

Blackwell Wellness Walk Raises \$1,614 for Wabeno’s American Legion Post 44



Volunteers gather behind a buffet following the Town of Blackwell’s 13th annual Wellness Walk on Oct. 3. The event raised \$1,614, including matching funds from the town, to support American Legion Post 44.

PHOTO CREDIT | LAURA BETHKE

BLACKWELL – Sunshine and colorful fall leaves greeted participants in the Town of Blackwell’s 13th annual Wellness Walk on October 3, helping raise \$1,614 for American Legion Post 44.

Although the Rat River Trail was damp from the previous night’s rain, the sun emerged before the walk’s 10 a.m. start, providing pleasant conditions for participants to enjoy the scenery

along the river.

Patriotic plastic ducks in two sizes were hidden along the trail, including 10 with stickers on the bottoms worth \$10 each. Grand prizes included two painted flag rocks worth \$25 each and an eagle-painted rock worth \$50. The grand prize winners were Cindy Reigle, Anne Marie Provenzano and Halee Henkel.

American Legion Post 44 member

Henry Severson stopped by to visit the trail and thank the town for supporting the organization. Following the walk, participants and volunteers enjoyed pizza, sub sandwiches and desserts.

The event collected \$807 in donations. With matching funds from the town, Blackwell will present a \$1,614 check to the Legion at its next meeting.

Organizers thanked volunteers Jeff

and Mary Schadrie, Gail Gentz, Sue Banie, Trista Jameson, Lisa Messerschmidt and Samantha Johnvin, along with local rock artist Laura Bethke. Josh Banie was also recognized for lending military flags from the Old Town Hall.

The town expressed appreciation to everyone who participated, donated and helped make the annual event a success.

Riverview Fire Department Seeks Sponsors for Training Center

RIVERVIEW – The Riverview Fire Department is seeking sponsors to help complete its Training Center, where firefighters and neighboring departments can strengthen their skills and prepare for emergencies.

The land has been prepared, concrete

poured and training boxes ordered. Work is underway on an interior burn cell, which will provide hands-on training in realistic fire conditions. The component represents a significant expense, making continued fundraising essential.

Sponsorship levels include Chief, \$5,000; Assistant Chief, \$2,500; Captain, \$1,500; Lieutenant, \$500; and Firefighter, \$250. Every sponsor will receive recognition on the Training Center Donor Wall.

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The program will meet Tuesdays, November 3 through December 15, 2026, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Participants will receive a comprehensive workbook to help gather essential information, document their wishes and organize important records in one place.

Planning AHEAD addresses decisions that people often delay because they feel overwhelming or uncomfortable. By breaking the process into manageable steps, the program aims to reduce uncertainty and ease the burden on loved ones during a crisis or loss.

“Planning ahead is truly a gift to those we care about most,” said Katie Daul, Human Development and Relationships Educator

with UW–Madison Division of Extension Oconto County.

Sessions will cover advance care planning, health care decisions, financial responsibilities, legal considerations, record keeping, distribution of personal possessions and end-of-life wishes.

Participants will also explore grief, loss and family communication.

Registration is open at go.wisc.edu/fc2mcl or by calling 920-834-6848. Questions may be directed to Katie Daul at Katie.Daul@wisc.edu or the same phone number.

Scan the QR code to learn more information about Planning AHEAD.



NCAC Seeks Nominations for Annual Volunteer Appreciation Award

LAKEWOOD – The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC) Board of Directors is seeking nominations for its annual Volunteer Appreciation Award, which will be presented during the organization’s volunteer appreciation dinner on November 18, 2026.

The award recognizes service provided by an NCAC volunteer during the 2026 calendar year. Nominators should include their nominee’s first and last name, along with a brief explanation of why the individual deserves recognition.

Submissions may use bulleted points or concise sentences describing the nominee’s contributions. Whenever possible, nominations should quantify the volunteer’s service, such as the time devoted or amount of assistance provided. Only work performed as an NCAC volunteer during 2026 should be included.

To protect the privacy of those served, nominations must not include the names or identifying information of individuals who received assistance.

Nominations may be mailed to NCAC, P.O. Box 251, Lakewood, WI 54138, or emailed to ncac4u@gmail.com.

Wolf Threatens Two Pet Dogs in Forest County’s Town of Argonne

ARGONNE – USDA Wildlife Services verified that a wolf threatened two pet dogs at a property in the town of Argonne in Forest County on October 12, 2026.

Auditory and visual deterrents were recommended as nonlethal measures to discourage further conflicts.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds dog owners to exercise caution in areas occupied by wolves, particularly when using dogs for hunting. Conflicts between wolves and hunting dogs are common during bear training and hunting seasons. Wolves have also attacked dogs pursuing foxes, coyotes, bobcats, rabbits, snowshoe hares and upland birds.

The DNR partners with USDA Wildlife Services to investigate reported wolf conflicts.

Livestock producers who suspect a wolf or bear has attacked or is harassing their livestock should contact USDA Wildlife Services at 1-800-228-1368 in northern Wisconsin.



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Fifteen Students Earn Snowmobile Safety Certification at Riverview Community Center



Students and instructors gather at Riverview Community Center following the Wisconsin DNR Snowmobile Safety Certification class on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Fifteen students successfully completed the course, which emphasized safe, responsible riding on Wisconsin’s snowmobile trails.

PHOTO CREDIT | PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS

RIVERVIEW – Fifteen students successfully completed their Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Safety Certification during a class held Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Riverview Community Center, 15152 Island Lake Road.

The course helped prepare participants for safe snowmobiling through instruction focused on responsible riding. Organizers thanked the trainers for contributing their time, knowledge and enthusiasm to help educate the next generation of riders.

Two guest speakers also joined the class. Ryan Zahn, recreational officer

with the Oconto County Sheriff’s Office, shared his knowledge and perspective on recreational safety.

Bryce Allen introduced students to Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles, known as KAOS, an Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs program for young people ages 14–21. The program offers opportunities to become more involved in snowmobiling and connect with other riders their age.

Organizers thanked both speakers, along with the students and parents who participated. They emphasized that certification is only the beginning of becoming a responsible snowmobiler.

Safe riding requires continued practice, preparation and good decisions each time riders head onto the trails.

With winter approaching, the graduates can look forward to putting their training into practice while enjoying Wisconsin’s snowmobile trails with family and friends.

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Roger Geiger displays his Golden Ladle trophy and champion apron after winning first place with “Tangy Chili” at the Oct. 10 Lakewood Townsend Chili Cook-Off, benefiting the Lakewood Townsend Community Ambulance Service.

