

Deer Tales

October/November 2026



LADIES LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026
Please wear Fall Color Apparel
Place: Saddle Ridge Clubhouse
Time: 11:30 A.M. Cocktail Social
12:00 P.M. Lunch
Cost: \$20 per person (correct change appreciated), includes meal, coffee, tea or soda, dessert, tax, & tip

Menu:

A Delicious Autumn Buffet

Including:

- Creamy Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
- Harvest Mixed Greens with Apples, dried Cranberries, Goat Cheese, and Candied Walnuts.
- Apple Pork Tenderloin
- Monster Mash Shepherd's Pie on Orange Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
- Wild Rice with Cranberries and Pecans
- Dessert

Hostesses: Claire Letourneaux, Ann McCredie, Dixie Roe.

RSVP: Please respond by Sunday, October 4th. Text to Dixie Roe's CELL phone at 608-617-7601 or leave a message on her landline at 608- 566-1054. Let Dixie know if you need nut free options. Also, if you need to cancel, please text or call Dixie before 10/07/2026 to avoid having to pay for your meal.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SREA: The next monthly Board Meetings will take place on Monday, October 12th and Monday, November 9th at 5:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall, W8267 Hwy 33 East Portage
Website: www.saddleridgeestates.net
Email: saddleridge139@gmail.com
Leave a message: (608) 742-6850

SRA LTD:

The next board meeting is scheduled on October 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, W8267 Hwy 33, Portage. There will be no meeting in November.

website: <http://www.saddleridgeassociationltd.com>

FOREST: No October/November Board Meeting

Website: www.theforestassociation.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Saddle Ridge Clubhouse Restaurant

Friday Night Fish Fry
Early Bird 2 pc Fish Special 10.95, 11 am - 6pm
Bluegill or Smelt Dinner Platter
New! 5 pc Jumbo Shrimp Platter
All day \$3.50 Old Fashioned Drink Feature

Boat Owners

Reminder: October 15th is the last day to remove boats from our Saddle Ridge Marina for the season.

Recycle Days: October 5 & 19

November 2, 16, & 30

**32nd Annual
Food Drive for the Portage Pantry**

Date: Friday, October 9 thru Monday, October 12

Place: Saddle Ridge Club House

Special needs this year include: Boxed cereal, hot and cold. Boxed meals (potatoes, stuffing, rice, etc.), bagged rice, peanut butter, jelly, juices, cake mixes, shampoo, conditioners, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, toilet paper, & laundry soap.

All items must be unopened and sealed.

Please give cash or checks to the clubhouse staff or a volunteer. Your donations provide essentials for local people. Questions? Contact Robin or Jerry Rice.

Saddle Ridge Golf Course

2027 Memberships are now available!

You can purchase online at <https://rusticgolfproperties.com/saddle-ridge/> or contact the golf shop staff who are more than happy to handle it for you. If you purchase online, you are automatically entered into a drawing that is giving away \$5,000 worth of merchandise as prizes.

All the Women's Wear is now 50% off and Hats are marked down to \$24.99. Come check out the selection of comfortable & fun Women's wear.

PLEASE - No one is allowed to be on the course during or after hours if you have not checked into the golf shop. This is private property and requires approval to be on the course, whether a member or not.

Please note that our hours of operation are changing as the daylight shortens with the season. The staff normally arrives a half hour before normal golf hours and are there until all carts return. Carts must be returned before dark. Respecting these hours is very much appreciated.

FALL BIG CUP event will be **October 18** shotgun at 10:00. 4 person Scramble with shootout, 18 holes w/cart, prizes and food. \$300 per team. Sign up online on our Saddle Ridge website.

Expect the Unexpected, Can you handle it?
3rd Annual Greenskeeper Revenge Tournament
at Saddle Ridge Clubhouse on Saturday, October 31st
at 9 am, Shotgun Start at 10 am. Four Man Scramble,
Entry Fee \$40 per player. Hole prizes

Update for Deck Fund

With today's can run to Alter Metal Recycling of 315# @ .79/ #, \$248.85 was added to our fund. That brings our account to \$16,351.25. Aluminum can collection continues to be the only source of income for that fund. Thanks for saving your aluminum cans. There was some trash mixed in with the cans, please keep trash separate. Thank you to our hard working "CAN" team.--Claire & Steve Letourneaux

Swan Lake Association

Annual Meeting

Members of the Swan Lake Association (SLA) got a first-hand update on plans and activities the Association is involved in on Saturday, September 12 at the Saddle Ridge Clubhouse.

The purpose and goal of the association is to protect and improve water quality, fisheries and boating safety on the lake and the SLA has been actively working with the Wisconsin DNR ("WDNR"), Columbia County Land and Water Division, and Columbia County Sheriff to accomplish these goals.

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To improve the walleye population, the DNR released 15,000 1-2" fingerlings in spring 2025, and the SLA released 3,000 6-9" fingerlings in fall 2025. The SLA plans to stock additional larger fingerlings this fall, with DNR stocking scheduled for spring 2027. WDNR fish surveys assist with stocking plans and tracking results.

