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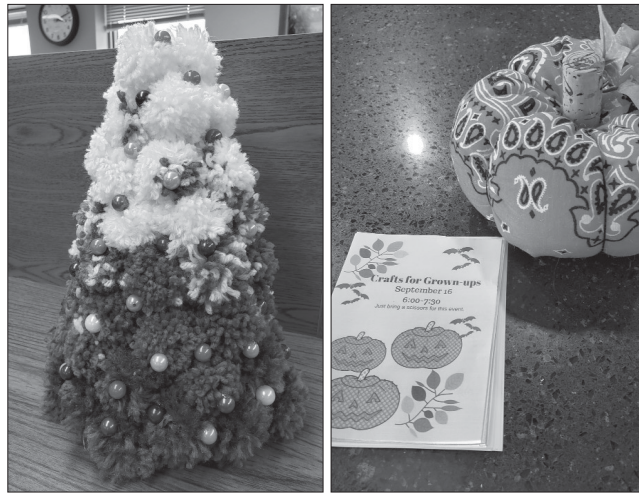
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A pom-pom Christmas tree, left, and a bandana pumpkin are two examples of crafts created in Crafts for Grown-ups at the Jack Russell Memorial Library. The program returns to the library Monday.

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# Crafting a journey of creativity

Crafts for Grown-ups returns to Hartford library

By Gay Griesbach  
Special to Conley Media

HARTFORD — Crafts for Grown-ups is returning to Hartford's Jack Russell Memorial Library.

From 6 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, adult crafters will be able to express their inner child in the library's community room.

Library Director Jennifer Einwalter said the program's return is creating a buzz.

"I've seen a lot of the creations they are pretty cool," Einwalter said.

Library associate Nancy Enderle came up with idea about three years ago, after former Assistant Library Director Cary Perzan started Movies for Grownups and staff started to talk.

"Kids always get to do fun things; why can't we do fun things?" Enderle said.

She gets many of her ideas from books at the library.

"They have a nice variety," Enderle said.

During the Monday session visitors will make "bandana pumpkins."

She tries to have a prototype, along with a list of supplies needed, at the circulation desk a few weeks before the program.

For the September craft the library will provide all materials except scissors.

"It's hard for us to have 20 pair of scissors on hand," Enderle said.

Her crafty journey began in high school, where she learned how to sew.

She would make dresses for her daughters to wear and once outgrown, Enderle would save them.

"You have special memories with fabrics," Enderle said.

Spoken like a true quilter: A friend got her interested in the craft and when her oldest child went to college, Enderle sent her off with a quilt made of dresses she had sewn for her daughter since she was a girl.

Enderle branched out from there, taking classes from baking to welding through Moraine Park with her sister, Deb Cullen.

"We'd just find classes that looked interesting. We took a glass blowing-class

that was a lot of fun. I've taken it twice," Enderle said.

Her first Crafting for Adults session involved painting ceramic mugs.

"I did it once to see if people would like it," Enderle said.

Last year, she added January to the regular schedule of projects, held in March, June, September and December. The program usually draws between 20 and 25 people.

As for prototype disasters, Enderle said she's had a few, but usually can find a way to tweak a craft to fit a wide range of patrons.

"I want things that are fairly simple to make, but people might not think of doing them on their own," Enderle said.

In the 90-minute time frame, some patrons finish their projects while others will take them home to complete.

Last year, a finger weaving scarf project sparked a cooperative effort between attendees.

"Some got the idea, some didn't, but the ones that got it helped the others," Enderle said. "We have a good time."

The program is free and all are welcome regardless of crafting ability.

"It's about getting together, being with friends making new friends," Enderle said.

The Jack Russell Memorial Library is at 100 Park Ave. in Hartford. More information about the library can be found at hartfordlibrary.org.

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# Heavy Metal Tours set

**Moraine Park** Technical College will host a Heavy Metal Tours event during October's manufacturing month.

This free event offers participants a behind-the-scenes opportunity to tour local manufacturing facilities and learn more about the skills needed to fill current employment gaps.

The events will run from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Participants will meet at the Fond du Lac campus, and after a brief introduction they will be bussed to the Heavy Metal Tour event locations.

Tours will take place at the following Fond du Lac area manufacturers. A light meal will be served.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 2, Kondex Corporation;

■ Thursday, Oct. 10, Fives Group and RB Royal Industries, Inc.;

■ Wednesday, Oct. 16, Wells Manufacturing Corporation and Mid-States Aluminum Corp.;

■ Wednesday, Oct. 23, BCI Burke Co. and Mercury Marine.

“The manufacturing world is changing,” said, Marcia Arndt, associate dean of manufacturing at **Moraine Park**. “This is a fun opportunity to highlight our local partners, the advancing technology, and the overall changes within the industry.”

Space is limited for this opportunity and registration is required. Interested individuals are invited to participate in all four weeks, or they may choose their preferred date(s).

For more information, or to register, visit [morainepark.edu/heavymetal](http://morainepark.edu/heavymetal) or call (262) 306-5321.

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**John St. Peter (right) administers an oath of office to Moraine Park Technical College District Board members at a recent meeting to (from left) Thomas Hopp of West Bend, employer member; Renee Almeida of Beaver Dam, employee member; and Vernon Jung of Kewaskum, additional member.**

## New member sworn in to **Moraine** Park Board

Thomas Hopp of West Bend was sworn in recently as the newest member of the **Moraine Park Technical College District Board**.

He will serve as an employer member representative with a term expiring in June 2022.

Hopp learned from a young age the all-around benefits of volunteering within the community.

“My father was a large influence in my life,” Hopp said. “Through his dedicated volunteer work, he taught me that volunteering and helping others creates a strong, vibrant, and growing community by simply taking time to help others.”

Hopp has been an active part of the community of West Bend for many years. He currently serves on multiple boards including Albrecht Free Clinic, Commerce State Bank, and the United Way of Washington County. Additionally, he is involved with the City of West

Bend Safety Commission as a volunteer for over 10 years and the Kettle Moraine YMCA as an active member and volunteer for over 20 years.

“I have always believed that continuing education benefits everyone and what better organization to contribute as a board member than **MPTC**,” he said.

Also sworn in alongside Hopp were Renee Almeida of Beaver Dam and Vernon Jung of Kewaskum, retaining their spots on the board as an employee member and additional member, respectively. Their new terms also expire in June 2022.

The 2019-'20 District Board members for **Moraine Park** were also nominated into office during the meeting. The following board members will serve as officers—Bur Zeratsky, chairperson; Vernon Jung, vice chairperson; Bob Lloyd, treasurer; and Lowell Prill, secretary.



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# Two students earn awards for their service hours at MPTC

Moraine Park Technical College held its second-annual Service Learning Award banquet, recognizing students for their volunteer work during the 2018-19 school year. Of the students honored were Roberto Mondragon of Ripon and Stephanie Munro of Markesan.

The Service Learning Award recognition program is designed to acknowledge students who complete more than 50 hours of service learning, log their hours and submit a reflection on their service time at Moraine Park.

Mondragon and Munro earned bronze awards for 25 to 49 hours of service.



# Inaugural EDC Business Summit set for October 2

With the intended goal to get information to the current and future businesses that need it, Green Lake County's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will be hosting a first-of-its kind business summit.

Scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, October 2, in Green Lake's American Legion Hall, guest speakers will outline available programs in the area that can help current and prospective business owners expand their business, get their business off the ground, and even help train their workforce.

The recently confirmed list of speakers will include:

- Eric Berg, USDA Community Programs Specialist for Rural Development
- Jonathan P. Bartz, WEDC Regional Economic Development Director
- Jan Griendl, ADVOCAP Business Development Specialist
- Beau Gellings, MPTC Business Representative and Economic & Workforce Development

Discussed at the group's regular monthly meeting on Friday, August 16, EDC President and City of Berlin Community Development Director Lindsey Kemnitz stated, "There's a lot of great resources out there for business owners, it's just a matter of getting the information to them."

The idea for the summit was first proposed by

Princeton City Administrator and EDC board member Mary Lou Neubauer, who was inspired by the quarterly Wisconsin Towns Association meetings that bring together area town leaders for a dissemination of information.

Said Neubauer, "The Towns Association meetings are very helpful, and I think [EDC] could do something similar. There's a lot of resources available locally, that few people know about ... It wouldn't have to be quarterly, but I think some sort of group meeting could be beneficial for business owners, and for people who may want to open a business, but don't know where to start."

The EDC Summit will be held in coordination with the corporation's annual meeting, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. on October 2 with doors opening for the summit at 5:30 p.m.

Subsidized by EDC, tickets to the summit will cost only \$5 per person, payable at the door.

Dinner, catered by Crossroads Catering, is included in the summit's admission price with speakers scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and go no later than 8 p.m.

Attendees are asked to please RSVP no later than Monday, September 23, by calling the Green Lake County Clerks office at (920) 294-4005 or by email at [clerk@co.green-lake.wi.us](mailto:clerk@co.green-lake.wi.us).



## Free conference on special education planned at Ripon College on October 3

A free conference on diversity and inclusion in higher education will be held Thursday, October 3, on the Ripon College campus.

“Special Education: A Changing Landscape” is sponsored by the Higher Education Diversity Initiative Team (HEDIT), comprising the four higher education institutions of Fond du Lac County – Ripon College, Marian University, Moraine Park Technical College and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Fond du Lac Campus.

The conference will take place from 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. in Great Hall, Harwood Memorial Union, on the Ripon College campus. Students and staff from the four institutions and all interested members of the Fond du Lac County community are invited to attend. Busing from Marian University and Moraine Park will be provided, and breakfast and lunch will be included.

There is no fee for the workshop but registration is required online at:

[forms.gle/wKiUaxi5fUnfcS4w8](https://forms.gle/wKiUaxi5fUnfcS4w8).

There will be two panel discussions, and the keynote speaker will be Daniel Parker, assistant director of special education with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Parker previously worked as an autism consultant and grant director for the Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative and the Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support. He currently supports updated frameworks for comprehensive special education evaluations, additional training resources for Individualized Education Program (IEP) development, monitoring of progress of (IEP) goals, and functional behavior assessments.

He has a unique blend of home-based, general and special education teaching, and administrative background at the school, district and statewide levels. His interests include data analysis, self-determination, family engagement, positive behavior interventions, cross-agency/organization collaboration, and highlighting implementation of evidence-based strategies and high-leverage practices in special education to support improved student outcomes across Wisconsin.

Parker received master’s degrees in special education and human development and family life from the University of Kansas.

