

AGENDA
JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 South Center Avenue, Rm 202
Jefferson WI 53549

September 8, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m.

Committee: Augie Tietz, Chairman, Mike Kelly, Vice Chair, Matt Foelker, Secretary,
Walt Christensen, Laura Payne

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 August 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes
7. Communications
 - a. Email from Dave Ring
 - b. County Awaits Word on Glacial Heritage Area Grants – Daily Union
 - c. Group Meeting Permit – Palmyra High School Cross Country Meet
 - d. Cabin Fever – Daily Jefferson County Union
 - e. Email from Clare Carlson – GHA Events
 - f. New Playground for Korth Park – Jefferson County Living
 - g. Community Foundation Makes Donation – Lake Mills Leader
 - h. Trailhead Facility Available for Activities – Waterloo Courier
 - i. Dog Dayz Set at Aquatic Center
 - j. Korth Park Playground Ribbon Cutting This Friday – Lake Mills Leader
 - k. Bring Your Dog to The Pool This Sunday – Lake Mills Leader
 - l. County Cuts Ribbon on Korth Playground – Daily Union
 - m. Bike Trail to Open Sept. 1 at Zeloski Marsh – Daily Union
 - n. Mason Jar Jamboree – Daily Union
 - o. Park Log Home Near Completion – Daily Union
 - p. Jefferson's Miller Wins at P-E Invite – Daily Union
 - q. Celebrate Local History, Music at Jamboree – Jefferson County Living
 - r. County Cuts Ribbon on Korth Playground – Lake Mills Leader

8. Discussion and Possible Decision on Permanent Utility Easement at Korth Park
9. Discussion and Possible Decision on County Conservation Aids Grant Resolution and application renewal
10. Discussion and Possible Decision on mountain biking trails in the woods at Human Services
11. Discussion and Possible Decision on 2015 Jefferson County Parks Budget
12. Update on park areas for special needs individuals
13. Update on Farm Bid Package Kemmeter Farm Rental
14. Update on Watertown Outboarders
15. Update on Altpeter Park, Town of Sumner letter
16. Update on potential Master Plan Models for Crawfish River County Park
17. Update on 2014 Parks Department Budget
18. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project
19. Update on Dog Dayz of Summer Swim
20. Update on Mason Jar Jamboree
21. Update on HWY 26 by-pass & Glacial River bike trail
22. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: October 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
23. 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.

Jane Stanger

From: Joe Nehmer
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 11:54 AM
To: Jane Stanger
Subject: RE: No Parking signs along Highway 18 near Crawfish River

September Parks Comm.

From: Jane Stanger
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 7:59 AM
To: Joe Nehmer
Cc: Kevin Wiesmann; Mary Nimm
Subject: FW: No Parking signs along Highway 18 near Crawfish River

From: David Ring [<mailto:dwring56@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 8:14 PM
To: Jane Stanger
Subject: No Parking signs along Highway 18 near Crawfish River

I was unable to attend the meeting at the Jefferson County Courthouse on Monday, August 4, 2014, but would like to express my concern regarding the No Parking Signs that have been posted at the North end of the bike trail along Highway 18 where it crosses the Crawfish River. I regularly bicycle in that area and drive in that area nearly every day. When driving, I have never had my sight lines on Highway 18 or the Highway 26 ramps interfered with by a parked vehicle. I have never had a problem with a vehicle parking or pulling back onto the roadway. I don't know that I have ever seen more than two or three vehicles parked there at the same time. The vehicles I have seen have pulled off the blacktop shoulder and onto the gravel.

The No Parking signs seem to be a regulation in search of a problem. I view the Bike Trail as a resource that allows young and inexperienced bicycle riders, walkers and runners to participate in these activities away from automobile traffic. The unintended consequence of the No Parking signs is to force users who wish to access that section of the Bike Trail to bicycle, walk or run a greater distance along Highway 18 than they would if they could park near the trail head. Trail users coming out of Jefferson would likely cross both the west and eastbound lanes of traffic to get to the trail. Access to the new park at Highway 18 and the Crawfish River would also require the users to walk a substantial distance along Highway 18. Allowing people to park off the roadway seems to be a much safer and more predictable situation than having them walk along the highway to reach the park and Bike Trail.

I would like to see the No Parking signs removed.

Respectfully,

Dave Ring
N3045 County Road J
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

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County awaits word on Glacial Heritage Area grants

By Amy Smith, Union staff writer | Posted: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 9:28 am

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson County Parks Committee still awaits word on whether the county will receive several Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) grants.

At its meeting Monday, the committee received an update on the county's overall standing among other grant applicants.

Parks Director Joe Nehmer reported that Cheryl Housley, of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said at a GHA meeting July 30 that the Oconomowoc section of the proposed trail ranks high in the DNR's estimation for receiving grant money. Waterloo's section of the trail, she said, ranks a bit lower but still might be worthy of funding.

Housley said there were 19 applicants competing for \$633,366 in DNR stewardship funding within South Central Wisconsin, and that of those 19 applications the highest ranking applicant had a score of 26.5.

Nehmer noted that Oconomowoc ranked fourth, with a score of 24.5. The Watertown to Waterloo project, he said, ranked 13th, the addition of a Rock River project ranked 10th and a Dorothy Carnes Park project 14th.

With these standings, Jefferson County is lagging behind several other trail grant applicants, but Nehmer reminded committee members that those applicants would not be competing for the funding in 2015, giving Jefferson County a better chance in the coming year.

