

August 2017



Vera, 7, had it made in the shade at Duck Creek Campground as campers enjoyed a beautiful weekend.

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to receive information about upcoming Portage events

Taste of Portage Market Fair

The Portage Chamber is getting ready for the 26th Annual Taste of Portage Market Fair. In addition to the great food and terrific live music at Market Square, new to the scene this year is an inflatable zip line that carries riders more than 70 feet. Thanks to Enbridge, the zip line and all kids activities are free to participate.

See the full schedule below. We hope to see you there!!

The Tastiest Weekend of the Year!



August
25-26, 2017
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Friday, August 25

Market Square in Downtown

- Food Court/Beer Tent 5pm
- Music by Best Practice 6pm-10pm



Saturday, August 26 at Market Square

- Food Court/Beer Tent 10am-5pm
- Music by Universal Sound Band 10am
- Music by Red Hot Horn Dawgs 2pm
- Kids Activities sponsored by Enbridge
Inflatable Zip Line/Bouncy House 11am-3pm
St. John's Craft Creation Station 11am-3pm
Balloon Artist and Magician 11am
Kids Tractor Pedal Pull 1pm



in Downtown

- Sidewalk Sales
- Craft Vendors on DeWitt St. 10am
- Car Show on Cook St. 10am
- Camel Rides & Petting Zoo 10am-3pm
- Music by Dixie Sizzlers 11am-2pm



Taste of Portage Sidewalk Sales

Some downtown retail businesses will be holding Sidewalk Sales during the Taste of Portage on Saturday, August 26:

Forever Yours Jewelry, 123 W. Cook St., is holding their sale from 9:30am to 2pm. Buy two Angelica jewelry items, get one free. Great Artsy Jewelry is 50% off and there is a showcase full of 60% off jewelry items.

All items at **R. Condon Gallery & Studio**, 223 W. Wisconsin St., will be 20% off.



September Business Luncheon

The Portage Area Chamber of Commerce is offering another way to network with your fellow Chamber members and make those important connections that can help you in your business or career. Bring your business cards, brochures, or anything you wish to share with other members.

Luncheon Information

Presenter: Keith Wohlfert, Communications Coordinator
Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

When used properly, electricity is a safe and efficient energy source that powers our modern world. Most of us use it every day to light our homes and make them more comfortable. It is an invaluable part of our work place, too. For all of its good qualities, it's important for us to always remember the awesome force of electricity.

Forgetting basic safety rules with electricity can result in serious harm or even death. Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative offers classes on electric safety. Lessons learned in classroom discussions are reinforced with their electric safety demonstrator used to show the potentially harmful effects of electricity. These safety programs are perfect for people of all ages, from elementary school students to adults, and specialty groups such as emergency response personnel.

PLEASE RSVP. CALL THE CHAMBER AT 608-742-6242!

Where: B & B Hitching Post, 2503 W. Wisconsin St.
Time: Lunch at 11:30AM, Presentation at Noon
Cost: Pay for your lunch at the restaurant
Date: Tuesday, September 5



Welcome New Members

A-1 Movers of Portage

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Journey Mental Health

322 DeWitt St. Portage, WI 53901
Dawn Anderson-Mueller at 608-745-9292

One of the largest outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment clinics in the leader in progressive community-based, culturally competent, person centered/recovery focused and trauma informed services.

Portage Area Community Fund

PO Box 293 Portage, WI 53901
Bill Tierney at 608-742-3172

An endowment used to support local charitable causes providing

Portage named one of the Best Cities to Start a Small Business

A new study just named Portage as the 6th best place in Wisconsin to start a small business.



The study by LendEDU, evaluated Wisconsin communities on three criteria, including Population (daytime population and forecasted future population growth), Expenses (property taxes, sales taxes, utility costs, etc.) and Disposable Income available to residents (including the forecasted 5-year future income growth). The study ranks 700 Wisconsin communities.

The full report and methodology can be found by clicking on the LendEDU logo above.

Ridge Motor Inn
2900 New Pinery Rd.
608-742-5306

Ridge Health & Fitness Center

The advertisement features a photograph of a hotel room with a bed and a desk. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Friendship Village celebrates Portage Railroad History

Come and enjoy a fun-filled day on Saturday, August 19 as Friendship Village celebrates Portage Railroad History. The day begins at 10am at the Museum at the Portage, 804 MacFarlane Rd., with a remembrance program followed by Portage Railroad History.

Later, the Portage Women's Civic League, 506 W. Edgewater St., hosts a Pie & Ice Cream Social from 2pm to 4pm on the lawn by the Wisconsin River. Free will donations are accepted.

How is Policy Affecting Your Business?

Policy Day 2017 will be the can't-miss event of the fall when it comes to local, state and federal legislative updates. Featuring multiple tracks on different topics and top-notch general session speakers, this event is sure to make headlines. If you want the latest information on how proposals will impact your business, attend Policy Day 2017, which features four breakout tracks each on Tax Policy, Human Resources Policy and Energy & Environmental Policy.



