

# Making it Happen



NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY PROGRESS INITIATIVE

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## Philanthropy key to community building

**We live in a generous community!** Time and time again, area residents step up when asked to help. A recent example is the 4th of July fireworks in Wisconsin Rapids. When this year's show was in danger of being drastically reduced, area municipalities, businesses, service groups and private citizens combined their efforts to fund the fireworks.

These individuals and groups emphasize the positive impact a cooperative effort can have on a community. Think of what we could achieve if we applied that same level of effort and cooperation into economic development.

This approach can also apply to positive economic results on a grander scale. As residents of a rural community, we can make our own solutions. Imagine what might happen if more of the significant wealth created in this area stayed here through charitable gifts and estate plans.

Favorable economic prospects for rural communities like South Wood County and Rome can be achieved through a number

of ways. One is with charitable giving focused on 'quality of life' improvements. It also requires both commitment to and investment in people and communities.

One way to do this is by establishing local funds that will allow those planning for retirement and beyond to designate part of their assets to remain for the long-term benefit of their town. If you believe in this, consider funding scholarships for Entrepreneurial Boot Camp or the Educational Series for Business Skills. Or, consider a gift in your estate plan to a local charity or community fund.

As a resident, you can give back to this community to help make it more livable, especially for those who haven't been as lucky or advantaged.

**Your gifts given today will continue to serve this area for the long term – for good, forever.**

*"When we help our neighbors, we help ourselves." ~ Franklin Thomas*

## Area financials unite for community progress!

by Nan Taylor



**There is strength in numbers when it comes to investing in future community growth.** Seven area financial institutions have announced that they are uniting their financial support and pledging generous contributions to the Community Progress Initiative over the next few years – for the benefit of our area's economic development. **They are: Bull's Eye Credit Union, KeySavings Bank, M&I Bank, Paper City Savings, Pioneer Bank, River Cities Bank, and US Bank.**

Speaking on behalf of M&I Bank, branch manager Nick Boyce said, "We are committed to investing in the local communities where we live, work, and play."

Jerry Gebert, president of River Cities Bank, agreed and added, "It's gratifying to see our primary local financial institutions working

together to benefit our area."

Contributions from these Heart of Wisconsin financials will help maintain Progress Initiative programs such as Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, Industry Cluster Networks, and Business Technical Support. Communities with programs that encourage the expansion of existing businesses, provide technical assistance to business start-ups, and link people to investment capital will attract attention and help the local economy get stronger from within. The design of the Progress Initiative facilitates just that, by having citizens and businesses collaborate on creative solutions. What speaks to the value of this partnership better than an alliance formed by area financial organizations which believe that **they can make a difference!**

Bull's Eye Credit Union president, David Stark, commented that he can see the Community Progress Initiative truly affecting the way people and businesses communicate and network. "Our communities have come to realize that they can have a hand in creating a solid economic future."

# Building a strong and positive community!

## WHAT ARE PROGRESS TEAMS?

The Community Progress Initiative is all about looking at what we need now to improve our future, and hundreds of local residents are taking the lead by being doers and achievers through their local Progress Teams.

“Visioning sessions” were held in 2004 for residents to come together, create a vision, and start to make plans for the future. There are seven Progress Teams working to advance their community’s vision by collaborating with key community groups, officials, and leaders, and giving all residents a chance to get involved in community improvement projects and issues:

- Nekoosa Area Progress Team
- Pittsville Area Promotional Team
- Port Progress Team
- Rome Is More Team
- Rudolph Progress Team
- Vesper Area Progress Team
- Wisconsin Rapids/Biron/Grand Rapids Progress Team

To see all vision statements, visit [progressinitiative.com](http://progressinitiative.com).

## Hats off to Progress Teams!

by Chelsey Ross

Each local progress team has been busy planning events, fundraising, and using all of their efforts to improve the community where they live. With dedicated members, progress teams have been able to contribute to their community’s funds, host successful events, and hold true to their individual vision statements.

**Check out what your local progress team has been up to, and what lies ahead for your community!**

### Rudolph Progress Team

Join the Rudolph Progress Team at the Rudolph Sesquicentennial Celebration on September 16, 2006 at the Rudolph Community Park!

The celebration will include fun for the whole family! Music, food, and drinks will be available throughout the day, and the second annual Kickball Tournament will take place in the afternoon. Carnival games and rides will be available for the children, and a “Rudolph Families Then and Now” themed parade will occur at 2:00 p.m. You can also check out the Rudolph community history at the Rudolph Municipal Building, and don’t forget the fireworks show at dusk in the beautiful Rudolph area!

