

Francis Creek Community Newsletter
September 2016

Community Calendar

September

14 Lions Board of Directors meeting, 6:00 p.m., Village office

17 Squirrel hunt, 12 noon, Sportsmans Club

17 Sportsmans Club Gun, Meat and Poultry Raffle, 4:00 – ?? p.m.

17 Fall Festival in Francis Creek, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

24 Trek the Creek 5K walk & run, 9:00 a.m., Francis Creek Village Park

28 Lions Meeting, 6:00 p.m. social, 6:30 meeting, Francis Creek Sportsman Club

Trek the Creek 5K Walk & Run

On Saturday September 24th at 9:00 a.m. there will be a 5K Run and Family Walk starting at Pla-Mor Park. This is the 7th Annual Trek the Creek which benefits the local fire department, first responders, local youth sports, and Mishicot O. H. Schultz Backpack Program.

The Francis Creek Fire Department and Francis Creek First Responders will be assisting with the event and providing first aid if necessary, blocking off the road, and starting the event with the blowing of their truck sirens.

New this year the 5K course is AFTA Certified and Chipped Timed. The first five men and women that finish received medals.

Make sure to stay for the awards ceremony, food, drinks and free raffle items and most importantly the \$5.00 raffle drawing for the Authenticated Autographed Framed Picture of Bart Starr with a value of \$450.00. Any questions can be directed to the Race Director Scott Bohman at (920) 242-8454 or scooter_333@hotmail.com

Francis Creek Sportsmans Club

As you read this, archery league has wrapped up and the targets have been taken down. Thanks to everyone who participated in archery this year. Looking forward to a successful bow hunt this fall. Speaking of this fall, we have our Squirrel Hunt along with our Summer Gun, Meat and poultry raffle coming up on September 17th. (posters attached) If you haven't already bought your gun raffle tickets, contact a club member and ask for some. If you need some to sell, please let someone know. Remember, 10% of our net proceeds will be donated to Pink Heals Cancer Organization. Again this year we will have Howard and the Bluegills providing live entertainment under the pavilion from 4-8. Come on out and have some fun. If you are interested in the squirrel hunt, please contact Bob at 860-0941. Registration for the hunt will be at the club on Friday Sep 16th from 5-10 pm. If you can't make it, call me and we will arrange something.

Francis Creek Lions Club

In September our Lions Club begins meeting again on a monthly basis after taking the summer off. Our meetings are the 4th Wednesday each month (occasionally on a different day due to a scheduling conflict) at the Francis Creek Sportsmans Club, with a social beginning at 6:00 p.m. and a meal and meeting at 6:30 p.m. In addition to talking about upcoming projects at this month's meeting we will have as our guest Amanda Langley, who we sponsored to Badger Girl State this summer. We look forward to Amanda sharing some of her experiences from Badger Girl State.

We are fortunate to have a great group of men and women as members of the Francis Creek Lions Club. We put a lot of effort into our projects and the many worthwhile causes we support and are proud of our accomplishments over the years. We'd welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our group and would welcome you to attend a meeting as our guest to see for yourself! You can get more information by going to our Facebook page, website or by calling Joe Debilzen at 682-2860.

September's Fall Festival in Francis Creek

French Creek Bakery celebrates its' fall festival on September 17th from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm; Vendor setup begins at 8:00 am. The goal of this and subsequent events is to bring business back into the community and promote local shopping. Participants and vendors include French Creek Café, Cartage House Gifts, Verlare Alpaca Products, Respirit Jewerely, Meadow Brook Specialty Wagu Beef from Sullivan Family Farms and others. Children's activities including cookie decorating, face painting, and baby alpacas. See you there!

2016 Community Rummage Sale Wrap-up

The Francis Creek Lions Club extends our thanks to everyone that supported us during this year's event in early June. Whether you held a sale that was included in our map listing or patronized the food tent during the weekend we very much appreciate it! We are always trying to improve this experience and the results from year to year so if you have any suggestions please e-mail these to joe.janet.debilzen@gmail.com .

Looking Back...