[Register Today!](#)

WMC POLICY DAY 2017

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center, Madison

Open House at Madison College

Join Madison College for a closer look at the Portage campus located at 330 W. Collins St. and what they have to offer you on Wednesday, August 16 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Explore the facilities and programs, participate in hands-on activities, apply for free with help from our staff, and enjoy light refreshments.



Interested in manufacturing, industrial maintenance & welding? Come to the Portage Enterprise Center, 1800 Kutzke Road. Portage. There is no need to register-just drop in. Children are welcome. For more information, call 608-745-3100 or 800-322-6282.

FWSQ seeking tour guides

Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters is looking for tour guides/docents from August 23-October 15. Join their team in making history come alive. Help preserve and share Wisconsin history and a community treasure while working with amazing people.

Some requirements of the position include good communication skills, an ability to work weekdays and/or weekends, and a love of Wisconsin and local history. For more information, call Nancy at 608-790-4897 or email ntburns@charter.net.



Run a flyer in the newsletter

Run a flyer in the Chamber newsletter or weekly news for just \$20. Spread the word about your event or business. We'll take the ad as a pdf or jpg no larger than 8.5"x11". The deadline for submitting an ad in the weekly news is Noon on Wednesdays or the 20th of the month for the monthly newsletter.

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Stuff the Bus

The Portage Lions Club invites you to Stuff the Bus for their annual school supply drive. They will be collecting school supplies and books for students of the Portage Public Schools at Walmart, 2950 New Pinery Rd.

Collection dates are August 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 4pm to 7pm and August 26 from 12pm to 4pm.



Downtown Walking Tours

City of Portage Tourism invites you to come along for the last downtown walking tour guided by local historian Judy Eulberg this summer.

The free, hour-long tour departs from the Chamber office at 104 W. Cook St. at 10am on Saturday, August 5.

Self-guided tours are also possible anytime by picking up the downtown walking tour brochure outside the Chamber office. For more information, call the Portage Chamber at 608-742-6242.



Saturday Downtown Markets

The next Saturday Downtown Market is scheduled for August 5 at Commerce Plaza from 9am to 3pm. For those interested in participating, booths are \$15. [Click here](#) for a vendor sign-up form.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Market on September 9. For more information, call Erin at 608-566-9804 or Portagemarket@gmail.com.

Laura's dances to new location

Laura's School of Dance has moved to 201 East Albert St., the former location of Portage CrossFit Cooperative. 866 - DANCE56.

Registration for fall classes will be held on August 4, from 4pm to 6pm and on August 17, from 5pm to 7pm. Register in person at 201 E. Albert St. for dance and tumbling classes.



CrossFit works out new location

Portage

CrossFit Cooperative has moved to next door from their former location. The new address is 211 E. Albert St. New class times are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am.



For more information about Portage CrossFit, call 608-345-7109.

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Introducing WisConnect

The Department of Workforce Development recently announced the launch of WisConnect - Your Source for Wisconsin

Internships. The mobile-responsive and user-friendly website will help Wisconsin employers create, market and find the best and brightest college talent for internship opportunities throughout the state.



The site is open to all college students with an active .edu email address to create an account, upload their resume and search for Wisconsin internship opportunities by geography, college major and more. WisConnect makes it easy for employers to develop profiles and internship openings that

market to college talent. Specific features include:

Employers with existing JobCenterofWisconsin.com profiles can use the same sign in information to access WisConnect; internship openings on JobCenterofWisconsin.com are automatically featured on WisConnect at no charge.

- Access to key resources and assets to start an internship program and post openings, including options to develop an advanced employer profile
- Search for internship candidates by location, by major and by key skills and competencies

Resource for college students include:

- Access vital resources on how to search, apply, interview and prepare for an internship position
- Search employers by company name and search internship opportunities by location
- Upload a resume and other portfolio items such as references, cover letters and more to market themselves to potential employers

For more information, click on the WisConnect logo above.



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St. Mary's Golf Outing

St. Mary School is holding their 21st Annual Golf Outing Scramble on Sunday, August 27 at Portage Country Club. This event supports the St. Mary School Technology Fund and the Patty Quigley Scholarship Fund.

Registration starts at 11am with a shotgun start at 1pm at Portage Country Club. The cost is \$75 and includes golf, cart, dinner & prizes. Dinner is \$25.

Questions? Contact us at 608-742-6998. Sponsorships are available! Information and registration can be found by clicking the logo at right.



Looking for a Hot Deal? See our list!

Check out our Hot Deals webpage for deals our Chamber members are offering. Have a Hot Deal of your own you want others to know about? Post your deals on our webpage and join the Hot Deal brigade! There is no charge for posting a Hot Deal, so post away! If you have questions, call the Chamber office at 608-742-6242 to get started.

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[Click here](#) to see the specials that are currently running!

