

Edgerton events

Food will also be available. Music provided by Tad of Sriracha. Central Park, Swift Street Pavilion Area, 310 N. Main St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 608-289-6084, www.artscouncilledgerton.com/events/pottery-fest

July 21-Albion Stroll Thru Arts in the Park Craft and Gift Fair: This annual craft and gift fair is now in Albion Park in Albion, moving from Central Park in Edgerton. The fair offers many crafts and gifts, pie social, food, music and free parking. A car show is in nearby Edgerton. Albion Park on Albion Road. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission. 608-289-1042, 608-884-6039

Aug. 11-Albion Academy Historical Society's Pie and Ice Cream Social: Dessert and visiting with other people interested in the history of Albion and the Academy. Also featuring a silent auction on the grounds. There is a requested donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family to tour the museum and the Sheepskin one-room schoolhouse. Be sure to walk around the outside of the museum to see the daylilies and the Butterfly garden, which should be in bloom at that time. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at Albion Academy Historical Society (605 Campus Ln.), Exit 160 off I-90, two miles north of Edgerton in Albion. 608-774-4339, aahs50.wordpress.com

Aug. 31-Sept. 3-62nd Annual Rock River Threshere Reunion: This annual living history festival features working antique steam engines and equipment demonstrations in the 200 acre park. Take a train ride on the Rock River Cannonball and watch an operating saw mill and pile driver. Check out the blacksmith shop, woodcarvers, antique cars and trucks, construction equipment display and demonstrations, steam calliope, kids activities and more. Shop the large flea market and take the opportunity to drive your first tractor, watch the daily Parade of Power at 2 p.m., and enjoy live music each evening. This year's marquee features are Massey equipment and Stover Gas engines. Concessions available. Use entrance on Highway M, just off Highway 51. 8 a.m.-

5 p.m. each day. Thresherman's Park, 51 E. Cox Rd. (bordering Highway 51 between Edgerton and Janesville). 608-868-2814, www.threshere.org

Sept. 7-Country Edge presented by Chilimania: National and regional country music acts take the stage in downtown Edgerton. Food and beverages, including beer, will be available. This is the night before Chilimania and will be the official Chilimania pre-party. All proceeds from Country Edge - as well as the proceeds from the Chilimania chili cook-off and live music festival to be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 - directly benefit the Edgerton community in the form of college scholarships for Edgerton High School seniors and donations to other local nonprofit organizations and projects. 608-561-7566, www.chilimania.com

Sept. 8-Chilimania: A street festival featuring the upper midwest's largest chili cook-off and salsa competition. An average of 60 chili cook booths fill the street with mouth-watering smells. Musical entertainment by top bands rock the festival stage all day and into the night. Games and activities for children make Chilimania a good option for families. Food vendors and a beer area round out this fun-filled festival. Admission is charged. 11 a.m.-midnight. Also, don't miss the Sept. 7 Country Edge concert (see above listing), an event that kicks off the Chilimania festival. 608-561-7566 (days), www.chilimania.com

Sept. 15-Victory Run/Walk: Edgerton Hospital. www.edgertonhospital.com/foundation/fundraising-events, www.facebook.com/EdgertonRun

Oct. 27-Edgerton Sterling North Book and Film Festival: A variety of authors speak, author signing sessions, book sale, book fair, lunch and more. Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion St. Free admission. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A schedule will be published as authors are confirmed. www.bookandfilmfestival.org

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Edgerton's Carrier carves NFL career

By Bob Samuelson
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Derek Carrier is back where his professional football career started.

It began when Carrier was signed by the Oakland Raiders as an undrafted free agent out of Beloit College in April 2012. He signed a 3-year \$1.44 million contract, but was released by the Raiders in August of the same year.

Following stops with the Philadelphia Eagles, San Francisco 49ers, Washington Redskins and Los Angeles Rams over the next six years, Carrier is back with Oakland. The 6-4, 244-pound tight end signed another 3-year contract with the Raiders in March 2018.

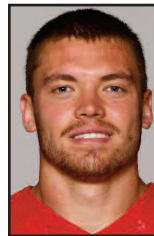
The son of Paula Carrier and Bill Pennekamp of Edgerton started his career in Oakland as a wide receiver but returns as a versatile self-made tight end.

Over his career, the 27-year-old Carrier has caught 36 passes for 327 yards and one touchdown.

After being waived by the Raiders, Carrier was signed and released by Philadelphia after being added to the Eagles practice squad in September 2012.

He was signed by San Francisco in September 2013 and was again added to the practice squad. Carrier was promoted to the 49ers active roster, in March 2015 and he agreed to a 3-year \$2.98 million contract that included a \$400,000 signing bonus.

But he was on the move again when he was traded to Washington in August 2015 for a conditional 5th round pick in the 2017 NFL draft. Carrier caught his first career touchdown pass, coming on a 7-yarder from Kirk Cousins, while with the Redskins.



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However, Carrier was placed on injured reserve when he tore an ACL and MCL on his right knee while making a reception in a game against the Chicago Bears. It was a season-ending injury.

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Carrier is a 2008 Edgerton High graduate and started three years in both baseball and basketball and two years in football.

The Wisconsin Badgers offered him the opportunity to play for the Badgers as a preferred walk-on, but Carrier chose to attend NCAA Division 3 Beloit College because the Buccaneers gave him the option to play football and basketball. After two years, he stopped playing basketball and started running indoor track and field. He competed in the 55-meter dash and both the long jump and triple jump.

Carrier, a two-time All-Midwest Conference wide receiver, re-wrote the receiving record book in four seasons with the Buccaneers. He set the all-time marks for catches (189), yards (3,111) and touchdowns (29). He also broke the single-season marks in 2011 for catches (75), yards (1,250) and tied his own record with 12 touchdowns.

Carrier had seven 100-yard plus games in 2011 and 15 over the last three seasons. The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association named Carrier the Private College Player of the Year.



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