HEDIT is a team of faculty and staff formed by the presidents and CEOs of Fond du Lac County’s four institutions of higher education to plan “an annual collaborative project designed to promote a climate of appreciation for all aspects of human diversity, supporting, fostering and welcoming inclusiveness, respect and dignity for all.” This is HEDIT’s 11th annual event.

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# The Ledge Games Return Bringing Flannel & Friendly Competition

The Ledge Games , a local timber competition for charity, will make its return for the fourth consecutive year on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Red Cabin at Green Acres in Fond du Lac.

The event, which began in 2016, welcomes both competitors and spectators and is free to attend with attractions such as local food trucks and non-stop timber action.

“We’re excited to bring The Ledge Games back in 2019 and can’t wait to see everyone out here for the event,” said Tyler Oestreich, The Ledge Games co-founder. “We are extremely grateful to the local community and our sponsors for helping make this event happen each year.”

Anyone can participate

as the event welcomes 100 amateur lumberjacks to compete in six events in the Man of the Ledge and Woman of the Ledge divisions. Local competitors will test their skills in the caber toss, hammer toss, archery, keg toss, speed chop and axe throwing events.

The champions for both the men’s and women’s divisions will take home a brand new chainsaw, and the winners of each event will receive a custom Ledge Games axe.

All proceeds from the event will fund scholarships for students at [Moraine Park Technical College](#) in Fond du Lac. The Ledge Games raised \$7,500 for 15 scholarships in 2018.

The Ledge Games Scholarship was created

to make education more accessible and affordable for local students studying engineering, manufacturing and technology.

“We created this event to not only give people the opportunity to live out a lumberjack lifestyle but also to support local manufacturing,” said Josh Michels, The Ledge Games co-founder, said. “Through The Ledge Games Scholarship, we are helping create the next generation of leaders in manufacturing for the greater Fond du Lac area.”

The Ledge Games kick off at 8:30 a.m. with events running until approximately 4 p.m. To learn more about The Ledge Games, The Ledge Games Scholarship, or to register to compete, visit [TheLedgeGames.com](#).



# How To Elevate Your Writing

## —Author Xochitl Dixon To Conduct Writing Workshop

When Author Xochitl Dixon speaks at [MPTC](#) in Fond du Lac on Tuesday, Sept. 24, she will be delving into some fascinating aspects of the writing process, both basic and advanced. Dixon will talk about the power of deep point-of-view, active verbs, rhythm, character development, and effective dialogue.

The workshop will help writers discover how to develop five practical skills that will elevate their fiction and nonfiction writing. Whether seeking to write for fun, self-publish, or pursue opportunities to publish traditionally, writers at any level will learn to strengthen their writing and distinguish their own unique voice. Beginning, intermediate, and seasoned writers will all leave with the tools to take their writing to the next level.

Xochitl (pronounced So-Cheel) E. Dixon is the author of *Waiting for God: Trusting Daily in God's Plan and Pace* (Discovery House,

2019) and the soon-to-be-released children's picture book, *Different Like Me*. She serves as a regular contributor for *Our Daily Bread* ([www.oddb.org](http://www.oddb.org)) and *Guideposts'* *All God's Creatures*. Dixon's website is [www.xedixon.com](http://www.xedixon.com).

The presentation will be at the monthly meeting of the Fond du Lac Area Writer's Club at [Moraine Park Technical College](#), 235 North National Avenue in Fond du Lac. It will be in room O102, starting at 7 p.m. There will be a book signing immediately after the talk, where Mrs. Dixon will have copies of *Waiting for God* available for purchase.

The meeting is free and open to the public. There are no charges or fees of any kind. Club membership is not required. Anyone interested in writing is encouraged to attend.

Further information is on the club's website at [www.fdlw.wordpress.com](http://www.fdlw.wordpress.com).

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# Community Calendar

To be included in the Community Calendar, please submit your event prior to our 2 p.m. Monday deadline.

**Every Monday and Wednesday** — "Loaves and Fishes" FREE Hot Meal. Anyone is welcome! 5 p.m.-6 p.m. at Church of Peace, 158 S. Military Rd. in Fond du Lac. Bring your family!  
**Every Third Monday** — The RTS Bereavement Support Group meets at St. Agnes Hospital. For more information, call 926-4843.  
**Every Tuesday** — TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at Waucousta Lutheran Grade School, W2011 Highway F, Waucousta, 5 p.m. For more information, call Kiersten at 920-979-7436.  
**Every Tuesday** — Sound Celebration, a local women's a cappella group, invites all women to attend open rehearsals every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at the Greenbush Town Hall. For more information, call Marianne at 922-2137.  
**Every Thursday** — Over Eaters Anonymous, a 12-step support group for compulsive over-eaters, meets every Thursday in the lower level of Sons of Zebedee-St. John's Church site, Highway 175 and Church Road, Byron, 7 p.m. No fees, only a desire to stop eating compulsively. Contact Stacy, 269-7443, or Nancy, 865-6418, for more information.  
**Every Thursday** — Lomira Farmers Market at Stern Park, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Each week Lomira Library will hold family story time at 5 p.m. Free Bingo by the Lomira Area Chamber of Commerce from 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
**Every Friday** — Roaming Readers meet at the Campbellsport Public Library, 9:30 a.m. This is a free drop-in program. Meet at the library to go on a 30-45 minute walk around the village. Walkers of all abilities are invited to join the group.  
**Every Friday** — Farm & Art Market at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Shop this outdoor market to support the small business in your neighborhood.  
**Thursday, September 19** — Walk-in interviews for Correctional Officers for Waupun Correctional Institution at the Campbellsport Public Library, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring your resume and a list of three supervisor references and complete an application via [www.wisc.jobs.com](http://www.wisc.jobs.com).  
**Thursday, September 19** — Smart911 at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. Join Bobbi Hicken, director of communications and emergency management for Fond du Lac County, to learn about the life saving benefits of downloading the app Smart911 to your cell phone.  
**Thursday, September 19** — Tinker Time at the Campbellsport Public Library, 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. Kids of all ages join us to build structures with Brain Flakes, Zoobs, and Straws.  
**Thursday, September 19** — Roots and Branches Garden Party in the Vineyard at WBMI Prairie Center, 5:30 p.m.-hors d'oeuvres, raffle/silent auction, 6:30 p.m.-celebrity challenge, 7 p.m.-presentations begin. Sponsored by West Bend Mutual Insurance Company.  
**Thursday, September 19** — Inkan Wisdom Series at the History Center of Washington County, West Bend, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Tonight will be the introduction to Inkan Ancestral Wisdom talk. For more information, go to <https://tcayllu.wixsite.com/tcayllu>.  
**Thursday, September 19** — Searl Pickett Chamber Music Series at Church of Our Savior, corner of Ninth and Main streets in Fond du Lac, 7:30 p.m. Featuring the Wisconsin Wind Orchestra conducted by Dr. Lawrence Dale Harper.  
**Friday, September 20** — Inkan Wisdom Series at the History Center of Washington County, West Bend, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Today will be the exploration of self healing and energy management workshop. For more information, go to <https://tcayllu.wixsite.com/tcayllu>.  
**Friday, September 20** — Comedy Club Entertainment at Armstrong Apples Orchard & Winery, 7 p.m. New York comedy club acts at Fond du Lac area prices. \$20 per person. Reservations required by calling or reserving on their Facebook page.  
**Saturday, September 21** — 32nd annual Trash 'n Treasure Rummage Sale at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 730 County Road PPP, Sheboygan Falls, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. More than 800 families have donated thousands of items including household, antiques, furniture, toys, jewelry, books, sports, holiday items, tools and more. Brat fry and bake sale too.  
**Saturday, September 21** — Inkan Wisdom Series at the History Center of Washington County, West Bend, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Today will be the deepen your sacred connections workshop. For more information, go to <https://tcayllu.wixsite.com/tcayllu>.  
**Saturday, September 21** — George Hudson Fishing Tournament on Long Lake. Sponsored by the Long Lake Fishing Club. Must be a member of the club or you can fill out a membership application and pay dues by Friday, Sept. 20. Registration is at Benson's Hide-A-Way at noon.  
**Saturday, September 21** — Kelley's Farmstead is opening at Kelley Country Creamery and the Kelley farm. It will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through October 27th. Included will be a corn maze, wagon ride to the pumpkin patch, combine slide, tire pyramid, pumpkin checkers, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, a corn box, the Grain Train and much more. The cost is \$10 for ages three and up, under two are free. For more information, go to [www.kelleysfarmstead.com](http://www.kelleysfarmstead.com).  
**Saturday, September 21** — Campbellsport American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary meetings at Dundee's Roadhouse, 10 a.m.  
**Sunday, September 22** — George Hudson Fishing Tournament on Long Lake. Sponsored by the Long Lake Fishing Club. Must be a member of the club or you can fill out a membership application and pay dues by Friday, Sept. 20. Registration is at Benson's Hide-A-Way at noon.  
**Sunday, September 22** — Inkan Wisdom Series at the History Center of Washington County, West Bend, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Today will be the deepen your sacred connections workshop. For more information, go to <https://tcayllu.wixsite.com/tcayllu>.  
**Monday, September 23** — Campbellsport Board of Education meeting in the Eden Elementary School music room, 7:30 p.m.  
**Monday, September 23** — Sensory September at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sensory play exposes children to many new experiences, textures, and materials and is calming. Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to this new drop-in sensory program.  
**Monday, September 23** — Free showing of A Dog's Journey at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. A dog finds the meaning of his own existence. This "PG" film stars Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid and Kathryn Prescott. Free popcorn.  
**Monday, September 23** — Fall Tea Light Craft at the Fond du Lac Public Library, 6 p.m. Create an autumn-inspired tea light candle holder out of clothespins and other household items. Supplies are provided. This free program is for anyone 13 and older. Space is limited so registration is required by going to [fdlp.org](http://fdlp.org) and clicking "calendar."  
**Tuesday, September 24** — Cook Book Club at the Campbellsport Public Library, 12 p.m. Bake your favorite pie, bring a copy of the recipe, and join us to try everyone's best pie while enjoying great conversation. This group is looking for new members.  
**Wednesday, September 25** — Story Hour at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m. This is for children ages three to six. The theme for the day is All About Colors. Join Mrs. Re-

