From a Cornfield
TO A CAMPUS

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
50th Anniversary Magazine
MESSAGE FROM OUR COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Happy 50th Anniversary Southwest Tech!

Our past accomplishments are impressive, our current efforts are ambitious, and our future is bright.

At Southwest Tech, we have always valued hands-on learning that simulates what our graduates see on the job. We take pride knowing our faculty are experts in their fields who design powerful learning opportunities for their students. As we move into the future, expect exciting initiatives that strengthen our ability to help students learn the skills they need for successful careers. Stay tuned as we develop entrepreneurial opportunities for our students and the community to be engaged in workforce development.

Outside of the classroom you will find friendly staff at Southwest Tech who are committed to helping students be successful regardless of what life throws at them. Southwest Tech is one of only a few two-year colleges in the country to provide students with access to a full-time mental health counselor, an on-campus food bank, emergency housing options, child care facilities and programming, gas money assistance, and free professional clothing for job interviews.

At Southwest Tech, it is always about people. Our students are at the very heart of all we do. It is no wonder we are ranked as the #1 two-year college in the state and the 11th best two-year college in the country! We could not accomplish our goals without the support of our local communities. Thank you for being a part of our success now, and in the future!

Jason S. Wood, Ph. D.
Before the first shovel full of dirt was unearthed in a cornfield outside of Fennimore, Wisconsin, no one could have imagined what would someday stand there almost 50 years later; Wisconsin’s #1 and #11 nationally-ranked two-year college of 2016.

Since its establishment in 1967, Southwest Tech has been committed to providing access to an affordable, high-quality education that meets the needs of businesses and communities and contributes to our district’s economic vitality. Known as one of the 16 two-year public open access institutions within the Wisconsin Technical College System, the college serves 3,800 square miles including 30 school districts in and near Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Dane, Green, Sauk and Vernon Counties.

In its 50-year history, the College has had close to 26,000 graduates from Southwest Tech programs and served tens of thousands more through public safety training, dual enrollment programs, driver education courses, apprenticeships, workforce training initiatives, and community education programs.

Now in 2017 we’re proud to celebrate the many ways southwest Wisconsin positively impacted the College’s mission and its graduates. Thousands of Southwest Tech employees, partners, and supporters delivered excellence to our students, our local businesses, and to our communities; and because of their tireless efforts, they have forever changed the lives of those we serve... and we’re just getting started.

Southwest Tech’s 50th Anniversary provides an exciting opportunity to reflect on our past, celebrate the present, and move forward with a renewed dedication to our students and our district.

Southwest Tech... Here Then... Here Now... Here Always.

On August 18, 1969, Former Wisconsin Assemblyman and District Board Member Walter B. Calvert broke ground for the campus as Ronald A. Larson – Project Manager, Earl Dressler Construction Co.; John N. Kramer – Chairman of the Board; Ronald H. Anderson – District Director, Doyle Beul – VTAE Ag Education Supervisor; and board members Roger Biddick, Cecil Wanless, Earl Anderson and E.G. Harrell looked on.
1960s: Sowing in a Field of Dreams

1964: Representative David Martin from Winnebago County’s 3rd District spearheaded redistricting legislation to create Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education (VTAE) districts statewide.

1965: Assembly Bill 501 was passed. “A district could be formed from any contiguous combination of counties, municipalities, or school districts operating high schools.”

1964 1965 1966

1965: Community leaders John (Nick) Kramer and Fred Lenz along with Assemblyman James Azim, Jr. campaigned for Fennimore as the location of the VTAE District #3 new vocational school.

July 1, 1967: Southwestern Wisconsin Vocational-Technical Institute was created as Vocational, Technical and Adult Education District #3.

1966: Fennimore, nicknamed the “Crossroads of Southwestern Wisconsin” was selected as the most accessible site for district residents accessible from all points by major highways.


One of my fondest memories was seeing the new campus built. My first classes were taught in the basement of the library.

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1968-2000, Retired Communications and English Instructor

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August 1967: Young and Adult Farmer Program instructors employed within the district were transferred to become the first employees of the college as instructors in the Farm Training Program.