The Rudolph Progress Team is looking for additional floats for the parade, and is also looking for crafters and flea marketers. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, please contact Jim Bushmaker at 715-423-5326. To participate in the crafting event, please contact Sue Ziebell at 715-435-3689.

**For more information on the Rudolph Progress Team, contact Christy Steinle ([dsteinle@wctc.net](mailto:dsteinle@wctc.net)) or Kathy Hartjes ([hart@wctc.net](mailto:hart@wctc.net)).**

### Port Progress Team

The village-wide garage sale in Port Edwards was a success! The Port Progress Team handed out maps and flyers at informational booths throughout the day. They also hosted the garage sale day scavenger hunt. Participants were given a list of items to find at garage sales, and had to bring the items to the team at the end of the day to collect a prize!

On August 27, the team will hold the 2nd Annual Family Fun Fest, Car Show, and Craft Show at Edwards-Alexander Park. Plenty of food, music, and activities will be available throughout the day. Bring the whole family out for a day of fun!

**For more information on the Port Progress Team, contact Leslie Arendt ([larendt@wctc.net](mailto:larendt@wctc.net)).**

### Wisconsin Rapids/Biron/Grand Rapids Area Progress Team

The 2nd Annual Community Picnic, held on June 30th, was a tremendous success for the Wisconsin Rapids Area Progress Team! Residents from Biron, Grand Rapids, Wisconsin Rapids, and other surrounding communities came together to celebrate the many fine things that are happening in the area.

In addition, the team is in the process of trying to locate a site for a local kiosk that can house information for the Wisconsin Rapids, Biron, and Grand Rapids areas. Incoming tourists would then be able to easily pick up informational materials on what the community has to offer.

**For more information on the Wisconsin Rapids/Biron/Grand Rapids Progress Team, contact Tom Marshall ([Tom.Marshall@wrps.org](mailto:Tom.Marshall@wrps.org)) or Jean Young ([youngsj@wctc.net](mailto:youngsj@wctc.net)).**



**It is never too late to get involved with your local progress team! If you are interested in becoming a member, or want more information about each team, visit [progressinitiative.com](http://progressinitiative.com) or contact the team chair in your area!**

## Rome Is More Team

With the successful completion of the 2nd Annual Taste of Rome event, the Rome is More Team is planning an even bigger event for summer 2007. Next year will be Rome's Sesquicentennial Celebration, and the event promises to be one of the highlights of the year for the area!

In addition, the Rome Dog Park is open and ready to be used! Plenty of dog owners and lovers have brought their dogs out to run and enjoy this new spacious area! Don't leave your dog behind; let the dog enjoy a visit from another furry friend, and enjoy a visit with one of your own neighbors at the same time!

**For more information on the Rome Is More Team, contact Sharon McCray ([drskm2@wctc.net](mailto:drskm2@wctc.net)) or Arlene Scalzo ([ascalzo@wctc.net](mailto:ascalzo@wctc.net)).**

## Pittsville Area Promotional Team

To further promote the beautiful Pittsville area, the Pittsville Area Promotional Team has been keeping busy with several projects. A brochure that highlights area businesses, organizations, and services is now available for all to see. Pick up your copy today! Also, check out the next "Business Close-Up" in the Pittsville Record. This column will focus on a new business or organization in the Pittsville area.

The progress team is also putting together a website about what the Pittsville area has to offer, and will soon develop a monument denoting the "Exact Center of the State of Wisconsin" to display the pride they have in the city they call home.

**For more information on the Pittsville Area Promotional Team, contact Jerry Minor ([pf911@tds.net](mailto:pf911@tds.net)).**

## Vesper Improvement Committee

The Vesper Improvement Committee had a very busy month in May! The team sponsored the Vesper Celebration Day for the area on May 13, and the event was a huge success! The Vesper Farmers Market also began in May. On every Tuesday through October, the Farmers Market is open to the public! Come join in on the legendary Tuesdays in Vesper!

In addition, the committee has formed a History Group and Gardening Group in the Vesper area. The gardening group is working on beautification projects around the community, while the history group is developing the Vesper History Trail. Take a moment to enjoy the beautiful Vesper area!

