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MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE DESK OF WAUKESHA COUNTY EXECUTIVE
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Dear Friends,

In mid July, we received word that the Kohl's Corporation is going to be maintaining and expanding its headquarters in Waukesha County. I was very pleased when I heard this news as Waukesha County values the role that Kohl's plays in our County very much.

Kohl's is one of the largest employer in Waukesha County and has played a critical role in creating jobs and developing the economic identity of the County. I am grateful they have decided to expand here and play an equally critical role in Waukesha County's future.

Growing our economy takes a team effort. I would like to thank the leadership of the Village of Menomonee Falls and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for working so closely with the Kohl's Corporation to ensure it will remain a Wisconsin-based company for years to come.

Supporting businesses to create jobs is a priority for Waukesha County. Through our highway department, we are working to ensure transportation infrastructure is meeting the needs of our employers. Our Parks and Land Use Zoning Division helps businesses work through the zoning and permitting process. Our Workforce Development Center connects employers with a skilled and educated workforce. The Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation assists businesses expanding in, or considering locating in, the County. Last year, we launched the Waukesha County Leveraged Loan Program aimed at helping small businesses grow by allowing them to borrow up to \$50,000 to help fill their capital requirements to secure larger funding needs through banks and other financial sources. These are just some of the things we are doing to support job growth. Waukesha County is open for business!

Sincerely,

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JUDGE RANDY KOSCHNICK NAMED CHIEF JUDGE

On July 2nd, the Wisconsin Supreme Court announced the appointment of Randy R. Koschnick, Jefferson County Circuit Court, as the new chief judge of the Third Judicial Administrative District which includes Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha counties. The Chief Judge is charged with supervising and directing the administration of the Judicial District.

Koschnick will replace Chief Judge J. "Mac" Davis from Waukesha County's Circuit Court. At the end of July, Judge Davis will have completed the maximum three, two-year terms on the committee.

Koschnick has served as deputy chief judge of the Third District since 2008. He was elected to the Jefferson County bench in 1999 and reelected in 2005 and 2011. He served as an assistant State Public Defender from 1985 to 1999. He is a graduate of UW-Stevens Point and Hamline University School of Law.

Additionally, Judge Koschnick announced that he will be appointing, effective August 1, 2012, Judge Lloyd V. Carter as Deputy Chief Judge of the Third Judicial District and Presiding Judge of Waukesha County. The Chief Judge is assisted by a professional District Court Administrator and a court management assistant, both employees of the Director of State Courts.

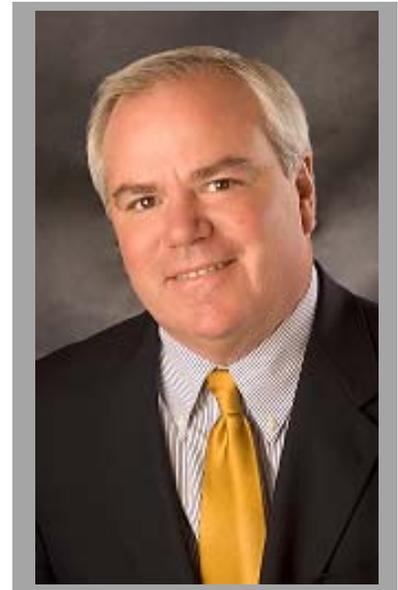
CRAIG CULVER TO SPEAK AT COUNTY EXECUTIVE AWARDS

Craig Culver will be the keynote speaker at the seventeenth annual Waukesha County Executive Awards Luncheon at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha on Tuesday, October 16th. At the event, Culver's keynote address will focus on creative innovations and community involvement.

The address will be followed by the presentation of the County Executive Awards, which is sponsored by U.S. Bank and FOX 6 NEWS. The awards recognize excellence in Waukesha County organizations in four categories: Business of the Year, Government Agency of the Year, Large Non-Profit of the Year and Small Non-Profit of the Year. Craig Culver is the owner and CEO of Culver Franchising System, Inc., which was created in 1987 as the franchising arm of Culver's. Currently, through Culver's strategic growth plan, they have created a "belt" of restaurants in 19 states from Texas through the Midwest.