An announcement of grant recipients originally was slated for June, but Nehmer said the official date now has been marked as to be announced.

The GHA is a network of wildlife and recreational areas throughout the Jefferson County area. Officials previously have likened the network of wildlife areas as a "string of pearls."

Existing county parks — Dorothy Carnes Park in the Town of Jefferson, Korth Park in the Town of Lake Mills and the Garman Nature Preserve in Waterloo — and other sites of interest in the area make up the pearls, while the strings are the routes that link them, from the Glacial Drumlin Trail to rural roadways to bicycle routes.

With the help of these grants, planners hope to make the network so interlinked that visitors seldom would need to be on an actual road between parks.

Meanwhile, in other business, the committee received an update on the parking situation for the Crawfish River Park.

Currently, the park has no designated parking area, which resulted in park-users parking along Highway 18 to access the park. Earlier in July, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation had posted no parking signs along the shoulder, leaving park-users without adequate parking at the park.

Following discussion with the DOT, the no parking signs were removed temporarily until Jefferson County can find a safer solution.

The land now considered Crawfish River Park originally was purchased by the DOT when the Highway 26 interchange was built in order to comply with a statewide standard that requires a specific shoulder width.

The property was purchased with the understanding that it would be a no-access property. Until a more long-term solution is made available, DOT is compromising with the county by allowing people to park along Highway 18 as long as a five-foot bike lane is designated along the road.

An eight-foot space then would be left for parking, but gravel must be applied to even out the slope that currently encompasses the landscape. The county eventually plans to turn the old highway shop parking lot on County Highway W into a permanent parking space for Crawfish River Park.

Also during Monday's meeting, committee members:

- Discussed creating a designated park area for individuals with special needs.
- Received an update of Watertown outboarders.
- Received an update on the Mason Log Home restoration.
- Received an update on the transferring of smaller county parks to other units of government.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARK COMMITTEE

2013 GROUP MEETING

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DATE: Thursday August 28, 2013
 HOUR OF DAY: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
 PARTY SIZE: 600+
 PARTY PURPOSE: Palmyra High School Cross Country Meet
 PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING PERMIT: Joe Tortomasi, Coach

ADDRESS: 123 Burr Oak St, Palmyra WI

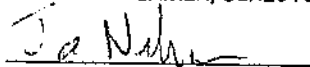
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*** It is agreed that all trash will be picked up in the park and put in receptacles or next to the receptacles in trash bags.**

HOLDERS OF THIS PERMIT ASSUME THE RISK OF PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN ANY WAY FROM THEIR USE OF THE PARK AND AGREE TO IDEMNIFY AND HOLD JEFFERSON COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ALL COSTS OR LOSSES RESULTING FROM THIS USE OF THE PARK.

THE HOLDER OF THIS PERMIT IS NOT ENTITLED TO EXCLUSIVE USE OF ANY FACILITY WITHIN THE PARK.

JOSEPH W. NEHMER, DIRECTOR



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CABIN FEVER — On Wednesday, volunteers added the board and battens on gable ends to the restored 1850s two-story log home being reassembled in Dorothy Carnes County Park outside of Fort Atkinson. Seen here are pictures from the construction site. Above, volunteer Greg Idzikowski takes a breather during the work day. At left, the structure gets closer to completion. At right, Jefferson County parks operations supervisor Kevin Wisemann notes the wire meshing that will be used to hold up a mortar mixture between the logs. Related photos appear on page A3. — Daily Union photos by Paris Knox.















CABIN RAISING — The reassembling of the restored 1850s log home in Dorothy Carnes County Park outside of Fort Atkinson is moving along quickly. Yesterday volunteers began on the roof. The log structure was discovered within an old farmhouse that was being razed. Seen here are pictures from the site off Banker Road. Shown above, the foundation of the cabin will be covered in a stone veneer to resemble a stone foundation. Jim Brock is donating his time to help with that portion of the project. At top right, Josh Klement places wire mesh to hold mortar mixture in between the logs. Below, the historically-accurate nails used in the door and window frames are big, square-cut nails that are not made by a machine. At right, volunteer Tony Peyer works with Greg Idzikowski to begin closing up the second story. Related photos appear on A3. — Daily Union photos by Paris Knox.



Jane Stanger

From: Clare Carlson <friendsofgha@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 1:49 PM
To: Clare Carlson
Subject: GHA Events

Hi everyone. I've got two great events to pass along to you.

If you're looking for something new to do with small children (ages 5-12) in your family, check out the new nature-based playground equipment at Korth Park in Lake Mills. My kids love it. (The prairies at Korth are in glorious bloom as well.) --Clare Carlson



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Bird Walk at Zeloski Marsh, Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.

Come out for a guided bird walk at Zeloski Marsh in the Lake Mills Wildlife Area. We'll meet at the parking lot located on W9054 London Road in Jefferson County at 9 a.m. As this parking lot can be tricky to locate, please see www.therepond.org/Aug14.html for an online map. Hosted by Jefferson-Dodge Bird Walks and Friends of Glacial Heritage Area, the approximate 1.5 mile walk will feature a good mix of grassland birds, waterfowl and other water birds. With luck, we hope to see a few shorebirds as well. All are welcome, and don't forget your binoculars!

Zeloski Marsh, almost 2,000 acres in total, is restored wetland, consisting of managed impoundments that aid migrating and nesting birds as well as important wetland plant species. The well-maintained access lanes and the Glacial Drumlin State Trail around the impoundments provide excellent wildlife-viewing opportunities.



