



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

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FIRE CONTRACT UPDATE

Johnson Creek recently reached an agreement to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to areas in each of our surrounding Townships. The previous contract was several years old and needed refreshing to guarantee a level playing field where all communities were treated fairly. Village President John L. Swisher, Trustee Steven Brown, and Village Administrator Kyle Ellefson met with Town Chairmen and Supervisors several times to work through contract details to ensure residents of Aztalan, Farmington, Milford, and Watertown receive the highest level of fire protection and primary paramedic emergency medical care.

"I am very pleased with the new terms of the contract and feel honored that our surrounding communities have chosen Johnson Creek to provide emergency services to their municipalities. This is a great testament for the excellent Fire and EMS departments that we have," said Village President John L. Swisher.



Ambulance 704 is the newest member of the Johnson Creek Fire & EMT Department. Be sure to look for it on the road.

NEW DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER: KELLY BRINKMAN

You may have noticed a new face at Village Hall this past month. Kelly Brinkman joins Johnson Creek as the



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new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Kelly works closely with Clerk/Treasurer Sam Bell, assisting her in the operation of the office. She will perform various support duties such as utility billing, payroll, financial tracking and reporting, tax collections, and elections among others.

Brinkman brings with her eight years of municipal experience as the former Treasurer/Deputy Clerk of the Village of Belgium in Ozaukee County. She recently moved to the area with her husband, Scott, four-year-old daughter, Oriana, and labradoodle, Daisy.

"What drew me to Johnson Creek versus other municipalities was their smart growth. It's indicative of talent amongst Johnson Creek's leadership, and I'm excited and grateful to be a part of that," said Brinkman.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: LYLE WUESTENBERG JOHNSON CREEK'S #1 AMBASSADOR

"Is there anything I can do for you?" A question Lyle Wuestenberg says frequently to family, friends, customers, and community organizers...and does so with a smile on his face.

As co-owner of J&L Tire, along with his brother, Jim, Lyle is Johnson Creek's most ardent ambassador. "Bringing people together is the right thing to do to make a difference in the community," said Wuestenberg.

Growing up in Clyman, Wisconsin, Lyle learned the value of hard work and compassion for community from his parents, Bud & Freida Wuestenberg. Bud retired from John Deer (where he worked third shift), but had a passion for gardening. "I worked in my dad's garden where he grew potatoes, onions, tomatoes and then helped sell them at Bud's Produce stand on the weekends," recalled Wuestenberg. His mom was a tireless caretaker who thought of others on a daily basis up until she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away five weeks later. "My mom's favorite word was the 'f' word... 'Fine,'" chuckled Wuestenberg. "No matter what she was going through, she always put others first and would say she was 'fine' to help friends and family. She was a strong and special person," Wuestenberg proudly recalled.

After moving to Jefferson County and learning the tricks of the trade at Red Eagle Truck stop, Lyle and Jim opened J&L Tire in 1990 in Johnson Creek. Their mission then, as it remains today, is all about customer service. It's dedication to customer service that has retained not only Lyle and Jim's loyal customers, but also their employees. "When you treat people well, with respect and dignity, and listen to what their needs are, they remember that service and keep coming back," remarked Wuestenberg.

Lyle applies that same philosophy with the many community organizations he supports, including Tomorrow's Hope, Watertown Regional Medical Center, One Team One Dream for Johnson Creek Schools (including a substantial donation for the new Wuestenberg Fields in memory of Bud & Freida), Santa Claus Company for headstart children, Every Child Thrives, and the Rainbow Hospice Foundation, which helped Freida face end of life with dignity and grace through quality care. "My family became supporters of Rainbow Hospice because of how wonderfully they treated my mom," Wuestenberg stated. "They are true angels over there."

Lyle also supports children and literacy efforts, including the Johnson Creek Library's Child Health & Safety Fair, as well as their new Luci Bledsoe Children's Area. "Lyle understands the important role the library plays in the community and unhesitatingly supports our mission in any way he can," said Library Director Abby Armor.



Lyle Wuestenberg as JCHS 2018 Parade Marshal

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JC BOOTCAMP

JOHNSON CREEK BOOTCAMP



WHEN: Mon/Tues/Thurs -5:15am - 6:05am
 WHERE: Johnson Creek HS - Enter @ Main Gym Doors

WHAT WE DO: Bootcamp style workout that is EASILY formatted to fit individual fitness levels - beginner to advanced

Johnson Creek Bootcamp is a group dedicated to early morning boot camp style workouts with fees going towards ONE TEAM ONE DREAM.

Classes meet Mon, Tues, Thurs at the high school/middle school gym from 5:15-6:05 a.m. Teachers are half price and students are free. Middle school students are required to attend with an adult. Visit their Facebook page for more info or contact ddhthomas@gmail.com.



TOURISM & EVENTS

The Lands We Share Exhibit & Conversation

Many thanks to all who visited the Lands We Share touring exhibit and community conversation/dinner where UW - Whitewater Professor James Levy spoke of family farm history, current farming challenges, and community connections.



Mondays

8:45 am-2 pm
 Quilters Club
 JC Community Center

Tuesdays

12-4 pm
 Seniors Club
 JC Community Center

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

1-2:30 pm
 Crafting & Coloring Club
 JC Public Library

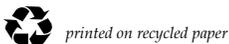
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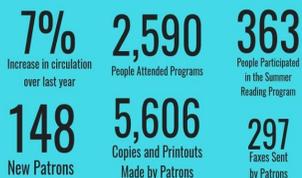
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LIBRARY UPDATES

Johnson Creek Public Library 2018 Year In Review



Abby's Anniversary



Library Director Abby Armor celebrates her one-year anniversary with the Village. She has done amazing work, including designing the new Luci Bledsoe Children's Area. We thank and celebrate the talents you share with us!

LYLE WUESTENBERG (CONT.)

"I met Lyle when I moved to Johnson Creek sixteen years ago," said Village President John L. Swisher. "He is devoted to his family, a successful businessman, and much more. His kindness and generosity makes our community a better place. We are blessed to have Lyle and Tami as new residents of our Village and I am proud to call him a friend," said Swisher.

Lyle and his wife, Tami, have been married 40+ years, have three children, Jason, Chad, and Krystle, and eight grandkids. Above all else, Lyle and Tami enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren, including time spent on special summer trips with their grandchildren.

"I like the direction of the Village. Together we can be open for business and I look forward to helping in any way I can," said Wuestenberg.



Lyle and his grandson