becca and your new friends for games and stories about all the colors of the rainbow.  
**Thursday, September 26** — Tinker Time at the Campbellsport Public Library, 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. Kids of all ages join us to build structures with Brain Flakes, Zoobs, and Straws.  
**Saturday, September 28** — Concealed Carry classes to obtain permit at the Ripon rifle and Pistol Club indoor range, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. This course will be taught by local NRA certified instructors and will cover the WI concealed carry laws, when you can and cannot use deadly force for self protection. This is a non-shooting class. Cost is \$50. For registration forms, go to [www.ripongunclub.com](http://www.ripongunclub.com).  
**Saturday, September 28** — The Ledge Games at Red Cabin at Green Acres, near Dotyville, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Come watch men and women compete in lumberjack-type games all day. Proceeds go to the Ledge Games Scholarship through the [Moraine Park](http://MorainePark.org) Foundation.  
**Saturday, September 28** — Coffee and Biscotti at the Fond du Lac Public Library, 10 a.m. Celebrate National Coffee and Biscotti Day with a coffee tasting and demonstration on how to make a barista's favorite cookie. This free program is for anyone 13 and older. Space is limited so registration is required by going to [fdlp.org](http://fdlp.org) and clicking "calendar."  
**Saturday, September 28** — Paint Party with Artsy Fartsy at Armstrong Orchard & Winery, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Paint harvest pumpkins on canvas. Be sure to reserve your spot.  
**Saturday, September 28** — Donnie Lee Strickland live at the West Bend Moose Lodge, 1721 Chestnut St., West Bend., 4:30 p.m.-doors open, 7 p.m.-show. Reserved seating, chunk wagon style dinner with pulled pork, chicken breast and all the fixin's.  
**Monday, September 30** — Sensory September at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sensory play exposes children to many new experiences, textures, and materials and is calming. Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to this new drop-in sensory program.  
**Monday, September 30** — Free showing of Mary Magdalene during the Monday Matinee at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. This is the story of Mary Magdalene from her time as a young girl living in village of Magdala until her time walking with Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Judas following Jesus. This "R" rated drama stars Rooney Mara, Joaquin Phoenix, and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Free popcorn.  
**Tuesday, October 1** — Historic Green Bay Bus Trip through The History Center of Washington County, 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Enjoy the morning at the National Railroad Museum, lunch at the Green Bay Distillery, take a look at Lambeau Field and visit to Seroogy's for some samples. For more information, go to [www.HistoryIsFun.com](http://www.HistoryIsFun.com).  
**Tuesday, October 1** — Campbellsport Firefighters Auxiliary meeting at the fire station, 7 p.m. New members are always welcome, contact Shellie Olson at 920-517-6813.  
**Tuesday, October 1** — Major Minors: Small & Underutilized Bulbs free seminar at West Bend City Hall, 1115 S. Main St., 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Glenn Herold, professor of horticulture, retired, Illinois Central College. Hosted by Roots and Branches and sponsored by Johnson's Nursery, Inc. Register in advance by calling 262-335-5083 or online at [rootsandbranches.org](http://rootsandbranches.org) or emailing [rootsandbranches@ci.west-bend.wi.us](mailto:rootsandbranches@ci.west-bend.wi.us).  
**Wednesday, October 2** — Story Hour at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m. This is for children ages three to six. Children are welcome to come and listen to stories, participate in activities, create a craft and make some friends.  

An Upcoming Calendar of Events for the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest...

**Friday, September 20** — 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Legs! Nature Storytime at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. What has eight legs? Spiders of course! Discover some fascinating facts about these silk-spinning insect-eaters. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.  
**Saturday, September 21** — Predator vs Prey Exploring Nature Program at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Who will win — the predators or the prey? Explore what adaptations each possess that help them survive. This program is best for families/groups with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years.  
**Wednesday, September 25** — Ice Age Trail Trekkers meet at the Ice Age Trail County Road H parking lot (located off County Road H on the south side of the road west of Milwaukee River near Kewaskum), 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Join us for a casual two-mile fall evening hike between County Road H and Eisenbaun Trail where it crosses Highway 45. A shuttle will be available between the start and finishing spots.  
**Saturday, September 28** — Tree Houses for Wildlife at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Trees provide homes to many different animals. Find out what animals live in the leaves, branches, trunks, bark, and roots of forest and city trees. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.  
**Sunday, September 29** — Tree Houses for Wildlife at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Trees provide homes to many different animals. Find out what animals live in the leaves, branches, trunks, bark, and roots of forest and city trees. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.  
**Friday, October 4** — Leaves of Many Colors Nature Storytime at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Join us as we wander the autumn woods to find as many different colored leaves as we can. We will also solve the mystery of why trees drop their leaves in fall. This hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults.  
**Saturday, October 5** — Nature Printing at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Let your artistic energies flow! Using objects from nature, print lovely designs on cloth or note cards. Bring a T-shirt or bandanna or purchase one that day. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.  
**Sunday, October 6** — Nature Printing at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Let your artistic energies flow! Using objects from nature, print lovely designs on cloth or note cards. Bring a T-shirt or bandanna or purchase one that day. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

For more information about the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest or the upcoming natural programs, please contact the forest staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center at (920) 533-8322. The Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center is located 1/2 mile west of Dundee off of Highway 67. The center is open seven days a week.

# MPTC to host Discover Moraine Park in October

WEST BEND — Moraine Park Technical College will be hosting its annual community event, Discover Moraine Park, to help attendees jump-start their education and career. High school students, displaced workers, and individuals looking to for a career change are encouraged to attend this event at any of the college's three campuses.

Discover Moraine Park is scheduled for Oct. 9 at the West Bend campus; Oct. 16 at the Fond du Lac campus; and Oct. 23 at the Beaver Dam campus. Participants may stop in anytime between 4 and 6 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in activities such as trying out the virtual welder, sampling culinary recipes, and touring an ambulance. The event will allow individuals to explore different programs of study offered at the college and tour the campus, labs, and classrooms. Program instructors and staff

will be available to explain program details, admissions requirements, and more.

“Discover Moraine Park allows attendees a first-hand look at college life,” said Erin Wierenga, recruitment specialist at Moraine. “This event also showcases a variety of programs such as health care, trades, manufacturing, and human services.”

The event is also designed to familiarize attendees with resources outside the classroom, including diversity relations, student life, veteran resources, tutoring, and counseling. One-on-one assistance from financial aid specialists will be available to help attendees submit their FAFSA. This service is available anytime between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on each of the designated Discover Moraine Park evenings.

For more information on Discover Moraine Park, visit [morainepark.edu/discover](http://morainepark.edu/discover).

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**Saturday, September 28** — Paint Party with Artsy Fartsy at Armstrong Orchard & Winery, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Paint harvest pumpkins on canvas. Be sure to reserve your spot.  
**Saturday, September 28** — Ashford Sportsmen's Club Steak Fry at Swedes St. Killian Inn, W4103 St. Killian Dr., 4 p.m.-8 p.m.  
**Saturday, September 28** — Donnie Lee Strickland live at the West Bend Moose Lodge, 1721 Chestnut St., West Bend, 4:30 p.m.-doors open, 7 p.m.-show. Reserved seating, chuck wagon style dinner with pulled pork, chicken breast and all the fixin's.  
**Monday, September 30** — Sensory September at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sensory play exposes children to many new experiences, textures, and materials and is calming. Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to this new drop-in sensory program.  
**Monday, September 30** — Free showing of Mary Magdalene during the Monday Matinee at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. This is the story of Mary Magdalene from her time as a young girl living in village of Magdala until her time walking with Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Judas following Jesus. This "R" rated drama stars Rooney Mara, Joaquin Phoenix, and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Free popcorn.  
**Tuesday, October 1** — Historic Green Bay Bus Trip through The History Center of Washington County, 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Enjoy the morning at the National Railroad Museum, lunch at the Green Bay Distillery, take a look at Lambeau Field and visit to Serogy's for some samples. For more information, go to [www.historyisfun.com](http://www.historyisfun.com).  
**Tuesday, October 1** — Campbellsport Firefighters Auxiliary meeting at the fire station, 7 p.m. New members are always welcome, contact Shellie Olson at 920-517-6813.  
**Tuesday, October 1** — Major Minors: Small & Underutilized Bulbs free seminar at West Bend City Hall, 1115 S. Main St., 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Glenn Herold, professor of horticulture, retired, Illinois Central College. Hosted by Roots and Branches and sponsored by Johnson's Nursery, Inc. Register in advance by calling 262-335-5083 or online at [rootsandbranches.org](mailto:rootsandbranches.org) or emailing [rootsandbranches@ci.west-bend.wi.us](mailto:rootsandbranches@ci.west-bend.wi.us).  
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**Saturday, October 5** — Joseph Sartori Concert Series - An Evening of the Classics at the Plymouth Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Featuring Tricia Marton, Brittany Seifert, Lydia Matthews, Joshua Vang, and Jaylon Jones, all on the piano. For more information or to get tickets, go to [www.plymoutharts.org](http://www.plymoutharts.org).  
**Monday, October 7** — Collective Goods sale at the County Government Center, 160 S. Macy St., Fond du Lac, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Fond du Lac Area United Way.  
**Monday, October 7** — Campbellsport Public Library monthly board meeting, 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.  
**Monday, October 7** — Town of Ashford monthly meeting at the town hall, 7 p.m.  
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**Wednesday, October 9** — Agnesian flu shot shots at the Agnesian Health Plaza A, 421 Camelot Drive in Fond du Lac, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For individuals ages nine and older only. Walk-ins welcome, just register at orthopedics. For more information, call (920) 923-7400.  
**Wednesday, October 9** — Discover [Moraine Park](http://www.moraine.org) at the West Bend campus, 2151 N. Main St., 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Check out what [Moraine Park](http://www.moraine.org) has to offer with hands-on activities, samples, tours and much more.  
**Wednesday, October 9** — Campbellsport High School Cougar Booster Club meeting in the high school cafeteria, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.  
**Thursday, October 10** — Horicon Marsh Joint Trapping Auction at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, N7725 Hwy. 28, Horicon, doors open at 5 p.m., auction starts at 6 p.m. For more information, go to [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Horicon/visit/visitor\\_activities.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Horicon/visit/visitor_activities.html) and <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/lands/WildlifeAreas/horicon/recreation.html>  
**Saturday, October 12** — Dundee Car & Craft Show at the Dundee Sportsman's Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Classics, hot rods, muscle cars, custom, etc. along with crafts, gifts and goody vendors. Music from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. by Request Entertainment, food and beverages from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., donuts and coffee at 9 a.m. Go to [www.longlakepreservation.org/car-show.PHP](http://www.longlakepreservation.org/car-show.PHP) for more details.  
**Saturday, October 12** — Pork Loin Dinner at Oakfield United Methodist Church, 220 North Main Street, 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tickets available from church members or at the door. For more information, go to [www.oakfield-taborumc.org](http://www.oakfield-taborumc.org).  

An Upcoming Calendar of Events for the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest...