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Lakewood Townsend Chili Cook-Off Draws 69 Tasters, Supports Ambulance Service

TOWNSEND – Seven chili entries competed for top honors as 69 tasters gathered at Townsend Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 10, for the 2026 Lakewood Townsend Chili Cook-Off. The event benefited the Lakewood Townsend Community Ambulance Service (LTCAS).

Roger Geiger earned first place with entry No. 1, “Tangy Chili.” He received a chili cook-off apron, the Golden Ladle trophy and a \$25 gift card donated by Pintsch’s Hardware.

Dale Szyszkiewicz took second place with entry No. 2, “Good Chili,” receiving a \$25 gift card donated by Green Banana. Todd Yingling placed third with entry No. 7, “Red Fury Chili,” and received a \$15 gift card donated by Karla’s Kitchen.

Other entries included “Mild/Spicy Chili,” “Spicy Bloody Mary Chili,” “Pineapple Chili” and “Dad’s Chili,” entered in memory of Tom Dunn.

Together, the seven recipes gave tasters a variety of flavors to sample.

Beyond the chili competition, attendees enjoyed coloring pages and a “Guess How Many Candies Are in the Jar” game, adding to the event’s family-friendly atmosphere.

Organizers thanked the chili cooks, tasters, volunteers and local businesses whose participation and prize donations helped make the cook-off possible while supporting local emergency medical services.

The next Lakewood Townsend Chili Cook-Off is planned for October 2027. Anyone interested in entering a chili is encouraged to watch for event flyers or contact the Lakewood Townsend Community Ambulance Service for additional information.

LTCAS provides ambulance service at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician level to the Lakewood and Townsend communities.

McCaslin Lions Screen More Than 250 Children for Vision Problems

WABENO/LAONA – The McCaslin Lions Club screened more than 250 children over the past two weeks, helping families identify potential vision concerns early.

Using a Spot Vision Screening Camera, club members screened children from pre-K through fifth grade at Head Start, Wabeno Elementary and Laona Elementary. The camera can detect six types of vision problems and generates a summary report that parents can review with their eye care professional.

With help from the Wabeno Lions Club, McCaslin members also conducted hearing screenings at Wabeno Elementary.



McCaslin Lions Club volunteers used the Spot Vision Screening Camera to screen more than 250 area children for potential vision concerns over two weeks.

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Northern Lakes Archers Pavilion Project Moves Forward With Concrete Slab

The Wabeno Lions Club's donation will support the program's efforts to help ensure students have food available when school meals are not offered.

A contractor is lined up for a spring installation, and the club is seeking community support to raise the money needed to move forward.

Northern Lakes Archers will also be the featured round-up organization during November at Lakewood SuperValu, 17186 Twin Pines Road. Shoppers can support the project by rounding up their purchases at checkout.



A worker smooths the freshly poured concrete slab for the Northern Lakes Archers' new pavilion. The club is raising funds for the pavilion structure, with installation planned for spring.

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NCAC Builds Accessibility Ramp for Area Resident

LAKEWOOD – The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC), located at 15351 State Hwy. 32 in Lakewood, recently completed another accessibility ramp for an area resident, continuing its efforts to help meet community needs.

Accessibility ramps can make a meaningful difference for people who have difficulty navigating steps, providing easier access to their homes and supporting greater independence in daily life. The latest project reflects the value of bringing together funding and local volunteer efforts to help residents.

Funding for the ramp was provided by Options for Independent Living and NCAC, with the coalition’s contribution supported by grant funding from the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.

NCAC extended special thanks to lead builder Tom Davies and Bob Statsney for their work on the project. Their contributions helped turn the available funding into a completed ramp that will serve the resident.

Through projects such as this, the coalition continues connecting resources and people to provide practical assistance throughout the Northwoods.



NCAC recently completed this accessibility ramp with help from Tom Davies and Bob Statsney. Funding came from Options for Independent Living and NCAC, with grant support from the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.

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Wabeno Lions Donate \$1,000 to Friends of Wabeno



The Wabeno Lions recently presented a \$1,000 donation to the Friends of Wabeno in support of the organization’s community efforts. The Friends of Wabeno work throughout the year to enhance the community and make Wabeno a more beautiful and welcoming place to live. The group is best known for organizing and producing WAM FEST, a summer music celebration. Wabeno Lions President Carla VanCamp, pictured left, presented the donation to Friends of Wabeno President Mary Beck.

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Wabeno Lions Donate \$400 to Laona’s Backpacks to Go Program

LAONA – The Wabeno Lions Club recently donated \$400 to Laona High School’s Backpacks to Go program, which provides students with nutritious meals and snacks to take home for the weekend at no cost.

The school’s National Honor Society organizes the program and helps keep it running smoothly. Each Friday, backpacks are filled with food and placed in participating students’ lockers to take home. The Lions’ donation will help support the program’s efforts to provide students with food beyond the school week.



Pictured from left are National Honor Society advisor Beth Calhoun, Wabeno Lion Paul Newton, and National Honor Society students Brody Hoffman, Reese Connor and Brynn Yaeger. PHOTO CREDIT | WABENO LIONS CLUB

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Dual Sport Riders Rally Raises \$7,500 for Local Groups

WABENO – The 25th Dual Sport Riders Rally brought 267 riders to the area for a weekend of fall riding and fundraising, generating \$7,500 for nonprofit organizations serving local communities.

On September 26, 2026, the Wabeno Lions Club hosted a grilled steak dinner for rally participants, more than 20 landowners who allow trails to be built and maintained on their properties, and radio responders. Thirty Lions members grilled steaks, prepared and served the meal, and tended bar. About 350 meals were served, with unused food donated to Linda’s Kitchen.

Beautiful fall weather greeted riders as they traveled approximately 140 miles on Saturday and 75 miles on Sunday. Participants used smaller dual sport motorcycles suited for trails and larger adventure motorcycles that can also travel on highways.

The rallies have been held since September 2001, with the exception of 2020 during the COVID pandemic. Participants come from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa.

More than 50 local, state and national sponsors contributed raffle and auction prizes. Proceeds from the weekend’s activities supported organizations in the Wabeno, Laona and Lakewood areas.

Donations included \$2,000 each to



Guests enjoy a steak dinner hosted by the Wabeno Lions Club on Sept. 26 during the 25th Dual Sport Riders Rally. About 350 meals were served during the weekend event, which raised \$7,500 for nonprofit organizations serving area communities.

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the Christian Food Pantry, Linda’s Kitchen and a group that helps injured veterans enjoy motorcycle rides, along with \$1,500 to the Laona Beautification Committee.

The Wabeno Lions Club thanked the riders for their fellowship and generosity toward local communities. Riders also expressed appreciation for the area’s hospitality in their own

account of the event.

