

**Conexiones Latinas**  
**Cuatro Condados Unidos**  
**Jefferson-Walworth-Rock-Dodge**

***The mission of Conexiones Latinas is to inform and educate the Hispanic community of the services available in the counties of Dodge, Jefferson, Rock & Walworth.***

For those of you who don't read Spanish, but have an interest in what *Conexiones Latinas* is all about, we will be including a brief summary in English of the articles included in the newsletter. If your organization would like to submit an article or other information for publication in future editions of *Conexiones Latinas* feel free to do so. Information which is time specific should be submitted at the beginning of the quarter **PRIOR** to the quarter in which your event will take place. Publication dates for the year are January, April, July, and October. We want *Conexiones Latinas* to work for you, so let us hear about your organization, upcoming events and information of interest to our community.

Information should be written and ready for publication when it is submitted. If possible, submit the information in Spanish. If this is not possible, you may send it in English and it will be translated by a *Conexiones Latinas* volunteer. Submit information to:

Conexiones Latinas  
c/o Jodi Roberts  
520 Handeyside Lane, Suite 3  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

or fax to (920) 568-5023

**July/August/September 2018**

**El Mercado...Farmers' Markets**

Farmers' Markets across Rock County began the first Saturday in May and will be running until the end of October. The Farmers' Market is a family-friendly event that allows attendees to get to know and support their local farmers. Qualifying families that use the Rock County WIC Program will receive vouchers to use at the Farmers' Market as a part of their WIC benefits. To qualify for the Farmers' Market vouchers, a family must have a participant that is pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum, a child over 1 year of age, or an infant that is older than 9 months of age. This year families will receive \$30 dollars in increments of 5 checks worth \$6 each. One set of checks will be issued per household. The checks may be used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Checks will be available for pickup at WIC offices in Janesville and Beloit. The checks may be used from June through October to allow families to shop when their favorite produce is in season. Vouchers may be used at approved stands at authorized markets only. Participants will be given a list of authorized markets by their local WIC office, and approved stands at the markets will have a yellow sign that says "Vendor." Farmers can only accept cash or the WIC vouchers. Farmers will not be accepting the fruit and vegetable dollars that are loaded onto the eWIC card. This means that families will be able to purchase more produce from more places, as they can use the fruit and vegetable dollars on the eWIC card at the grocery store, and the vouchers at local Farmers' Market! To pick up checks for the Farmers' Market or sign up for the WIC Program, contact your local offices in Janesville (608)-754-3722 or Beloit (608)362-1566 today!

### **Fiestas en el area...**

Summer Festival, July 6-7, St. Andrew's Church, Delavan, WI

Jefferson County Fair Family Day with La Movida, July 15 12 pm – 8 pm

Mexican Fiesta, September 29, St. Patrick's Church, Elkhorn, WI

We will share more information about these events on our Facebook page when we receive it.

### **Una Nueva Tarjeta... New Medicare Cards, Same Old Scammers**

Medicare is mailing new, more secure Medicare cards with a Medicare Number that's unique to every person with Medicare. Medicare is getting rid of the old card because the old Medicare Number was based on a person's Social Security Number. Scammers sometimes use Social Security Numbers to try to steal someone's identity, open new credit cards or even take out loans in someone else's name.

Your benefits won't change with the New Medicare card, and it'll be mailed to you for free—you don't need to take any action to get it.

Scammers are hoping that you won't be informed about the change in Medicare cards and they may try to use the opportunity to get your personal information. Fight back by following these tips:

- **Don't pay for your new Medicare card.** It's free. If anyone calls and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam. Never give your Social Security Number, bank account number or send cash to anyone who says they need it for you to get your new Medicare card.
- **Don't give your Medicare Number to people you don't know or haven't contacted first.** Some scammers call pretending to be from Medicare, but Medicare—or someone representing Medicare—will never ask for your personal information for you to get your new Medicare card. Only share your Medicare Number with doctors or trusted people in the community who work with Medicare, like your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Say “no thank you” to anybody you don't know who offers to help you complete applications or forms that require you to fill out personal information like your Social Security Number.
- **Don't give your bank account information to people you don't know.** If someone offers to deposit a rebate or bonus into your bank account because you got a new Medicare card, that's a scam.
- **Don't let anyone trick you into believing your Medicare benefits will be canceled unless you give them your Medicare Number.** If someone threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your Medicare Number, hang up! If you get a suspicious call, contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY: 1-877-486-2048) or visit the Senior Medicare Patrol at [smpresource.org](http://smpresource.org).
- **Destroy your old Medicare card.** Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new one right away. Don't just throw the old card away—shred it or cut it into small pieces. Visit the CMSHHSgov channel on YouTube to watch our “Destroy your old Medicare card” video.

