

Hackensack & Backus

2026 VISITOR'S GUIDE

RESORTS

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EVENTS

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RESTAURANTS

LOCAL BUSINESSES



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What's Always On

MONDAY:

Pizza N Pint 4-7pm, Rendezvous Brewing

Meat Raffle 5pm, Hackensack Muni, sponsored by Hackensack Lions Club

TUESDAY:

Bingo 6pm, Backus Legion

Trivia with Dr Rock, 7pm, Birchwood Char House & Bar

Taco Tuesday 11am-8pm, Birchwood Char House & Bar

Trivia 6pm, Rendezvous Brewing (June, July & August)

Farmer's Market 9am-1pm, Hackensack Hub (June 9 through September 26)

Kid's Fishing Contest 11am, Birch Lake Public Dock (mid-June through mid-August)

WEDNESDAY:

Bingo 6pm, Hackensack Legion

Trivia 7pm, Backus Legion

Steak Night 4-8pm, Birchwood Char House & Bar

1st Wednesday of the month — **Benefit Meal** 5-6pm, Union Congregational UCC

2nd Wednesday in June, July & August — **Flea Market** 8am-3pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

½ **Price Bottles of Wine** at Barrel & Vine (October-May)

THURSDAY:

Meat Raffle 6pm, Hackensack Legion

Texas Hold'em 6pm, Backus Legion

FRIDAY:

Community Coffee 10am-12pm, Hackensack Hub

Meat Raffle 5:30pm, Backus Legion

Trivia 6pm, Rendezvous Brewing (September-April)

Lakeside Concert Series 5-7pm, Hackensack City Park Pavilion, sponsored by Northwood Arts Council (mid-June through August)

Burger Bar 4-8pm, Hackensack Legion

AYCE Fish Fry 4-9pm, Birchwood Char House & Bar

SATURDAY:

Meat Raffle 6:30pm, Backus Legion

Prime Rib 4-9pm, Birchwood Char House & Bar

SUNDAY:

1st Sunday of the month — **Hackensack Lions Pancake Breakfast** 8-11am, Hackensack Community Center (May-October)

2nd Sunday of the month — **Auxiliary Breakfast** 7:30-11:30am, Backus Legion (May-October)

3rd Sunday of the month — **Auxiliary Breakfast** 8:30am-11:30am, Hackensack Legion

5th Sunday of the month — **SAL Breakfast** 8:30-11:30am, Hackensack Legion

Meat Raffle 5pm, Hackensack Legion (May-September)

BARGO 1pm, Birchwood Char House & Bar (Mid-October-Mid-May)

½ **Price Bottles of Wine** at Barrel & Vine (June-September)

Recurring Meetings

Hackensack American Legion, Auxiliary, & Sons of the American Legion

2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at the club

Backus American Legion, Auxiliary, & Sons of the American Legion

4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the club

Hackensack Chamber of Commerce

Board Meeting
3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm at the Visitors Center

Hackensack Lions

General Membership Meeting
3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm at The Hackensack Hub

Union Congregational UCC

WEEKLY

Sunday Worship at 9:30am

Monday Bone Builders, 1:30pm, Friendship Hall

Monday AA Meeting, 6pm, Church Library

Wednesday Fit2Move Exercise, 10am, Friendship Hall

Wednesday Lectio Divina (Prayer), 4pm, Church Library

Friday Fit2Move Exercise, 10am, Friendship Hall

Friday Bone Builders, 1:30pm, Friendship Hall

MONTHLY

2nd Monday — Men's Fellowship, 9am, Friendship Hall

1st Wednesday — Benefit Fundraising Meal, 5-6pm, Friendship Hall

1st & 2nd Thursday — Dream Group, 10am, Church Library

1st Thursday — Justice Team Ministry, 7:30pm, Zoom

2nd Thursday — Women's Fellowship, 1pm, Friendship Hall

4th Thursday — Fiber Arts, 1pm, Church Library

Hackensack Hub

Membership Meeting/Potluck with Speakers

3rd Thursday of the month — 12pm at The Hackensack Hub

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at 9:00am

Monday Quilting at 9:00am

Monday Adult Studies at 7:00pm via Zoom

Wednesday Bible Study at 10:45am

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sunday Mass, 8:30am

Saturday Mass, 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday, 4:30pm

Thursday Mass, 5:30pm

Friday Mass, 8:00am

Lighthouse Church

Sunday Worship, 9:00am

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JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15 Back to Hack — Medallion Hunt Clue #1 — 8am
- 16-18 **Back to Hack** downtown Hackensack on 1st Street — see Hackensack Visitors Center FB page for details
- 16 Back to Hack — Medallion Hunt Clue #2 — 8am
- 16 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 17 Back to Hack — Medallion Hunt Clue #3 — 8am
- 17 Winter Hackensack Hub Small Business Market — 9am-1pm — Hackensack Hub — Lunch 11am-1pm
- 17 Back to Hack **Frostbite Ur Fanny 2.5 Mile Run/Walk** — 10am Registration Hackensack Visitors Center — 10:30am Start
- 17 Back to Hack **Family Ice Fishing Contest** — 11am-1pm — on Birch Lake
- 17 Back to Hack **Auxiliary Bake Sale** — 12-3pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 17 Paws+Claws — **Cuddle & Smooch** — 2:30-3:30pm — TBD
- 17 Fish Fry — 4-6pm — Hackensack Fire Department
- 17 Back to Hack **Bonfire** — 5:30pm — on lawn by 1st Pavilion
- 17 Back to Hack **Fireworks** — 6pm — over Birch Lake
- 17 Electronic Racing — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 18 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 18 Back to Hack **It's A Wrap Raffle Drawing** — 12:30pm — Birchwood Char House & Bar
- 21 Blood Drive, Hackensack Lions Club — 12:30-5:30pm — St. Paul's Church
- 24 Winter Rendezvous — 10am-2:30pm — Deep Portage Learning Center
- 27 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

FEBRUARY

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14 Paul's Birthday Bash — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 14 Sweetheart Dinner — 4pm — Backus American Legion — Entertainment after 6:30pm meat raffle
- 15 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 24 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

MARCH

- 13 Feeling Lucky Business Deals — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 14 Winter Hackensack Hub Small Business Market — 9am-1pm — Hackensack Hub — Lunch 11am-1pm
- 14 Pi (Pie) Day — 11am-1pm — Hackensack Hub
- 14 Corned Beef & Cabbage — 4pm — Backus American Legion — Entertainment after 6:30pm meat raffle
- 15 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 17 Reubens — 5-8pm or until gone — Backus American Legion
- 27 SAL Ham Bingo — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 28 Kids Easter — 11am-12:30pm — Backus American Legion — hosted by Auxiliary
- 28 Easter Egg Hunt, Hackensack Lions Club — TBD — Hackensack Community Building
- 28 SAL Ham Bingo — 2pm — Backus American Legion

- 29 SAL Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 31 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

