

Brew With a View Fundraiser Happens Aug. 20

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Nestled in the heart of south-central Wisconsin, just a stone's throw from both Madison and Milwaukee, Jefferson County is home to rolling hills, grassy prairies and lovely shorelines offering enjoyment and recreational opportunities to residents and visitors alike.

With over a dozen county parks highlighting the natural beauty of the area, it is hard for anyone to pick a favorite. But, perched atop a lush hill, with sweeping views of a resplendent Rock Lake, lays Korth Park – the crown jewel of the county's park system.

Located minutes west of downtown Lake Mills, the 89-acre park boasts a massive timber frame pavilion, miles of prairie walking trails, spectacular lake views and – a beer hall? Well, not typically, but on Thursday, Aug. 20, Korth Park will not only showcase Rock Lake in all its summer glory but also the county's only micro brewery for a special event appropriately coined “Brew with a View”.

While the Jefferson County Parks Department is tasked with preserving, maintaining and improving the county's natural resources, as with most things these days, the mission has a growing price tag. But, as it turns out, Jefferson County has another great resource to be tapped that could be just the answer: Tyranena Brewing Company.

“When the Parks Director, Joe Nehmer, approached me about teaming up for this fundraiser it was literally a no-brainer,” said Stacey Schraufnagel, manager and event coordinator for Tyranena Brewing Company. “Jefferson County is ripe with natural beauty. And with the area's German heritage, an outdoor beer hall seemed like a very ‘natural’ way to help support the parks department. Who wouldn't want to enjoy a beer near the lake on a gorgeous summer evening in Wisconsin?”

Brew with a View will encompass the spirit of a traditional German biergarten but with a modern twist. From 5 to 8 p.m., there will (of course) be a great outdoor space, with picnic tables and fresh air, where patrons can gather to sip a variety of locally brewed craft beers from Tyranena Brewing Company, listen to music and enjoy a fantastic meal.

But rather than polka and pretzels, Brew with a View will host more eclectic flavors.

Cold & Wayward, a local duo consisting of Lake Mills' Ryan Gallagher and Madison native, Jim Lottridge, will perform a soulful blend of harmonic bluegrass and modern Americana from 6 to 8 p.m.

And throughout the evening, El Grito Taqueria, a new food truck hailing from Madison, will be serving up inspired tacos with complex flavors and traditional ingredients.

Brew with a View will provide a family-friendly environment; not only does Korth Park offer a large playground for children to enjoy but, for non-alcoholic options, Tyranena's house-made Root Beer Soda will be available as well as El Grito Taqueria's Prickly Pear Lemonade.

For now, Brew with a View will be a single night, rain-or-shine event with net proceeds from beer sales going to support Jefferson County Parks. However, given the popularity of other mobile and permanent beer halls in surrounding counties and their parks, it's possible that Jefferson County will one day have a more permanent, outdoor beer hall.

Those interested in attending can find more information on Tyranena Brewing Company's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/tyranena.