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Protecting Wisconsin's Night Skies: A Community Presentation

DarkSky Wisconsin works to protect the night environment statewide by encouraging responsible outdoor lighting and raising awareness of light pollution's effects on wildlife, human health, and the environment.

PHOTO CREDIT | JEFF RENNICKE

LAKEWOOD - Sam Saeger, President of DarkSky Wisconsin, will be giving a talk at the Lakes Country Public Library, located at 15235 State Hwy 32, Lakewood on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.



SAM SAEGER

that brightens the night sky unnecessarily. This phenomenon diminishes the visibility of stars, interferes with the natural patterns of wildlife, and lessens our connection to the night's wonder. As artificial light increases, birds become disoriented, fireflies find it difficult to communicate, and entire ecosystems may become imbalanced. By taking steps to reduce light pollution, we not only protect nature but also promote human well-being and preserve our relationship with the nighttime environment.

DarkSky Wisconsin's Mission

DarkSky Wisconsin is dedicated to raising awareness and fostering appreciation for the beauty and significance of Wisconsin's dark skies. The organization's mission is to highlight the value of

natural darkness in our daily lives.

The Importance of Night Sky Preservation

Preserving the night sky allows us to continue studying the universe while also supporting biodiversity, enhancing our health, and maintaining cultural traditions. Conservation efforts are essential to ensure that future generations can experience and benefit from the wonders of the night sky.

Uniting Communities for a Shared Cause

DarkSky Wisconsin seeks to bring together communities throughout the state to protect the natural night environment. Through collective efforts, the organization aims to safeguard Wisconsin's dark skies for all.

Understanding Light Pollution

Light pollution is caused by excessive and poorly directed artificial lighting



BOB STRAZISHAR
PUBLISHER / EDITOR

Introducing the Nicolet Express

Welcome to the Nicolet Express' inaugural publication. Our mission is to provide both digital and print platforms, connecting the communities of

Lakewood, Mountain, Townsend, and neighboring areas to their residents, businesses, and visitors. On October 30, 2025, we launched our online presence at

www.Nicolet.Express. Since its debut, the website has received very positive feedback and suggestions as how we can enhance the site.

Addressing the Information Gap

After two local newspapers ceased operations, many residents found themselves in an information desert. According to U.S. Census data, 48% of Oconto County residents are aged 50 or older.

Furthermore, rural Wisconsin faces significant challenges with internet access.

In response to these challenges, we decided to launch a monthly print publication — a traditional approach that remains vital for effectively reaching those who may not benefit from digital initiatives.

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Debris From Recent Storms and Dry Forecast Increase Risk of Wildfires

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to check fire danger and burn permit restrictions before conducting outdoor burning activities, as the spring fire season is underway and recent storms have increased the amount of debris on the landscape across much of Wisconsin.

Even with the heavy rainfall and severe weather last week, there were 50 wildfires that burned over 150 acres across the state. A dry forecast this week with expected low humidity and breezy conditions, coupled with a significant number of downed trees leading to more debris burning can result in increased wildfire risk.

Light fuels and vegetation dry out quickly, and wildfires can easily spread with the amount of natural fuel on the ground.

If recent storms have damaged the trees on your property, take some time to assess the damage and realistically determine if you can handle the cleanup yourself or if it's time to call in some professionals. Watch for damaged branches and bent trees that could fall. Always prioritize your physical safety before attempting any cleanup activities.



Recent bouts of severe storms have left broken branches, downed trees and debris across much of Wisconsin. Check fire danger before conducting any outdoor burning activities. PHOTO CREDIT | WISCONSIN DNR

Tips To Safely Handle Flood Debris & Storm Cleanup

The DNR recommends taking flood-damaged debris to your local transfer station for proper disposal. In addition, many communities have brush collection services or a site where you can drop off leaves, pine needles and branches they may have been scattered during the storms. Perhaps there's even enough debris on your property to warrant the rental of a brush chipper.

If your property is large enough, you can create a brush pile away from

If none of these alternatives work for your situation and your community allows for burning the material, timing the burn around periods of wet weather may be the safer choice.

Before you light that match, take the following precautions:

- Check for burn permit requirements and burning restrictions first. You can find information on the DNR's Burning Restrictions webpage or by calling your nearest DNR office or local fire department.

danger by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or visiting WisBurn.

- Keep debris piles small, with the area around the pile cleared of any burnable vegetation.
- Have a water source and tools handy – and if the fire escapes your control, dial 911 immediately.
- Stay with the fire until you have completed the burn. Make sure it's out before you leave by dousing the ashes with water and mixing it in. Then, just to be safe, add more water. If any branches or larger pieces of

typically lasts from snowmelt to "green up," when the grasses are green and leaves are budding out again.