“Thank you to the Wabeno/Laona communities and Forest County for making this a welcoming place for us to come and recreate,” the group wrote.



Wabeno Lion Lee Lamers presents a \$1,000 check to Linda McEwen for the Wabeno Soup Kitchen, which welcomes seniors for meals and bingo on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Wabeno Town Hall.

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Wabeno Lions Donate \$1,000 to Support Soup Kitchen

WABENO – The Wabeno Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Wabeno Soup Kitchen, supporting a local program that welcomes seniors for meals and social activities at the Wabeno Town Hall.

Wabeno Lion Lee Lamers presented the check to Linda McEwen on behalf of the Wabeno Lions Club.

The contribution helps support the program’s work to provide a welcoming gathering place where seniors can share a meal and spend time with others.

The Wabeno Soup Kitchen is open Mondays and Tuesdays, with bingo

beginning at 11:45 am and dinner served at noon. All seniors are welcome to attend.

Along with a meal, the program offers an opportunity for seniors to connect with friends, meet other community members and enjoy conversation around the table.

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Menards customers expecting a rebate in the mail may want to take a closer look before tossing an unfamiliar piece of mail.

Menards says rebate credit checks began arriving in a new 6-by-9-inch mailer in August. The larger, more colorful format has surprised some

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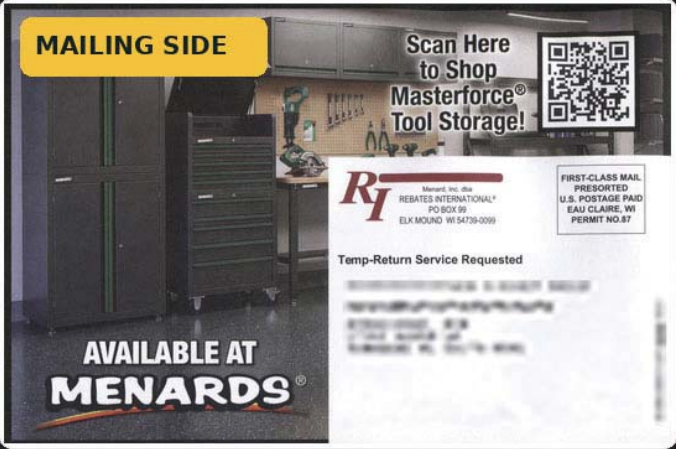
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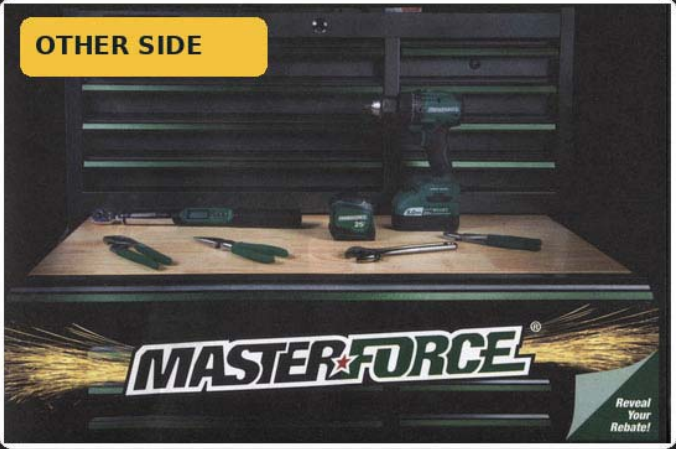
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NCAC Seeks Volunteer Drivers as Transportation Needs Grow

LAKEWOOD – The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition (NCAC) is seeking additional volunteer drivers to help residents reach essential appointments as requests for transportation assistance increase. The nonprofit human service organization serves residents in northern Oconto, western Marinette, southern Forest and eastern Langlade counties. Among its services, NCAC provides transportation for individuals who are unable to drive themselves or arrange another ride, including trips to and from medical appointments. NCAC volunteers collectively drive approximately 7,500 miles each year. With transportation needs growing, the organization hopes to expand its roster of drivers to help more residents access essential services. Volunteer drivers must have their own insured vehicle, a valid driver's license and a good driving record. The program offers flexibility, allowing volunteers to decide when and how often they drive. When a ride is needed, NCAC sends a message to all volunteer drivers. Those who are available and interested can volunteer for the trip, giving them control over their schedules and level of involvement. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver can contact NCAC at 833-482-6222 or email ncac4u@gmail.com.

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Townsend Author Phil Adamczyk Explores Mystery and Fantasy in His Novels

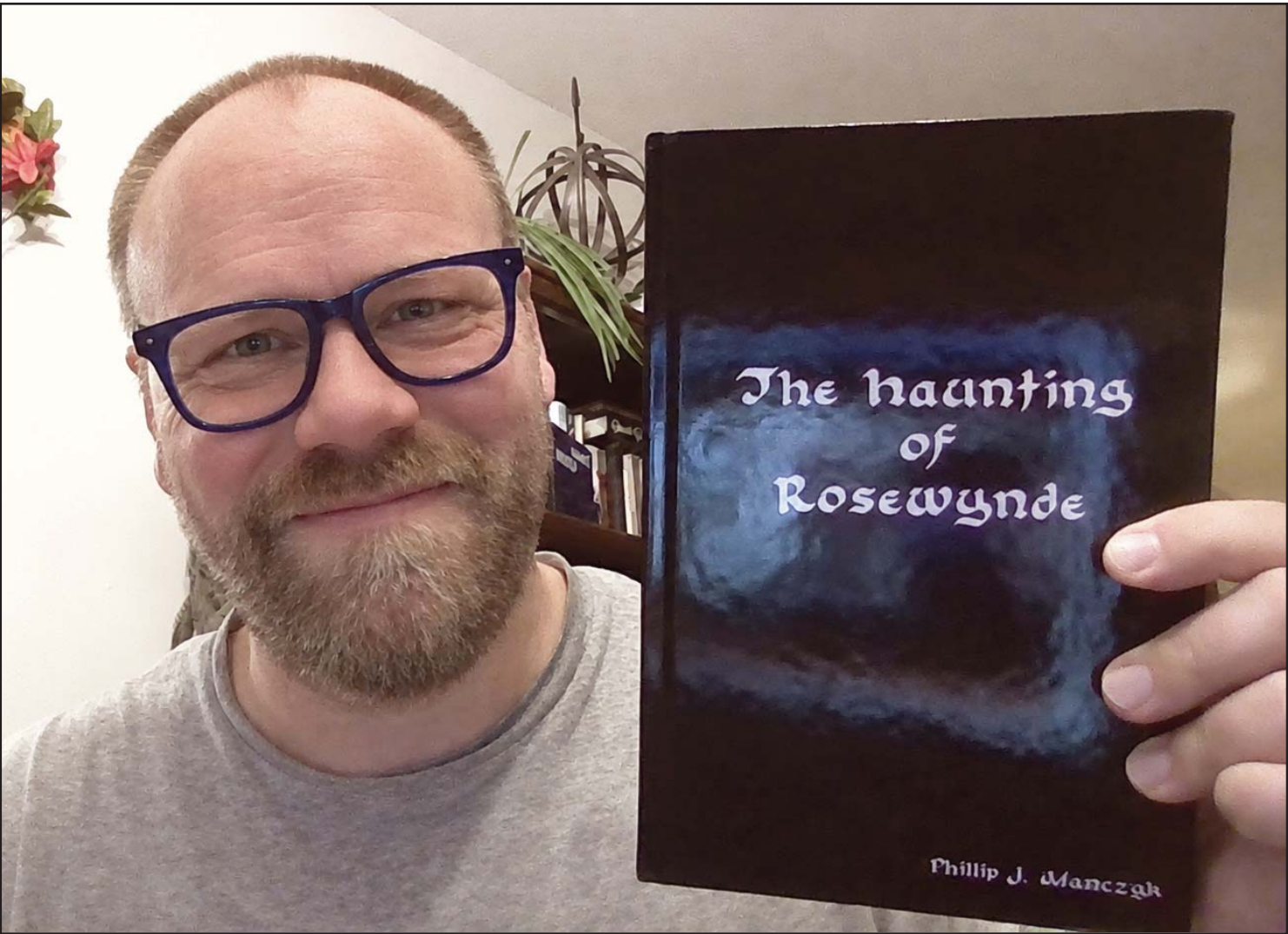
TOWNSEND – Local author and business owner Phil Adamczyk is bringing readers into worlds of mystery, magic and conflict through his fiction, including the 2026 novel “The Haunting of Rosewynde.” Adamczyk, who owns Amoterra wellness center in Townsend, also authors the ongoing fantasy series “The Chronicles of Terra.”