**For more information on the Vesper Improvement Committee, contact Ruth Cline ([stonegate@tznet.com](mailto:stonegate@tznet.com)).**

## Nekoosa Area Progress Fund Committee

The Nekoosa Area Progress Fund Committee is very busy with a number of activities to raise money for the community's endowment fund. All contributions will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000, by the Barker Mead Fund through Community Foundation of South Wood County. The committee's goal is to raise \$20,000 by December 31, 2006 so that the community can benefit from the full \$20,000 matching gift.

"Gimme \$10" is the slogan for their campaign, asking all Nekoosa Area residents to donate at least \$10 to the Progress Fund. Every \$10 donated will be matched, so that means every \$10 equals \$20 to the fund. "The Berrymans" will perform at Nekoosa High School on September 15, and the entertaining Hoopla Band will open the show. Don't miss this fun evening of music and laughs! Visit [progressinitiative.com](http://progressinitiative.com) for more details and ticket locations.

**For more information on the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund, contact Ruth Moody, 886-5250.**

**Snapshots from area Progress Teams** – (top to bottom): Rudolph "Rocks;" the 2005 Port Edwards Car Show; the 2nd Annual Community Picnic of Wisconsin Rapids/Biron/Grand Rapids; the new Rome Dog Park; the July 4th Pittsville Parade float; the Vesper Butterfly Garden; and the Nekoosa Giant Pumpkin Fest.



## Building a strong and positive community!

### Volunteer Spotlight - Kristi Anderson



**Kristi Anderson**, a senior at Lincoln High School, is a member of the Teen Leadership Advisory Committee and the Community Progress Initiative Board for the Wisconsin Rapids/Biron/Grand Rapids Area.

When asked what drives her volunteerism, Kristi stated that participating in the Community Progress Initiative has been a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. For Kristi, it was inspiring to see the collaboration of the Wisconsin Rapids, Biron, and Grand Rapids governments and communities, which has made the area stronger and more integrated.

"The Community Progress Initiative has given us the ability to unite as a community. With the changing economy, we must work together to build a solid foundation that will last for generations to come. This is our town, and it is up to each and every one of us to make sure that it is a place that we take pride in calling home."

*Thank you Kristi for "Making it Happen!"*

## Community effort ensures fireworks celebration

**If you see an opportunity to help, don't wait – get involved!**

That's what nine area high school students did when this year's 4th of July fireworks celebration was in danger of being drastically reduced.

Students from four area high schools helped form the Community Fireworks Committee, a youth-led initiative with volunteer support from the Wisconsin Rapids Elks Lodge.

In early 2006, nearly all of this year's \$22,000 in fireworks funding was cut from the City of Wisconsin Rapids' budget. Solarus generously agreed to contribute \$5,000 per year for the next five years to help fund the fireworks. The Community Fireworks Committee worked to raise an additional \$15,000 per year.

First, the teens reached out to area municipalities for their support. Team members made presentations at 11 South Wood County town, village and city board meetings in May. Each municipality was asked to consider funding based on its population area, an average of about 42 cents per resident.

Sponsoring organizations for this committee are Community Foundation of South Wood County, Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance and Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau (CVB).

Karin Mast, executive director of the CVB, accompanied students to some of the meetings.



**Students took their fireworks funding quest to the airwaves**, appearing on River Cities Community Access TV to talk with Jim Walsh, far left, on the "River Cities Today" show. From right to left: Robyn Wayne, Daniel Shawbitz, and Jessica McCracken.

"The response from the municipalities was very positive," Mast noted. "Board members understood why we were there and the importance of the project. They wanted to do what they could to support this event and the area's pride."

Nine of the municipalities agreed to contribute a total of \$7,140 to this year's fireworks. Their efforts had a snowball effect, as businesses, service groups and private citizens from throughout South Wood County contributed to the fund. The group met its \$20,000 goal in late June.

Mast emphasized that without the pride people have for the tradition of the fireworks, reaching this would not have been possible.

"The fireworks are important to this area's reputation as a fun, family-oriented community," she said. "This display is known as being one of the best in the entire state of Wisconsin."

## Leaders create vision, embrace change

by Chelsey Ross

*"The single defining quality of leaders is the capacity to create and realize a vision." --Warren Bennis*

**At the June Advanced Leadership Institute session, key leaders in our community focused on "vision"... their personal vision and their community's vision.**

Having a vision is vital to leading people through the change process, and participants discussed the leader's role in moving people through the "gap" that exists between "where we are" and "where we want to go." Being in the gap

typically creates anxiety and ambiguity, and leaders who create and share a vision of the future are more effective in helping to move people through the change.

