

Memory Walk

The new memory walkway is temporarily secured in place here at the Osceola 4-H & FFA Fairgrounds in Evert, and now it is time to explain this project.

The new big building here at the fairgrounds is a wonderful thing, and now that it's up and ready for use, we knew it was important to have a walkway connecting the side door and bathrooms to the roadway. Such a walkway would allow those with walkers, electric scooters or wheelchairs better access to the building without having to go around to the front, up the back ramp, or struggle up and back on a dirt path.

The Michigan Wood Carvers Association came up with a great idea, suggesting that we put in a brick walkway, and then make the bricks available to those wanting to include loved ones on "memory bricks" that will be inscribed and placed there, or in honor of their own family name. The Osceola 4-H & FFA fair Board totally agreed and voted in favor of taking on the project as well. The MWCA then provided funds to help get the project going.

When the Original Dulcimer Players Club learned about the memory walkway at their spring meeting, they also voted to help fund the project and help get the word out to encourage its members and others to participate as well.

Now, it's up to all of us. The bricks have been purchased, the sand and gravel foundation dug and readied by volunteer youth from Spring Hill Camps near Evert as a community service project here, and fair grounds staff and others have spent the past few days temporarily setting the bricks in place, getting it ready for use by the thousands of people who will be here during the Funfest and other events.

We plan to run an extension walkway, again with memory bricks placed within it angling off to the building's restroom area as well, and adding flowers within the triangular shape the long and small walkways will then create. Combined with the beautiful white pine, the angel, and memory stone for the founders of the White Pines Jamboree, Jim and Getty Youngs who both passed within the past year and a half, we think the courtyard will be a peaceful place, filled with music, love and laughter, and at times, silence. That project was the gift of the White Pines Reunion, a group that called the fairgrounds home last year with the need a place to deal with the loss of some folks we all loved.

You can be a part of all this. If you would like to do so, please fill out the blank below, and include a check or cash, and a brick will be inscribed as you wish. The cost per brick for the walkway is \$50. If you have questions, please ask or call the fairgrounds at 231-734-5481. If you wish to, you can mail in your request and amount to cover it at a later time. As soon as all the bricks are sold, we will permanently set the walkway.

The attached sheet shows an imaginary "brick" with the size lettering that will appear on our real ones, along with a place to show what you wish on the brick you would like to include in the memory walkway.

Thanks again, from our hearts to yours,
The Osceola County 4-H & FFA Fairgrounds

Mail order to: Osceola County Fairgrounds P.O. Box 345 Evert MI 49631 Make check payable to Osceola County Fairgrounds
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Universe 1-3 Lines x 14 Characters

Please notice the superior legibility
of the inscription on the above brick
(lettering drawn to scale)

14 Characters per line 3 Lines

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Signature _____

Date _____