



NEWS BREAK July 2017

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Concert in the Park

The versatile band Copper Box got the evening of the 25th Annual Concert in the Park Fireworks Celebration started with a wide variety of foot-tapping tunes to pave the way for the milestone occasion of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra taking the Pauquette Park stage for the 25th consecutive year.

Following opening remarks by Maestro Andrew Sewell, the orchestra, accompanied by soprano Sarah Lawrence, gracefully played a few well-known tunes from *Evita* and *The Sound of Music*. There were even a few numbers that Badger fans could get behind, as the orchestra played *Songs to Thee Wisconsin*.

A great fireworks display over the Wisconsin River capped off the evening. Thank you to our generous concert sponsors and everyone who came out to enjoy the performances and the fireworks.





Chamber Golf Outing

Thanks to all the golfers for supporting the Chamber by participating in the 35th Annual Chamber Golf Outing. Despite the weather, the golfers stuck around and made it a great evening, one that will not be soon forgotten. A big 'Thank You' goes out to Chad and his staff at The NorthShore for doing a terrific job throughout the event and providing a great dinner.



We had some outstanding door prizes and raffle prizes to give away this year due to the generosity of our member businesses, so thank you to those businesses that donated items.

Mark your calendars for next year's golf outing on June 13, 2018.

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Business Profile

St. Vincent de Paul - Portage

The St. Vincent de Paul mission - Helping our neighbors in need, here in Columbia County.

We offer assistance in many different ways. An on premise food pantry available 6 days a week is located at our store 1311 W. Wisconsin St. in Portage. It is stocked on a daily basis with fresh produce, dairy, and bread in addition to many of our other essential food items. Free clothing, furniture and household goods are also available at this location, as well as a loan closet - a variety of medical aids to borrow at no cost.



A free medical clinic is available every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. The clinic, located at Wilz Drug, 140 E. Cook St., in downtown Portage, has had over 11,000 patient visits since they first opened in November of 2010. No appointment is necessary. Assistance is offered whether a person is insured or not insured.

Mobile food distribution partnered with Second Harvest and Catholic Charities happens every 2nd Monday of the month at Veterans Memorial Field, 301 Superior St., in Portage.

Revenues that are generated from the sale of donated goods fund some of the assistance that we offer. Generous financial donation gifts from caring people who are familiar with and support our mission also enable us to offer the charity we provide.

We completed an interior remodel three months ago. Now is a great time to come and see what is new on the sales floor today and discover what we do for our neighbors in need. For more information, call 608-742-5513.



Ridge Motor Inn

Ridge Health & Fitness Center
2900 New Pinery Rd.
608-742-5306

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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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Heart Care 2017

Divine Savior Healthcare's annual Heart Care Program will be held August 3 & 4 from 6:30am to 10am in Suite 100 at Divine Savior Healthcare, 2817 New Pinery Rd, Portage. Screening includes blood pressure, HDL, LDL, total cholesterol, glucose, and triglycerides.



The cost is only \$15. An appointment is required. To schedule an appointment, call the special screening phone line at 745-6406 between July 17 and 20, 9am-5pm.

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Columbia County Fair

The 166th Columbia County Fair is scheduled for July 26 through July 30 at the fairgrounds in Portage. [Click here](#) for a schedule of events.



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.



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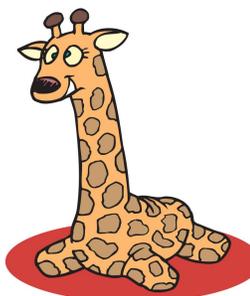
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Giggles for Kids adding puzzles, coloring books

In the next few weeks Giggles for Kids will be adding adult Springbok puzzles and other Springbok items to its collection. There will be many 350-piece to 1000-piece puzzles, including "family" puzzles, card shufflers, adult coloring books, colored pencils, and games.

Arriving about the same time as the Springbok products are the Choose Your Own Adventure Books. These are great books for reluctant readers, as well as others. They read about a certain situation and pick which direction they want the story to continue. The books are very popular with elementary and some middle school kids.



Giggles for Kids is located inside the Mercantile, 117 W. Cook St., in downtown Portage. For more information, call 608-745-5768.



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Local K9 Unit Golf Outing

The Portage Police Department K-9 Unit will host the 2nd annual K9 Golf Outing on Saturday, July 29,

at the Portage Country Club. Proceeds will go to support the K9 Unit to pay for vet bills, equipment, and training.

The golf outing event is for everyone. Participants will enjoy food, hole prizes, and silent auction. Help continue to fund the K9 program, and fight drug and substance abuse.

[Click here for registration form.](#) [Click here to sponsor the event.](#)



Edgewater celebrates 40 years

Edgewater Home & Garden has been there to inspire you, and help you to make your life beautiful, inside and out! This independent, family- owned garden center and full-service florist has been serving south central Wisconsin since 1977.



Stop in during their 40th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 8. Check out the recently added Hallmark Gold Crown store inside their location at 2957 County Rd. CX. For more information, call 608-742-6558.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Portage Public Library will hold their annual book sale starting Wednesday, July 19 at the library, 253 W. Edgewater St. That evening, from 6pm to 8pm, members of Friends of the Library are welcome to preview the sale; memberships are available at the door.



The public is invited to attend the sale on Thursday, July 20 from 9am-8pm; Friday, July 21 from 9am-5:30pm; Saturday, July 22 from 9am-1:30pm (bag of books = \$1, bags provided). On Monday, July 24 at 9am, all books are free.