APRIL

- 3 Good Friday SAL Fish Fry — 5pm — Backus American Legion
- 4 April Fools Bingo — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 5 Backus American Legion — CLOSED for Easter
- 19 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 28 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

MAY

- 2 Kentucky Derby Party — 4-7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 3 Pancake Breakfast — 8-11am — Hackensack Community Building — hosted by Hackensack Lions Club
- 8-10 Poppy Days — Hackensack Auxiliary Unit 202 at Hackensack Businesses
- 8 Hotdogs & Brats hosted by Hackensack Fire at Swanson's Bait & Tackle
- 8 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 8 Burger Night — 5-8pm — Backus American Legion
- 9 Plant, Book & Bake Sale — 9am-1pm (lunch 11am-1pm) — Hackensack Hub
- 9 Entertainment after 6:30pm meat raffle — Backus American Legion
- 9 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 10 Mother's Day Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30-11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 17 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 19 Tuckaway Eagles Healing Next
- 22 Roast Beef Sliders — 5pm — Backus American Legion
- 22 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 23 Live Entertainment after 6:30pm meat raffle — Backus American Legion
- 23 Electronic Racing — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 24 Finnely Cemetery Service — 1pm — Hackensack Auxiliary Unit 202
- 24 Frankie Lamb — 2-5pm — Chicken Dinner to follow — Backus American Legion
- 26 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 31 SAL Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion

JUNE

- 5 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 7 Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort Putt Fore Paws Golf Tournament — 8am-3pm — Tianna Country Club
- 7 Pancake Breakfast — 8-11am — Hackensack Community Building — hosted by Hackensack Lions Club
- 9 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 10 Crazy Days — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 12 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 13 Spring Bike Fling — 10am ride starts in Walker, bike to Hackensack & Back — Half Way Party Rendezvous Brewing
- 13 Flag Day — Retirement Ceremony — Hackensack American Legion

- 14 Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30-11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 14 Flag Day — Retirement Ceremony — Backus American Legion
- 16 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 19 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 19 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 20 Outdoor Meat Raffle & Live Music (weather depending) — 6:30pm — Backus American Legion
- 21 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 23 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 24-27 Cass County Fair Beer Gardens hosted by Backus American Legion
- 26 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 26 SAL BBQ Bingo — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 30 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 30 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

JULY

- 3 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 3 Electronic Racing — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 4 4th of July
- 4 DJ/Karaoke after 6:30 meat raffle — Backus American Legion
- 5 Pancake Breakfast — 8-11am — Hackensack Community Building — hosted by Hackensack Lions Club
- 7 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 8-14 **Sweetheart Days** downtown Hackensack on 1st Street — see Hackensack Visitor Center FB page for details
- 8 Flea Market — Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 8 Crazy Days — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 10 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 10 Live Music "Fool's Gold" — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 11 Sweetheart Days Paws+Claws Rescue & Resort **5K Furry Run/Walk** — 8am-12pm — Paul Bunyan Trail
- 11 Sweetheart Days **Craft Fair** — 10am-3pm — on lawn by Hackensack City Park
- 11 Sweetheart Days **Dachshund Derby** — 12pm — on lawn by 1st Pavilion
- 11 Sweetheart Days **Car & Motorcycle Show** — 1-4pm — 1st Street between Lake & Murray
- 11 Sweetheart Days **Dance "Fool's Gold"** — 7-10pm — Outdoor 1st Street Pavilion Hackensack
- 11 Sweetheart Days **Fireworks** — Dusk — Over Birch Lake, downtown Hackensack
- 11 Sweetheart Days **Fire Department BBQ** — 4-7pm — Hackensack Fire Station
- 11 BBQ Bingo — Backus American Legion
- 12 Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30-11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 12 Sweetheart Days **Cornhole Tournament** — 1pm — Outdoor Pavilion by Horseshoe Pits Hackensack
- 14 Kid's Games — 11:30am-2pm — City Park Lions Pavilion — Hosted by Hackensack Auxiliary Unit 202
- 14 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock

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- 14 Sweetheart Days **Parade** — 6pm — 1st Street between Whipple & Murray
- 14 Sweetheart Days **Raffle Drawing** — 7:30pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 15 St. Paul's Lutheran Church Country Fair — 9am-2pm — St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- 17 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 17 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 18 1st Annual Family Fun Day — 3pm — Outdoor Raffle & Entertainment (weather permitting)
- 19 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 21 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 24 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 24 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 28 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 28 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 31 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 31 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion

AUGUST

- 1 Rendezvous Brewing 6th Anniversary Party — All Day — Rendezvous Brewing
- 2 Pancake Breakfast — 8-11am — Hackensack Community Building — hosted by Hackensack Lions Club
- 4 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 4 National Night Out, hosted by Hackensack Lions Club — 5-7pm — Hackensack Community Building
- 7 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 7 Burger Night — 4-8pm — Backus American Legion & Entertainment
- 8 **Backus Cornfest**
- 8 Northwoods Art & Book Festival — 9am-3pm — 3rd Street & Lake Ave
- 8 Club Opens at 10am — Cornhole Tournament Registration at 11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 8 Outdoor Meat Raffle (weather permitting) — 6:30pm — Backus American Legion
- 9 Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30am-11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 9 Frankie Lamb Dance — 2-5pm — Backus American Legion
- 9 Chicken Dinner — 5pm — Backus American Legion
- 9 Auxiliary Raffle — 5:30pm — Backus American Legion
- 11 Children's Fishing Contest — 11am-12:30pm — Birch Lake Public Dock
- 14 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 16 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 21 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 25 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

- 28 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 30 SAL Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Lakeside Concert sponsored by Northwoods Arts Council — 5-7pm — Lions Pavilion Hackensack City Park
- 4 Electronic Racing — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 6 Pancake Breakfast — 8-11am — Hackensack Community Building — hosted by Hackensack Lions Club
- 7 **Labor Day**
- 12 2nd Annual Summer Send Off — Cornhole at 12pm — Kids Games at 3pm — Backyard BBQ — Outdoor Raffle at 6:30pm — Live Music — Backus American Legion
- 13 Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30-11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 17 SAL Raffle Drawing — 6:30pm — Backus American Legion
- 20 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 25-27 **Annual Chainsaw Event** — 8am-5pm — 1st Street
- 25 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 26 Chainsaw Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30-10am — Hackensack American Legion
- 26 Electronic Racing — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 26 Farmer's Market — 9am-1pm (lunch 11am-1pm) — Hackensack Hub
- 27 SAL Breakfast — 7:30-10:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 29 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion

OCTOBER

- 1 Turkey Dinner, Hackensack Lions Club — 4-7pm — Hackensack Community Building
- 3 Hacktoberfest Pub Crawl — 11am — All Day Fun at Birchwood Char House & Bar, Hackensack Muni, & Hackensack American Legion
- 3 Fall Fest — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 4 Pancake Breakfast — 8-11am — Hackensack Community Building — hosted by Hackensack Lions Club
- 11 Auxiliary Breakfast — 7:30-11:30am — Backus American Legion
- 17 Murder Mystery Dinner — 5pm — Reservation Only — Backus American Legion
- 18 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion

