

# Ferryville Tourism Council



## RIVER BLUFF DAZE JULY 23, 2016



A hike to Sugar Creek Bluff Natural Area will kick off the 2016 River Bluff Daze festivities. Participants should meet at 8:30 AM at the Ferryville Boat Landing (off Hwy. 35—turn in by the Cheapo Depot) for treats and handouts. We will then carpool to the trailhead. Many summer wildflowers will be in bloom, and the view at the top is a gorgeous reward after a very modest climb. Dave Troester of the Crawford County Conservation Department will be

the guide for this hike. The Mississippi Valley Conservancy is our co-sponsor. Please bring insect repellent and wear long pants. This is a family friendly hike. After the hike, enjoy the tractor pull and lunch as The Freeman’s Lutheran Men’s group will be serving Italian Beef and Chicago style hot dogs at Village Hall.

Don’t forget to attend the Market in the Park Farmers Market beginning at 9 am. Complete with food vendor Capelle’s Cuisine, crafters, Amish made baskets and produce, as well as produce from local farms.

The Ferryville Tractor Association Tractor Pull weigh-ins will be at 10 am. The Pull begins at NOON. There will be a shuttle from the park to the pull. There will also be a raffle with a chance to win a Farmall M tractor or John Deere A tractor, plus many other fabulous prizes! For more details visit their website [www.ferryvilletractor.com](http://www.ferryvilletractor.com)

Ferryville Vision and Promotion will be selling Raffle tickets as a fundraiser for Sugar Creek Park improvements. There will be 3 items: Raffle Quilt, \$100 Cabela’s Gift Card and Kay’s Potique’s ceramic bowl. The drawing will be at 9pm at River View Park. You need not be present to win.

2016 River Bluff Daze will end with Jim Smith and Sportsman’s Inn sponsoring free live music at River View Park before and after the fireworks, which will begin at dusk. Food and drinks also available at Swing Inn and Wooden Nickel. Firework pyrotechnics will be provided by Cheapo Depot.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make this event so successful!! See you there!



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT GRANDVIEW 2

Todd & Donna Lensing  
15958 State Highway 35 Ferryville WI 54628  
608.734.3235 [www.grandview-motel.com](http://www.grandview-motel.com)

After 10 years of owning the Grandview Motel, Todd and Donna had been looking to expand their business and this house was the perfect fit. They are especially excited to offer a jazzy and colorful interior and have everything you need for a comfortable stay. They purchased the house in August, 2015 and did some minor renovations including adding a third bedroom. The house has been open for booking since April 1st and they are very pleased with the response and reservations they have been taking.

As with the motel, they anticipate many guests will discover how much they enjoy the Ferryville area, and they will want to return for multiple stays in the future. Grandview 2 is a beautiful addition to Ferryville’s lodgings!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ **May 21 – Oct. 31 – Market in the Park Farmers Market every Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
  - **The Farmer’s Market will have NO vendor fee for August 13 and October 8**
  - **Coming soon – Accepting EBT/ Credit Cards**
- ❖ **June 29 – 8 p.m. Heritage Campfire- Bob O’Connor as Civil War soldier James Hanger**
- ❖ **July 13 – 8 p.m. Heritage Campfire – Tim Eisele about Ding Darling**
- ❖ **July 23 – River Bluff Daze and Sugar Creek Hike**
- ❖ **August 10 – 8 p.m. Heritage Campfire – Mary Antoine – The Winnebago Uprising – A Woman’s Point of View**
- ❖ **Sept. 17 – Fall Fest**
- ❖ **Nov. 5 – Annual Fall Bird Migration Day**
- ❖ **Nov.. 29 – Christmas Tree Lighting, Santa Claus, treats**

## WHERE TO FIND US

- **On Wisconsin Outdoors**
- **Big River Magazine**
- **Ferryville Rack Cards**
- **Great River Road Travel Guide**
- **Member PDC Chamber of Commerce**
- **Driftless Wisconsin Guide/map**

[www.driftlesswisconsin.com](http://www.driftlesswisconsin.com)

[www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com)

[www.tristatetourism.com](http://www.tristatetourism.com)



[www.facebook.com/ferryvillewi](http://www.facebook.com/ferryvillewi)



## SUMMER CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Three exciting programs are going to be a part of the Summer Heritage Campfire Program this year. Each program will be held at Sugar Creek Park (along Hwy. 35 at the southern end of Ferryville) from 8-9:30 PM. Please bring your own lawn chair and insect repellent. S'mores will be furnished.

The first program will be Wednesday, **June 29, at 8 PM.**

Our guest will be **Bob O'Connor**, a Civil War historian, author, and Artist in Residence for the state of West Virginia. Bob gave our first campfire program in 2015, and he is being invited back to do a new program on James Hanger. Mr. Hanger was the first amputee of the Civil War and was issued an artificial leg that was totally cumbersome and ill fitting. He spent over a year creating a usable leg and went on to develop a company that is still in business today, over 150 years later: the Hanger Prosthetics Company. There is a Hanger Clinic in La Crosse



Photo by Bill Arthur

Our second program will be Wednesday, **July 13 at 8 PM.** Our guest will be **Tim Eisele**, a freelance author and historian from Madison. Tim will do a multi-media presentation on Ding Darling, one of the creators of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge, and a founder of the federal Duck Stamp program. Tim will have much information to

share about this man whose partial legacy is the conservation of the beautiful area we call our home.

The final presentation in this year's series will be a program given by **Mary Antoine** on **August 10 at 8 PM.**

Mary is the director of the Fort Crawford museum, is very active in the historical activities of the Prairie du Chien area, and is a published author. Her talk will be about the Winnebago Uprising from a woman's point of view. She will be bringing artifacts to share with the audience



## RUMMAGE ALONG THE RIVER

Thank you VERY much to all who helped to organize the event, those of you that shopped the sales and sought out the bargains. And especially to those of you who had a rummage sale!!! From all reports 2016 Rummage Along the River was a HUGE success! Start digging around and saving your items for 2017!

## FERRYVILLE TOURISM COUNCIL

Jeanne Rutter – Pres/Sec

608.734.3472

Email: jrutter4@aol.com

Sherry Quamme – Treas

608.734.9077

Email: squamme@centurytel.net

Kay Campbell – Kay's Potiques

Mackenzie Knutson – Ferryville Cheese

Kelly Hutchison – Gypsy's Paradise

Aimee Wichelt – 153 Main

Joanne White – At large member

