

**AGENDA**  
**\*REVISED 08-01-2013**  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE**

**Jefferson County Courthouse**  
**320 S Main Street, Rm 202**  
**Jefferson WI 53549**  
**August 5, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of the July 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes
7. Communications
  - a. Email Good News! Cheryl Housley – DNR – Watertown Outboarders Inc. property
  - b. Approval letter from Scott Walker re: Watertown Outboarders Inc. property
  - c. State Oks Recreational Land Purchase – Watertown Daily Times
  - d. On the Waterfront – The Daily Union Opinion Page
  - e. County Executive Announces \$73,015 Outdoor Recreation Grant for Cambridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail
  - f. Crave Family Bench Donation
  - g. Daily Union's Best of the Area Readers' Poll
  - h. Rock River Trail – Daily Union
  - i. Grant Award from Fort Atkinson Community Foundation for \$5,000 for Mason Log Home
  - j. Fort Foundation Grants Total \$767,000
  - k. Lure Coursing Event Planned – Jefferson County Living
  - l. Service Above Self – Daily Jefferson County Union
  - m. Upcoming events
8. Discussion and possible decision on Waterloo-Watertown Recreational Trail Plan
9. Presentation of Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan/Economic Development Emphasis/Tourism
10. Consider Board Resolution accepting Quirk Foundation donation of \$25,000 to assist in the purchase of the Watertown Outboarders, Inc. property
11. Discussion on 2013 Parks Department Budget Financial Update
12. Discussion and possible decision on 2014 budget
13. Discussion and possible decision on distribution of County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
14. **\*Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project**
15. Presentation of Korth Park Playground check by Rick Olson, Modern Woodman Financial
16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: September 2, 2013 at 1:00 pm
17. Adjourn

**The Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda.**

**Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101; 24 hours prior to the meeting, so appropriate arrangements can be made.**

## JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

July 1, 2013 @1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:03 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Kuhlman, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro. Others present: Margaret Burlingham, Ed Freer, Dale Neupert, Steve Duwe, Laura Cotting, Frankie Fuller

## 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In compliance

## 4. Review of the Agenda

## 5. Public Comment - None

## 6. Approval of the June 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the June 3, 2013 meeting minutes by Tietz, seconded by Kelly. Carried 4-0. Kuhlman Abstaining.**

## 7. Communications

- a. Picnic in the Park at Korth Park Last Saturday – The Lake Mills Leader
  - b. Inspired by 150-year-old oak, Woman Raising Money for Trees on Hwy 26 – Janesville Gazette
  - c. 2 Rivers Bike Club Donates \$2,000 – Watertown Daily Times
  - d. DNR is Eyeing Property Owned by Boating Club – Watertown Daily Times
  - e. Discover Wisconsin video (played after Agenda Item 14)
  - f. GHA Press Release, Second Annual Bike and Hike with the Artists – Friends of GHA
  - g. Glacial Heritage Area News Release (Volume 1, Issue 1) – Friends of GHA
  - h. Tour da Goose Bike Ride Set This Saturday in Watertown – Daily Union
8. Donation presentation by Brook Hartwig and Jenna Lovejoy from Dorothy Dash Fundraiser  
The girls could not make the meeting and will present their donation at a later date.
9. Discussion and possible decision on County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update

Nehmer discussed the Executive Summary of the County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Margaret Burlingham, Landesign presented the updated County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and reviewed the Executive Summary. The plan includes all the updates that have been done, proposed updates, and capital improvement plans. It notes the accomplishments the Parks Department has made which are many and we are proud of noted Burlingham.

**Motion to approve the County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update as presented July 1, 2013 by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.**

10. Discussion on Parks Department Financial Update

Nehmer discussed the Financials of the Parks Department. Everything is moving along as we anticipated. The 2013 Capital expenditures were discussed. The mower, trailer, and new truck have been purchased. The new shelter at Pohlman Park has been ordered. The landscaping is complete and the footings are in. The shipment of the shelter should be this week. The new bathroom is installed at the camping area at Carnes Park. We will be putting a well and pump in that same vicinity in the near future. Recreational equipment was discussed, playground at Korth Park.

**Motion to approve the expenditures utilizing available funds for the recreational equipment at Korth Park made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman. Carried 4-1 Borland No.**

11. Discussion and possible decision on 2014 budget

Nehmer discussed the Capital Items that are being requested at this time for the Committees consideration. A discussion of the items ensued.

12. Discussion on proposed subdivision adjacent to Indian Mounds Park

Nehmer discussed the proposed subdivision which is located at the corner of Indian Mounds and Trail Park.

13. Discussion and possible decision on Waterloo-Watertown Recreational Trail Plan

Nehmer informed the committee that the final plan has been received. Mr. Ed Freer principal at Smith Group JJR of Madison, presented the plan to the committee. Mr. Steve Duwe of the Town of Milford expressed concerns that he and his neighbors have about the trail plan and safety as well.

14. Update on Land Acquisition, GHA River Based Conservation Area – The Wisconsin

Natural Resources Board approved the purchase of land currently owned by the Watertown Outboarders in a 6-1 vote during their monthly meeting in Wausau. Now the request

goes to the Governor for his signature. Recreational opportunities include shore fishing, handicap fishing, camping, and put in and take outs for canoes and kayaks. There is currently a boat launch there right now for motorized boats. This was accomplished with the help of the Earl and Eugenia Quirk Foundation's gift of \$25,000. Their gift was

very important to the board members at the Wausau meeting. This is the second time the foundation has funded a GHA initiative.

