- V. INFORMATION REPORTS
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

AGENDA

- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
 4. RESIGNATION(S)
 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
- VIII. KID CONNECTION ANNUAL REPORT
- IX. APPROVAL OF FFA TRIP TO NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN
- X. DISCUSSION OF POLICY 0167.3 – PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS
- XI. 1ST READING OF POLICY SECTIONS 4000 [SUPPORT STAFF] AND 6000 [FINANCES]
- XII. ESTABLISH THE DATE, TIME, & LOCATION FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- XIII. ADOPTION OF OCTOBER 2023 ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
- XIV. APPROVAL OF STUDENT FUNDRAISERS FOR 2023-24
- XV. APPROVAL OF 2022-23 BUDGET REVISIONS
- XVI. FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
- XVII. FUTURE AGENDA
- XVIII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f)
 - a. Consideration of Compensation of an Employee
 - b. Consideration to Approve Alternative Open Enrollment Applications
- XIX. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
- XX. ADJOURNMENT

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BBB tip: Back to school internet safety tips

Buying new supplies and clothes is not enough as your children return to school this year. You also should be thinking about how to help them stay safe online and avoid being easy targets for online scammers.

Parents: Be careful

• **Creating accounts on websites without permission:** Social media sites are ripe with strangers with intentions that may be quite different than yours. Many sites are designed to collect and sell unauthorized user details and behaviors to advertisers seeking targeted marketing. When creating an account, some kids may falsely create a birthdate to meet the minimum age requirement.

Know what your child is doing online, and keep track of the social media sites and accounts to which they have access.

• **Contests and giveaways:** Contests and giveaways often collect a hefty amount of personal information on their entry forms. Many are thinly disguised ways of collecting personal or financial information that could lead to identity theft. Ensure your child doesn't have access to banking or credit card information, and supervise the filling out of any forms.

• **Phishing:** Adults are not the only ones who receive spam and junk mail. Kids often get junk mail, and since they don't have much online experience, they are more susceptible to clicking on links and answer-

ing questions they probably shouldn't. While some emails may be legitimate, the last thing parents want, or need, is a \$500 bill from a fraudulent website where a purchase may have been made – or worse, giving up personal information that can be tracked back to your home.

• **Understand apps.** Short for "applications," apps are downloaded software that operates on various devices, such as smartphones. However, certain apps might collect and share personal information about your child or target your child with ads. Even free apps may include paid features, and children may not understand that some apps or game features cost money since they were

labeled free to download. They may click on these so-called free games and cost parents or guardians a hefty bill at the end of the month.

• **File sharing sites:** Many websites allow children to download free media. A child may not realize that these sites often come with the risk of downloading a virus, allowing identity thieves to access the gaming device, personal computer, or cell phone that's being used. From there, the cyberthief can track financial transactions, and physical location, or even tap into the household wifi without anyone knowing it.

How to manage online privacy for the family:

• **Know about the Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU).** CARU's self-regulatory program provides detailed guidance to children's advertisers on how to deal sensitively and honestly with children's issues. These guidelines go beyond the issues of truthfulness and accuracy to consider the uniquely impressionable and vulnerable child audience.

• **Know about COPPA.** The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act protects the personal information of children under 13 on websites and online services – including apps. COPPA requires those sites and services to notify parents and get their approval before they collect, use or disclose a child's personal information. However, if your nine-year-old tells Instagram they are 13 (the age requirement to use the app), this law won't protect them.

• **Know about FOSI.** The Family Online Safety Institute brings an international perspective to our online lives' potential risks, harms, and rewards. The Good Digital Parenting web portal is an excellent resource for families looking to

educate online safety measures in the Internet age.

• **Read privacy policies together and understand privacy settings.** Parents can have their children read the privacy policies and terms of use of any apps they want. While there might be a little grumbling that the policies "are too long" or that "it takes too much time," remind them of the importance of knowing what they are signing up for and insist that they are read. Then, learn and understand the privacy settings on each app and game.

• **Don't share your location.** Nearly every app automatically tracks a user's location. From placing an online order for groceries or fast food to playing an online game, review the apps on all your devices to see which ones are tracking your location. Then, if it's not needed, look in the settings to see how to disable this feature. Advise a friend or family member to avoid geo-tagging their posts with their location. Why? For example, you don't want to announce the fact your family is vacationing out of state while the house sits empty. A simple review of the geo-tagged post will reveal where you are.