According to Entrepreneur Magazine, Culver's is the largest frozen custard chain in the United States. From the Culver family's small-town roots in Sauk County, Wisconsin, they have expanded to 428 locations, always remembering Craig's Dad's saying "Don't mess with the quality."

Reservations for the luncheon are available for \$45 per person and corporate tables of ten are available for \$450. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the County Executive's Office at (262) 548-7902.



**Photo of Keynote Speaker
Craig Culver.**

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WINGS OVER WAUKESHA

The Wings over Waukesha Air Show will return to the Waukesha County Airport on August 25 and 26, 2012. This year's air show will feature top national aerobatics acts, a parachute performance team, and a wide array of vintage and contemporary military and civilian aircraft. Dozens of aircraft will be on display, with many of them providing tours or rides, including the Experimental Aircraft Association's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" bomber from World War II.

Tickets to the event are \$10 per person for adults, \$5 for children ages 10 – 17, children ages 9 and under are free. Advance tickets are available for \$7.00 per adult – a \$3 discount – through the Wings over Waukesha website at www.wingsoverwaukesha.com.

Parking will be provided for \$5 per car on the airport grounds and Waukesha Expo Center properties, and trams will run throughout the day to shuttle guests to the air show entrance.

Guests can purchase an airplane ride, and a variety of food, beverages and merchandise at the event. There will also be speakers, and an array of exhibits to explore.

RETZER NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES

Join us every Saturday for wide-ranging programs and activities focused on the natural world and sustainability offered by Waukesha County's Retzer Nature Center Naturalists, Recycling, and Land Resources Staff along with Waukesha School District's planetarium staff. Walk-ins are welcome, however registration is recommended to assure a spot. All programs are \$5.00 per person for advanced registration, or \$6.00 per person at the door, unless otherwise noted.

August 4 – Reading in the Woods – 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

Ever wonder why some trees look sick or how come the forest looks different throughout the years? And what are all these mushrooms I see? Come join the Retzer Naturalist on a nature hike and further explore what's going on in our woods here at Retzer Nature Center.

August 11 – Family Trail Rally – Free Throughout the day 9 am.-3 p.m.

Come explore Retzer as you and your family follows clues that will navigate you around our trail system. Your adventure begins at our indoor Naturalist table where you'll pickup your first clue.

August 18 – Collecting Seeds of Wild Plants – 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Get outside and explore the prairie! Seed collecting at Retzer is a great way to get a "hands-on" experience with nature. Learn to identify prairie plants, seeds and weeds. Find out why and how we collect and store native seeds at Retzer.



A child participates in a Retzer Nature Center program.

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DROUGHT INFO

With severe drought conditions in Waukesha County and dry, hot weather expected to continue, residents are encouraged to take steps to reduce water usage to help protect sensitive lakes, streams and fish. Here are some steps you can take year-round to save water, money and electricity:

- Avoid watering your lawn unless absolutely necessary.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean outdoor pavement.
- Make changes to older toilets by replacing them with low-flow toilets or placing a toilet dam or insert in the toilet tank.
- Look for and fix leaks to faucets.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator to quench your thirst without running the tap.
- Switch to a water-saving shower head.
- Follow water-saving dish and clothes washing practices. If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running while washing them. If you use a dishwasher, be sure it is full before running the machine.



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

This year, UW Cooperative Extension is celebrating its 100th anniversary in Waukesha County. The concept of Cooperative Extension originated from the Wisconsin idea to bring the research from the universities to the people. The Cooperative Extension story is about people – those who learn and those who teach.

Wisconsin was one of the first states to institutionalize extension education and was nationally acclaimed for the innovative, progressive role of its University in relation to the people of the state. We look forward to continuing to provide research based programming that meets local needs and strengthens the people of Waukesha County. For more information go to our website <http://waukesha.uwex.edu/>



Cooperative Extension staff with E.L. Luther, the first extension educator.

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