

***** **Sunday, Sept. 12** *****

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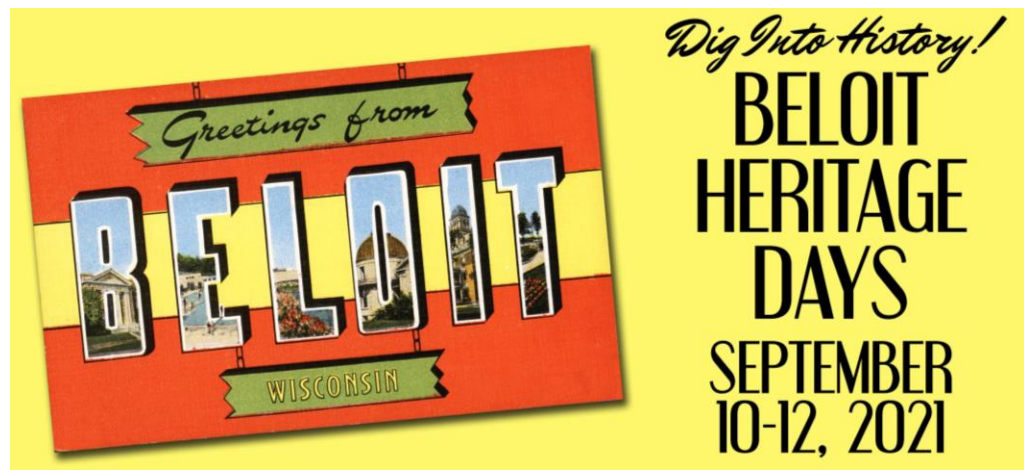
Discover The Women Of The Confluence, Sun., Sept. 12, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Nature At The Confluence, 306 Dickop Street, South Beloit. Learn about the lives of the women who lived at the confluence of the Rock River and Turtle Creek... the Ho-Chunk women who made their homes here, fur traders wives and the settlers who arrived by wagon. Seating is limited and registration is required. Register at natureattheconfluence.com or call 815-200-6910

Heritage Sunday At Beckman Mill, Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 11600 S County Rd H, Beloit. Mill tours, Broom making, blacksmithing, wood carvers, basket weavers. Kids activities: butter making, potato digging, blacksmithing and corn shelling. Horse drawn wagon rides, Civil War soldiers, WWII and Viet Nam living history displays, collector show cars. beckmanmill.org, 608-751-1551

Tours and Live Music On The Steps Of The Castle, Sunday Sept. 12, 12:00-3:00 p.m., The Castle, 501 Prospect, Enjoy amazing music on the steps at of this historic, former church. Enjoy food, learn about the history of The Castle and enjoy a historic pipe organ demo in the acoustically perfect 1906 sanctuary. This is a great starting point for your walking tour of the Near East Side Historic District (see below). www.thecastlebeloit.com, 608-362-1583.

Optional Self-Guided Walking Tours

- **Near East Side Historic District Walking Tour** takes you by stylish homes of prominent citizens from the 1800s. Guide: bit.ly/beloiteast
- **The Bluff Street Historic District** - Beautiful, historic homes along Bluff Street
Download a guide: bit.ly/beloitbluff
- **Oakwood Cemetery**, 1221 Clary St, Beloit, this historic cemetery has fascinating headstones and mausoleums and beautiful war memorial sculptures.
- **"Beloit: A River Runs Through It"** a brand new tour book of Beloit history along the Rock River. This 56-page guide features 17 locations. \$10 - Available at Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St, Beloit.
- **Water Spirit Mound** at Totem Park, 1998 Totem Rd; This small park has two Native American Indian Mounds, one is a 157 ft. "water spirit". Take a walk on Moccasin Trail, the original Native American Indian Trail along Turtle Creek.



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Take this Beloit Heritage Days Passport along and get it stamped at 5 events to earn a **FREE Turtle Sundae** compliments of Culver's of Beloit! Return your stamped passport to Visit Beloit, 656 Pleasant St. by Sept. 24 to receive your free Turtle Sundae coupon.



Thank you to the Stateline Community Foundation for supporting this event!