Fall 1967: Development process began: initial programs were selected, advisory committees appointed and convened, and additional staff members recruited and appointed. The district offices were set up in a wood frame building owned by the Fennimore School District, known as the “White Building” and were housed there until moving to a former hardware store, the “Rothe Building” on Lincoln Avenue in July 1968.

October 1967: Conrad Mayer was appointed as the first District Director.

Fall 1967: The Field Services Department, in charge of adult part-time programs throughout the district, began functioning. Classes were offered in all 28 of the school districts, enrolling a total of 2,014 adult students during the first year.

November 1967: Edward S. Gorman appointed as the first administrator and then served as acting director

Fall 1968: A new metal “Mechanical Trades” building was built on the new college grounds to house the Auto-Tractor Mechanics and Welding programs while the Account Clerk and Clerk-Typist classes started in the White Building in town.

May 1969: After an exciting year, 104 of the 107 original enrollees became the first graduating class of Southwest Tech.

May 1969: Joseph Durrant, Boscobel, of Durrant, Deininger, Dommer, Kramer, and Gordon Architects, provided the proposed sketch of the campus layout of the college.

June 1, 1969: Ronald H. Anderson was appointed District Director.

1967 1968 1969

PROGRAM ADDITIONS

Fall 1968: The first programs Clerk-Typist, Account Clerk, Auto-Tractor Mechanics, and Welding were one-year non-degree

Fall 1969: Production Agriculture and Stenography were added to the program offerings and the Auto-Tractor Mechanics program was split into two 2-year programs: Auto Mechanics and Ag Mechanics


I’ve been a farmer for 41 years and have done all of my own repairs since going through the program at Southwest Tech. I’m very proud to have been part of the first class. We were all farm kids that got along and spent a lot of time together.


It’s already been 50 years since we were going all over town for classes. I enjoyed serving on student council during my time there until I was called away by “Uncle Sam” to serve.

Connie Stenner, 1969, Clerk-Typist

I was very proud to be a “pioneer” of Southwest Tech. I was the Secretary of the Student Council while I attended, and I was so excited to do the first of everything! I also competed in competitions in OEA (Office Education Association) and brought home 1st place awards. I loved the small town atmosphere that Southwest Tech provided. It was the best experience!
1970s

January 1971: The college purchased its first computer which was first utilized to print report cards.

March 3–10, 1971: First Annual “March Fest” events were held on campus to include a road rally, talent night, student faculty basketball game, snow sculptures, a tug of war, roller skating, and a baby contest. Donna Middagh, Mineral Point, and Bill McClary, Muscoda, were crowned king and queen.

1970–1971:
- Ag Mechanics,*
- Auto Body, Auto Mechanics,*
- Business Machines, Pre-Service Nursing Assistant, Retail Sales, and Ward Clerk

September 19–24, 1971: Approximately 5,000 people toured the new campus buildings during the College’s first Open House.

December 1971: Southwest Tech hosted the 1st Annual Madrigal Dinner.

Fall 1973: The initial construction of the campus on the 53-acre site was completed in 1973. The six buildings contained classrooms, laboratories, shops, and office space totaling 87,110 square feet. The total campus construction cost was approximately $4,900,000 of which $1,500,000 was for equipment.

1972–1973:
- Agri-Equipment Service, Business-Administration – Accounting, Farm Operator Technician, Home Furnishings, Mechanical Drafting, and Municipal Services Aide (1-year)

1973:
- Food Services, Marketing, Municipal Engineer, Recreational Equipment Service, Secretarial Science, Service Station Operator, and Vocational Technical Development

1974:
- Emergency Medical Technician Training Program. Since then thousands of EMTs have received their basic and continued training from the college.

August 27, 1973: Building 300 which housed the Administration and Student Services departments was completed and open for business.

February 21, 1974: The first annual 20-hour Dance Marathon for multiple sclerosis was held on campus.

Allen Wester, 1972, Retail Sales
After my service in the Air Force, Southwest Tech was convenient and an economical means to further my education.

Jerry Ward, 1974, Accounting
The education I received from Southwest Tech provided me with the foundation to ultimately become a Vice President at Seats Incorporated. Congratulations to Southwest Tech on the 50th anniversary.

