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# Racine Zoo to debut Jack O'Lantern Nights Halloween event

Guests will be treated to more than 1,000 hand-carved lanterns and festive illuminations

More than 1,000 hand-carved Jack O'Lanterns and festive illuminations will light up the night at the Racine Zoo's new Halloween event, Jack O'Lantern Nights, which is ongoing through Sunday, Oct. 30. The family friendly event will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 6 to 10 p.m. at the zoo, 2131 N. Main St., Racine.

In the crisp fall air, guests will stroll through the zoo along a dedicated paved pathway and become immersed in dazzling lights and charming decorations.

The intricately designed Jack O'Lanterns will look like pieces of art during the day and come to life at night for all to see. There will be an abundance of custom designs to discover including cats, owls, scarecrows, and more Halloween-themed creations.

To compliment the lanterns, there will be enchanting light displays throughout the route. Within the event, the zoo will host a decorating contest that businesses and organizations can sign up to participate in. Guests will be able to vote on their favorite decorated space and the winner will be announced at the end of the event. As they take in the sights, guests can warm up with seasonal food and beverages on site.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be bringing this event to the Racine Zoo," Racine Zoo Executive Director Beth Heidorn said. "This is a fun, family event that will let you see the zoo in a different 'light.' With the amazing support from the State of Wisconsin's Tourism Department and two incredibly creative companies, we are able to put smiles on our guests' faces! Please join us this fall!"

The zoo is working with the company Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns, based in New York, to create the masterpieces to line the walkways of the zoo in a glorious fall setting. Using scalpels, knives, gouges, and power tools, artists for Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns spend up to 15 hours sculpting a single Jack O'Lantern. These professionals have done incredible Jack O'Lantern shows in New York and are now bringing their creativity to southeast Wisconsin.

For the light displays, the zoo is working with Traditions Holiday Lighting and Seasonal Décor. Traditions is based in Wisconsin, providing services to clients from Green Bay to Lake Geneva. The



**above:** Amanda Rise carves a Jack O'Lantern for the Racine Zoo. The zoo is hosting its Jack O'Lantern Nights event through Oct. 30. **below:** In addition to the Jack O'Lantern display, the Racine Zoo will have a light show and decorating contest for visitors to take part in.

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company specializes in holiday lighting and landscape lighting, combining high quality products with a unique design and personal touch. They helped bring to life the zoo's past holiday drive-through experiences.

"The Racine Zoo has been a top attraction for more than 99 years, and is always finding new ways to attract and delight visitors," Secretary-designee Anne Sayers said. "Congratulations on receiving this JEM grant to build a spectacular fall event that is positioned perfectly to capitalize on the Chicago drive market."

Jack O'Lantern Nights is supported by Travel Wisconsin through a Joint Effort Marketing Grant, or JEM Grant. As a \$20.9 billion industry in Wisconsin that supports more than 169,000 jobs, tourism

is crucial to the state's economic recovery and success.

JEM grants are just one of the tools in the toolbox for the Department of Tourism to partner with organizations and nonprofits around the state who are using innovation and creativity to bring visitors and dollars to their community.

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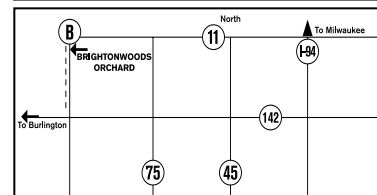


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# TAKING stunts to A new level



## Equine lover becomes self-taught trick-rider

By Jason Arndt  
STAFF WRITER

**E**questrian sports take many forms ranging from the well-known Kentucky Derby to flat racing, barrel racing, steeplechase and Gymkhana.

However, avid horseback riders have another segment to consider, trick riding, which consists of high-flying acrobatic stunts.

The tricks include the rider standing upright on the back of a galloping horse

using a specially designed saddle with a reinforced steel horn and specialized loops for the hands and feet.

Lia Peterson, of the Village of Raymond in Racine County, took an interest in trick riding a few years ago.

Peterson, 16, the youngest of six children to Jennifer and Eric Peterson, said she has always been around horses; three currently live on her family's property.

"I have been around horses my whole life. I grew up watching my siblings compete and when I was old enough I wanted to compete, too," she said.

Lia, who had experience competing in barrel racing, became interested in trick riding after watching video clips of people performing stunts on their horses.

"I started trick riding around three years ago and I decided to do it because I

watched videos of people doing tricks and I thought it was really cool, so I tried it and ended up loving it," she said.

However, considering the danger of trick riding, her parents voiced initial hesitation.