***** **Friday, Sept. 10** *****

Open House at Visit Beloit's new headquarters in the former Angel Museum and St. Paul's Catholic Church, Friday, Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Visit Beloit, 656 Pleasant St. Come see how Visit Beloit is transforming this historical church into their new headquarters ; www.visitbeloit.com

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More Friday, September 10 events>>>>>

Learn more at www.beloitheritagedays.com

“History At The Confluence” Open House, Friday, Sept. 10, 11:00a.m. – 3:00 p.m. , Nature At The Confluence and Rock River Trail Visitor Center, 306 Dickop St., South Beloit. Stop in to learn about the amazing history of the land at the confluence of Turtle Creek and the Rock River. Learn about the Rock River Trail History Trail and Scenic and Historic Route; see “Ke-Chunk Ciporke”, a sculpture by Ho-Chunk artist Truman Lowe and learn about historic Ke-Chunk village. Refreshments served. Sale on Beloit and Rock River history books.; natureattheconfluence.com ; 815-200-6910.

“Toy Story” Movie on the Big Lawn, Fri., Sept. 10 (Rain date Sun., Sept. 12), South end of Riverside Park near the Jones Pavilion. Activities and Vendors at 5:30 p.m.; Movie shown at dusk 7:15 p.m. Join us on Beloit’s beautiful riverfront for this family classic! Bring chairs and blankets. Get stamped at the Friends Of Riverfront table. Take a walk on the Beloit Heritage Walkway at the Harry C. Moore Pavilion. friendsoriverfront.com

***** **Saturday, Sept. 11** *****

Downtown Beloit Farmer’s Market, Saturday, Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Downtown Beloit, State St and E. Grand Ave. The Beloit Farmers Market is one of the oldest and largest farmers markets in Wisconsin and is located in historic downtown Beloit. Get your stamp at the Downtown Beloit Association’s booth located at the intersection of State and Grand.

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History of Beloit Public Library, Saturday, Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m., Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit Public Library has been operating for 125 years and its first building was donated by Andrew Carnegie. Historian Alex Carlson presents the history of this wonderful community resource. Join us for a talk and light refreshments. www.beloitlibrary.org

Food & Fun for the Family and Open House with Tours at Visit Beloit’s new headquarters, Saturday, Sept. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m , Visit Beloit, 656 Pleasant St., Beloit. Come see how Visit Beloit is transforming this historical church into their new headquarters. visitbeloit.com, 608- 365-4838

Fur Traders River Run Paddle Trip with Rocktown Adventures, Saturday, Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m., Follow the path of the early fur traders who used the Rock River as a “commerce highway” to move their wares. Fur Trader Joseph Thibault’s cabin was located near your launch area, and you’ll paddle by the trading post in Macktown (now Rockton, IL) on the Rock River. Registration: \$50 with paddling equipment, \$20 if you have your own gear. Register: 815-636-9066 or online rocktownadventures.com/events/

Mammoths to Mounds: 13,000 Years of Native American History, Saturday, Sept. 11, 1:00 p.m., Nature At The Confluence, 306 Dickop Street, South Beloit. People have lived in the Rock River valley ever since the last ice age. Dr. Bill Green presents this program where you’ll learn how the latest archaeological discoveries are adding to our understanding of the area’s ancient residents. Free event with limited seating. Registration is required. natureattheconfluence.com ; 815-200-6910.

“Through their Eyes: History of African Americans in Beloit 1836-1970” documentary screening, Sat., Sept. 11, 1:00 p.m., Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Beloit natives Jim and Cheryl Caldwell put together this film in 2011 to showcase the illustrious history of African American families and their challenges and triumphs on the city of Beloit from 1836 to 1970. Join us for a screening and light refreshments. www.beloitlibrary.org

Heritage Baking Contest by Beloit Historical Society, Sat., Sept. 11, 1:00 to 3:30pm, awards will begin at 3:00pm, 845 Hackett St. Do you have an awesome family recipe that has been passed down through the generations? Bake it up, bring it and the recipe and story. Join us for some yummy baked goods and vote for your favorite! Register for contest at beloithistoricalsociety.com or call 608-365-7835.

Big Hill Rocks and Walls with Welty Environmental Center, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Big Hill Park. Join the Welty Environmental Center at Big Hill Park to learn more about the lives of rocks, including the glacial outwash that created Big Hill. We will hike down to the old quarry and explore the sediment layers. We will also learn about the people who lived in Big Hill Park and built the Model-T retaining wall of one of Big Hill’s more traveled paths. Registration is required as space is limited. Register at weltycenter.org or call 608-362-6212.

Bushnell Wheeler House Open House, Saturday, Sept. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 542 Wheeler St., South Beloit, IL, Come tour this beautifully restored home which also has wonderful displays of Stateline history. John Patrick’s fascinating books about growing up in Beloit will be for sale. bushnellwheelerhome.com