Fire danger and burn restrictions can change daily this time of year. It's important to check before burning as fire officials will suspend burn permits as needed when fire danger becomes elevated.

Check current fire danger, wildfire reports and burning restrictions on the DNR website.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Townsend Town Hall



TOWNSEND - You are invited to participate in the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive, which will be hosted at Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. The blood drive is scheduled for April 27, 2026, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

You can plant seeds of hope for patients in need by donating lifesaving

blood this spring. When you come to give blood on April 27, 2026, you'll receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. Visit redcrossblood.org for details. Think of it as their way of saying thanks for your support and helping lives blossom.

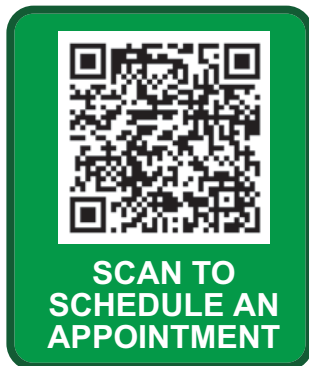
The Importance of Blood Donation

Blood is a perishable resource that can only be provided by volunteer donors. The Red Cross reports that someone in the United States requires blood every two seconds, making it critical to replenish blood supplies constantly. All blood types are urgently

needed, with a special emphasis on type O negative, A negative, and B negative donors. To find out more about donor eligibility, please visit redcrossblood.org.

How to Schedule Your Appointment

To book your appointment to donate blood, simply scan the QR code and locate the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Townsend Town Hall by entering zip code 54175.




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Town of Mountain Announces Town Supervisor Vacancy

MOUNTAIN – The Town of Mountain has announced that the position of Town Supervisor became vacant as of April 13, 2026.

filling this role. Applicants are required to submit a letter of interest expressing their qualifications and motivation for the position.

at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. Applicants should ensure their letters of interest are submitted prior to this meeting for consideration.

Application Process for Interested Candidates

The Town Board is inviting applications from individuals interested in

Special Town Board Meeting Details

A Special Town Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, beginning

Additional Information

For more information and specific application requirements, please refer to the official notice printed on page 11.



As Powers Service Center in Townsend is getting boats ready for summer, blue tarps that are removed are put under pontoon as shown in the above photo. If you need a tarp, take one—reusing them helps limit landfill waste.

PHOTO CREDIT | TOWN OF TOWNSEND

Powers Service Center Summer Boat Uncovering

Used Blue Tarps Available At No Cost

TOWNSEND – It's that time of year again when Powers Service Center in Townsend begins preparing boats for the summer.

As the blue tarps are removed from the

pontoons stored over the winter, these tarps will be placed under the fronts of the pontoons, as shown in the photo above.

Reuse of Tarps
If you find yourself in need of a tarp and see one available, you are welcome to take it. Powers Service Center values working collaboratively to ensure these tarps are reused,

helping to keep them out of the landfill.

Respect and Location

Please be considerate of the property and the staff at Powers Service Center.

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Teen Summer Internship Program at Lakes Country Public Library

LAKESWOOD – The Lakes Country Public Library is offering a Teen Summer Internship program for young individuals aged 14 to 17. This opportunity allows teens to gain valuable

experience working in a library environment, while earning a stipend of \$2,000 for their participation over a ten-week period.

Internship Details

Eligibility: Teens between the ages of 14 and 17 who have an interest in libraries.

Hours: Interns must be available to work 20 hours per week throughout the ten-week

summer program.

Location: Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Hwy 32, Lakewood.

Transportation: Applicants are required to have their own

transportation to the library.

Application Process

Applications can be found online at lakescountrylibrary.org under the “About Us”



SCAN TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION

tab, or by scanning the QR code.

Deadline:

Applications must be submitted by Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Submission Options:

Applications may be delivered in-person, emailed to lak@lakescountrylibrary.org, or mailed to Lakes Country Public Library, PO Box 220, Lakewood WI 54138.