Some recent history as evidenced in our Community Newsletter:

June 1989- The second monthly edition following the launch in May 1989! The Lions Club was sponsoring a bus to take area children to swimming lessons at the YMCA. The Fellowship Club was sponsoring a bus to the Milwaukee Brewers for area youth. The Kossuth Challengers 4-H Club was planning for a family picnic in June in PlaMor Park. The third annual French Creek Days to be held in July will include a beer barrel throwing contest, Oscor the Clown and much more! The Sportsman's Club was planning their 10th Annual Fish Boil and Pork Fest for September. Advertisers supporting that edition included Lorenz Restaurant and Korner Mart, Steebers Store, Al Krajnik Builders, Unions Station of Francis Creek, Scotty's Body Shop and First National Bank.

September 1996 (20 years ago)- The Village Board was dealing with the blacktopping of Maplewood, Birchwood and Norwood Drives as well as dealing with DNR mandates relating to high chloride and Clearwater infiltration issues in the wastewater treatment facility. The Lions Club presented Art Ewen with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest award in the organization, in recognition of his 34 years of leadership in the Club. St. Anne School started the new school year on August 27th with 90 students. The expansion of PlaMor Park to the newly acquired land east of the railroad tracks was beginning in earnest. The Francis Creek-Rockwood Senior Citizens met in the lower level in the Bank and heard a presentation from Jim Reif about the First Responders. Youth Sports was celebrating first place finishes for the Junior Girls Blue and Pee Wee 2 teams. The Youth Sports was also looking forward to the addition of the new ball diamonds in the park expansion to allow more teams to participate. The Fellowship Club had a family picnic in August in the park and is planning for an October roller skating party. Initial financial results from French Creek Days showed a profit of \$9,000. Plans were underway to form a new Girl Scout Troop and 10 girls have already signed up. The Sportsmans Club invited everyone to attend their 11th Gun Raffle and 17th Fish Boil and Pork Fest. Advertisers included the Fantasie Family Restaurant, Shimek's Furniture, Woody's Auto Body, Dial-A-Style Beauty and Tanning Salon, Holschbach Excavating, Jim Reif Builders, World Book-Childcraft, All American Transport, Mark Rhein Insurance, Charlie's Diamond Soft Water, Tim Trowbridge insurance, Get Personal Embroidery, Al Krajnik Builders, First National Bank, Union Station of Francis Creek and Homemakers Idea Co.

September 2006 (10 years ago) – The Rockwood-Francis Creek Senior Citizens will meet in the lower level of First National Bank and will celebrate the birthdays of Caroline Hanna and Liz Schroeder along with the wedding anniversaries of Leo and Marcella Dirkman and Jim and Laverne Tuma. The Fire Department and Sportsmans Club are teaming up for a September 30th Texas style barbeque. The Fellowship Club continued to promote the Sponsor-A-Tree program. The Lions celebrated their annual potluck family picnic in June to induct the incoming Officers and Directors and to recognize 12 members for perfect attendance. The 3rd Annual Show & Shine Car Show was being sponsored by Bolle's French Creek Inn, Woody's Auto Body and T.A. Motorsports., with the Hooters Girls from 11:00 – 4:00. Advertisers included Holschbach Excavating, Shellie Kappelman Wedding Photography, TA Motorsports, Lakeshore Forest Products, Woody's Auto Body, Jim Reif Builders, Dan's Plumbing, Dial-A-Style Beauty & Tanning Salon, Frank Check Builders, Stitches by Design LLC, Allstate Insurance, Reinbold, Jens & Pfeffer Funeral Services, I-View Storage, Mark Rhein Insurance, Al Krajnik Builders, First National Bank, Pravco, Lambert-Eckert Funeral Home, Schetter Beauty & Barber and Animals's Pizzeria.

President's Corner

Long time Village President, Ted Zigmunt, resigned after 12 years of service. The Village Board thanks Ted for his dedication and service to the Village and wishes him luck in the future. During his tenure the Village of Francis Creek has maintained one of the lowest village tax rates in Manitowoc County. This has come at a time of decreasing shared revenue from the State of Wisconsin. Ted's resignation, the Board appointed me to complete the President's term through March of 2018. I appreciate the confidence of my fellow trustee's and have begun the process of filling Ted's shoes.

Matt Payette
Village President