



# AUGUST 2019 TOURISM MATTERS

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## 4th annual Big Muddy Brew ‘n Que Aug. 31-Sept. 1

Big Muddy Brew ‘N Que 2019 is just around the corner! Back for its fourth year, the Big Muddy Brew ‘n Que will take place at Levee Park in downtown Winona and offers attendees a number of great activities during the two-day event on Labor Day weekend, Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1.

There will be live music on the levee from noon to 10 p.m. both days. Additional activities include a mystical magic performance,

celebrity rib-eating contest, kid activities provided by The Playground Winona, cornhole competition, “Best in Area” grilling contest, beer and wine tasting, and much more. Island City Brewing Company will also be hosting the Winona Artisan Market that weekend.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Winona Main Street Program’s Ben Strand at [bstrand@winonachamber.com](mailto:bstrand@winonachamber.com), or visit [bigmuddybrewnque.com](http://bigmuddybrewnque.com).

## American Duchess to dock August 17

The American Duchess, a paddlewheeler that accommodates up to 166 passengers, will dock at Levee Park on Saturday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The boat is touring the Upper Mississippi River, making six port stops from Red Wing, Minn., to Dubuque, Iowa. The paddlewheeler, created from a 1995 hull, was completely reconstructed to become one of the most luxurious river cruising vessels in the country, featuring single-seating main dining and entertainment venues, and soaring ceilings.

Visit Winona will greet the passengers and provide visitor information, directing

them to attractions, restaurants, and shopping in Winona. The Winona County Historical Society will be coordinating hop-on, hop-off tours for the passengers and provide experienced guides to “step on” the bus and narrate a tour of the city and encourage the travelers to explore Winona’s featured attractions.

The public is welcome to come to Levee Park to see the American Duchess (no tours of the boat will be available) and enjoy the mighty Mississippi River. For more information about the American Duchess’ visit to Winona, please call the Visit Winona of-



ice at 507-452-0735. For more information about the American Duchess, visit [americanqueensteamboat-company.com](http://americanqueensteamboat-company.com).

## ‘Victorian Winona’ exhibit to open August 14 at the History Center



Charles Tenney (1847-1917) and his partners left a large collection of their photographs behind when they retired from their Winona photography business in 1892. Many of these images are now

in the collections of the Winona County Historical Society. These photographs include stereograms, which are double images used with a special viewer called a

stereoscope to create a three-dimensional image, plus many cabinet prints, which are images mounted on card stock. These images date from the 1870s and 1880s and give viewers a detailed look around Winona and the region in Victorian times.

Join in for a special program to open the new exhibit, “Victorian VR: A History of Stereo Photography” with Bob Taunt on August 14 at 12:05 p.m. at the History Center. Taunt is an author, historian and former president of the La Crosse County Historical Society, who has been sharing history in the tri-state area for over 25 years.



Taunt will explore the world of stereo photography — pictures in 3-D! The process was invented in the 1850s, was very popular through World War I, and continues today. Come see and hear about the history of stereoviews, and learn how to make your own stereo photographs using a digital camera and your computer. Taunt is also a photographer who has built his own cameras and taken many stereo photos over the years.

Plan your visit at [winonahistory.org](http://winonahistory.org) or call 507-454-2723. Also find WCHS on Facebook and Instagram.

## Annual fun at Goodview Days

Goodview Days will be celebrated on August 16-18 and includes a weekend of live entertainment, car show, softball tournaments, beverage garden, Goodview Gallop, kiddie parade, grand parade, fireworks and more. New additions to the 2019 festival include a puzzle competition, Classic Car Cruise on Friday night beginning at 7 p.m., and a live white tiger exhibit and presentations on Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Buttons are \$6 at local businesses prior to the event, and \$7 at the door. For more information, visit [goodviewdays.com](http://goodviewdays.com).



## Winonas to gather in Winona August 23-25



Winona LaDuke, nationally recognized Native activist, is turning 60 years old, and she is calling all women with the name Winona, all the “First Daughters,” to bring themselves, families and friends to a birthday party weekend August 23-25, 2019, in Winona. There, gathering Winonas will celebrate, explore and wax poetic on being Winona.

The public is invited to a Weno-nah-themed art exhibit opening, symposium and reception on Friday; film screenings, exclusive catered dinner by The Sioux Chef Sean Sherman's team, and musical entertainment by Corey Medina and The Brothers at the Winona Lake Park Band Shell on Saturday; and a Winona jingle/social dance and Winona group photo at Unity Park on Sunday. For more information, visit [winona-all-call.com](http://winona-all-call.com).

## Free concert by bicycle-traveling musician at



Join musician and poet Ben Weaver for a free performance in the galleries of the Minnesota Marine Art Museum on Thursday, August 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. Weaver is a songwriter and poet who travels by bicycle. He uses his music as a tool to strengthen relationships between people and their local ecosystems. Weaver’s most recent project Music For Free had him riding 3,000 miles from Canada to Mexico along the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route with his guitar and banjo, making stops on the route to offer free performances to the communities along the way. Weaver has completed many wilderness-music-by-bike tours, released nine studio albums and five books of poetry. Given the choice, he will side with the animals, lakes, rivers, and the trees. This event is free thanks to the generous support of Ernest and Sally Micek in memory of W.B. “Bill” Gauth. For more information, visit [mmam.org](http://mmam.org).



## Page Series 2019-20 announced; tickets available

Tickets to all 2019-20 Page Series events, including the all-new Driftless Dance Festival, are on sale now. The 33rd annual season features professional performances of music, theater, and dance from award-winning artists including Ballet Hispánico, Danú, LA Theatre Works, and James Sewell Ballet. The season begins in early September with TigerLion Arts’ production of “Nature,” an outdoor walking play inspired by Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. Grounded in the story of their friendship, this family-friendly production is set amongst the beautiful trails of Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, with bagpipes, ancient flutes, drums, and rich choral arrangements intricately woven

into the script. Performances are on Friday, September 6, at 6 p.m., Saturday, September 7, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., and on Sunday, September 8 at 2 p.m. All tickets are “pay what you can.” To order tickets or for more information, visit [pagetheatre.org](http://pagetheatre.org) or call 507-457-1715.



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