Adamczyk’s “The Haunting of Rosewynde” follows entrepreneur Amanda Esselthorpe and her historian husband, David, as they pursue an opportunity at a secluded estate surrounded by wooded hills. What appears to offer a fresh start carries a troubling past, with tales of tragedy and a possible curse. Their arrival sets the stage for a story in which their hopes collide with the estate’s darker history.

His “Chronicles of Terra” series currently includes “The Adversaries,” “Seeds of Chaos” and “Traces of Darkness.” In “The Adversaries,” an eclipse disrupts a thousand years of peace on Terra-Quenlist and brings a threat from the world of Chaos. Emperor Gavin Moonstone and his allies must confront Helius Rue, whose pursuit of power threatens their world.

“Seeds of Chaos” continues the saga with Queen Ginger Molloy struggling to establish lasting peace while forces loyal to Helius resist her rule. “Traces of Darkness,” listed in a 2024 edition, returns to Terra-Quenlist as a death unsettles the planet and a renewed threat emerges. The story also explores the origins of the Moonstone family.

Artist Sheri Jo Posselt is credited as illustrator for “The Haunting of Rosewynde,” the 2025 novel “Breathe With Me, Grief,” and all recent editions of the “Chronicles of Terra” books, adding an artistic collaboration to Adamczyk’s storytelling. They also co-created the 2021 oracle card deck and guidebook “The Oracle of



Townsend author and Amoterra owner Phil Adamczyk writes mystery and fantasy fiction, including his 2026 novel “The Haunting of Rosewynde” and the ongoing “Chronicles of Terra” series. PHOTO CREDIT | PHIL ADAMCZYK

Ascendance,” published by U.S. Games Systems, Inc.

Beyond his writing, Adamczyk owns Amoterra, located at 17250 Brookside Court in Townsend. The wellness center offers a variety of integrative holistic approaches focused on mind, body and spirit. Its mission is to teach, guide and support individuals as they work toward

personal empowerment and healing. Services include massage therapy, Reiki, intuitive readings, crystal therapy, Raindrop Technique and more.

Adamczyk has worked in holistic wellness since 1998. He holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary English and history education from the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse and

a technical diploma in therapeutic massage and bodywork from Western Technical College.

Phil Adamczyk’s works are available through online booksellers, as well as at Amoterra’s Townsend location. For information about Amoterra, visit www.amoterra.net or call 715-276-6650.

An \$8.00 Ticket to Brewers History from Oct. 16, 1982

MOUNTAIN – Eight dollars bought Ron Lange of Mountain a bleacher seat for a memorable Milwaukee Brewers victory in the 1982 World Series. Forty-four years later, he still has the ticket.

Lange is pictured holding his ticket from Game 4, played October 16, 1982, at Milwaukee County Stadium. The Brewers rallied from a 5-1 deficit, scoring six runs in the seventh inning to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-5 and even the series at two games apiece. St. Louis eventually won the championship in seven games.

With Milwaukee returning to the World Series for the first time since 1982, Lange’s keepsake offers a striking

reminder of how ticket prices have changed. The Brewers will host the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 1 on Friday, October 23, 2026 at American Family Field.

As of October 21, 2026, SeatGeek advertised Game 1 tickets starting at approximately \$2,842 each—over 300 times the price printed on Lange’s ticket. Those resale asking prices vary by seat location and availability and can change quickly. The comparison reflects his original ticket price against today’s resale market.

For Lange, the \$8.00 ticket remains a tangible connection to one of the biggest days in Brewers history.



Ron Lange of Mountain proudly holds his ticket stub from the 1982 World Series held at Milwaukee County Stadium. PHOTO CREDIT | FRANK BURNS

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Signature Sweets Through the Decades

As winter slowly approaches, bakers everywhere turn to their ovens and fill their kitchens with the warmth and aroma of familiar treats. Yet every cake, cookie, and pie tells a story shaped by its time. From resourceful recipes made with pantry staples to picture-perfect creations inspired by social media, baking offers a delicious way to trace the changing tastes, technologies, and traditions of each decade.

In the early 20th century, home bakers relied on comforting pantry-staple recipes. Gingerbread, custard pies, applesauce cakes, and angel food cakes brought familiar sweetness when ingredients were limited and practicality mattered. Passed down through families, these recipes became treasured traditions for celebrations and quiet afternoons alike.

As the mid-century arrived, baking began to mirror the optimism and convenience of the post-war years. The 1950s and 1960s embraced playful, colorful desserts: pineapple upside-down cakes, Jell-O poke cakes, grasshopper pies, and Bundt cakes became household favorites. Convenience foods like boxed mixes and canned fruits made baking more accessible, while glossy magazines and cookbooks inspired home bakers to experiment with new flavors and presentations. Baking became not just nourishment, but a form of creative expression.

