

A DAY IN BAY!

We invite you to a Day in Bay in memory of Scott Ruffner, who passed away unexpectedly in May of this year. We will gather to celebrate what would have been his 67th birthday on November 5 in the Bay Mercantile store.

It was Scott's dream to establish a museum about Bay in the former Bay Mercantile and post office building, which he bought for this purpose. He hoped to recruit both volunteers and funding to make this a reality. This restoration project continues with support from his friends and family!



Join us in Bay. Tour the historic Bay Mercantile Store and get to know to each other with the help of the very social game of Bossel on **Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 12 noon to 4 pm**. What is Bossel? Learn more below. Participation is at your own risk!

Our **Meeting point** is the former Bay Mercantile in Bay, located on County Route K, just south of the intersection with Fowler Road. Bay is south of Hermann in the very heart of Gasconade County.



1. Tour the Bay Mercantile and residence

currently in the state of renovation. View numerous historical artifacts and learn more about the process of historic preservation.

2. Join one of the Bossel ball teams, all ages, sexes, incomes, and hair colors are welcome! Or simply accompany the players. German refreshments are provided during the game to protect participants, both mentally and physically, against the chill of a November day in Missouri!

3. **Warm-up after Bossel**, enjoy bread & soup and an Award Ceremony for the Missourian Bossel Heroes.

For those attending the Gasconade County Historical Society meeting in Swiss at 3:00pm, please feel free to join the Bossel game and tour of the Mercantile before the meeting.



What is Bossel?

It is played by Germans who live in the northwest of Germany at the Northern Sea. It is very popular there and the people of East Frisia dream of Bossel becoming an Olympic sport in the very distant future. The game is played on small streets with round Bossel balls. We will have four teams Red, Blue, Yellow and Black as we have four balls, limited to six players per team. The distance from start to end is about one mile. The goal is to be the team that reaches the end, with the fewest number of throws. Each throw ends and is counted from the point where the Bossel ball comes to a standstill on the street.



What is the Bay Mercantile project?

Scott purchased the former Bay Mercantile and residence a few years ago to preserve this historic landmark for the Bay community. He began a careful process of renovating the neglected building to preserve its original features and to reveal its rich historical details. Beyond preserving the building as a part of Bay history, Scott wanted to revitalize the Bay Mercantile to make it a place for the community to gather, as it once was. His family and numerous supporters have decided that with Scott's death his project is not coming to an end. His vision shall be fulfilled.



RSVP that you plan to join us for a Day in Bay by emailing Hermann sponsor, Cindy Browne, at brow necindy@gmail.com.

Kindest regards,

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