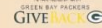


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Pat Ehrenberg of Ripon, a quilter, left, and Debra Morningstar of Neenah, an Oneida storyteller, thread their passions together.

A STORY TO TELL

Quilting, culture come together in new show

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OSHKOSH - Every quilt has a story to tell. It could be the fabric's source, the quilter's thoughts behind its creation or the person it's made for, said Pat Ehrenberg, a quilter from Ripon.

Debra Morningstar, an Oneida storyteller who lives in Neenah, has at least one story to connect with each of Ehrenberg's quilts. They will be featured at 7 p.m. Tuesday on a new Wisconsin Public Television show, "Treasured Quilts of Wisconsin," in which "Sewing With Nancy" host Nancy Zieman takes viewers around the state to learn about quilters and their stories.

Their program, "Native Stitches and Stories," combines Ehrenberg's excellent quilt work with Morningstar's captivating cultural stories. It blends two cultures, Ehrenberg's German and Morningstar's Native American, as well as their respective forms of story and art.

Everything in Native American culture is interconnected, Morningstar said. Music, story and spirituality are all tied together, which reflects in their presentations when Morningstar incorporates a wood-

lands flute and rattle.

The stories cover at least seven regions of Native American culture all over the United States, and Morningstar chooses which tale she tells based on the area they're in. Ehrenberg chimes in with the techniques and approaches she uses to make the quilts.

The entertaining pair present at libraries, museums, quilt guilds, tribal organizations and anywhere else they're asked. They balance each other out: one fills in where

the other leaves off, and they humorously banter all the way through.

Quilting and storytelling give the women a sense of purpose, they said, and each goes back generations.

Ehrenberg recalled how her grandmothers quilted, and they

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Avery conspiracy theories abound

Many on internet doubt evidence in Teresa Halbach murder case

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There's no shortage of alternative theories when it comes to the QMS murder of Teresa Halbach.

Thousands of people across the globe who watched the Netflix docu-series "Making a Murderer" have gone online to critique the Halbach case and the plight of the two women convicted in her death.

Steven Avery and Brendan Dassey. Many of these online sleuths have raised questions about witness statements and evidence.

Meanwhile, there's another group of "Making a Murderer" fans whose commentary and research has also generated considerable discussion — they're the conspiracy theorists.

They've taken to blogs, social media outlets and YouTube to dish up some of the craziest conspiracy theories on the planet about Avery's case.

To be sure, most Avery and Dassey supporters do not give credence to these conspiracy theories. Nonetheless, based on the enormous popularity of fake Internet news sites, it's hardly shocking that these conspiracies have gained some traction.

USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin has examined six of the most outrageous conspiracy theories that have provided discussion since "Making a Murderer" came out last December.

Conspiracy theory No. 1: Traveling serial killer Edward Wayne Edwards murdered Halbach to set up Avery.

Background: Shortly after the release of the series, Montana resident John Cameron contacted USA TODAY NETWORK and other media outlets, proclaiming that the late serial killer, Edward Wayne Edwards, was responsible for Halbach's death. Cameron urged media outlets to publicize his website and his 2014 book, "It's Me! Edward Wayne Edwards, the Serial Killer

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Historic blue bridge to be relocated

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FOND DU LAC - The historic blue Fountain Island Bridge will no longer provide a pathway to Fountain Island in Lakeside Park. However, the city has no intention of demolishing it. Instead, it will be relocated to a different part of the park.

City Engineer Paul De Vries told the Fond du Lac City Council on Nov. 22 that the two-side members of the historic bridge will be placed alongside a trail on the east side of Lakeside Park, near De Neveu Creek south of the Yacht Club. The two sides will be refurbished and put on display so community members can enjoy the key historic components of the landmark.

Funds for a major rehabilitation of the bridge were put into place in the city's 2013 Capital Improvement Plan, but in the spring of 2014, it was found the bridge needed emergency supports installed, said De Vries.

At that point, we knew we bought ourselves a few years of time but did not really have a per-

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DOUG BARNER ACTION REPORTER MEDIA. The blue Fountain Island Bridge will be moved from its current location.

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