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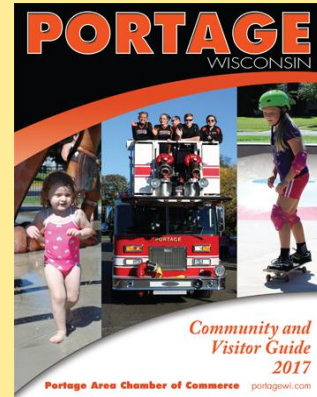
to receive information about upcoming Portage events

## 2018 Community Guide & Member Directory

The Portage Area Chamber of Commerce is planning the 2018 Community Guide & Membership Directory. Your opportunity to advertise in the guide is now. Our advertising representative, Jacklyn Ewerdt, will soon be contacting businesses to advertise.

The guide could be the first exposure your business receives from those relocating or visiting our community. The number of guides printed next year will be 20,000 and should be out in March 2018.

For more information about this great publication, call the Portage Chamber office at 608-742-6242.



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## 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.



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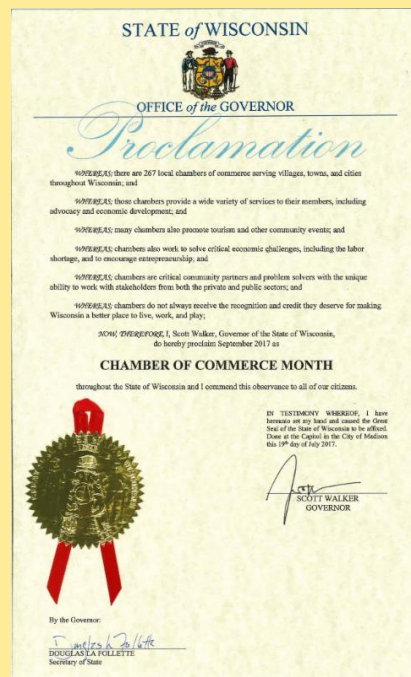
Where: B & B Hitching Post  
Time: Lunch at 11:30AM, Presentation at Noon  
Cost: Pay for your lunch at the restaurant  
Date: Tuesday, September 5

## September is Chamber of Commerce Month

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker proclaimed September Chamber of Commerce month throughout the state of Wisconsin. The proclamation recognizes there are 267 local chambers of commerce serving villages, towns, and cities throughout Wisconsin. Those Chambers provide a wide variety of services to their members, including advocacy and economic development, while also promoting tourism and other community events.

Chambers also work to solve critical economic challenges, including the labor shortage, and encourage entrepreneurship. At the end of the day, Chambers try to make Wisconsin a better place to live, work, and play.

For more information call us at 608-742-6242.





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#### Happy Halloween Labor Day Rain Event

Purchase a new vehicle this Friday, Saturday or Monday.

If it rains 2" or more on Halloween then you GET YOUR MONEY BACK!

**Disclaimer:** Must purchase a new vehicle from a participating Home Run Auto Group dealership during normal business hours on Friday, 9/1 through Monday, 9/4. MUST RAIN 2" or more at the closest weather station to the dealership purchased from between 12:00am on 10/31/17 to 11:59pm on 10/31/17. Rain total is per the US Government Weather Service for each store location. See [halloweenlabordayevent.com](http://halloweenlabordayevent.com) for details.

## Taste of Portage Market Fair recap

The 26th Annual Taste of Portage Market Fair wrapped up on Saturday afternoon, August 26. This Taste of Portage will be remembered for cooler temperatures, free kid's activities (Thank You Enbridge!) including an inflatable zip line, and a wide variety of food options with four new food vendors joining the new Festival Foods Food Court.

The camel rides and petting zoo were really popular with youngsters. At right, Natalie Moll, age 3, of Portage had a great time hitching a ride on the friendly camel.

The kids' tractor pedal pull attracted double the number of participants over last year. Below right,



Cassidy Klawitter, age 5, of Westfield took the wheel and gave her best effort in the competition.

Close to 90 classic vehicles were on display during the car show along Cook St. and more than 45 craft vendors displayed their wares along DeWitt St.



Of course, this being the Taste of Portage, food is a big deal. The new Festival Food Court had eleven local vendors offering 30 varieties of food to sample. This event serves as a fundraiser for local non-profits and gives restaurants the opportunity for some exposure and the chance to attract new customers.

Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors for making this year's experience a great one!!



Welcome New Chamber Members

### **Bauman's Natural Meats**

N2979 County Roads B & H Markesan, WI  
Kalton & Sheryl Bauman at 920-394-3952

Bauman's is a family owned and operated farm, selling their natural meats at various farmers markets and catering events.

## WI Clean Cities webinar

Wisconsin Clean Cities plans to co-host a Webinar with Alliant Energy on fueling transportation with sustainable solutions. The content of the presentation will be on reducing vehicle emissions and increasing fuel economy and helping the environment as well as the organization's profitability.



