



Downtown Lakewood will host the 14th annual Festi-Fall on Saturday, September 19, featuring more than 70 vendors offering handmade goods, antiques and unique merchandise. Live music at businesses throughout downtown will add to the seasonal celebration.

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LAKEWOOD – Downtown Lakewood will come alive with seasonal sights, sounds and flavors when the Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce presents its 14th annual Festi-Fall celebration Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Several members of this year’s Festi-Fall committee were part of the original group that started the event. Since then, the celebration has grown into a popular community tradition featuring shopping, food, wine tastings and entertainment throughout downtown Lakewood.

More than 70 vendors will offer handmade goods, antiques and unique

merchandise. Festivalgoers can browse jewelry, rugs, jams, paintings, photography, ceramics, metal art, wood carvings, quilted items and a variety of other crafts.

Live music has always helped distinguish Festi-Fall from traditional craft shows. Musicians will perform at businesses throughout the downtown area during this year’s celebration.

The entertainment lineup includes Pat Lowery at WoodPickers, performing mostly country and classic rock; Dan Flannery at Nicolet Pharmacy, featuring music from the 1970s, classic country, Americana and fingerstyle guitar; and JT Crocker at Sweet Memories Candy Shoppe,

offering an acoustic mix with something for everyone.

JB Demille will perform rock and original music at Northern Perks Coffee Shop and Frame of Mind Gallery & Boutique while Bill Ziegler will perform on saxophone at Joan White’s Nicolet Studio. Dominic Villasenor will entertain visitors at the green banana with classic jazz, original music and old-school favorites.

Festivalgoers will also have plenty of food choices. Four food trucks will serve Mexican food, barbecue, international cuisine and sandwiches. Several community nonprofit organizations will offer soups, brats and burgers, while the popular “Pie Ladies”

will sell homemade treats. Wine tastings will also be available.

Festi-Fall provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to enjoy autumn entertainment while supporting local vendors, artists, nonprofit organizations and businesses.

Admission is free, and the event will be held rain or shine. Parking areas and public restrooms will be available in the downtown area.

With live music, food, wine tastings, handcrafted items and activities spread throughout downtown, Festi-Fall promises festive fun around every corner—and plenty of opportunities for visitors to get their steps in while exploring Lakewood.

Christian Thrift Store Celebrates 20 Years of Giving Back

WABENO – The Christian Thrift Store in Wabeno is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a Customer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 11:00 am. to 4:00 pm.

Located at 4541 N. Branch St., the store first opened on November 18, 2006. For two decades, it has provided affordable clothing, shoes, household goods, books, tools, small furniture and other merchandise while supporting people and organizations throughout the area.

The store began as a dream of

Presbyterian ministers Dennis and Wendy Mannering, with 11 area churches involved in establishing the community-centered organization. Today, proceeds continue to assist people facing financial difficulties and support nonprofit organizations serving area residents. The store also contributes to worldwide missions.

One of its most anticipated programs is the annual Jingle Shop for Kids, which will be held December 1, 2 and 3 this year. During the event, children can select gifts for everyone in their families—including their pets—giving

young shoppers an opportunity to experience the joy of giving during the Christmas season.

The store’s work is made possible by volunteers who sort and clean donations, price merchandise and stock the shelves. Community members interested in helping are encouraged to contact the store.

Donations of home décor, jewelry, games and puzzles are especially needed. Anyone uncertain about whether an item can be accepted should call the store at 715-473-6509.

Regular shopping hours are Tuesday

through Friday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Donations are accepted Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations should be brought to the last rear door along Cavour Street.

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feature a full day of food, entertainment, and family-friendly activities, including free corn served throughout the day and a bounce house for children. Organizers say the celebration is designed to bring neighbors, families, and supporters together for a day of fun while recognizing the Auxiliary’s long-standing role in the community.

A major highlight of the celebration will be 35 rounds of meat raffles with 10 meats per round. Meats provided by Edleman’s Meats. The raffles are expected to be a popular draw for attendees and will add to the festive atmosphere of the anniversary gathering.

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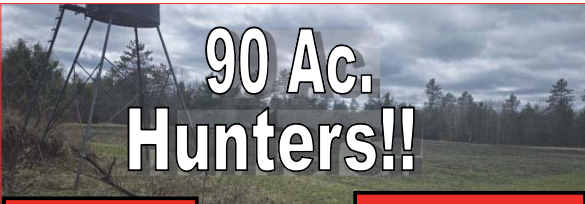


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Think Before You Ride – What You Need to Know About E-bike Safety

By DR. CIARA YOEP *Emplify Health by Bellin Pediatrician*

E-bikes and electric scooters have become a familiar sight in neighborhoods, on trails and along city streets. They’re convenient, fun and decently priced, which makes them appealing to just about everyone. But as their



DR. CIARA YOEP

popularity has surged, so has something less welcome: increases in injuries that can leave many with serious lacerations or fractures. According to reports from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, emergency room visits tied to micromobility products — a category that includes e-bikes and e-scooters — climbed steadily from 2017 to 2023. The University of California San Francisco conducted its own report and found that e-bike injuries have doubled every year during that same five-year stretch. It’s a startling statistic worth paying attention to. The nature of these injuries is what is the most concerning. Because riders are

exposed — no doors, no seatbelts, no airbags — a crash can cause internal injuries, road rash and fractures. These are the kinds of injuries that can take someone out of work, out of their sport and away from the activities they love for weeks or months and sometimes permanently. E-bikes and traditional bicycles differ greatly. E-bikes are heavier, faster, more powerful and can easily pick up speed, especially on hills or when starting from a stop. Even riders who are experienced on a regular bike can be caught off guard. That gap between expectation and reality is where many accidents begin. The good news is that e-bike injuries are preventable, and it starts with a few straightforward habits:

- Wearing a helmet on every single ride.
- Practice controlling, accelerating and stopping your device BEFORE you head onto trails and roads. (Consider looking for a model with speed controls to set max speeds)
- Stay alert and visible when operating. Don’t assume drivers and pedestrians can see you.
- Follow trail and road rules and signs.
- Check with your local municipality on rules and guidelines for micromobility devices.