\*\*The Discover Wisconsin of the Video was shown at this time pertaining to Jefferson County

15. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: August 5, 2013 at 1:00 pm

16. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. made by Kelly, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.**

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# Jane Stanger

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**From:** Joe Nehmer  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2013 8:33 AM  
**To:** Kim Buchholz - Parks; Kevin Wiesmann; Jane Stanger; Benjamin Wehmeier  
**Subject:** FW: PR 40173 - Watertown Outboarders, Inc. - Governor's Letter  
**Attachments:** PR 40173 Governor's Letter.pdf

FYI – Good news, indeed!

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**From:** Housley, Cheryl - DNR [<mailto:Cheryl.Housley@wisconsin.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2013 9:41 AM  
**To:** Augie Tietz; Joe Nehmer  
**Cc:** Smith, Sharene J - DNR  
**Subject:** FW: PR 40173 - Watertown Outboarders, Inc. - Governor's Letter

Good News!! Watertown Outboarders was approved by the Governor yesterday. I anticipate that we will close mid or late August as we still need to work out the 1-year lease back arrangement (meeting set for July 15 to discuss it).

Joe, Sharene Smith will be your contact regarding the County grant funds that are being contributed. You can email her on the address above or call her at (608)267-0570, once the County approves the transfer of the funds.

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Thanks all  
-Cheryl

**Cheryl B. Housley**  
Realty Specialist WI-DNR  
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**From:** Christianson, Kathleen M - DNR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2013 9:28 AM  
**To:** Aquino, Mark D - DNR; Phelan, Pamela K - DNR; Housley, Cheryl - DNR; DNR DL LF REAL ESTATE CO  
**Subject:** PR 40173 - Watertown Outboarders, Inc. - Governor's Letter

The following transaction has been approved by the Governor and is on its way to Sharene for closing.

 **Kathleen M Christianson**  
Program Assistant  
Real Estate  
Facilities & Lands  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
(☎) **phone:** (608) 266-0823

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Madison WI 53707-7921

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Scott Walker, Governor  
Cathy Stepp, Secretary  
Telephone 608-266-2621  
FAX 608-267-3579  
TTY Access via relay - 711



IN REPLY REFER TO: PR 40173

Honorable Scott Walker  
Governor of Wisconsin  
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Dear Governor Walker:

The Department requests your approval for a 6.13-acres land purchase from Watertown Outboarders Inc. pursuant to s. 23.091, Stats. The land is required for public recreation and resource management for the Glacial Heritage Area - River Based Conservation Area. There are sufficient funds appropriated to complete the purchase.

The file number is PR 40173 and the land is located in Jefferson County. Attached please find a memo and maps describing this transaction.

The Department has notified local elected officials and state representatives regarding this transaction and I have not received any objections. The Natural Resources Board approved the transaction at the June 2013 meeting.

I certify that this request for Governor's approval meets all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and guidelines. This certification is based upon a thorough and complete analysis of this request.

If you concur with the proposed land transaction, please indicate your approval by signing this letter and returning it to us. Approval is requested by July 03, 2013. If additional information is needed, your office can contact Douglas J Haag at 608-266-2136.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy Stepp  
Secretary

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Scott Walker

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## State OKs recreational land purchase

By Jake Meister jakem@wdfimes.com | Posted: Thursday, July 11, 2013 12:49 pm

Gov. Scott Walker approved the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources purchase of land from the Watertown Outboarders Wednesday.

A completed transaction awards the DNR the 6.13-acre property which is located just south of Watertown on the Rock River.

The reported purchase price of the land will be \$174,000.

"The land is required for public recreation and resource management for the Glacial Heritage Area -- River Based Conservation Area," Secretary Cathy Stepp said.

Keith Kuerschner, a Watertown Outboarders spokesman, said that the Watertown Outboarders have not discussed a new location for the club to this point and the topic will not be discussed at least until their next meeting.

"At this point we have to figure out the final details," Kuerschner said.

A closing date is expected in mid to late August and a one year lease back arrangement will need to be set. There will be a meeting Monday to discuss the process.

"The transfer will be a real asset for the people of Watertown and the glacial area," Jefferson County Parks Director Joe Nehmer said.

According to Nehmer, the property will eventually include numerous campsites, a boat recreation area and a location for canoeing and kayaking.

A \$25,000 contribution from the Quirk foundation will be used towards the purchase of the land provided the parks committee and Jefferson County board approves the use of the check.

Nehmer expects that both the committee and the board will happily approve the check's use.

"We're very happy about how things have gone and it's taken a long time to get this closed out," Jefferson County board member Augie Tietz said.

# The Daily Union opinion page



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## On the waterfront

Among the flurry of bills Gov. Walker signed into law last week was legislation designating a scenic driving route along the Rock River. It starts at the headwaters near the Horicon Marsh in Fond du Lac County and winds through southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, where it flows into the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Ill. Of course, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson and Watertown are among the Jefferson County communities through which the Mighty Rock flows.

