



Concordia Ballroom News August / September 2023

Concordia Aid Society (CAS), Inc., 1129 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

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[Jeffrey Bruce Stevenson](#) (4/4/1947 - 6/13/2023) served wisely, professionally, and kindly as Treasurer for the Concordia from 2021 to 2023. Jeff was a long-time member of the Concordia Aid Society and

community. He served as Treasurer for the Continental Dancers for more than two decades. He is greatly missed by all who knew him!

Concordia's 2023-2024 Dance Season Begins!

Polka, Waltz, Foxtrot, Swing, and More
1-5 p.m. ~ Doors open at noon;
snacks and bar available.



Zweifel Brothers
August 27



**Leather 'N Lace
September 3**



**Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen
September 10**



Leon Olsen
September 17



George's Concertina Band
September 24



Want To Learn To Dance?

Do you need some *pizzazz* in your life? Try dancing!

Learn The Swing

Here's your chance to learn the swing from a pair of great teachers! [Perrin Iacopino and Eddie Kim](#) are teaching the swing at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at [I&E Dance Studio](#). Each class is drop-in, but you need to register at www.iandedancecompany.com/schedule. If you can swing, you can attend any dance event and have fun, including old time, country, ballroom, rock and roll, wedding dances, and many others!

1920's and the Charleston

The Holmen Public Library is offering classes on dances from the 1920's in September and October, including the Charleston! Check it out [here](#).



59th Annual Midwest Banjo Fest September 16, 2023, 7:30 to 11 p.m.

The main event! The big show! A jamboree! A musical extravaganza where banjoists of all abilities are invited to perform on stage at the historic Concordia Ballroom. Talented banjo players from near and far strut their stuff at this annual event. Whether you play banjo, enjoy banjo music, or simply enjoy spirited, high quality musicianship, you're invited to attend! You can register to perform on stage too! Contact Neil Duresky at duresky@centurytel.net.

New This Season - Saturday Evening Dances!

Concordia is sponsoring several new dances this season to give you even more opportunities to extend your dance skills and hear great music. Check out



Come out September 30th from 7:00–10:30 to dance to something a bit different for the Concordia!

John and Teresa Condon are the Buck Hollow Band, providing country and rock classics . With 33 years of experience and over 3600 shows, they guarantee a fun and entertaining evening that will get you dancing.

Teresa plays bass guitar while John plays his custom–built guitars, and they both sing. They use meticulously–crafted drum tracks, created by John, who is also a drummer.

Their playlist includes legendary artists like Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Dwight Yoakum, Neal Diamond, Loretta Lynn, Jimmy Buffet, The Oak Ridge Boys, Dolly Parton, George Strait, Brooks and Dunn, Dire Straits, and The Georgia Satellites.

\$15 Cover (\$10 Student with ID)



NEW RIVERSIDE RAMBLERS

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November 2023

7:30 Pm - 10:30 Pm

Cajun Dance Lesson at 6:30

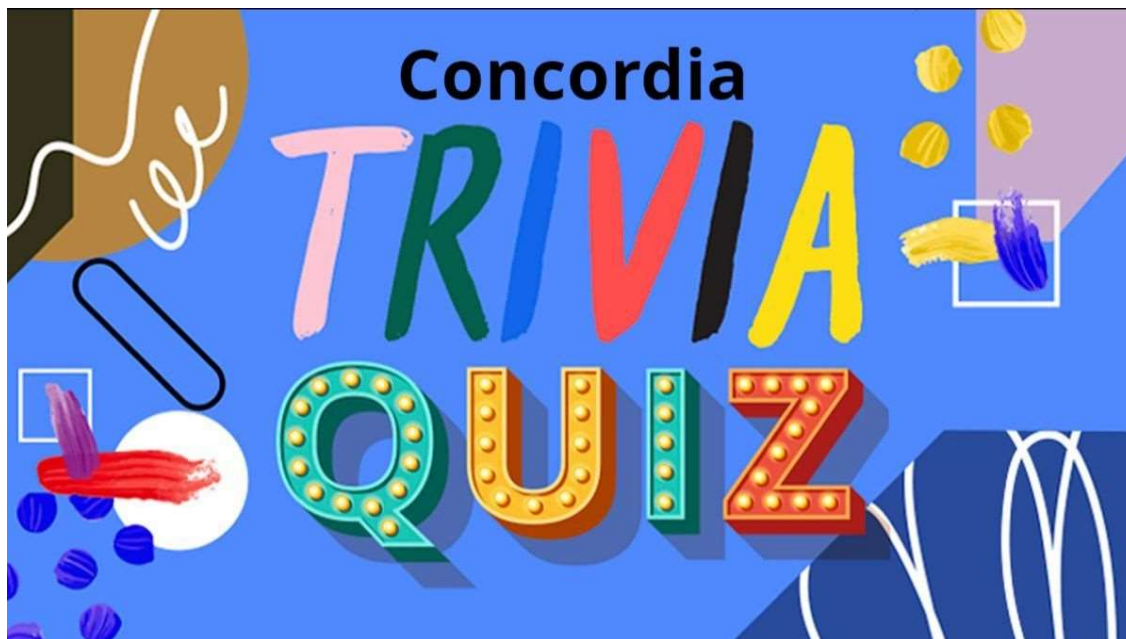
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Mark your calendar for an opportunity to dance to a two-time winner of the Cajun French Music Association (CFMA) "Prix Dehors" award!

