



Resource Family Connection

News, Events, and Information Benefiting the Children of Waukesha County January and February, 2024



Keeping Busy!

Waukesha JanBoree

Celebrating the JanBoree's 39th anniversary! Get out and embrace winter in Wisconsin. Fun for the whole family throughout Waukesha! Join in the city-wide, family fun winter celebration with many family, children, teen, and adult activities, ice sculpting competition, toboggan/sledding, planetarium, ice fishing, dog pull, 5k run/walk, and so much more!

Where: Various Locations Throughout the City of Waukesha

Date: Friday, January 19 - Sunday, January 28, 2024

Time: Varies by Day

For Additional Information, Including Timeline of Events: <https://www.janboree.org>

Kids in the Kitchen

Experience hands-on programs in our kitchen space! Kids ages 5-12 are welcome to participate. Registration is required (and open after January 24 at 6:30 p.m.). Caregivers are encouraged to attend programming with their participating children. **(Food Allergies:** We cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.)

Where: Waukesha Public Library, Program Room A/B, 321 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For Additional Information and to Register: <https://waukesha.librarycalendar.com/event/kids-kitchen-6934>

Stars of the Pharaohs

This program highlights the amazing stellar alignments of the pyramids and other structures of the ancient world. Scientists describe and explain the life and power of the pharaohs and their significance on world history. Visually spectacular in high-definition video.

Where: Horwitz-Deremer Planetarium, S14W28167 Madison St, Waukesha

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5/Person

For Additional Information: <https://sdw.waukesha.k12.wi.us/o/planetarium/events?id=23274470>

Waukesha's Winter Farmers Market

For over 20 years, the Waukesha Farmers Market has been a thriving asset to our community and is one of the largest Farmers Markets in the state. It features Wisconsin-grown products and businesses and has become a Saturday morning ritual for thousands of people. TWO indoor locations will be available for the 2023/2024 season!

For Additional Information: <https://waukeshadba.com/farmers-market/>

Where: Martha Merrell's Books & Toys, 231 W. Main St., Waukesha

Date: Every Saturday (November - March) - January 6, January 13, January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, February 17, February 24, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

~AND~

Where: Chef Pam's Kitchen, 280 W. Main St., Waukesha

Date: First and Third Saturday Each Month (November - April) - January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Informational and Training Opportunities

Waukesha County Foster Parent Information Sessions

Open to Waukesha County residents interested in learning more about foster care in our community. Also required for any new foster parents. If you are a two-parent household, both parents must attend. The information sessions will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams.
Date: Wednesdays - January 10, February 14, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Date: Thursdays - January 25, February 22, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For Additional Information and to Register: www.wcfostercare.com

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Peer Support

This group welcomes grandparents, guardians, and caregivers to learn, connect, share resources, while navigating the experience of raising grandchildren.

Where: Waukesha County Health and Human Services Center, 514 Riverview Ave, Waukesha, WI

Date: Third Wednesday Each Month - January 17, February 21, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Free dinner served at 6:00 p.m.)

For Additional Information and to Register: Contact Linda Senger at 262-548-7698 or lsenger@waukeshacounty.gov. You can also visit: <https://www.healingheartswisconsin.org/support-groups/grandparentsgroup/>.

Waukesha County Caregiver Community

Bringing together caregivers of children and adolescents with social, emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health challenges. These sessions are held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

Date: Last Thursday Each Month - January 25, February 29, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For Additional Information and to Register: Contact Kirsten Jones at kejones@waukeshacounty.gov.

Educational Webinars

Beyond Hair Care: Celebrating the Power and Cultural Significance of Black Hair (Live)

Led by Olena Dawson from Devine Beauty. Olena has a heart for families that are parenting transracially. Her passion has driven her to develop this presentation focusing on the power and cultural significance of black hair. Learn how you can build connections with the children in your care. Leave with the confidence to support your children to live in the beauty and power of their black hair.

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Link to Register: <https://www.championclassrooms.org/courses/live-webinar-beyond-hair-care-celebrating-the-power-and-cultural-significance-of-black-hair-1>

Understanding the Court Process: CHIPS, Minor Guardianship, and TPR, Right Roles and Responsibilities (Recorded, 1.5 hours)

This webinar looks at: what happens when there is juvenile court involvement in a Child in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS) case, including the rights of the child's caregiver, the various types of Chapter 48 guardianships available, the difference between a guardian ad litem and adversary counsel for a child, as well as their unique roles and responsibilities.