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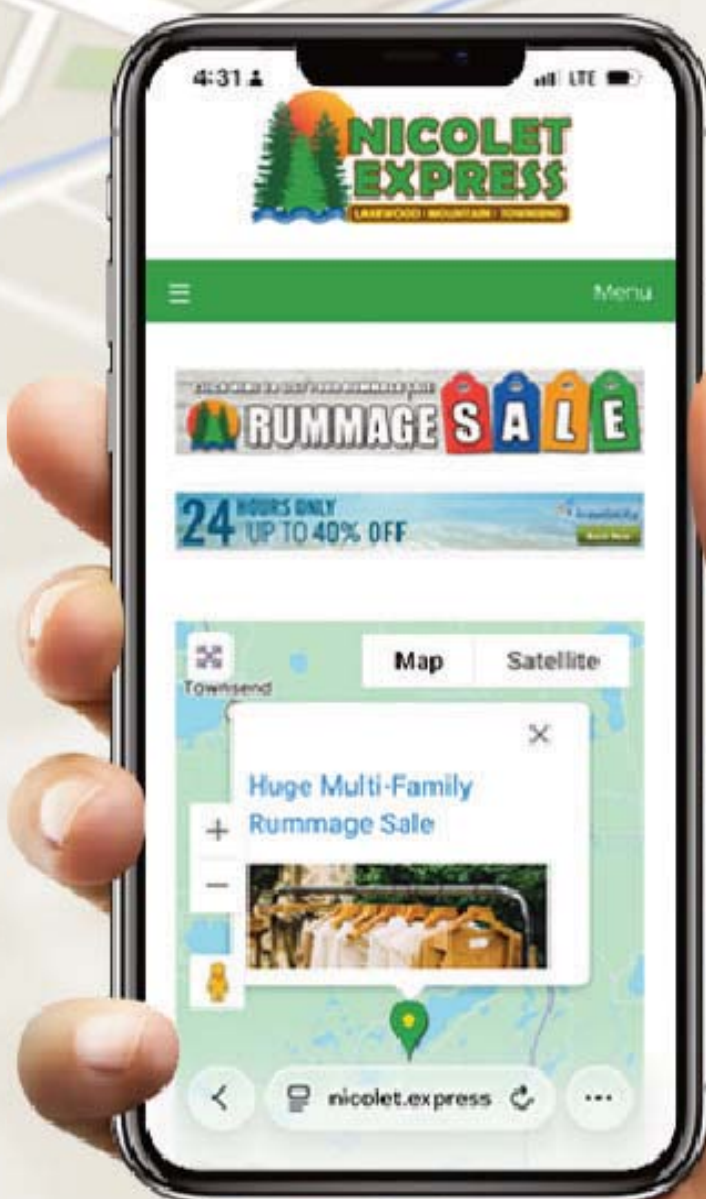


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Support and Resources for Those Affected by Storms or Flooding

MADISON – If you were affected by recent storms or flooding, help is available to support you during this challenging time.

Accessing Cleanup and Referral Services

You can use 211 Wisconsin to connect with storm or flooding cleanup services. Additionally, 211 Wisconsin can provide referrals to help you find other essential services you may need.

Emotional Support

If you are feeling stressed or overwhelmed and need someone to talk to, the Disaster Distress Helpline is here to help. This service offers free, 24/7, confidential, and multilingual emotional support. Call or text 800-985-5990 to speak with a trained counselor.

Next Publication:
May 22, 2026
News and Advertising Deadline:
May 15, 2026

Rummage Sale App is active now through September 13, 2026

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Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club Safety Class Recap

A Sustainable Approach

The rising production costs of weekly papers led to difficult decisions for those publications. We believe that a less-frequent publication can meet readers' informational needs, while also connecting local businesses to audiences they might not reach through social media alone.

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Our printed Event Calendar provides basic details about local happenings. For more comprehensive information—including maps, links to social media, websites, and more—refer to our online Event Calendar.

411 Directory

Our online 411 Directory offers detailed information about local businesses. You can search by category, keyword, or distance from your location, making it easy to find what you need.

Rummage Sale App

If you're planning a rummage sale this summer, be sure to check out our online Rummage Sale app. You can post your sale with detailed information, including dates and times, item categories, descriptions, and photos. The service is completely free. The Rummage Sale app will be available through September 13, 2026.

Contact Us

If you have comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at info@nicolet.express.



The Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club held their ATV Safety Class at Riverview Community Center on April 18, 2026. Eleven participants completed the course. PHOTO CREDIT | PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS

RIVERVIEW – The Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club successfully concluded their ATV Safety Class on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Riverview Community Center.

Eleven dedicated participants completed the course and are now proud graduates. Congratulations to all for their hard work and commitment to safe riding!

Special Guests and Support

Recreational Officer Garrett Baeten from the Oconto County Sheriff's

Office and Warden Jamin Leuzzo from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources joined the class, generously sharing their expertise. Their participation made the day even more engaging and educational for everyone involved.

The event was also made possible thanks to the dedicated Safety Trainers, whose preparation and instruction were essential to the course's success.

Community Contributions

A heartfelt thank you goes out to

Animal's Bear Trail Bar & Grill for their generous donation.

This support enabled each graduate to receive a certificate for a free helmet from Lakewood Motorsports, Inc., promoting safety for all new riders from day one.

Congratulations to the Graduates

The entire community is proud of these new riders and deeply appreciates everyone who helps ensure safety remains a top priority on the trails.

Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club's Celebrate Spring Spaghetti Dinner

CROOKED LAKE – The Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club hosted their 17th annual Celebrate Spring Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The club extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended

the event, expressing hope that all guests enjoyed the evening as much as the members enjoyed serving them.

A special thank you is extended to Aric Schmiling of Von Stiehl Distillery for generously donating the wine for this

year's event.

The club also wishes to thank the Crooked Lake Store for providing the ice and the Blind Walleye for helping save money on the hamburger used in the delicious spaghetti sauce.



The Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club held its 17th Celebrate Spring Spaghetti Dinner on April 11, 2026. The club thanks all attendees. PHOTO CREDIT | CROOKED LAKE/MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB

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Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club to Conduct ATV Safety Certification Course



Anyone who operates a ATV on public riding areas must have completed an ATV safety certification course if they are at least 12 years of age and were born on or after January 1, 1988.

PHOTO CREDIT | WI DNR

TOWNSEND – An ATV Safety Certification Course conducted by Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The class will be held at the Townsend Town Hall

located at 16564 Elm Street, Townsend. Each student who passes the exam will receive a free helmet from Lakewood Motorsports.

Anyone who operates an ATV on public riding areas—including trails,

frozen waters, routes, and permitted county or forest lands—must have completed an ATV safety certification course if they are at least 12 years of age and were born on or after January 1, 1988.

Anyone who operates a UTV on public riding areas—such as trails, frozen waters, routes, and permitted county or forest lands—must have completed an ATV safety certification course if they are at least 16 years of age and were born on or after January 1, 1988.

For further details regarding general age and safety certification requirements, refer to the Wisconsin ATV/UTV regulations.

Operators are required to carry their safety certification card at all times and must present it to law enforcement officers upon request.

Anyone is eligible to take the class and receive a safety education completion certificate. For children under 12 years of age, the certificate becomes valid once the child turns 12. Students with special needs should

contact the instructor at least two weeks prior to the course to request special accommodation. Students should bring a lunch and drink for a break around noon.

The course emphasizes instruction on laws and regulations, ethics, personal safety, and the proper use of all-terrain vehicles. For more information or to register, go to the WI DNR Go Wild site at gowild.wi.gov/customers/safetiedclass. (Select Course Type: ATV, then County: Oconto for course in Townsend).



The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition is Serving Over 250 People Each Year

LAKEWOOD – The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC) is a non-profit volunteer social service organization. Headquartered in Lakewood, it was formed to meet a variety of social service needs in a historically underserved area of northeast Wisconsin. The 875 square mile service area includes parts of Northern Oconto County, Western Marinette County, Southern Forest County and Eastern Langlade County.

The NCAC is comprised of a six-person volunteer board of directors and approximately 50 other direct service volunteers. This past year, approximately 265 people benefited from NCAC services. Examples of these services include the following:

- Offering a “lending closet” where durable medical equipment can be obtained for use
- Providing rides to essential medical appointments

- Administering and helping to fund a community meal program
- Coordinating an in-home health care registry and providing resource referrals
- Assisting with tasks of daily living to help people remain in their homes
- Offering emergency financial assistance for fundamental needs

- such as utilities and food
- Helping with home improvements such as installing wheelchair ramps and grab bars
- Conducting monthly educational seminars and socialization opportunities
- Providing shoes, clothing and Holiday baskets to those in need

The NCAC is funded by grants from Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, The McCauslin Lions, The Wabeno Lions, the Ora Lea Bartels Foundation, M.G. Gille, Inc., Hidden Bear Trial ATV Club, St. Mary of the Lakes Christian Women, and the Pirates of the Northwoods. Other sources of operational revenue include

fundraisers and private party donations. Private party donations can be made at the Laona State Bank, Lakewood Branch, or mailed to the NCAC at P.O. Box 251, Lakewood, WI 54138. The NCAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The NCAC can be found online on Facebook or contacted via telephone at 715-833-6222 or by email at ncac4u@gmail.com.

2026 Spring Flea Market at Silver Cliff Community Center

SILVER CLIFF – The Silver Cliff Community Center Committee will be hosting the 2026 Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 30, 2026. The event will run from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and will be held at the Silver Cliff Community Center, located at W13393 Cty Rd C, Silver Cliff. Crafters, hobbyists, quilters, and artisans are

invited to reserve a 10' x 10' booth area for a fee of \$10.00. Participants must bring their own tables, chairs, and supplies. Vendor setup will occur between 7:00 and 8:00 am. Food will be available at the event. For additional details or to reserve a booth, contact Kate at 906-399-7886 or email kignat@gmail.com.

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Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum



The Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum is located behind the clubhouse at McCauslin Brook Golf Course located at 17067 Club House Ln in Lakewood.