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**Saturday, October 5** — Nature Printing at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Let your artistic energies flow! Using objects from nature, print lovely designs on cloth or note cards. Bring a T-shirt or bandanna or purchase one that day. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.  
**Sunday, October 6** — Nature Printing at the Ice Age Visitor Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Let your artistic energies flow! Using objects from nature, print lovely designs on cloth or note cards. Bring a T-shirt or bandanna or purchase one that day. Everyone is invited to drop in for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.  
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- For more information about the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest or the upcoming naturalist programs, please contact the forest staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center at (920) 533-8322. The Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center is located 1/2 mile west of Dundee off of Highway 67. The center is open seven days a week.

## Moraine Park Technical College To Host Heavy Metal Tour Event

Moraine Park Technical College will host a Heavy Metal Tours event during October's manufacturing month. This free event offers participants a behind-the-scenes opportunity to tour local manufacturing facilities and learn more about the skills needed to fill current employment gaps.

The events will run from 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Participants will meet at the Fond du Lac campus, and after a brief introduction, they will be bussed to the Heavy Metal Tour event locations.

Tours will take place at the following Fond du Lac area manufacturers. A light meal will be served.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 — Kondex Corporation, Lomira

Thursday, Oct. 10 — Fives Group and RB Royal Industries, Inc., Fond du Lac

Wednesday, Oct. 16 — Wells Manufacturing

Corporation and Mid-States Aluminum Corp., Fond du Lac

Wednesday, Oct. 23 — BCI Burke Co. and Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac

"The manufacturing world is changing," Marcia Arndt associate dean of manufacturing at Moraine Park said. "This is a fun opportunity to highlight our local partners, the advancing technology, and the overall changes within the industry.

Space is limited for this unique opportunity, and registration is required. Interested individuals are invited to participate in all four weeks, or they may choose their preferred date(s).

For more information, or to register, visit [morainepark.edu/heavy-metal](http://morainepark.edu/heavy-metal) or call (262) 306-5321.

To find out more about Moraine Park, visit [morainepark.edu](http://morainepark.edu).

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# Economic Development Corporation summit to share info

By Tony Daley

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board members who convened on Monday, September 16 combined planning for an inaugural Business Summit with what EDC President Lindsey Kemnitz wants to do for sharing data on topics such as job creation and business growth.

The summit, which will be cash-flowed out of the EDC's operational fund, is being organized in part as an information clearing house.

The summit will be a forum where experts will be able to deliver on topics relevant to economic development.

As part of her EDC role to deliver information to fellow board members, Kemnitz said, "I went to some training on economic development and found links to find data."

She mentioned bringing some of those data to the Business Summit and also establishing information-sharing as part of regular Economic Development Corporation agendas.

Kemnitz indicated having recently gleaned knowledge on topics including on business sizes, job creation, and net new construction, as well as on lifestyle habits such as how many workers may commute out of Green Lake County or hold jobs within the county.

EDC's first-year Business Summit will be held at the Green Lake American Legion Hall, on Wednesday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. with dinner followed by a program from 6-8 p.m.

Guest speakers scheduled are

Eric Berg, USDA Community Programs Specialist for Rural Development; Jonathan Bartz, WEDC Regional Economic Development Director; Jan Griedl, ADVOCAP Business Development Specialist; and Beau Gellings, Moraine Park Technical College Business Representative & Economic and Workforce Development.

The range of speakers should cover educational, economic development, workforce, and other topics aligned with Economic Development Corporation's mission

of growing Green Lake County as a business and commerce destination.

Also planned for the Business Summit is for each EDC board member to introduce an area of expertise or involvement.

In other business conducted by the EDC board on September 16, talks referred to recent fact-finding at a meeting held with a representative of the state's Department of Administration, where discussions included the DOA's retirement of local Revolving Loan Funds through its CLOSE Program.



# School District receives \$11K from Youth Apprenticeships

Through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the School District of Princeton was recently awarded \$11,000 from the CTE (Career and Technical Education) Incentive Grant. The grant was created in 2013 to support and promote high school CTE programs in which students earn industry recognized certification. The intent of the grant is to strengthen CTE programs that help to lessen workforce shortages especially in industry. Students earn a certificate that would indicate workplace skill as well as employability skills. The WI legislation allocated almost \$7 million to be distributed in all WI school districts and up to \$1,000 per graduating student receiving an approved CTE certification from the previous school year (graduates from the class of 2018). 316 WI school districts applied for the grant and 6,672 student applications were approved.

The School District of Princeton had 11 graduates from the class of 2018 that earned approved workplace certificates through School to Work placements or passing a technical college skill exam. The earned certificates were in Youth Apprenticeship in Hospitality/Food Service Co-op (five students), Youth Apprenticeship in Health (three students), Youth Apprenticeship in Agriculture (one student), Youth Apprenticeship in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics-STEM (one student) and a Mechanical Design Certification (one student). The Youth Apprenticeship students were required to master WI Department of



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**YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP COORDINATOR, Joni DeRuyter (right) presents a \$11,000 check from the Wisconsin Department of Instruction to Princeton's Superintendent Chris Metras. The Career and Technical Incentive grant rewards districts that have students who received industry recognized certificates.**

Workforce Development workplace skills, be enrolled in related classroom instruction for 90 hours and acquire a minimum of 450 hours of paid employment in the industry. The Mechanical Design Certificate was earned by passing a Solid Works test at [Moraine Park Technical College](#).

"The School District of Princeton is fortunate to have so many strong workplace business partners that employ students in Youth Apprenticeships jobs," said CESA 6 Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Joni DeRuyter.

The graduating Class of 2018

had 14 of the 25 students (56 percent of the class) in a School to Work placement. "To have such a high percentage of a senior class leaving the School District of Princeton with work experience and some with state approved certificates is just amazing. The district does a great job preparing students for their future after high school," added DeRuyter. Three students were teacher mentors (aspiring educators working with teachers at school) and 11 students (44 percent of the class) were enrolled with DPI state approved certificates.

# Ripon College to host free conference on special ed

A free conference on diversity and inclusion in higher education will be held Thursday, October 3, on the Ripon College campus.

“Special Education: A Changing Landscape” is sponsored by the Higher Education Diversity Initiative Team (HEDIT), comprising the four higher education institutions of Fond du Lac County — Ripon College, Marian University, Moraine Park Technical College and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Fond du Lac Campus.

The conference will take place from 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. in Great Hall, Harwood Memorial Union, on the Ripon College campus. Students and staff from the four institutions and all interested members of the Fond du Lac County community are invited to attend. Busing from Marian University and Moraine Park will be provided, and breakfast and lunch will be included.

There is no fee for the workshop but registration is required online at: [forms.gle/wKiUaxi5fUnfcS4w8](https://forms.gle/wKiUaxi5fUnfcS4w8).

There will be two panel discussions, and the keynote speaker will be Daniel Parker, assistant director of special education with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Parker previously worked as an autism consultant and grant director for the Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative and the Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support. He currently supports updated frameworks for comprehensive special education evaluations, additional training resources for Individualized Education Program (IEP) devel-

opment, monitoring of progress of (IEP) goals, and functional behavior assessments.

He has a unique blend of home-based, general and special education teaching, and administrative background at the school, district and statewide levels. His interests include data analysis, self-determination, family engagement, positive behavior interventions, cross-agency/organization collaboration, and highlighting implementation of evidence-based strategies and high-leverage practices in special education to support improved student outcomes across Wisconsin.

Parker received master’s degrees in special education and human development and family life from the University of Kansas.

HEDIT is a team of faculty and staff formed by the presidents and CEOs of Fond du Lac County’s four institutions of higher education to plan “an annual collaborative project designed to promote a climate of appreciation for all aspects of human diversity, supporting, fostering and welcoming inclusiveness, respect and dignity for all.” This is HEDIT’s 11th annual event.

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# City looks ahead on development

## Farewell to a friend to all of West Bend

The West Bend Council and mayor made a far-sighted decision when it voted in several instances to create a new industrial park on the southeast part of the city.

In contrast, it is not surprising to see other municipal and state leaders take the foot off the gas pedal on economic development after a decade of economic good times.

Job creation? Who needs it when the unemployment rate is below 3%? Employers are desperate for workers.

For example, Gov. Tony Evers seldom brings up economic development. It's largely off his radar screen.

Fortunately, the mayor and aldermen have longer memories. The years from 2000 to 2009 were very rocky. The jobless rate rose to double digits in 2007 and 2008, and job creation was the No. 1 issue in the state. It should still be a top issue, because Wisconsin ranks 48th in job growth among the states in recent rankings.

The four existing industrial parks in the city are mostly full, so the time is right to open another. When companies need to make a move or an expansion, they want to move quickly. They want shovel-ready sites. That eliminates a lot of rigamarole over zoning, streets, sewer and water.

Further, it is smart city planning to concentrate industrial companies in parks rather than to spread them inefficiently all over the city.



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The city will spend around \$4 million to purchase two parcels that total 216 acres and to invest in the accompanying infrastructure.

It will prove to be money well spent as companies select sites in the next decade. The newcomers will add value to the property tax base and good-paying jobs.

The city had a big finance decision to make on the funding of this project. They will probably be using a tax incremental financing district, the 14th in the city. That makes fiscal sense.

When Serigraph expanded on East Decorah Road in 1996, it needed city sewer and water. Septic systems couldn't cut it. So, we annexed into the city and became the anchor for TIF District 3. Our incremental property taxes are helping achieve positive cash flow for the district.

Once a district pays off the bonds it sold to create the district, to pay for the sewer and water lines and roads, the property taxes will go to the city, the West Bend School District and

Moraine Park Technical College for their general purposes. Those added tax revenues would not be there down the road if the district weren't there. It is usu-

ally a happy ending for all parties.

It's a good bet that the new TIF district will yield positive cash flow to pay off the bonds. The city doesn't have many large parcels left in its five existing parks. Any demand for a large new site will go there.

"We are in a position to be competitive for larger projects," said Adam Gitter, city economic development manager.

It has become abundantly clear over the last 20 years that Wisconsin and West Bend cannot rely on manufacturing for job creation. Manufacturing, like farming, has become incredibly efficient. Both need fewer people to produce goods and food.

Note that the community's largest employer is West Bend Mutual, with 1,200 employees, and that its fastest-growing company is another insurance company, Delta Defense, now at more than 250 employees. Both are growing. Both are pillars of the community.

The message from their growth: Let's be open-minded and opportunistic about the mix of businesses that we attract to the new industrial park.

West Bend was once called "The City of Varied industry." As a forward strategy, let's keep it that way.

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The event to "Re-Light the Bend" drew more than 500 people and 70 donors.

