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Winter Fun in Jefferson County!

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The Knickerbocker Ice Festival Cometh!



The first weekend in February is always a blast of cold air and fun times in Lake Mills. From the Knickerbocker Trivia Contest on Friday night to the myriad daytime activities inside and out on Saturday, this annual festival brings area residents and eager visitors alike out into the cold Wisconsin winter to have a great time and celebrate all that our coldest season has to offer.

The weekend kicks off with a friendly rivalry on the Trivia Court Friday night. Every topic is game for this event, and teams of 6-8 players compete for prizes, a trophy and bragging rights. Saturday brings ice sculptures, and the Iceberg Open Golf Tournament and Ice Fisheree, both on the frozen waters of Rock Lake. Enjoy the Sno Ball eating contest, frozen fish toss and the IdiderDAD race in Commons Park. The frozen fish toss is like an old-fashioned egg toss, with teams of two tossing the fish back and forth across an ever-widening space. Drop the fish, and you are disqualified. The IdiderDAD race harnesses dads to sleds, with a kid of their choice on board.

Don't miss the wildly popular Fire and Ice Chili Cook-Off at Carp's Landing on Saturday. There are prizes for the white, green and red chili categories. The only thing better than entering a prize-winning chili is being a judge - and everyone who participates in taste-testing the chilis becomes a well-fed judge.

A special Main Street Event Menu will feature Knickerbocker food and drink items at the local restaurants, and many of the retailers will have special promotions for ice festival attendees.

For more information, go to [Legendary Lake Mills](#).

Register for the Trivia Contest, Fisheree, Chili Cook-Off and Ice Golf [here](#).

See you in Lake Mills on February 4th and 5th!

Surprises are in Store for Jefferson County!

Jefferson County will be home to an exciting new multi-purpose development on the eastern grounds of St. Coletta's 174-acre campus in Jefferson.

Sanctuary Ridge, the property's newly christened name, will be home to a 30-acre commerce center utilizing the historic early-1900's buildings located on the campus. There are also condos and single-family homes planned for the remaining complex acreage.

Among the first tenants of the commerce center? Vetro Winery, a micro-brewery and a tilapia-based aquaculture business. The commerce center is scheduled to open around June 1, 2011.

Stay tuned to the Jefferson County Tourism Newsletter for additional information on this exciting addition to our county!



Watertown Brings Back History



The Watertown Boxing Club is proud to bring history back to Watertown in January. Famous boxers like Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey and even Hulk Hogan have boxed at historic [Turner Hall](#) in Watertown in the past.

Saturday, January 29 from 4pm - 11pm, and Sunday, January 30 from 3pm - 8pm will be a return to the glory days of boxing in Watertown at Turner Hall, with many more boxing events planned for the future. The leaders of this two-day event will proceed to the Regional Tournament, sponsored by the US Olympic Committee, followed by the National Championship and finally, the World Amateur Title.

Watertown is excited to host the first of these events, and welcomes boxing fans to Turner Hall and to all of the restaurants and shops that grace the

charming streets of their community. For additional information on attending this event, or to register to box in the tournament in January, contact Augie Magestro at 920-253-8084.

Skiing and Hiking in Jefferson County Parks



While the white stuff falls, the [Jefferson County Parks Department](#) has been busy getting ready for the 2010-2011 winter hiking and cross country ski season. If you're not familiar with cross country skiing in Jefferson County, you will be happy to know that the Jefferson County Parks Department currently maintains cross country skiing and hiking trails in 6 of its 16 parks, boasting over 16.5 miles of groomed classic and skate ski trails, as well as groomed hiking trails.

Dorothy Carnes County Park East and West Access will have a total of 8.4 miles of groomed trails open for the season. The routes are posted at each of the trail head facilities and are easy to follow. East and West Carnes Park features moderate rolling hills with gentle grades and great views of Rose Lake and the surrounding glaciated plains. Trails are groomed and set for classic style cross country skiing and take you through majestic oak forests, restored prairies and savanna grasslands. Plenty of parking, a great shelter and restrooms are available at the West trailhead facility. The park boasts more than 4.9 miles of groomed trails that meander throughout the property's beautiful landscape.

Carlin Weld County Park, located in southeastern Jefferson County has an excellent trailhead facility with a shelter, restroom, large parking lot and a playground for the kids. Cross country ski trails are groomed and set for skate skiing with 2 miles of groomed trails following along the park's spring-fed ponds, restored grasslands, wetlands, and savanna prairies.

Korth County Park, located on Rock Lake near Lake Mills, currently has over 2.25 miles of groomed trails. The trails meander along the shore of Rock Lake and through the restored savanna and prairies of the park. Park facilities include the Korth and Elm Point shelters, parking lots, and year-round bathrooms at the Elm Point Road park entrance.

The Jefferson County Parks Department also maintains hiking and skiing trails at Upper Rock Lake County Park on the northern edge of Rock Lake in Lake Mills. The park offers a short .75 mile trail with challenging climbs and steep downhill sections. The trails take you on a path through the park's hardwood forests and solitary park settings.

The final location of the trail grooming program is the County's highly acclaimed Dog Park, located north of Jefferson on Hwy 26. The Jefferson County Dog Park and Terri Tinsley Dog Exercise Area boast four separate dog exercise areas totaling 109 acres, with a total of 3.1 miles of groomed hiking trails. It is recommended for hiking and snowshoeing only in this park due to the high number of four-legged friends running the rounds and creating unassuming obstacles to skis. This is a great area to get out into the white stuff with your four-legged friends and stretch those neglected cold weather legs for some great outdoor fun!

For additional information, review the [Parks of Jefferson County](#), contact [Jane](#), or call 920-674-7260.