- 24 Kids Halloween Party hosted by Auxiliary — 11am-12:30pm — Backus American Legion
- 27 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 31 Halloween at the Hackensack Hub — 4:30-6:30pm
- 31 Halloween Party — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 31 Adult Halloween Party — 8:30pm — Backus American Legion — Games, Food, DJ, & Costume Contest

NOVEMBER

- 6 Deer Hunter's Dinner — 5:30pm until gone — Hackensack Auxiliary Unit 202 at Hackensack American Legion
- 6 Opener Bake Sale — 12-6pm — Backus American Legion
- 6 Chili with Grilled Cheese — 5pm — Backus American Legion
- 7 Hunter's Dinner — 5-9pm — Backus American Legion — Entertainment
- 11 Vet Lunch — 12pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 15 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 20 SAL Turkey Bingo — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 21 SAL Turkey Bingo — 2pm — Backus American Legion
- 24 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 26 Backus American Legion — CLOSED for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 5 Hallmark in Hackensack — All Day — Hackensack Businesses
- 13 Kid's Christmas Party — 1-2:30pm — Hackensack Auxiliary Unit 202 at Hackensack American Legion
- 19 Kid's Christmas Party — 11am-12:30pm — Backus American Legion hosted by Auxiliary
- 20 Hackensack Auxiliary Breakfast — 8:30-11:30am — Hackensack American Legion
- 24 Christmas Eve, Tom & Jerry's — Backus American Legion — Club Closes at 4pm
- 24 Christmas Eve — Hackensack American Legion — Club Closes at 6pm
- 25 Christmas Dinner — 12-3pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 25 Backus American Legion — CLOSED for Christmas
- 29 Birthday Tuesday — 4-6pm — Hackensack American Legion
- 31 Community New Year's Party — 4-7pm — Rendezvous Brewing
- 31 Music — 7pm — Hackensack American Legion

HACKENSACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2026 DATES

Back to Hack: January 16, 17, & 18, 2026

Sweetheart Days: July 8 through July 14, 2026

Chainsaw Event: September 25, 26, & 27, 2026

*DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE DATE OF THIS PUBLISHING

About Hackensack

Things are happening in Hackensack! Come see for yourself. Hackensack boasts a newly renovated Highway 371 with sidewalks, curbs, lighting, and added roundabout at 371 & County 5.

Updated in 2024 were the sand volleyball court, full basketball court, along with 4 pickleball courts, and the tennis court that may also be converted into pickleball courts. Hackensack also opened a 9-hole disc golf course called "Lucette's Links", which is east of 371 at the end of Lake Avenue.

In 2023, we remodeled First Street, creating an enjoyable atmosphere for all. Located one block west of 371, the street is lit by decorative new streetlights displaying colorful and inviting banners all year round. In the winter, brightly lit snowflakes light up downtown for more festive fun. The sidewalks have been widened to add outdoor seating for visitors and residents alike, along with improved parking. Along First Street, you find several businesses: Sun and Fun, Rendezvous Brewing, Faith in Action for Cass County, the Hack Muni, the Hackensack American Legion, City Hall, the Hackensack Fire & Rescue Department and Swanson's Bait and Tackle.

The downtown setting is made even more beautiful because it is located on the shores of Birch Lake. An inviting playground, swimming beach, picnic pavilion, fishing pier, and boat landing are all within steps of the downtown area. During the summer, there is a Kid's Fishing Contest on Tuesdays that is sure to put a smile on your young one's face. Stop by our lending library and check out a book, no library card necessary. We are proud to announce that the Hackensack Lending Library was placed in the National Register of Historic Places by the US Department of Interior on October 26, 2023.

The Visitor's Center is located near the beach, too, and has a host of useful information about the area and fun merchandise. Take a selfie of the statue of Paul Bunyan's sweetheart and wife, Lucette Diana Kensack, which is right next to the Visitor's Center!



While the downtown area is stunning, there are many other assets Hackensack has to offer. As you are traveling northward on 371, make sure to stop at the Countryside Food Co-Op, a member owned volunteer-driven organization specializing in spices, cheeses, dried fruits, nuts, grains, and beans. If you are traveling with a dog, stop by our outdoor dog park, just 2 blocks east of 371 on Lake Avenue. If you are hungry, there are a host of great restaurants in our town. Southside Fuel Plus is a great place to grab a quick snack while you are filling up the gas tank.

Hackensack has a strong volunteer community including Fire and Rescue, American Legion, Hackensack Lakes Area Community Foundation, the Lions, the Northwoods Arts Council, and Game Changers. Each of these organizations brings events to the community and provides financial support to local projects. In addition, the Northwoods Arts Council organizes a Lakeside Concert Series on Fridays, June through August, at the city park pavilion, and a book and arts festival in August.

Just seven miles out of town sits Deep Portage Learning Center on 6,307 acres of land. For more than 50 years it has been a leader in outdoor and environmental education for people of all ages. Learning opportunities take place inside and outside on the spacious campus among the bogs, lakes, glacial hills, forests, and trails of the north woods. The 54,000 square foot Resource Heritage Center also boasts lodging for over 100 students, two Great Halls, a climbing wall, library, classrooms, and a theater.

Our resorts are the heart of your family vacation, where you can escape to relax and enjoy everything mother nature has to offer. Check out page 13 in this guide for more information on what each resort has to offer.

No matter what you are looking for in the lake country, you have found it in Hackensack. There are plenty of opportunities for recreation, relaxation and enjoying nature. With 127 lakes in a 10-mile radius, our "Sweetheart of a Town" has something for everyone!

HISTORY OF HACKENSACK

Settlement in the Hackensack area began in Lothrop, a few miles north of the current community. James Curo built a log building, which housed his living quarters, a grocery store, a general store, and a post office. The Ojibwa Indians mostly inhabited the area, but settlers began building around Curo's enterprise as early as 1884. When the railroad pushed north in 1896, Lothrop was abandoned. No trace of the town exists today. Hackensack was officially put on the map in 1902, and Bye Bartlett and Curo, who came to the area from Hackensack, NJ, decided its name. Industry at the time centered on logging and a sawmill. The Minnesota

and International Railroad came through town on the site of the current Paul Bunyan Trail. Most of the retail shops were built of wood, many of which were destroyed by fires. Several of these structures were replaced with brick structures. In 1915, the Royal Ice Cream Parlor was a busy place serving tourists in the area and was also known as a place to buy fireworks. There were several hotels, general stores, and even a hospital on Pleasant Lake. There was a bank, but the depression led to its demise. Today there are many businesses, as you will see in this guide.

