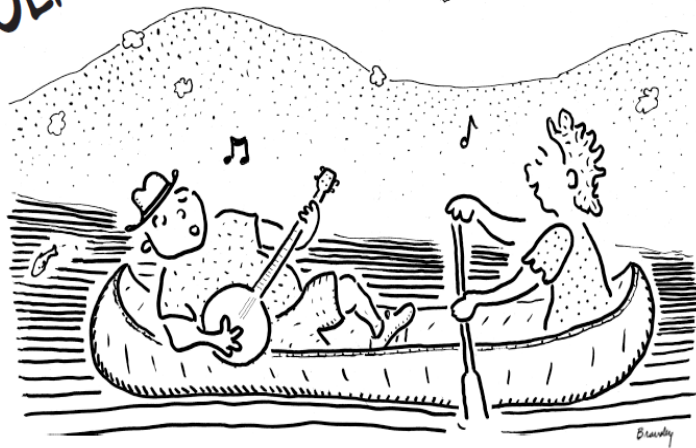


FOLK FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND DANCE



GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

Program of Weekend Events May 6th-8th, 2011

Friday Evening Square Dance

in the Gays Mills Community Building, 7:00 – 11:00 PM

Our festival begins by celebrating the music and dance we make for ourselves! Callers Tim Jenkins, Sue Hulsether and Jesse Downs will lead you through a variety of fun and accessible circle, contra and square dances taught for all ages and levels of experience. No partner is necessary. Music is provided by the Festival String Band. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

The Dolly Wagglers bring a fresh lowbrow crudeness to the world of puppetry, and an hilarious approach to their job of emceeing this year's concert.

Ethel Lerum, from the local community of Ferryville, plays accordion, piano and organ. "I woke up listening to music," she says of her childhood. Her father played fiddle and mandolin and her mother played an old-fashioned pump organ. Ethel started playing for parties when she was about 12 and is still playing at 95 years young! She will be accompanied by local musician Don Anderson.

The Cajun Strangers, from Madison, play the dance music of the Cajun culture of SW Louisiana. The music is a mix of two-steps, blues, waltzes and zydeco, played on the button accordion and fiddle, with a rhythm section of guitar, bass, drums, rubboard, and T-fer (triangle). Many songs are sung in Cajun French. Their latest CD has been awarded the 2010 Prix DeHors de Nous from the Cajun French Music Association. The CFMA gives the award for the best CD by a band outside of Louisiana. You won't be able to stay in your seat!

Spider John Koerner, one-third of the legendary sixties folk trio Koerner, Ray, & Glover, has been performing in the bars and folk clubs of the Twin Cities and throughout North America and Europe for decades. He is a traditional American folk and country blues musician, rhythmic guitarist, song-crafter, singer, and humorist, who shapes his musical style from a solid foundation of study of the old blues masters, respect for the traditional song, and a firm command of his source material. We are delighted to have this folk music icon appearing on the Gays Mills Folk Fest stage!



The Gays Mills Folk Festival
is a project of the
Kickapoo Cultural Exchange.

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Saturday Workshops & Family Fun

in Lion's Club Park 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Time	Shelter/Main Stage	Tent 1	Tent 2
12:00 – 1:00	Puppet Show with The Dolly Wagglers (12:00 – 12:30) Open Stage Bring your instrument and sign up to perform!	May Crown Making with Mia Sondreal	Bones with Will Kilkeary
1:00 – 2:00		May Pole Dance with Tim Jenkins & Sue Hulsether	Cajun Music Performance & Discussion with The Cajun Strangers
2:00 – 3:00		Cajun Dance with Karen Holden & John Romano	Ethel Lerum Repertoire with The Pie City Ramblers
3:00 – 4:00		Square Dance with Tim Jenkins & Jesse Downs	Cajun Fiddle with Brian O'Donnell
4:00 – 5:00	Fiddle Bee Not a contest! Perform 2 tunes, all entrants receive a prize!	Music & Stories with Spider John Koerner	Cajun Accordion with Tim Nickel

Lunch, snacks and beverages will be for sale during the day at the Lion's Club Shelter, provided by the North Crawford High School National Honor Society. The Kickapoo Exchange Co-op, 209 Main St., will serve a chili supper beginning at 5:00 PM in the Commons room in the back of the building.

Saturday Evening Concert

in the Gays Mills Community Building, 212 Main St., 7:30 PM

Hosted by the Dolly Wagglers
with Spider John Koerner, The Cajun Strangers, and
Ethel Lerum & Don Anderson

(See the back of this program for information on these excellent performers!)

The evening will include a silent auction featuring local arts, crafts and services, and musical instruments and paraphernalia. There will also be delicious baked goods and non-alcoholic beverages for sale.

Sunday Morning Gospel Sing

on the banks of the Kickapoo River, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM