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Wabeno Area Players Serve Laughs With “The Pie Ladies”

WABENO – The Wabeno Area Players will perform a readers’ theater of the comedy, The Pie Ladies, on Friday, June 26 at 5:00 pm. The one-hour performance will take place outside of the historical Wabeno Public Library.

The Pie Ladies, for the eleventh year in a row, are baking two dozen pies for the church fundraising dinner. The Pie Ladies feel the pressure of competition from the Cake and Brownie Ladies. Their first challenge is to decide if they should create different pies, namely apple bourbon and chocolate rum, or stick with the traditional, old standbys of apple, blueberry and cherry.

Though hard at work, the attention of the six ladies drifts to thoughts of the best parts of life. Much to the dismay of their pastor and the possible new choir director, they decide to form their own country where they could live a simple life with the best of the past and the future.

They consider a name for their country, what a constitution would be like, and how life could be better. The comedy intensifies when a reporter from the local newspaper ditches coverage of their pie making talents and reports on their thoughts and possible actions. Though completely innocent, the Pie Ladies are unaware that their ideas may be illegal. Oops!!!

The Pie Ladies is written by Sherry Piros and is directed by Carol Bartlein. The Wabeno Public Library is located at 4556 N Branch Street.



The Wabeno Area Players will stage a readers’ theater performance of the comedy The Pie Ladies outside the historic Wabeno Public Library on Friday, June 26, at 5:00 pm. Pictured above is from a recent performance of The Pie Ladies performed at The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro in Wabeno.

PHOTO CREDIT | BOB STRAZISHAR

Wabeno Lions 6th Annual “Mega Meat Raffle” Disc Golf at Lakewood Pavilion on July 5

The Wabeno Lions Club is excited to announce that the popular “Mega Meat Raffle” has been scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. The event will again be held at the Wabeno Firefighter’s Grounds. What better way to break away from the long winter and restock your freezer. There will be plenty of meat prizes, raffles, food, and refreshments. The Lions will provide cold storage for your meat prizes so you can enjoy your time without the worry of needing a cooler. Don’t miss the popular early drink specials from 11:00 am to noon.

This is the Lion’s major fundraiser of

the year. All money earned during this event is returned to the local communities.

A partial list of functions and groups funded by the Wabeno Lions are:

- Wabeno Scholarships
- St John’s Food Pantry
- Wabeno Elementary Book Fair
- Rebel Youth Football & Rebel Youth Basketball Camp
- Wabeno Museum Fund
- High School Awards Banquet & Senior Banquet
- Eye Glass Early Screening program
- Padus Gun Club Youth Trap Shoot
- Annual Veterans Golf Outing

LAKWOOD – Community members will have a chance to learn the basics of disc golf during a casual outdoor event on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at the Lakewood Pavilion.

The event begins at 2:00 pm and will feature several mini-games designed to introduce new players to the sport. Participants do not need prior experience, making the gathering a welcoming opportunity for anyone who has been curious about disc golf or is simply looking for a fun way to spend time outdoors.

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf, but instead of clubs and balls, players throw flying discs toward

targets. The sport has grown in popularity because it is easy to learn, inexpensive to play and suitable for a wide range of ages and skill levels.

Those interested in taking part should meet at the south parking lot of the Lakewood Pavilion, located at 17258 North Road in Lakewood. The mini-games will give participants a chance to practice throwing, learn basic rules and see what the sport is all about in a relaxed setting.

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encourage community involvement throughout the year. As preparations continue, the Chamber is encouraging supporters to consider one of the

available sponsorship levels. Sponsorships provide an opportunity for area businesses and individuals to show their support for the community while helping make Mardi Gras 2026 a successful event. Scan the QR code to download the sponsorship form. Completed Mardi Gras sponsorship forms may be mailed to:
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Local Aquatic Invasive Species Internship

LAKEWOOD – Wheeler Lake in Lakewood became one of the first lake associations to hire an intern in Oconto County. Current interns Claire Pommerich and Shane Clark are making numerous efforts to educate residents/public about lake health and keep Wheeler Lake Clean. Water quality data, Invasive Species Surveys, and educational events are just the tip of the iceberg. They encourage other lakes in the area to look into getting an intern and support the health

of their lakes. They were awarded three grants this summer to help them fulfill their duties. Working with Oconto County specialists, they invite you to join their events and trainings to expand your knowledge on non-native species and how we can keep our treasured lakes clean. If you are interested in getting an intern or learning more about their efforts contact Claire at cpomm089@uwsp.edu.



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Lake Association to Host Fundraiser in Townsend

TOWNSEND – The Pickerel Chain Lake Association will hold its annual community picnic, known as the Summer Bash, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm on July 18, 2026, at Oughton Park in Townsend. The event serves as the organization’s primary fundraiser and

supports its work to protect water quality, fish populations and the overall health of the Pickerel Chain lakes for residents and visitors.

Organizers say the Summer Bash will feature food, beer, a live DJ and music, along with face painting, children’s

games, meat raffles, basket raffles, a cash raffle with a \$1,000 top prize and other family-friendly activities. Proceeds from the event help cover the cost of three winter aeration systems designed to prevent fish die-off, support the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program

aimed at stopping invasive species, and fund seasonal maintenance at public boat landings and parks, including beach cleanup and the installation of a handicap-accessible dock. Oughton Park is located at 16448 Pickerel Lake Road in Townsend.



