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| **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE                             CONTACT: Bridgitt Zielke****April 8, 2025                                                                          (920)526-3271****FRIENDS OF WADE HOUSE OFFER GERMAN COMMUNITY LIFE AND TRADITIONS IN WISCONSIN PROGRAM** |
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| **Greenbush, WI** – Antje Petty, Associate Director and Outreach Manager of the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at UW-Madison, will be the speaker at the Friends of the Wade House annual meeting on April 16, 2024 at the Wade House Visitor Center. The public is invited to join the Wade House Friends for this event featuring a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Antje Petty’s talk “German Community Life and Traditions in Wisconsin” at 6:30 p.m. Antje’s presentation will highlight how German immigrants kept many of their traditions while also being part of the state’s multi-lingual and multi-ethnic society. This presentation will look at their organizations and clubs; music, theater, and tavern culture; newspapers and magazines; as well as events today that have a German angle, such as Christmas markets and Oktober fests, but represent a unique Wisconsin regional culture. Antje Petty’s research focuses on the history of emigration from German-speaking Europe in the context of global migration and the experiences of German-speakers who settled in North America and their descendants. Antje shares the resources of the Max Kade Institute through public lectures, workshops, exhibits, and other programs. Membership in the Friends of the Wade House Inc. is open to anyone who is interested in preserving and promoting the history of the Wade House and Wesley W. Jung Carriage collection. The Wade House Visitor Center is located at W7965 State Hwy 23, Greenbush, WI. For more information or to make a reservation to attend, please call Wade House at 920-526-3271 or email Bridgitt Zielke at bridgitt.zielke@wisconsinhistory.org.  # # #

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