PHOTO CREDIT | KATHLEEN MARSH

Tours Begin May 30 for 2026 Summer Season

By **KATHLEEN MARSH**
Nicolet Express Contributor

LAKESWOOD - The Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood will again be welcoming guests this summer. Free guided tours are available from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm every

Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Operated by Holt Lumber Company from 1881 to 1927, the camp is listed on the national historic register. This must-see treasure is the oldest logging camp in America sitting exactly where it was built.

The site authentically depicts lumberjack life during the Big Pine Era. The camp is handicapped accessible and recommended for ages ten and up. Holt & Balcom Logging Camp

Museum is located in northern Oconto County off Highway F, one and one-half miles east of Lakewood. Turn right into the McCauslin Golf Course and Country Club, then follow the signs. Park in the Golf Course lot; the Museum is directly behind the clubhouse.

Admission is free but donations to cover the cost of camp maintenance are greatly appreciated. For private tours, call 715-276-3505 or email kathiemarsh@outlook.com.

Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition April Speakers Series

LAKESWOOD – The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition is pleased to announce its April Speaker Series event, which will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. This month’s topic is on the Wolf River ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center). Learn about services offered by our ADRC.

The presentation will be delivered by Oconto Falls (OF) ADRC Supervisor-Nicole Korth, the OF EBS, Kristy Kellner and OF DCS-Elizabeth Ausloos. Attendees are invited to enjoy coffee and snacks while gaining valuable insights into the services offered by the ADRC. If you require transportation to attend the event, the Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC) offers free rides. Simply call NCAC at 833-482-6222, and they will arrange transportation for you at no cost. This initiative reflects NCAC’s commitment to active community involvement, which remains central to their mission.

The event will take place at the Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition, located at 15351 State Hwy 32 in Lakewood.



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Joan White's Art Exhibition at Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport



Joan White is presently exhibiting her artwork at the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport. The 2026 Summer Exhibition, entitled "A Passion for Nature," includes 16 of her pieces, which will remain on view until August 8, 2026.

PHOTO CREDIT | JOAN WHITE

RHINELANDER – Local Lakewood artist Joan White is currently showcasing her artwork at the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport. This exhibition is presented in collaboration with ArtStart – Rhinelander, the organization responsible for installing Joan White's pieces at the airport. The 2026 Summer Exhibition, titled "A Passion for Nature," features 16 of Joan's works, which will be on display through August 8, 2026.

About ArtStart – Rhinelander

ArtStart's mission is to strengthen the community through arts education and cultural engagement. As a prominent cultural center in the region, ArtStart organizes exhibitions, programs, and events that leverage art to foster cultural, social, and economic development within the community.

About Joan White and Her Artwork

Joan White is known for her visionary paintings that inspire viewers to perceive nature in new and imaginative ways. She possesses a unique ability to spot shapes and images within wood grain, blending transparent oil paints on distinct wood slices to create lifelike forest scenes. While Joan often works with burl wood, she utilizes a variety of wood types, each meticulously prepared by her husband, Ken. Her creative process is extensive, often taking weeks or months to complete, and she finishes

every piece with several layers of sealer.

Joan earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. After graduation, she relocated to Lakewood, where she transformed a former church into her art studio. Joan's imaginative approach has earned her a global following, with her works collected by enthusiasts around the world and featured in international publications.

Joan White's Nicolet Studio is located at 15346 Gage St, Lakewood.

Dusty Trails ATV Club Meat Raffle Fundraiser at South Shore Pub & Grille

MOUNTAIN – The Dusty Trails ATV Club will be hosting a Meat Raffle on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the South Shore Pub & Grille, located at 12369 S Shore

Road, Mountain. The event will begin at 12:00 noon.

Purpose of the Fundraiser

The proceeds from the meat raffle will support the Dusty Trails ATV Club in their efforts to build a dedicated facility for their equipment. This new building will

enhance the Dusty Trails ATV Club's operations and enable them to continue serving their members and the community for many years to come.



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Dinner Concert Featuring Rupert Wates at The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro

Reel in the Meat – Meat Raffle



The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro in Wabeno will feature Rupert Wates, acclaimed for his unique mix of acoustic folk music with jazz, vaudeville, and cabaret influences on Saturday, May 23, 2026. PHOTO CREDIT | RUPERT WATES

WABENO – The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro will be hosting a special dinner concert featuring the music of Rupert Wates on Saturday, May 23, 2026. The evening will begin with dinner served at 5:00 pm, followed by a live concert performance.

About Rupert Wates

Rupert Wates is known for his eclectic blend of acoustic, melodic art and folk music, infused with elements of jazz, vaudeville, and cabaret. He has released twelve solo albums, each of which has earned critical acclaim and international airplay. His songwriting is

widely respected, with artists from the UK, Canada, and the U.S. covering his work. Notably, two full-length tribute albums—*Crazy Puzzle* (2015) and *Wide Open Heart* (2017)—were produced independently by other performers and feature songs composed entirely by Wates. In 2016 alone, more than 20 recordings of his songs were released.