E-bikes offer genuine benefits, from getting more people outdoors and active to saving costs on gas by reducing car trips. The goal isn’t to discourage riding but to make sure that when you head out, you come back home safely. A few smart habits can make all the difference.

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Beef-n-Dogs Brings Chicago-Style Street Food to Lakewood

LAKESWOOD – Chicago-style favorites are coming to downtown Lakewood as Andrew and Mary Meehan prepare to open Beef-n-Dogs in the former Subway location at 15345 State Highway 32, Unit B.

Originally from Chicago, Andrew moved to the Northwoods four years ago to care for his parents in Crandon. His

passion for culinary arts—particularly comfort street food—inspired him to launch Beef-n-Dogs last October.

Starting with a hot dog cart, Meehan served authentic Vienna Beef Chicago-style hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches and Maxwell Street Polish sausages. The business received an enthusiastic response and

quickly earned a reputation for serving flavorful Chicago favorites.

In March, Andrew and Mary expanded the venture by purchasing their first enclosed food trailer. As support for Beef-n-Dogs continued to grow, customers encouraged the couple to consider opening a permanent location.

After plenty of thought

and late-night conversations, the Meehans decided Lakewood would be an ideal home for a Chicago-style hot dog and beef stand. With assistance from Bob Smith of Forest TV & Appliance, they secured the former Subway space and began transforming it into a vibrant new eatery.

Beef-n-Dogs will operate on a limited schedule while the couple completes the dining room and settles into the new location. A grand opening is anticipated later in September.

“We appreciate everyone’s patience during this transition and look forward to becoming a staple in the Lakewood community,” the Meehans said. “We can’t wait to serve delicious food and share our passion for comfort street food.”

Hours, grand-opening details and other updates will be posted on the Beef-n-Dogs Facebook page.



The former Subway location at 15345 State Highway 32, Unit B, behind Forest TV & Appliance in Lakewood, is being transformed into Beef-n-Dogs, a new eatery serving authentic Vienna Beef Chicago-style hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches and Maxwell Street Polish sausages.

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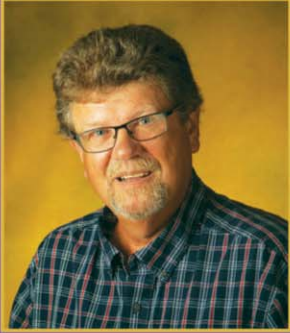
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Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church Donates Back-to-School Gift Bags

LAKEWOOD – School-age children served by the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood are receiving a little extra encouragement as they prepare to head back to the classroom.

On behalf of the Mission/Evangelism Committee at Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church, Suzanne Bell recently presented back-to-school gift bags for children served by the food pantry.

The gift bags are filled with a variety of treats and small toys, including single-serve snacks, yo-yos, light-up bouncing balls and finger lights.

The church committee organized the project as a way to help local students get excited about the upcoming school year while also sharing a



Suzanne Bell, representing the Mission/Evangelism Committee at Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church, recently presented back-to-school gift bags to children served by the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood.

PHOTO CREDIT | FOREST LARGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

message of encouragement and faith. Organizers hope the bags will bring some added fun to the start of a new

school year and remind the children that God loves them.

The Christian Food Pantry serves individuals

and families in the Lakewood area and is located at 15290 State Highway 32 in Lakewood.

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Monarchs Complete Epic Migration Through Generational Relay

By **FRANK BURNS** *Correspondent*

Not all Monarch Butterflies are created equal.

Many people know that Wisconsin Monarchs fly south for the winter, but what they might not realize is that the butterflies they see the following spring are not the ones that left in August or early September. Our Wisconsin Monarchs do not make the full round trip.

Let's start at the end. In late August, Monarchs that hatch are the strongest of what are called four "generations". These butterflies live the longest, as much as nine months. They fly 3,000 miles from here to the specific mountain ranges in Mexico. No one really knows how or why. They just do.

In Mexico they overwinter. Monarchs need cool temperatures, moisture, and protection. Certain pines trees are their preference for all their needs.

The strange thing about these butterflies is that they do not mate during the journey south. They just fly. If they survive the conditions in Mexico, and when the days become longer and warmer, they start back for Wisconsin and other territories. It is during this "return" trip that the females find Milkweed plants to lay their eggs. Both males and females of this Wisconsin generation die before too

long.

When their eggs hatch and butterflies are successful, this is the beginning of a first generation which continues the trip north toward their parent's breeding grounds. However, the "relay" team is just beginning. Their offspring become the second-generation which continues the journey north. They mate, and lay eggs too, and soon arrive in Wisconsin.

Then the third generation is born in the middle days of June. Within a week after their first flight, these Wisconsin females immediately seek out Milkweeds and start depositing their eggs. They soon die just a few weeks after completing their task. Then it's back to the final generation.