Send Your Legislator Down the River, Wednesday, August 20, begins at 4:30 p.m.

(Paddlers on Voyageur canoe. Photo by Suzanne Wade, 2006.)

The Rock River Coalition, in celebration of its 20th Anniversary, is hosting the twelfth annual Send Your Legislator Down the River. The event connects people to state legislators and local officials with a "River Town Hall Meeting", evening meal and leisurely paddle trip down a water trail within the Rock River Basin, the large web of streams and rivers observed by the Rock River Coalition. This year's paddle features segments of the beautiful Rock and Bark Rivers in the Fort Atkinson area.

Send Your Legislator Down the River begins on the banks of the Rock River just north of Fort Atkinson at the Edgewater Supper Club, N3522 County Road K, Jefferson, at 4:30 p.m. with a River Town Hall Meeting. During this meet-and-greet with legislators, participants can learn more about the Rock River Coalition and enjoy great food at the eclectic Edgewater Supper Club, which features many entrees made with locally-sourced, farm-to-table ingredients. All meals must be pre-ordered, so please visit the Rock River Coalition web site at rockrivercoalition.org to see entrée options, prices and to order your meal.

At 5:45, participants will take a short drive on County Road K to the paddle launch site at Klement Park, only two miles south of the Edgewater Supper Club. The two-hour paddle on the Rock and Bark Rivers with state and local legislators is a gentle, curving water route through maple woods and the rolling countryside of Jefferson County. Near the end of the trip, at the confluence of the Rock and Bark Rivers, paddlers can pause at the Bark River Hatchery for an on-the-water talk by Laura Stremick-Thompson, WDNR Fisheries Biologist covering Dodge, Jefferson and western Fond du Lac Counties. Ms. Stremick-Thompson will speak about the history of this fish-rearing facility that operates in cooperation with local support from conservation groups and about how this small building at the confluence of the Rock and Bark Rivers helps make fishing better in the entire Rock River system. The paddle ends at the Rock River public launch site in Fort Atkinson.

The registration fee for Send Your Legislator Down the River includes canoe rental and participation in the River Town Hall Meeting. Event charge is \$20 for Rock River Coalition members and \$25 for non-members. Children ages 6-17 are \$10, under age 5 are free. Go to rockrivercoalition.org to register online and to purchase your pre-order meal. For questions, contact the Coalition at 920-342-0441. The Coalition offers an opportunity to paddle in a Voyageur boat, which is a WDNR replica canoe of those used by teams of voyageurs traveling the Great Lakes and Inland Passage. The Voyager holds up to ten people. Depending on water levels, a motor boat may also be available for those unable to be in a canoe.

Clare Carlson
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Jane Stanger

From: Clare Carlson <friendsofgha@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 2:38 PM
To: Clare Carlson
Subject: GHA Events this Fall in Fort, Cambridge and Lake Mills

Hi everyone--

We've got some great events coming up in the area this fall, starting with the Mason Jar Jamboree this weekend. Hope to see you out there.

Mason Jar Jamboree, Saturday, Sept 6, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Rose Lake/Dorothy Carnes County Park, Fort Atkinson (East Entrance)

This event is held to raise funds for the renovation of the 1850's Mason Log House located at the Park. Last year the house was taken down for restoration and this summer it is being put back up on the site. The walls are up, the roof is going on, and we hope to have the chinking put in by the jamboree. Come out and bring the family for a fun day on the farm. Activities include music, nature walks, bird-watching information, traditional woodworking demonstrations, and games for the kids. Wood-turners will display and offer for sale items made from wood taken from some of the logs of the house that needed to be replaced. There will be experts on hand to talk about traditional log construction and the history of the farm house. Food will be offered for sale including hot dogs, soda, chips, and home-made pies.

Directions: From Madison take Highway 12 to Fort Atkinson. As you enter the outskirts of Fort Atkinson, turn left or north on Banker Road. Drive on Banker Road about 1.5 miles north to Jones Lane. Turn left onto Jones Lane and follow the road to the park entrance.

Directions from the center of Fort Atkinson: Take Main Street north to Madison Avenue. Turn left or west on Madison Avenue and drive about 1 mile to Banker Road. Turn right or north onto Banker Road. Drive on Banker Road about 1.5 miles north to Jones Lane. Turn left onto Jones Lane and follow the road to the park entrance.

Work Day at Lake Ripley Preserve, Saturday, Sept 13, 8 a.m. - noon, County Road A, Cambridge

Please come out to this beautiful preserve for a morning of invasive species removal in the prairie. The work agenda includes removal of giant ragweed, Queen Anne's lace, and Canada thistle. We'll also cut and remove of small invasive buckthorn, willow and boxelder trees. This is a great opportunity for students interested in volunteer hours for high school or college requirements.

For your protection and comfort please wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, closed-toed shoes, and gloves. Hats and water bottles are recommended! If you can bring your own loppers or wheelbarrow please do. If you can bring a John Deere "Gator" type vehicle for hauling debris up to the parking lot, or a pick-up truck for hauling debris to the Oakland Township burn pile, please call the district office first. Please contact the Lake Ripley Management District at 608-423-4537 or ripley@oaklandtown.com if interested or with questions.

Directions: The Preserve parking lot is located on Hwy A next to the Oakland Conservation Club, or just south of the Oakland Town Hall.



