

# neighborhood NEWS



Hello and Happy Summer!

Thank you to everyone that helped us celebrate our 10 year anniversary!

Our staff and volunteer friends planned an incredible surprise party topped off with a generous donation towards Willow Springs. Additionally, Michael Henaman and his girlfriend Caitlin Christian made us a very special bench from the wood of the old Round Barn floor along with a note thanking us for doing what we do. Finally, our children bought us a golden maple tree to add to the landscape of Willow. All of which our visitors will be able to enjoy. Dennis and I will relish these items for many years and continue to reflect on the special people in our lives. You will soon see the dedication to our Willow Springs Family on the grounds.

*Willow Springs Garden LLC*

## Doc's CORNER



As most of you heard my collar bone has been broken for a few weeks now. After 40 years of practicing in many risky situations with large animals, I have been injured, but not like this one has. However, the human body is incredible and I'm nearly back in the saddle, doing things carefully and regaining my strength. If you have any veterinary needs please don't hesitate to call. Thank you for the well wishes... it has helped!

Our spring events were quite successful. We had outstanding weather for the Wedding Expo, vendors and visitors enjoyed the day. The Spring Festival brought many guests to and the pancake breakfast was stupendous, we served both up and downstairs to give everyone plenty of space. Because so many of you attended we were able to give a donation to The Maine First Responders. We appreciate their crew and their participation. Our Stick Pony Rodeo was the best ever this year. Many of participants, great weather and the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo queen and contestants made it a very special day. Next year we will not be hosting the auction as it was not well attended.

Now for summer events: The Independence Day Festival is set for July 3rd. In addition to the traditional events, we will kick off the day with Breakfast in the Barn and we have added an Adventure Tent to the grounds. We are looking forward to providing the community with our patriotic celebration of our nation's freedom. After this event we invite you to visit Willow Springs for our Pizza Nights on the Patio and (new this year) a Neighborhood Summer Picnic. This picnic will at the barn Sunday, July 24th. This is our attempt to recreate the Watershed Picnic that many in the community remember as young adults or children. Any history or information about those picnics or the watershed would be appreciated.

ACCORDIONIST MIKE DESICCO MUSIC IN THE BARN 9-11, POLKA MUSIC 11AM-2PM, DAVE FOX BAND 2-5PM, AMAZING BLUEGRASS MUSIC WITH "ART STEVENSON AND HIGHWATER-BLUEGRASS" 5:30-7PM, "HAND-PICKED BLUEGRASS MUSIC" 7:30-9:30PM.

### CAR SHOW- FEATURING BICYCLES

**FEATURING PERFORMANCE CARS from Past, Present & Future GO CARTS, MOTORCYCLES, VINTAGE SNOWMOBILES, BOATS, RACE CARS, HOT RODS, AIRPLANES, ANTIQUE TRACTORS**

# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AND CAR SHOW

**SUN., JULY 3, 2016**

**10 AM - 10 PM**



All proceeds will go to the restoration of the round barn. Come see what your proceeds have done so far!

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES • PAPER CITIES RALLY DEMONSTRATIONS • WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE RECEIVE A PRIZE ARTISTS • MUSIC AND DANCING • CRAFT BOOTHS • PETTING ZOO • A PATRIOTIC FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Breakfast in the barn from 9:30 - 11 am music by Accordionist, Mike Desicco

Pulled Pork, Chicken & Buffalo Dinners Ice Cream Stand • Root Beer Floats Concessions • Bake Sale • Cake Walk

Dunk Tank • Kids Games Tractor Wagon Rides and much more

Tractor Parade at 2 pm

Show awards presented at 3 pm

Over 20 Flea Market Vendors

Delve into more history with our blacksmith that will be on site

### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

The Dan Gruetzmacher Trio Polka Band from 11-2— Upper Level of Hall

Dave Fox Band 2-5 pm

Art Stevenson and Highwater Bluegrass 5:30-7pm

Hand Picked Bluegrass music 7:30-9:30pm

Patriotic Tribute followed by fireworks.



Art Stevenson and Highwater Bluegrass



Hand Picked



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**JUNE, 2016**

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West on Hillcrest 1/2 mile. Watch for Signs!

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Permit No. 29  
Marathon, WI 54448

Thank you all for your support at last month's community hearing. We are truly blessed and it reassures us that the community understand our vision for Willow. We are allowed to host events in the Round Barn under the conditions provided by the Village in our conditional use permit. Dennis and I have also put conditions on ourselves in regards to managing the facility ensuring neighbors are able to enjoy their environment.

# ROUND BARN UPDATE

The next step was seeking state approval to use the barn for functions. That was scary and a big hurdle, with many sleepless nights. There are several facilities like Willow being created all over the state and the state is still determining how to handle these facilities. Out of the blue a gentleman from the State called us with all the answers we needed. He provided us with a letter allowing us to host events in the Round Barn. Thank you to whoever asked him to give us a call! Through all of this we have learned that Dennis' decisions on the barn's reconstruction are far ahead of others in Wisconsin.

As we continue restoration, we are pushing hard on completing a set of bathrooms in the lower level, as well as building gardens to enhance the natural beauty of the area. Many of you may have notice the large dirt pile being created; a sound and light barrier for our community.



## upcoming EVENTS

- 6/29 Pizza Night on the Patio . . . . 6-8pm
- 7/3 Independence Day . . . . . 8am-10pm  
Festival & Car Show
- 7/14 Pizza Night on the Patio . . . . 6-8pm
- 7/24 Neighborhood . . . . . 11am-3pm  
Picnic with  
Grilled Chicken (watershed)
- 8/11 Pizza Night on the Patio . . . . 6-8pm
- 8/24 Pizza Night on the Patio . . . . 6-8pm

### PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Dennis, Peggy, Vincent, Andrea and Dylan, Kathleen and Marty, 10 anniversary tree!



## Peggy's POTPOURRI

Summer is here, let's enjoy it! Get out and about and participate in all the wonderful things our area provides. County fairs and festivals, car shows and tractor pulls and outdoor concerts. Some we provide and some our neighbors and friends provide...there is plenty for all to attend and enjoy!