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Couillardville 2025

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August 16, 2025

Meadow Brook
Farm

Schedule

11am Registration and
Visit "Learn Couillardville"
Exhibits

12N Buffet Lunch

1pm Welcome & Program

2pm Entertainment - Don
Stewart and Squeeze Box
Boys

3pm Adjourn



Plan Ahead

1. **Reserve By August 1st!** Your reservation will enable us to have your name tag prepared and the appropriate amount of beverage and meal related supplies.
2. **Come at 11am** Come early to register and to experience the six exhibits to learn more about Couillardville while meeting current and former neighbors at 5085 County Road J.
3. **Bring a dish to share** Please bring your favorite appetizer, or a salad, or a baked dish or a dessert to share in the buffet.
4. **Lunch items that will be provided** A meat serving, water, soda, beer, utensils, plates, cups, chairs and table.

INVITATION ONLY

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Remembering Tom Kussow - My Dad



Tom pitching bundles at
Meadow Brook Farm

Much has been said about Dad's commitment to farming and the way of life it demanded. Like a lot of farmers, his favorite saying was, "The cows won't milk themselves." But it was always his second priority. What was remarkable about him, and something captured by his granddaughter's essay, was he almost always made it to family events - church, ball games, school functions, you name it. In my case, it was the wrestling matches I remember best. Without fail, often seconds before I walked on the mat, Dad would come hustling into the gym to make the first whistle. It got easier for him my junior and senior years as I went up weight classes and had a later

start. Although I wasn't there, I knew less than an hour before most matches he had finished working in the barn, rolled through a shower in less than two minutes, and frantically drove to some gym to watch me. That bond lasted forever. Even in the final weeks of his life we would talk about local wrestlers and his favorite Oconto Falls Panthers. It's one of the conversations with him I miss the most.

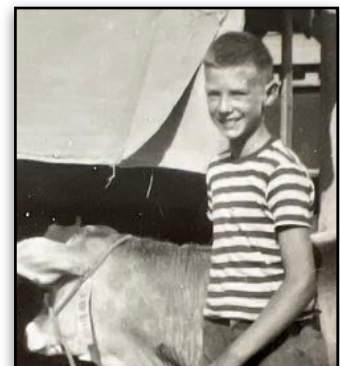
Dad loved being outside

We liked to tease him and say "he never met a tree he didn't want to cut down". I say it as a joke but it became a real challenge later in his life. At 85 years of age he would still jump on his tractor by himself and go cut wood or clean up a downed tree. Ultimately we talked him into getting rid of the tractor but keeping the saw. He was also a hunter, and our family hunted the family farm for over 40 years. We took a lot of nice bucks off the property but Dad's 10-pointer is still the biggest deer harvested. He reminds us every year, including last November. Rain, snow, sun, he was in his element

outdoors. When time finally put him in a wheelchair, he took great solace visiting with family and friends outside.

Dad had a huge heart

He gave his time, his money and his love to the people around him. He never really asked for anything in return. In hindsight, he could have splurged on himself more, but it just wasn't in his blood. He took care of his family first. He worried a lot about his kids, long after it was necessary. We lost Mom 25 years before Dad and he obligated himself to play both roles. Grandkids were next; followed by great-grandchildren. But beyond family, Dad helped people, a lot of people. He cared about his neighbors and the world around him. He believed in second chances and knew forgiveness begins with courage.



Tom starting his Brown Swiss herd

Most of all, Dad loved to have fun. He was a bit of a prankster - he learned that growing up with 5 brothers. It was always fair game if someone ended up wet or covered in snow. He had a deep, contagious laugh and he loved making crazy, joke gifts for his grandchildren. His joke-telling ability was very limited, but he never let that stop him. His timing was either terrible or genius, the family never fully determined. He had a plastic mask of Jimmy Carter that should have been taken away many, many years ago. He was a professional fiddle-stick player, if such a category exists.