Volunteers at Lake Ripley Preserve

Bike & Hike with the Artists, Sunday, Sept 21, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Korth County Park, Lake Mills

Presented by the Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills, this event offers visitors the opportunity to watch artists work in nature and experience the beauty of the Glacial Heritage Area at Korth County Park, just west of Lake Mills. Consider bringing your bike or travelling to the event on the Glacial Drumlin Bike Trail, which connects at the southern end of Korth Park. Bring the kids to try out the new nature-based playground equipment and join the drum circle at 1:00. Specialists with the WI DNR will be on hand as well as folks from the Friends of GHA. Enjoy live music by Eric Chesney!

Don't miss the guided nature walk at 1:30! The Friends of Glacial Heritage Area and Jefferson-Dodge Bird Walks will lead a leisurely walk through the hilly tallgrass prairies of Korth Park at 1:30 (starting at main shelter) for those interested in observing the plants, birds and insects that inhabit the area.

Directions: The event will take place at the main shelter at Korth Park, which is located on Korth Lane off County Road S, just west of Lake Mills.



Bike & Hike with the Artists 2012

Clare Carlson
Board Representative

New playground for Korth Park

Lake Mills foundation makes donation

Joe Nehmer of the Jefferson County Parks Department recently accepted a \$2,500 donation from the Lake Mills

Area Community Foundation for the new playground installed at Korth County Park.

The playground design is nature-based, incorporating elements for swinging, sliding and

climbing enhancing the park through the physical design elements as well as in accordance with Americans with Disability Act guidelines and ASTM playground safety standards.

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Submitted photo

John Dahle (left), president of the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation, presents a check to Joe Nehmer, director of the Jefferson County Parks Department.

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Community Foundation Makes Donation



Pictured above are Lake Mills Area Community Foundation President John Dahle and Jefferson County Parks Department Director Joe Nehmer. Nehmer accepted a \$2,500 donation from the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation. The Jefferson County Parks Department would like to extend a thank you to the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation for its \$2,500 donation to the new playground installed at Korth County Park. The playground design is nature-based, incorporating elements for swinging, sliding and climbing, enhancing the park through the physical design elements as well as in accordance with Americans with Disability Act guidelines and ASTM playground safety standards.

(Submitted Photo)

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Trailhead facility available for activities

By Diane Graff Managing Editor | Posted: Friday, August 15, 2014 8:00 am

What was a dream more than seven years ago has become reality and organizers are hoping the community will visit and use the facility.

The Waterloo Regional Trailhead Facility, as it was named by Trek Bicycle officials, is open and ready for use. The facility was the site of a rendezvous in May, various corporate meetings and gatherings of the Maunsha River Alliance. Members of the Waterloo Regional Trailhead Implementation Team are hoping for more rentals and use of the property on McKay Way, adjacent to the Dr. J.S. Garman Nature Preserve.

The functional, educational, state-of-the-art trailhead facility is available for the public to rent, according to Laura Cotting, a member of the implementation team. The center has a community room, a kitchenette, restroom facilities and educational displays, she said. The property has recently been landscaped by McKay Nursery and is ready for indoor and outdoor use.

“We are trying to work on getting people here,” Joni Crave, a new member of the implementation team, said. The idea is for the utilities and maintenance to be offset by rentals. “To make this successful, we need rental and events happening here.

“We want businesses to come down here and check it out,” Crave said. There is a rack inside the building for business brochures and a kiosk was erected outside the front entrance to announce events and activities.

“I would just like to see more groups using it for meetings,” Crave said. “I would like to see the community here enjoying this.”

“I think we have all the foundations for a successful project in the future, we just need the citizens to realize what is there,” Eric Seidl, a member of the implementation team and director of retail sales at McKay Nursery, said. “The park space is not a burden to the city and it is a wonderful asset to the city,” he added. “Everyone in the community has to understand that this a space to use, if simply for a business lunch or for a 90th birthday, or a wonderful day in the park. It is a quick rest stop on a bike trip through Waterloo or through the Glacial Drumlin Trail that surrounds the city of Waterloo.

“We just need to get the word out that it is available,” Seidl said.

The trailhead did hire an intern through the Madison Audubon Society last fall to market and operate the facility. That person has since left and now the implementation team is searching for

ways to attract people to the trailhead. "We had a hiccup with the staff person, but hopefully we are back on the right track," Seidl said. "We need a celebration so everyone in the community understands there is a space to use."

In spring, a rendezvous was held at the facility that attracted several school children and community members for a weekend of Native American history and to relive the fur trade era.

"Back in May we were headed in the right direction," Seidl said. "There have been some challenges for the new project to find out how to get the word of mouth out to staff. Hopefully, we will get back on the right track."

With the landscaping completed, the next step for the implementation team is signage and playground equipment. According to Seidl, there are only two playgrounds in the city, at Waterloo Firemen's Park and at the school.

Seidl said he would like to see a grand opening celebration at the site so people can celebrate what there is in the community.

The implement team is also working with the Glacial Heritage Area group and Jefferson County in promoting the trailhead, Cotting said.

Costs

The goal of the city is to have the Waterloo Regional Trailhead utilized to the greatest extent possible by all members of the community. The facility will be rented out on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the city clerk/treasurer's office at city hall, 136 N. Monroe St. There is a \$50 refundable refund to rent the facility. The rental fee is \$20 per hour for less than two hours; \$10 per hour for less than two hours for a non-profit organization; \$75 for a half day which is two to four hours; and \$125 for a full day of four hours or more.

If a non-profit holds a free event at the trailhead, there is no rental fee, Cotting said.