Performance Highlights and Recognition

Wates performs an average of 120 shows annually across the U.S., Canada, and Europe. He favors intimate listening rooms, where audiences can

connect deeply with his storytelling. His dedication to live performance earned him the Artist of the Year award from Concerts In Your Home in both 2013 and 2016, and he was their most-booked performer for five consecutive years. In 2018, he was a finalist in the Kerrville New Folk Song Contest and was recognized as an Emerging Artist at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival.

Location Details

The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro is located at 1784 Maple Ave in Wabeno. For additional information or to reserve your spot, please call 715-889-1179.

CRIVITZ – Who says fishing is the only way to catch dinner? Gather your luckiest friends and join the Reel in the Meat – Meat Raffle at The Blind Walleye. This lively event promises an afternoon filled with laughter, cold drinks, and a chance to win delicious meat prizes. The raffle is proudly hosted by the Crooked Lake Community Center Renovation Board, ensuring a fun atmosphere for all participants.

What to Expect

Spin the wheel of fortune for your shot at mouthwatering prizes. Will you walk away with a juicy steak, a savory sausage, or perhaps a mystery surprise that has everyone’s taste buds tingling? There’s only one way to find out—come play and test your luck!

Event Details

Date: May 16, 2026
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: The Blind Walleye, 15463 Cty Hwy W, Crivitz

Highlights

- Meaty prizes and surprises
- Refreshing cold drinks
- Friendly competition among friends
- Fun stories and tall tales

Support a Good Cause

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Crooked Lake Community Center Renovation Project, helping to enhance and revitalize this important community space.

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Bad Habitz Live at Potawatomi Casino Hotel's Rock & Brews Stage



The Potawatomi Casino Hotel in Carter will host Bad Habitz on April 24 and 25. Bad Habitz is a skilled rock trio inspired by 80's music, recognized for their energetic performances and musical talent. Their confidence and maturity appeal to fans across generations.

PHOTO CREDIT | BAD HABITZ

CARTER – The Potawatomi Casino Hotel in Carter will present Bad Habitz at the Rock & Brews Stage on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 2026. Both shows will take place from 7:00 to 11:00 pm, offering guests an exciting night of live music and entertainment.

that draws heavy inspiration from 80's rock music. This three-piece group is known for their musical skill and dynamic stage presence. Audiences are consistently impressed by the band's seasoned maturity and confidence, which resonates with fans of all ages.

quickly developed into a powerful and dynamic act, becoming a favorite in the local music scene. Their rise in popularity has been marked by several accolades, including four nominations for the WAMI Award (Wisconsin Area Music Industry) in the Rising Star category.

They won this award in 2014, and were also nominated for Best Rock Band in both 2017 and 2018.

About Bad Habitz

Bad Habitz is a talented and hardworking rock band

Band History and Accomplishments

Formed in 2010 as a family project, Bad Habitz

Andy Braun Live at Little Topsy

TOWNSEND – Experience an evening of live music with Andy Braun at Little Topsy on Saturday, May 23, 2026,

from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Little Topsy is located at 17875 State Hwy 32 in Townsend.

About Andy Braun

Andy Braun is a WAMI-nominated singer-songwriter known for his folk-rock sound. His performances feature acoustic guitar, vocals, and harmonica, offering audiences a diverse selection of cover songs as well as thoughtful original material. Growing up as the son of a church choir director and organist, Andy began singing at an early age. His love for music blossomed through listening to classic oldies on the radio. Influenced by legendary artists such as the Beatles, Neil Young, and Townes Van Zandt, Andy started playing guitar and performing during his high school years. He has since participated in numerous bands and musical groups, dedicating himself to a full-time music career since 2007.

“Shameless Attempts.” He followed up with the

album “22” in 2022. Both albums are available on

CD and all major digital platforms.

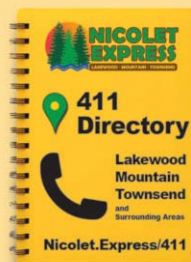


Andy Braun, a WAMI-nominated singer-songwriter, performs folk-rock with acoustic guitar, vocals, and harmonica, playing both covers and original songs.


PHOTO CREDIT | ANDY BRAUN

Discography

In 2021, Andy released his debut album of original songs titled



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Annual Kids Fishing & Breakfast on the Pond



MOUNTAIN – Celebrate the beginning of fishing season by joining the Friends of Mountain Fire Department for their annual Kids Fishing & Breakfast on the Pond. This exciting event will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Event Details

The gathering will be held at the Mountain Fish Pond, located at Fireman's Park. Fireman's Park is situated behind the horses and logging wagon, right in

Mountain, providing a scenic and accessible location for families.