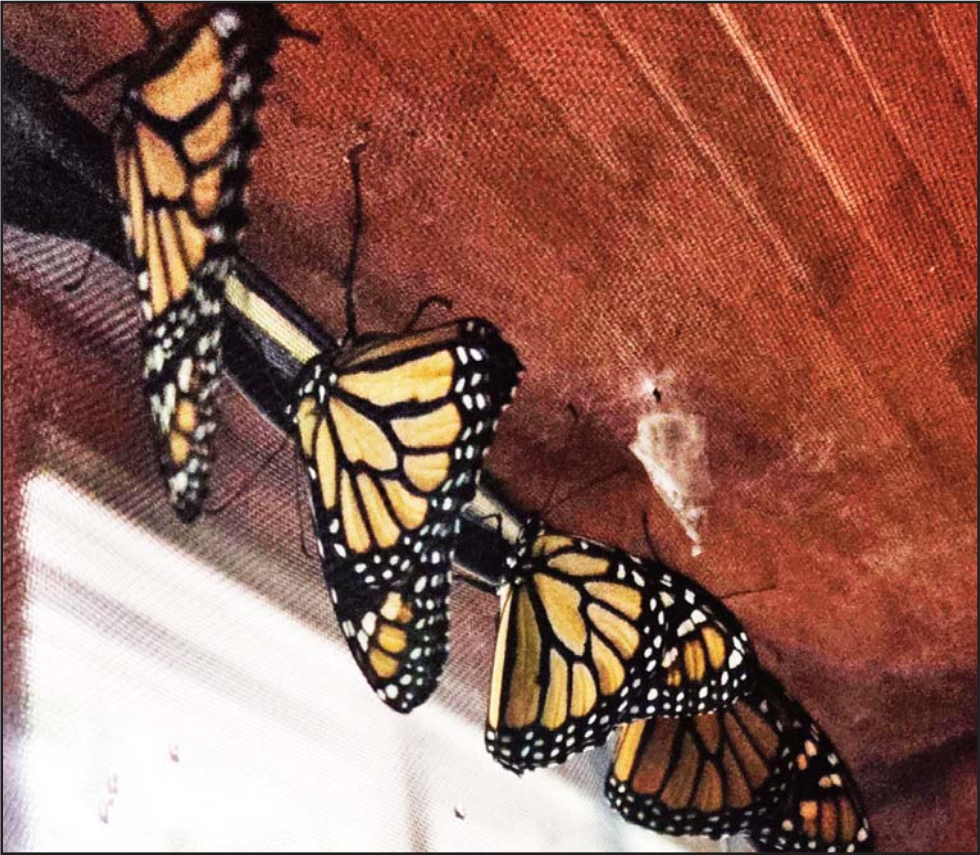
Full cycle. We just see Monarchs. We do not see all they go through.

It just so happened that my wife and I raised several batches of June caterpillars that we noticed on nearby Milkweeds in small butterfly habitats. By July 12th we released all nine as adult Monarchs and watched their first flight. Knowing now what they go through, to see them hatch and take to wing is such a glorious event to witness.

The next time a Monarch passes in front of you, you will know that whether its life span is short or long, it is doing its part to keep Monarchs in Wisconsin for generations to come. Theirs and ours.



A monarch released at Tri Fitness in Riverview after a Yoga class.
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Pictured above are the "Quintuplets" – five of the nine Monarchs that hatched in July.
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Blankets of Comfort: Project Linus Brings Warmth to Children Across Northeast WI

Project Linus is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was chartered in 1995 to provide comfort and warmth to children from ages 0-18 who have experienced trauma or illness. Since its official inception, over 10.6 million handmade care blankets have been distributed via the over 300 chapters in the US.

The mission of this loving organization is two-fold: to provide blankets to children in need, and to provide fellowship to caring souls who have the heart to create and donate blankets within their communities and beyond.

The NE Wisconsin Chapter of Project Linus covers Oconto, Marinette, Forest and Florence counties. Over 150 blankets have already been distributed in 2026, with a projection of 300-350 for the year. Most disbursements are through the local school systems, as the hospitals in this territory do not have NICU or pediatric care departments, which is where Project Linus is most effective elsewhere.

This chapter sponsors two Blanket Days per month. Each event includes tying fleece, crocheting or knitting, and designing and sewing quilts. Marinette County Elderly Services in Crivitz hosts the event on the second Thursday, and the Lakes Country Public Library is the home for the event on the third Saturday each month. All are welcomed to attend an event, no matter their level of skill or experience.

Donations of fabric or funds are also welcomed. The cost of material has in

some cases doubled in the last two years, and each chapter depends on their communities for support.

Please see projectlinus.org for more information on this amazing organization, and to locate the links and instructions for making a donation. The NE Wisconsin chapter coordinator is Barb Lambole, linusmarocoff@gmail.com.



Project Linus brings comfort and warmth to children who have experienced trauma or illness, distributing more than 10.6 million handmade blankets through over 300 chapters across the U.S.

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Tied fleece, crocheted fleece, and knitted or crocheted blankets are all created and donated by the Project Linus Blanketeers on Blanket Days.

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Paul Bunyan Riders Donate \$1,500 to Community Ambulance Service

On Sunday, August 2, 2026, the Paul Bunyan Riders presented a \$1,500 donation to the Community Ambulance Service following the group’s Wienerfest Meat Raffle fundraiser.

The donation reflects the continued commitment of the Paul Bunyan Riders to support local services and give back to the community.