By the 1980s and 1990s, indulgence and café culture shaped the baking landscape. Rich cheesecakes, chocolate lava cakes, tiramisu, and elaborate layer cakes defined the era's love of decadence. At the same time, coffeehouse favorites like scones, biscotti, and oversized muffins became everyday treats. Home bakers embraced both extremes — the luxurious and the cozy — often blending traditional recipes with modern twists. Baking was increasingly seen as both a hobby and a way to elevate everyday life.

From the 2000s onward, baking increasingly blended nostalgia, artistry, and innovation. Cupcake boutiques sparked a nationwide craze, while social media introduced visually stunning trends like macarons, naked cakes, gourmet donuts, and brown-butter cookies. In the 2020s, banana bread, crinkle cookies, and small-batch baking marked a return to



From old-fashioned gingerbread to colorful macarons, beloved baked treats reflect generations of changing tastes and timeless traditions.

comfort, reflecting a desire for warmth and simplicity.

Through every decade, baking has remained a joyful constant — a way to celebrate, to comfort, and to connect across generations. Let's take a closer look at the signature treats that defined each era:

1920s – Classic Comfort

Molasses Gingerbread with Warm Vanilla Sauce. A deeply spiced, old-fashioned gingerbread served warm with silky vanilla sauce, a comforting dessert that reflected the era's love of simple, reliable treats.

1930s – Depression-Era Ingenuity

Chocolate Wacky Cake. Eggless, milk-less, and butter-less yet surprisingly rich, this resourceful cake brought families a dependable treat when ingredients were scarce and creativity mattered most.

1940s – Wartime Resourcefulness

Peanut Butter Cookies. Simple, hearty, and made from pantry staples, these cookies offered dependable comfort during rationing, when home bakers created reassuring desserts in uncertain times.

1950s – Mid-Century Retro

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake. Bright and iconic, its pineapple rings, cherries, and caramelized sugar captured the decade's playful optimism and embrace of convenience.

1960s – Playful & Modern

Grasshopper Pie. A cool, mint-chocolate chiffon pie set in a crisp cookie crust, capturing the era's playful colors, bold flavors, and fondness for cocktail-inspired desserts.

1970s – Earthy & Homemade

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting. Moist, warmly spiced, and tangy, this cake captured the decade's rustic, back-to-nature style.

1980s – Decadence Rules

New York Cheesecake. Rich, dense, and indulgent, often finished with glossy berries or a drizzle of chocolate, this restaurant-style favorite embodied the 1980s taste for lavish desserts, bold presentation, and celebration-worthy excess.

1990s – Café Culture

White Chocolate Cranberry Scones. Buttery, tender scones with café-style flair reflected the rise of coffeehouse

baking and brought cozy, everyday treats into home kitchens.

2000s – Cupcake Craze

Salted Caramel Chocolate Cupcakes. Moist chocolate cake, caramel filling, and salted caramel buttercream made these cupcakes a boutique-bakery favorite, fueled by creative shops and TV baking shows.

2010s – Instagram Era

Macarons (Raspberry or Pistachio). Elegant, colorful, and technically demanding — these became the decade's most photogenic baking obsession. Visually striking, precise treats turned baking into a social media art form.

2020s – Cozy Revival (so far!)

Basque Burnt Cheesecake. Rustic, crackled, and impossibly creamy. A modern comfort dessert blending nostalgia with newness, as rustic recipes brought warmth and simplicity back to center stage.

From pantry-staple ingenuity to picture-perfect creations, each decade has left its mark on the way we bake. As the 2020s continue, which recipe do you think will come to define this era?

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Da Bears: From Chicago’s Gridiron to Northwoods Bird Feeders

By **FRANK BURNS**
Correspondent

Born in the immediate Chicago vicinity, you’d think I would be raised a Bears Fan, but as early as I can remember, I would sit with my dad and we would watch the Packers’ Power sweeps. It is said that the Native American word for Chicago means “smelly onion” and sometimes refers to the little striped animal that you don’t want to startle.

Long before I learned of that definition, the Green Bay offensive line just plowed over defenses, including the Bears’, on their way to a 5, 10, or 15 yard gain - or more! Then when Bart Sarr would pass, the receiver would most likely be wide open.

Far from the Chicago’s Soldier Field and even from Lambeau, we live on the edge of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Our original small cabin was on a small lake with a small number of neighbors and properties that abut the forest’s border. Half the shoreline is national forest. if we get out of our canoes, and there is a hidden Little Lake off our boot and a subtle slough nearby that is accessible by kayak.

At one time the forest grew abundant virgin pine and oak and was full of wildlife, but as human populations discovered the area it succumbed to over-harvesting the trees, the fish, and the animals. Historic photographs show lumber stacked higher than two story houses, and stringers of fish to both edges of the frame. Dead coyotes, and pheasants, and deer. Land that provided for Native American Nations was impinged upon by industry and recreation seekers.

Finally something had to be done to preserve the resources and regulations came into play.

Though the abundance was thinned out, what was left seemed in balance to the shifting demographics. Trees are renewable, and when legal limits are imposed on hunters and fishers, the wildlife can make a comeback.

So the forest provides cover and sustenance for the fish and animals again. To our eyes, deer are the most abundant animals with turkeys as the biggest and most widespread game bird. But the animal many people are fascinated with is the Black Bear. These creatures make sporadic and unexpected appearances across roads, trails, or backyards. They are unpredictable, unless there is a constant supply of food around. They will return for food.

Many people in the Northwoods have a favorite bear story or two. Here are some of ours.

One of the delicacies our local Black Bears crave is also unexpected. At least to us before we learned more about these occasional prowlers. They love bird seed. Yes, the oily black sunflower seed right down to the tiny thistle, bears will return hunger by hunger to eat these morsels.

The problem for bird lovers is that the birds come back and are very active in the Spring on the backyard feeders, but as soon as the bears wake up, they are right there shaking and taking and not sharing very well. And that is the second problem, they not only take most of the seed, they disassemble feeders, break down steel shepherd’s crooks, and can generally uproot your backyard décor.

We have up to ten feeding stations for birds on our back deck. We can leave the feeders out all Winter, unless the raccoons come in. Then we have to take them in until the raccoons move on. Otherwise, overnight our feeders provide nourishment for the night squirrels. We call them “Flyers,” but their common name is “Flying Squirrel.” Flyers do not take as much seed as the raccoons or the daylight squirrels and leave the bird feeders intact.