Lori Wiest, 1979, Account Clerk & Finance
All of our children attended and graduated from a Wisconsin Technical College, and I spent my career working at Southwest Tech. The small college community created a family-like atmosphere. SWTC changes lives for the better.
Fall 1974: The first Crossroad Chargers sports teams were selected to include Basketball, Wrestling, Cross Country, & Cheerleading. Shown above: Coaches K. Mouras and R. Weinbrenner discuss strategy before game.

1974–1975: Record enrollments included 1,149 full-time students. Building 700 was completed for the All-Around Butcher and Meat-Inspection programs.

July 21, 1976: Full accreditation was received from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

End of the 70s: As the end of the 70s approached, the new vocational school was re-named Southwest Wisconsin Vocational-Technical Institute, “Southwest Tech.”

January 8, 1977: The Alumni Association was formed.


1977–1978: Advanced Production Agriculture, Agri-Auto Parts, Electronic Servicing, Family Day Care, and Food Service/Kitchen Helper

1978–1979: Consumer Family Manager, Marketing/Fashion Merchandising, and Medical Office Aide

1979–1980: Child Care Services

*Denotes Program Name Change
For thirty-seven years, the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Foundation has supported the College and students. The Foundation’s mission is to promote learning through funding and activities that enable Southwest Tech to provide opportunities for success. Foundation funded student-support programs work toward eliminating barriers in students’ lives so they can achieve success in and out of the classroom. The programs include, but are not limited to, scholarships, transportation assistance, emergency grants, food bank, and cafeteria vouchers. To learn how you can help, contact foundation@swtc.edu or 608.822.2362.

$1,709,234 of scholarships have been awarded by the Southwest Tech Foundation to students working towards a technical diploma, associate’s degree, or certificate.

The Southwest Tech Foundation manages 336 scholarship and development funds to provide financial assistance to new and continuing students, academic programs, student organizations, and College employees.

In 2016, 93% of full-time employees gave a gift to the Foundation to support students and the College.
May 6, 2017
50th Anniversary Community Outreach Event
Babies Gone Too Soon Memorial Walk, Dodgeville
- 11:00 walk
Southwest Tech Motor Show and Swap Meet, Southwest Tech Campus
- 10:00 – 3:00

May 19, 2017
Donor Appreciation and Alumni and Retiree Awards Program, Southwest Tech Campus, 5:30

June 3, 2017
50th Anniversary Community Outreach Event
Crawford County Dairy Breakfast, Prairie du Chien

50th Anniversary Community Outreach Event
Iowa County Dairy Breakfast, Dodgeville

June 10, 2017
50th Anniversary Community Outreach Event
Lafayette County Dairy Breakfast, South Wayne

June 11, 2017
50th Anniversary Community Outreach Event
Richland County Dairy Breakfast, Richland Center

50th Anniversary Community Outreach Event
Grant County Dairy Breakfast, Bloomington

August 11, 2017
Charger Golf Classic, Prairie du Chien Country Club
- 11:00 registration
- 12:00 18-hole golf shotgun start
- 2:00 9-hole golf shotgun start
- 5:00 dinner and program

Opens September 20, 2017
50th Anniversary Corn Maze, Vesperman Farms, Lancaster

September 23, 2017
50th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion and Celebration Concert, Southwest Tech campus
- 12:00-3:00 Campus Open House with program showcases and demonstrations, lunch, children’s activities, campus tours, and more
- 3:00 50th Anniversary Patio Ribbon Cutting and Program
- 4:00 Gates Open for Concert
- !1 Echoes of Camp Randall
- 5:00 Opening Act TBA
- 6:00 Country Music Artist Eric Paslay

50th ANNIVERSARY BRONZE SPONSORS:

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50th ANNIVERSARY SUPPORTING SPONSORS:
Badgerland Financial, Community First Bank
1980s

1980–1981: The Southwest Wisconsin Vocational-Technical Institute Foundation, Inc. was incorporated to further the college’s mission through student scholarships and monies for program support along with staff professional development activities. On March 21, 1981, Ed Gorman was appointed as the Foundation’s first executive director. “Wings of Service” was coined as its tagline.