Authored by 15th District state Sen. Tim Cullen, the designation garnered solid support from both sides of the aisle, including our circulation area's elected officials: state Reps. John Jagler, Joel Kleefisch, Steve Nass and Andy Jorgensen, and Sens. Scott Fitzgerald and Neal Kedzie.

The driving route is part of a three-pronged approach to encourage more recreational use of the river and boost tourism. The first prong designated a water route for paddlers, boaters, anglers, and others showing access points and portage points. Recently added to the National Water Trails System, the Rock River Water Trail links 11 counties along 320 miles and marked the first national water trail between the two states.

The second prong is the newly enacted driving route, while the third will be a bicycling and hiking route. Plans call for promotional materials highlighting points of interest such as natural areas, historic sites and local attractions. Signage for the paddling, driving and biking routes eventually will be installed in both Wisconsin and Illinois.

Now, one might wonder what's the big deal, considering that people have been boating and fishing on the Rock River for centuries. While that is true, the river still remains a largely untapped recreational and economic resource. Having a more concerted effort to promote the corridor will not only lure more visitors to our communities, but also encourage more spending at local businesses such as restaurants, gas sta-

tions, hotels, bike shops, and sporting goods shops.

Think about it: A Rock River scenic trail along public highways through the river corridor will convey the motorist, cyclist and pedestrian to the scenic natural beauty of the Rock River basin and connect with other scenic trails, including the Grand Illinois Trail and Hennepin Canal State Trail in Illinois and the Glacial Drumlin State Trail, Glacial River County Trail and Ice Age National Scenic Trail in Wisconsin.

It also will be an educational resource. Bird watching in the Horicon Marsh, exploring the effigy mounds around Lake Koshkonong and bicycling trails that criss-cross glacier-carved landscapes and lush green farmland are but a handful of the countless opportunities available. From the Hoard Historical Museum's Lincoln-Era Library in Fort Atkinson to the Milton House's underground railroad stop to Grand Detour's blacksmith shop of John Deere's pioneering steel plow, history is there for the learning.

Fact is, the Rock River corridor traces our predecessors' — and much of our state's — development. From the prehistoric peoples to Native Americans, explorers and early settlers to the industrialists, agriculturalists, statesmen and visionaries of more recent times, unique and significant contributions to the evolution of America have originated in the Rock River valley.

As Sen. Cullen points out, a commonality of interests and respect for the Rock River, conservation of natural resources in the river corridor and wise application of human talents can lead to revitalization of river communities and sustainable economic development for the benefit of present and future generations.

We thank the senator and all our representatives for promoting the Rock River Trail Initiative, and look forward to the myriad of benefits Jefferson County and its fellow river communities are certain to reap down the road.

**From:** Bob Salov [<mailto:rdsalov@frontier.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 2:04 PM

**To:** Becker, Casey

**Cc:** Mike Rumpf; [struss@frontier.com](mailto:struss@frontier.com)

**Subject:** Re: NEWS RELEASE -- County Executive Announces \$73,015 Outdoor Recreation Grant for Cambridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail

Nice press release - thank you Casey

Bob

On 7/12/2013 1:05 PM, Becker, Casey wrote:

**For Immediate Release**

DATE: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Contact: Casey Slaughter Becker, Office of the County Executive (608) 267-8823 or cell (608) 843-8858

**County Executive Announces \$73,015 Outdoor Recreation Grant for Cambridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail**

*One of 12 Projects Across the County Recommended for PARC Grants*

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced today that the Dane County Park Commission has approved recommendation of nearly one million dollars in PARC grants for 12 projects that will partner the county with local communities to boost the outdoor recreation economy.

The awards include a \$73,015 grant for development of a bicycle/pedestrian trail in the Village of Cambridge.

The PARC program partners the county with local communities and organizations looking to invest in projects that will help them strengthen local economic development efforts through improvements to tourism, recreation, and conservation.

"Each of Dane County's communities have something special to offer residents, visitors, and businesses," said Parisi. "Our PARC grants partner the county with local governments and private organizations to further strengthen our outdoor recreation economy and our quality of life – from new biking and hiking trails to increased access to our great waterways."

Pending final approval by the Dane County Board, the county would award the Village of Cambridge \$73,015 to develop the first phase of a trail connection between Cam-Rock County Park and the Glacial Drumlin State Trail.

The project consists of developing a combination of a multi-use path and on-road bike route from the Cam-Rock trailhead in Cambridge to the Glacial Drumlin State Trail.

"This PARC grant will significantly augment the work of the Village of Cambridge's thriving economic development plan. A new TIF district has been established that incorporates the bike path connector between the Dane County Cam-Rock bike trail and the Glacier Drumlin trail," said Dane County Board Supervisor Bob Salov. "Thanks to Village President Steve Struss and the Cambridge Foundation for making this grant application a success. This grant boosts the economic development surge Cambridge is currently experiencing. The increased access from the Glacier Drumlin to the pristine Cam-Rock Park will significantly enhance tourism, recreation and the preservation of the beauty and natural environment enjoyed by residents and visitors to the Cambridge area."