THE LEGEND OF LUCETTE

Midway between Brainerd and Bemidji standing near the shore of Hackensack's beautiful Birch Lake is a seventeen-foot statue of Lucette Diana Kensack, sweetheart and wife of the legendary Paul Bunyan whose footprints filled with water and became our land of lakes. Lucette grew much faster than other children and her parents were in need of a bigger room for such a large girl on the family farm in Iowa. Then Lucette's aunt and uncle issued a plea for help in their north woods logging camp and Lucette went to Minnesota to help out. Upon her arrival, the aunt and uncle realized that they would need to build a larger cabin, so they called upon Paul Bunyan to help level some trees for the building. Paul arrived, and with one swoop of his axe, leveled enough trees to make her a home.

Having never seen the girl, Paul ran into her one day in the woods, when she was poking among the forest undergrowth seeking mushrooms. Aside from the fact that she was a size more fitting to Paul's own size, and even appeared to be somewhat deformed on her right hip, he fell in love. Following a suitable courting period, they were married back in the Iowa Territory on June 9, 1838. Paul and Lucette's Marriage Certificate and wedding band can be found at the Visitor's Center. Lucette stands serene, a goddess calmly surveying the local scene, secure in the knowledge that the second Wednesday in every July, there will be thousands to pay her homage. As with complete composure, she stands above each annual Sweetheart Days event.

The reality of Lucette is she is the creative masterpiece of Doad Schroeder, an old-time resident and store owner in Hackensack. After a long period of mulling over the notion that the little village of Hackensack needed a gimmick of some kind, Schroeder put himself to the task in 1950. He constructed a wooden frame, did some shaping with boards and metal lath, added some insulation and a good portion of cement and sand. Topping Lucette off with genuine moose eyes, he offered his community a colorful and sizable tourist attraction, and one that has been a summer-long drawing card for photographers and sightseers. In 1951, a national contest was launched to select a name for this creation, and the name Lucette Diana Kensack was entered by a woman from Iowa. On June 27, 1952, the first Paul Bunyan Sweetheart Festival was held in Hackensack, and we have celebrated ever since.

In 1991, a high wind toppled Lucette's head, but residents of Hackensack were prompted to repair the damage. When they took her down, they discovered she was pregnant. She returned with a new face, and Paul Jr. appeared with her and was installed at his mother's side. In 2005, Paul Jr. was moved and can now be found in front of the Hackensack City Hall. Lucette continues to play a role, not only in Hackensack, but also in references found in the University of Minnesota annals and in some school textbooks. Lucette even has a 20-foot shawl to keep her warm in winter, just in time for Back to Hack in January.



Hackensack Special Events

Back to HACK

JANUARY
16, 17, & 18

Back to Hack is the Hackensack area winter festival. The winter festival started many years ago when a group of people tried to figure out something fun to celebrate during winter to get out of the house. We have Sweet Heart Days in the summer and the group came up with the idea of bringing your "Sweetheart Back To Hack" in the winter.

Back to Hack celebrates winter with activities including **Frostbite Ur Fanny Run/Walk, Medallion Hunt, Snow Golf, Bonfire and Fireworks!**

We have a great raffle with the chance at a variety of cash prizes.

The attendance has grown every year for Back to Hack since it has started which makes it a fun filled weekend with laughter, great conversations and the fun of meeting new people. So if you are getting a little cabin fever this winter, stop by Hackensack and join in the fun. There is something for all ages. Just remember, it's winter, and all events are subject to the weather and ice conditions.



29th Anniversary

KIDS FISHING CONTEST

JUNE 9 - AUGUST 11



Every Tuesday from June 9 through August 11 at 11 a.m. at the Birch Lake Peninsula/Dock. Ages 2-15. Children need only a fishing rod and a life jacket. Bait provided. Minnow Races and Casting Contest. **Prizes, hot dogs and pop for everyone.**



Sacred Heart FLEA MARKET

JUNE 9, JULY 8, AUGUST 12



Held the second Wednesday of June, July and August in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parking lot. Always well attended, the event attracts vendors and visitors from throughout the region. Lunch served by Sacred Heart CCW (Council of Catholic Women).



SWEETHEART ♥ DAYS

JULY 8 - JULY 14

*A
Sweetheart of a Town!*



The first Sweetheart Days Festival was held on June 27, 1952, honoring "The Lady by the Lake", Lucette Diana Kensack. A few years later the date was changed to include the second Wednesday in July and the little town of Hackensack has been celebrating ever since. July 8th through the 14th is bound to be a great event celebrating Sweetheart Days!

As everyone knows, or should know, Lucette is the sweetheart and spouse of

legendary logger, Paul Bunyan. Lucette stands on the shore of Birch Lake at City Park, waiting for Paul to return home from a hard day working in the woods.

The event will kick off on Wednesday, July 8th, with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Flea Market which starts at 8:00am on the grounds of the church. Thursday, stop in at the Hackensack American Legion Post 202 at 6:00pm for your chance to win meat at their well-attended meat raffle.

Friday evening, you don't want to miss the Northwoods Arts Council Lakeside Concert Series. Saturday, July 11th, will be loaded with fun during the Sweetheart Days Arts and Crafts Festival, the Annual Dachshund Derby, Car & Motorcycle Show, dancing on the lawn with "Fool's Gold" band all the way from Montana, and stick around for the fabulous fireworks at dusk! On Sunday, July 12th, be sure to compete in the Corn Hole Tournament!

Tuesday, July 14th, is the final day of Sweetheart Days and starts with the weekly Kids' Fishing Contest starting at 11:00am. After the Fishing Contest there are games for the kids and adults hosted by the Hackensack American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202.

Tuesday evening, 6:00pm, the famous Sweetheart Days Parade starts, featuring floats and local Color Guard Marching Units. Be sure to arrive early for the best view.

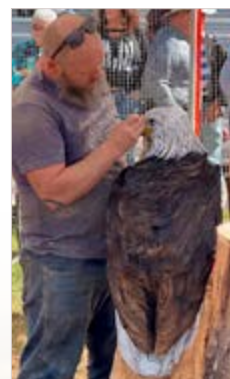
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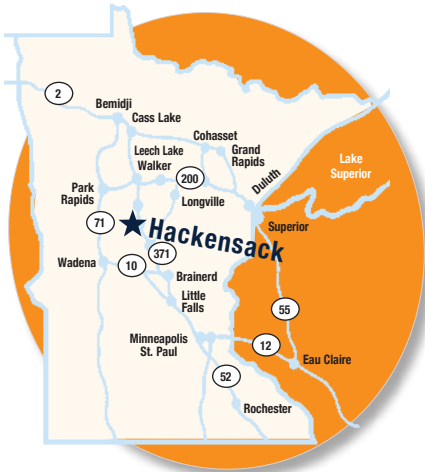
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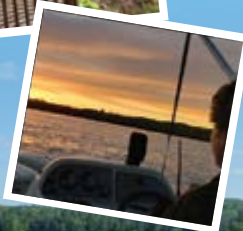
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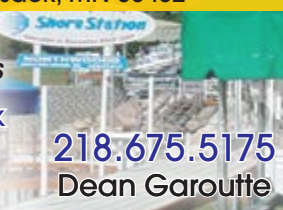


