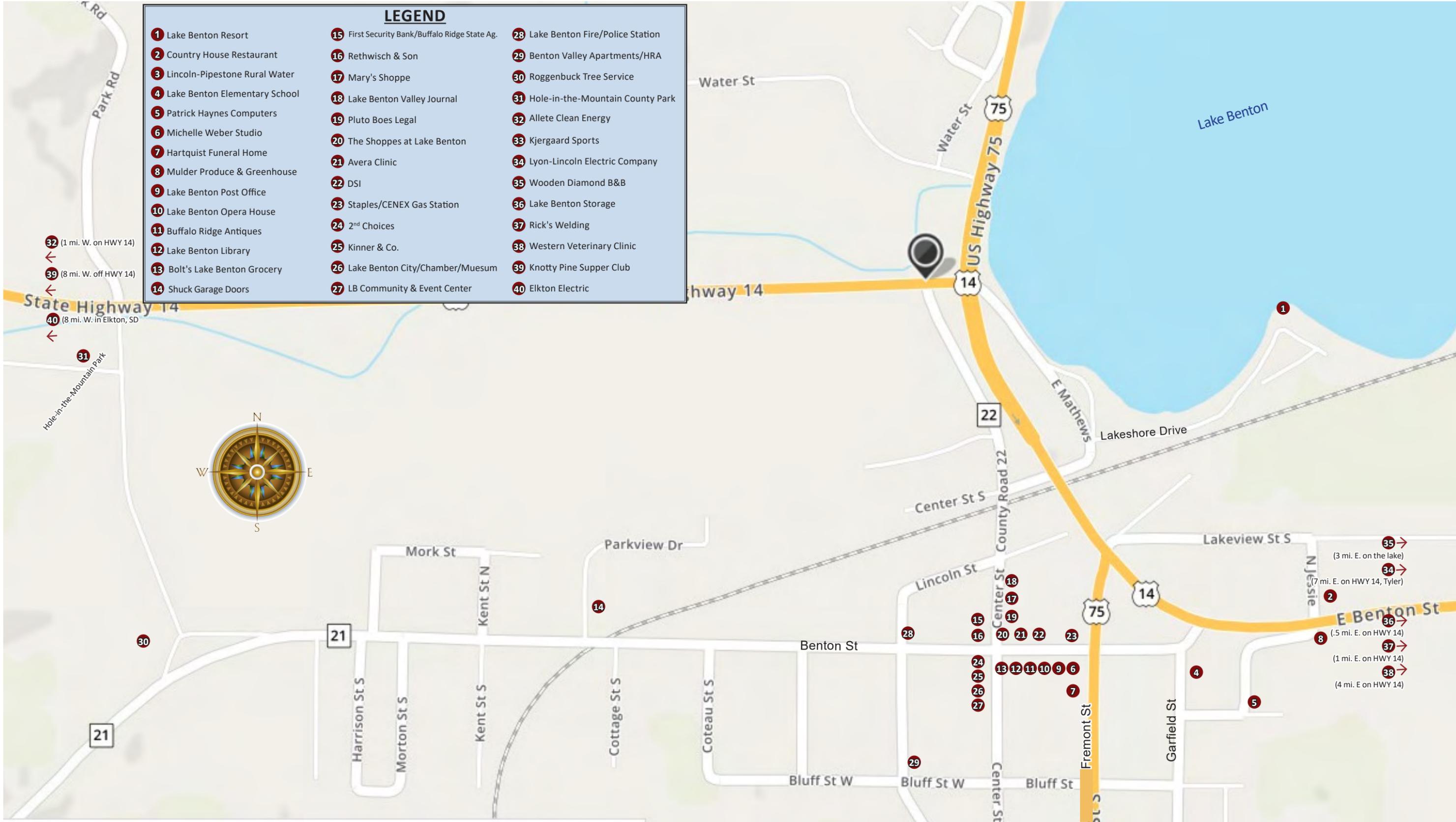


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# LAKE BENTON OPERA HOUSE

In December of 1895, a mere two weeks after fire had ravaged the original wooden opera house, a dedicated group of citizens rallied together to form an association aimed at financing the construction of "a fine new brick structure." Completed in late 1896, this new edifice stood out as one of the finest in its vicinity, featuring a spacious stage, a charming horseshoe-shaped balcony (still one of its most beloved attributes), private boxes for esteemed guests, and an advanced gas lighting system. It quickly became a central hub, hosting theatrical groups, traveling performers, school plays, concerts, church and political meetings, as well as events like July 4th and Decoration Day observations. The movable seats allowed for versatile use, accommodating dance, card parties, dinners, basketball games, and various community gatherings, including a few funerals for esteemed community leaders. From the 1920s to the early '50s, the Opera House even served as a regular venue for movie screenings.