This year's other PARC grant recommendations include funds for the development of a completion of Phase 3 of the Upper Yahara River Trail in the Village of DeForest; recreation and natural resource enhancements at Heritage Park in the Town of Dunn; construction of a boardwalk bicycle/pedestrian trail in the City of Fitchburg; construction of a segment of the Lower Yahara River Trail in the Village of McFarland; trail improvements at Tiedeman Pond and fishing enhancements at Lakeview Park in Middleton; major upgrades to the Lottes Park boat launch and riverwalk in Monona; upgraded boat launch and pier construction for Lake Kegonsa in the Town of Pleasant Springs; and construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path in the Village of Shorewood Hills.

PARC Grants were also recommended to local organizations, including funds for the Aldo Leopold Foundation for upgrades to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona, and funds for the Madison Skatepark Fund to help construct Madison's first outdoor concrete skate park.

PARC money awarded to the approved projects is matched on the local level by a local unit of government and or by the organization requesting the grant. In many cases, local supporters raise more money for their projects than the county's contribution.

Dane County Parks staff worked with the County Park Commission to rank all the PARC grant proposals. Grant money will be awarded this summer, pending the Dane County Board's final review of the Park Commission's funding recommendations.

A full summary of this year's PARC grant recommendations is attached.

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**Casey Slaughter Becker**

Executive Assistant/Communications Director

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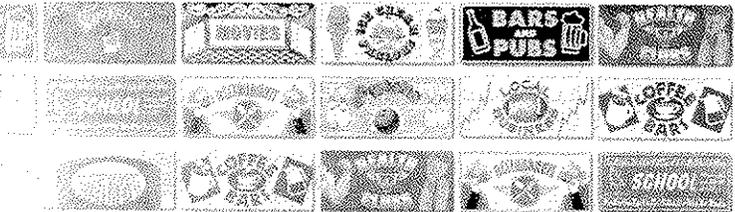




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Charles & Joni Crave Family  
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# Best OF THE AREA



## Results are in — ‘Best of’ winners published

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**Best Fund-raising Event** — Tomorrow's Hope in Jefferson was voted to first place



for the first time. The Jefferson Cab Rides for Seniors' breakfast fundraiser took second, landing on the board for the first time. Six-time winner, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fell to third.

**Best Golf Course** — Koshkonong Mounds Country Club scored an ace again, the club's fourth win



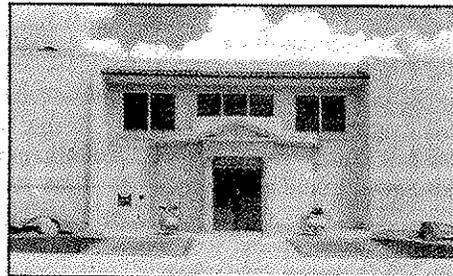
in this category. Spring Creek in Cold Spring hit a birdie in second, with Jefferson Golf Course chipping the ball up onto the green in third.

**Best Haunted House/Halloween Adventure** — “Where

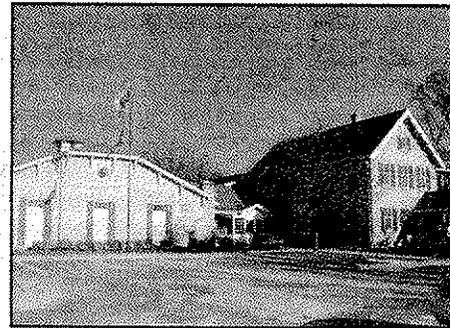


there is no imagination there is no horror.” - Arthur Conan Doyle, Sr. Jellystone Park's Dr. Scary's Haunted House was voted the area's scariest for the third year in a row. Fuzzy Pig's Shockwave Haunts in Whitewater lurked into second and Busy Barns squirmed in third.

**Best Library** — Voters chose seven-time winner Fort Atkinson's Dwight Foster Public Library as a primary information source. The Jefferson Public Library renewed second place with L.D. Fargo library in Lake Mills reserving a book in third.

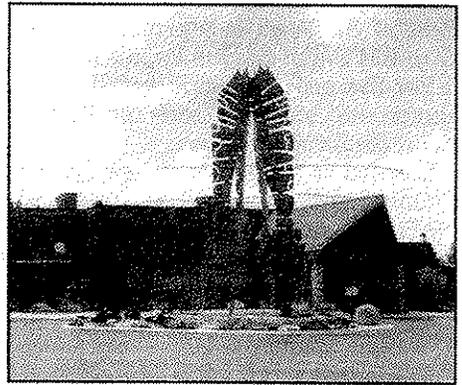


**Best Museum/Historical Society** — Our 27th seven-time winning exhibitor, the Hoard Historical Museum (which includes the Dairy Shrine and the Foster House) was voted top area museum. Jefferson Historical Society collected artifacts in second place, and Whitewater Depot displayed in third.



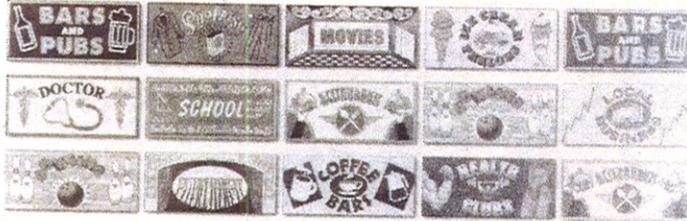
**Best “Night on the Town”** — Pictured below, voters named dinner and a show at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson the best night on the

town — for the seventh time. Helen-ville's Wingin' It boasts the second best night, with the Fort's Rhythm on the River earning a third place title.