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Wabeno Third Graders Meet New York Pen Pals in Memorable Virtual Exchange



After months of anticipation, Mrs. Jacki Seeber’s third-grade class at Wabeno Elementary School finally met their New York City pen pals in a virtual exchange, capping a yearlong letter-writing project.

PHOTO CREDIT | WABENO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WABENO - After months of anticipation, students in Mrs. Jacki Seeber’s third-grade class at Wabeno Elementary School finally met their pen pals from New York City during a virtual exchange that marked the culmination of a yearlong letter-writing project. The online meeting connected Mrs. Seeber’s Wisconsin class with Mrs. Jamie Littlefield’s third graders in New York City for the first time since the students began exchanging letters in September. Throughout the school year, the classes sent “snail mail” every other month, giving students an opportunity to build friendships and practice meaningful communication beyond digital screens. Through their letters, Wabeno students learned

about daily life and school in New York City, including the surprising size of their pen pals’ school. Students discovered that the New York school serves more than 800 children across four levels and remains in session through the end of June. Educators said the exchange gave students more than just a lesson in writing. It helped them form genuine connections across state lines, and as the Google Meet came to a close, students shared smiles, excitement and hopes of someday meeting in person. School leaders expressed appreciation for Mrs. Jacki Seeber, Mrs. Jamie Littlefield and their students for making the project a success, calling it a powerful reminder that friendship can grow across any distance.



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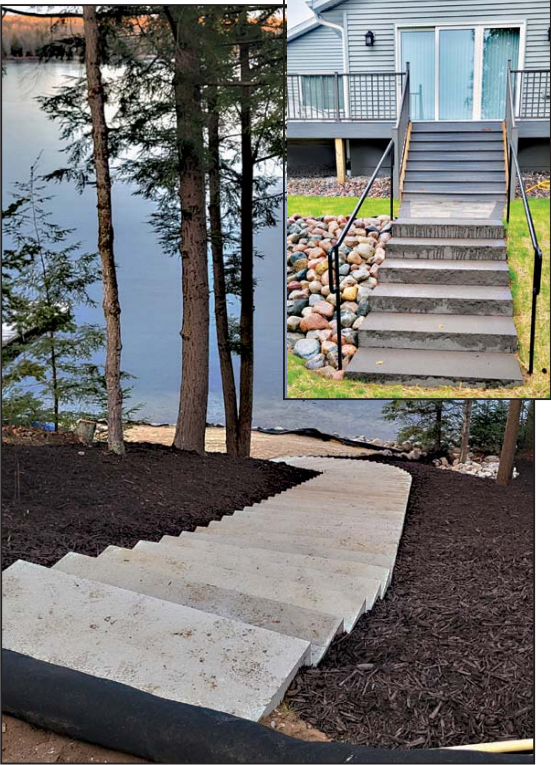


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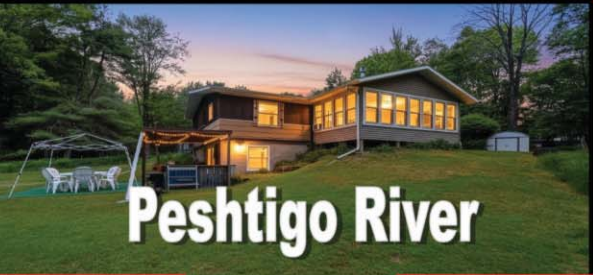


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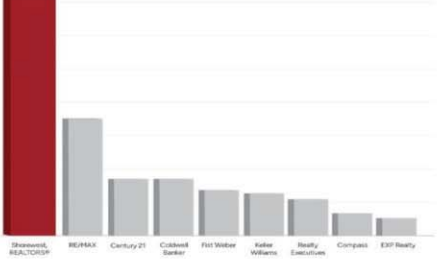
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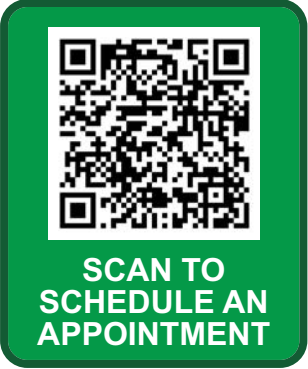
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Lakewood Trout Hatchery Legacy Benefits

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The Lakewood Trout Hatchery opened in 2016 with support from the Northern Oconto County Trout Alliance. For more than a decade, volunteers have continued helping Northern Oconto County and nearby communities. Pictured above, from left to right are Dave Kalous – Volunteer, Jonathan Hoffman - DNR Biologist, Jesse Landwehr - DNR Biologist and Joe Liebnam – Volunteer.