Activities

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast prepared for attendees.

Take part in fishing activities—perfect for kids, as the pond is stocked with fish before the event thanks to generous community

donations.

Participate in the excitement of a giant raffle basket, exclusively for the kids.

Community Involvement

This event is made possible through the support and donations from the local community, ensuring the pond is ready and full of fish for young anglers to enjoy.




Entertainment Guide

Your online guide for entertainment in Lakewood, Mountain, Townsend and surrounding areas!



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Notice

Town of Mountain Town Supervisor Appointment

A Town Supervisor position in the Town of Mountain was vacated as of April 13, 2026. The Town of Mountain Board is seeking any person(s) interested in being appointed to complete the remainder of the term of office. The appointed individual will complete all responsibilities necessary from the date appointed until April 20, 2027. An individual that wishes to be considered for this appointment must be a qualified elector of the Town of Mountain. A qualified elector is defined in WI SS 6.02, as a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, who has resided in the election district for at least 28 consecutive days before an election at which he or she offers to vote and who is not disqualified by virtue of one or more of the impediments described in WI SS 6.03.

The individual appointed for the Town Supervisor vacancy is to attend Town Board meetings, workshops, be responsible for the areas appointed by the Town Board Chairperson, and all other duties as required by WI State Statutes.

This position will be on the agenda at a Special Town Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, starting at 6:00 pm at the Town Office. Please provide a letter of interest for this position to the Town Clerk/Treasurer prior to this meeting. The letter of interest can be dropped off at the Town Office (13503 Weller Road), mailed to Town of Mountain, PO Box 95, Mountain, WI 54149-0095, or emailed to clerk-treasurer@townofmountain.wi.gov. If you have any questions, you can contact the town office at 715-276-6474.

Dated this 17th day of April 2026
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Lynn Kauzlaric, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Time: 4:55 pm
Town office & website

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Friday, April 24

CARTER - Bad Habitz will perform at the Rock & Brews Stage from 7:00-11:00 pm. Bad Habitz is a talented and hardworking rock band that draws heavy inspiration from 80's rock music. Potawatomi Casino Hotel, 618 WI-32.

Saturday, April 25

CARTER - Bad Habitz will perform at the Rock & Brews Stage from 7:00-11:00 pm. Bad Habitz is a talented and hardworking rock band that draws heavy inspiration from 80's rock music. Potawatomi Casino Hotel, 618 WI-32.

WABENO - Experience an evening of music with Mike Magee at The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro, 1784 Maple Ave, Wabeno. Dinner served at 5:00 pm with entertainment to follow. Call 715-889-1179 for reservations.

Monday, April 27

TOWNSEND - Consider to donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Townsend Town Hall located at 16564 Elm St. Appointments at 800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org.

TOWNSEND - CenterShot youth archery every Monday from 4:30-6:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. 17963 WI-32. Sessions are \$10, message Donald Solberg on Facebook for more information.

Tuesday, April 28

LAKEWOOD - Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition's April Speaker Series event, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. This month's topic is on the Wolf River ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center). Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition is located at 15351 WI-32, Lakewood. Call 833-482-6222 for more information.

MOUNTAIN - Yin Yoga class with Brenda every Tuesday at Mountain Community Center, 13412 WI-32 at 3:00

pm. These classes are suitable for all abilities. Bring a mat and any needed props. A \$7 donation is suggested per class. Contact Brenda Bostwick at 608-751-9120 for more information.

MOUNTAIN - Release & Relax Yoga class with Brenda every Tuesday at Mountain Community Center, 13412 WI-32 at 4:00 pm. These classes are suitable for all abilities. Bring a mat and any needed props. A \$7 donation is suggested per class. Contact Brenda Bostwick at 608-751-9120 for more information.

Friday, May 1

TOWNSEND - Paul Hanna will be performing at Wendt's Sandbar Resort 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Wendt's Sandbar Resort is located at 16688 Nicolet Dr.

Saturday, May 2

MOUNTAIN - Join the Friends of Mountain Fire Department for their annual Kids Fishing & Breakfast on the Pond/Fundraising Breakfast at 14320 McAllen St.

MOUNTAIN - Donna & Tony's invites you to participate in their first annual Bucket Golf Tournament. Registration begins at 11:00 am and live entertainment throughout the event. Donna & Tony's is located at 16695 WI-32.

LAONA - Laona's 3rd Annual Ken-Ducky Derby On The Rat River starting at 12:00 noon and the duck release is scheduled for 3:00 pm. Tickets for the Ken-Ducky Derby can be purchased in person at various locations around Laona. Jake's Bar, located at 5217 Linden St, Laona, will host the event.