**Best Park** — Another seven-time winner, Jones Park, located off Janesville Avenue in Fort Atkinson, got another home run. Jones Park, known as the area's premier baseball park,

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## Votes cast determine winners

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also hosts Lions Club Corn & Chicken Roast, Community Cruise Nights and Baseball Fest. Fort's Rock River Park collected tallies for second. Dorothy Carnes Park, west of Fort, received enough votes for third.



for a Family Night  
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for good, clean, family fun. Rock River Lanes/Kingpin Adventure Golf putted in second. Jefferson's Hwy 18 Outdoor Theatre entertained in third.



**Best Place to Hang Out with Friends** — Good food, drinks and entertainment helped Wingin' It won over our voters for the business' first win in this category. Paddy O'Coughlin's and the Filling Station took second and third.



**Best Place to Hear Live Music** — Fat Boyz of Fort Atkinson, a five-time Best of the Area winner, is the best music venue of 2013's. Café Carpe, also of Fort, is swinging in second with Rock Bottom, Jefferson, turning up the



volume in third.

**Best Place to Watch the Big Game** — In a five-year shutout, Sal's Sports Bar once again takes home the trophy. Wingin' It came in as an underdog for second, and Capn's Roadhouse kept its third place finish from last season.



**Best Place to Watch the Sunset** — Lake Koshkonong is apparently the place as all three of our top finishers hail from its banks. Sunset Bar & Grill received top honors for the tavern's view for the first time since its 2007 six-way tie for first. Voters enjoyed Koshkonong Mounds Country Club enough for second place. The general view west over Lake Koshkonong came in for a third place finish.



**Best Place to Work Out** — For the

third year in a row, Anytime Fitness was voted the best place to get fit. Snap Fitness kept the same routine as last year and finished second. Crossfit used the principle of progression to move up to third.

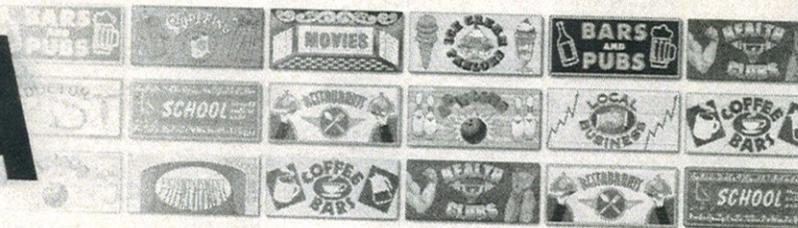


**Best Thing for Adults to Do in the Area** — Voters chose visiting the Glacial Heritage Bike Trail as the

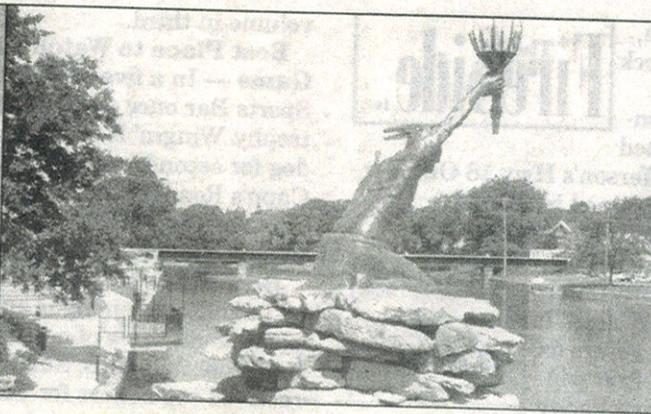
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## Seventh annual poll publishes results



number one activity for adults, whether it be for biking, walking or running. Voted second best thing for adults to do was visit various watering holes around the readership area, with golfing coming in third.

### "Miscellaneous" division winners

**Best Tourist Attraction** — The top three attractions for visitors to the area, according to the 2013 "Best Of" poll are as follows:

- The Fireside Dinner Theatre, our last seven-time winner (pictured above)
- The Glacial Heritage Bike Trail

### • Dorothy Carnes Park

Other entries that received a high number of votes: Jellystone Park, Lake Koshkonong and the Hoard Historical Museum.

**Favorite Piece of Public Art/ Sculpture** — Artist Gerry Sawyer's bronze Native Americans at the Main Street bridge in Fort Atkinson were voted as the favorite work of public art. Second place saw "Fireflies" (at the corner of Sherman and Robert streets), another of Sawyer's works. In third place stands the catcher at Jones Park. All three works

of art are in Fort Atkinson. One of Sawyer's bronze Native Americans can be seen above, center.

**Most Attractive Building** — The Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson took first for the third year in a row, and is pictured above. Downtown Fort Atkinson's old Creamery Package building took second, with the Fireside Dinner Theatre finishing in third.

**Best Improvement of the Year** — Voters chose Heron's Landing, a new restaurant in Jefferson overlooking the Rock River, as the best area improve-

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**ROCK RIVER TRAIL** — On July 5, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker signed into law legislation designating the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route in Wisconsin. Shown above with the governor at the signing ceremony in the State Capitol in Madison are, from left, Greg Farnham, coordinator of the Rock River Trail Initiative; Kelley Flury, legislative assistant with Sen. Tim Cullen, D-Janesville, chief bill sponsor in the Senate; Cindy Block, legislative assistant with Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, bill co-sponsor and Senate majority leader; and state Rep. John Jagler, R-Watertown, chief bill sponsor in the Assembly. Farnham is holding a new sign produced by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that will be used for marking the road route in Rock, Dane, Jefferson, Dodge and Fond du Lac counties.



