

Ferryville Tourism Council

RIVER BLUFF DAZE

JULY 22 2017



A special hike on Sugar Creek Bluff in Ferryville is planned as part of the annual River Bluff Daze on Saturday, July 22. Meeting place is the Ferryville Boat Landing at 8:30 AM for carpooling to the trail head. Dave Troester of the Crawford Co. Conservation Department will be our guide. Dave is very familiar with this property and very knowledgeable about the area's plants and birds. The property is managed by the Mississippi Valley Conservancy and is a gradual, sloping walk to a magnificent view of the beautiful Mississippi River. Please wear long pants and bring bug spray and binoculars. Treats and handouts will be available at the boat landing between 8:30 and 9 AM.

After the hike don't forget to stop by the Farmer's Market in Sugar Creek Park from 9 am to 3 pm. Amish goods, bakery, baskets, and quilts. Fresh produce and craft vendors. Music will be provided by the Dawg House Garage Band from 11 am until 1:30 pm. Food by Tri-R Catering.

The Tractor pull will be held at the Village Hall. Lunch will be provided by the Freeman Lutheran Church Men's Group. There will be drawings, prizes, raffles, and kid's games. Tractor wagon rides will be provided by the Tractor Association between Sugar Creek Park and the Tractor pull. Many thanks to the Tractor Association for organizing the Tractor pull!

The Wooden Nickel and The Sportsman's Inn will be sponsoring live music outside at River View Park starting at 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm. Fireworks, sponsored by Ferryville Vision and Promotion, will follow at dusk.

SUGAR CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Sugar Creek Park is a playground used by so many more people than we know. The kid's playground area was last updated in the mid 1980's. Ferryville Vision & Promotion has taken on the project of updating the playground with additions of new play equipment plus doing a base around the play area that is safe and will last when we have flood conditions. Vision & Promotion was awarded a \$1500 grant from the Crawford County Community Fund to put toward replacing the sand base with something better. Other fundraising is underway to raise up to the \$55,000 it will take to do the base and add play equipment. The theme is Nature and the swings and play unit



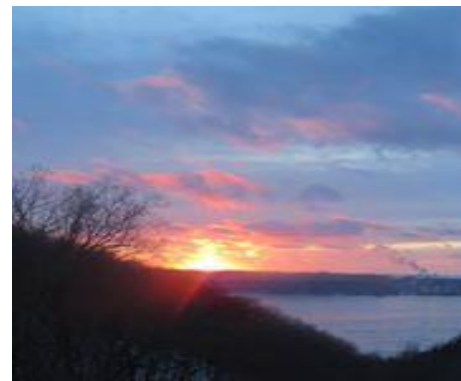
will add to what is already there (and in good shape – already handicap accessible)

Lee Recreation of Cambridge, WI is assisting Ferryville Vision and Promotion (helped Platteville, Fennimore, Cashton). Other grant options are being pursued and we will need the help of community members to help with input and installation. The goal is to have enough funds available to purchase and install some equipment in 2018.

Join in by buying Raffle Tickets for a quilt, ceramic bowl or Cabela's Gift Card and the drawing will be at 9 p.m. – River Bluff Daze. Tickets are \$5 for a book of

6. Buy them at River Bank or on River Bluff Daze at the Tractor Pull. Look for more soup and salad suppers in the Fall and Winter months ahead. You can also make a donation directly to Ferryville Vision & Promotion, PO Box 236, Ferryville, WI 54628.

Many thanks for any and all help. It is so worthwhile to support our Sugar Creek Park.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Mid May – October; Ferryville Farmers Market
- ❖ July 12 – 2nd Bonfire Program “From weeds to wildflowers” 8pm Sugar Creek Park
- ❖ July 22 – River Bluff Daze Hike – Boat Landing Tractor Pull – Village Hall Farmers Market – Park Fireworks – Downtown
- ❖ Aug 9 – 3rd Bonfire Program “First Lady – Harriet Lane” 8pm Sugar Creek Park
- ❖ Sept 16 – Fall Fest 9am to 3pm Crafts, Farmers Market, Amish goods and foods at Sugar Creek Park

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

www.travelwisconsin.com

www.tristatetourism.com



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FERRYVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Robert Jelinek, a long-term vender at the Ferryville Farmers Market, is now the Market Manager and is happy to have that new job in addition to selling his maple syrup, produce, black walnuts and crafts. Bob has been a vender for many years, driving every Saturday to Ferryville from his farm in Steuben. He also sells at 2 other markets each week and is very experienced as a market seller. New vendors are encouraged to call Bob at 608-874-4532 (cell phone)

for information.

Complimentary Kickapoo Coffee is available for shoppers at the market each Saturday morning – while it lasts so come and sample a cup with us. This year we feature their “Driftless” brew and a new one is “Summer Solstice”. 12 oz. bags of these 2 coffees are available for \$10/bag.

Your favorite vendors from past years are back this year like the Zook family of Viroqua with Amish quilts, baskets, crafts, bakery and produce. Skip Meiners from Eitzen, MN comes with organic produce, tools and bakery along with Larry and Judy Hurda of Hurda Kountry Krafts – Wauzeka brings terrific garden and yard art/crafts plus quilts, cards and produce.

New season pass vendors are Kathleen Kalina with scissors/shears/trimmer sharpening services as you wait. Chelsea Stankovich has a great selection of produce including lettuces, peas, bok choy. Richard’s Orchard of Gays Mills has produce, fresh pecans, toll painting design crafts and will have apples in season.

There is much to check out so make Saturday morning & Ferryville Farmers Market, Sugar Creek Park – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. a place to be on your weekend plan.

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2017 CAMPFIRE PROGRAM JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

The Ferryville, WI Tourism Council is pleased to announce the second two bonfire programs in this summer's series.



Photo by Bill Arthur

Tim and Linda Eisele will be presenting a program at Sugar Creek Park under the pavilion on Wednesday, July 12 beginning at 8 pm. The park is accessible from the south end of Ferryville right along Hwy. 35, the Great River Road. Tim and Linda will be sharing the program: "From Weeds to Wildflowers on Gobbler Ridge", the story of the restoration of their bluff top property into a native prairie through a great deal of study and hard work. This multi-media presentation will provide information to get you started or just show how important prairie plants and flowers are to the birds and animals who live in our area.



The third program in our series will be again at the south pavilion of Sugar Creek Park on Wednesday, August 9. Bob O’Connor, a Civil War historian and published author, will present a very interesting talk on the first “First Lady” of our country, Harriet Lane. She was the niece of President James Buchanan, who was a bachelor. She created a very social atmosphere in Washington DC, and brought excitement to the personal side of his presidency. Bob will have some of his Civil War books for sale that evening too.

So bring your friends, lawn chairs, and bug spray, and join us in Ferryville for these special evening programs.