The SLA conducts regular water quality tests to

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compare current conditions with data from roughly a decade ago. A Swan Lake resident and DNR citizen volunteer regularly performs water clarity tests. SLA established a volunteer Lake Water Quality Committee to partner with the WDNR, Columbia County Land and Water Division, and UW Stevens Point Limnology Department to update the 2019 Swan Lake Management Plan and enhance lake health.

The debate over limitations on wake surfing boat usage on our lakes reached the State level over the winter but no legislation on wake surfing was passed. The SLA feels it's very important to provide information to our members on this issue as wake surfing studies have shown there are significant negative impacts to lakes and shore lands when certain wake surfing operational guidelines are not followed. The SLA will continue to educate ourselves and membership on this issue. You can learn more on our website.

We encourage you to check out the updated Swan Lake website (<https://swanlakeassnportage.com>) where you can find helpful information, stay abreast of news and activities on the lake, become a member to support the SLA and the health of the lake, join a committee, and more. Got a question or idea? Send us a message on our website. Your membership supports these activities and more.

TRIAD'S Fall Conference for Seniors

Date: Monday October 12, 2026

Time: 11:00 am-2:30 pm

Place: 401 Cemetery Rd., Portage Parks and Rec. Building (new)

- RSVP's Required by Oct. 6th at [608-742-2174](tel:608-742-2174)
- Speakers & Presentations:
- Lisa Schiller, Wis. BBB Director on Current Scams
- Portage Fire Department & EMS Service
- Lunch is Provided



Fall Festival at Durward's Glen

Date: Saturday Oct 10, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 pm

Place: Durward's Glen,
W11876 McLeish Road,
Barbadoo, WI 53913

- many artists and crafters
- pumpkin painting
- raffles for quilts & weekend at the Glen cottage
- face painting
- beer tent
- chicken and donut trucks
- Amish baking
- dog costume contest
- acoustic music
- fall photo booth

Contact Information 608-356-8113

Pardeeville Wine Walk Slumber Party

Grab your coziest pajamas, gather your besties, and join us for an evening of sipping, shopping, and strolling through charming downtown Pardeeville on **Friday, October 23, 2026!**

Enjoy wine tastings at participating businesses while exploring local shops, discovering unique treasures, and creating unforgettable memories with friends. This year's Slumber Party theme brings a fun and cozy twist to the Wine Walk with pajamas encouraged, festive décor, and plenty of opportunities to laugh, relax, and unwind.

The Pardeeville Wine Walk is a 21 year and older event. ALL attendees must provide proof of age and each attendee must check in individually during the designated registration time to receive their wristband, map and wine glass. No one can pick up your glass and wristband for you, this is non-negotiable!

Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

Registration Check-In: 4:30pm – 6:00pm at Pardeeville Village Hall (114 Lake Street, Pardeeville)

Please note that after 6pm the registration location is locked so please plan accordingly

•Photo ID required at check-in

- Participants will receive a Wine Walk sampling glass, wristband, and event map

Wine Tasting: 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Contact Information: 608-742-6558

Halloween Bingo Party

It's going to be spooktacular!

Date and Time: Saturday Oct 24, 2026 at 10 am

Place: Edgewater Home & Garden, Portage

Tickets: Call or stop in to purchase tickets at \$10 ea.



Fun Fall Bucket List

- Go to a pumpkin patch
- Roast marshmallows
- Take a hike in the fall leaves
- Collect leaves and make a collage
- Bake a pie
- Host Thanksgiving dinner
- Drink a pumpkin flavored coffee or tea
- Eat apple cider donuts
- Go apple picking
- Decorate for Halloween
- Sit by an open fire
- Drink hot apple cider
- Take a drive to look at the fall colors
- Give out candy to trick or treaters
- Make your own Halloween costume
- Write a list of 20 things you are thankful for
- Get lost in a corn maze
- Attend a fall festival
- Bake pumpkin bread
- Eat a caramel apple
- Plant spring bulbs
- Carve pumpkins
- Have a leaf fight
- Take a scenic train ride through the fall colors

- Get professional photos taken
- Fill your home with autumn scents using a candle or fall essential oils
- Roast pumpkin seeds

Join us for Holiday on the Lake in downtown Pardeeville!

Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Explore 30 local vendors. Start your day at the library to pick up your punch card map. Shop with vendors, get your card punched for each purchase, then trade punches for raffle tickets back at the library.

Warm up with hot cocoa or apple cider for sale at the library - 50% of all beverage sales will be donating the Wyocena Helping Hand. Bring a food donation—bins are at the library and Village Hall! You'll receive a raffle ticket for the first 5 items you donate - just let them know you donated when you turn in your punch card! Raffle winners will be contacted after the event. Support local, give back, and enjoy a festive day of shopping in Pardeeville!

Downtown Portage Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

The Downtown Portage Business Improvement District is excited to be hosting the Holiday Parade! We invite you to join us!

Date and Time: Friday Nov 27 at 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

The route is entirely on Cook Street (Hwy 33). It starts at the corner of MacFarlane Road and Cook Street in front of St. Mary Church. It will proceed east down Cook Street to the Market Square parking lot where it will end. The Tree Lighting with Santa Claus will follow at Commerce Plaza. Contact Information: 608-742-6242

Chandler Park Holiday Lights

Come visit & enjoy the park while it is all lit up for the holiday season!

Date: November 28-January 22

Place: Chandler Park, Pardeeville

Time: 5-9 pm