Where Gifts Today Build Better Tomorrows

July 22, 2013

Mr. Kevin Wiesmann, operations supervisor  
Jefferson County Parks Department  
320 South Main Street, Room 204  
Jefferson, WI 53549

Dear Kevin,

At its July 8, 2013 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation reviewed and discussed your grant request for \$5,000 to help restore the Mason Log Home located in Dorothy Carnes Park East.

I am pleased to inform you that the Board voted to provide up to \$5,000 for exactly this purpose. Our only stipulation is that you draw on the grant funds by June 30, 2015. If your timeframe should run beyond that date, you will be welcome to reapply for the funds.

This award will come from our Beautification Fund and will be payable to the Jefferson County Parks Department upon completion of the project. To initiate payment, please present an accounting of the fund-raising and actual project expenses to the foundation's office at 244 N. Main Street.

The Community Foundation would appreciate any public recognition of this grant including a press release or photograph for the local newspaper. If you have any questions, please contact our program administrator, Sue Hartwick, at (920) 563-3210 (office); (920) 222-1191 (mobile) or via email at [facf@fortfoundation.org](mailto:facf@fortfoundation.org).

To accept this grant, we ask that you sign and date the letter below and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald J. Vogel, chairman  
Fort Atkinson Community Foundation

Accepted on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013

By:

Kevin Wiesmann, operations supervisor, Jefferson County Parks Department

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## Fort Foundation grants total \$767,000

Posted: Thursday, July 25, 2013 8:08 am

The Fort Atkinson Community Foundation has approved nearly \$767,000 in grants to benefit the community.

During its July 8 meeting, the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation Board of Directors voted its support for grants totaling \$766,158.

Leading the list of five grant recipients is Rock River Heritage, which received \$750,000 to help renovate the Fort Atkinson Club building located at 211 S. Water St., East.

Rock River Heritage, a nonprofit organization formed to restore significant local historic sites, is undertaking a \$2.3 million renovation of the former Masonic Lodge in Fort Atkinson with the intention to make the unique riverfront building a hub of activity as a local community center.

The Fort Atkinson Club opened in 1913 in a building whose design was inspired by the award-winning Wisconsin Building at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. In addition to preserving this architecturally significant building, Rock River Heritage intends to open it up for use by the community — providing meeting spaces for local businesses, as well as community health, arts and education organizations serving youth, families and seniors. Its downtown location along the Rock River is expected to make it a prime venue for private parties.

A fund had been opened at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation to receive donations for the Fort Atkinson Club project.

Also receiving a foundation grant is the Jefferson County Parks Department, which garnered \$5,000 to help restore the Mason log home in Dorothy Carnes County Park East.

The cabin, built in the 1850s, is an excellent example of the hand-hewn construction typical of pioneer architecture in this area during original settlement. The historic log home will be an added attraction for Fort Atkinson-area residents and visitors enjoying the trails, birds, garden plots and all that nearby Carnes Park has to offer.

The School District of Fort Atkinson is the recipient of \$4,708 to allow the new Fort Atkinson Schools Archery Club to purchase equipment so students can practice and participate in meets.

The club follows the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), which is one of the fastest-growing programs in the nation. Students participate by shooting arrows at targets in competition with other schools across the state. All the schools use the exact same equipment, ensuring an

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**IN BRIEF**

**Lure coursing event planned**

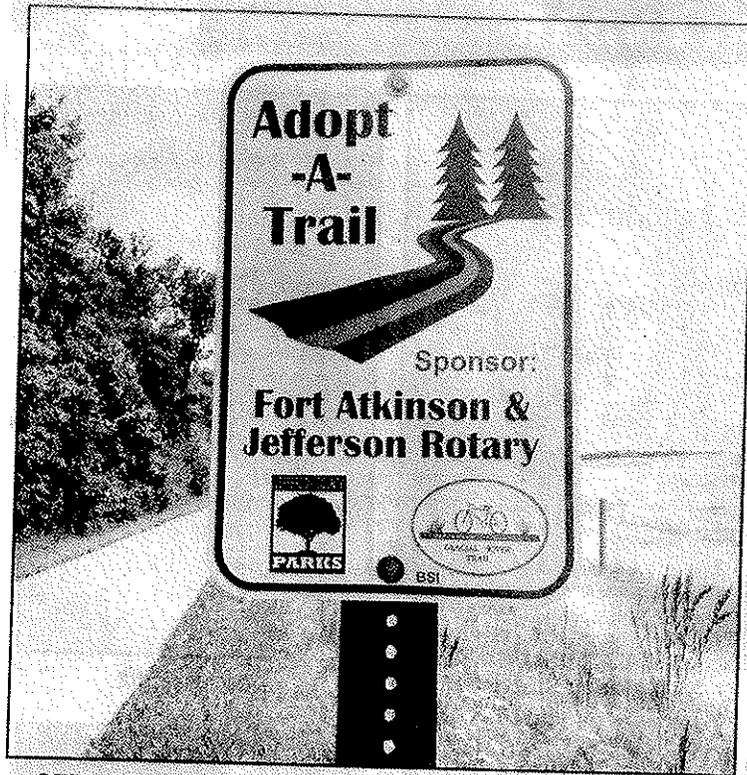
Lure coursing was developed in the early 70's as a sport for sighthounds, but any dog big or small that likes to chase will love lure coursing. Racing across a field free as the wind in the

quest of an artificial lure, it doesn't get any better than that. Jim Perry, dog training expert will explain how lure coursing works, and then the fun begins as your dog is welcome to try out this fun activity. This event will be held July 27 at the Jefferson