Proceeds from the meat raffle were directed toward the ambulance service, which plays an important role in responding to emergencies and serving area residents.

Members of the organization said the success of the fundraiser was made possible by the many people who purchased raffle tickets, volunteered their time, and helped support the event. Their contributions helped make the donation possible and demonstrated the strong community spirit behind the effort.

The Paul Bunyan Riders expressed appreciation for everyone involved and said they are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Community Ambulance Service. The group noted that local support allows them to continue contributing to organizations that serve and strengthen the community.



On Sunday, August 2, 2026, the Paul Bunyan Riders donated \$1,500 to Community Ambulance Service after raising funds through the group’s Wienerfest Meat Raffle. Members said the fundraiser’s success was made possible by raffle ticket buyers, volunteers, and others who supported the event..

PHOTO CREDIT | PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS



At the July 18, 2026 Pickerel Chain Lake Association’s Summer Bash, Dawn Herlache, representing the Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament committee, presented a \$1,000 check to Drew Zelle, President of the Pickerel Chain Lake Association, underscoring their shared support for outdoor recreation, local waters, and family-friendly activities.

PHOTO CREDIT | TOWNSEND FLOWAGE KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT/DAWN HERLACHE

Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament Donates to Pickerel Chain Lake Association

TOWNSEND – Members of the Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament committee presented a donation check to Drew Zelle, president of the Pickerel Chain Lake Association, during the association’s annual Summer Bash on July 18, 2026.

The contribution reflects the tournament committee’s ongoing commitment to supporting organizations that help people experience and appreciate the outdoors. Each year, the Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament donates a portion of its proceeds to groups that encourage outdoor recreation, with a special emphasis on children and people facing challenges.

The check presentation took place as community members gathered for the Summer Bash, an annual event hosted by the Pickerel Chain Lake Association. The setting provided an opportunity to recognize the tournament’s volunteers and supporters while highlighting the shared goal of preserving local waters and promoting family-friendly outdoor activities.

The Townsend Flowage Kids Fishing Tournament has long focused on introducing young anglers to the sport of fishing and building appreciation for the region’s lakes, rivers and natural resources. Through donations like this one, the committee extends that mission beyond tournament day by helping other community groups continue their work.

Organizers said the annual donation is one way the tournament gives back to the communities and outdoor spaces that make the event possible. The support for the Pickerel Chain Lake Association underscores the connection between youth recreation, conservation and community involvement in the Northwoods.

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Forest Larger Parish Donates School Supplies to Helping Hands of Forest County



The Mission/Evangelism Committee of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church of Lakewood and Wabeno donated school supplies to Helping Hands of Forest County for local students. Pictured left to right are Audrey Peterson, Karen Prueter, Suzanne Bell and Linda Kortbein.

PHOTO CREDIT | FOREST LARGER PARISH

Labor Day Weekend Meat Raffle to Benefit Three Area Organizations

LAONA – The Mission/Evangelism Committee of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church of Lakewood and Wabeno recently delivered a collection of school supplies to Helping Hands of Forest County, where the items will be distributed to school-age clients preparing for the upcoming academic year.

The committee organized the donation as part of its ongoing commitment to serving local families and supporting children in the community. Members said they believe helping students begin the school year with the tools they need is one meaningful way to encourage confidence, learning and long-term success.

According to the Mission/Evangelism Committee, education is one of the strongest foundations for helping children succeed in life. By providing notebooks, folders, writing supplies and other classroom essentials, the group hopes to ease some of the back-to-school burden for families while reminding students that their community is behind them.

Helping Hands of Forest County will distribute the supplies to local school-age clients as needs are identified. The donation reflects a partnership between faith-based outreach and community support services working together to meet practical needs close to home.

MOUNTAIN – A Labor Day weekend meat raffle at Skinny Dave’s in Mountain will bring the community together for an afternoon of food, music and fundraising while supporting three area organizations.

The meat raffle will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 5, 2026 at the tiki bar at Skinny Dave’s located at 12848 State Hwy 32/64, Mountain.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Chute Pond Snowmobile Club, BASA Suring Kids Halloween Party and the Suring Parents Group Kids Activities.

Organizers are encouraging area residents to come out and show their support for programs and organizations that benefit local children and the community.

In addition to the meat raffle, a DJ will provide music during the event. Pulled pork sandwich plates will also be served from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

The fundraiser provides an opportunity to enjoy part of the Labor Day weekend while helping three organizations that contribute to recreational opportunities and activities for area families and children.

The public is invited to attend and support the fundraiser.



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Bethel Baptist Church Invites Community to Free Soup Supper

WABENO – Bethel Baptist Church in Wabeno will host a free community soup supper on Wednesday, September 16, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

For the past several years, the church has welcomed the cooler fall weather with a popular chili supper. This year, church members are expanding the meal into a community event open to everyone, regardless of background or church affiliation.

“We all know that food eaten alone satisfies the belly, but food shared with others tastes better because it satisfies another hunger—loneliness,” Pastor Benjamin Larson said.

The open-house-style event will feature an all-you-can-eat selection of homemade soups and desserts. Guests may arrive anytime during the supper.

There is no charge to attend. Free-will donations will be accepted and used as seed money to establish a scholarship fund for area youth.

Bethel Baptist Church is located at 1761 East Avenue in Wabeno. For more information, contact Pastor Larson at 715-610-1420.



