

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Volunteers needed to help build beds**

The Racine/Kenosha Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace will celebrate the five-year anniversary of the first beds it built and delivered on June 10.

SHP is hosting a build day at Bane-Nelson Inc., 4019 43rd St., Kenosha.

It has assembled enough wood for 100 beds, and hopes that with the community's help, it can build 100 beds for children in Racine and Kenosha.

To sign up to be a volunteer, register at <https://sleepinheavenlypeace.my.site.com/Volunteering%20>.

At 3:30 p.m., a celebration picnic will be held across the street from the bed building site.

There will be live music by The Affordables, food, awards and special guest Luke Mickelson, SHP founder and executive director.

The free event is open to the first 125 people to sign up at [signumpevents.com/go/70a0b4449a2deasf04-5thanniversary](https://signumpevents.com/go/70a0b4449a2deasf04-5thanniversary).

Volunteers at SHP have built and delivered 1,462 beds to children ages 3-17 who do not have proper beds.

**Summer reading program at Carthage**

KENOSHA — Carthage College's Hedberg Library is offering the summer reading program "Tickets to Adventure" from June 5 through July 2.

The program is open to youth 17 and younger. Parents can register their children, pick up their program packets and library cards, and record their readings throughout the summer.

Prizes will be awarded when reading goals are met, and there will be four themed programs to attend.

The end of the program will be celebrated with a pizza party and games on the library lawn.

To register, or for more information, go to <https://go.evnt.com/1765480-0>.

**Environmental task force created**

RACINE — Racine Interfaith Coalition celebrated Earth Day this year by introducing its newest task force, the Environmental Justice Task Force.

The task force will work to fight

eco injustices, which are the exposure of poor and marginalized communities to harms from hazardous waste, resource extraction and other land uses from which they do not receive benefits.

Lead poisoning is a statewide tragedy that disproportionately targets children in Racine.

According to the Department of Health Services' 2014 Report on Childhood Lead Poisoning in Wisconsin, "if lead poisoning in children were eliminated, the state would save \$7 billion in costs for medical treatment, special education, and crime and juvenile delinquency."

The Rights of Nature movement, another focus of the eco justice task force, believes that human beings are meant to live in community with the other living things of our Earth.

"I'm excited to help reach our task force goals to defend all forms of life on earth by building relationships with other environmental groups and all who are interested in promoting eco-justice," said Linda Boyle, RIC co-president. "The RIC Eco Justice Task Force welcomes anyone who is interested in helping eradicate eco injustices."

For more information, email [ricracine199@gmail.com](mailto:ricracine199@gmail.com) or call 262-635-9552.

**Selkove honored with financial award**

RACINE — Gov. Tony Evers has honored Vicky Selkove, manager of strategic planning and community partnerships for the City of Racine, for her role in launching the Racine Financial Empowerment Center.

FEC offers free, one-on-one professional financial counseling to Racine residents. It helps residents reduce debt, improve credit and budget, save, and connect to safe and affordable financial products.

The FEC also works to help residents plan for future ownership.

It is the first center of its kind in Wisconsin and joins the national network of financial empowerment centers led by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund.

Selkove attended an award reception in April to accept the award, along with other statewide awardees. Also in attendance was Dashaika Kidd, FEC manager and Racine program manager for Housing Resources Inc.

"I was thrilled to accept this award with Dashaika Kidd from



Dashaika Kidd, left, FEC manager and Racine program manager for Housing Resources Inc., and Vicky Selkove, manager of strategic initiatives and community partnerships for the City of Racine.

Housing Resources Inc. In recognition of the work we've done together," Selkove said. "This work is central to Mayor Cory Mason's efforts to address longstanding disparities locally, and open the door to opportunity, stability and prosperity for all city residents."

Since opening in December 2020, the Racine FEC has served 361 residents, 56.2% who identify as Black, 17% who identify as Hispanic/Latino and 5% who identify as multiracial. More than three-quarters of FEC clients identify as female. Racine residents are encouraged to visit [racinefec.org](http://racinefec.org) for a free appointment for this financial counseling.

**RAM announces new Board of Directors**

RACINE — The Racine Art Museum Association Inc. elected a slate of new candidates for the museum's Board of Directors for initial three-year terms and returning board members for second three-year terms at the May 16 annual meeting.

Elected for an initial three-year term were Linea Anthony and Nichole Elcano. Elected for a second three-year term were Carl Hipp and Justin Petelman.

Retiring board members honored for their service included Ben Plegel, Diane Ruffo and Neil Stack.

In addition, the RAMA Board of

Directors elected the following officers for the coming year at a separate session following the annual meeting: John Crimmins, president; Justin Petelman, treasurer; and Clair Holland, secretary. RAMA oversees operations and programming for the Racine Art Museum and Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts.