The Roar of Snowmobiles



The Great Northern Snocross Series (GNSS) snowmobile races are coming to the Jefferson County Fair Park on Saturday, January 22, 2011. The Wilbur Betschler Memorial Grandstand area will be converted into a derby-style snocross track loaded with bumps and jumps. The event is a cumulative effort between the Jefferson County Fair Park, Fantasy Moto LLC and the Eagle River Derby Track.

Part of a new winter-long series of races held throughout the state of Wisconsin, GNSS offers a professionally run regional circuit where up and coming snocross racers have a place to hone their skills and showcase their talents. Racers ranging from as

young as 4 to over 50 years of age can compete on machines ranging from 120cc to 600cc. Classes are broken down by racer age, machine size, rider skill level and/or a combination of all three. Practice begins at 8am on race day, with races following at 9am.

Food and beverages will be available on the grounds all day; carry-ins will not be allowed. Following the full day of racing, the event moves into the Activity Center for an awards ceremony and concert featuring one of the nation's top 80's rock tribute bands, "Hairball."

Race registration information and a complete schedule can be found at the GNSS [website](#), or by calling Scott Biese at 920-419-2863.

2011 Jefferson County Tourism Guide

The Jefferson County Tourism Council has begun production on the 2011 Official Guide to Jefferson County. The Guide is in its 13th year and is published by the Jefferson County Tourism Council - a group made up of representatives from area Chambers and businesses. Our mission is to increase traffic to all establishments throughout the county from residents and tourists alike.

Send us your photos!

Each year, we try and publish new photos taken throughout the county. Whenever possible, we like featuring our readers' own images, so please send your photos, along with a description of where they were taken, to [Jennifer Erdman](#) for publication.

Advertise in the guide

Please look at our online [media kit](#). Ad prices are all-inclusive - with each ad, you get a listing in the back of the guide book, plus an online listing. New this year - banner ads for our website and newsletter! For more information, contact [Jennifer](#).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Swing on a Star - January 13, 2011 through February 27, 2011

Celebrate the time when swing was king in this new edition of the Fireside's wildly popular original revue. Sinatra, Crosby, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Fred Astaire, Abbott & Costello and more!
Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, (800) 477-9505 - [Fireside Dinner Theatre](#)

Great Northern Snocross Series Snowmobile Races - January 22, 2011

Join the race - or the spectators - on January 22 at Jefferson County Fair Park for the Great Northern Snocross Series snowmobile races. (920) 419-2863 - [Great Northern Snocross](#)

John McGivern's WINTER TALES - January 22, 2011

Wisconsin's own John McGivern serves up a steady stream of Winter Stories from his childhood. They recall an age of innocence bounded by snow days and family events. John's unique take on this season of our yesteryear is guaranteed to generate loads of laughs.
Council for the Performing Arts in Jefferson, (920) 674-2179 - [Jefferson Council for the Performing Arts](#)

Bring Back History Boxing Matches - January 29-30, 2011

Watertown brings history back to Turner Hall with the State Boxing Tournament.

(920) 253-8084 Augie Magestro

February

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Knickerbocker Ice Festival - February 4-5, 2011

Attend the annual Knickerbocker Ice Festival in Lake Mills - Team Trivia on Friday night and lots of activities on Saturday, February 5. Ice golfing, chili cook-off, fish toss, IdiderDAD races, ice sculptures and a fisheree - there's something for everyone at the Knickerbocker Ice Festival!
Lake Mills Main Street Program, (920) 648-2344 - [Lake Mills Main Street Program](#)

Dip for Dozer - February 12, 2011

The Dozer 52 Scholarship Fundraiser will begin with ice sculpturing by Jim Murray at 11am. The Dip for Dozer is at 1pm (registration is at noon), followed by the Broomball Tournament held near the Lake Ripley Dead End Bar & Bait, followed by the annual fisheree. The day ends at Heathers Rockdale Bar & Grill for raffle and awards.
(608) 423-2013 - [Cambridge](#)

Jefferson Annual Cab Ride Breakfast - February 13, 2011

Enjoy the all-you-can-eat Annual Breakfast fundraiser for Cab Rides for the Elderly at the Jefferson VFW Hall. Eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, pancakes and all of the great breakfast fixings!
Jefferson Cab Rides for the Elderly, (920) 674-3960

Freeze Fest - February 19, 2011

The City Of Whitewater, UW-Whitewater, Special Olympics and Downtown Whitewater Inc. will host Freeze Fest in downtown Whitewater. Whitewater residents, students and visitors will be shaking off cabin fever as they plunge into the icy waters to raise money for Special Olympics. Start the day with a Pancake Breakfast at the Downtown Armory, then off to Cravath Lakefront Building for a family entertainment show. Courageous polar bear plungers will start the first icy dive at noon, while Big Brick Park will be open for afternoon ice-skating. Warm up with a chili cook-off at the Cravath Lakefront warming tent or with a Show Dogs Presentation at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library.
(262) 473-0121 - [City of Whitewater](#)

March

ANNIE - March 3, 2011 through May 1, 2011

America's favorite cartoon sweetheart is back in one of the most popular Broadway shows of the century. Winner of 7 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, ANNIE is an inspirational show for all ages.
Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, (800) 477-9505 - [Fireside Dinner Theatre](#)

Todd Green in Concert - March 5, 2011

Todd Green is a uniquely talented multi-instrumental solo artist. His original music is inspired by many different cultures in the Middle and Far East, Central Asia and South America. In addition to performing solo guitar pieces, his custom sound layering technique allows him to in effect become a one-man orchestra of instruments from all over the world.
Council for the Performing Arts in Jefferson, (920) 674-2179 - [Council for the Performing Arts](#)

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