Bethel Baptist Church in Wabeno will continue its fall supper tradition with a community soup supper Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
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20th Annual Red Arrow Corn Roast & ATV/UTV Parade

TOWNSEND – One of Townsend’s signature Labor Day Weekend traditions is set to return as the 20th Annual Red Arrow Corn Roast & ATV/UTV Parade takes place on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Josh’s Old Town Hall, 17767 State Highway 32.

Festivities begin at 11:00 am and continue through closing, offering a full day of food, entertainment, raffles, and family-friendly activities. The event is hosted by the Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club and serves as one of the club’s largest annual fundraisers.

Attendees can enjoy free roasted corn, food, DJ entertainment, a ticket raffle, 50/50 raffle, and a meat raffle throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the event is the ATV/UTV Parade, which departs at 10:30 am from the Red Arrow Clubhouse, 16712 Hummingbird Hill Lane in Townsend, before traveling to Josh’s Old Town Hall for the day’s festivities.

This year’s fundraiser also features an impressive lineup of raffle prizes. The Top 5 prizes include:

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- Henry .22 caliber rifle donated by Josh’s Old Town Hall Bar & Restaurant

According to organizers, proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to maintain and improve ATV and snowmobile trails throughout the Townsend area, helping keep local trail systems in excellent condition for residents and visitors alike.

Community members and visitors are encouraged to attend, enjoy the Labor Day Weekend celebration, and support the Red Arrow Snowmobile-ATV Club’s ongoing efforts to enhance area recreational opportunities.

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Lakewood Artist Joan White Selected for Wisconsin ART from the North Exhibition



Lakewood artist Joan White proudly displays her 17-by-47-inch oil painting on aspen wood, "Life on the Brook," which was accepted into the juried Wisconsin ART from the North exhibition. Originally commissioned by a Wisconsin collector, the painting was later entered in the show at the collector's encouragement. PHOTO CREDIT | JOAN WHITE

LAKEWOOD – Lakewood artist Joan White is among 52 Wisconsin artists whose work has been accepted into the juried Wisconsin ART from the North exhibition, which will be on display August 27, 2026 through October 31, 2026 at ArtStart Galleries in Rhinelander.

White's 17-by-47-inch oil painting on aspen wood, titled "Life on the

Brook," was selected for the exhibition. The piece was originally commissioned by a Wisconsin collector, who later encouraged White to enter the painting in the juried show.

The exhibition attracted 176 entries from 70 artists, with jurors selecting 73 works by 52 artists for inclusion. Serving as jurors were Tom Uttech, Kelly Jean Olm and Kyle Knoke.

A public reception will be held Saturday, August 29, 2026 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at ArtStart Galleries, 68 S. Stevens St., Rhinelander. At 2:00 pm, Knoke will present a juror talk, followed by the presentation of awards.

The Wisconsin ART from the North exhibition is sponsored by the Wisconsin Visual Artists North Chapter and was open to Wisconsin artists age

18 and older living east, west and north of Fond du Lac County.

ArtStart Gallery is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. For information about the gallery, call 715-362-4328.

More information about Wisconsin Visual Artists is available through the organization's website at wisconsinvisualartists.org.

Box'd Wine to Close Out Wabeno's Music in the Park Season on Sept. 2

WABENO – The final Music in the Park at Wabeno's pavilion will take place Wednesday, September 2, 2026 beginning at 5:00 pm.

Closing out this year's music series will be Box'd Wine, also known as Cheri and Paul. The duo will entertain the crowd with hits spanning the decades and featuring a variety of musical genres.

The outdoor performance offers

residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy an evening of live music while taking advantage of the late-summer weather in Wabeno.

The pavilion is located behind the logging museum, just south of the ATV trail. Those attending are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, pack a picnic basket and invite friends to join them for the final Music in the Park performance of the season.



Box'd Wine, also known as Cheri and Paul will close out the season for Wabeno's Music in the Park on September 2, 2026 at the pavilion. PHOTO CREDIT | BOX'D WINE

Rocky Ridge Greenhouse Announces Sixth Annual Holiday Open House and Craft Show

TOWNSEND – Rocky Ridge Greenhouse will welcome the holiday season with its sixth annual Holiday Open House and Craft Show from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 17721 Sandy Ridge Lane in Townsend.

The event coincides with Small Business Saturday, giving area residents an opportunity to shop locally while supporting talented crafters, vendors and small businesses. Visitors can browse a variety of unique handcrafted items and gifts while enjoying the festive atmosphere.

Rocky Ridge Greenhouse will also create custom wreaths, kissing balls and porch pots for Christmas. A selection of these seasonal decorations will be available for purchase during the open house and craft show.

This year, organizers will collect nonperishable food items for the Christian Food Pantry. Visitors are encouraged to bring a donation to help provide food to local individuals and families in need during the holiday season. Giving back to the community has become an important part of the annual event. In previous years, Rocky

Ridge Greenhouse collected toys for Toys for Tots, raised money for a young boy battling cancer and sold chili to benefit another child with cancer.

Each year, the Holiday Open House and Craft Show brings together a diverse group of talented crafters and vendors, offering shoppers an opportunity to find distinctive holiday gifts while supporting local entrepreneurs and a worthy community cause.

Crafters and vendors interested in participating should contact Sheri Rye at 715-276-3728.

Wellness Walk Planned During Lakewood Festi-Fall Saturday, Sept. 19

LAKEWOOD – Residents and visitors are invited to get moving and enjoy some fresh air during a Wellness Walk in downtown Lakewood on Saturday, September 19, 2026 held in conjunction with the annual Festi-Fall celebration.