October 1981: The Fashion Merchandising III students held the first annual Fashion Show in the fountain area on campus.

May 1982: The PIVOT (Persons Involved in Vocational & Occupational Training) Program was developed to help displaced homemakers assess their skills, interests, and abilities.


Fall 1983: An additional off-site child care center in the White Building began offering a pre-school readiness program.

1980–1981:

**PROGRAM ADDITIONS**

- Ag Production & Service,*
- Associate Degree Nursing, Machine Tool Operator, Operation Agribusiness for Results, and Parts Specialist*
- Data Entry Operations,* Electro-Mechanical Technician, Mechanical Design, Operating a Service Department, and Supervisory Management

1982–1983:

- Dairy Herd Management, Data Processing, Food Service - Baking, Health Unit Clerk, Legal Secretary,* and Word Processor Specialist*
- Administrative Secretarial Science*

1983–1984:

- Child Care & Development

1984–1985:

- Accounting,* Microcomputer Accounting Assistant,* Office Aide - Medical/Dental,* Physical Therapist Assistant, and Retail Bakery Production

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1986–1987:

- Nursing Assistant* and Skin Care Specialist

1989–1990:

- Accounting Assistant,* Agribusiness Services & Supplies, Barber/Cosmetologist,* Farm Business & Production Management,* Motorcycle, Marine, & Lawn Equipment Mechanic,* Office Assistant,* and Water/Wastewater Plant Operator*

1988–1989:

- Sports programs were eliminated in light of the emerging budget crisis.

1988: The college was renamed Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. Dr Richard A. Rogers was selected as District Director of the College.

Ron Schaaf, 1985, Marketing

*My time at Southwest Tech was elemental in helping me secure my first job and teaching me valuable skills, which I have employed throughout my career.

Ritch Stevenson, 1986, Electro-Mechanical Technology

*Southwest Tech had a substantial impact on me. The ability to apply what was being taught through hands on labs and industry appropriate lectures directly transferred to my career. I am a fan of Tech schools in general as the hands on environment, not always afforded in secondary education, is priceless.

Theresa A. (Neff) Sander, 1985, Marketing

*The education that I received helped me to achieve all that I have. My involvement in DECA and being elected a state officer was an additional benefit that aided my self-confidence and ability to engage with the public in my career and various endeavors.

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1990s

March 1995: The first annual scholarship banquet was held awarding over $10,000 to students.

1990–1995: Auto Body & Paint Technician,* Automotive Technician,* Information Processing Specialist,* Meat Processing & Merchandising,* and Medical Assistant*


1992–1993: Electronics,* Esthetician,* and Medical Transcription


1996–1997: Bricklaying & Masonry, Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright, and Pharmacy Tech

1997: The Foundation purchased the Eastview Apartments located adjacent to campus for on-campus student housing providing housing for 32 students during the school year.

February 9, 1996: Advance Transformer - Platteville closed affecting 660 employees; 194 laid off employees chose to attend Southwest Tech for their career change.

May 1999: The Foundation received an anonymous $170,000 estate gift which established the “Wings Scholarship.”

October 3, 1999: Dr. Karen R. Knox was inaugurated as the fourth President of Southwest Tech, and the Lenz Center was opened and dedicated to its benefactor, Fred Lenz, in honor of his generous donation to the Foundation in support of student scholarships. Fred’s gift provides one $1,000 scholarship to every high school in the district for a student enrolling at Southwest Tech.

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1996–1997: Bricklaying & Masonry, Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright, and Pharmacy Tech

1997–1998: IT-Network Communications and Individualized Technical Studies

1998–1999: Golf Course Management and Salon Services - Hair & Nail Design*

1999–2000: Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement and Dental Assistant

*Denotes Program Name Change

Missy Fitzsimons, 1993, Nursing

Most of the nurses I work with are graduates of Southwest Tech like me. It is because of my belief in Southwest Tech’s mission that I volunteer and give back to the Foundation. Our family believes in supporting students with scholarships because the need is real, and the positive impact can be felt by our friends and neighbors.