Prairie Flower Beads celebrates 7 years

Don't miss the amazing Anniversary Sale going on at Prairie Flower Beads, 210 W. Cook St.

Stop in before July 9th for big discounts on stones, pearls, crystals, pendants, Czech glass strands, tools, books, and much more, with drawings, treats and in-store specials during Anniversary Sale on Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9.



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Portage Area Community Fund

An inaugural informational and sharing meeting of the new Portage Area Community Fund will be held on Tuesday, July 25 in the Bidwell Room of the Portage Library from 6:30pm to 8pm.

For more information about the fund, [click here](#).



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Relay for Life of Portage

Cancer touches everyone in some way, and it is not a journey that is taken alone. We invite everyone to join us at this community event! Remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make an impact on cancer on Friday, July 14 from 6pm to 11 pm at the Portage High School Track

The event begins with an opening ceremony at 6pm. A luminary ceremony is scheduled for 9:15 pm. In between there is food, fun, games, silent auction, and flower sale. Luminaria will be available from 5pm to 9pm on the day of as well.

These bags can be purchased in honor or memory of someone touched by cancer and caregiver bags to honor those who provide love and support during the cancer journey. Survivors are encouraged to register for the Survivor Celebration by contacting Janice Grothman at 608-742-2946.

To form a team, make a (cash, silent auction or sponsorship) donation, purchase luminaria or get more event information, please contact Kristi Grothman Rickey at 608-697-5532 or via email sistermary93@hotmail.com.



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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DEAL**

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

Ribbon Cuttings

A ribbon cutting was held for Portage Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram to welcome new dealer ownership to Portage.

"Big Town Selection, Small Town Service!"

For more information, call 608-742-7141-3013. Portage Ford is located at 3013 County Highway CX on the north side of town.



A ribbon cutting was held for Edgewater Home & Garden, 2957 County Highway CX, to welcome the addition of Hallmark Gold Crown as part of the business.

The Hallmark Gold Crown department will include cards for year-round occasions and holidays, gift wrap and a selection of gifts. They are excited to bring Hallmark to customers to help them communicate, connect and celebrate their special times.

For more information, call 608-742-6558.



A ribbon cutting was held for Rock N Wool Winery, W7817 Drake Rd., Poynette, to welcome this business as a member of the Portage Chamber.

They pride themselves as a Wisconsin winery, using grapes that grow in Wisconsin and using local artists for crafts and entertainment and partnering with local business. They believe in their motto: "Taste Wisconsin".

For more info, call 608-635-4339.



A ribbon cutting was held for Fort Winnebago Masonic Center to celebrate their new location at 205 DeWitt St.

The new Masonic Center is available for private events (wedding receptions, class reunions, etc.). All of the Masons' fundraising benefits local causes like the high school scholarship program and the Portage Police K-9 unit. 2B1ASK1.

A ribbon cutting was held for St. Vincent de Paul to celebrate their remodel at 1311 W. Wisconsin St.

An on premise food pantry open 6 days a week, as well as the free medical clinic - just two examples of how they assist Columbia County neighbors in need.

For more information, call Tricia at 608-742-5513.



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.

July Community Events

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

Through July 29 Art That Blooms at Portage Center for the Arts

- 7 Hope House Support Group at Portage Public Library
- 7 Spirit of the Agency House Night Walks
- 8 Edgewater Home & Garden 40th Anniversary Celebration
- 8-9 Prairie Flower Beads 7th Anniversary Celebration
- 10-15 Youth Theatre Workshop at Portage Center for the Arts
- 10 Teen Movie Monday at Portage Public Library
- 12 Healthy Living with Diabetes Class at Divine Savior Healthcare
- 12 Summer Speaker Series at Historic Indian Agency House
- 12 Music on the Hill at Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters
- 13 'Smart' Cookie Sale
- 14 American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Portage at Portage High School track
- 15 Youth Theatre Performance at Portage Center for the Arts
- 15 Elks Exhausted Rooster Golf Outing
- 16 Bingo at the VFW
- 17 Teen Movie Monday at Portage Public Library
- 17-20 Divine Savior Healthcare Heart Care Registration (Heart Care Program Aug. 3 &4)
- 19 Healthy Living with Diabetes Class at Divine Savior Healthcare
- 19 Summer Speaker Series at Indian Agency House
- 19-22 &24 Friends of the Portage Library Book Sale 2017
- 20 VFW Social Night
- 20 TRISIS: Three sisters. One voice. Performance at Portage Center for the Arts
- 21 Hope House Support Group at Portage Public Library
- 21 Bingo at Our House Senior Living
- 21 Downtown Beer Hop 2017
- 22 Greater Portage Youth Education Foundation Hall of Fame Banquet and Golf Outing
- 22 River Haven Fundraiser Car Wash
- 25 Portage Area Community Fund Inaugural Meeting at Portage Public Library
- 26 Healthy Living with Diabetes at Divine Savior Healthcare
- 26 Summer Speaker Series at Historic Indian Agency House
- 26 Open House at Hart & Olson Family Dentistry
- 26-30 Columbia County Fair
- 29 Portage Skateboard Levee Cruise
- 29 Portage Police Department K-9 Golf Outing
- 31 Portage Sharing Supper at Wayne Bartels Middle School

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
- 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.

The Portage Area Chamber of Commerce is providing leadership for building a healthy economy and a high quality of life in the Portage Area.

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