• **Use parental controls if necessary.** Although the best way to keep a child's online privacy safe is to teach them to manage it themselves, it doesn't hurt to have their backs by using parental controls. Today Android, iOS, and most web browsers offer built-in features that allow parents to monitor their children's online activities, but third-party apps are also available. Research the option that works best. Follow through with the child to explain why you're monitoring their activities.

• **Share with care, and remember, personal information is like money.** What is posted online can last a lifetime: par-

ents can teach children that any information they share online can easily be copied and is almost impossible to take back. Talk to them about who might see a post and how it might be perceived, and show them how anything they do online can positively or negatively impact other people. Sharing personal information can also give online thieves an idea of what login information or passwords might be used for banking or other online accounts.

Teachers: Tips for students

• **Videoconferencing tools:** Just like businesses, ensure the online software used to deliver lectures, classroom work, and other online interactions is secure. The days of Zoom bombing, phishing, and other forms of cybercriminal activity aren't over.

• **Evaluate and update cybersecurity plans:** The sudden shutdown of in-person activities left many scrambling to change course in creating and delivering a curriculum. Now is the time for educators to develop a plan to notify students, faculty, and staff should there be a data breach or security problem once classes are back in session.

• **Keep a clean machine and update devices that connect to the internet:** Backing up critical lesson plans, personal information, and assignments is the best defense against viruses, malware, and other online threats. The only way to do this is to stay current on the most current software to protect against them.

For more information

Read more on keeping children safe online and visit BBB's Back to School HQ.

Visit the National Cybersecurity Alliance for the latest information.



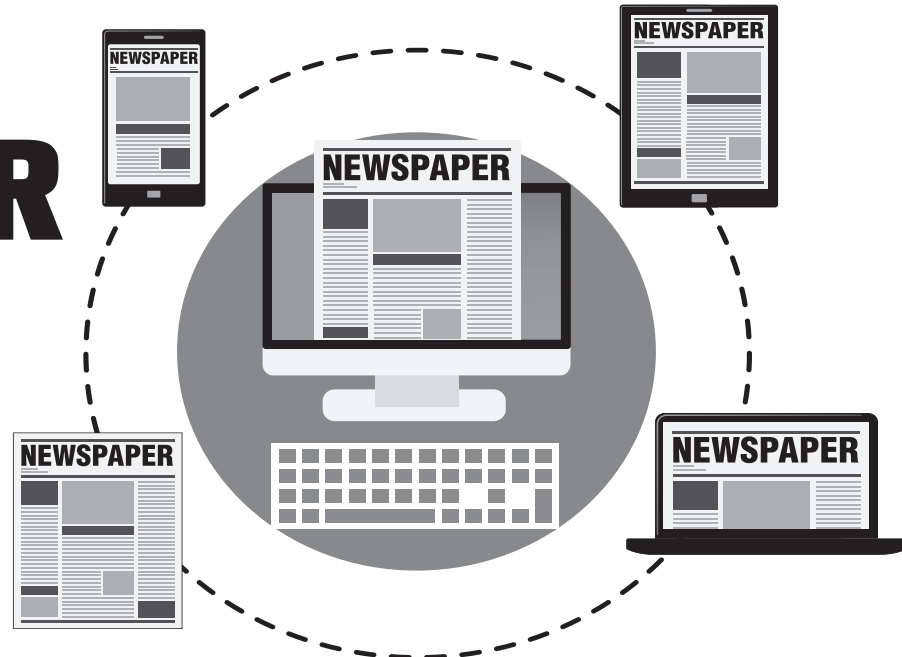
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Art of all kinds at Tallman Arts Festival

On Aug. 5, State Senator Mark Spreitzer attended the 65th Annual Tallman Arts Festival. It was wonderful to see many different vendors with art of all kinds – from ceramics to photography to paintings and more. He picked up a coffee mug from Rubato Pottery Studio and two paintings by Steve Wagner.

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FOOTBALL FRENZY CONTEST THIS WEEK AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS CONTEST POSSIBLE.

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