PHOTO CREDIT | LAKEWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LAKEWOOD – The Lakewood Trout Hatchery opened in 2016 with help from the Northern Oconto County Trout Alliance. More than a decade of volunteer effort at the Lakewood Trout Hatchery is continuing to make an impact across Northern Oconto County and beyond. This past spring, funds connected to the hatchery were distributed through the Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce, supporting

local youth, outdoor and community organizations while donated equipment was sent to hatcheries across Wisconsin. Over 50 volunteers worked alongside the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for 10 years to help raise trout for area streams. With assistance from a DNR biologist, 17 fish feeders originally purchased through donations from families, individuals,

organizations and businesses were also donated to other locations, where they will continue to be used in hatchery operations around the state. The Chamber said the project's many supporters made a lasting positive impact and offered thanks to everyone involved. Organizations receiving funds or equipment included:

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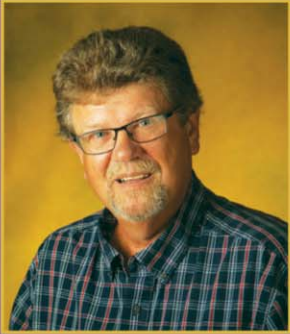
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Know Where To Go: When Fireworks Bite Back

GREEN BAY – With Independence Day on the horizon, many people are stocking up with (or already have) fireworks. While an exciting and fun time for many, it also fuels a surge in patients with injuries within emergency rooms and urgent care clinics. If your fireworks show brings a bigger bang than expected, Emplify Health wants to make sure you know where to go to get the right care.

“It’s not uncommon for there to be a spike in patient numbers around the summer holiday,” said Emplify Health by Bellin urgent care physician, Dr. Michael Hodulik. “From burns and scraps to the loss of fingers, we see it all. But not all injuries require a trip to the emergency room, and in turn, some injuries require more immediate care. That’s why it’s important to know where you should go so that you receive the right care at the right time.”

Head to the emergency room if you experience the following:

- Loss of finger, hand or other body part due to firework explosion/impact
- Third-degree burns or burns covering a large area of the body
- Burns to the face, eyes or throat (especially if breathing becomes difficult)
- Any direct eye injury from a firework
- Loss of consciousness or severe confusion
- Uncontrolled bleeding that won’t stop with applied pressure

- Signs of shock: pale or clammy skin, rapid heartbeat, feeling faint or disoriented

Head to urgent care if you experience the following:

- Small, minor burns without severe blistering
- Minor cuts or lacerations that need cleaning and possibly a stitch or two
- Mild eye irritation from smoke or debris (not direct impact)
- Bruising or swelling from a close-range pop or small explosion
- Ringing in the ears after a loud blast that isn’t worsening or severe

“When injuries happen, adrenaline can take over, and we may forget where the best location to go is,” added Dr. Angie Qualio, Emplify Health by Bellin emergency physician. “If you’re generally unsure whether your injury is serious, trust your instincts, and go to the emergency room. We would always rather see you there than have you wait too long on something that needed immediate attention.”

Fireworks safety is no joke, yet hundreds of injuries happen every year. To help keep you out of the emergency room and urgent care clinics, remember to keep a bucket of water or garden hose around, supervise children closely (even with sparklers), never attempt to relight fireworks, and leave the professional-grade fireworks to the professionals.



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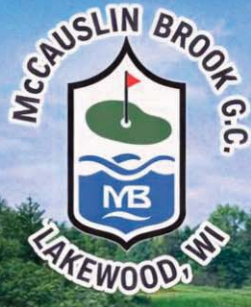


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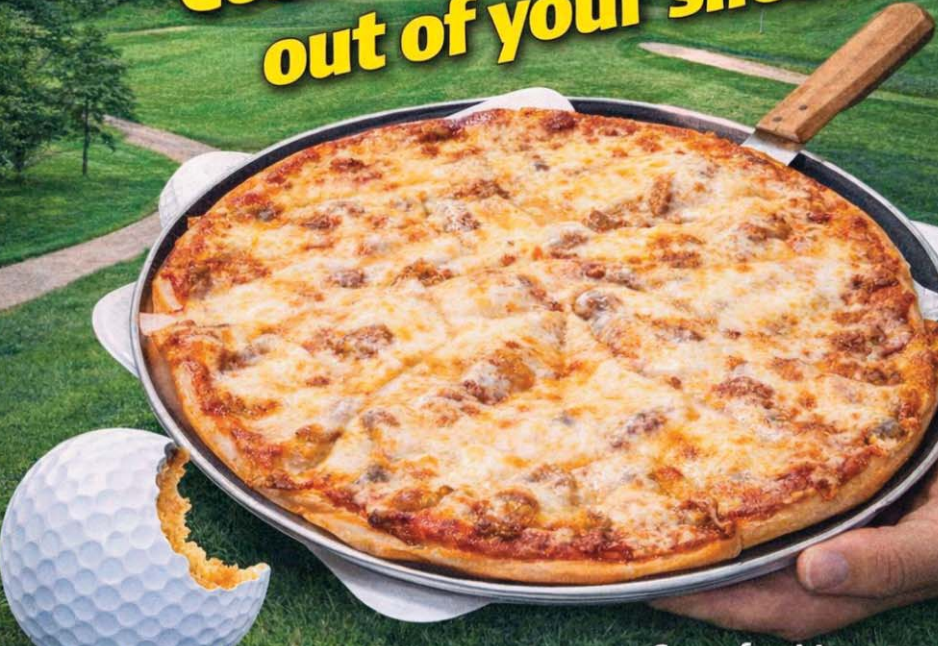
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Downtown Wabeno will host the 11th Annual Wabeno Art & Music (WAM) Fest on Saturday, July 18, 2026, with vendors invited to apply for the 4th annual Street Market, set for 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the heart of the festival. PHOTO CREDIT | FRIENDS OF WABENO

Wabeno Art & Music Fest Returns July 18 with Live Music, Street Market and Family Activities

WABENO - Downtown Wabeno will come alive with music, vendors, food and community activities when the 11th Annual Wabeno Art & Music Fest, known as WAM Fest, returns Saturday, July 18, 2026. Organizers are also inviting vendors to apply for the festival's fourth annual Street Market, which will place local makers, sellers and organizations in the center of the day's festivities.

