

What's Up This Weekend?

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I had several different things that I wanted to include in this weeks *Pennysaver* article and most of them had to do with Oatka Festival so here's the scoop on what to do during the Oatka Festival – and most of it's FREE.

#1. Wave to your Friends during the Parade - 11 am Saturday - What's better than being in the parade? - waving to your friends who are in the parade.

#2. Eat - - Whether it is a hot dog, fries, waffles or a candy apple, - - pizza or a beef on weck - - it all helps LeRoy's organizations.

#3. Visit the Jell-O Gallery – it's free this weekend. The Jell-O Gallery has been open for 15 years - - my how time flies when you're having a good time. And all that time, Ruth Harvie has been here giving tours and telling her Jell-O stories. The Jell-O Gallery is always free during the Oatka Festival, so we hope you stop by and have a piece of Jell-O Poke Cake – made by Scratch Bakery for our Anniversary and say hi to Ruth. You can also have your picture taken with Geoffry – the LeRoy giraffe who has taken up residence in the Jell-O Gallery. Hours 10 - 5 on Saturday and noon to 4 on Sunday.

#4. Buy a Bicentennial Barn Quilt shirt at the Oatka Festival – A special patriotic red, white and blue shirt with nine of LeRoy's Barn quilts will be on sale at the tent on the corner of Wolcott and Main. Once again Bob and Linda Taylor will be at the tent to help you find the right size. (Sorry, there will be no children's sizes this year.)

#5. Go Fishing - The annual fishing derby is something really special and you need to bring your kids or your grand kids to see what's really lurking beneath Oatka's waters – Sunday morning.

#6. Go the Farm Market – We're bringing the Farm Market right down to Wolcott Street on Saturday morning. That gives additional parking behind McDonald's for the parade, and it brings a lot of great stuff to the Festival site.

#7. Climb a Wall – This year, the rock climbing wall is being joined with a 16 foot slide and a bounce house on Trigon Park. You can buy your kids wrist bands for \$5 that are good all day for all three activities. What a bargain - -and just in case you wondered the LeRoy inflatable will be on Wolcott Street at no charge.

#8. Bring a chair and enjoy the Music – Check the schedule for the Festival and you will see that there are four - - that's right - - four great musical bands that are sure to delight everyone. It's all free under the tent on Trigon Park.

#9. Paint a square on the Bicentennial Quilt - Doesn't cost you a dime. There were 200 spaces that needed to be filled in during the Bicentennial on June 8 - - now there are 98 - - Just register in the book and receive a genuine certificate - suitable for framing - - that proves that you were one of the 200 people who helped with the "Pride of LeRoy" barn quilt.

#10. Watch the backyard Family Circus – If you have never watched the Backyard Family Circus, you have missed some of the best entertainment that LeRoy's kids have to offer. We've moved the tent up to Trigon Park, so there's no excuse to miss the Butterfly Ballet, or the Lion Tamer or the boy who gets shot out of the cannon!! Yes folks, right here in LeRoy, at the Backyard Family Circus.

#11. Check out the new craft booths – Believe it or not, almost all of the craft booths are new this year!!! So don't be a "been there ... done that" person, because you haven't been here and you haven't done it before!!

#12. Buy a book – For your



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summer reading pleasure, check out the used book sale at the Woodward Library or pick up a copy of my LeRoy book at the Historical Society tent. If you can catch me, I'll be glad to sign it and show you the three mistakes that I didn't catch before it went to print.

#13. Buy a Duck - For Pete's sake - - buy a duck. The Vets could use your support and a lot of work goes into this event

each year.

#14. Take a Chance on the 50/50 - I have to admit that when I buy the 50/50 tickets, I buy them for my grand kids. As much as I would love to win the 50/50, I wonder how it would sound if my name was announced as a winner. But you don't have to be shy. Just stop by and buy a 50/50 ticket and in case you didn't know, there are winners both Saturday and Sunday.



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