Reservations must be made a minimum of two business days before the first day of a reservation. Fees for reservations made less than 10 business days in advance are not refundable, except in case of inclement weather which will be treated on a case-by-case basis. Reservations are guaranteed only when the fee is paid and the rental agreement is signed.

Facility reservation hours are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. There is a clean-up checklist for when the event is concluded.

All dogs must be on a leash at the facility and vehicles are restricted to designated roadways and parking areas.

History

Cotting said when she first came to Waterloo in 2007, the area that is now the trailhead facility, was a youth soccer field. When she asked about drinking fountains and bathroom facilities, she was informed only Waterloo Firemen's Park has those facilities. She said other communities had drinking fountains at parks, but was told the city had no money.

"I decided to seek public office and once I was on the council, it was clear to me the city did not have money," she said.

In 2008, she researched other ways to raise funds and learned several groups used the Knowlton Park area.

Jefferson County Parks Director Joe Nehmer pointed out the importance of the park due to its location near the Garman Nature Preserve.

In 2009, Cotting said she was encouraged by Alderman Garret Perry to apply for a state Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Grant to pay for 50 percent of the cost of a trailhead facility at the park. "He was very encouraging," Cotting said of Perry. At the same time, members of the Glacial Heritage Area, which had formed in 2006, also was going before state legislators for funding.

While the application for the building to feature an atrium, covered pavilion, rentable community room and a kitchenette was denied, the city was encouraged to reapply in the future.

The Glacial Heritage Area came on board because of its interest in the preserve.

"A project like this doesn't work unless everyone involved likes it," Cotting pointed out. In the next application, improvements to Fox Lane, the road next to the trailhead facility leading up to the Dr. J.S. Garman Nature Preserve, were included as part of the grant application.

The project was selected to receive a grant, but instead of five years out, the stipulation was to complete the project in three years, Cotting said.

Fundraising quickly commenced with \$250,000 from Trek Bicycle along with naming rights, \$150,000 from the Karl Junginger Memorial Foundation, \$10,000 from Farmers & Merchants State Bank, \$6,500 from Loeder Oil Co. Inc. and \$5,000 from Avestar Credit Union among other donations. The city donated the two-plus acres of land along McKay Way.

The original members of the implementation team included Cotting, Perry, Tom Bergin of McKay, and Mo Hansen, city clerk/treasurer.

In 2010, the city was awarded a \$375,000 matching grant to help with the project.

The first phase was the construction, the second phase is attracting people to the facility and the third phase is educational display and interactive displays at the facility.

Ground for the \$769,400 facility was broke in late April of 2013. It was built by Capelle Bros. & Diedrich Inc. of Fond du Lac.

The sustainable design of the structure was prepared by the late Christopher Thiel. The building is surrounded by a rain garden, edible garden with grapes and blueberry plants, and other native plants that are edible. The roof is slanted for rainwater to run down along the various gardens.

The structure was completed before its scheduled date of Nov. 1, 2013. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in December of 2013.

It was designed to connect visitors to the environment and heritage of the area through both active and passive opportunities.

“We have a way to go with the education,” Crave, who has a passion for the Garman Nature Preserve, said. “We really want to share with the community the touch screens, history of Garman and history of the mounds. It enhances Garman (with a trail leading to the preserve). I would rather see this than apartments here.”

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Dog Dayz set at Aquatic Center

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson County Parks Department, in cooperation with the City of Jefferson Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department invites all canine friends and their owners to visit the Jefferson Aquatic Center on Sunday, August 24 from noon to 3 p.m. when the pool will be open for canine friends.

Attendees are invited to enter their dogs into contests for shortest dog, tallest dog, longest jump and water recall.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per dog, with all proceeds to benefit the Jefferson County Dog Park.

The Jefferson Aquatic Center is located at 518 North Fifield Ave. in Jefferson.

For more information, contact the Jefferson County Parks Department at 311 South Center Avenue in Jefferson, (920) 674-7260 or janes@jefferson-countywi.gov.

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Korth Park

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Posted on August 19, 2014 by Becky Weber

The Grand Opening of the Korth Park playground will be held on Friday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m. at the playground.

The handicapped accessible playground is designed for ages 5-12. The playground design is nature-based, incorporating elements for swinging, sliding and climbing, enhancing the park through the physical design elements.

The Jefferson County Parks Department would like to thank Modern Woodmen of America, Fort Health Care, the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation, W&A Distribution, Claussen Funeral Home, Crystal Farms and all of our generous donors for their continued support and dedication throughout the project. Korth Park is located between County Hwy. S and Rock Lake on Korth Lane in the Town of Lake Mills.

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Enter your dog into one of the contests - shortest dog; tallest dog; longest jump; water recall! Enjoy watching your dog

play in the water! Fun for the whole family! Suggested donation of \$5 per dog; all proceeds will benefit the Jefferson County Dog Park.

The Jefferson Aquatic Center is located at 518 North Fifield Avenue in Jefferson. For additional information, please contact the Jefferson County Parks Department at (920) 674-7260, 311 South Center Avenue in Jefferson, WI 53549 or janes@jeffersoncountywi.gov.

County cuts ribbon on Korth playground

By Amy Smith Union staff writer | Posted: Monday, August 25, 2014 9:32 am

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Bike trail to open Sept. 1 at Zeloski Marsh ^{7-m}

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approved by the Natural Resources Board in 2009. The Glacial Heritage Area is a coordinated series of parks, preserves, wildlife and natural areas and other conservation lands that are linked together and to nearby cities and villages with different types of trails.