The donors "bought" LED bulbs for the "WEST BEND" sign on the theater at \$100, shares of stock at \$200 and new seats at \$300. Altogether, they raised more than \$12,000 for the restoration project.

Those items can still be contributed to the renovation by going on [www.historicwestbendtheatre.com](http://www.historicwestbendtheatre.com) or by sending a check to Historic West Bend Theatre Inc., P. O. Box 401, West Bend, WI 53095. All contributions are tax deductible.

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One of West Bend's greatest economic boosters of all time, Dick Larson, passed away in Mequon last week. He was a prime mover in the creation of West Bend Savings Bank (now Westbury Bank), a leader in the national home lending industry and a prime mover in the redevelopment of downtown West Bend.

He was a brilliant, aggressive leader who got things done, including the clearing of the west bank of the Milwaukee River in the downtown area, so developments like the Museum of Wisconsin Art could move forward.

Full military honors for Major Larson, a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, will be held Thursday. The community owes Dick a big debt of gratitude.

*(John Torinus is chairman of the board of Serigraph Inc. in West Bend and blogs regularly at [www.johntorinus.com](http://www.johntorinus.com).)*





Tanner St. Mary aims his shot during the archery part of The Ledge Games competition on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Red Cabin at Green Acres. Many area residents came out to either compete or just watch this fun lumberjack competition. Proceeds from the event fund a scholarship at [Moraine Park Technical College](#).

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**Saturday, October 5** — NRA basic pistol course at the Ripon rifle and Pistol Club indoor range, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course will be taught by local NRA certified instructors and will cover the basics of safe gun handling and shooting. The course will emphasize the safe and proper handling of pistols. Cost is \$80. For registration forms, go to [www.ripongunclub.com](http://www.ripongunclub.com).

**Saturday, October 5** — Fourth Annual Run for the Hills 5K Walk/Run at Shepherd of the Hills School, 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.-check in, 9:15 a.m.-youth quarter-mile and half-mile fun run, 9:30 a.m.-5K run/walk, and 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-youth games and activities. Registration forms available at [http://soths.school.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/4/6/10460311/2019\\_registrationrunforthehills.pdf](http://soths.school.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/4/6/10460311/2019_registrationrunforthehills.pdf). Proceeds to benefit the Dollars for Scholars program. Event held rain or shine, no pets allowed.

**Saturday, October 5** — Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's at [Moraine Park](#) Technical College in Fond du Lac, 10 a.m., registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, October 5** — Joseph Sartori Concert Series — An Evening of the Classics at the Plymouth Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Featuring Tricia Marton, Brittany Seifert, Lydia Matthews, Joshua Vang, and Jaylon Jones, all on the piano. For more information or to get tickets, go to [www.plymoutharts.org](http://www.plymoutharts.org).

**Monday, October 7** — Collective Goods sale at the County Government Center, 160 S. Macy St., Fond du Lac, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Fond du Lac Area United Way.

**Monday, October 7** — Homeschooling Meet-up at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Join fellow home educators to share ideas, triumphs, challenges, and concerns about the process of homeschooling. This is a great opportunity to meet other homeschool families. Bring the kids to the meeting.

**Monday, October 7** — Campbellsport Public Library monthly board meeting, 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

**Monday, October 7** — Town of Ashford monthly meeting at the town hall, 7 p.m.

**Monday, October 7** — Campbellsport Board of Education meeting in the high school cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 8** — Tinker Time at the Campbellsport Public Library, 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. Kids of all ages join us to build structures with Brain Flakes, Zoods, and Straws.

**Tuesday, October 8** — Custom Light Switch Plates at the Fond du Lac Public Library, 6 p.m. Design a custom light switch plate and create it using the laser cutter. Supplies are provided. This free program is for anyone 18 and older. Register by going to [fdlpl.org](http://fdlpl.org) and clicking "calendar."

**Tuesday, October 8** — Town of Osceola monthly board meeting at the town hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 8** — Mission Trips in Senegal presentation with Mary Balson at the Campbellsport Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Mary Balson will be sharing insights about each of the four Mission trips she has taken to Senegal, Africa. Her lecture will give guest a visual experience of life in Senegal's small towns, large cities, and rural areas. This is a free drop-in event. Refreshments will be served.

**Tuesday, October 8** — The Treffert Center welcomes Temple Grandin for a presentation at the Radisson Hotel Conference Center in Fond du Lac, 6:30 p.m. The presentation will focus on ways to transition individuals with autism into the workplace. Also featured will be local experts Aaron Sadoff, North Fond du Lac School District superintendent; Bryan Mischler, LCSW; and Tara Geier, MA, BCBA Treffert Center. Admission is \$15, seating begins at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 9** — Agnesian flu shot shots at the Agnesian Health Plaza A, 421 Camelot Drive in Fond du Lac, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For individuals ages nine and older only. Walk-ins welcome, just register at orthopedics. For more information, call (920) 923-7400.

**Wednesday, October 9** — Story Hour at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m. This is for children ages three to six. The theme for the day is Hello Fall. Join us for stories and games that celebrate all the wonderful changes that happen outside during the fall.

**Wednesday, October 9** — Congressman Glenn Grothman town hall meeting at the Eden Community Center, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 9** — Discover [Moraine Park](#) at the West Bend campus, 2151 N. Main St., 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Check out what [Moraine Park](#) has to offer with hands-on activities, samples, tours and much more.

**Wednesday, October 9** — Campbellsport High School Cougar Booster Club meeting in the high school cafeteria, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Thursday, October 10** — Horicon Marsh Joint Trapping Auction at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, N725 Hwy. 28, Horicon, doors open at 5 p.m., auction starts at 6 p.m. For more information, go to [http://www.tws.gov/ret/uge/horicon/visit/visitor\\_activities.html](http://www.tws.gov/ret/uge/horicon/visit/visitor_activities.html) and <http://dnr.wis.gov/topic/lands/WildlifeAreas/horiconrecreation.html>.

**Saturday, October 12** — Drop-In To Be Creative at the Campbellsport Public Library, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Stop in to make Dr. Seuss themed crafts.

**Friday, October 11** — Campbellsport High School Homecoming Parade on Main Street, 2:15 p.m. The parade will start at Firemen's Park and travel on Main Street to St. Matthew Church.

**Saturday, October 12** — Dundee Car & Craft Show at the Dundee Sportsman's Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Classics, hot rods, muscle cars, customs, etc. along with crafts, gifts and goody vendors. Music from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. by Request Entertainment, food and beverages from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., donuts and coffee at 9 a.m. Go to [www.longlakepreservation.org/car-show.PHP](http://www.longlakepreservation.org/car-show.PHP) for more details.

**Saturday, October 12** — Pork Loin Dinner at Oakfield United Methodist Church, 220 North Main Street, 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tickets available from church members or at the door. For more information, go to [www.oakfield-laborumc.org](http://www.oakfield-laborumc.org).

**Sunday, October 13** — Arts at the Waelderhaus welcomes Sadarri & Company, a multilingual storytelling troupe, at The Waelderhaus, 1100 W. Riverside Dr., Kohler, 2 p.m. For more information, go to [www.kohlerfoundation.org](http://www.kohlerfoundation.org). Free performance, but reservations are encour-

aged because of limited seating.

**Monday, October 14** — Free showing of Red Joan at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. This drama tells the story of Joan Stanley, who was exposed as the KGB's longest-serving British spy. This rated "R" film stars Judi Dench and Sophie Cookson.

**Monday, October 14** — Village of Campbellsport monthly board meeting at the Campbellsport Municipal Center, 6 p.m.

**Monday, October 14** — Essential Oils class at Family Affair in Campbellsport, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

**Monday, October 14** — Biblical Creation Group meets at House of Prayer, 100 Clinton St., Kewaskum, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 14** — Town of Auburn monthly board meeting at the town hall, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 15** — Book Club meets at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. The club will be discussing the book Bridget Jones' Diary by Helen Fielding. Stop at the library to borrow a copy of the book and join the group for an interesting debate.

**Tuesday, October 15** — Cookies & Crafts at the Campbellsport Public Library, 3:45 p.m. School age kids drop-in to make a Monochrome collage.

**Tuesday, October 15** — Partners of the Dundee Mill & Park Board monthly meeting at the mill, 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

**Tuesday, October 15** — Village of Eden monthly board meeting at the Eden Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 16** — Story Hour at the Campbellsport Public Library, 10:30 a.m. This is for children ages three to six. The theme for the day is Feel The Wind. Drop-in at story hour to make new friends while listening to stories, playing games and making a craft.

**Wednesday, October 16** — Discover [Moraine Park](#) at the Fond du Lac campus, 235 N. National Ave., 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Check out what [Moraine Park](#) has to offer with hands-on activities, samples, tours and much more.

**Wednesday, October 16** — Press Club for Printmakers at the Fond du Lac Public Library Idea Studio, 6 p.m. The Press Club meets every third Wednesday to explore printing techniques and hear from guest speakers. No experience necessary. Free program, no registration needed.

**Wednesday, October 16** — Town of Eden monthly board meeting at the Eden Community Center, 7 p.m. Note - this a change to the normal meeting night.

**Friday, October 18** — No School Movie at the Campbellsport Public Library, 1 p.m. Watch the movie Coco, rated PG. Come early to make a Coco-inspired guitar. Kids under the age of 10 need to come with someone older. Free popcorn will be handed out.

**Saturday, October 19** — Farm & Art Market at the Campbellsport Public Library, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Shop the Market to support the small business in your neighborhood.

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**Saturday, October 19** — Rise and Wine Yoga at Armstrong Orchard & Winery, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Bring your mat and get ready for yoga followed by a glass of wine or cider with certified yogi Diane Kuenzi.

**Saturday, October 19** — Campbellsport American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary meetings at Dundee's Roadhouse, 10 a.m.

**Saturday, October 19** — Gyros To Go and more Drive Through at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Fond du Lac, enter the parking lot on Macy Street, 11 a.m. until supplies run out. Sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society. The menu includes gyros, homemade nut 'n serve arolemonno soup (Greek style chicken soup), and spanakopita (Greek spinach pie).

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For more information about the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest or the upcoming naturalist programs, please contact the forest staff at the Ice Age Visitor Center at (920) 533-8322. The Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center is located 1/2 mile west of Dundee off of Highway 67. The center is open seven days a week.



# MPTC To Host Discover Moraine Park In October

Moraine Park Technical College will be hosting its annual community event, Discover Moraine Park, to help attendees jumpstart their education and career. High school students, displaced workers, and individuals looking for a career change are encouraged to attend this event at any of the College's three campuses.