However, the once-vibrant building succumbed to neglect and decay, exacerbated by a devastating hailstorm in 1963 that left it exposed to the elements. In 1970, a determined group of citizens joined forces to save the structure from impending demolition. Over the next five decades, ongoing restoration efforts focused on preserving the original ambiance of the beautiful old building. The maintenance initiatives ranged from roof repairs, tuckpointing, and heating and cooling system upgrades to periodic enhancements in lighting and sound.

In the early 2000s, a monumental task was achieved with the installation of new seats, accompanied by a thorough interior



repaint while the area was vacant. The exterior received attention, too, as the deterioration balcony was restored to its original form, and Victorian colors were applied to highlight previously overlooked decorative details.

In 1976, the Opera House was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization with the mission to restore the historical building and to promote and sponsor the arts. A significant milestone occurred on March 25, 1977, when it was added to The National Register of Historic Places. In 2002, the adjacent building, constructed in 1896, was acquired, and intensive restoration work began on its once-majestic facade. This building now serves as a storage space for costumes and sets, as well as a venue for dressing rooms, rehearsals, and board meetings.

Operating from March until mid-December, the Opera House offers a diverse program featuring plays, musicals, and sponsored talent. Much of its success is owed to the dedication of numerous volunteers who contribute to the ongoing preservation of the building, serve on the board of directors, participate as actors or in various technical roles, and assist with tasks such as ushering and reservations.

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# LAKE BENTON OPERA HOUSE



## 2026 Opera House Schedule

April 17-19, 24-26  
June TBD  
July 22-26, 29-Aug. 2  
October 2-4, 9-11  
November 17  
December 5

"The Last Five Years"  
Broadway Meets Lake Benton  
"Into The Woods"  
"Boing Boing"  
Children's Theater  
Christmas in Lake Benton

"Love Letters" - 2025



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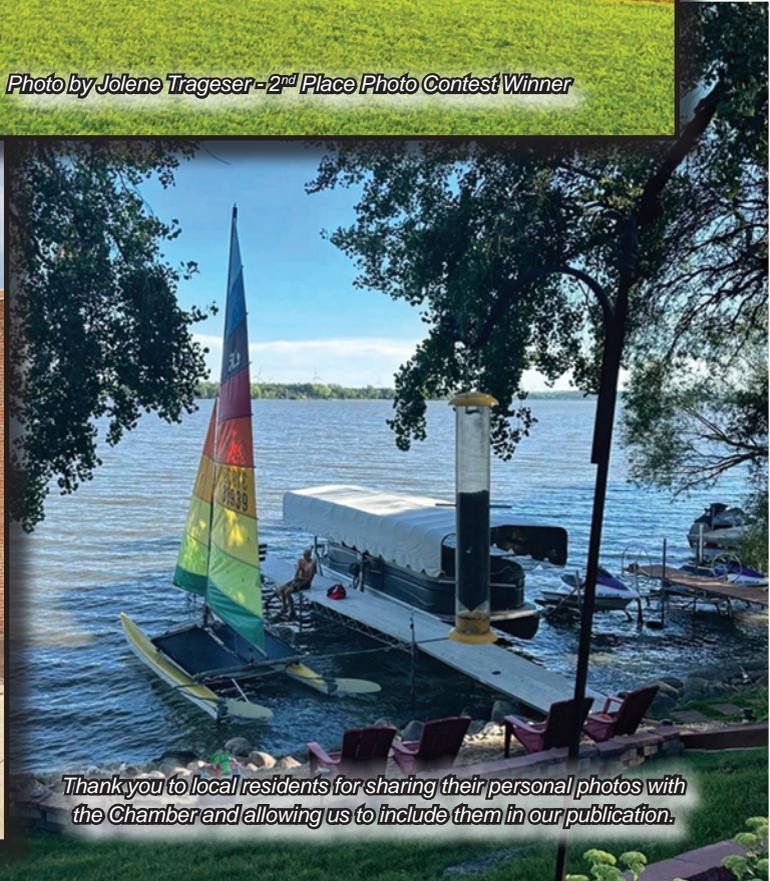
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The weekend events begin with fireworks at dusk on Friday, family events starting Saturday including a parade at noon and the firemen's street dance. There is also a trail ride on Saturday, followed by the annual horse show located at Horse Hill at the Hole-in-the-Mountain Park in Lake Benton. There are numerous classes and games/contests that take place with trophies and ribbons awarded. Please join us for a weekend of fun! There is something for everyone.

Please contact the Tom Yockey at 507-820-0698 regarding the trail ride, horse show and parade.



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# THE HOLE-IN-THE-MOUNTAIN PRAIRIE

The Hole-in-the-Mountain Prairie is an 1,157-acre prairie and oak savanna wildlife preserve located south of Lake Benton along Highway 75. The preserve is part of a larger glacial escarpment that runs from southwest Minnesota through northeast South Dakota. Locally, this hilly region is known as Buffalo Ridge.