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The Zeloski Marsh bike trail is another step toward Jefferson County's vision of a network so interlinked that visitors would seldom need to be on an actual road between parks.

A trail pass is not required on the new segment, but cyclists do need a state trail pass if they travel on the Glacial Drumlin Trail.

Restoration of the Zeloski Marsh began in 1999 as a joint partnership between the DNR, U.S. Department of Natural Resources and Madison Audubon Society, with the dream of turn-

ing 1,500 acres of marginal farmland into an area rich in diversity through development of a complex of wetlands, prairies, tamarack woods, and oak opening and a remnant bog. The marsh officially opened to the public in June 2007 with ideas then of creating the now finished bike trail where a gravel road bisected the marsh.

Once farmed by Zeloski Farms of Lake Mills, the land was extensively drained in the mid-1940s for commercial vegetable production. Over the years, the family grew crops such as mint, corn, soybeans

and potatoes. The land has since been restored, providing habitat for migrating and breeding birds as well as other animals.

During restoration, two miles of ditches were filled and six islands totaling more than 19 acres were created.

Today, the marsh offers some spectacular panoramic views and is an ideal spot for observing birds and other wildlife that have made the marsh their home.

Zeloski Marsh is home to nearly 12 miles of walking trails open for public use.

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Park log home near completion

By Amy Smith, Union staff writer | Posted: Friday, August 29, 2014 9:10 am

With completion of the Mason log home only about two months out, the annual Mason Jar Jamboree will be held Saturday, Sept. 6.

The event, slated for the east entrance to Dorothy Carnes County Park, just outside Fort Atkinson, originated in an effort to raise money to restore the 160-year-old log home that was discovered within the walls of an old farmhouse on the site in 2004.

With reconstruction now nearly completed, Jefferson County Parks Department officials say they believe the \$70,000 project will come in underbudget, thanks to the help of hundreds of volunteer hours.

The project was funded largely through donations from the public, as well as a grant from the descendants of the Mason family, who still reside in Fort Atkinson. One year ago, just before the inaugural Mason Jar Jamboree, the Masons pledged a \$25,000 matching grant, hoping to raise enough money to restore the cabin without dipping into county funds.

The two-story log home, estimated to have been constructed between 1850 and 1854, originally was owned by Elias Mason and his second wife, Lois, who settled northwest of what today is Fort Atkinson. The Mason family resided in the home until 1868, when Jeremiah, one of Elias' sons, moved to town. Jeremiah later would become mayor of Fort Atkinson. His diaries were handed down in the Mason family for generations, and now are catalogued at the Wisconsin Historical Society and available online for public reading.

However, nobody, including Mona Mason and her family, knew that the original log home was still standing, preserved by the farmhouse built around it.



CABIN COMPLETION

CABIN COMPLETION — Restoration of the Mason log home, located at Dorothy Carnes County Park, is about five to six weeks from completion, according to Jefferson County Parks Operations Supervisor Kevin Wiesmann. This week, parks crew and volunteers were working to finish chinking the logs, which provides insulation and seals the cracks and spaces between the logs. For more photos click [here](#).

Jefferson County acquired the property as part of its parks system and discovered the log structure while dismantling the farmhouse. It was decided to restore the home and turn it into a museum of sorts, showing the way some of Jefferson County's original settlers would have lived.

The house now is about five to six weeks from completion, according to Jefferson County Parks Department operations supervisor Kevin Wiesmann.

Earlier in the week, a parks crew and volunteers were working to finish chinking the hand-hewn logs to provide insulation and seal the cracks and spaces between the logs. With the exterior work wrapping up, windows, doors and shutters will be the last step.

The doors and shutters are being made by Mike Engelhart of Fort Atkinson and Jim Lemke is making the hardware to attach them. Baker Glass is making the windows with donated time period-appropriate wavy glass and materials recycled from old buildings in Fort Atkinson. Midwest Masonry also donated its time to place the stone foundation on the exterior of the cement foundation.

Over the course of the project, volunteers have spent about 500 hours in time just on reassembling the house, Wiesmann said. Volunteers also helped early on in the project when the house underwent the painstaking process of being catalogued and rebuilt.

Donated period logs were hewn to the correct shape, combined with the original logs to fill in the holes in the structure, then fit tightly together, all using historically-accurate tools. The logs were numbered, only to be dismantled again before being rebuilt on the original site, like one giant, precise set of Lincoln Logs.

The Mason family and parks department now plan to use the annual event to continue to raise money for additional improvements to the Mason farm site.

"I think our dream is to be able to rehab and restore the older outbuildings and save them, and have them be usable for the public in some way," Jeff Mason said. "And that's going to take a lot of money; that's not going to be a small deal. Compared to even what we're doing now, that's a big step beyond that."

Wiesmann said the county's next goal would be to restore the barn on the site and make it accessible to the public.

"I think the hope of the department would be to incorporate the other buildings on the site for the enjoyment of the public," he said.

Jefferson County has applied for a grant that would help fund the addition of a park trailhead at the Mason farm site, including a parking lot, bus turnaround and restroom facilities. The site

currently has no designated parking area and provides only a portable toilet. The department hopes to hear word on the grant within the next few weeks.

Mason also touched on the idea of a future orchard and other plans "to continue to make (the site) an eco-friendly and family-friendly space for the public."