Tom playing the fiddle stick
accompanying his good friend
Pivo Lewandowski

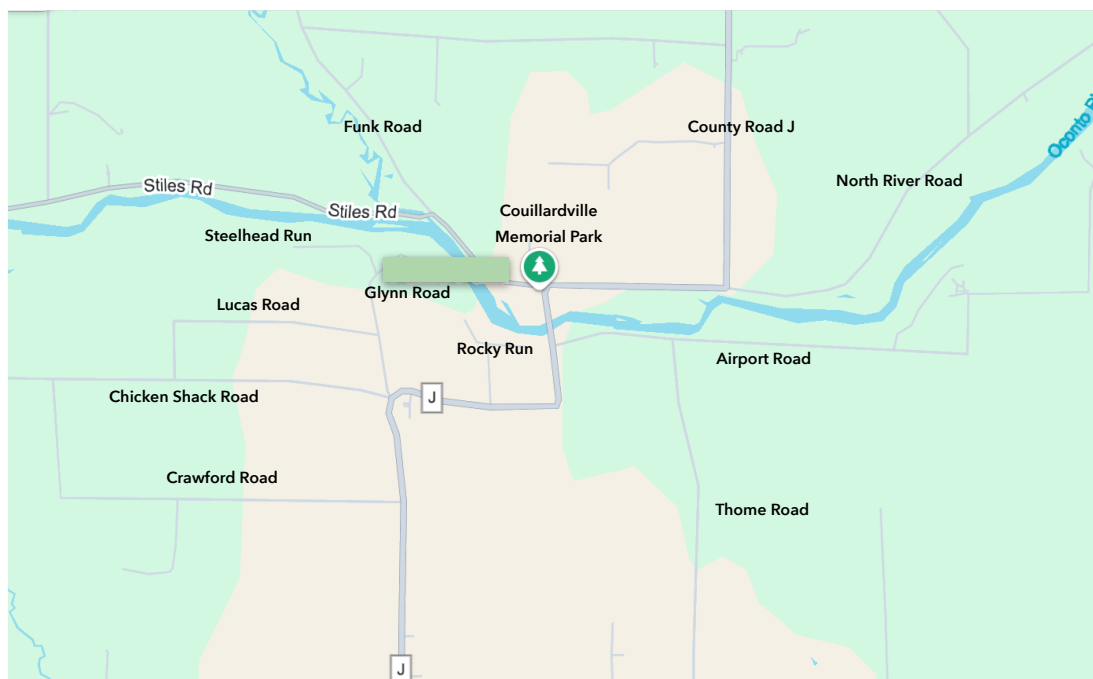
And I still have a chair at my house made of splintered pine logs and an old deer hide for

the guy in last place on the buck chart. Among everything else, Dad was an incredible personality. He lived a full life and left his mark deeply ingrained in those of us fortunate enough to love him. The longer he's gone, the more I understand his life and the harder I miss him. We would have had a great conversation about the State Wrestling Tournament last weekend.

By Matt Kussow

Matt is the youngest of Tom and Bev Couillard Kussow's four children. He currently lives part time on Airport Road with his wife, Michelle on land that's been in the Couillard family for over 150 years.

Where is Couillardville? Area formerly served by the Couillardville School, Church, 4-H



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RSVP

Names of Your Individual Family Members Who Will Attend Couillardville 2025:

1. First Name _____ Last Name _____

2. First Name _____ Last Name _____

3. First Name _____ Last Name _____

Send Names to: Leon Janssen at leonpjanssen@yahoo.com or
821 Lynnewood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188.

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**Saturday, August 16th,
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11am to 3pm

Meadow Brook Farm

Co-Chairs

Mike and Cindy Bittner

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North Side Co-Chairs

Erin and Ken Sikora

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“Learn Couillardville” Exhibits

11am to 12noon Saturday, August 16, 2025

1. Couillardville History - Helen Jacquart Roznowski & Phil Olson
2. Scottish Highland Cattle - Chris & Tina Broderick
3. Couillardville Memorial Park - John Matravers
4. Accordion Playing Techniques - Don Stewart
5. Belle City Threshing Machine - Mike Donlevy
6. Couillardville Store - Books and T-Shirts - Jodi Janssen Jacobson & Elizabeth Jacobson Anderson

Questions or Comments: contact Leon at leonpjanssen@yahoo.com