The Street Market is scheduled from

11:00 am to 4:00 pm in downtown Wabeno, giving festivalgoers a chance to browse vendor booths while taking in the sights and sounds of the annual celebration. Live music is set to begin at 11:00 am and continue until 10:00 pm, creating a full day of entertainment for residents, visitors and families.

WAM Fest is coordinated by Friends of Wabeno, a local nonprofit volunteer group that works to support the community's economic strength and

overall vitality through promotions and improvement projects. This year's music lineup includes Two Halves of a Whole, Phyl Wickham, Dan Flannery, Dane & Becky, Mark Dvorak, Box'd Wine, Gin, Chocolate & Bottle Rockets, Jennifer Reisch and Bogfoot. Admission to the festival is free.

In addition to music and shopping, the festival will feature pickleball lessons from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., along with raffles and an art contest.

Food and drink will also be available throughout the event, making the festival a daylong gathering for people looking to enjoy local entertainment, creative work and community spirit.

Organizers said vendor applications are now open for those interested in participating in the Street Market. Additional information is available through the festival's Street Market page, or email info@wabenoartandmusicfest.org.

Library Speaker Series to Explore the Storied History of the Town of Townsend

LAKEWOOD – The Lakes Country Public Library will turn its July Speaker Series spotlight on the history of Townsend, Wisconsin, with a presentation that traces the Northwoods community's journey from a rough logging settlement to a thriving modern town.

The program, "Historic Townsend, Wisconsin," will be presented by Kathleen Marie Marsh from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Wednesday, July 15, 2026, in the Zeller Community Room at Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32 in Lakewood. The event is part of the library's ongoing Speaker Series and is open to the public.

Marsh's presentation will examine how one tiny, tenacious Northwoods settlement transformed itself over time. Originally known as Johnson Siding, Townsend began in the late 19th century as a remote logging outpost. Its early years were shaped by timber, rail transportation and the rugged

conditions that defined many northern Wisconsin communities during the logging era.

The coming of the railroad helped make Townsend a transportation hub, moving sawlogs to mills and later carrying passengers through the region. Over the decades, the community evolved beyond its logging roots, eventually becoming known for its lakes, recreation, seasonal residents and strong local identity.

Marsh, a local historian and author, has written extensively about Townsend's past, including books that document the people, places and events that shaped the town. Her program is expected to include historical details, local stories and rare images that help bring the community's past to life.

A free book will be available to attendees while supplies last. For more information about the event or the Lakes Country Library Speaker Series, contact the library at 715-276-9020.



Originally known as Johnson Siding, Townsend began as a remote logging outpost in the late 19th century and has since grown into a thriving modern town.

Help Butterflies, Bees and Other Pollinators During Pollinator Week

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages Wisconsinites to help native pollinators during Pollinator Week, June 22-28, and year-round with a few simple lawn care habits, volunteering and supporting the Endangered Resources Fund.

Most of Wisconsin’s pollinators are bees (Wisconsin has over 400 native species, including 21 bumble bee species), butterflies and moths. Wisconsin’s pollinators also include hummingbirds and some beetles and flies.

These animals and other pollinators visit flowering plants and transfer pollen from flower to flower. Pollinators help plants grow fruits and seeds and encourage genetic diversity.

“Wisconsin is an important part of the remaining habitat for the federally endangered rusty patched bumble bee, and we’re the state with the largest remaining population of Karner blue butterflies. Between these two rare insects and the hundreds of other pollinators in Wisconsin, caring for natural areas and our lawns and gardens can help,” said Jay Watson, DNR insect ecologist. “Whether you become a volunteer or practice lawn care that’s free from pesticides, there are small ways anyone can help.”

In addition to supporting rare pollinators, flowering plants provide food to common pollinators, other insects, people and wildlife. They also support healthy ecosystems that clean the air and stabilize soil. Despite the importance of native pollinators, many are facing population declines.

Here are some ways Wisconsinites can help pollinators:

Around Your Home And Garden

Plant native plants and trees. Early blooming trees are an important food source for bumble bee queens emerging from hibernation and many other insects, which in turn provide food for birds and bats. Flowers that bloom throughout the growing season, like columbine, bee balm and goldenrod, fill your garden with colors for months while providing food to pollinators.

Add host plants for butterfly larvae. Many butterflies depend on specific plants for their lifecycles, like milkweeds (monarchs),

violets (meadow fritillary) or dill, fennel and parsley (black swallowtails). If you live in the Karner’s native range, consider planting their only host plant, native wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*).

