

## **Gays Mills Folk Festival May 9-11, 2014**

Whoop dee doo! The Gays Mills Folk Festival is coming right up, May 9th, 10th, and 11th. What better way to spend Mother's Day weekend than dancing, picking, grinning, and listening to some great musical acts from around the Midwest. The festival kicks off Friday evening at 7 o'clock with a lively square dance in the historic old Gays Mills Community Building. All dances are taught, no experience is necessary and its great fun for all ages.

Saturday's events start at 12 o'clock in the Lions Park near the Kickapoo River. Daytime events include an open stage (bring your instruments!), a maypole dance, fiddle bee, polka party, and a variety of musical workshops.

The big Saturday evening concert starts at 7:30 in the old Gays Mills Community Building. Our first act, the Norskedalen Trio, has been playing a mix of songs and toe-tapping Norwegian-American melodies around the area for many years. Next, hailing from Iowa City, Iowa, we are excited to welcome Marc and Brandi Janssen. This old time string duo will entertain you with fiddle tunes, early bluegrass, and country harmonies. Our headliner this year is the up and coming troubadour, Jack Klatt and his band, The Cat Swingers. With rollicking finger-picked guitar and soulful vocals, these boys flawlessly perform a mixture of blues and jazz standards and Jack's original compositions.

Wrapping up the festival, as always, is the Sunday morning gospel sing, down by the Kickapoo River at 11 o'clock. And don't forget about all the other fun events happening Saturday and Sunday in Gays Mills including business open houses, an antique tractor pull, rodeo, chili supper, and pancake breakfast. Prices for the Folk Fest are \$20/person, \$45/family for the whole weekend. For more information, check out our website at [www.gaysmillsfolkfest.org](http://www.gaysmillsfolkfest.org) or call (608)606-4809 or (608)735-4031.

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