Mailing new Medicare cards to millions of Americans takes time. Your card may arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's. Find out when new cards start mailing to your area by visiting [Medicare.gov/NewCard](http://Medicare.gov/NewCard), and signing up for email alerts from Medicare.

To learn more on how you can help fight Medicare fraud, visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](http://Medicare.gov/fraud).

### **Kaytales**

On June 27 at 3:30pm "Kaytales" at the Karl Junginger Memorial Library. Kay's lively storytelling engages her listeners and draws them in, making them feel a part of the story. She blends Spanish and English into her fun and interactive stories for children and adults! This is a free event

### **Tortas de Verano Summer Sandwiches in the Park**

**Who?** Families with children are invited to join us for a free picnic lunch. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Lunches will be available three days a week this summer.

**Where?** On Tuesdays we will be located at the Clark Park Shelter, on Wednesdays we will be located at the Riverside Park Shelter and on Fridays we will be at the Lincoln Park Shelter.

**What?** During summer vacation, each Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday free bag lunches will be provided. Each lunch will include a choice of peanut butter and jelly sandwich or other protein rich sandwich (such as ham and cheese or tuna), fruit, fresh veggies, cookie or granola bar and a carton of milk. 100% juice boxes or water will be available for those with milk allergies.

**When?** Each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and each Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning June 12, 2018.

The last day is Wednesday, August 29, 2018 with no lunches on July 4, 2018

Plan a special weekly fun family outing to the park.

Please join us for lunch and stay to play.

Sunshine or rain we will be there. Severe weather warnings may prohibit serving.

### **Bag lunches will be provided by members of the**

*First Congregational United Church of Christ*  
120 Kuckkan Lane, Watertown 920-261-6213

*Christ United Methodist Church*  
112 Hall Street, Watertown 920-261-0736

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*  
1611 E. Main Street, Watertown 920-261-2570

### **Vacunas escolares**

Hi families! The Jefferson County Health Department would like to remind you that Summer is a great time to check your child's immunization record to see if he/she may be due for immunizations (also known as vaccines) before the start of the next school year. This can be done by calling your child's doctor, calling your local health department, or going to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry website and looking up your child's record: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm>. For most Wisconsin schools, students have until the 30th school day to provide the appropriate documentation of immunization or a signed waiver. Immunizations can be safe and effective in protecting your child from serious diseases and they can help prevent the spread of those diseases to others. Sometimes an immunization waiver (for personal, religious, or medical/health reasons) may be your preferred choice however. Please talk with your child's doctor if

you have any questions about which is the right choice for your child. By preparing ahead and checking your student's immunization record now, we hope you can avoid stress in the Fall from last-minute doctor appointments and/or school exclusions. And remember, if your child has active Medical Assistance or no insurance, he/she may be able to receive immunizations from your local health department. Have a good summer everyone!

### **Programas de Jefferson County Literacy Council**

**Classes in English** – We offer English classes in Watertown, Jefferson, Waterloo and Fort Atkinson with flexible schedules. JCLC has small classes and also private tutors that can help with your personal goals. Before attending a class, students should call us or visit our office to register and learn more about our class schedule. Call us to make an appointment 920-675-0500.

**Citizenship classes** – For candidates who are eligible to take the citizenship examination we offer a class to prepare yourself. You will practice your English, review 100 possible questions, learn the Pledge of Allegiance and go to the courthouse and the Post Office. We have the resources to help you be well prepared to take the exam.

**Computer classes** – In this class, we teach the basics of computer skills, students will learn how to use the keyboard, Microsoft Word and Google Chrome. This will help students to be able to use a computer, and develop new abilities for searching for information or even jobs.

**Computer Lab** – JCLC has a computer lab with 10 computers and printers and access to the internet for our registered students. The computer lab is open Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. People who come to use the computers can practice English using [usalearns.org](http://usalearns.org), typing with Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing, and also create and print documents with Microsoft Office and search the internet.

**Frequent questions** – Who can use JCLC services? The classes are for adults who want to learn to read, write and speak English, learn to use a computer or prepare themselves for the citizenship test.

Who are the JCLC teachers? JCLC is a non-profit organization with limited resources. JCLC uses a combination of volunteer tutors and paid instructors.

How much do the classes cost? Classes are free. Students pay \$30 for the first English book. We also have a library to borrow books from if you can't pay.

When are the classes? We offer a variety of classes in Watertown, Fort Atkinson, Johnson Creek, Palmyra, Waterloo and Jefferson. We have flexible schedules. Call us for more information.

### **Con Agua uno rinde mas...OSHA Heat illness information**

You can do more with water. Water. Shade. Breaks. Without these, you can't work. Heat can kill. Don't forget: drink water frequently, even if you're not thirsty – rest in the shade to refresh yourself – watch for the first symptoms, and report them – know what to do in an emergency.

### **Celebrate Waupun (Hispano Fest) – see flier**

Celebration June 29, 30 and July 1 celebrating Hispanic Culture