

Pioneer Hill Sunsets 2009

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'CRITTER SHOWCASE' BRINGS FARM AND HOUSE PETS TO SHERIDAN ON JUNE 20

SHERIDAN, IND.—Milk goats, pygmy goats, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, alpacas, llamas, sheep and lambs will come to Sheridan Veterans Park on Sat., June 20, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m., joining cats and dogs from the Humane Society for Hamilton County. The event, near the gazebo and the historic Boxley Cabin, compliments the historic landmark's weekend visiting hours from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. The showcase, free to the public, is designed to illustrate the versatility of the new park's open space and is produced by a volunteer committee representing the Sheridan Historical Society and the Town of Sheridan. Donations are welcome, and if rain, the animal exhibits will be relocated under the gazebo.

"From the moment we had a call out to 4-H members and other farmers, we knew that this showcase touched hearts of those eager to tell about the animals," explained Brenda Bush, Sheridan Historical Society. "Although Sheridan is a rural community, these show pets aren't always seen under the same umbrella. Laura Phillips, for instance, is scheduled to bring her milk goat, and that should be a treat."

With the help of the Sheridan Historical Society and the Town of Sheridan, the committee is beginning to activate Pioneer Hill and Sheridan Veterans Park with new recreation opportunities."

Parsons, president of the Sheridan Plan Commission, is working with Susan Gillim, Brenda Bush, Caryn Parsons and Connie Pearson, to set programs up future programs in that park space. A Blue Grass Concert is scheduled for the evening of Fri., July 10. "We are still looking for talent this year," Parsons added, "and we will be scouting for artists who might like to show their skills with a theme of "Arts in the Park" on Sat., Aug. 22."

On Sat., July 25, 6 p.m., Dave Elmore will entertain with a gospel evening, and the season will close with a sunset serenade featuring mandolins performed by Bob and Joyce Seymour on Sat., Sept. 5, 6 p.m. There will be a Union soldier encampment Sat., Aug. 8 through Sun., Aug. 9. A special archaeology program may be conducted later in the summer, providing new excavations to celebrate Archaeology Month.

"All of this work has been done, for the most part, on a shoe string," shared Parsons, "But performers have waived fees and some vendors have offered low cost promotional resources. We hope those attending the events will make some small donations as we pass the hat. "

Rustic park benches and a picnic table were added to the cabin area, thanks to Neil Thompson and Jim Pickett. Underwriters helping to offset some costs include Phillip and Connie Pearson, Craig Wallace, JBS United and Bill & Ann Stone.

Boxley Cabin will be open to the public and staffed with tour guides on the following times and dates on Fridays and Saturdays: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., June 12-13; June 19-20; June 26-27; July 3-4; July 10-11; July 17-18; July 24-25; July 31-Aug. 1; weekend of Aug. 7-8-9; Aug. 14-15; Aug. 21-22; Aug. 28-29; and Sept. 4-5. Groups may always make special arrangements for cabin tours by calling the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce, (317) 758-1311. A fall schedule of cabin open dates will be available in late summer.

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