Discover Moraine Park is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the West Bend campus; Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Fond du Lac campus; and Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Beaver Dam campus. Participants may stop in anytime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in activities such as trying out the virtual welder, sampling culinary recipes, and touring an ambulance. The event will allow individuals to explore different programs of study offered at the college and tour the campus, labs, and classrooms. Program instructors and staff will be available to explain program details, admissions requirements,

and more.

"Discover Moraine Park allows attendees a first-hand look at college life," Erin Wierenga, recruitment specialist at Moraine Park said. "This event also showcases a variety of programs such as healthcare, trades, manufacturing, and human services."

The event is also designed to familiarize attendees with resources outside the classroom, including diversity relations, student life, veteran resources, tutoring, and counseling. One-on-one assistance from Financial Aid specialists will be available to help attendees submit their FAFSA. This service is available anytime between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on each of the designated Discover Moraine Park evenings.

"We work to provide a foundation that allows individuals the opportunity to grow," Wierenga said. "Great things are happening at the College, and we are excited to share them with our community."

For more information on Discover Moraine Park, visit [morainepark.edu/discover](http://morainepark.edu/discover).

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# Community Gatherings

To be included in the Community Gatherings, please submit your event prior to our 2 p.m. Monday deadline.

**Every Monday** - Partner and Line Dance lessons at the Amerahn, 9480 Hwy 45 N, Kewaskum. Held 7 - 9:30 p.m., Basic steps taught from 6:30 - 7 p.m., Cost is \$5 per night. Hosted by the Country Club Dancers. [www.countryclubdancers.com](http://www.countryclubdancers.com).

**Every Tuesday** - Personal and professional acupuncture care from Beth Busse. \$45-\$25/service, sliding scale. The Soul Source in West Bend. Contact Katy Marver, text or call 414-698-5420 to schedule a specific check-in or drop in. 4 - 6 p.m.

**Every Wednesday** - Toddler Storytime, Kewaskum Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

**Every Wednesday** - October 2 - October 30. Weekly Nature Walks, Meeting location will vary; check website/Friends of Horicon Facebook for updates. These relaxed, guided walks will explore marsh flora and fauna while taking in the stunning views on the marsh. Length and difficulty will depend upon participants. 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Every Thursday** - Museum of Wisconsin Art Express Talks. A short, art-filled break led by curators. Noon - 12:20 p.m.

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**Every Saturday** - Museum of Wisconsin Art Drop-in art making for all ages. 205 Veterans Avenue, West Bend. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Every Saturday and Sunday** - September 28 - October 27. Pleasure Valley Llamas, W7757 S Hwy A, Adell. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 4 & 5** - Hunter's Haunted House. Admission is five nonperishable food items for the Kewaskum Food Pantry. Help Hunter Sabish and the "Skarecrew" beat last year's collection of 612 pounds of food. They are also collecting toy donations for the Children's Hospital. Located at 5143 Hwy 28, Rain or Shine, Kewaskum, 6 - 10 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 4** - Kewaskum Mighty River Project Work Day removing invasive plants and dead trees; planting native plants. Check in at 1630 Riverview Drive. Safety vests, tools and snacks provided. If questions call Peggy at 414-333-3689. 10:30 a.m. - noon or 2:30 p.m. until dusk.

**Friday, Oct. 4** - Washington County Separated, Divorced and Widowed Men and Women. Kettle Moraine YMCA, 1111 W. Washington St. West Bend. Pot Luck. 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 5** - Family Fall Festival and BBQ Smoke Off Competition, Veteran's Memorial Park, Allenton. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 5** - Park Eats & Treats, Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center in West Bend. This year's festival features an impressive line-up of curbside chefs and their tasty creations, local vendors, talented musical performances and family fun activities. A 2019 food truck list and developing details about the festival are available at: [wcfairpark.com/park-eats-treats](http://wcfairpark.com/park-eats-treats). General Admission and Yard Games are Free. 12 - 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 5** - Pink Pumpkin Run, Join our team and walk/run with us! Proceeds from our various events and sales benefit this local organization helping families affected by breast cancer in the community. Lamm Gardens. 9 a.m.

**Monday, Oct. 7** - Boltonville Volunteer Fire Department Open House. scavenger hunt, door prizes, food and refreshments. 6 - 8 p.m.

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**Friday, Oct. 11** - Fall Fest, Downtown West Bend. 5 - 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** - Dundee Annual Fall Color Car and Craft Show, at Dundee Sportsman's Park, N3019 Hwy 67, Fond du Lac County. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** - Community Appreciation Day Open House for Exodus House. Free all ages event, for more information give us a call at 262-626-4166, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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**Saturday, Oct. 19** - Walk United, A unique opportunity that is bringing together the community to raise funds and awareness of the United Way of Washington County' efforts to fight for the health, education, and financial stability for EVERYONE in EVERY COMMUNITY. The cost is \$5 per family. Meet at the Kewaskum High School at 8 a.m., a bus will transport walkers to Fair Park at 9:30 a.m. At Fair Park there will be a DJ, snacks, and celebration. Busses will return walkers to KHS about 11:40 a.m.

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**An Upcoming Calendar of Events for Riveredge Nature Center, 4458 County Hwy Y, Newburg, WI. Visit: [www.riveredgenaturecenter.org](http://www.riveredgenaturecenter.org) for further information.**

**Saturday, Oct. 5** - Nature Detectives: Fungus, Blooms & Falling Leaves, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 5** - Open Tree Climb, 1 - 3 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 6** - Riveredge Kids Cooking Series: Spooky Foods! 12 - 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9** - Nature Tots: Seeds on the Move, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 10** - Little Explorers Playgroup, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 10** - New Volunteer Orientation, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** - Children's Library Storytime: Stella Luna, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 12** - Grady Day! A Historic Celebration along the River, 2 - 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 19** - Day for Dogs, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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**Saturday, Oct. 19 & 20** - Autumn Celebration, Wade House Historic Site, W7965 State Hwy 23, Greenbush, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 19** - Ice Age Trail Alliance Fall Hike, Otten Preserve near Sunburst Ski Hill, Kewaskum, 2.5 mile hike and 1.5 mile hike available, 10 a.m.

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*All the events are free except at locations where a Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker is required or where a fee is listed. The events are held within the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit at the locations listed for each event. The Ice Age Visitor Center is located about 20 miles north of West Bend and 20 miles south of Fond du Lac.*

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## Students named to dean's list at Moraine Park Technical College

The **Moraine Park Technical College** recognized area students for their academic excellence during the 2018-2019 spring semester. In honor of their achievement, the students were named to the dean's list:

**Ripon:** Savanaha Carstensen, Jamie Voight, Jesse Hanrahan, Erika Kaatz, Jeremy Day, Sarah West, Ezra Weckwerth, Laura Jorgensen, Nicole Toombs, Chelsea Kubista, Emily Harley, Brielle Aylesworth, Katelyn Sharp, Aelwyn Tumas, Ty Plagenz, Mitzy Oppermann, Heather Behm, Eric Pamerter, Alexandra Krahn, Hollie Sutula, Roberto Mondragon;

**Princeton:** Abby Wesner, Jacqueline Franke, Emma Kuklinski, Samuel Fritsche;

**Green Lake:** Taran Smith;

**Markesan:** Miranda Huitema, Carly Porten, Alicia Rios Guerra, Gunner Fox, Tina Kratz;

**Rosendale:** Starla Hiemstra, Harold Haney, Ashley Johnson, David Braungardt, Deric Hensel;

**Brandon:** Heather Fousek, Jessika Eidenshink, Cody Gebhard, Noah Bille, Ryan Krohn, Anna Bice, Morgan Ramsey;

**Elkhart:** Nicole Peterson, Alyssa Towne;

**Fairwater:** Katrina Kurowski.

To qualify for the dean's list distinction, students must earn a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.5, be enrolled in at least six credits of undergraduate-level courses, be in good academic standing and cannot have a failing or incomplete grade for the semester.

GET TO KNOW **KEVIN RODRIGUEZ**

# Gladly helping bridge the cultural gap

## Moraine Park specialist points the way to higher education

By Jill Badzinski  
Special to Conley Media

WEST BEND – Building cultural awareness among college students is more than a career for Kevin Rodriguez, it's a passion.

Rodriguez is the multicultural student support specialist at Moraine Park Technical College, working at the college's three campuses in West Bend, Fond du Lac and Beaver Dam. In his spare time, he volunteers with organizations that provide education and other services to the area's Latino population.

"The population of people of color in the area is growing," Rodriguez said. "I want to be an advocate and provide support in any way that I can."

As the school year gets into full swing, Rodriguez spends his days helping to recruit and retain students of color in the technical college system. He also coordinates activities to raise awareness of the Latino culture.

"Building cultural awareness can be little things, like introducing people to activities that are popular in some cultures," he said.

For example, Moraine Park students celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by playing Loteria (Mexican Bingo) while eating Latin American food.

Rodriguez and Moraine Park's Diversity Relations colleagues encourage and engage students of color from high school through adulthood to pursue higher education. Students learn about financial resources, including scholarships, and other programs from the time they express interest in the school until they grad-



Kevin Rodriguez, a multicultural specialist at Moraine Park Technical College, said he works to help students succeed while bringing greater awareness of other cultures to the school's three campuses.

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"My goal is to have students learn and be aware that we are here for them," Rodriguez said.

Outside of work, Rodriguez' community involvement includes serving on the board of directors at Casa Guadalupe Education Center, a nonprofit organization that provides education and medical services to Hispanic residents of Washington

County. Programs include English language and healthy eating classes as well as a variety of other services.

Providing assistance to those in need is very satisfying, Rodriguez said.

"I'm proud of what we do and glad to see more and more people turning to us," he said. "We have done a lot of work to earn a very positive reputation. People trust and depend on us."

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Miranda Watermolen, an inmate at Taycheedah Correctional Institution, welds in the prison's new mobile welding lab.

# Brighter futures

Taycheedah inmates offered opportunity to learn welding in prison

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Franzen, in prison due to a probation violation, said she is scheduled to be released Nov. 5 and has been working on her resume and applying for jobs.

"That way I can have a job when I leave here and start working right away," Franzen said. "I can't wait."

Franzen was convicted of a 2014 burglary and sentenced to four

years of probation in September 2015. She pleaded no contest last year to being a felon in possession of a firearm, a violation of her probation that led to her stay at Taycheedah. She said this stint has been her first time in prison — and will be her last.

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Selig, 32, said she doesn't have a lot of job experience, but is open to anything near her home when she leaves prison.

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The job center offers programs and services that include career

readiness programs, job search assistance, resume development, services for veterans, registered apprenticeships and assistance for individuals with disabilities.

The mobile welding lab will be moved to Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution, a male prison in Plymouth, when the current Taycheedah enrollees are finished.