Following the session, Pam Ross, President of Opportunity Development Centers stated, "As leaders, we need to recognize that being in the 'gap' is a normal part of living in a changing world. If we are to make positive change occur, we need to be willing to live in that gap while continuing to look toward the future."

# Rhineland Study Tour

by Melissa Loken

**In April, the Paper and Forest Products Cluster embarked on its second study tour – this time to Rhineland.**

Don Roberts of Nicolet Technical College arranged a full day for the group, including tours at Louisiana Pacific, Oldenburg, Inc., Oneida Tool and Foster & Smith, a pet supply company.

We dined downtown at Rhineland Café & Pub for lunch, and it was evident that a destination restaurant adds value to a downtown and draws residents and visitors alike.

In the afternoon, the group networked with community leaders who explained both the assets and struggles of the Rhineland area. Many paralleled ours. We heard about their Mainstreet Application and fundraising and were given an overview of their downtown businesses.

Our final destination was the 8th



**During a recent study tour to Rhineland,** participants (from left to right) Ernie Krause, Al Javoroski, Mike Czappa, Jill Thornburg, and Melissa Loken are all smiles after an informative tour provided by Louisiana Pacific representatives.

Annual Manufacturers Dinner, where they launched their Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club, which will serve a five-county area.

As we traveled home we discussed possible niches for our South Wood County areas to focus on. That's what these study tours are all about, causing conversation to lead to actions to make us stronger as a community.

## Contribute today for a better tomorrow

**The Community Progress Initiative is all about community and economic development in South Wood County and Rome.**

To assist local residents in creating their own future, an endowment fund was created for each of our seven local communities: Nekoosa Area, Pittsville Area, Port Edwards, Rome, Rudolph, Vesper Area, and Wisconsin Rapids Area.

The purpose of each fund is to support unique community development opportunities as identified by the residents of that area. Local citizens, serving on Community Progress Fund committees, are responsible for fundraising, setting grant guidelines, accepting grant applications, and making grants to improve their own communities.

Each fund is an endowment fund. All donations are combined into a permanent account and serve as the principal balance. The principal is never spent; it's endowed and available for growth forever. A portion of the earnings is then distributed in the form of grants.

### Who may apply for a grant?

Grant proposals may be submitted by local community service groups, citizens organizing community improvement projects, and 501(c)(3) organizations. Your local Community Fund Committee will review applications at regular intervals, and based upon grant guidelines, will determine which grant requests to fund. Several projects such as the Wisconsin Rapids Area Community Picnic, the Vesper Welcome Committee, and the Taste of Rome event were all made possible because of grant distributions.

**Visit [www.progressinitiative.com](http://www.progressinitiative.com) for more information or to view a grant application form!**

### How do I donate to my community's fund?

Thanks to the generosity of the Barker Mead Fund through Community Foundation of South Wood County, now is the perfect time to donate! The Barker Mead Fund has pledged a total of \$140,000 in matching gifts (\$20,000 each) to the seven Community Funds.



## INNOVATION SPARKS GROWTH, SUCCESS

Recently, Dave Pryor and Ann Lepak, both of the Paper and Forestry Product Industry Cluster, attended the Wisconsin Innovates Conference in Milwaukee. During this two day convention, participants were able to network with several of today's successful businesses. According to Pryor and Lepak, each flourishing company shared the same basic themes and principals:

**We are competing in a global economy.** We cannot just compete on cost and price alone; globalization is making the economy move very quickly. We constantly have to re-invent ourselves and pay attention to what our competitors are doing.

**Innovate or Die** – there is no option. Innovation is key and needs to be an ongoing improvement process that never stops. While it won't happen overnight, consistent, deliberate small steps will get you where you want to be.

**Honesty and Integrity are a necessity.** All businesses need to have guiding principles, core values, a vision and a mission.

**We all have to work together** - businesses, vendors and customers are all partners – none is successful without the others.

**To view Dave and Ann's article in its entirety, visit [progressinitiative.com](http://progressinitiative.com).**

Donations given to the fund of your choice before December 31, 2006 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Barker Mead Fund, up to a total of \$20,000 per fund. That means, when you donate \$25 to any of the seven funds, the Barker Mead Fund will match your contribution by donating an additional \$25 to your community. Your gift will instantly be doubled! **Donate to your community today at [www.progressinitiative.com](http://www.progressinitiative.com).**

# Creating a business-friendly culture!

## WHAT IS AN INDUSTRY CLUSTER?

One of the main focuses of the Community Progress Initiative is business and economic development. If local companies can find new ways to retain and bring businesses to our area, everyone will reap the benefits. Numerous local citizens have dedicated their time and expertise to help our local industries through Industry Clusters.