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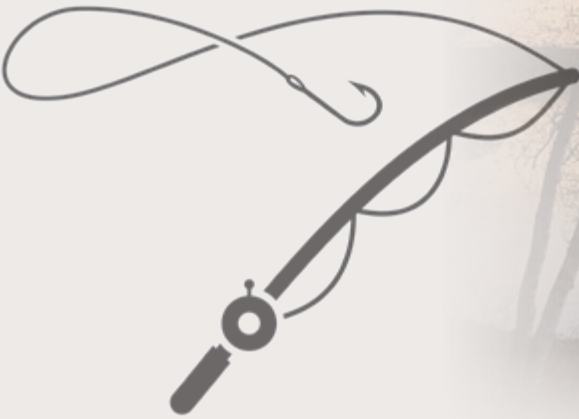
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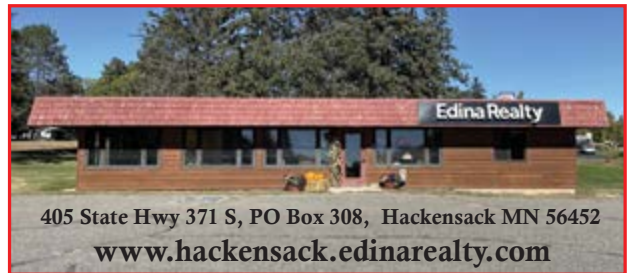
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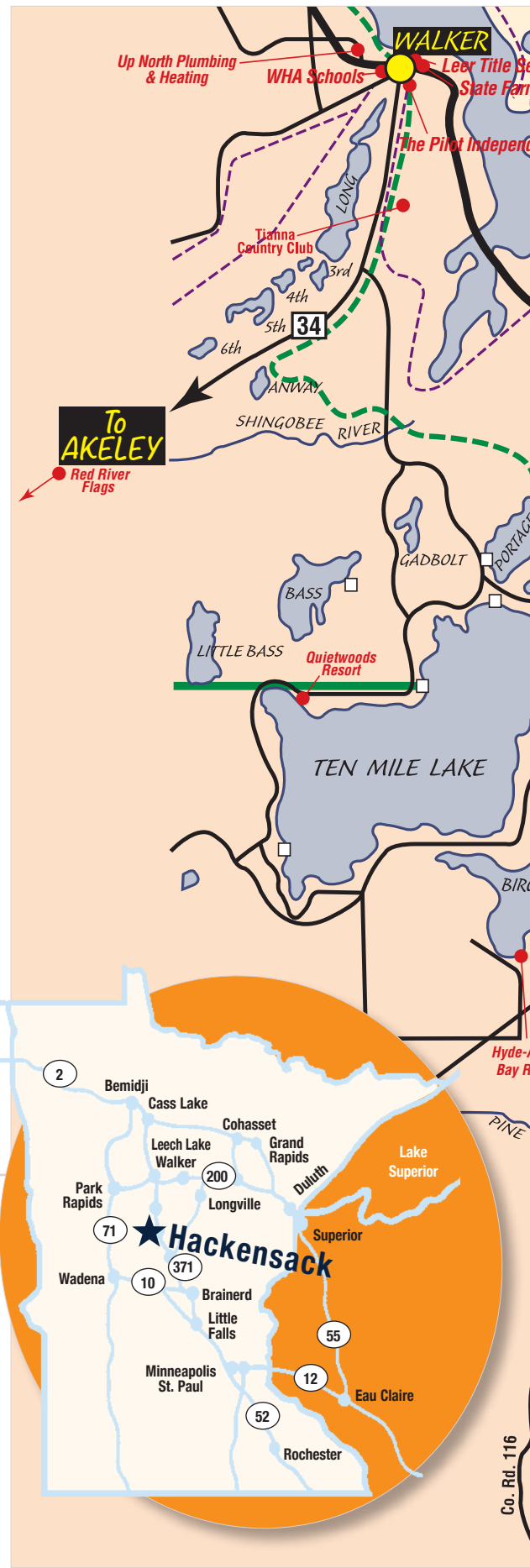


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Go out for dinner
Visit Lending Library
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Enjoy breakfast out
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Take a picture with Colonel Cobber
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About Backus



Prior to 1850, the territory was a wilderness occupied by Ojibwe Native Americans. Chief Hole-In-the-Day headed a delegation that signed a treaty in Washington, D.C. in 1869 that ceded this part of Minnesota to the US Government. The building of the Agency Trail, along with government, brought railroad surveyors to the area. T.B. Walker, E.W. Backus, Mr. Brooks, Sam Hunter, Weyerhaeuser and Pillsbury saw this as an opportunity to make money on the timber and they acquired much of the land. July 1, 1870, land surrounding the present Village of Backus was deeded to the Northern Pacific Railway Company to aid in the construction of railroads in accordance with the Land Grant Act of 1864.

In 1873, H.C. Waite received a US patent on the present Backus City property he had homesteaded on for five years prior. January 14, 1891, Weyerhaeuser purchased the old town site of Backus from the Northern Pacific Railroad, where a sawmill had been established in about 1886 by Blake and Farley. Backus and Brooks Lumber Company established a sawmill with camps on Four Point Lake (also known as Five Point Lake), on Sanborn Lake and a warehouse was built at "Old Town." These logging operations provided employment for hundreds of men. A loading dock extended out into Pine Mountain Lake.

Backus Village was built on the Agency Trail, which later became a stage road in 1910. In 1888, Edward Hurley built the first store in Old Town, a general merchandise store. He was the first Postmaster and also built the first saloon. He sold to Henry Dorr in about 1890 who turned the Saloon into The Pioneer House, the first boarding and lodging house at Old Town. Crow Wing County offered \$100,000 for a railroad to be built from Brainerd to Leech Lake, the Northern Minnesota Railroad Company came as far as Backus in 1894.

Backus became a village on December 16, 1902. Several additions have since been added. The village was named after Edward Wellington Backus (E.W. Backus) who was part owner of Backus and Brooks Lumber Company.

In 1902, Backus moved to its current location and grew from a post office and one store into a thriving economic hub as the logging industries and railroad prospered. The Backus jailhouse was built in 1903. In 1912, W. Kinney set the jail on fire after being arrested.

On June 1, 1915, Front Street was designated a State Road and part of State Rural Highway 80, which later became State Highway 19 in 1919. In 1930, it was improved, straightened and tarred. At that time it passed Backus ½ mile to the east and became US Highway 371 in 1936. The ½ mile stretch between Backus and the highway was tarred in 1934. Front Street was updated with a new road and sidewalks in 2024.

