



Welcome to the Village of Endeavor

1. Endeavor Christian Academy. This school was once a well-known academy that started in 1890. It closed in 1925 and this building became the Endeavor High School. This hill is made of the same BILLION year old rhyolite that Observatory Hill is made of...hardened volcanic lava. The Ho Chunk Indians have identified a turtle mound on the front of this hill.
2. Our Lady of Guadelupe migrant center and shrine. This shrine and school building were built by the Catholic Church and Marquette County farmers and volunteers to serve and educate migrant workers and their families in the 1960s and 70s. Once, hundreds of workers came from the Philippines and Mexico as well as Texas to work in the huge muck farm fields of Marquette County. They harvested lettuce, carrots, broccoli and mint. Some did not speak English. They were very important workers in the fields here and some made their homes here. Now, much of the work they did is done by machines, but immigrant workers are still very important to Wisconsin. This was built so they could more easily go to church and send their children to school.
3. Logan Hall, the first building of the Endeavor Christian Academy, is now a private home. It was part of the school and a dormitory for women students.
4. Merritt's Landing...Endeavor's first name was Merritt's Landing named after one of the first settlers, Cornelius Merritt, who operated a landing on the Fox River where boats would stop to drop off and load up goods.
5. Viet Nam Veterans Memorial...This helicopter and tank were obtained by local veterans and the Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter 659 to honor men and women who served in that war. It is a UH-1 Huey helicopter and M60A3 tank. The helicopter was used in Viet Nam and transported wounded soldiers to hospital tents.
6. Library and Village Hall..Endeavor is very proud of its new library and Village Hall. It is called the Ada Mills Donner and Melvin R. Donner Civic Center because Mrs. Donner made a large donation so that this could be built. The library offers some great activities all year long! We have six libraries in Marquette County, aren't we lucky?
7. Endeavor Elementary School. This wonderful school belongs to the Portage School District.
8. Endeavor Fire Department...Volunteer Fire Departments are so important to people in Marquette County. We'll see another Fire Department in Briggsville. Montello also has a fire department and there are others in the county as well.