Link: <https://www.championclassrooms.org/courses/understand-the-courts-process-chips-minor-guardianship-and-tp-r-rights-roles-and-responsibilities-recorded-webinar>

Let's Cook! Easy Crockpot Chicken and Gravy

By: thelazydish.com

This creamy slow cooker chicken dinner is incredibly easy to make with just a few simple ingredients. Perfect for busy weeknight meals!

Ingredients:

- ✂ 2-3 Large Boneless Chicken Breasts (Apx 1.5 lbs)
- ✂ 2 Packets Chicken Gravy Mix
- ✂ 1 (10.5 oz) can Cream of Chicken Soup
- ✂ 1 1/2 cups Water
- ✂ 1/2 cup Sour Cream
- ✂ Pepper and Garlic Powder to Taste
- ✂ Mashed Potatoes, Rice, or Pasta (for serving!)



Instructions:

1. Generously season your chicken breasts with black pepper and garlic powder.
2. In your crockpot, whisk together the water, cream of chicken soup, and both packets of chicken gravy mix.
3. Add the seasoned chicken breasts and use a spoon to cover them well with the gravy mixture.
4. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or until the chicken shreds easily.
5. Once cooked, use a couple of forks to shred the chicken into small pieces.
6. Stir in the sour cream and allow it to warm for an additional 15 minutes.
7. Serve over mashed potatoes, rice, or pasta.



Let's Cook! The Best Meatloaf (Made With Stove Top Stuffing!)

By: thelazydish.com

A quick and easy ground beef dinner recipe your family will love! This budget meal takes less than 5 minutes to prepare, and then the oven does all the work for you. No fussy steps or exotic ingredients here!

Ingredients:

- ✂ 1 pound Ground Beef
- ✂ 1 box Stove Top Stuffing (any flavor)
- ✂ 2 Large Eggs
- ✂ 1/2 cup Ketchup
- ✂ 1/2 cup Water



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the ground beef, dry stuffing mix, eggs, water, and HALF of the ketchup.
3. Place the mixture into a greased bread loaf pan. If you don't have one, you can form a loaf and place it on a foil lined baking sheet. Fold the edges of the foil up to keep the beef juices contained for easier clean-up.
4. Spread the remaining ketchup over top. You can also use BBQ sauce, chili sauce, or a combination of sauces!
5. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 160 degrees Fahrenheit.
6. Allow the meatloaf to rest for about 5 minutes before slicing.
7. Enjoy with mashed potatoes (or whatever sides you would enjoy!).



Let's Craft! Glitter Heart Mason Jar Mug

By: CreativeGreenLiving.com

Here is a fun way for serving some sweet treats or a yummy drink on Valentine's Day!

What You'll Need:

- ✂ Mason Jar Glass With Handle
- ✂ Heart-shaped Window Clings
- ✂ Dishwasher-safe Mod Podge
- ✂ Red Glitter (or whatever color you want your heart to be! You are creative and not limited to red when there's pink, blue, purple, orange...)
- ✂ Paint Brushes



What You'll Do:

1. Ensure the jar is very clean.
2. Make a stencil: This is where you can apply the window cling SHEET to your jar. Then peel the inner heart shape away and use the outline as a stencil. If you don't have a cling that is the right size, you can cut a heart out of contact paper to use instead.
3. Paint the Mod Podge on the jar inside the stencil.

4. Place some scrap paper under the mug in an attempt to save yourself from finding glitter for the next 5 years... (HA! We all know you still will, but it will be filled with fond memories of this craft!)
5. Generously (you can never have too much!) sprinkle glitter over the Mod Podge and shake the excess onto the scrap paper. Peel the stencil away right away so it doesn't get dried on as the Mod Podge dries!
6. Set the freshly glittered jar aside to dry for approximately 1-2 hours.
7. Once dry, add another layer of Mod Podge over the glitter to seal it.
8. Allow it to dry completely.
9. Mug will be able to be used the next day (for handwashing). If you let it sit to cure for 28 days, it will even be dishwasher safe - but you can gently handwash it in the meantime!



Contact Numbers:

Foster Care Social Workers:

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Children's Mental Health
Outreach
262-548-7666

Medical Emergency: 911

Family Emergency: 211 or
262-547-3388



Happy New Year!

If an Allegation of Abuse or
Neglect has been made against
you, please call:

FASPP
Norma Schoenberg
920-922-9627