During the late 1950s and 1960s, as the railroad and logging industries lost importance in the evolving economy, Backus lost many residents and businesses. The loss of the railroad came in the 1980s which has since been converted into the Paul Bunyan State Recreational Trail which passes through the center of present-day Backus. See page 14 to view the trail map.

Today, Backus has a population of about 250. It is located in a beautiful lake and woods setting on the banks of Pine Mountain Lake, a great fishing and recreational lake. Rocky Dock City Park west of the Paul Bunyan Trail offers a public access to Pine Mountain Lake, a picnic pavilion, park and a swimming beach. The local residents take pride in their community. The Backus "Oldtimers" host an annual class reunion each Memorial Day weekend and "Cornfest" takes place the second Saturday in August.

From Backus you also have access to Foot Hills State Forest which includes the Spider Lake OHV Trails where you will see wildlife and spectacular views along the way. See page 24 for that trail map.

Along 371, we have the Corner Store which is a popular stop located right on the east side of 371 and Washburn Ave. The Corner Store is a one-stop shop, convenience store, restaurant, bait shop, gun shop, and has gas and propane. The Maxson-Van EPS Backus American Legion Post 368, just north of the Corner Store, offers daily specials and is a hot spot for a variety of events like, meat raffles, bingo, trivia and poker night. Also located on 371 are the Backus Lumber and Garden, Dollar General, Liquor Locker, and Scamp Trailers which has been manufacturing in Backus since its inception in 1972. Godfrey's True Value has little of something for everyone: gas, groceries, clothing, boots, bait, gifts, rental equipment and more. Backus even has a Municipal Airport located on the west side of 371.

A few blocks west of 371 on Front Street is the quaint downtown area featuring the chainsaw carving of Colonel Cobber; stop and take a selfie. Along Washburn Avenue and onto Front Street going north, Backus has a variety of businesses from the Backus Volunteer Fire Department, City Hall, Post Office, and Tire Shop (BNL Auto). Visit the Backus Locker and pick up some meat. Stop in at Willard's Saloon & Eatery for a burger and drink, and depending on the day, participate in some fun events. The Senior Center in town cooks up a great breakfast and lunch on Wednesdays. Get there early to enjoy their caramel rolls, cinnamon rolls, and pies.

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Never one to miss a deal, Col. Cobber told Paul that he could grow ears of the sweet corn if only the trees were cleared, and they struck a bargain. Paul cleared some of that land, pulled the stumps out with the help of his Blue Ox, Babe, and the Cobbers began to grow corn. Amazingly, that corn grew and grew in soil that for hundreds of years had only fed trees, which Babe helped fertilize. The ears became as big as Paul and his wife, Lucette. Paul could only eat two or three ears that size.

Now, Tasseltop knew lots of ways to use that corn, so she taught Lucette, the cook at the logging camp, to use it as corn flour, cornmeal, corn syrup, corn pancakes, corn fritters, and even a little corn whiskey for medicinal purposes (of course). They also showed Paul and Lucette that the cobs could be used to fuel the stove during the cold northern winters.

Being the salesman that he was, Col. Cobber looked for more way to use that corn, but he knew that the forests had to be cleared to grow it. That was when he convinced E.W. Backus to cut down more trees. He also suggested that there were enough trees for Mr. Backus to ship the logs to Kansas City as supplies to build enormous stockyards. Mr. Backus did just that and the townspeople were so impressed that they named the town Backus... not Cobber.

Col. Cobber continued to grow his corn, but over the years, the soil was depleted of nutrients and the ears got small enough for regular people to enjoy. He continued to sell his ideas, urging anyone who would listen, that corn could be used for even more things... noting that it was the “gold” of the Up North Country. Little did he know that today corn would be used to manufacture biodegradable plastic products and as an additive to gasoline to run cars and trucks. He became known as the “Corn King”.

After all those years, the town of Backus finally recognized the efforts of Col. Cobber and decided to honor him with a carving. They wanted an “Up North” décor for it, however, so they asked Ross Olsen of the Flying Squirrel Studio to carve Col. Cobber with his chainsaw. Mr. Olsen found one of the trees still left standing and went to work.

On Front Street in Backus stands Col. Cobber, a monument for the town of Backus and all its visitors to remember the salesman who grew corn. It also commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the Backus Corn Fest, held the second Saturday every August.



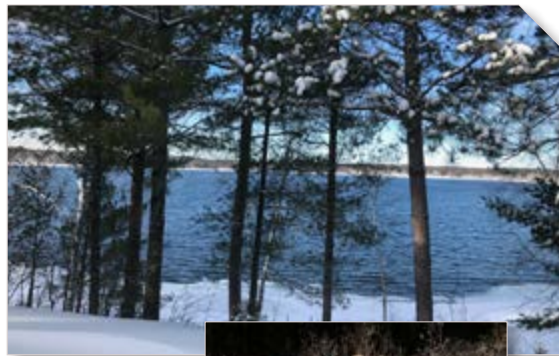
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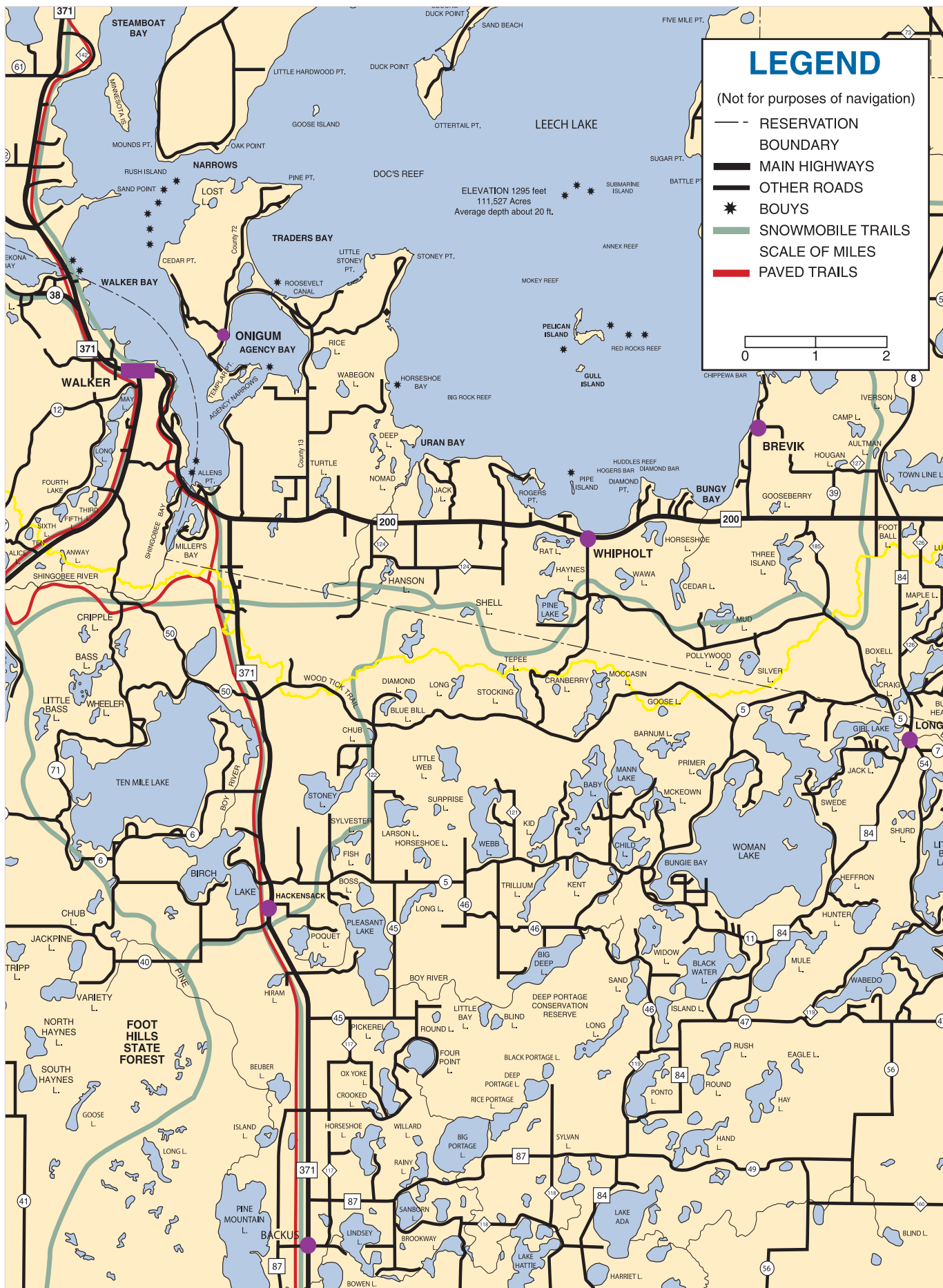
AUGUST 7, 8, & 9