Provide shelter. Pollinators need safe places to rest, avoid bad weather and spend the winter. You can maintain brush and leaf piles, and avoid trimming hollow-stemmed plants through the winter.

Maintain a yard free from pesticides and herbicides. Insecticides can harm or kill pollinators, and herbicides can kill the

plants they need to survive.

In Your Community

Become a trained volunteer with the Wisconsin Bumble Bee Brigade, Wisconsin Karner Blue Butterfly Volunteer Monitoring Program or Monarch Larva Monitoring Project.

Show off your love of Wisconsin’s pollinators with new rusty patched bumble bee or Karner blue butterfly merch.

Support pollinator conservation efforts with a donation to the Endangered Resources Fund.



A dusted skipper rests among vegetation. The small prairie butterfly remains a species of special concern in Wisconsin, where habitat loss and changing land conditions continue to affect populations.

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Wabeno to Welcome Alumni and Visitors for Reunion Weekend and WAMfest

WABENO – Wabeno High School alumni and community members will gather July 17–19, 2026, for a reunion weekend that coincides with one of the town’s signature summer events. Organizers say the weekend will include free camping, with electrical hookups available for an additional cost, and the main reunion day will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 18. Food and refreshments will be provided

by the Rebel Football team and Friends of Wabeno. Attendees can follow updates through the Wabeno High School Alumni Facebook page and the event’s Facebook page. The celebration will also overlap with the annual WAMfest, the Wabeno Art and Music Festival, adding another attraction to what organizers expect will be a lively weekend in the community.

Mountain to Mark Independence Day with Constitution Reading at Log Cabin Museum

MOUNTAIN – A new Independence Day tradition is being planned in Mountain this summer, as community members gather for a public reading of the U.S. Constitution at the Log Cabin Museum in Fireman’s Park. The program is scheduled for 9:00 am Saturday, July 4, 2026, at Mountain’s Log Cabin Museum, 13925 State Highway 32/64. The event will begin with the ringing of the historic school bell 13 times, a symbolic tribute to the original 13 colonies, followed by the reading of the U.S. Constitution. Attendees will also be invited to

enjoy a piece of the nation’s birthday cake as part of the morning observance. The program is expected to conclude at 9:30 am, allowing residents and visitors to begin their Fourth of July with a short patriotic gathering in a historic community setting. Organizers said they hope the Constitution reading, bell ringing and birthday cake will grow into a lasting Mountain tradition that brings people together each Independence Day to reflect on the nation’s founding principles and celebrate the community’s history.



Entertainment Guide

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



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Christian Thrift Store Awards Scholarships to Area Seniors

WABENO - The Christian Thrift Store, located at 4541 N Branch St in Wabeno, is pleased to announce the establishment of a scholarship program for Wabeno and Laona graduating seniors. A \$1,000 scholarship to a student attending a four-year accredited Wisconsin college and a \$1,000 scholarship to a student attending a two-year accredited Wisconsin technical college is to be awarded. Provided that eligibility requirements are

met, these students will continue to receive \$1,000 each year, up to four or two years, at the respective colleges.

In May, scholarships were awarded to Wabeno seniors Summer Moravec, who will be attending UW-Madison and Destiny Dudek, who will be attending Nicolet College. Ike Johnson, who will be attending UW-Stout, and Nathan Mihalko, who will be attending Northwest Technical College were

recipients from Laona High School.

Congratulations to these four recipients. The Christian Thrift Store is proud to provide financial assistance to our local students.



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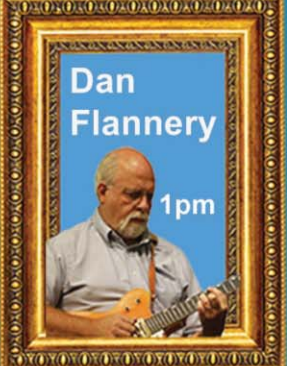
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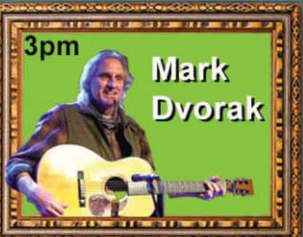
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Town of Townsend Plans Full Day of Fourth of July Festivities, Fireworks Finale

TOWNSEND – Residents and visitors will have a full slate of Independence Day activities to enjoy in Townsend on Saturday, July 4, 2026, as the community prepares for a daylong celebration featuring shopping, food, music, a parade and fireworks. Events are planned throughout the day at the Townsend Town Hall, the Fire Department on Highway 32 and Veterans Memorial Park, giving families and guests several places to gather as the holiday unfolds.

The celebration will begin with a craft fair from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Townsend Town Hall, where attendees can browse handmade items and goods from local artisans. The fair is expected to offer an early start to the holiday for shoppers looking for locally made crafts, seasonal items and one-of-a-kind finds before the afternoon parade and evening events.

At the Fire Department on Highway 32, food and drinks will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., giving parade-goers and visitors a place to stop throughout the day. Meat raffles will be held during the festivities, and a prize drawing is scheduled for 5:00 pm. Live music will also be part of the lineup, with Lovin’ Country performing from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

One of the day’s featured events, the annual Fourth of July Parade, is set to begin at noon. Organizers are encouraging spectators to line the streets and support the local organizations, community groups and parade participants taking part in the holiday tradition. Those planning to attend are encouraged to review the Townsend Parade Route Map for information about the updated parade route and available parking options.

