World of Dr. Evermore and Pier Natural Bridge County Park

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We started the drive at the Kwik Trip #1038 on the corner of Hwy 12 and PF (2850 Prairie Street) in Prairie du Sac (by the airport), then traveled to the World of Dr. Evermore, known for his rare vision in quirky, brilliant, colorful, and mysterious sculptures (drive through the park & explore). He's been featured in countless magazines and newspapers.

Then went to Culver's in Sauk City for lunch.

After lunch, we'll wound our way to the Pier Natural Bridge Park (17520 State Hwy 80 - Richland Center, WI. Pier Natural Bridge Park is located along Hwy. 80 North, at Rockbridge in Richland County. The site has a very unusual geological feature, a half-mile long "finger" of blocked and layered sandstone rising nearly 60 feet above the flood plain of two merging valleys. It looks like a steamship docked in the middle of a flat plain. If you have never been there, it is a must see for your bucket list! This narrow bridge is topped by tall pines and covered with green shrubs. The West Branch of the Pine River meets with the Main Branch underneath this rock formation, which forms a Natural Bridge. The Park has two historical markers, one indicating the unique rock formation and the other recognizing the significance of the Blackhawk wars in this area. The park has a man-made tunnel which allows visitors to walk through the rock formation to the West Branch of the Pine River. There are also stairs to walk to the top of the rock formation to view the surrounding area. This 10-acre county park has 6 campsites, two shelters, picnic tables and grills, play equipment, and pit toilets. Many fabulous pictures were taken!

After that to the <u>River's Edge Pub & Grub</u>, 30 County Road A, Wisconsin Dells for dinner at our favorite eatery with the fish tanks and personalized BMC placemats.

In spite of the rainy, and gloomy day, we all had a great time!