"Lia came to Jenny and I and asked if she could start doing trick riding," Eric said. "We told her no because it is too dangerous."

But Lia forged ahead and learned to trick ride on her own with a 22-year-old Tennessee Walker named Pretty Boy.

"When my dad was at work, I practiced in the arena with my mom watching," said Lia, who knew her father would not initially approve.

After a few months, Eric discovered what Lia was doing, but said he didn't initially watch her perform stunts out of fear.

Lia, who has two other horses on the family's property, said she found Pretty Boy an ideal fit because she has a deep personal connection to the horse.

"Pretty Boy and I have a really close connection. He is the only reason I am where I'm at with trick riding. Without him, it wouldn't be possible," said Lia, a junior at Union Grove Union High School.

"Pretty Boy means so much to me. My

### Backyard training

Lia plays soccer and runs cross country at school. She also previously competed in gymnastics.

In between extra-curricular activities and studies, she started to train with Pretty Boy in her family's backyard.

"I learned how to trick ride in my backyard. I watched videos and read books about it and then I would go outside and practice them," Lia said.

According to Eric, Lia asked her sister, Anna, for help rigging her barrel-riding saddle into a trick saddle.

From there, Lia continued to practice and experiment with trick riding, Eric said.

"Of course, mom knew by then and I could tell something was going on," Eric said. "Then one day, we had an extended family party and Lia asked everyone to come watch her perform."

Eric admitted he had rattled nerves and said he couldn't bear to watch his daughter perform stunts at first.

But on that day of the family party, Lia's two older sisters urged Eric to come outside and see the routines she had learned.

"Well, I gave in and headed back to the arena. To my surprise, Lia had on a trick riding costume and had fast paced patriotic music playing," said Eric, noting Lia's sister, Anna, bought the costume.

"She started her performance for me, and others, and I was absolutely amazed. I looked at my wife in amazement and said 'as scary as that was, that was awesome.'"

After Lia's performance, it became clear she had a real passion for the sport so she won support from her family to continue improving her skills at trick riding.

"At that point Jenny and I talked about her obvious passion for the sport, and we could see all that she had put into rigging her saddle and learning all the tricks on her own," Eric said. "From there, we decided it would be much safer if she had an authentic trick-riding saddle."

That saddle, Eric said, allowed Lia to expand her skill sets in trick riding.

In retrospect, despite initial protestations, Lia believes her father "is really proud" of her accomplishments as a self-taught trick rider and said she enjoys specific tricks more than others.

"My favorite tricks are the suicide drag, when I hang off the saddle with one of my feet strapped in, and the hippodrome, when I stand up on the horse," Lia explained.

Performing tricks not only takes skill, but practice and strength, Eric said.

"Lia's amazing strength to be able to balance and perform tricks that require lots

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**above:** Lia Peterson, 16, of Racine County, rides her horse, Pretty Boy, at her home. **top:** Peterson and her horse have formed a longstanding bond and she decided to start trick riding.

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decreasing amounts for funding until projects become self-sustaining.  
 Jack O'Lantern Nights will be perfect for kids and adults of all ages. The event will provide a safe opportunity for guests to go out and enjoy some holiday-themed fun.  
 Admission is only available at the door and is \$10 per person and free for children 2 years old and younger. Proceeds benefit the animals and programs of the Racine Zoo.  
 To learn more about Jack O'Lantern Nights, visit [racinezoo.org](http://racinezoo.org).

**About the Racine Zoo**  
 Nestled along the sandy shores of Lake Michigan, the Racine Zoo is open year round. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last admission at 4:30 p.m. Admission rates are: Members and children two and younger, free; children 3 to 15 years, \$9; seniors, \$10; and adults, \$11.  
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# It's a generational thing

## Fair family builds legacy, memories

By Jason Arndt  
STAFF WRITER

Siblings Emily and Isaac Erickson, of Burlington, are carrying on a family tradition dating back decades at the Racine County Fair. Emily, 13, and Isaac, 15 – great-grandchildren of the late Racine County Agriculture Society Director Rich Isaacson – represent the fourth generation of their family exhibiting primarily sheep in the fair that recently celebrated its 100th anniversary in Union Grove.

“This is what we do, we show sheep and have fun,” said Emily, who is in the eighth grade at Brookwood Middle School in Genoa City. “It is pretty cool (to be the fourth generation).”

While the Ericksons’ savor the memories, Isaac said the tradition also carries specific responsibilities, including caring for animals on a year-round basis.

The Ericksons, who have participated in many projects, share the workload.