TOWNSEND - Paul Hanna will be performing at Wendt's Sandbar Resort 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Wendt's Sandbar Resort is located at 16688 Nicolet Dr.

Monday, May 4

TOWNSEND - Wendt's Sandbar Resort will hosts

Music Trivia Night every Monday starting at 6:00 pm. Test your knowledge of music history and more in a fun, friendly competition at 16688 Nicolet Dr.

Tuesday, May 5

LAKEWOOD - Stitch Happens is a welcoming community of individuals who share a passion for knitting, crocheting, and a variety of other stitching crafts. The group convenes on the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Lakes County Public Library, located at 15235 WI-32, Lakewood.

Wednesday, May 6

WHITE LAKE - Consider to donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at White Lake High School located at 405 Bissell St. Appointments at 800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org.

Saturday, May 9

CRANDON - The Mole Lake Casino Lodge will host their Annual Mother's Day Arts & Crafts Show from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Event Center at Mole Lake Casino Lodge located at 3084 WI-55, Crandon.

SURING - The Dusty Trails ATV Club will be hosting a Meat Raffle at the South Shore Pub & Grille, located at 12369 S Shore Rd. The event will begin at 12:00 noon. The proceeds from the meat raffle will support the Dusty Trails ATV Club in their efforts to build a dedicated facility for their equipment.

ATHELSTANE - Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill will welcome musician Dani Maus for a live performance beginning at 3:00 pm. Dani Maus is an indie rock artist whose music draws on a wide range of influences, highlighting her versatility and creativity. Tony's

Dockside Bar and Grill is located at W12327 Eagle Rd.

Sunday, May 10

PICKEREL - Northwoods Inn, home of the Bucktails Lounge, invites you to celebrate Mother's Day with live music and a special dinner menu designed to make the day extra memorable for mothers and their families. Northwoods Inn is located at N8905 WI-55. Call 715-484-3522 for more information or reservations.

Saturday, May 16

ATHELSTANE - Eddie's Crew will perform at Tony's Dockside Bar & Grill beginning at from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. The group is composed of retired musicians returning to the stage. Tony's Dockside Bar & Grill is located at W12327 Eagle Rd.

CRIVITZ - Reel in the Meat - Meat Raffle at The Blind Walleye hosted by the Crooked Lake Community Center Renovation Board starting at 3:00 pm. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Crooked Lake Community Center Renovation Project, helping to enhance and revitalize this important community space. The Blind Walleye is located at 15463 Cty Hwy W.

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Wednesday, May 20

LAKEWOOD - Sam Saeger, President of DarkSky Wisconsin, will be giving a

talk at the Lakes Country Public Library on from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. DarkSky Wisconsin is dedicated to raising awareness and fostering appreciation for the beauty and significance of Wisconsin's dark skies. The organization's mission is to highlight the value of natural darkness in our daily lives. Lakes Country Public Library is located at 15235 WI-32.

Thursday, May 21

DOTY - Consider to donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Doty Community Center located at 14899 Cty Rd T, Doty. Appointments at 800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org.

Saturday, May 23

MOUNTAIN - Donna & Tony's Bar & Grill will host Karaoke with DJ by Tom starting at 3:00 pm. Donna & Tony's Bar & Grill is located at 16695 WI-32, Mountain.

ATHELSTANE - Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill will feature Karaoke with DJ Edie starting at 3:00 pm. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy great music, good company, and a lively atmosphere. Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill is located at W12327 Eagle Rd.

CRIVITZ - Trail Side Bar and Grill will be hosting the band Carbon Road starting at 6:00 pm. They perform a variety of rock, country, and pop hits, featuring music from both

past and present. Trail Side Bar and Grill is located at 15506 County Hwy W.

WABENO - The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro will be hosting a special dinner concert featuring the music of Rupert Wates. Wates performs an average of 120 shows annually across the U.S., Canada, and Europe. The evening will begin with dinner served at 5:00 pm, followed by a live concert performance. The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro is located at 1784 Maple Ave. Call 715-889-1179 for reservations.

CRIVITZ - Trail Side Bar and Grill will be hosting the band Carbon Road starting at 6:00 pm. Carbon Road is a cover band from Green Bay that performs a variety of rock, country, and pop hits, featuring music from both past and present. Trail Side Bar and Grill is located at 15506 Cty Hwy W.

TOWNSEND - Experience an evening of live music with Andy Braun at Little Topsy from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Andy Braun is a WAMI-nominated singer-songwriter known for his folk-rock sound. Little Topsy is located at 17875 WI-32.

Does your organization have an event that you would like to share? Please send your information to news@nicolet.express or call 715-276-8001.

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