Cornfest has been celebrated since 1976 when we crowned Twyla Sycks our very first Miss Backus. The day is celebrated starting with a flea market featuring many local vendors, and a lunch put on by the Cornfest Committee held in the Backus fire hall. Then, there is a themed parade with prizes given in a variety of categories, followed by a corn eating contest, games for all ages, a treasure hunt, and food from local vendors. The evening is finished with a raffle drawing, a street dance with a live band and fireworks over the lake.

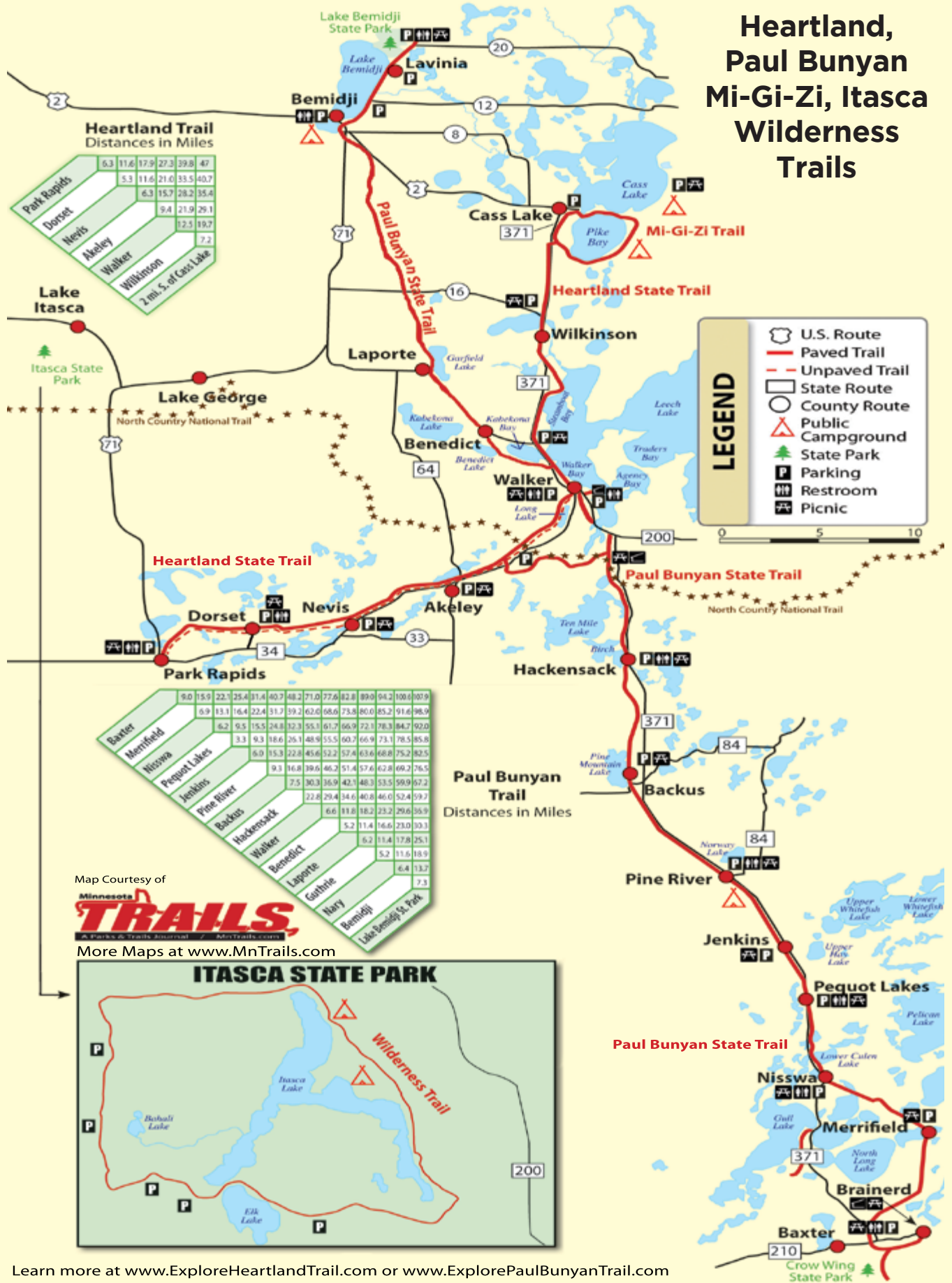


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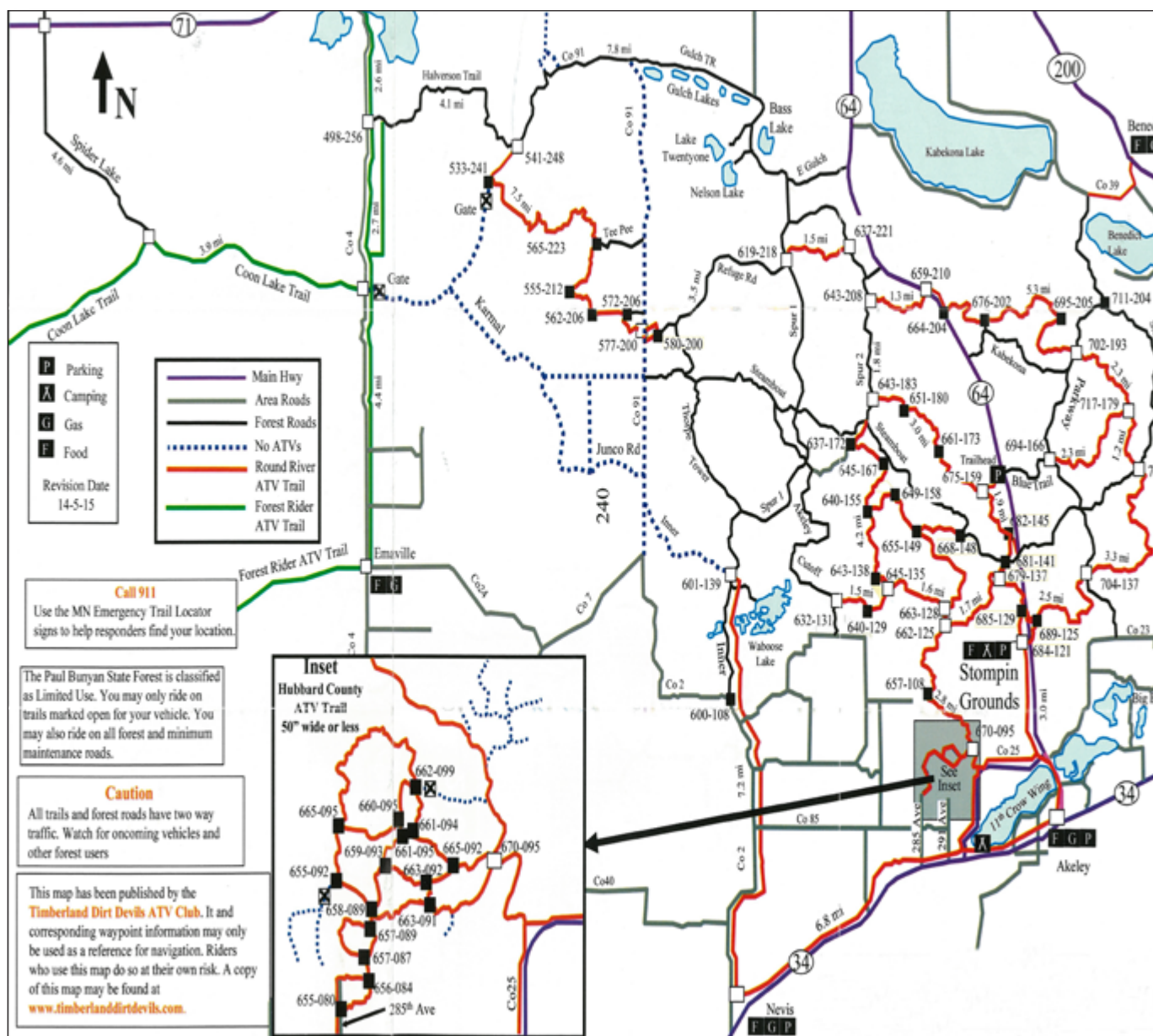
Hike, Bike, Skate, Ski, and Snowmobile. Hackensack is blessed with several beautiful trails and free parking from which to reach the trails. The hard-surfaced Paul Bunyan Trail runs from Brainerd through Hackensack and north, where it joins the Heartland Trail, into Walker. North of Walker, the trail is now paved all the way to Bemidji. The hard-surfaced Heartland Trail continues to Park Rapids, or to Walker and on to Cass Lake where it connects with the Mi-Gi-Zi trail. Hikers and in-line skaters also enjoy the 100 plus miles of dedicated trail. Wildflowers, wildlife, magnificent forest and lake views greet the visitor. Pedal, hike or rollerblade

through spectacular woods in the Chippewa National Forest between Hackensack and the Heartland Trail.

Few towns in Minnesota are closer to a premier national hiking trail than Hackensack. The North Country Trail and National Scenic Trail cross Hwy. 371 just 6 miles north of Hackensack near the Chippewa National Forest picnic grounds, a few steps away from the Paul Bunyan Trail. Hackensack is a great place to launch a backpacking trip across the entire width of the Chippewa National Forest or beyond. The North Country Trail stretches from North Dakota to New York.

In the wintertime, the Paul Bunyan Trail is open to snowmobiles without studded tracks. In addition to the Paul Bunyan Trail, Hackensack is part of an exhaustive system of mapped and marked snowmobile trails that stretch through the forests to neighboring towns near and far. Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing take place on the North Country Trail. There are many groomed cross-country skiing trails near Hackensack.

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MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL

You don't have to own a business or even live in Hackensack to join. The Chamber welcomes:

- ◆ Local businesses of all sizes
- ◆ Home-based or online businesses