“We split the chores and stuff, like feeding and giving them water,” said Isaac, a sophomore at Badger High School in Lake Geneva. “We help each other out.”

### The early days

Ric Isaacson, son of Rich, is the second generation involved in the Racine County Fair.

In 1959, when Ric was about 10 years old, he began showing dairy and sheep while his father served as the Fair Board director.

“I met my wife, Sue (Busch), at the Racine County Fair,” he said. “She showed horses. She did not show sheep.”

Ric, who married Sue in 1970, said he remembers when his late wife’s mother, Henriette, raised a lamb on the Busch family farm in Burlington.

Henriette, according to Ric, encouraged Sue to exhibit the animal at the Wisconsin State Fair.

“She showed it at the State Fair and was a grand champion,” he said.

Ric and Sue eventually bought Bill and Henriette Busch’s farm and started a family of their own – with children Sarah and Jake.

Sarah met Bill Erickson at the Walworth County Fair showing sheep and they eventually married before becoming parents

to Isaac and Emily.

Jake met Toni Martin and they welcomed son, Zeke Isaacson, into the family.

### Values run deep

Sarah said she and her brother learned many valuable traits at the county fair including responsibility, showmanship and preparation.

“I think showing at fairs teaches a lot about responsibility. It also teaches how to care for animals,” she said, adding county fairs – regardless of which one – are vital.

“I think county fairs are extremely important to the Ag industry. It shows people that these animals are well taken care. Kids can talk about animals, they can talk about how they care for their animals and they can see the pride that these exhibitors have in their animals.”

Jake said county fairs bring about another valuable commodity – sportsmanship.

Unlike competitive sporting events, where success is measured in wins and losses, the county fair teaches children important life lessons about helping others.

“It is not a super rivalry, like sports and stuff,” Jake said. “Almost every kid that shows here helps everyone else out whether they know them or not.”

“You teach them responsibility, it is good sportsmanship. I know you are trying to have the best animal here, but don’t step over somebody to get to that next level,” he added.

### Showmanship is about the kids

Sue, who passed away in 2008 from cancer, exhibited a passion for children and how they present their animals at the county fair.

According to Ric, among all of the family’s members, Sue likely got the most joy out of being involved in the fair.

“She is the one that really loved the fair. We all like it, but she loved the fair the most,” he said. “She really liked showmanship as a kid. It made it about the kids themselves and how they handle the animals.”

In 2009, the Isaacsons decided to sponsor the Sue Isaacson Memorial Showmanship Contest, which includes a scholarship a program for children.

Ric said the contest has since grown with numerous community contributions and



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**above:** Ric Isaacson (left) stands with grandchildren Zeke Isaacson and Emily and Isaac Erickson, and daughter Sarah Erickson during a show in the family’s early years. **top:** While showing a sheep at this year’s Racine County Fair in Union Grove, Emily and Isaac Erickson interact with a judge.



Sarah Erickson, mother of Emily and Isaac, serves as an announcer during the 2022 Racine County Fair.

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children benefiting from the proceeds.

“We heard of these supreme champion shows from other different fairs and we decided to sponsor it here and get it going in Racine County,” he said. “It has been really successful.”

Sarah said her parents often discussed showmanship while she exhibited animals at the county fair.

“Showmanship was very important to my parents. Growing up, they always talked about how it’s not necessarily how great the animal is, it is how great you show that animal.”

The showmanship contest was among many fond memories for Jake, whose son, Zeke, participated about three years ago.

“(Zeke) got to be in the supreme showmanship class, the Sue Isaacson

Memorial, and my whole family was there. That was a really nice moment for me,” Jake said.

Zeke, in addition to animals, also participated in woodworking and crafting projects at the county fair.

He is now 21 and lives in Colorado, but has formed lifelong friendships with people he met at the Racine County Fair, according to his dad.

“He made friends from the beef barn and the hog barn and still keeps in contact with them,” Jake said.

### Building camaraderie

Jake, who also showed at the Racine County Fair, said county fairs bring about a



# family - on and off the court

## Area high school graduate joins her mother in the UW-Milwaukee volleyball program

By Jennifer Eisenbart

STAFF WRITER

**J**osie Johnson's personal biography on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee women's volleyball website reads like a family tree. Of volleyball, that is. It reads, "Aunt Amanda is head volleyball coach at Loyola Chicago ... cousin is assistant coach at UW-Green Bay ... cousin Ellie is the director of volleyball operations at Marquette ... Mom is head coach at UW-Milwaukee."