At the upcoming jamboree, the Masons hope to continue to raise funds for the Mason Farm efforts and other projects down the road. The Jamboree on Sept. 6 will bring them one step closer to the ultimate goal, as the farm's site at Dorothy Carnes County Park will play host to an afternoon of family activities, taking advantage of the history and natural wealth. All proceeds from the event will go to future restoration projects at the site.

Originally named for the plethora of Mason jars found in the home's basement, not to mention the original settlers' surname, the jamboree will begin at 11 a.m. with a guided nature walk led by Tom Belzer, followed by demonstrations of traditional blacksmithing and log-building techniques accurate to the home's time period.

Jim Lemke of J-N-L Wrought Iron in Fort Atkinson, who volunteered on the Mason home restoration project, will lead the blacksmithing demonstration with a portable forge.

"Jim is a craftsman," said Mason. "He's been commissioned by the county to do hinges, latches and various hardware that we'll need in a period style."

Craig Roost, who helped reconstruct new walls where the structure was falling apart, will demonstrate traditional log hewing and timberframing techniques using period tools.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., University of Wisconsin-Whitewater art history professor Julia Ince will give a presentation on the history of the log home and the original Mason family.

"She's a wonderful speaker and really makes things come alive," Mason said. "She has a real knack for uncovering history."

Live acoustical music from folk band The Merry Horde, local singer-songwriter Bill Camplin and Milwaukee-based musician Peter Mulvey will run from noon to 4 p.m., along with the chance for children to construct their own log cabin with a set that resembles a giant collection of Lincoln Logs.

Hotdogs, beverages and pie will be available for purchase, along with a silent pie auction from noon to 2 p.m.

In addition, attendees will have the chance to experience the nearly completed Mason log home, though they will not be able to go upstairs for safety reasons, Weismann said.

To attend the Mason Jar Jamboree, enter Dorothy Carnes Park's east entrance at W6509 Jones Lane, Fort Atkinson. Take Banker Road a mile or so north from Fort Atkinson off Banker Road; the entrance will be on the left.

For more information on the Mason home or jamboree or the project overall, contact the Jefferson County Parks Department at (920) 674-7260.

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Jefferson's Miller wins at P-E Invite

By Josh Smith, Union sports writer | Posted: Friday, August 29, 2014 9:07 am

PALMYRA — A year ago when Rylee Miller placed second in his high school cross country debut, it fueled him to set two goals for the 2014 season opener.

Win the Palmyra-Eagle Invite and break 17 minutes.

The Jefferson sophomore can mark one of those off his list as he comfortably won the 5,000-meter race at Carlin-Weld Park Thursday. But just missing his goal time will motivate him for the next race.

“I knew I wanted to win. I wanted some redemption from last year, taking second,” Miller said after clocking a winning time of 17:04.7. “I just wanted to break 17 (but) I didn’t get it.”

Miller’s effort and a fourth place finish by teammate Jesse Paucek led the Eagles to a fourth place finish with 96 points.

Milwaukee King won the boys team title with 39 points as the Generals held off

Cambridge/Deerfield, which finished with 46. Lake Mills (221) placed eighth and host Palmyra-Eagle (256) took ninth.

After a calm pace early in the race, Miller made a move after the mile mark to take control of the race. He cruised to the win, finishing more than 17 seconds ahead of Milwaukee King’s Willie Koch.

“It was an easy pace in the beginning,” Miller said. “I felt I was in control. At Mile 2, I looked behind me and I couldn’t see anybody.”

“He went out smart and also proved to me that he was in shape coming into the season,” Jefferson head coach Nick Isaksson said. “It was fun to watch him and he looked strong. We can work on the race strategies as we go on. His time is just going to drop.”



Miller-Currie

Jefferson’s Rylee Miller (471) and Cambridge/Deerfield’s Spencer Currie (362) run neck-and-neck at the Palmyra-Eagle Invite. Miller won the boys’ 5k event in 17:04.7 and Currie placed fifth. — Daily Union photo by Josh Smith.

Paucek crossed the finish line in 17:39.6 to take fourth and Alex Anason placed 17th in 18:39.3. Jared Bartelt (19:51.7) and Jaden Gallardo (20:47.4) finished 33rd and 44th, respectively, to complete the Eagles' team score.

"We've got a strong front three and the other guys are coming along too," Isaksson said. "With Jesse being in the 17s in his first race — that's great. Alex is another strong guy — he's already PR'ing in the beginning of the season.

"We're really focussing on the fourth and the fifth, getting them closer to Jesse. They push each other in practice. They're a tight knit team. They'll get there."

Cambridge/Deerfield got four top-10 efforts on the day, led by freshman Spencer Currie. He finished fifth in his varsity debut with an effort of 17:47.8

"Spencer even said that he went out a little hard trying to stay with the leaders," CD head coach Matt Polzin said. "I would rather see that than going out too easy."

Gus Kaiser placed sixth in 17:53.0 and Carson Kaashagen was seventh in 18:05.3. Jay Nikolay clocked 18:13.5 to place 10th and freshman Will Kaashagen was 19th in 18:44.3. Luke Kornelsen, who did not factor in the team score, also medaled with a 23rd place finish.

"These boys saw what the girls did last year, going to State. So they're kind of hungry to do that themselves," Polzin said.

Chase Scheel paced Lake Mills to eighth place in the team standings. Scheel completed the 5k course in 18:46.4 while teammate Jack Thomas was 34th in 20:13.3.

Ben Bollig (21:09.5), Joseph Matzelle (22:18.9) and Carson Roehl (27:55.9) were 48th, 61st and 76th overall, respectively.

