

City to dedicate Rogers Park

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STEVENS POINT – The city of Stevens Point will officially dedicate Rogers Park at noon Friday. The dedication will take place at the entrance to the park, located on the end of Hofmeister Drive.

This 38-acre park in the heart of Stevens Point preserves an island of green space. Wide bends of the Plover River carve through a bottomland forest, supporting diverse wildlife, and the Green Circle skirts the river providing recreational opportunities.

The park is named for George and Jeanette Rogers. Born into a newspaper family, George, who died in 2013, was editor and publisher of the Stevens Point Journal and co-founder of the Portage County Gazette. He became interested in the outdoors and natural resources as he witnessed a decline of the Wisconsin River.

George wrote about the need to clean it up and encouraged the protection and preservation of this area's abundant green spaces. He was a founding member of the Green Circle Trail, a multiuse trail that has become a community treasure, and he founded the Plover River Alliance to protect this area from further development.

The park that bears the Rogers family name straddles the river that he worked diligently to preserve in its natural state.

The dedication is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to enjoy a walk on the Green Circle through Rogers Park following the event.