Greg Novinska, 1993, Practical Nursing

The impact that SWTC had on my career was to this point the single most significant contributing factor. I completely changed fields from sales to nursing. I have learned many new skills but most importantly, empathy. My instructors stressed being able to look at issues from the patient’s point of view. Not only is that significant in nursing, but in life in general. It has made me a better listener and manager throughout my career. Thank you, Shirley B and Shirley H.

Kevin Raisbeck, 1996, Agribusiness/Science Technology

It is amazing to think about the impact Southwest Tech has had on the community members of Southwest Wisconsin over the past 50 years. I am a proud graduate of Southwest Tech and owe a great deal of my success to the college and especially the instructors. Thank you to the entire Southwest Tech team for all you have done for me and continue to do for all of us in Southwest Wisconsin! I cannot wait to see what the next 50 years will bring!
2000 to Present

2000: Foundation assets pass the $1,000,000 mark.

May 1, 2001: The first annual “A Day for Southwest Tech” campaign was held.

December 9, 2001: Fred W. Lenz passed away, and the majority of his estate was gifted to the Lenz Family Endowment Scholarship.

July 29, 2003: The Southwest Tech Foundation’s Student Housing Sixplex was dedicated. The new addition allowed housing for 24 additional students each year and provided an onsite recreational room and laundry facilities.

October 1, 2003: The College Connection was dedicated.

2003–2004: Foundation assets surpass $2,000,000.

Fall 2004: The Driver Education Program went online. To date more than 4,000 students statewide have been served by the program.

April 1, 2008: Following much preliminary work and many presentations across the length and breadth of the District, voters approved the College’s first and only referendum for capital improvements. In doing so, $31.9 million was provided for much needed expansion and renovation of facilities and infrastructure.

2000–2003: Advanced EMT and Building Trades - Carpentry

2003–2004: Dietary Manager, Practical Nursing, Nursing - Associate Degree, and Respiratory Therapist

2004–2005: Cosmetology,* Nursing Assistant, Radiography, IT-Software Developer, IT-Computer Support Specialist, and Office Aide*

2005–2006: Aesthetician*


2008–2009: Culinary Specialist


2010–2011: Food Production Assistant

2011–2012: IT - Computer Support Technician, Medical Coding Specialist, and Technical Studies - Journey Worker

** PROGRAM ADDITIONS **


Konnie Sadler, 2002, Culinary
SWTC helped me develop the skills to overcome obstacles, make a difference, and achieve my career goals.

Jason Tyson, 2002, IT Network
As a partner of a family owned IT Consulting firm, Southwest Tech set the base of my IT knowledge that I use still today to expand our business. SWTC had an enormous impact on my career.

Kevin Curran, 1999 & 2003, IT Network
Communication & Accounting
I love my job and have much less student loan debt because of my educational career with Southwest Tech. I have no regrets and only fond memories. I will always recommend Southwest Tech to anyone.
Mysti (Schlafer) Nundahl, 2011, Administrative Professional
Southwest Tech gave me and my family a future. I now have a college education and no longer have to work in a factory. After I graduated, I convinced my husband to go to SWTC a couple years later; and he just graduated in 2016. Our daughters can be very proud of us someday! I left with lifelong friendships!

Theresa Braudt, 2004, Nursing
Southwest Tech provided a program that allowed me to seek continuing education while working in effort to support the needs of my family.

Brady Vondra, 2014, Agri-business
I chose Southwest Tech to further my education in agriculture while at the same time building industry relationships. Southwest Tech offers a great variety of classes with small class sizes for one-on-one attention, and I left feeling ready for what life may throw at me. The college made an incredible difference in my life from career development to agronomy knowledge. Paul Cutting is a great instructor and changed my life for the better!
TOP 10 MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS

Ag Power
Criminal Justice
Dental Assistant
Electrical Power Distribution
Electromechanical Technology
Health Information Technology
Medical Assistant
Medical Coding Specialist
Nursing
Welding

TOP 10 PROGRAMS OF 2015

based on median hourly wage*

Nursing—Associates Degree $26.50
Physical Therapist Assistant $22.00
Electromechanical Technology $20.00
Medical Coding Specialist $19.59
Direct Entry Midwife $19.23
IT-Network Communication Specialist $18.62
Medical Laboratory Technician $18.55
Practical Nursing $17.95
Electrical Power Distribution $17.50
Graphic & Web Design $15.91

* Median salaries reflect the middle salary where half of the responding graduates received more than the salary shown and half received less than the salary shown.