Mentioned in the discussion will be electrification technologies such as electric forklifts, electric truck refrigeration units (TRUs) and electric vehicles (EVs). The presentation will also focus on market trends, incentives and funding available in Wisconsin.

Link to register for the webinar:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5823531835378080514>

Wisconsin Clean Cities Events and Brief Description of the Webinar:

[http://www.wicleancities.org/events\\_news\\_videos/events.php](http://www.wicleancities.org/events_news_videos/events.php)



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## Wind ensemble at PCA

Conductor and Music Director, Lawrence Dale Harper, established the Wisconsin Wind Orchestra in 1995 as one of the only professional wind ensembles in the world. They regularly perform concerts at venues throughout Wisconsin, have made numerous CD recordings, and have appeared in concerts and radio broadcasts worldwide.



The Wisconsin Wind Orchestra will perform at Portage Center for the Arts, 301 E. Cook St., on Saturday, September 30 at 7:30pm. Reserved Seating: Adults \$15 | Students \$5. Call 608-742-5655 or visit the office to reserve your seats, or purchase them online!

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## Apple Fest at FWSQ

Come to Apple Fest at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters on Saturday, September 23 from 10am to 4pm. There will be an apple cider press, pumpkin carving, leaf art for children, Fall food items for sale, tours of the Quarters in period costumes, and Artisans of the 1830 demonstrations.



A Photo History of FWSQ Presentation will start at 2pm. For more information, call 608-742-2949 or visit <http://www.fortwinnebagosurgeonsquarters.org/>



*Ridge Motor Inn*

## Ridge Health & Fitness Center

2900 New Pinery Rd.

608-742-5306

## Jack's Tap Party is Back

Celebrate Jack's Tap 1st Anniversary of their Grand Opening on Saturday, September 9 with live music, food, fun and games. Pat McCurdy will be on stage at 2pm and the Whiskey Belles on stage

from 7pm-10pm. There will be food and a 50/50 raffle by the American Legion Post #47.

Jack's Tap is located at 1207 Dunn St. For more information, call 608-566-1666.



## 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.



## Creating a supply chain for Foxconn

**Supply Chain Marketplace ready for companies seeking to do business with Foxconn; MadREP invites companies to showcase capabilities with free, statewide online tool**

The Foxconn logo is the word "FOXCONN" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "O" is stylized with a small circle inside it.

The Wisconsin Supply Chain Marketplace, facilitated by the state's Regional Leadership Council (RLC), has unveiled a Foxconn-specific directory for companies

seeking potential business opportunities with the manufacturer. Madison Region Economic Partnership (MadREP) invites businesses from the eight-county region to take advantage of this tool to make the state and Foxconn aware of their products and/or services.

The goal of the Supply Chain Marketplace is to connect suppliers with buyers. It allows companies to find new customers and to reach new markets by highlighting their capabilities, and by making connections. Since Foxconn Technology Group announced plans to build a world-class manufacturing campus in Wisconsin, the New North Inc., which initiated and hosts the directory through a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense, has been working closely with Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and its regional partners to build a supply chain directory tailored specifically to Foxconn.

MadREP is one of nine regional economic development members of the RLC, given access to the tool in 2016 when it launched statewide. MadREP has been working to build the directory with as many suppliers from the region, in all sectors, as possible. The recent Foxconn announcement provides a convenient and timely opportunity for companies to enter the queue to work with the Taiwanese tech giant as it gets its footing in Wisconsin. This is especially critical because of Wisconsin's requirement that Foxconn invest \$1.4 billion in the state's supply chain.

Any business in the state is eligible to enter a profile at [www.wisupplychainmarketplace.com](http://www.wisupplychainmarketplace.com), free of charge. For more information or assistance creating a company profile, contact MadREP SVP of Economic Development Michael Gay at [michaelg@madisonregion.org](mailto:michaelg@madisonregion.org) or MadREP Research & Communications Manager Jin Park-Higbee at [jparkhigbee@madisonregion.org](mailto:jparkhigbee@madisonregion.org).

## Kid's Day at Culvers

This Health, Safety & Environmental Awareness Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 10am to 1pm at Culvers, 2733 New Pinery Road. Some of the events for the day

include: spinal, dental and eye screenings, a photographed ID kit, bouncy house, tours of a fire truck, ambulance, school bus and police car.

Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Portage Food Pantry and you will be entered to win a prize! For more information, call Rachel at 608-742-1300.



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## Sauk Columbia SHRM upcoming meetings

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management, representing more than 275,000 in over 160 countries. SHRM has a growing network of more than 575 affiliated chapters and 400 student chapters.