In 2004, business owners, managers, and employees came together to find an effective model for networking and problem solving. As a result, seven Industry Clusters emerged and each seeks to identify opportunities for its industry, find ways to remove impediments to its growth, and work together to help strengthen its industry:

- Cranberry-Agriculture Cluster
- Downtown Revitalization Cluster
- New E-conomies Cluster
- Paper and Forestry Product Cluster
- Small Business Development Cluster
- Tourism Cluster
- Workforce Training and Education Cluster

**For contact information and meeting dates and times of each cluster, visit [progressinitiative.com](http://progressinitiative.com).**

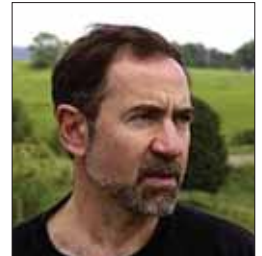
## Change is possible – and profitable!

by Melissa Loken

### Every citizen can be involved in creating a positive economic future.

That was the message that Anthony Flaccavento brought to south Wood County in June when he spoke to area residents. Flaccavento is Executive Director of Appalachian Sustainable Development and a recipient of the Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award.

Flaccavento comes from an area in Virginia that went through dramatic changes when the tobacco market began declining more than a decade ago. In choosing their new direction, members of the Appalachian Sustainable Development group chose to grow organic products to open new markets and increase profits. Farmers raised produce and animals that the Virginia environment could easily support and that was supported by market demand in larger nearby cities.



**Anthony Flaccavento**

Next, they “acted into a new way of thinking.”

Members of the Appalachian Sustainable Development group worked hand-in-hand with farmers, showing them how to raise new products. They also helped open markets for these products and added a grading facility to process them.

### In his presentation, Flaccavento emphasized four principles to guide sustainable community enterprises:

- Increase the value of the end product;
- Capture the value-adding in or near your community;
- Upgrade your lowest value materials, including waste and by-products, and
- See every “gap” as an opportunity.

Flaccavento recommended moving our cluster initiative forward by revisiting our mission and vision statements and living those statements. He advised groups to build mutual opportunity networks for cross-clustering opportunities to minimize going in different directions.

Patience was an important quality that Flaccavento stressed. He noted that it was 10 years before the Appalachian Sustainable Development group began seeing results. Building the infrastructure and laying the proper groundwork now will ensure a successful future for our Industry Clusters and our community.

Every opportunity we are given to learn from an expert expands our knowledge base and makes our industry clusters stronger.

**If you would like more information about Industry Clusters or Anthony Flaccavento's presentation, contact Melissa Loken at 422-4856.**

## What would you like to see in our community?

**The Ideas Incubator is available for your use!** This new website is a place for members of our community to submit ideas for businesses they would like to see in our community. Those ideas will then



be accessible for people who are interested in starting their own business. One of your suggestions could become a reality in the South Wood County Area! Visit [www.ideasincubator.org](http://www.ideasincubator.org) to submit your idea or get ideas for your business!

# Join us for study tours in North Carolina and Ireland!

by Connie Loden

The Community Progress Initiative is coordinating two exciting study tours this fall, providing opportunities for area residents to get a first hand look at what other regions are doing to “make it happen” in their communities.

## October 4-8 – Promoting Area Arts & Culture in North Carolina

The study tour to North Carolina will focus on Arts and Culture, Downtown Revitalization, and Heritage and Nature Based Tourism. The tour will be hosted by The Rural Center, which delivers the Small Towns Program in North Carolina.

The dates for the tour are October 4-8 and the cost is \$950, which includes lodging, air transportation, most meals, tour leader, and programming.

## November 3-12 – Regional Innovation Study Tour to Ireland

This study tour will explore fascinating regional initiatives in Ireland – West Cork and Monaghan Counties – in addition to experiencing the contrasting cultural differences of Belfast and Northern Ireland versus Dublin and areas to the South.

### *The tour will focus on regional strategies of:*

- Creating and fostering entrepreneurial industry networks and partnerships.
- Regional branding - turning local agricultural produce and character into a food and tourism experience.
- Stimulating a local culture of leadership, innovation and small business networks.
- Education's role in economic development and a growing technology industry.
- Community philanthropy and building community capacity for self- reliance.