The walk will begin at 9:00 am, with participants meeting at the trailhead building at the corner of Highway 32 and County Highway F in Lakewood. The event is scheduled from 9:00 to 10:00 am and is open to people of all ages and fitness levels.

Participants can choose how much they would like to walk. The route will consist of one to four half-mile loops, allowing walkers to complete a single loop or continue for all four. Participants may walk with the group or at their own pace.

Organizers say the event is designed to encourage people to move more while also focusing on their overall well-being. Grab-and-go health information will be available at the beginning and end of the walk.

Even a short walk can offer benefits, including helping to reduce stress, boost mood, increase energy and support heart health. Organizers also hope the event gives participants an opportunity to connect with others while taking positive steps toward stronger mental wellness.

Parking will be available at the ATV/UTV lot at the corner of State Highway 32 and County Highway F in Lakewood. The walking route will also be posted on the Healthy Oconto County Facebook page.

Following the Wellness Walk, participants are encouraged to stay in Lakewood and enjoy Festi-Fall, which will feature food, wine tasting, live music, antiques, vendors and handmade items throughout the community.

The Wellness Walk is supported by Healthy Oconto County, NAMI North Bay Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin–Madison Extension Oconto County.

Organizers encourage participants to bring a friend, enjoy the morning and then spend the day taking in everything Festi-Fall has to offer.



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Lincoln Highway to Bring Country Rock and Classic Rock Favorites to South Shore Pub & Grille



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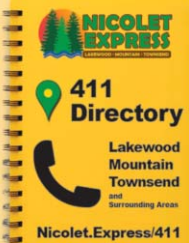
PHOTO CREDIT | LINCOLN HIGHWAY

MOUNTAIN – Lincoln Highway, a three-piece band based in Appleton, will perform at South Shore Pub & Grille on Saturday, September 5, 2026, offering an evening of Country Rock and Classic Rock for local music fans.

The performance is scheduled from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at South Shore Pub & Grille, located at 12369 S. Shore Road in Mountain. The show is expected to feature familiar favorites from across the Country Rock and Classic Rock catalog, giving guests a chance to enjoy live music in a relaxed pub and grille setting.

Lincoln Highway has built its sound around songs audiences know and enjoy, blending upbeat country-influenced selections with classic rock standards. As a three-piece group, the band brings a straightforward live performance style that emphasizes recognizable melodies, strong rhythms, and an easygoing atmosphere.

Community members and visitors looking for live entertainment over the holiday weekend can stop by South Shore Pub & Grille for the Saturday evening show. The event offers an opportunity to hear a regional Wisconsin band perform well-known songs in a welcoming local venue.



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Lion Paul Newton (center) receives the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from Lion Chuck Enders (left) and Lion President Carla VanCamp (right).

PHOTO CREDIT | WABENO LIONS CLUB

Wabeno Lion Receives Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

WABENO – The Wabeno Lions Club recently honored longtime member Lion Paul Newton with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in recognition of his outstanding service and commitment to humanitarian causes.

Presented on behalf of a Lions Club, the award is named in honor of Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs International. Contributions associated with the fellowship support Lions Clubs International Foundation programs that fight diabetes, prevent blindness, treat childhood cancer and address other critical needs.

During more than 47 years with the Wabeno Lions Club, Paul Newton has held officer positions and chaired numerous committees. His decades of dedication exemplify the Lions’ motto, “We Serve.” Congratulations to Lion Paul Newton on this well-deserved honor.

Local Paddlers to Explore Townsend Flowage Sept. 3

TOWNSEND – A group of local paddling enthusiasts will gather Thursday, September 3, 2026, for an evening outing on the Townsend Flowage. The group will launch at 5:00 pm from the South boat landing.

The group is led by Dick Kendall, informally known among participants as the group’s “Paddle-Commander.”

The paddling group welcomes men and women of a variety of ages and experience levels. Participants take to the water in an assortment of watercraft, including kayaks and canoes. Some members use stand-up paddle boards, while another brings a craft equipped for fishing. The group typically spends about 1¼ hours on the water.

To reach the South boat landing, travel west on County T for approximately .6 miles from Highway 32 in Townsend and turn right onto McCaslin Drive. Continue .3 miles and turn right onto Bennett Lane, then bear right at the fork in the road to reach the boat landing.

Following the September 3 paddle, participants are scheduled to head to the Sand Trap for food, beverages and conversation.

Anyone interested in joining the group or learning more may email dick.kendall920@gmail.com.



Led by Dick Kendall, a group of local paddlers typically explores a nearby body of water for about 1¼ hours before gathering at a local establishment for beverages and conversation.

PHOTO CREDIT | DICK KENDALL

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Mean Mary Returns to Big Easel for Dinner Concert

WABENO – Acclaimed singer and multi-instrumentalist Mean Mary will return to The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro for a dinner concert Friday, September 11, 2026.

Mean Mary, the stage name of Mary James, grew up in an adventurous, nomadic family. She spent part of her childhood in the northern Minnesota wilderness, where her family lived in a plastic tent while building a log cabin by hand.

Her musical abilities emerged early. Mary learned to read music before she could read words, wrote “Mean Mary from Alabam” before kindergarten and recorded her first album at age 6. She went on to perform on television and stages throughout the South, tour with her brother Frank as part of a historical folk duo and even perform music on horseback.

Her career nearly ended after a serious car accident left her right vocal cord paralyzed. Through determination and intensive rehabilitation, Mary regained her voice and returned to touring and recording.