Several nights in our history at the cabin, we have had the pleasure of a night visit from one of the oversized teddy bears. The telltale sign is the crashing of feeders on the deck. By the time we find our glasses and get out to the living room, most of the feeders are down or totally smashed already. A flip of the floodlight or a few taps on the door, and the bear slips away. Then we go out to access the damage.

Our most famous bear story involves the smallest of our bird seeds. The Thistle. In the year of this visit, we had positioned the tubular thistle feeder on the edge of the deck. It was suspended by a shepherd’s crook. The Bear Black elected to climb the railing instead of walking up the steps, so “he” was holding on to the top railing and sampling our thistle feeder. Who knows why big Black Bears choose to feed on tiny thistle seeds, but they do.

We’ve been told it’s for the protein, but a bear hunter of over thirty years, Wendel who lives West of Wabeno says bears seek seasonal food. They move from one source to the next when the plant or fruit is the ripest. That might explain the early Spring visits in search of bird seeds.

Our famous bear was so cute hanging there that we had to take a few photos, but then he decided he wanted to take the feeder home in a kind of reverse Goldilocks move. That’s when I couldn’t take it anymore. I opened the porch sliding door and went after my



A black bear helps itself to a sip of nectar from a hummingbird feeder while standing on its hind legs at a lakeside deck.

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feeder. He was taking it down our path to the lake, so I yelled, “Hey Bear! Put that down!” with emphasis on the “Hey Bear!” words, that seemed to do the trick. He dropped the thistle feeder, and I walked down to it to pick it up.

Then I realized he would be pinned in by the lake, so picking up the cast off feeder, I ran back to the road to wait to see if he would cross. A few moments later, he came out of our property and headed into the main woods. Silent the whole time, and now, gone.

I looked down at the cylinder and it would still be functional, but then I noticed a series of bite marks attesting to the seriousness of his theft attempt. We use this now classic bird feeder, with a few new openings in it as a testimony of his visit, but we never dangled it off the end of our deck – too tempting evidently.

Whether we dangle the feeders or not, we get bear visitors. In Spring of 2023 my wife had just heard a news feed on her cellphone warning about Wisconsin bears waking up from their winter’s sleep and to take bird feeders down for the rest of the season. We scoffed at that because we never take our feeders down except at night or when travelling overnight, and we thought the report seemed too early. A few minutes later a Black Bear came out of our front woods in broad daylight and was heading for the deck. We scrambled for our cellphones in attempt to film our first bear, but in the commotion, the bear sensed our

presence and ran back in the woods.

We mentally congratulated the news reporter for that timely warning, and it added to our own funny bear stories. We started taking down our feeders that night for the rest of “bear season”. Usually, in Spring, we wait to start taking down feeders until the first bear sighting or attack - on the feeders.

Later that summer we had an early morning visit by the biggest visitor we ever had. I heard a noise and went to the window to see this big bear head over the railing and its paw reaching for our blackseed feeder. Again, scrambling around for my cellphone, I noticed the head sink down and the bear was gone. With my phone I rushed outside to see if I could still take a snap of this one, but it was nowhere to be seen, or heard. I was on the deck just moments after this bear appeared and I could not determine which way it ran, and I did not hear one twig in the forest crack to give me an indication.

I examined the railing for paw scratches, when I realized the bear had not climbed up it, but had its rear paws on the ground. That made for a very big bear, taller than me, and one perhaps not to mess with. I took the cage feeder down that morning because I did not want to have to replace it. It is the Chickadees’ favorite.

I did not see, hear or smell that huge bear. It had disappeared into the woods as silently as a butterfly. I wondered how something that big and jet black could vanish like that, but as for those Bears south of the border, they still.....

Halloween Trail Ride to Benefit Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition

LAKEWOOD/TOWNSEND – The Northwoods Community Assistance Coalition invites riders to dress up and hit the trail for a Halloween themed fundraiser on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm.

The ride begins at the Lakewood Trailhead, 15364 State Hwy 32 in

Lakewood and ends at Old Town Hall, 17767 State Highway 32 in Townsend. At the end of the ride, participants can enter a costume contest for a \$200 prize and browse a silent auction.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person.

The coalition connects volunteers

and resources with people in need in Lakewood, Townsend, Mountain, Wabeno and surrounding communities. Riders looking for breakfast before setting out can visit the nearby Pour Haus breakfast buffet.

For more information, call Mary at 715-616-1131.

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Vets 4 Vets to Honor Veterans with Annual Spaghetti Dinner November 11

SURING – Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin will honor local veterans during its 24th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner from 3:00 to 6:00 pm Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at Red Maple Country Club, 501 Golf Course Road in Suring.

The Veterans Day gathering invites veterans, their families, friends and community members to share a meal while supporting efforts to assist and recognize those who have served.

All veterans will receive a free spaghetti dinner and a special gift.

Dinners for non-veterans are \$7 per person, and takeout will be available.

Wabeno American Legion Post 44 is sponsoring two free cabin giveaways at Camp American Legion for the 2027 season. All veterans in attendance may enter a free drawing, with two winners each receiving a one-week cabin stay. Vets 4 Vets expressed its thanks to Post 44 for its generous sponsorship and continued support of the organization.

The event will feature several opportunities to support the organization, including silent auctions,

ten-liner raffles, 50/50 raffles and a meat raffle. A special 52-card raffle will offer a Steve Brickner model train, with additional activities planned throughout the afternoon. Organizers are accepting donated items for the silent auctions. Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in contributing can email vets4vetsnew@gmail.com to arrange a donation or request more information about the event.

Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization made up of veterans and non-veterans.

Through community involvement and fundraising, the group works to fulfill its mission of assisting and honoring veterans in Northeast Wisconsin.

Proceeds from the dinner will support local veterans and veterans' families.

Community members are encouraged to bring a favorite veteran, gather with family and friends, or attend on their own. The annual dinner provides an opportunity to express appreciation for military service while helping the organization continue its work throughout the region.

Northern Lakes Archers Raffle to Support Pavilion and Practice Range Improvements

TOWNSEND – The Northern Lakes Archers are raising funds for a new pavilion and an expanded practice range designed to accommodate a growing number of crossbow users, including people who can no longer shoot conventional bows because of age or physical disabilities.

The planned practice range will allow crossbow shooters to sight in their equipment from a shooting bench at distances of up to 50 yards. It will be open to the public without requiring a club membership. The pavilion will provide shelter from the weather during the club's shoots.

To help fund the improvements, the

club is holding a gun raffle, with the drawing scheduled for 6:00 pm, Saturday, December 5, 2026, during its Game Feed at The Olive Pit Bar & Grill, 18904 WI-32 in Townsend.

Tickets are \$20 each, and only 500 will be sold. They are available at Pintsch's Hardware, The Olive Pit Bar & Grill, The Green Banana and Meatski's.