**Waterford library celebrates program**

WATERFORD — Waterford Public Library staff and patrons recently celebrated the completion of the Alphabet Lab with an "ABC" party.

The special guest was Kelly Klein, co-owner of Reads by the River Books and Gifts, who sponsored Alphabet Lab with a \$1,000 donation.

Klein explained why literacy is so important to the library and her bookstore, and said that she was happy to support the program.

Alphabet Lab, as the name suggests, is an early-literacy program teaching the alphabet to children 4 and younger. Play, movement, sound, visuals and American Sign Language are used to make learning about the alphabet fun.

**Be a beach cleanup volunteer in Racine**

RACINE — With the arrival of spring comes the kickoff to the annual cleaning of Great Lakes

beaches and shorelines through the Alliance for the Great Lakes' Adopt-a-Beach program.

Volunteers can register at [adopt.greatlakes.org/5/find-a-cleanup-for-cleanup-events-in-Racine](http://adopt.greatlakes.org/5/find-a-cleanup-for-cleanup-events-in-Racine).

Adopt-a-Beach volunteers come from all eight Great Lakes states and all walks of life, including individuals, families, school and youth groups, businesses and community organizations.

**Wright trail includes Racine County**

SPRING GREEN — Tallesin Preservation has launched a new Frank Lloyd Wright Trail website, trail tracker and updated app.

The website, Frank Lloyd-WrightTrail.org, maps and connects nine public Wright sites along 200 miles in southern Wisconsin, including the SC Johnson Administrative Building and Research Tower in Racine, and The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread in WinA Point.

Visitors can plan their trip with the updated app or track their progress with the Trail Tracker and receive a Frank Lloyd Wright trail badge to share on social media.

The website also provides information about America's most iconic architect and his deep roots in his birthplace of Wisconsin.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Trail was established in 2017 following the signing of legislation by the governor to honor America's most iconic architect in his home state.

It included the installation of roadway signage and a public relations campaign.

The self-guided automotive trail consists of nine public sites chosen to provide architectural enthusiasts and casual visitors with a rich exposure to Wright's architectural genius.

Traveling from east to west, the trail originates on Interstate 94 near the Wisconsin-Illinois border in Racine County, proceeds north to Milwaukee, then west across the state to Madison, onward to Spring Green and ends in Richland Center — the place where it all began in the city of Wright's birth.

The trail also includes the following sites: Burnham Rock, Monona Terrace, First Unitarian Society Meeting House, Tallesin and Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, Werning Valley School and A.D. Gorman Warehouse.

**CLUB CALENDAR**

**MONDAY**

**Al-Anon:** 8 p.m., Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3550 Lincoln Ave.

**Retired Involved Nurses Group:** 11:30 a.m., Crystal Bay, 3900 N. Main St. Lunch is on site. The cost of membership is \$15 and lunch is \$5. A business meeting will follow. For more information, call Margie Orth, secretary, 262-884-0742.

**TUESDAY**

**Al-Anon:** 9:30-11 a.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, 40 Ohio St.

**Chocolate City Card Club:** Senior card club, 12:30 p.m., Burlington Senior Center, 537 E. State St., Burlington. Euchre, pinocle, sheephead, and hand and foot are played. Call 262-716-0329 for information.

**Race Daily Stamenis A Cappella Chorus:** Open guest night, 7-9 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2065 Geneva St. Male and female singers are encouraged to stop and call Bill Linmerich at 262-498-9955 for more information.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS):**

Weight-in, 5:30 p.m. meeting, 6 p.m., Lutheran Church, 1925 Summit Ave. Call Georgia Schansline at 262-632-0196.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Caldonia Senior Card Club:** Sheephead, for ages 55 and older, noon to 3 p.m., Franklin Memorial Park, 9614 Northwestern Ave., Franklinville. For more information, call 414-866-9550.

**Kiwanis Club of West of Racine:** 7:30 a.m., in-person at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Ave. Kiwanis is an international organization dedicated to serving the children of the world. To attend a meeting, contact Shirley Meyer, membership chair, at 262-260-8101 or email [aqush414@yahoo.com](mailto:aqush414@yahoo.com).

**THURSDAY**

**Racine Art Guild:** Scholarship awards reception, 6 p.m., Wustum Museum, 2519 Northwestern Ave. After a meeting, presentations of the awards will be given out and the students will give a short speech and share examples of their art with the group. Race student award winners are Amanda Gastra, University

of Wisconsin-ParkeSide, Paige Smith, Carthage College, Mickey Meredith, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design; and Johanna Corey, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Senior Card Club:** 10 a.m., to noon, North Point Church, 3825 Erie St. (near parking lot entrance). The 3 to 13 card game, a form of rummy, is played. An optional lunch meal is provided for \$5. Call 262-339-2039.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1030:** Monthly meeting open to eligible veterans of foreign wars, 4:30 p.m., Arroyo Brothers Pub, 6501 Washington Ave., Mount Pleasant. For more information, call Oliver Panko at 262-880-7399.