The festivities will continue into the evening at Veterans Memorial Park, where concessions will be sold from 7:00 pm until dusk. Attendees will be able to purchase snacks and drinks on site, but carry-ins will not be allowed. The day will conclude at dusk with a fireworks display, providing a bright and celebratory finish to Townsend’s 2026 Independence Day events.

With activities scheduled from morning through night, the celebration is designed to give residents, seasonal visitors and families multiple ways to take part in the Fourth of July holiday. From the morning craft fair to the evening fireworks show, Townsend’s Independence Day schedule offers a full community gathering centered on local traditions, entertainment and patriotic celebration.

Kids’ Fishing Tournament Set for June 27 in Townsend

TOWNSEND – Young anglers will have a chance to cast their lines and compete for fun during the annual Kids’ Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 27, 2026, in Townsend.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. at Wendt’s Sandbar & Resort, 16688 Nicolet Road, with a registration fee of \$1.00.

Participants will have the morning to fish before bringing their catches back for the official weigh-in. All fish must be weighed in by 1:00 p.m., giving families plenty of time to enjoy the outdoors while still keeping the tournament on schedule.

The annual event is designed to

introduce children to fishing while encouraging outdoor recreation and family participation.

For many young competitors, the tournament offers a chance to learn fishing basics, spend time on the water and take part in a local tradition centered on friendly competition.

Families planning to attend should arrive in time for registration and make sure all entries are brought to the weigh-in before the 1:00 p.m. deadline. With a low entry fee and a morning of fishing planned, the tournament is expected to offer a simple, family-friendly way for children to enjoy the start of summer in Townsend.

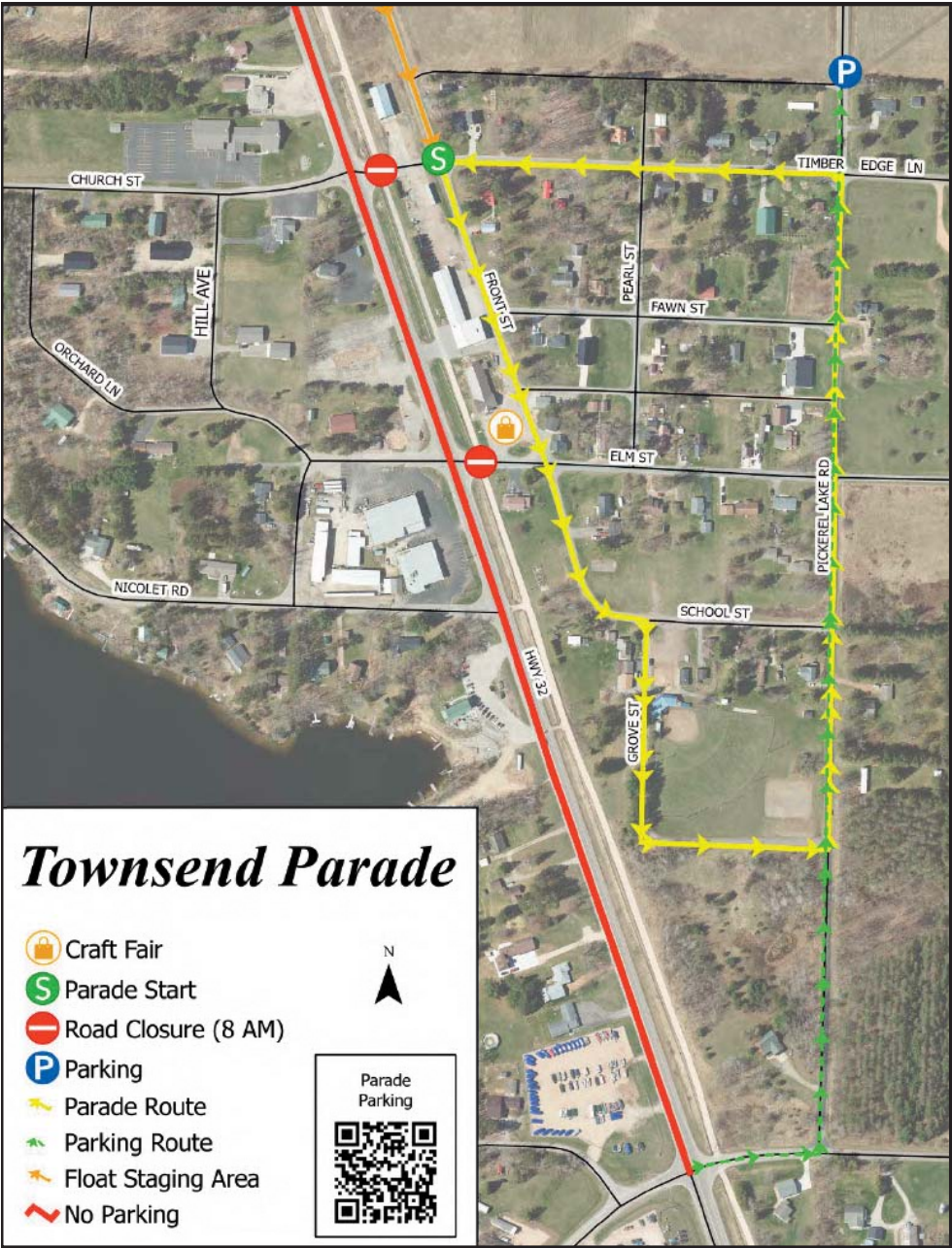
Doty Fire Association’s Annual Fireman’s Picnic on August 1