The Johnson family is no stranger to the Panther volleyball program. Mom, Susie, has been a coach at UW-Milwaukee for half of its 50 years of existence and has guided the Panthers to 10 NCAA tournament berths.

It's clear the elder Johnson considers the university home.

"At Milwaukee, I feel supported over the years as a coach and as a person," Susie said in a recent Q&A with the college. "They've wanted to keep me here and I have been able to raise my family."

Now, though, family and volleyball meet head on as her daughter, Josie, joins the squad as a likely freshman setter in a two-setter lineup this year for the Panthers.



"We understand each other a lot, so it's really easy taking in information," Josie said.

### Volleyball in their blood

Susie acknowledged that Milwaukee has become like a second family to her in the online Q&A, but she also had her family along side her as she gained time with the program.

Josie remembers basically growing up with the team.

"Ever since I was little, I have always gone to Milwaukee games," Josie said.

And Susie almost always had a part in her daughter's training. When the family moved to Rochester in 2013, they built a gym on the large property.

The gym has seen some definite superstars. Most recently, RaeLin D'Alie - another standout athlete from Waterford - trained there prior to competing for Italy in the Olympics.

That gym also enabled Susie to set her own schedule in coaching her daughter's club volleyball team during the off-season.

"It was really built for more personal use," Susie explained. "I could pick the practice times."

She also spent a lot of time teaching her daughter and Susie said Josie has learned the same style of play used at UW-Milwaukee.

"She was able to run the offense I run there," Susie said, adding that she has a good working relationship with her daughter.

When it came to recruiting time, though, Susie acknowledged that UW-Milwaukee had to be Josie's choice.

"Is she a good fit? Does she want to be

here? Does she want me to coach?" Susie remembered asking.

As it turned out, the answer was yes.

"It's just been our life since I was 10," Josie said.

"I knew I wanted to come to UWM because of it."

### A change in address

Josie moved onto the UW-Milwaukee campus and into the dorms this summer.

It's been an adjustment for her, as she not only has become a typical college freshman but also moved away from home in an unusual manner - in that she's still seeing her mother every day.

"Even though we see each other every day at practice, it's a huge change," Josie said. "It's definitely a huge shift for me. It's nice to have some freedom."

Susie said that while she gets to see her daughter every day at practice, it's a player-coach relationship during that period.

"This is so new. We're in the preseason, so we're practicing the whole time," Susie said. "It's just at night (that we get to be mother and daughter)."

"It's not like we're going for lunch every day," she added.

And as a setter, Josie is working with associate head coach Lindsey Vanden Berg as much or more than her mom.

As Lindsey Spoden, Vanden Berg was UW-Milwaukee's first NCAA Division I All-American. She served two years as the program's director of operations but moved this year to coach the setters.

She is also one of the players Josie grew up watching and being around.

"I really like having Lindsey coach me as a setter," Josie said. "I've gone to setter

camp at Milwaukee. She's really good at telling me short, simple improvements to make sure I am the best I can be."

Susie said that relationship serves to help both Josie and the team.

"(Lindsey's) her direct training," Susie explained. "That's who she goes to, not me. She's known Lindsey her entire life."

### Moving forward

While UW-Milwaukee volleyball may be getting ready for its season, just like normal, it's been eventful for the Johnsons in other ways.

After dealing with a foot injury through her last year of high school and club volleyball, Josie had surgery in April. She is working her way back onto the court after several months of rehabilitation.

Susie, meanwhile, will be acknowledged with a notable honor, being inducted into the Racine County Sports Hall of Fame as a coach.

For her, it's a huge honor, as she knows the quality of athletes the county has put out over the years, including D'Alie (who will be eligible once she's done playing).

Susie acknowledged that coaching for a living wasn't always on her radar.

"When I was starting off coaching, I really believed it would be temporary. I thought I'd teach in 10 years or so," Susie said. "And then I got to the point where I really liked this. I'm very grateful to be able to do this for a living."

Josie admitted that being a coach might not be in her future - she'd be too stressed out, she said - but she does want to pursue a career in athletics administration.

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**above:** 16-year-old Lia Peterson hangs off to the side of her horse, Pretty Boy, during a routine at the 2022 Racine County Fair. **left:** Peterson waves the American Flag as part of a trick-riding routine. **far left:** Peterson performs another stunt with her horse.

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of muscle and practice with her horse,” Eric said. “We are also impressed with the fact that she had learned all of this on her own.”

While impressed, none of Lia’s accomplishments came as a surprise to Eric, who recognizes she brings many skills to trick riding.