**FRIDAY**

**Racine Founders Rotary Club:** Northwest Racine County Club, 2401 Northwestern Ave.

**DAILY/OTHERS**

**Overeaters Anonymous:** 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Ave., a free fellowship group for all eating disorders including the 12 steps and 12 traditions. For more

information call 262-652-5635.

**Racine Duplicate Bridge Club:** Each week two ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge games are played in Racine — at 12:15 p.m. Monday and Friday at The Lanes, 4215 Park Ave., Mount Pleasant. People must have proof of COVID-19 vaccination to play. Call Henry Kessler, club manager, at 262-652-6173 for reservations. Recent winners are:

May 26: George Urquhart-Janet Urquhart, first; Susan Genz-Robert Genz, second; Paul Dreyer-Donald Urquhart, third.

May 29: George Urquhart-Janet Urquhart, first place; Susan Genz-Robert Genz, second; Roseanne Worrell-Vic Meloy, third.

The Club Calendar is published every Tuesday in Community. Send notices by noon Tuesday via email to [Loreen.Moht@journaltimes.com](mailto:Loreen.Moht@journaltimes.com). Call 262-631-1725 for more information.

**ECO-J**

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On July 24, food will be available for purchase from Dragon Pit BBQ and music will be provided by Ethan Keller.

Food from Specialty Nacho Queen and Zaytuna's Kitchen will be available on Aug. 10 and 24, respectively.

Listen to the folk music of Wattle & Daub on Aug. 10, and George Rae's fiddle on Aug. 24. Littleport Brewing will have a special brew available, in addition to non-alcoholic options.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance of the event at [ecojusticecenter.org](http://ecojusticecenter.org).

**Yoga with Alpacas**

Have you heard of "goat yoga"?

What about Yoga with Alpacas?

"Unlike goat yoga where goats may climb on you while you strike a yoga pose, during 'Yoga with Alpacas' the alpacas simply meander around you," said MaryLynn Conter Strack, executive director of the Eco-Justice Center. "Since alpacas are naturally quiet, peaceful animals, they fit perfectly with the meditative nature of yoga."

Yoga and animal lovers age 15 and older can register for upcoming Saturday classes. Pre-registration required, go to <https://ecojusticecenter.org/adult-programs>.

**About Eco-J**

The Eco-Justice Center is an environmental education center and organic farm founded by Racine Dominican Sisters in 2004. As a mission partner of the Racine Dominicans, Eco-J offers programming for lifelong learning designed to encourage exploration, connect people with sustainable growing practices and promote healthier ecosystems. Eco-J programs encourage participants of all ages to learn from the wisdom of nature.

**LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

**RACINE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

RACINE — The Racine Public Library, 75 Seventh St., is hosting the following events:

■ "Computer Basics: Windows 11," 5-6 p.m., Tuesday, June 6.

■ Lunch Break at the Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 7. Food will be by Gibby's Barbecue.

■ "The Buzz on Beekeeping," 10:31 a.m., Wednesday, June 7. Attendees will learn about beekeeping and talk about simple ways that they can support honeybees and other pollinators.

■ "Thoughtful Words Poetry Workshop," for ages 16 and older, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 7. Featuring poetry readings, writing sessions and showing work. Registration is recommended.

■ "80 and Smoother with the ABC's," for ages 60 and older, 12 p.m., Wednesday, June 7. This tablet- and smartphone training program will teach participants how to navigate web pages and use email and other features. To register, call 262-833-8777.

■ Senior Domestics: Chicken Feet, for ages 55 and older, 10-11 a.m., Thursday, June 8.

■ Community Gaming Night, 5-7 p.m., Friday, June 9. Pizza, snacks and water will be available.

The bookmobile's summer schedule of stops will be in place June 5 to Sept. 2. Visit [racinelibrary.org/library-go](http://racinelibrary.org/library-go) for the updated list of stops.

Go to [racinelibrary.org/calendar](http://racinelibrary.org/calendar) or call 262-636-9217 for storytimes and other ongoing events. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Submit library news to Loreen Moht, Journal Times community coordinator, at [Lmoht@journaltimes.com](mailto:Lmoht@journaltimes.com). The deadline for submission is noon Tuesday to be considered for publication the following Saturday.



**PI CHAPTER DONATION**

Family members of Mae E. Ellis, a Racine Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma member who died Feb. 6, donated \$200 to the Racine Pi Chapter in Ellis' memory. From left are Julie Traflet, Racine Pi Chapter president; Maureen Ellis, Ellis' daughter-in-law and Racine Pi Chapter membership chairperson; Eric Ellis, Rommel Ellis and Javeta Ellis, Ellis' children; and Georgia Owens, Ellis' sister and Racine Pi Chapter member. This donation will help new members, who might need assistance to pay their dues.

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