"As we need it, it can go throughout the state," said Anna Neal, the Department of Corrections' re-entry employment coordinator.

Other vocational and educational programs offered at Taycheedah include a cosmetology program, office software application program, adult basic education, special education and Salvation Army projects.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr said each of the prisons has an area of work education in it.

"If you give a person an opportunity to be employed at a rate where they can support their family and have self-worth, then you send an important message not to reoffend," Carr said.

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# Women inmates get hope from welding classes

Mobile lab and job center added to prison in March

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Franzen violated her probation, which led to her stay at Taycheedah. She said it was her first and last time in prison.

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# Mercury Marine receives 2019 Futuremaker Partner Award

**From Staff Reports** Fond du Lac Reporter  
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FOND DU LAC – Mercury Marine is a Futuremaker.

The marine engine company announced Monday it has received the 2019 Futuremakers Partner Award from Moraine Park Technical College in conjunction with the Wisconsin Technical College System, or WTCS, Board.

The award, which was presented by Moraine Park President [Bonnie Baerwald](#) and WTCS President Becky Lezvow at a WCTS board meeting, recognizes the bonds between technical colleges in the state and the businesses that partner with them, according to a press release from Mercury Marine.

The partnership between the business and school began many years ago when Mercury Marine's long-standing employees began retiring and the company saw it needed leadership training. Together, Moraine Park and the business have worked together to create "dealer training, machining training, production onboarding and supervisory training as well as instruction in forklift, GD&T, first aid and engine fundamentals," according to the release.

Together, they have also developed a Mercury training lab in Beaver Dam, where the college staffs two full-time instructors all year. The business contracts nearly \$450,000 annually in customized training and has more than 2,000 employees enrolled into Moraine

Park's Economic and Workforce Development contracted services, the release states.

The partnership is one that benefits all involved said Mercury Marine Vice President of Human Resources Andres Gonzalez. Students receive the professional and personal benefits of "education, training and encouragement" while Mercury helps educate "skilled and talented employees" that the business needs. In turn, Fond du Lac and its surrounding area receive "vibrant and capable workforce," said Gonzalez in the release.

The partnership at Moraine Park serves as an "entry-level talent pipeline" for Mercury Marine and provides "customized instruction that keeps team members' skills sharp," said Lezvow in the release.

In addition to the partnership, Mercury Marine contributes to the Moraine Park Foundation. In the past, they have supported desire to give students in need debt-free tuition through the Moraine Park Promise with a pledge of \$100,000, as well as the formation of the Forming Alliances to Cultivate Talent Scholarship, which "is designed to strength the appeal of manufacturing careers," boost enrollment and connect employers with possible employees, according to the release.

Their impact can also be seen on campus with bike racks created through a partnership with students and Bike Friendly West Bend; employees serving on nine advisory committees; and advocating for technical education and Moraine Park, according to the release.





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# Moraine Park honors Mercury Marine

Moraine Park Technical College, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board, has selected Mercury Marine as the recipient of the 2019 Futuremaker Partner Award.

WTCS President Becky Lezvow and Moraine Park President Bonnie Baerwald presented Mercury Marine with their award at the WTCS Board meeting on Sept. 10. The award recognizes the unique and dynamic partnerships between Wisconsin's technical colleges and their employer partners.

It was over 20 years ago that Mercury and Moraine Park first joined forces to influence the local economy. At that time, much like today, there were jobs to fill, and Mercury trusted Moraine Park to help fill them. Since then, the partnership has grown, and today they are loyal customers to the college's Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) department and avid supporters of the Moraine Park Foundation, among other things.

"Mercury Marine is a household name in Wisconsin and a highly regarded brand across the globe," Becky Lezvow, WTCS Board president, said. "Mercury looks to MPTC as an entry-level talent pipeline and for customized instruction that keeps team members' skills sharp, a testament to the strength of the partnerships between Wisconsin's employers and our colleges."

Moraine Park's EWD team at the college works to customize training for local business partners. Decades ago, Mercury identified the need for leadership training when their tenured workforce began retiring. Since then, they have worked together to create dealer training, machining training, production onboarding, and supervisory training, as well as instruction in forklift, GD&T, First Aid, and Engine Fundamentals. Moraine Park's Beaver Dam campus has a customized Mercury training lab, where the college has two full-time instructors available year-round. Currently, Mercury Marine enrolls over 2,000 employees into EWD contracted services and contracts nearly \$450,000 in customized training annually.

Their contributions to the Moraine Park Foundation date back nearly a decade. Most recently, they were major supporters of the Moraine Park Promise program, which offers the opportunity for debt-free tuition to students in need.



**Moraine Park Technical College awards Mercury Marine with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) 2019 Futuremaker Partner Award. Taking part in the presentation were (from left) Morna Foy, WTCS president; Andres Gonzalez, Mercury Marine vice president of human resources; Bonnie Baerwald, MPTC president; and Becky Lezvow, WTCS Board president.**

Their pledge of \$100,000 paved the way for other donations. Mercury was also one of the initial supporters of the Forming Alliances to Cultivate Talent (FACT) scholarship, a fund designed to strengthen the appeal of manufacturing-related careers, grow program enrollment, and provide local employers with direct access to students in those fields. Since 2011, Mercury has donated nearly \$200,000 to the Moraine Park Foundation.

"Moraine Park Technical College is grateful to have Mercury Marine as a community partner," Baerwald said. "Every day, their contributions and commitment to technical education make a difference in the lives of our students, create qualified employees to fill the employment demands of our state, and help build and strengthen our communities as a whole. To them, we say thank you for all they have done to make a positive difference in the lives of so many."

In addition to their support of Moraine Park's EWD and foundation, Mercury shows their commitment in other impactful ways. This past year, the college's manufacturing students worked

with Bike Friendly West Bend to create bike racks for the community. Mercury generously contributed the steel for the production of the racks, supporting both the students and the city of West Bend. Employees at Mercury currently serve on nine different advisory committees at Moraine Park, bringing their real-world expertise to the table. They have also been vocal regarding their support of Moraine Park and the value of technical education, even providing legislative advocacy on behalf of the college.

"We are pleased and honored to accept this award," Andres Gonzalez, Mercury Marine's vice president of human resources, said. "I can't think of a better term than 'future makers' to describe Mercury's decades-long and multifaceted relationship with Moraine Park Technical College.... This recognition is particularly meaningful coming from Moraine Park Technical College, which is such an engaged and influential force for community improvement and growth. We're looking forward to continued partnership and collaboration."

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# Going hand in hand *Emergency Nurses Week also recognized*

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WEST BEND — While Fire Prevention Week may have the spotlight, one fire captain is working to share the attention with Emergency Nurses Week.

West Bend Fire Department Captain of Fire Prevention Kenny Asselin said both are important for their collaborative efforts.

“For firefighters, Fire Prevention Week is our most important week, but it doesn’t do us any good from the paramedic side to treat

patients and hope they improve if we don’t have qualified and caring nurses in the ER,” Asselin said. “The emergency nurses around the area really do work very hard under some very tough conditions.”

And the two go hand in hand.

Jamie Zwicky, who is both a nurse and a nursing instructor at [Moraine Park Technical College](#), said nurses, especially emergency nurses, always have to be ready to go, prepared for the unexpected at any moment.

It’s not easy, she said, but it certainly is not boring.

“I tell the students all the time that even though I can’t believe I went through it, nursing school is the hardest thing you’ll probably ever do,” Zwicky said. “It tests your resilience and it makes you see life in a different way; taking care of people you never met with everything you have, regardless of what you had.”

Having a week to recognize the emergency nurses is important, Asselin said, because they work hard and deserve praise.

“Getting the word out helps people think about it and learn so they can save

themselves — maybe someone is reminded they need to see a doctor or a nurse for some health concern,” he said. “Emergency nurses do everything from taking care of heart attacks and strokes to injuries and all sorts of stuff, and by recognizing them it keeps health on people’s minds, so hopefully they do get the appropriate treatment to be able to go on and live a productive life.”

People are surprised, Zwicky said, to hear that the quality and safety of care depends on nurses being trained in their environment. Those unfamiliar

with hospitals and emergency rooms may believe the majority of care is performed by the doctor and overlook nurses.

“The importance of rigor is at the top of the list because I know how important it is for nurses to think independently and be ready to take on anything that comes their way — you never know what the day is going to bring,” Zwicky said. Critical thinking is also central to any nurse, but especially those who work in emergency situations.

“With emergency care

comes the expectation that no matter what walks through that door, you are trained and prepared to care for that patient, and not only them but their families,” she said. “Emergencies bring on something traumatic and life changing to the patient and their family — it could be that one minute you’re healthy and the next minute you’re in surgery.”

Due to the severity and time sensitivity, this type of care requires an extra aspect of communication and interaction, while remaining calm, she said.

# Logo contest for city's newest festival now accepting hand-drawn entries

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FOND DU LAC – The public is invited to put their creative prowess to the test and submit a hand-drawn logo for the city's newest event Spark: A Graphic and Interactive Arts Festival set to begin next year.

The official contest launched in September requires that participants submit their logo ideas in a vector format, but, thanks to the help of the Moraine Park Technical College Graphics Club, hand-drawn submissions can be converted to the file format and entered into the contest, according to a press release from Spark Festival Coordinator Ellen Balthazor.

The logo must align with the festival's purpose of providing both locals and visitors an educational and entertaining adventure, as well as an opportunity to showcase their interactive and graphic arts talents. The festival is set to be held Aug. 21 to 23, 2020 and will feature animation, apps, arts, board games, comics, graffiti, graphic novels, posters, tattoos, web design and video games, according to the release.

Events will be held at Children's Museum of Fond du Lac, Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership businesses and galleries, Fond du Lac Public Library, Moraine Park Technical College, Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts and other venues.

Only one hand-drawn entry may be submitted per person, and the logo committee has the right to make changes to the submission when converting the logo into a vector format, according to the release.

Submitters should mail their hand-drawn colored or black and white logos to Spark at PO Box 1705, Fond du Lac, WI, 54935-1705 and have entries postmarked no later than Nov. 7, according to the release. Contestants under the age 18 need to submit a signed permission slip with the phone number of a parent or guardian.

A volunteer committee will evaluate logo designs and reveal the winner in February 2020, according to the release. For more information on Spark and the contest, visit [sparkgraphicartsfestival.com](https://www.sparkgraphicartsfestival.com) (<https://www.sparkgraphicartsfestival.com>).