The tour will provide an in-depth learning experience, with the opportunity to learn first hand how the regional revitalization is occurring. The itinerary will include site visits, discussions with local leaders and detailed insights into the regional program design and function.

The cost of the Study Tour to Ireland runs \$2250 plus airfare (approximately \$550 from Minneapolis to Dublin) for a total cost in the range of \$2800, which includes lodging, most meals, tour leaders, programming and ground transportation. Airfare is handled separately to allow for people who want to extend their travel.

***If you are interested in participating in either of the Study Tours, please contact Connie Loden at 715-423-1830 or cloden@heartofwi.com. Don't delay – reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.***

## NORTHSTAR ECONOMICS TECHNOLOGY STUDY

**In recent years, local businesses have increasingly become more dependent on technology and telecommunications.** As a part of the work done by the New E-conomies industry cluster, an assessment of our area's current telecommunications infrastructure will be performed in South Wood County.

The study is being conducted by NorthStar Economics of Madison, WI, and will first evaluate the adequacy of the current telecommunications infrastructure, while also identifying the main suppliers and users of the infrastructure in the area. Through interviews and other sources of information, NorthStar will collect the results and will then be able to identify potential business opportunities that would benefit from the existing telecommunications infrastructure, along with areas that could be improved within telecommunication services.

In the end, the evaluation of the telecommunications infrastructure can be presented to help established businesses further develop in the South Wood County region, and attract even more businesses to the area.



*Would you like to Make it Happen?*

- Please add my name to the Community Progress Initiative mailing list.
- I would like to get involved in the Community Progress Initiative. Please contact me.
- My contribution to the Community Progress Initiative is enclosed.
- I would like to make a contribution to the Community Progress Initiative. Please contact me.
- I'd like to receive Weekly emails about what's happening within the Progress Initiative.
- I'd like to join a Progress Team for the \_\_\_\_\_ community. Please contact me.
- I'd like to join an Industry Cluster. Please contact me.

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**Mail this form to:** Community Progress Initiative P.O. Box 954, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-0954

As a member of this community,  
I can "make it happen"



- Create My Future
- Support Local Business
- Encourage Entrepreneurship
- Give to My Community
- Provide Leadership
- Drive Change
- Inspire Others
- Be Positive

## The Community Progress Initiative is...

a bold three-year program in South Wood County and the Town of Rome to create vibrant communities with prosperous local economies.

**It is about making our local community stronger and better for the future by addressing what's needed today.**

### Community Progress Initiative Supporters

- Barker Mead Fund through Community Foundation of South Wood County
- Ford Foundation
- Stora Enso
- U. S. Dept. of Agriculture – Rural Development
- Wis. Dept. of Commerce with federal Community Development Block Grant Funds
- For a complete list, visit [progressinitiative.com](http://progressinitiative.com)

# Calendar of Events

Visit [www.progressinitiative.com](http://www.progressinitiative.com) for details and other upcoming events.



- **AUG. 2:** **Community Foundation's Annual Meeting** and public celebration, 4:00 pm at Hotel Mead
- **AUG. 3-5 & AUG. 7:** **Entrepreneurial Boot Camp** Contact Melissa Loken at the Heart of Wisconsin (715) 422-4856
- **AUG. 13:** **Rudolph Old Tractor Show** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Rudolph Village Park
- **AUG. 27:** **Port Edwards Fun Fest and Car Show**
- **AUG. 31:** **Community Grants** – Quarterly deadline to submit grant applications to CFSWC. Visit [www.cfswc.org](http://www.cfswc.org) for grant guidelines.
- **SEPT. 15:** **Community Leadership Program Begins** Contact Jill Cavanaugh at the Heart of Wisconsin (715) 422-4860
- **SEPT. 15:** **Don't miss The Berrymans** perform at Nekoosa High School; proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund.
- **SEPT. 16:** **Rudolph's Sesquicentennial (150 years) Celebration** Rudolph Village Park
- **OCT 1:** **Downtown Grand Affair** West Grand Avenue 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
- **OCT 4-8:** **North Carolina Study Tour**
- **NOV. 3-12:** **Study Tour to Ireland**
- **NOV. 30:** **Community Grants** – Quarterly deadline to submit grant applications to CFSWC. Visit [www.cfswc.org](http://www.cfswc.org) for grant guidelines.

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