County Dog Park, Area 1 from 8 a.m. until ? Free to dogs with a 2013 Jefferson County Dog Park tag or a July 27th day pass receipt. For more information contact Jane Stanger at (920) 674-7260 or email [janes@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:janes@jeffersoncountywi.gov).

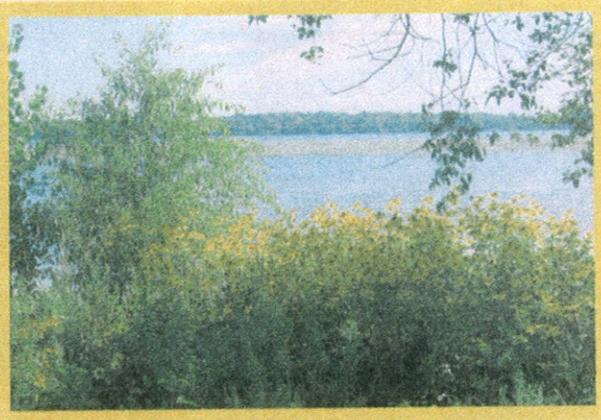


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**SERVICE ABOVE SELF** — The Rotary Clubs of Fort Atkinson and Jefferson have joined forces to “adopt” a section of the recently expanded Glacial River Trail between their two cities. The Rotarians are in charge of keeping the section of trail neat and tidy, and they held their first litter pickup earlier this summer. Shown above is the sign designating the two clubs’ participation in the Adopt-a-Trail program through the Jefferson County Parks Department. — Steve Lewis photo.

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# GHA SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, August 24, 2013  
10 AM – 3 PM  
Korth County Park, Upper Shelter  
W8930 Korth Lane  
Lake Mills, WI 53551

Join us for a free summer lunch at beautiful Korth Park

- 10 AM – NOON: Rock Lake boat tour and guided prairie hike
  - NOON – 1:15 PM: Free lunch provided by the Friends of Glacial Heritage Area with short program
  - 1:30 – 3 PM: Rock Lake boat tour and guided prairie hike
- Silent auction, music, Korth geocache and children's games throughout the day

Visit our web site for updates and flyer: [www.glacialheritagearea.org](http://www.glacialheritagearea.org)  
Facebook: Glacial Heritage Area  
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## **Summer 2013 Education & Fun Event Series**

**June 1 - Dog Park Etiquette**  
Sorry we missed you!

**June 30 - Which Dog? When?**  
Sorry we missed you!

### **July 27 - Lure Coursing**

Don't know what Lure Coursing is? Jim Perry give us in introduction, then the fun begins as your dog is welcome to try out this fun activity.

**Time:** 8:00am until ?? **Location:** Area 1

Free to dogs with a 2013 Jefferson County Dog park tag  
-or- July 27 Day pass receipt

### **August 24 - Canine Search and Rescue**

A.J. Marhofke shares his experiences and will give us a demonstration.

**Time:** TBA **Location:** Area 3 water pump

# Dog Dayz of Summer

Sunday, August 25, 2013  
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Jefferson Family Aquatic Center  
518 North Fifield Avenue  
Jefferson

Come on out to enjoy a day at the pool solely for our canine friends! Enter your dog into one of the contests or just enjoy their splash! Fun for the whole family!

**\$5 per Dog (suggested donation)**

**Proceeds to benefit the Jefferson County Dog Park!**

## Rules for the day:

- 🐾 All dogs must be under control of their owners at all times.
- 🐾 All dogs must be kept on a 6" or less leash except when in the pool.
- 🐾 Sorry, only dogs in the water!
- 🐾 All dogs must have proof of current vaccinations or municipal license.
- 🐾 Female dogs in any state of heat will not be admitted.
- 🐾 Protect your dog by bringing your own water bowl.
- 🐾 When giving treats do so in a way that doesn't cause fights with greedy onlookers.
- 🐾 You are responsible for "accidents" anywhere in the facility. Clean up bags will be provided.
- 🐾 Remember, it is rain or shine. Dress appropriately!  
Watch out for dehydration in you and your pooch.
- 🐾 Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- 🐾 Maximum of two (2) dogs per adult human.
- 🐾 Aggressive dogs will not be admitted.



SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF  
THE MASON LOG HOME  
WITH A CHARITABLE DONATION.