Firearm prizes include a Tristar Cobra II 20-gauge shotgun, a Ruger American .30-06 400B, a Remington 783 .270 bolt-action rifle, a Christensen Arms Evoke 7mm and a Savage bolt-action .223 with scope. A Centerpoint AT 400 crossbow is also among the

prizes.

Additional prizes include \$350 and \$250 cash awards, a two-pack of Reveal Tactacam X Gen 3.0 cameras and a \$100 Pintsch's gift card.

Proceeds will help the Northern Lakes Archers improve the range's facilities and expand practice opportunities for area shooters.

Free Community Thanksgiving Meal Planned in Wabeno

WABENO – Community members are invited to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal and an afternoon of friendship Thursday, November 26, 2026 from 2:00 to 6:30 pm at Wabeno Town Hall, 4473 North Branch Street.

The Community Thanksgiving gathering is free and open to everyone, offering an opportunity to share the holiday with friends and neighbors.

A Giving Tree will also be available to help support area families at Christmas. Bingo with prizes will begin at 6:00 pm.

Reservations are appreciated, if possible, to help organizers plan for the meal. To RSVP, text Emy at 715-850-0065. Takeout will also be available; those interested are asked to message ahead.

Wabeno Lions Donate \$1,000 to Friends of Wabeno



The Wabeno Lions recently donated \$1,000 to the Wabeno Area Players, highlighting the spirit of cooperation between two local community organizations. Wabeno Lion Linda Harter (right) presented the check to Wabeno Area Players President Carol Bartlein. The donation supports the Players' efforts to bring theater and entertainment to the community and offers an example of local groups supporting one another.

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Saturday, October 24

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LAKEWOOD – The 21st annual Toys for Joy fundraiser will take place from noon to 6:00 pm at Firelite Lounge located at 15329 State Hwy 32 in Lakewood. The event will feature food, beverages, meat raffles and bucket raffles, with music provided by DJ Express. New toys and monetary donations will be collected to support local programs.

TOWNSEND – LakeHouse Winery will host an afternoon of live music featuring Dan Flannery from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The public is invited to

enjoy Flannery’s music at the winery, located at 17745 County Road T in Townsend.

Sunday, October 25

CRANDON – Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center Prevention offers a weekly program designed to encourage movement, wellness and healthy self-care practices. Self-Care Sundays will be held every Sunday from 10:00 am to noon at the Recovery Resource Center, 5460 Kak Yot Lane, Crandon. The program is open to everyone. Youth ages 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, contact Sammi S. at 715-889-5780.

Thursday, October 29

MOUNTAIN – Mountain Sweet Street Trick-or-Treat will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Bill Lazansky Community Center, 13412 Hwy 32 & 64. People, businesses and groups interested in handing out treats to children are invited to arrive between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. Participants are encouraged to dress in the Halloween spirit. The event

will again include a food drive for the local food pantry, sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation.

Saturday, October 31

LAKEWOOD – Trick-or-Treat hours are from 4-6 pm.

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MOUNTAIN – The Schoolhouse Bar, 14007 State Hwy 32/64 in Mountain, will host a Broomstick Pool Tournament beginning at 1:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Mountain/Suring children’s Christmas party. The singles, double-elimination tournament is limited to 20 shooters, with an entry fee of \$20 per person. Registration is due by noon and rules will be reviewed at 12:30 pm. For more information or to sign up, contact The Schoolhouse Bar at 715-276-9957.

LAKEWOOD – Lakes Country Library will celebrate Halloween with a party from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the library, 15235 State Hwy 32 in Lakewood. The two-hour celebration will feature games, crafts, prizes and candy. Visitors can enjoy seasonal activities and spend part of their Halloween celebrating at the library.

TOWNSEND – LakeHouse Winery, located at 17745 County Road T will host an afternoon of live music featuring Ken and Chris from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

TOWNSEND – The McCaslin Lions Club will host

a community Trunk or Treat event from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of free candy, creatively decorated vehicle trunks and Halloween fun. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes while collecting treats in a festive, family-friendly setting.

CRANDON – Mole Lake Casino, Lodge & Event Center will host its Halloween Monster Mash from 8:00 pm to midnight featuring music, karaoke and a costume contest with cash and free-play prizes. The celebration will take place in the Event Center at 3084 Highway 55 in Crandon. The event is open to adults ages 18 and older, with free admission, a cash bar and snacks. A DJ and karaoke will provide entertainment throughout the evening. Costume contest categories include Monster, Couple and Most Creative. In each category, first place will receive \$250 cash and \$250 in free play; second place will receive \$100 cash and \$100 in free play; and third place will receive \$50 cash and \$50 in free play. Winners will be announced at 10:00 pm.

Monday, November 2

WABENO – Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church will offer a weekly viewing and discussion group centered on “House of David,” at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend the gatherings downstairs in the church building at 4347 North Branch Street.

Saturday, November 7

TOWNSEND – A day of friendly competition will help

support the Christian Food Pantry when Wendt’s Sandbar Resort hosts its annual Scavenger Hunt and Food Drive. The event will take place at the resort, 16688 Nicolet Road in Townsend. Registration begins at 11:00 am, and the scavenger hunt starts at noon. Teams will compete for a share of a 100% payout awarded to the top three finishers. Food donations will also play a role in the competition, with teams earning additional points based on the food they contribute. The more food a team brings, the more points it earns while helping stock the pantry.

TOWNSEND – LakeHouse Winery located at 17745 County Road T will host an afternoon of live music featuring Boxed Wine from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, November 11

SURING – Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin will honor local veterans during its 24th Annual Veterans’ Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Red Maple Country Club, 501 Golf Course Road. The Veterans Day gathering invites veterans, their families, friends and community members to share a meal while supporting efforts to assist and recognize those who have served. All veterans will

receive a free spaghetti dinner and a special gift. Dinners for non-veterans are \$7 per person, and takeout will be available.

Thursday, November 19

LAKEWOOD – Billy’s Bar & Grill located at 18207 County Road F, will welcome Bret Hamer Acoustic for an evening of live music beginning at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, November 21

TOWNSEND – Get a festive start on your holiday shopping at the 2026 Deer Hunter Widow’s Craft Fair, sponsored by Nicolet Express and benefitting Friends of Townsend Fire! Join us from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm Street. Discover unique gifts, seasonal décor, delicious home-baked treats, and homemade jams. Enjoy freshly ground coffee, cappuccino, or a latte as you browse, and try your luck in our bucket raffles featuring fabulous items donated by vendors and local community partners. All money collected that day will benefit Friends of Townsend Fire, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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.

