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Ferryville Tourism Council Newsletter



The Ferryville Farmers Market would like to thank everyone for their support of the successful 2023 season and Holiday Market on December 2nd. We had a great variety of vendors and it was wonderful to see so many out and about shopping.

The Farmers Market season kicks off the season with the Rummage Along the River on May 17th and 18th. The 2024 Market season is Saturdays from May 18th – Oct 12th and please take note of our new hours, we will be open from 9 am – 1 pm. The 2024 Holiday Market will be Saturday, December 7th.

We are so grateful to have received a grant from the Crawford County Community Fund again this year to help support our ability to accept and promote the use of SNAP/EBT and credit card transactions at our market as well as growing our market with more music.



2024 Upcoming Events

- Soup & Salad Suppers (See below for dates)
- February 24 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast
- March 2 Bald Eagle Day
- May 11: World Spring Bird Migration Hike
- May 17-18: Rummage Along the River
- May 18-Oct. 12 (Saturdays) Ferryville Farmers Market
- Chautauqua June 12, July 10, August 14
- July 27: River Bluff Daze / Hike
- September 21: Fall Fest
- November 25: Tree Lighting
- December 7 Holiday Market

We are in the process of planning our events for next year, it is going to be a very fun season. We are always looking for new vendors so if you or someone you know might be interested, please reach out. Janelle Anderson is returning as the Market Manager, feel free to reach out to her for any questions or information.











The Soup and Salad Suppers are in full swing at the Ferryville Village Hall. The dates for the next suppers are January 11, February 8, March 14, and April 11. All of the suppers are from 5-7 PM and feature homemade soups, salads, and desserts. All of the donations are placed in the special account and earmarked for a new floor for the village hall. We hope you will attend and spend time visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. Our very welcoming crew will be so happy to see you!

Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast



The annual Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast will be held in the Ferryville Village Hall on Saturday, February 24 from 8 to 11 AM. This well-known event features homemade pancakes. made from scratch biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, and good hot coffee. All of the profits from this family friendly event are used for the general fund for the Ferryville Vision and Promotion Board. Some of the ways this fund is used includes the flower barrels that are put out each spring in the village, upgrades to Sugar Creek Park, and contributing to a new sink at the village hall. So bring your appetite and come on down to this great breakfast!



Come Get your Souvenir Banner!!

The old village banners have been cleaned, repaired and made into house flags. Limited quantities are now available for \$50 each. All proceeds go to the Ferryville Tourism Council/banner fund to offset the cost of the new banners that were purchased and hung last Fall.

Eagle Day - Saturday March 2, 2024

Eagle Day is and it is co-sponsored by Ferryville Tourism Council and Friends of Pool 9.Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 pm

Location: Ferryville Community Center, 170 Pine Street, Ferryville, WI 54628.

The program is exciting and a winner for families, kids, singles and couples, groups. First, you will enjoy Eagle Nest Building led by the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge Staff. Learn how eagles make a home and prepare for their eaglets to hatch and thrive. Next at 10:15 am (and again at 1:30 pm), the Raptor Center of University of MN provides the live bird program including a Bald Eagle. Max, the great Bald Eagle who has been in Ferryville numerous times, will be your quest eagle plus he will have friends which will be Lois the Owl, a peregrine falcon and a kestrel. These are birds of our region. FOP9 hosts the Hooting and also the Middle School Eagle Art and Project Awards. Middle School Eagle Art and Projects will be featured under the direction of Kay Campbell and Beki Biesterfelt. Contest for folks of all ages followed by the awards ceremony for Best Hooters.



At 12:30 pm, we welcome John Howe and Amy Reis of the Decorah Eagle Cam – Raptor Resource Project – and learn about the eagles and birds of our Pool 9 Region. 1:30 pm – second live bird program so plan to attend. There will be FOP9 clothing for purchase, kids bird crafts and activities, complimentary snacks and beverages. Door Prizes will be announced and you will have a wonderful, family-friendly day.

Hosts for this event are: Bob Schmidt and Deb Lomas, Monique Gonzalez and Stacy Livernash assisted by Ferryville Tourism Council and Friends of Pool 9 (FOP9).

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!!

Mark your calendar and plan now to be part of the May 17 & 18 Rummage Along the River 70 Mile Garage Sale event in 2024. You can easily be a vendor by doing a free listing for your sale on:

www.rummagealongtheriver.com. Deadline to be on the map is: 5-8-24, 5 pm. This is a wonderful and strongly attended event with thousands of people who attend, buy and come back.

If you are not a seller, be a shopper. This is lead and organized by Ferryville Tourism Council. There are no registration fees for individuals (Communities contribute). When you register as a seller, you get a free yard sign so shoppers know you are part of this fun event. Start getting ready now and either be a seller or....shop til you drop.





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2024 Calendar of Events

January 11—Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

February 8 - Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall, Freewill donation.

<u>February 24</u>—Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast—Enjoy homemade pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs and more. Ferryville Village Hall, 8-11 AM.

<u>March 2</u>—Bald Eagle Day—Two programs with live birds, nest building, crafts, hooting contest. Ferryville Village Hall, 9:30 AM-3 PM.

March 14—Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

April 11—Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

<u>May 11</u>—World Spring Migration Day Hike—Meet at the trailhead of Sugar Creek Bluff Natural Area at 7 AM. MVC and Ferryville host this hike led by expert birders. Reservations are required.

To reserve your spot, go to the MVC website:mississippivalleyconservancy.org and find the hike under Events. For more information, contact Joanne White 319-240-5692.

<u>May 17-18</u>-Rummage along the River—70 miles of garage sales of antiques and bargains. Along Hwy. 35 in Stoddard, Genoa, Victory, De Soto, Ferryville, Lynxville, Seneca, and Mt. Sterling. 8 AM-4 PM.

May 18 – 9 AM – 1 PM-Farmers Market starts-Sugar Creek Park, every Saturday

<u>June 12</u>—Chautauqua Summer Series--John Armbruster, Author of <u>Tailspin</u>, the true story of Gene Moran, Crawford Co. resident, and tail gunner in WWII. 6:30 PM, Ferryville Village Hall

<u>July 10</u>—Chautauqua Summer Series--Larry Scheckel, Seneca Seasons: A Farm Boy Remembers. 6:30 PM, Ferryville Village Hall

<u>July 27</u>—River Bluff Daze—Antique Tractor Pull @12 PM, huge Market in the Park, Fireworks at dusk—all free. Sugar Creek Park and Ferryville Village Hall.

<u>July 27</u>—River Bluff Daze Nature Hike—Meet at the Boat Landing at 8:30 AM before heading to Sugar Creek Bluff Natural Area.

<u>August 14</u>—Chautauqua Summer Series--Dan Jackson, Dragonflies and Damselflies. 6:30 PM, Ferryville Village Hall

<u>September 21</u>—Fall Fest—Huge Farmer's Market, music and food in Sugar Creek Park—9AM-3 PM.

October 10 - Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

October 12 – Final Farmers Market, 9 AM – 1 PM – Sugar Creek Park

November 14 - Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.

<u>November 25</u>—Christmas Tree Lighting—Light the tree, visit with Santa, sing carols, and enjoy treats. 6-7 PM.

<u>December 7</u>—Holiday Market—Super Christmas shopping opportunities, food for sale. 9 AM-3 PM. Ferryville Village Hall.

<u>December 12</u> - Soup and Salad Supper, 5-7 PM, Ferryville Village Hall. Freewill donation.