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Ribbon Cuttings

A ribbon cutting was held for Hart and Olson Dental, 225 Gunderson Drive, to welcome Dr. Brian Hart to the practice.

Dr. Brian Hart joined his father Dr. Gerald Hart and Dr. Matthew Olson in June at the newly remodeled Hart & Olson Family Dentistry clinic. Brian grew up in Portage and has enjoyed seeing many familiar faces. He is happy to be providing patient care Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 608-742-3272.



Building Facade Improvements

A matching loans funds program exists for the purpose of upgrading and improving the exterior front, side and rear facades of existing privately owned businesses. The loan program will facilitate completions of many smaller scale exterior improvement projects.

Funding for this program was made possible through the City of Portage and Portage Area Chamber of Commerce's participation in the America's Best Communities competition, sponsored by Frontier Communications.

[Read the guidelines of the facade grant program.](#) [View the grant application.](#)

Give Portage Green Gift Certificates

Portage Green Gift Certificates make an excellent gift. Used just like cash, the certificates can be purchased from the Portage Chamber in \$5, \$10 and \$25 increments. Recipients of the Portage Green may redeem them at [these participating Chamber member businesses](#). By buying Portage Green Gift Certificates, you are helping to boost local business by keeping thousands of dollars right here in Portage. For more information, call the Chamber at 608-742-6242.

Got News?

What is your business up to? Pass along information and corresponding photos to graphics@portagewi.com and let us help spread the word about the great things your business or organization is doing. The deadline is the 20th of each month.

August Community Events

Spread the word about your events by posting them on our [website!](#)

- 2 Concerts at the Portage
- 3 Portage Lions Stuff the Bus event at Portage Walmart
- 3 Beer & Prohibition presentation at Museum at the Portage
- 3-4 Heart Care at DSH
- 4 Register for Fall Dance Classes at Laura's School of Dance
- 4-26 Skate Board Art Exhibition at Portage Center for the Arts
- 5 Portage City Flea Market at Veterans Memorial Field
- 5 Downtown Saturday Market at Commerce Plaza
- 5 Downtown Walking Tour (begins at Chamber office)
- 5 Backyard Bash at VFW
- 5 Rock N Wool Winery Summer Party
- 6 Bingo at the VFW
- 8 Yarn Field Trip at Mercantile
- 9 A Taste of the Fox at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters
- 10 'Smart Cookie' Sale at Divine Savior Healthcare
- 10 Healthy Baby Supply Drive at Blau Family Chiropractic & Integrated Wellness
- 10 Portage Lions Stuff the Bus event at Walmart
- 11 Spirit of the Agency House Night Walks

- 12 Kiwanis Ride 2 Read bike ride fundraiser
- 13 Cruisin' for Critters benefit for Columbia County Humane Society
- 16 Open House at Madison College - Portage
- 17 VFW Social Night
- 17 Mandela Rock Painting Workshop at Portage Public Library
- 17 Portage Lions Stuff the Bus event at Walmart
- 17 Register for Fall Dance Classes at Laura's School of Dance
- 18 Bingo at Our House Senior Living
- 18-20 Zona Gale Young People's Theatre production at Portage Center for the Arts
- 19 Zona Gale Celebrates Friendship Village
- 19 Music Fest at Lawton Field
- 20 Antiques Appraisals at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters
- 20 Bingo at the VFW
- 22 Heritage Ice Age Trail Chapter Hikes - Portage Canal segment
- 22 Card Making Workshop at Portage Public Library
- 24 Get the Scoop on Retirement seminar at Aging & Disability Resource Center
- 24 Portage Lions Stuff the Bus event at Walmart
- 25-26 Taste of Portage Market Fair
- 25-27 Zona Gale Young People's Theatre production at Portage Center for the Arts
- 26 Silver Lake Triathlon
- 26 Portage Lions Stuff the Bus event at Walmart
- 27 St. Mary's Golf Outing
- 28 Portage Sharing Supper at Wayne Bartels Middle School
- 29 Family Day at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters
- 29-30 Portage Area Community Theatre open auditions at Portage Library for fall production

Weekly Recurring Events


- New Movie Mondays at Portage Public Library at 10am
- Beer Bucket Bingo at Jack's Tap every Monday at 6:30pm
- Concerts at the Portage at VFW every Wednesday at 6:30pm
- Farmer's Market every Thursday at Commerce Plaza, Noon to 5pm
- Portage Theatres' Summer Series, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10am (ends August 24)
- Portage United Methodist Church Bible Study at Heritage House, Tuesdays at 10am
- Portage United Methodist Church Worship Service at Heritage House, Tuesdays at 11am

For more information about these and other events, go to www.portagewi.com.

Organizing an event or having a sale?

Submit your event or sale to us and have it appear on the Chamber website calendar of events. You may enter your event by [clicking here](#). Please note: Your submission will take a while to appear as the Chamber office first reviews the submissions before approving them to appear on the web calendar. For more information, please call our office 608-742-6242.

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