Beverly “Bev” Ann Powers

Sept 22, 1940 - Sept 15, 2026

Beverly “Bev” Ann Powers, age 85, Townsend resident, passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2026. She was born on September 22, 1940 to the late Norbert Sr. and Pearl (Johnson) Phillips in Green Bay, WI. Beverly married Thomas Charles Powers on June 22, 1956. The couple resided in Green Bay and Batavia until moving to Townsend in 1978. There, they were the owners and operators of The Townsend Restaurant and Powers Service Center.

Surviving are her eight children: Debbie (Guy) Selsmeyer, Mike Powers, Sheri (Tim) Stephani, Tom (Lori) Powers, Vickie (Clint) Aderholdt, Tony (Ginger) Powers, Chris (Pat) Linssen and Lisa (Larry) Bath; grandchildren: Alyx Selsmeyer, Clay Selsmeyer, Tim Stephani, Tara Stephani, Mandy Powers, Tom Powers, Tyler Powers, Nikki Gerhard, Sean Aderholdt, Cody Aderholdt, Autumn Kadow, Anthony Powers Jr., Jerimiah Powers, Jenny Powers, Ryan Powers, Cody Powers, Jordan Powers, Hailee Powers, Dalton Aderholdt and Mindy Linssen; great-grandchildren: Beau Selsmeyer, Kaiya Selsmeyer, and Lettie Bell Selsmeyer, Jerry Powers, Easton Gerhard, Gavin Gerhard, Keira Aderholdt, Liam Aderholdt, Kia Aderholdt, Riley Aderholdt, Colby Aderholdt, Clinton Kadow, Jackson Kadow, Teagon Powers, Mikela Powers, Maddy Powers, Taylor Powers, Leighton



Powers, Mya Powers, Morgan Powers, Amelia Powers, Dani Powers, Jameson Powers, Levi Gust, Maverick Gust, Winifred Gust, Hudson Gust, Finley Gust, Cash Aderholdt, Kassidee Linssen, Braylee Lissen, and Aubree Linssen; and her great-great-grandson, Anton Kerscher. Bev is preceded in death her loving husband, Thomas Charles Powers; her parents: Norbert Sr. and Pearl (Johnson) Phillips; her siblings; Sandy Clark, Carol DeMoulin, Richard (Dick) Phillips, Otis Phillips, Ronnie Phillips, Lloyd Phillips, and Norbert Jr. Phillips; her son-in-law, Charles A. Aderholdt; her grandson, Steven L. Bath; and her granddaughter, Becca Reinke. Bev enjoyed her many children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at the family cabin for the last 70+ years, along with many family vacations. A Celebration of Life for Beverly Ann Powers was held Friday, October 16, 2026; Visitation from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM at Newcomer Funeral Home.



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Wabeno Church to Host “House of David” Discussion Series

WABENO – Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church will offer a weekly viewing and discussion group centered on “House of David,” beginning November 2, 2026 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend the gatherings downstairs in the church building at 4347 North Branch Street, Wabeno. The video series dramatizes Old Testament accounts of King David’s life, beginning with his youth. Like “The

Chosen,” it uses creative interpretation to bring biblical people and events to the screen. Participants will watch an episode each week, then read related Old Testament passages and discuss their meaning and application to everyday life. The group offers an opportunity to explore the Bible with others in a welcoming setting. The sessions will be led entirely by lay participants and will feature discussion rather than preaching.



Trinity Lutheran Wabeno
1741 Forest Ave., Wabeno
Sunday Service at 9:30 AM



Risen Savior Lutheran
13825 State Hwy 32, Mountain
Saturday Service at 6:30 PM



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715-473-5633
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Broomstick Pool Tournament to Benefit Mountain/Suring Children's Christmas Party

MOUNTAIN – The Schoolhouse Bar, 14007 State Hwy 32/64 in Mountain, will host a Broomstick Pool Tournament on Saturday, October 31, 2026 beginning at 1:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Mountain/Suring children's Christmas party.

The singles, double-elimination tournament is limited to 20 shooters, with an entry fee of \$20 per person. Half of the entry money will be paid

back to participating shooters, while the remaining half will support the children's Christmas party.

Participants are encouraged to wear costumes, with a prize awarded for the best costume among shooters.

Registration is due by noon October 31, and rules will be reviewed at 12:30 pm. For more information or to sign up, contact The Schoolhouse Bar at 715-276-9957.

Youth Pumpkin Hunt in Mountain

MOUNTAIN – The Mountain Historical Society will host a Youth Pumpkin Hunt at 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2026, at the historic Green Lake Park Pavilion, located at 13322 State Highway 32/64 in Mountain.

During the Halloween event, young participants will search throughout the park for five hidden pumpkins. The children who discover the pumpkins will each receive a special prize. Every participating child will also receive a small gift, ensuring that everyone leaves with something to remember the afternoon.

Families can warm up with complimentary hot cocoa and enjoy cookies while spending time together at

the park. The event is free and open to area youth, but all children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Youth Pumpkin Hunt offers families an opportunity to celebrate Halloween outdoors while enjoying the autumn scenery and historic surroundings of Green Lake Park. Organizers encourage participants to arrive on time so they are ready when the hunt begins.

The Mountain Historical Society invites local families and visitors to take part in this fun and festive community tradition while enjoying an authentic Mountain experience.

For additional information, please call 715-276-1486.

Mountain Sweet Street Trick-or-Treat

MOUNTAIN – Mountain Sweet Street Trick-or-Treat will be held Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Bill Lazansky Community Center, 13412 Hwy 32 & 64, Mountain.

People, businesses and groups interested in handing out treats to

children are invited to arrive between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. Participants are encouraged to dress in the Halloween spirit.

The event will again include a food drive for the local food pantry, sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Attendees are encouraged to bring a

Family-Friendly Trunk or Treat in Townsend

TOWNSEND – The McCaslin Lions Club will host a community Trunk or Treat event from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Saturday, October 31, 2026, at Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. in Townsend.

Families are invited to enjoy an evening of free candy, creatively decorated vehicle trunks and Halloween fun. Children are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes while collecting treats in a festive, family-friendly setting.

The event is free and open to everyone. Through activities such as Trunk or Treat, the McCaslin Lions Club continues its mission of bringing the community together through service and fun.

Lakes Country Library to Host Halloween Party

LAKEWOOD – Lakes Country Library will celebrate Halloween with a party Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the library, 15235 State Hwy 32 in Lakewood.

The two-hour celebration will feature games, crafts, prizes and candy. Visitors can enjoy seasonal activities and spend part of their Halloween celebrating at the library.

The event offers an opportunity for community members to gather for some Halloween fun, with creative activities and sweet treats highlighting the festivities.



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