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Concerts in the Clouds—2007

All shows begin at 6 PM in the amphitheater
The only charge is a park admission

Saturday, June 23—The Becky Schlegel Band

“Angel-voiced up-and-comer Becky Schlegel” — so described by Garrison Keillor (A Prairie Home Companion) — has emerged at the forefront of the Upper Midwest's bluegrass, country, and acoustic rock scene. Her concerts and recordings are brightened by an array of original heart-felt and imaginative songs, powered by her stellar guitar playing and beautiful, expressive voice. The Becky Schlegel Band includes Becky on guitar and vocals, Brian Fesler on banjo.

Becky was awarded Bluegrass/Old-Time Artist of the Year at the Minnesota Music Awards for 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004. Becky has made numerous appearances on Garrison Keillor's **Prairie Home Companion**.

“A voice pretty enough to make grown men cry.” *Chris Reimenschneider, Minneapolis Star Tribune.*

“Becky Schlegel's pure, sweet voice with its hint of country twang allowed her to woo her audience with a heartfelt ballad one minute and rock their very souls with rousing bluegrass the next.”-*West Central Tribune.*



June is **Dairy Month**—Free ice cream courtesy of **The Marathon County Farm Bureau**



Saturday, July 21—Frogwater

Based in the Milwaukee area, John Nicholson (guitar, banjo, and vocals) and Susan Jeske-Dermody (fiddle and vocals) co-founded Frogwater in 1997. Influenced by their love of Irish and Scottish music, Frogwater features a crosspollination of musical styles; Celtic, bluegrass, old-time, and blues. Frogwater has appeared regularly at Milwaukee's Summerfest and Irish Fest.

They have also performed at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Concert in the Garden series. They were honored best band in the bluegrass and Country category in the Wisconsin Area Music Industry Awards.

THANK YOU

The Friends of Rib Mountain wish to thank our sponsors for making these concerts possible:

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Please be sure to thank these businesses for helping make the concerts possible.

Lodging for the performers is provided by:

The Rib Mountain Inn

2900 Rib Mountain Way

The Best Western Midway Hotel

2901 Hummingbird Road

The Friends of Rib Mountain thank you for your support!

From the President

This spring the Friends of Rib Mountain contracted with the **UW – Stevens Point Schmeeckle Reserve** to do a comprehensive master plan for a new nature center at Rib Mountain. The Schmeeckle staff has done similar plans for many parks, nature centers, and historical sites across the country, including the Mead Wildlife Area's new facility. Their study will look at the community need and interest for this facility, develop themes and concepts for study, and develop building and site concepts. When this plan is done in the summer of 2008, it will serve as our primary tool in raising money to construct the new building. The staff of the Schmeeckle will be starting the study in the coming weeks and will be asking for input from the Friends. Don't be surprised if they contact you for your thoughts and ideas.

I hope you all have a chance to come up to the park this summer for a picnic, to enjoy the trails, or take in a concert. Don't forget to visit our concession stand. Remember that Friends members get 10% off all purchases. Just show your membership card or this newsletter to receive your discount.

Happy Hiking
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Thanks to the concert committee for putting together this year's series.

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Summer Programs

Raptors of Wisconsin

Friday, June 29—7 PM

Get up-close and personal with some of Wisconsin's largest birds. Presented by the Raptor Education Group of Antigo.

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Wisconsin Air Quality

Saturday, August 4—7 PM

Lauren Hambrook, Environmental Manager for Wisconsin Public Service will discuss air quality issues effecting Central Wisconsin.

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Teacher's Study Guide Available

The second edition of the Rib Mountain Teacher's Study guide is available at the park for area teachers, youth group leaders, parents, or anyone who would like to learn more about the natural world found on Rib Mountain. The cost is \$5 for teachers and for \$10 to the public.

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