"It gives us a starting point and it gives us some ideas of where we need to go," LM co-coach Amy Recob said.

Palmyra-Eagle finished one position behind the L-Cats, scoring 256 points.

Logan Sievers, the lone senior competing for the Panthers this season, placed 43rd in 20:45.2. Dyllan Pekrul (20:50.1), Griffin Isaacsen (21:18.5), Tommy Schueller (23:01.7) and Gavin Calderon (23:31.3) rounded out Palmyra-Eagle's scoring, placing 45th, 51st, 66th and 69th, respectively.

"Logan ran well. I was glad to see that he and Dyllan were right with each other toward the end," P-E head coach Joel Tortomasi said. "It's definitely an improvement on last year. We're looking stronger and much deeper.

"I think everybody was probably two or three minutes faster than they were on this course last year, but the weather was obviously a little better."

Jefferson and Palmyra-Eagle both will be in action Saturday. The Eagles will race at the Lodi Invite at 9:30 a.m. while the Panthers compete at the Waukesha Invite at 10:30 a.m.

Cambridge/Deerfield will host the Cam-Rock Invite Thursday at 4 p.m., and Lake Mills will run the DeForest Invite Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate local history, music at jamboree

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Submitted photo

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Polaris Ranger for mobility limited park users.

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Exhibit A
Permanent Utility Easement
Property Parcel Number: 018-0713-1523-000

Property Owner: Jefferson County Korth Park
311 South Center Avenue
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549

Parcel Address: W8390 Korth Lane

A permanent easement for the right to enter upon said land for the purposes of constructing, installing, repairing, altering, maintaining and operating thereon utility facilities.

Said easement consists of part of the land of the owner in the S ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, T7N, R13E, all in the Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

Said permanent easement shall include a portion of land generally described as a 20-foot wide easement along the south side of the parcel further described as an easement 20 feet wide north and east of the following described line:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 1 CSM 2239 at the southern right-of-way line of Korth Lane in the Town of Lake Mills, Wisconsin; thence north 49.5 feet along the eastern lot line of said Lot 1 extended to the extension of northern right-of-way line of Korth Lane; thence west 1285 feet more or less along the northern right of way of Korth Lane to the east lot line of Lot 1 CSM 1885.

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Beginning at the southernmost southeast corner of Lot 1 CSM 1885 at the northern right-of-way line of Korth Lane in the Town of Lake Mills, Wisconsin; thence north 712.25 feet to the south line of said Lot 1 of CSM 1885.

Said permanent easement contains 40,935 SF (0.94 acres) of land, more or less.

Grantor shall not erect or construct any building or other structure, nor place any trees within the above described easement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-72

Approve County Conservation Aids Grant application

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation of funds to the respective counties on an acreage basis for county fish and game projects on the condition that the counties match the state allocation, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to the provisions of s. 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend the funds appropriated and the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the projects for their intended purpose, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board authorizes the Parks Director to act on behalf of Jefferson County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for financial aid for county fish and game projects, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board does hereby appropriate a matching allocation for such project and such appropriations shall continue as long as state matching aids are available, or until this resolution is modified by this Board.

Fiscal Note: The County's 2014 state allocation is \$2,560. The County's match is force account labor to do the project. This year's project will be to start the woodland restoration at Korth Park, providing improved habitat for numerous plant and animal species.

AYES __voice vote_____

NOES _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

VACANT _____

Requested by
Parks Committee

10-08-13

Joe Nehmer and Phil Ristow: 09-18-13; 09-19-13; 09-20-13

Item 15

**Town of Sumner
Jefferson County**

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August 19, 2014

Jefferson County Parks Department
Room #204
320 South Main Street
Jefferson, WI 53549-1713

Reference: Altpeter Park, Town of Sumner

To the Jefferson County Parks Committee,

The Town of Sumner would like to extend our appreciation to the Jefferson County Parks Committee for the recent request via Walt Christensen asking for the Town of Sumners' input regarding Jefferson County Altpeter Park. This park has always been enjoyed by the residents of Jefferson County and the Town of Sumner and will continue to benefit the health and enjoyment of Jefferson County Residents.

Here are some of the discussion and suggestions that was heard at the August 11, 2014 Town Board meeting.

- a. Randy (Parks Chairman) reiterated the Parks Committee had taken a vote and they would advise the board that they do not want to take on Altpeter Park. The board agreed, without motion they were not interested in taking over Altpeter Park or any portion of Altpeter Park.
- b. It was suggested that a possibility for a portion of the Park would be for Jefferson County to have the Mud Lake Preserve take over the wetlands area.
- c. It was stated that the County could not force the Town to take over the Park and it was felt it would not be in the Towns best interest to do so. It is felt that the County should keep the park and look at potential expansion. It was stated that a consideration for expansion would be the already owned FEMA property on the Lake. . The constituents of the Town agreed with this.
- d. It was suggested the Lamp Road (the previous Lamp parking lot) has access to the Lake and this could possibly be a preferred place to expand and make a boat landing. Although Altpeter Park is not currently a big park, it could be a big park.
- e. It was also suggested that the county plan could and should preserve this for the future and possibly make a cat walk in the wet lands.

The Town Board of the Town of Sumner would like to ask your consideration to inform the Town if there are pending changes in the circumstances of the park in the future.

Again, thank you for making Altpeter Park an important part of the Jefferson County Parks system.

Sincerely,



John Dohner, Jr., Chairman