Please accept my donation of \$

Amount

(Make checks payable to the Jefferson County Parks  
Department- Mason Log Home Project)

Name

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Jefferson County Parks Department  
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Jefferson, WI 53549

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July 14th, 1862

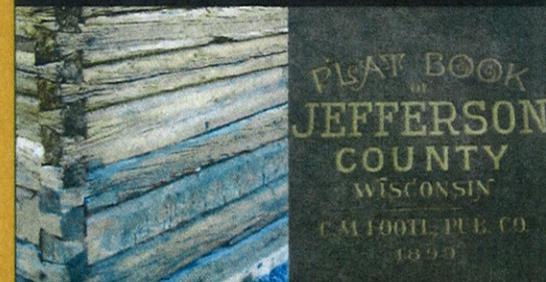
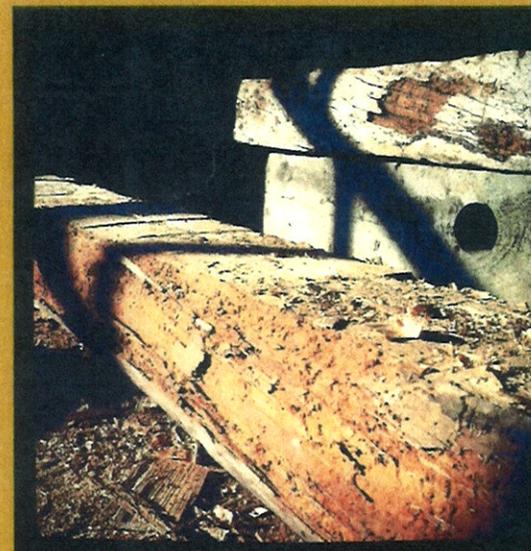
"Went and got six pigs at .50 cents  
each. Finished hoeing potatoes. I  
let R.C. Dodge have old bill to ride  
to Lake Mills."

~ From the journals of Jeremiah Mason

## Join us for the second annual Mason Jar Jamboree

Everyone is invited **Saturday  
September 7th, from 11:00-  
4:00** to The Mason Farm at  
Carnes Park East. Visitors will  
be greeted by bluegrass and folk  
music, along with food,  
educational programs, and kids  
activities all afternoon. For more  
information and directions to the  
park log onto our webpage at:

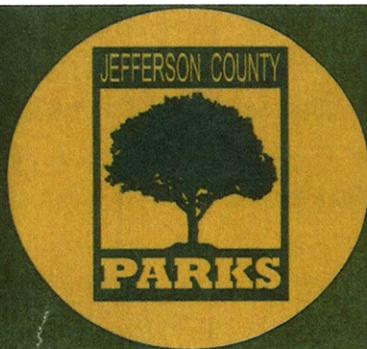
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## MASON LOG HOME

RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION

*Help us to restore and  
preserve a piece of  
local history for all to  
enjoy.*



August 23rd, 1862

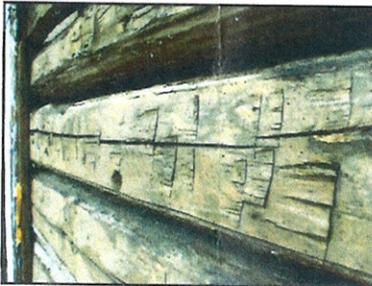
*"Hayed all day. I went to Fort in the evening to attend a war meeting. A man from Milwaukee spoke."*

*~ From the journals of Jeremiah Mason ~*

## Preserving Local History

Historical records show that the Mason log home was built sometime in the 1850's. This date was confirmed through newspapers found on the interior plaster of the cabin. One of the newspapers, The Republican, was found with an intact date of 1856. The Mason family lived in the log home from the early 1850's to 1868.

The family consisted of Elias Mason, Born 1784 and his second wife Lois, who was born in 1797. They lived in the log home with their three children, Elias Jr. born 1836, Jeremiah born 1838, and Francis born 1839. Elias Sr. died in 1858, and his wife Lois died in 1865. Their son Jeremiah continued to live in the house until 1868 before moving to Fort Atkinson. Throughout Jeremiah's tenure on the farm he kept a journal of



daily events ranging from fundraising for the Civil War to helping a neighbor raise a barn. These journals are now on file at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Another unique fact about the property is in the original deed, which was granted to Mrs. Mason on January 26, 1850 at the Jefferson County Courthouse. During this period of Wisconsin History, it was in fact illegal for a married women to own property. The issue of married women's property rights was hotly contested around this time, and the first law that gave married women in Wisconsin the right to purchase real estate in their name was signed by the governor on February 1, 1850.

## Why Here, Why Now?

Through the hard work of local volunteers and parks department staff, this project has continued to evolve and progress. A 2012 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation has allowed the Jefferson County Parks Department to complete a condition assessment and draft a restoration plan for the Log Home.



*Jaren Borland and Craig Roost working logs during the restoration process, Summer 2013.*

The Home has also been approved by the Jefferson County Historic Site Preservation Commission for Historic Land Mark Status. The location of the building on the current site at Dorothy Carnes Park allows the home to be easily accessible to the public. The intact journals of daily life on a farm in the 1850's make the site an incredible location for hands on interpretation and education of historical agricultural practices and social history in the late 1800's.

## How Can You Help?

One way to help would be to **Volunteer** with the restoration project. If you are interested in volunteering contact the Jefferson County Parks Department at (920) 674-7260 and provide them with your availability and contact information.

Another way to help would be to make a **Charitable Donation** to the project fund. All donations will be directly used for project materials and contracted services. Donations are also considered tax deductible. Information on how to donate to this project is listed on the back of this brochure.