DOTY – The Doty Fire Association will host its annual Fireman’s Picnic from noon to 5:00 pm Saturday, August 1, 2026 at the Doty Fire Department, 14899 County Road T in Mountain, organizers announced.

The community event will feature a variety of activities and prize opportunities, including meat raffles supplied by Edelman Meats, bucket raffles, door prizes and a money raffle with a top prize of \$1,000. A second-

place prize in the money raffle will be a GP6500 Generac generator.

Featured raffle items include a TriStar Model Cobra III Camo 12-gauge shotgun and a Homa Model 1500 30-06 bolt-action rifle. The picnic will also include chalk art with Boots, along with food, drinks and an ice cream social. Proceeds and donations from the event will go toward supporting the Doty Fire Association and its work to serve the community.



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Friday, June 26

WABENO - The Wabeno Area Players will perform a readers' theater of the comedy, The Pie Ladies, outside the historical Wabeno Public Library located at 4556 N Branch St, Wabeno at 5:00 pm.

TOWNSEND - Wendt's Sandbar Resort located at 16688 Nicolet Rd in will be hosting the musical duo of Jeremiah Shoen and Jimi Anderson from 8:00 to 11:00 pm.

Saturday, June 27

MOUNTAIN - Enjoy an afternoon of live music as Homegrown performs at Everbreeze Resort, 13755 Lakeshore Ln, starting at 2:00 pm. Guests can enjoy a relaxed resort setting while listening to an engaging acoustic performance.

MOUNTAIN - Experience the music of Full Circle Band beginning at 3:00 pm at Donna & Tony's Bar and Grill located at 16695 WI-32. Full Circle Band hails from Green Bay. Their repertoire features Rock, Blues, and Funk, with a touch of high-octane Country.

ATHELSTANE - Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill, located at W12327 Eagle Rd, will host a live performance featuring The

Mix beginning at 3:00 pm. The Mix is a relatively new Polka band from Pulaski, Wisconsin. Composed of young musicians, the group is dedicated to preserving and continuing the Polka music tradition.

TOWNSEND - The Kid's Fishing Tournament will take place with registration beginning at 7:00 am at Wendt's Sandbar & Resort, 16688 Nicolet Rd. The registration fee is \$1.00, and all fish must be weighed in by 1:00 pm.

LAKEWOOD - The Friends of the Library will be cooking lunch at the SuperValu Brat Shack from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to help support the library. Stop by and enjoy a delicious lunch of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, brats, and hot dogs while supporting an important community resource. Lakewood SuperValu is located at 17186 Twin Pines Rd.

MOUNTAIN - Live music fans will have a chance to enjoy an evening of familiar favorites when BackStage from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at South Shore Pub & Grill, located at 12369 S. Shore Road in Mountain.

WABENO - The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro will host a dinner concert featuring

singer-songwriter Pat Wiley. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, with the concert beginning after the meal. For more information or to make a reservation, call 715-889-1179. The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro is located at 1784 Maple Ave.

MOUNTAIN - Country Rewind will perform at Skinny Dave's, located at 12848 State Hwy. 32/64 starting at 7:00 pm.

Monday, June 29

TOWNSEND - Roll up your sleeves and share the love! from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Townsend Town Hall located at 16564 Elm St. Spread kindness. Donate blood.

Friday, July 3

ATHELSTANE - Plan for an exciting Karaoke Night with DJ Edie at Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill located at W12327 Eagle Rd. The entertainment will start at 4:00 pm. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy great music, good company, and a lively atmosphere.

MOUNTAIN - Join Friends of Mountain Fire Department at 13412 WI-32 for an Independence Day Event of summer fun. Food, drinks, kids games, face painting, meat raffles, basket raffles and fireworks. Starts at 8:00

am with breakfast, kids games from 1:00-4:00 pm, meat raffles with meats from Edleman Meats from 4:30-8:00 pm and fireworks at dusk.

MOUNTAIN - Broken Arrow will perform at Skinny Dave's, 12848 State Hwy 32/64 in Mountain starting at 8:00 pm. The band is made up of two sets of brothers, all of whom have long been involved in music.

PICKEREL - Northwoods Inn, located at N8905 State Hwy 55, Pickerel will host Celebrate America 2026. Rok Brigade, America's ultimate Def Leppard tribute band, will headline with high-energy 1980s rock anthems. Opening act Makayla Lee will bring her powerful voice and personal storytelling to the stage. Gates open at 4:30 pm. Wristbands are required. Youth tickets are \$10.00; day-of gate tickets are \$30.00. Call 715-484-3522 for details.

