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## GREEN LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLDEN DAYS HARVEST FEST

GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN – Moving into its 35<sup>th</sup> year of fun, the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Golden Days Harvest Fest is jam-packed with a wide variety of activities and events for all ages. The Chamber promises an action-filled weekend to uphold this festival's long-standing tradition as one of the area's largest and most enjoyed events in the area.

This year's Golden Days Harvest Fest will take place on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. It features a wide range of activities beginning at 10:00 am each day that all will enjoy!

There are several ongoing events throughout the festival grounds including the annual Craft Fair. The craft fair is an essential part of this festival that boasts over 100 crafters setting up shop in Deacon Mills Park, Playground Park, and Town Square Community Center's front lawn. They'll showcase a wide variety of jewelry, art, woodworking, home décor, clothing, and so much more!

For those looking for fresh food items grown and produced locally, a Farmer's Market will take place from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Water Street both days. With a variety of apples, organic produce, fresh flowers, autumn decorations, and sweet treats, the Farmer's Market will have something for all to enjoy!

New this year, Cattail Critter Petting Zoo is a family fun event that is guaranteed to be a favorite! The petting zoo will be held in the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's parking lot on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. There you will also find balloon twisting Saturday from 11:30 am - 3:30 pm, face painters Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, and the kid's pedal pulls on Sunday at noon, registration beginning at 11:00 am.

The Antique Tractor Show will be taking place on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We are encouraging collectors to come down and showcase their antique tractors, equipment, machinery, and anything related to harvesting on Mill Street from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. All participants must be parked in the festival grounds by 10:00 am. Participation is free!

The Green Lake Car Show will be held on Sunday, September 24. The unique variety of vehicles will be parked on Mill Street for all visitors to enjoy. The cost to participate is \$10, which includes car dash plaques to the first 200, trophies to judges favorites, and prize money to be given away. This show is open to all makes and models.

A highlight for many is the giant Harvest of Bargains rummage sale held inside the historic Thrasher Opera House on Mill Street. You never know what you might find as you explore the rows of furniture, art, toys, books, electronics, dishes, outdoor recreation items, and more. The Harvest of Bargains runs from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Green Lake's American Legion Post #306 will be starting Sunday off with their famous Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 am - 11:00 am at the Legion building, located at the corner of Water and Lake Street. The Legion members will also be hosting Sink the Bismark in Playground Park from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Speaking of food, no Wisconsin festival would be complete without an expansive variety of delicious food and beverages. Local restaurants, service groups, and food trucks will be serving a variety of original food items during the Taste of Green Lake on Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sunday from 10:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Several musical acts will entertain festival audiences with Driftwood on Saturday from 11:00 am -2:30 pm at the Festival Square Stage. Sunday's music includes New Generation, featuring polka, at the Festival Square Stage from 11:00 am -2:30 pm. Music will also be taking place in Deacon Mills Park and by the Farmer's Market throughout the festival.

The much-anticipated Golden Days Harvest Fest Parade will start at 4:00 pm on Saturday. This year's theme is "Fall on the Farm." Strolling entertainment, kid's show activities, live entertainment, and so much more!

To learn more about Green Lake's Golden Days Harvest Fest, contact the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 920.294.3231, go to <a href="www.visitgreenlake.com">www.visitgreenlake.com</a>, e-mail <a href="mailto:allison@visitgreenlake.com">allison@visitgreenlake.com</a>, follow our Facebook page "Golden Days Harvest Fest," or search "greenlakewi" in your app store to download our new free mobile app.