“Lia is a spitfire. She loves to try different things and she pretty much grew up on horses,” Eric said. “Lia also took gymnastics lessons early on in her life. So

it doesn’t really surprise us that she took to this sport.”

**Day at the fair**

Lia, a member of Raymond 4-H, previously participated in swine and poultry shows at the Racine County Fair.

But this year she decided to focus on the horse project, and performed in front of a crowd for the first time.

Lia, wearing a red costume, performed acrobatic stunts including the hippodrome

while carrying the United States Flag.

“I performed in front of my family and my first time performing in front of a crowd was at the fair,” Lia said.

“Pretty Boy and I are so in tune to each other’s movements that we tend to compensate for each other. I feel like one with Pretty Boy while I perform the tricks. To me, it feels so good to be a team,” she added.

For Lia, Pretty Boy is more than just a horse. He’s also an equine friend with a

remarkable personality.

“Pretty Boy loves to do anything that includes running. He also loves to jump,” Lia said. “He will pretty much do anything I ask him to do and that has got to be one of my favorite traits of my horse.”

Although she has won the support of her parents, not surprisingly they still have some anxiety whenever she performs stunts.

“We are always nervous watching her perform,” Eric said.

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camaraderie unlike any other experience.

Before social media, which keeps people connected, the county fair oftentimes presented the lone opportunity to reunite with friends.

“We are meeting kids from all over the county when we come to this fair, not just Burlington,” he said. “We are making friends from Union Grove, Waterford and Rochester.”

Additionally, Jake said he has witnessed many generations passing through the fair.

“I am 50, and now I am seeing five generations of children here with their parents and that is what I think is really important,” he said.

“It is a generational thing at this fair, and there are new kids, too. They came into the fold. It is neat to see how everybody gets along.”

**Learning from others**

Martin admits she did not have first-hand knowledge of agriculture while growing up in western Racine County.

She said her family did not have a farm,

so she learned the trade from her neighbors and began a 4-H career at the Racine County Fair.

“I showed sheep for my 4-H career. I did dairy at the beginning,” Martin said. “I had beef cattle once or twice and I did a lot of home furnishings in the youth building. I really enjoyed my 4-H career.”

She said others could have the same experiences, since 4-H groups are always willing to help any aspiring youth.

“If you have an interest and want to be in 4-H, there are people that will help you,” she said. “If you have a work ethic, they will help you figure out sheep, or whatever you are interested – whether it be arts and crafts or woodworking.”

“Anybody can learn how to work with animals, there are opportunities for them out there,” Martin added.

**Building memories**

Sarah said she continues to learn more about her parents at the County Fair.

Recently, the Racine County Fair unveiled a restored Racine Mercantile Hall, which

houses many artifacts and newspaper clippings from the fair’s history.

One of the exhibits commemorated a bleacher collapse, which occurred when Ric and Sue were engaged.

“He was talking about when the bleachers fell down and how he and my mom were engaged at the time. He was at home milking the cows and doing the chores and mom was at the fair,” Sarah said. “Of course, they didn’t have cell phones at the time, so he had to find out if mom was OK when the bleachers collapsed.”

“I never heard that story before.”

Martin said she carries a lot of memories of her family at the fair.

“Watching my son, Zeke, grow from a first year showman to a confident young man – while developing lifelong friendships and skills like hard work and dedication that he will be able to apply wherever life takes him – make all of this worthwhile,” she said.

“These are these things that I love about the Racine County Fair and the things that I hope we instilled in our next generation – Zeke, Isaac and Emily.”

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“I enjoy watching all sports,” she said. “I just like being a part of everything.”

For the next four years, though, she and her mother will continue evolving their relationship – and Panther volleyball.

“It’s a great environment for me to be a part of,” Josie said. “The team chemistry is so great already.”

And that team has goals, with both Josie and her mom wanting to see this team make its 11th NCAA tournament.

“Our goal is to win the conference

and the tournament and go to the NCAA tournament,” Susie said in the online Q&A. “Within the next few years, we want to win in the first round and do something the program has never done before.”

UW-Milwaukee opened its season at the Shamrock Invitational in South Bend, Indiana, playing Mississippi State.

For more on the team, coaches and to see the full schedule, go to [mkepanthers.com/sports/womens-volleyball](http://mkepanthers.com/sports/womens-volleyball).



Zeke Isaacson (left) receives help from his father, Jake, and grandfather Ric, during a Wisconsin State Fair show Zeke participated in several years ago.

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