Saturday, July 4

MOUNTAIN - Check out Karaoke with DJ by Tom on starting at 3:00 pm at Donna & Tony's Bar & Grill located at 16695 WI-32.

ATHELSTANE - Plan for an exciting Karaoke Night with DJ Edie at Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill located at W12327 Eagle Rd. The event will take place beginning at 3:00 pm. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy great music, good company, and a lively atmosphere.

CRIVITZ - The Cougars will perform at Trail Side Bar and Grill located at 15506 County Hwy W starting at 6:00 pm. The Cougars Band is made up of six talented musicians and a dedicated sound

engineer. Renowned for their high-energy performances and focus on fun, the group is led by three dynamic female vocalists

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CROOKED LAKE - The annual Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department parade will return with organizers planning a special celebration tied to the nation's 250th birthday. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am, bringing local participants and spectators together for a family-friendly Independence Day tradition. Participants who have joined the parade in previous years are asked to report to R&D's Retreat, 15345 Cty Hwy W, between

9:30 and 10:15 am, where they will be directed into position. New participants or anyone with questions can contact Steve at 920-619-6259 and leave a message.

WHITE LAKE - The 3rd Annual Boulder Lake Lodge Family Fun Palooza will take place from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Boulder Lake Lodge Resort 17250 Boulder Lk Ln.

MOUNTAIN - Dragon is scheduled to perform at South Shore Pub & Grille, located at 12369 S Shore Rd from 12:30 to 4:30 pm, offering guests an afternoon of live music at the local venue. Dragon, the stage name of Tom Wroblewski, performs on multiple keyboards, adds harmonica, and delivers vocals across a range of genres including rock, blues, country, standards, and original music. With full PA and lighting, the act is designed to create a sound that can range from an intimate solo performance to the feel of a full band.

MOUNTAIN - Jordan Blanchard will perform at Skinny Dave's located at 12848 State Hwy. 32/64 starting at 9:00 pm, offering area residents and visitors a chance to celebrate the Fourth of July with an evening of country music at the local venue.

All listed events are subject to change without notice.

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

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We are looking for an enthusiastic, kid-friendly lead teacher in our child care program. The position is full-time. This person should have the qualifications to be a lead teacher. We offer a competitive hourly wage and some benefits. The position is for 40 hours per week and reports directly to the Daycare Director.

To apply for the position, please contact the District Office for an employment application or go to www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/Employment Opportunities/Employment Applications. Send the application and registry level, along with any recommendations to William Taylor, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

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NOTICE
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POSITION OPENING
Lakewood Sanitary District is looking for a Plant Manager/Operator. Under the direction of the Sanitary Commissioners, the Plant Manager will be responsible for overall management of the Sanitary District Facility and the Town's Collection System. The Manager will also perform general maintenance and repairs on facility equipment, and be responsible for maintenance of all structures and grounds. Individual will also have to handle and process wastewater samples, maintain proper records of lab analysis, issue system permits and be available for off duty emergency calls. The Manager needs to obtain a Wastewater Operator Certification from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) within one year of hiring. Salary will be consistent with experience and certifications. If interested, contact the Lakewood Sanitary District at 715-276-1830 or email lakewoodsanitary@centurytel.net for more detailed position requirements. Position will remain open until filled.

Invitation for Quotes

The School Board of the School District of Wabeno Area will receive sealed quotes for the supply items listed below. All quotes must be received in the District Office located at 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, no later than 3:00 P.M., Thursday, July 16, 2026, either in person or by mail to: William Taylor, District Administrator, School District of Wabeno Area, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please label the quote envelopes accordingly.

Milk supplies for the 2026-2027 school year

Milk is to be delivered (1% & Fat Free Chocolate) in one-half pint cartons (approximately 110,000) per year for student use, in one-half gallon cartons (approximately 200 per year) for kitchen use, and chocolate 1% milk in one-half pint cartons (approximately 20,000 per year) for student use. If a price adjustment is expected, please include an adjustment clause in the quote. Any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Swearingen at 715.473.2592, ext. 1211. Please mark envelope "Milk Quote".

Fuel for buses for 2026-2027 school year

Gasoline - Approximately 7,500 gallons conventional no-lead w/o Ethanol

Diesel fuel - Approximately 8,000 gallons #2 w/winter blend as needed

The above must be delivered in bulk, on a keep full basis, to the School District's tanks in Wabeno. If a price adjustment is expected, the vendor should include an adjustment clause in the quote. Please submit the quote on a per gallon basis, less federal tax, based on prices on July 13, 2026, and include your price sheets for that date. Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern 715.889.0607. Please mark envelope "Gas & Diesel Quote".

Propane for 2026-2027 school year

Approximately 6,500 gallons needed per year to be delivered between September 1, 2026 and August 30, 2027.

The above must be delivered on a keep full basis (approx. every 3 weeks) to the School District's 1,000 gallon propane tank in Wabeno. If a price adjustment is expected, the vendor should include an adjustment clause in the quote. Please submit the quote on a per gallon basis, less federal tax, based on prices on July 13, 2026, and include your price sheets for that date. Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern 715.889.0607. Please mark envelope "Propane Quote".

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes. The quotes will be presented at the regular school board meeting on August 5, 2026.



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