- ◆ Individuals and families who value community connections
- ◆ Supporters from near or far who want to stay connected and contribute to Hackensack's growth

If you care about Hackensack, you belong here.

BENEFITS FOR BUSINESSES

- ◆ Visibility & Promotion: Your business will be listed on the Chamber's website, social media, and printed materials — giving you more exposure to residents and visitors.
- ◆ Networking Opportunities: Connect with other business owners, community leaders, and potential customers at Chamber events and meetings.
- ◆ Community Partnership: Participate in festivals, sponsorships, and programs that drive traffic to our town and your business.
- ◆ Advocacy & Support: The Chamber works year-round to promote a thriving local economy and represent business interests.

BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- ◆ Stay Involved: Be "in the know" about what's happening in Hackensack — from community events to volunteer opportunities.
- ◆ Shape the Community: Help plan and support events like Back to Hack and Sweetheart Days, or serve on committees that make a difference.
- ◆ Local Pride: Membership shows your support for the small businesses and traditions that make Hackensack special.
- ◆ Connection: Meet neighbors, newcomers, and visitors who share your love of community.

Join Today

Membership is open to everyone — near or far. Whether you're promoting a business, looking to give back, or just want to stay connected, the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce has a place for you.



Learn more and join at HackensackChamber.com or contact us at 218-675-6135.

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Fire Station Office 218-675-6162
Emergency 911
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The Game Changers is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the City. Project teams include Community Garden, Dog Park, Beautification, Signage, Resilient Housing, Clean Energy, Disc Golf, and the Children's Fishing Contest. We welcome you to join one of our teams!

HACKENSACK LAKES AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Hackensack Lakes Area Community Foundation (HLACF) is an endowment fund created to enhance the quality of life in our area. Visit www.hackensackfund.org to donate or apply for grant funding.

HACKENSACK LIONS CLUB

3rd Thursday - General Membership Meeting at The HUB, 7pm. Come and see what we are all about!

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NORTHWOODS ARTS COUNCIL (NAC)

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