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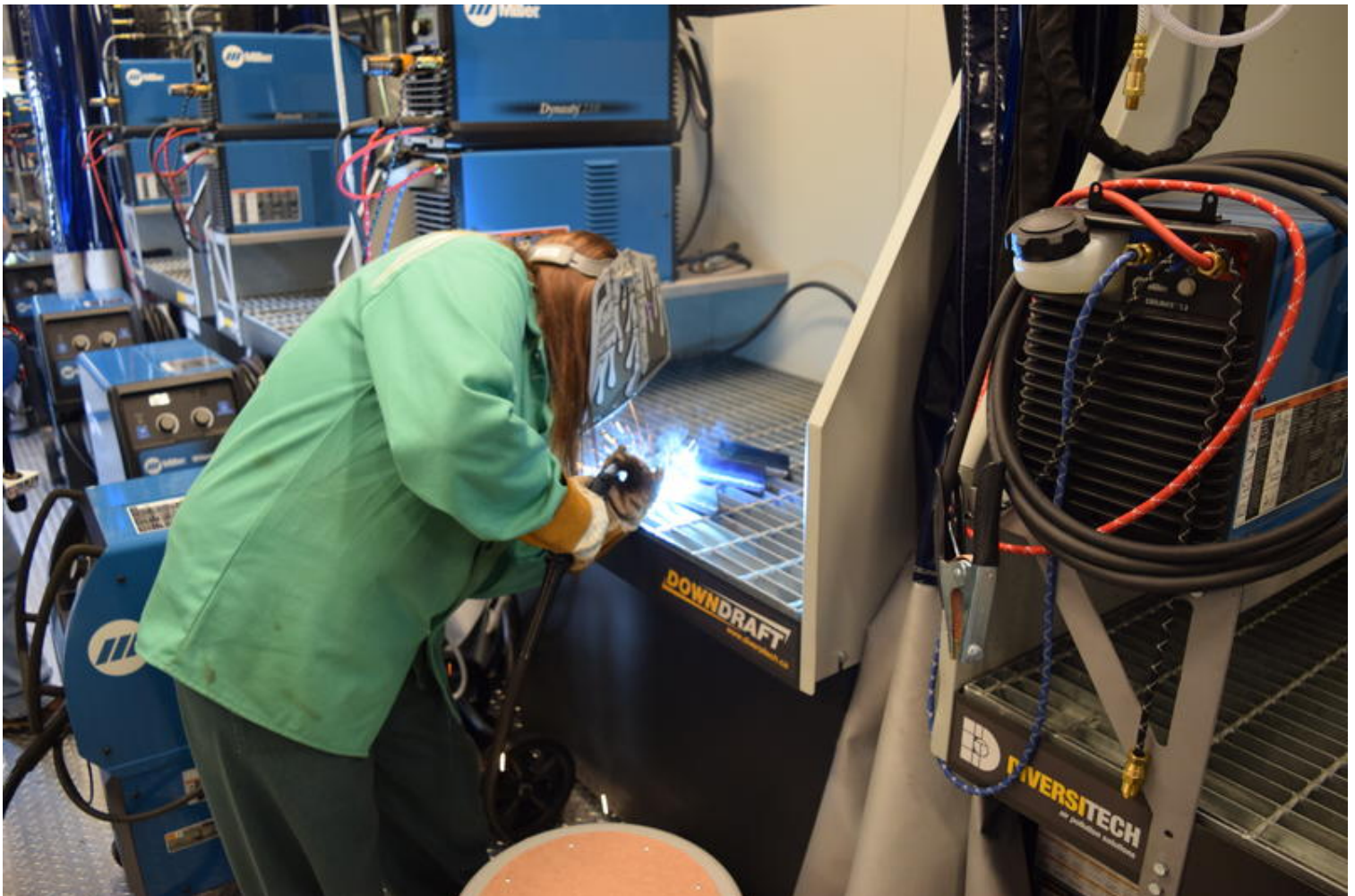
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Miranda Watermolen welds in the Welding Mobile Lab. The lab is currently at the Taycheedah Correctional Institution, which is near Fond du Lac, Wis.

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*Many of Wisconsin's 23,000 prison inmates will eventually be released. A new program tries to get more ready for the world of work, including the training of some women to be welders. WUWM Innovation Reporter Chuck Quirnbach reports.*



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The women's prison near Fond du Lac also has a new state-staffed job center, which helps inmates search for work. The Evers administration says similar job centers ([https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/newsreleases/2019/190403\\_new\\_hope\\_frostman.htm](https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/newsreleases/2019/190403_new_hope_frostman.htm)) are coming to two Milwaukee-area correctional facilities by the end of 2019.

Most of the welding instruction at Taycheedah takes place in a new truck trailer called the Welding Mobile Lab. The Department of Corrections (<https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>) and Department of Workforce Development (<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/default.htm>) recently brought the trailer to the prison and contracted with Moraine Park Technical College (<http://morainepark.edu>) to provide teaching.

During a tour for the news media, inmate and student Miranda Watermolen stood in a welding booth, wearing protective gear. Sparks were flying as she connected two pieces of metal.

Outside the trailer, Watermolen says that as she's taken part in the 2 1/2-month training program and become more skilled, welding has become attractive.

"I love how primal it is. How hands on, and hot and dirty. I like to be that woman, working in a man's world, in all reality," Watermolen said.



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*The Welding Mobile Lab, presently at the Taycheedah Correctional Institution.*

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Federal data show that if Watermolen gets a job in welding, she'd be entering a profession about 95% male. But the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts the number of welding jobs will continue to grow, and that women will get some of the work.

After being in Taycheedah for 19 months on a drug conviction, Watermolen's ready for a new start.

"Drugs were a heavy part of my life and it's something I'm really looking forward to putting behind me with this," she says. "It's something I've always wanted to do. My brother was a welder. I really looked up to him. He had everything he ever wanted, and finally, I was like, 'This is my opportunity. This is my chance at a new life right here — because I can't fail after this.' "

Watermolen is scheduled to be released from Taycheedah early next year.





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*Welding program graduates Amanda Franzen (left) and Miranda Watermolen.*

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Another welding program graduate, Amanda Franzen, is due to be released this fall. Franzen says learning the trade makes her feel empowered.

"It wasn't something I ever thought I'd be doing. Like the blueprint readings, that was hard. But I have a knack for it. I'm like, 'All right, I can do this.' Welding is fun. Just being able to lay a nice bead, putting things together. It was really cool," Franzen said.

Franzen is at Taycheedah for parole violations after a conviction for theft. She and the other handful of welding graduates will get job search help at the prison's new job center before getting out.

During the media visit to the center, soon-to-be-released inmate Kayleigh Selig was filling out a job application. She's not a welder. She has experience in factory jobs and the restaurant industry, but she's pretty flexible on her next line of work.

Selig, originally in prison for a drug violation, says the Job Center has helped her with her resume, and with mock interviews. She says she's pretty confident about leaving Taycheedah with a job waiting.

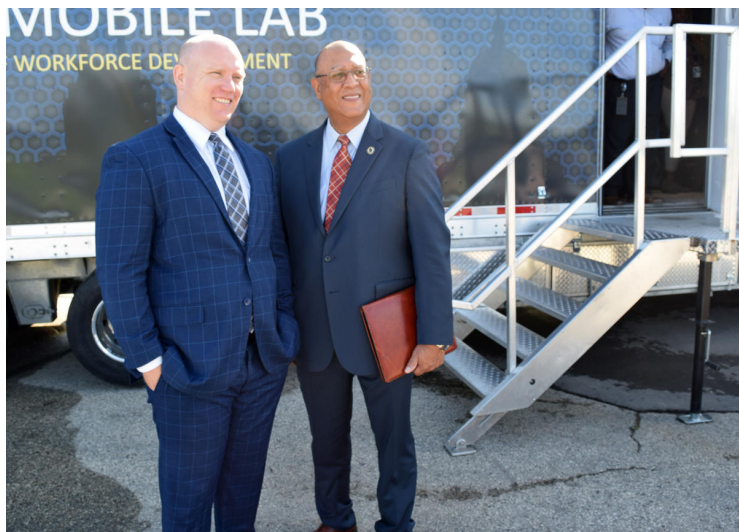


"This is my third time here. This time, I actually get to leave with something set up, you know? I'm not just leaving with nothing and starting fresh out there," Selig said.

Selig says the prison's social workers saw her potential and chose her for the job assistance. But she says too many inmates do leave prison with nothing.

That's a situation state officials say they hope to change. The Wisconsin Legislature approved \$1 million for two welding labs. It also OK'd job centers at four correctional institutions. One center opened at Oakhill, a facility near Madison, earlier this year. Two more are scheduled to be added soon – at the Milwaukee Women's Center, and the Ellsworth Correctional Center near Union Grove.

But there are more than 23,000 state inmates. Many will eventually be released.



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*Department of Workforce Development Sec. Caleb Frostman (left) and Department of Corrections Sec.-designee Kevin Carr.*

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<https://doc.wi.gov/DataResearch/InteractiveDashboards/RecidivismAfterReleaseFromPrison.pdf> showed 25-30% of former Wisconsin inmates commit a new offense resulting in a conviction and prison sentence within three years of release. State Corrections Secretary-designee Kevin Carr says a good job can make a dent in those numbers.

"I can certainly tell you that when a person has the opportunity for employment that provides for a family-supporting job and gives them a sense of self-worth, that is really important for personal growth. It's the best antidote to recidivism," Carr said.



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*The state-staffed Job Center at Taycheedah.*

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Plus, even if more are hired, there is the stark issue of recidivism. A 2016 study

Department of Workforce Development Secretary Caleb Frostman says more businesses want to hire former inmates. With the state's workforce shortage, he says there's a "heightened sense of urgency."

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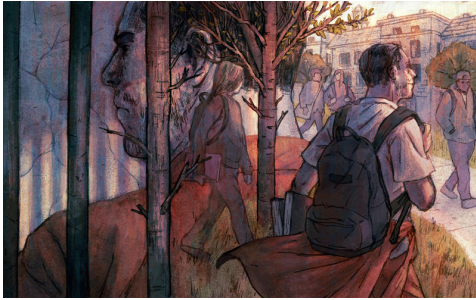
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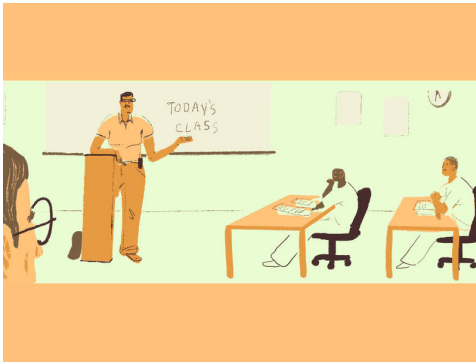
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