READI

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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2026

Social News:

- It is with a heavy heart that we have to announce that Doyle Wilke passed away in September. Doyle was one of the founders of READI and volunteered many hours over the last 33 years. He was a mentor for many of us and will be missed.
- Other READI volunteers that passed away this year are Gerry Pfister, Jim Mueller, Kathy Clerkin & Nancy Legler. They also will be missed.

Monthly News:

- River Food Pantry for September had 10 volunteers for a total of 33 hours.
- Babies & Beyond Diaper Bundling in September had 19 volunteers for a total of 103 hours.
- Iron Man on Wednesday, September 9 had 40 volunteers for a total of 214 hours.
- WPT Quilt Show on Friday, September 11 had 2 volunteers for a total of 9 hours.
- River Food Pantry Sips & Slices on September 11 & 13 had 7 volunteers for 24 hours. They raised $135,000.
- Way Forward Golf Outing on Monday, September 14 had 5 volunteers for a total of 40 hours
- Second Harvest on Thursday, September 17 had 10 volunteers for a total of 30 hours. (Bagged frozen gnocchi.)
- Gilda's Club Packet Assembly on Wednesday, September 30 had 8 volunteers for a total of 26 hours.
- NewBridge mailing project on Thursday, October 1 had 11 volunteers for a total of 30 hours.
- Badger Honor Flight on Saturday, October 3 had 5 volunteers for a total of 20 hours.

Need Volunteers:

- Toys for Tots on Friday, December 4. Have 10 volunteers so far but would like 25. See Upcoming Project List for details.
- READI has received a request from Susannah Peterson, the Executive Director of the Badger Childhood Cancer Network for blankets. If you can help by making a child-size quilt or fleece, crocheted, or knitted blankets, BCCN would greatly appreciate it. Any child sized blankets are welcomed. (Suggested sizes 40 X 45 for younger children or 50 X 60 for an older child.) If you can help, please contact Marion Jackson at rdjmjj@charter.net or 608-222-0210.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT VOLUNTEERED

REMINDER: PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATOR ON THE ATTACHED UPCOMING PROJECT LIST FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE AT EACH PROJECT.

Why did the apple pie go to the dentist?
Because it need a filling.