K-12 Partnerships
Southwest Tech believes that partnerships with our district high schools are the key to strengthening communities by providing opportunities that offer convenience and savings. At the end of the 2015-2016 school year, the College had 169 articulation agreements with area high schools, which included 93 transcripted credit agreements and 76 advanced standing agreements. Through these agreements, 1,133 high school students enrolled in transcripted credit courses earning 3,942 credits, and 293 students earned advanced standing credit. Of the total number of 2015 district high school graduates, 23% chose to attend Southwest Tech directly after high school.

The SWTC Real Estate Foundation offers apartment-style student housing, located within easy walking distance of campus, for up to 112 students. Student Housing, which is available with a school year lease and a summer lease, consists of four styles of apartments, each with different amenities to meet students’ needs. Starting in 2014-15, the Building Trades-Carpentry Program started building duplexes to add more student housing options.
The last 50 years have seen Southwest Tech partnering with communities and industries to promote growth and continued education within our district. We look forward to another 50 years of serving the communities and people of southwest Wisconsin!

**GIVING TREE PROGRAM**
The Giving Tree program is a unique way to honor someone's legacy on the Southwest Tech campus for years to come. Our Giving Trees can memorialize people who have passed away or honor a person's impact and achievement while they are living. Sponsor a living tribute today and contribute to the ongoing beautification of campus while honoring a loved one or special event. Tree dedications are typically held annually each fall.

$500 SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES: • 4-inch diameter tree • Engraved plaque attached to decorative rock

**PAVE THE WAY FORWARD** We all want a way to leave our mark on the world. Consider leaving your footprint at Southwest Tech by sponsoring a brick, bench, or table that will stand as a permanent testament in the patio behind the Knox Learning Center. This is your opportunity to memorialize a friend or loved one; honor a teacher, child, parent, or sibling; celebrate a special achievement; recognize your business; create a lasting memory of your time on campus; or congratulate a recent graduate.

**PAVER FORM**
Name
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☐ 4” x 8” paver – $100. Current Student Discount – $50 (3 lines/14 characters per line – including spaces)
☐ 8” x 8” paver – $250 (6 lines/14 characters per line – including spaces)
☐ 9” x 16” paver – $500 (8 lines/20 characters per line – including spaces)

☐ Bench Sponsor – $1,500
☐ Table Sponsor – $2,500

(Plaque Dedication Message: 20-40 words)

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PAVER FORMS SUBMITTED BY JULY 1, 2017 WILL HAVE PAVERS INSTALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 PATIO PAVER RIBBON CUTTING DURING OUR SOUTHWEST TECH HOMECOMING CELEBRATION!
Southwest Tech Homecoming and Celebration Concert
Saturday, September 23, 2017

IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE! Southwest Tech marks its 50th birthday this year. Everyone is invited to campus for free lunch with birthday cake, balloon and face painting artists as well as program showcases, demonstrations and your chance to weld art, drive a combine, check your golf swing and more. Join in the celebration and stay for a free country music concert with Eric Paslay!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

12:00-3:00 Campus Open House
1800 Bronson Blvd, Fennimore
- Program showcases and demonstrations
- Lunch
- Family friendly activities
- Campus tours and more

3:00 50th Anniversary Patio Ribbon Cutting and Program
We’ve transformed the back patio into a beautiful setting for students with engraved, personalized bricks. President Jason Wood will host a short celebration program with students, staff, and retirees.

4:00 Gates Open for Free Celebration Concert
Oakwood Nature Park - Outdoors • 1550 Lafollette Street, Fennimore
4:30 Echoes of Camp Randall
5:00 Opening Act
6:00 Country music singer, songwriter Eric Paslay

HEADLINER
ERIC PASLAY

50th ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN SPONSORS:

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