The high-spirited Cajun dance music of the New Riverside Ramblers comes from the rich musical heritage of the bayous and prairies of south Louisiana. The band covers a spectrum from old-style fiddle tunes, lively two-steps, soulful waltzes, gritty blues to rockin' honky-tonk sounds – all the sounds from the dance halls and back porches of rural Louisiana. The

always expressive. Inspired by legendary Cajun musicians, the Ramblers overlay their own infectious feel that gets toes tapping. Their music can be as soulful as a sultry evening on the bayou or spicy enough to grab your boogie shoes – dancers and audiences always “pass a good time.”



What is the origin of the word Cajun?

(See answer below)

Continental Dancers
Concordia Hall • La Crosse, WI

2023-2024 Dance Season

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Oct. 20 Fri. Time Travelers | Feb. 16 Fri. Jan Arden & Cathy |
| Oct. 27 Fri. Recorded Music | Mar. 15 Fri. Grumpy Old Men |
| Nov. 17 Fri. Under Paris Skies | Mar. 30 Sat. Recorded Music |
| Dec. 15 Fri. Cheers Big Band | Apr. 19 Fri. Greg Balfany |
| Jan. 19 Fri. Recorded Music | |

*All are welcome to dance or
just listen and enjoy the music!*

7-7:45 Free lessons
8-10:30 Dancing
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\$75/person/season
\$12/person walk-in
\$6 Students with ID

danceinfo@continentaldancers.org
www.continentaldancers.org

Neat casual to semi-formal dress
Your option and comfort level



The Continental Dancers will be dancing at the Concordia again, beginning in October! Mark your calendars for a great season of ballroom dancing. Most of our dances feature LIVE BANDS! Come out to hear the music, even if you don't dance.

Lessons will include high energy swing dancing, some new line dances, and standard ballroom dances like rumba, cha cha, foxtrot, and waltz. No partner needed. Check [Facebook](#) or the [Continental website](#) for more info.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor!

Monthly Events at the Concordia



500 CARD GAMES

Mon/Wed/Fri 1-3 p.m.

Arrive by 12: 45 to start on time!

STAR PROGRAM

Weekly exercise for people with disabilities, including Parkinson's.

contact: starcenterlacrosse.org

ZUMBA

Tu/Th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

contact: ncarmosini@gmail.com

SQUARE DANCING

Square Dancing -No dances in Aug.

For Sept./Oct. dances, please contact

Bob & Barb Cibulka 507.895.6453

Community support keeps the historic Concordia Ballroom open

- *Attend events*
- *Become a member*
- *Volunteer*
- *Donate*
- *Rent the hall*



Contact us:
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Love has kept the Concordia Ballroom open since 1891. Perhaps the oldest business in La Crosse, the Concordia has been a community meeting place for over 130 years. Many people tell us that they met their partner or spouse at the Concordia, or their parents or grandparents met here. No place in La Crosse is better at match-making than the Concordia!

Now it's your turn to share your love for the Concordia and the La Crosse community. You can start by attending an event, becoming a member, or stepping up to join the Board. Concordia members keep the building operating for public dances and private celebrations. We need Board Members who will lead and oversee operations and we need volunteers to take tickets, help in the kitchen, or serve beverages. Consider renting the Concordia for your next special event or celebration. Financial donations help us upgrade equipment, spruce up the space, or cover ongoing expenses. Memorial donations are a wonderful way

special place in their hearts for the Concordia Ballroom. Thank you!

Donations by check can be sent to the Concordia Aid Society, 1129 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601, or make an online donation via our [website](#). All inquiries can be made via our website or call the hall at 608.782.7049.

Trivia answer: The word Cajun began in 19th century Acadie, the area that is now the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in Canada. The French of noble ancestry would say, "les Acadiens", while some referred to the Acadians as, "le 'Cadiens", dropping the "A". Later came the Americans who could not pronounce "Acadien" or "'Cadien", so the word, "Cajun" was born.

Rent the Concordia for your special event



Old World Charm

Located in the heart of La Crosse, with a fabulous maple dance floor, full service bar, kitchen, stage & sound system, large-screen TV's, large parking lot, accessible entry. Capacity: 240
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