

## Armistice Day Storm – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Event November 10, 2015, 10 a.m.

On Nov.11, 1940 a catastrophic weather event descended on the Upper Midwest causing what has been described as the worst storm in history. Over 160 people died including 20 duck hunters who were caught on the Mississippi River. The mild 60 degree Fall weather in the morning on that day brought many hunters out onto the river for a day of hunting. The weather made a dramatic change and the storm raged through the region, bringing snowfalls from 16-27 inches and up to 75 mph winds. Power lines fell. Hunters caught on the Mississippi River scrambled to find shelter and help each other. There were many heroes. In the Ferryville, WI/Lansing, IA area of the river, commercial fishermen used their boats early the next morning to search the Big Slough for survivors and to bring in the bodies. Helping hands were everywhere.

Ron Slack of La Crosse, WI, a history enthusiast, contacted the Ferryville Tourism Council to suggest that on this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the storm, a marker of some kind at Ferryville would be a respectful way to recognize the heroism of those who tried to help and to show respect for those who passed due to the storm.

The Ferryville Tourism Council has created a display plaque telling the story of the Armistice Day Storm and member Joanne White has authored the text for this exhibit which will be dedicated and installed at River View Park, Ferryville WI on Nov. 10, 2015 at 10 a.m. The public is invited. A survivor of the 1940 Storm will participate in the ceremony, Refreshments will follow at the Ferryville Village Hall/Community Center. Fundraising is underway to purchase another plaque for the Ferryville Boat Landing. Donations are Welcome.

## Introducing..New Farmers Market/MIP Manager Natalie Pennel



Natalie Pennel started her role as the Ferryville Farmers Market/Market in the Park Coordinator role on 9/29/15 and is no stranger to Farmers Markets. She has been a vender at the Ferryville market plus has experience as a produce department manager at Johnson's One Stop in Seneca. She and her husband live on Hobbs Hollow Road and enjoy gardening, crafting, family, hunting and anything outdoors.

Natalie has a lot of ideas on how to grow and strengthen the Ferryville Market to make it a great experience for shoppers and for vendors. The 2015 season ends on 10/31/15 however plans have already started for the 2016 market. If you want to be a vender yet this year or for 2016, contact Natalie and she will be a great resource for you.

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Joanne White—at large member

## ✓ Check out – FUN in Ferryville Calendar of Events 2015

- ❖ Nov. 7 – Annual Fall Bird Migration Day
- ❖ Nov. 10 – Armistice Day Storm event – 10 a.m.
- ❖ Dec. 1 – Christmas Tree Lighting, Santa Claus & Community night  
2016
- ❖ Feb. 13 – Sweetheart Pancake Bkft
- ❖ March 5 – Bald Eagle Day
- ❖ May 7 – Spring Bird Migration Hike
- ❖ May 20, 21 – Rummage Along the River
- ❖ May 21 – Oct. 29 Every Sat. Farmers Market & Market in the Park – Sugar Creek Park
- ❖ July 23 – River Bluff Daze
- ❖ July 23 – Sugar Creek Bluff Nature Hike
- ❖ Sept. 17 – Fall Fest
- ❖ Nov. 5 – Fall Bird Migration Day
- ❖ Nov. 29 – Christmas Tree Lighting

### Reminder!!!!

**Nov. 7, 2015 – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fall Bird Migration Day – River View Park**



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