Today, Mean Mary plays 11 instruments, has recorded 18 albums and performs throughout the United States and overseas. She also produces music and videos, co-writes books with her mother and has attracted nearly 30 million views on YouTube. She serves as Deering Banjos’ Goodtime Ambassador.

Doors will open and dinner service will begin at 5:00 pm. For more information or to make a reservation, call 715-889-1179.

The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro is located at 1784 Maple Avenue in Wabeno.



Acclaimed singer and multi-instrumentalist Mean Mary returns to The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro for a dinner concert Friday, September 11. She plays 11 instruments, has recorded 18 albums and performs worldwide.

PHOTO CREDIT | MARY JAMES

Wabeno Area Players Announce Cast for “Nana’s Naughty Knickers”

WABENO – Auditions for the Wabeno Area Players’ upcoming production of “Nana’s Naughty Knickers” were an outstanding success, and rehearsals are now in full swing. Construction of the set is scheduled to begin Friday, August 28.

The hilarious comedy will take the stage October 2, 3 and 4, 2026, in the Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 North Branch St., Wabeno.

Veteran actress Linda Harter, known for her impeccable comic timing, will portray Nana. Sue Ferguson will play her partner in crime, Vera, the neighborhood curmudgeon.

Maline Enders earned the role of Nana’s granddaughter, Bridget, who innocently becomes caught up in the action. Josh Jameson will portray Officer Tom, the neighborhood police officer known for his eagle eyes.

Margi Diny will play Heather Van Pree, a woman with a shady reputation who arrives to set some wrongs right. Dennis Diny will portray Gil Schmidt, the villainous landlord who is a constant thorn in Nana’s side. Lori Mattern will play Gil’s wife, Clair, who clearly holds the upper hand in their marriage.

Rounding out the cast are Linda

Boatright as the irritating intercom voice and Boyd Monte as the muscular, brown-uniformed UPS deliveryman.

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Helping Hands of Forest County Invites Community to Open House

LAONA – Helping Hands of Forest County will welcome community members to an open house Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at its food pantry, 4876 Mill St. in Laona.

Lunch will be provided, and guests who bring a donation will be entered into a drawing for gift baskets. Board members will offer tours and share the organization’s accomplishments from the past year.

The pantry was established after UW-Extension and Forest County CAN worked with Feeding America in 2025 to identify a new location following the closure of NEWCAP’s Crandon food pantry. Laona was selected because of its central location in Forest County and the absence of a grocery store or food pantry in the community.

The Richard and Mary Anne Connor family donated vacant space in the Ovitz-Castaldo Building, formerly used as a clinic. The building also houses the Laona Pharmacy.

Helping Hands of Forest County is a nonprofit organization serving children, seniors and families throughout the county. It is supported by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations, along with grants, and receives no state or federal funding to purchase food or operate its programs.

The pantry participates in the USDA’s Emergency Food Assistance Program and receives monthly deliveries through Feeding America and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The assistance is intended to provide households with a three- to five-day emergency food supply. Helping Hands must provide an equivalent amount of donated or purchased food.

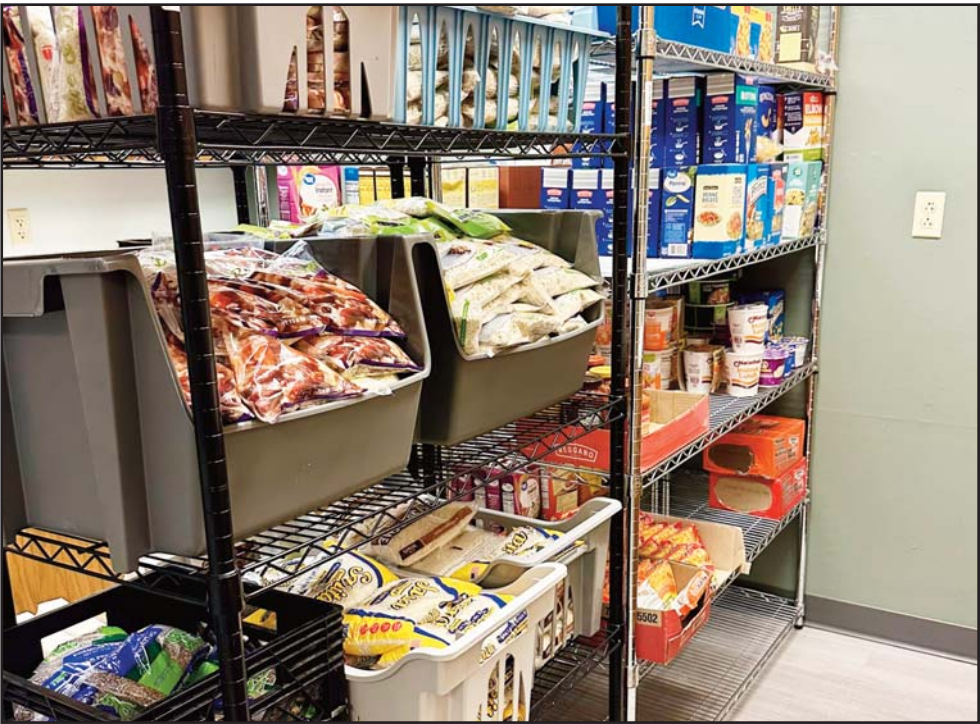
The pantry is open Tuesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm Current board members are Tammy Collins, Anne Chrisman, Susan Connor, Kathy Fohrman and Tracy Pergande.