The Society serves the needs of HR professional professionals and advances the interests of the Human Resource profession. The next meeting is September 13 at Monk's at the Wilderness; 11:15am Registration; 11:30am Business Meeting; 11:45am-1pm Program. [Click Here](#) for the 2017-2018 Program Schedule.

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## All Things Senior Expo

Mark your calendar for the sixth annual All Things Senior Expo hosted by Our House Senior Living on Thursday, November 2 from 10am-2:30pm at Ho-Chunk Gaming in Wisconsin Dells, held in conjunction with their weekly Senior Citizens Day.

The even is the largest Senior Event in Central Wisconsin, hosting over 400 seniors from Sauk, Juneau, Dane, Adams and Columbia Counties, and featuring exhibitors, wellness checks and educational breakout sessions.

Support this event by becoming a sponsor or vendor. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Hospitality Sponsorships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Lunch will be provided to all vendors registered for Expo Event. Early Bird registration for vendors is \$75 if received by September 4.

To reserve your booth or to become a sponsor, please fill out the [registration form](#). If you have any questions please contact Briana Enger at 608-566-4799.



## Saturday Downtown Markets

Mark your calendars for the Downtown Fall Market on September 2 at Commerce Plaza from 9am to 3pm. For those interested in participating, booths are \$15. Call Erin at 566-9804.

## Dinner & Wine Pairing fundraiser

The Portage Service Club Association will host a benefit dinner to raise funds for the pavilion at Pauquette Park on Saturday, September 23 at 5pm at the NorthShore Restaurant with dinner at 6pm. There is limited seating for this chef's table style dining experience with wine pairing accompanying each course.

Tickets are \$100 per person, available at BonBon and Bordeaux, NorthShore Restaurant and the Portage Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets can be purchased by check only, payable to the Portage Service Club Association. For more info, call Bon Bon and Bordeaux at 608-617-0936.



## Text PACC to 51660

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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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## Chamber September Meetings & Events

- 4 Closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- 5 Monthly Luncheon at B&B Hitching Post 11:30am
- 6 Ambassador Meeting at Chamber office 8am
- 12 Planning meeting for Launch Portage 3:30pm
- 27 Ribbon Cutting at Festival Foods 10am

## 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](mailto: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.

## September Community Events

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

- 1 Free Rummage! at Seventh-Day Adventist Church
- 1 Opening Reception for David Mngodo exhibit at Portage Center for the Arts
- 2 VFW Post 1707 Gun Raffle
- 2 Saturday Flea Market & Craft Fair at Commerce Plaza
- 2 Portage Presbyterian Church Brat Sale at Festival Foods Brat Hut
- 3-4 Free Rummage! at Seventh-Day Adventist Church
- 5 Portage Chamber Business Luncheon at B & B Hitching Post
- 6 Puppy Kindergarten Class at Madison College - Portage (six weeks)
- 6 Dog Obedience Class at Madison College - Portage (six weeks)
- 7 Join Scouting Event at Portage Public Library
- 8 Spirit of the Agency House Night Walks
- 8 Teen Button Making & Fall Programs Kick-off at Portage Public Library
- 9 DAR membership interest meeting at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters
- 9 Portage City Flea Market at Veterans Memorial Field
- 9 Columbia County K9 Unit Golf Outing
- 9 Alzheimer's Benefit Dinner & Auction
- 9 Jack's Tap Party is Back
- 10 Alzheimer's Walk at Riverside Park in Portage
- 10 Portage United Methodist Church Rally Day Carnival
- 13 Sauk Columbia SHRM meeting
- 14 'Smart' Cookie Sale at Divine Savior Healthcare
- 15 Bingo at Our House Senior Living
- 16 Historic Indian Agency House Living History Weekend
- 16 Kid's Day at Culver's Restaurant
- 17 Bingo at the VFW
- 18 End of Life Strategy at Portage Public Library (two days, Sept. 18 & 25)
- 20 Beginner Ballroom Dancing Class at Rusch Elementary (six weeks)
- 21 VFW Post 1707 Meat Raffle Night
- 22 Ballroom Dancing Class at Rusch Elementary (six weeks)
- 23 Apple Fest at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters
- 23 Portage Color Run Family Course & 5k at Portage High ball diamonds
- 23 5th Annual Walk for Hope at Portage High School track
- 25 Portage Sharing Supper at Wayne Bartels Middle School
- 27 Autumn Arts Dinner & Auction supporting Portage Center for the Arts
- 28 Portage Center for the Arts Brown Bag Lunch Series
- 30 Wisconsin Wind Orchestra at Portage Center for the Arts

### Weekly Recurring Events


New Movie Mondays at Portage Public Library at 10am  
Beer Bucket Bingo at Jack's Tap every Monday at 6:30pm  
Farmer's Market every Thursday at Commerce Plaza, Noon to 5pm  
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](http://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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