For more information, email info@helpinghandsfc.org or call 715-889-5360. Donations may also be mailed to Helping Hands of Forest County, P.O. Box 151, Laona, WI 54541.



Helping Hands of Forest County will host an open house September 3, 2026 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at its new food pantry in donated space at 4876 Mill St. located next to Laona Pharmacy in Laona.

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The pantry provides food and essentials to Forest County residents in need, supplementing USDA assistance with donated and purchased food.

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EVENT CALENDAR

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Saturday, August 29

MOUNTAIN – A-Town Unplugged will bring an afternoon of live acoustic music to Everbreeze Resort. The performance begins at 2:00 pm at the resort, located at 13755 Lakeshore Lane in Mountain.

TOWNSEND – Farmers Market on Saturdays, from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Townsend Town Hall, located at 16564 Elm Street. The event will give residents and visitors a chance to browse locally grown produce, homemade goods, and items from area vendors.

TOWNSEND – The Olive Pit Bar & Grill and Marvin's Gardens are inviting the community to enjoy an afternoon of food, music and fundraising during a Free Corn Roast from 12:00 noon

to 5:00 pm at The Olive Pit, 18904 State Hwy. 32, Townsend.

WHITE LAKE – Mark your calendar for an energetic live music event at The Goose featuring Jukebox Dave. The performance is scheduled from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. The Goose, located at N4445 Blue Goose Dr.

TOWNSEND – Jeremiah Shoen will be performing at Wendt's Sandbar Resort from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, offering an evening of live entertainment for guests and visitors. Wendt's Sandbar Resort is located at 16688 Nicolet Rd.

Wednesday, September 2

WABENO – Wabeno's Music in the Park will feature the music of Box'd Wine at the Wabeno pavilion starting at 5:00 pm. The pavilion is

located behind the Logging Museum.

Thursday, September 3

LAONA – Helping Hands of Forest County Food Pantry is holding its Open House from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. The food pantry is located at 4876 Mill Rd.

Saturday, September 5

MOUNTAIN – Wisconsin country singer-songwriter Jordan Blanchard will perform at Skinny Dave's, 12848 State Highway 32/64 in Mountain, beginning at 9:00 pm.

CRIVITZ – The Decades Band will be performing at Trail Side Bar and Grill located at 15506 County Hwy W in Crivitz starting at 6:00 pm.

MOUNTAIN – A Labor Day weekend meat raffle at

Skinny Dave's located at 12848 State Hwy 32/64, Mountain will bring the community together for an afternoon of food, music and fundraising while supporting three area organizations. The meat raffle will begin at 2:00.

CROOKED LAKE – The Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department will welcome the community for its annual from 7:00 to 11:00 am, or until the food runs out, at the Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 15445 County Highway W, Crooked Lake.

TOWNSEND – The 20th Annual Corn Roast Fundraiser starts out with an ATV/UTV parade from the clubhouse at 10:30 am and proceed to Josh's Old Town Hall located at 17767 Steate Hwy 32 using the trail system. Meat raffles, 50/50

raffles, ticket raffle, and free sweet corn will begin shortly after 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MOUNTAIN – Lincoln Highway, a three-piece band based in Appleton, will perform at South Shore Pub & Grille, located at 12369 S. Shore Rd, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, offering an evening of Country Rock and Classic Rock for local music fans.

Friday, September 11

WABENO – Acclaimed singer and multi-instrumentalist Mean Mary will return to The Big Easel Gallery & Bistro, located at 1784 Maple Ave, for a dinner concert starting at 5:00 pm. For more information or to make a reservation, call 715-889-1179.

TOWNSEND – Swamp Water Boogie will be

performing live at Wendt's Sandbar Resort located at 16688 Nicolet Rd from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm offering guests an exciting evening of music and entertainment.

Saturday, September 12

MOUNTAIN – The Dusty Trails ATV Club will be hosting a Meat Raffle on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Kelly's Thirsty Buck Saloon located at 14031 State Hwy 32, Mountain. The event will begin at 12:00 noon.

All listed events are subject to change without notice. If you have an event that you would like to share, please send your information to info@nicolet.express or call 715-276-8001.

Jordan Blanchard Bringing Live Country Music to Skinny Dave's

MOUNTAIN – Wisconsin country singer-songwriter Jordan Blanchard will perform at Skinny Dave's, 12848 State Highway 32/64 in Mountain, beginning at 9:00 pm Saturday, September 5, 2026.

Raised in the small northeastern Wisconsin community of Coleman, Blanchard brings a blue-collar perspective to his original music. The Nashville recording artist has built a following through an energetic and interactive performance style that blends modern country, honky-tonk and

familiar favorites.

Blanchard's original recordings include "Hangover," "Running Red Lights," "Heartache Hangin' Around" and "Cooler Than You." His debut EP, "Pick In My Pocket," follows the journey of a young musician leaving his hometown to pursue his dreams.

In addition to performing throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest, Blanchard has appeared at major events including the Hodag Country Festival. His live repertoire includes songs

associated with artists such as Morgan Wallen, Brooks & Dunn, Luke Combs, Johnny Cash, Alabama and Eric Church, along with selections from his own catalog.

The Skinny Dave's performance will offer local country music fans an opportunity to experience one of Wisconsin's emerging performers in an intimate Northwoods setting. More information about Blanchard and his music is available on the Jordan Blanchard Music website.



Wisconsin country singer-songwriter Jordan Blanchard will bring his energetic mix of modern country, honky-tonk and familiar favorites to Skinny Dave's in Mountain at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, September 5.

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