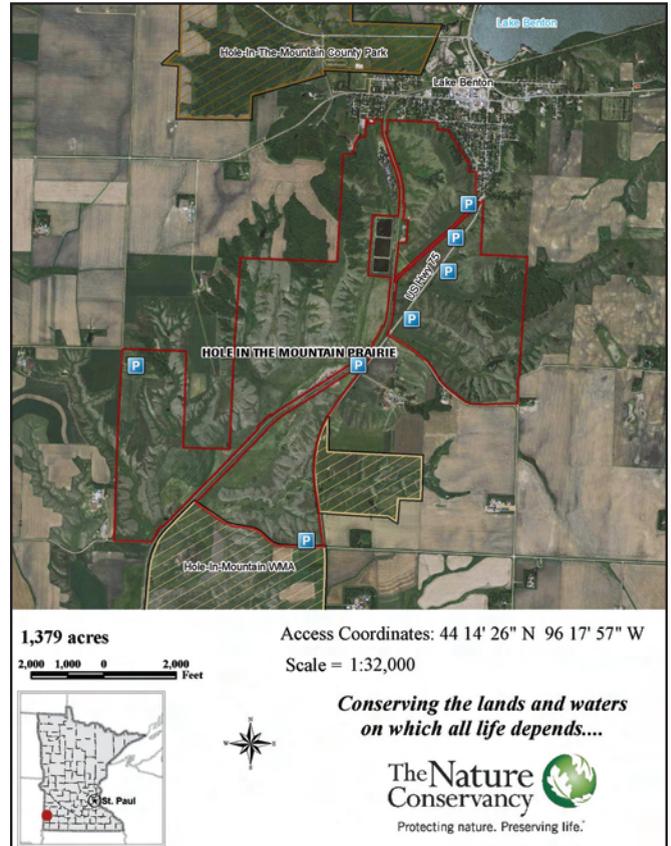
Its undulating terrain is carpeted in wildflowers and alive with birds and butterflies during summer. The preserve provides excellent habitat for rare prairie-dependent insects (including 25 species of butterflies), nesting waterfowl, passerines, raptors, and other grassland birds.

The Nature Conservancy encourages you to visit the preserve. We also strive to maintain as natural a setting as possible while minimizing wildlife disturbance. The preserve is open during daylight hours for hiking, birdwatching, photography, and any other non-consumptive uses. We remind you that access is walk-in only (no horses, mountain bikes, ATVs, or pets) from the roads around the preserve. Vehicles can be parked near the main sign near the railroad, one mile south of Lake Benton along Highway 75 or on the edge of the gravel road on the south side of the preserve. Removal of plants, animals, or any natural materials is prohibited. If you pack it in, please pack it out!

The preserve harbors more than 60 species of grasses, sedges, and rushes, 10 species of trees and shrubs and 200 species of wildflowers. Native plants include six of special concern: prairie moonwort, small-leaved pussytoes, small white lady's slipper, red threeawn, soft goldenrod, and slender milk-vetch.

Most unique to Hole-in-the Mountain are its butterflies, thriving on the native grasses and forbs protected here: The Dakota skipper and Ottoe skipper, both threatened species; and the Uncas skipper (*Hesperia uncas*), an endangered species. Visitors may also catch glimpses of a suite of prairie birds, mammals, and other insects including badger, coyote, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, red-tailed hawk, meadowlark, and bobolink.

The prairie valley is the headwaters of Flandreau Creek, which runs in a southwesterly direction toward the



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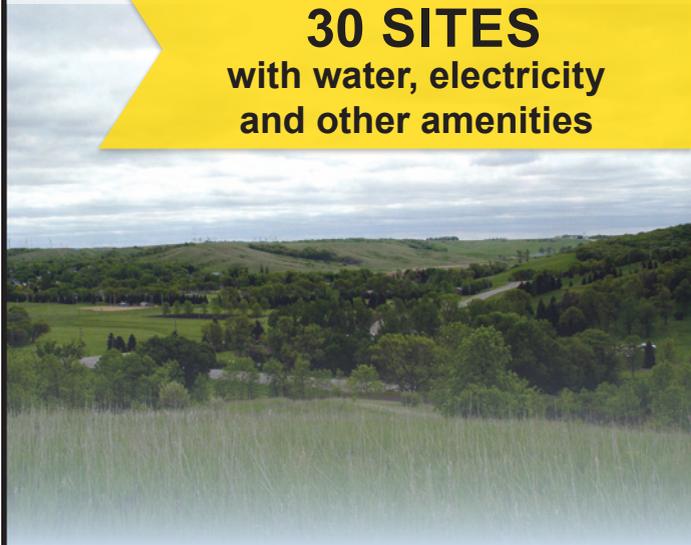


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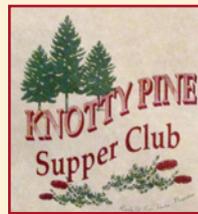
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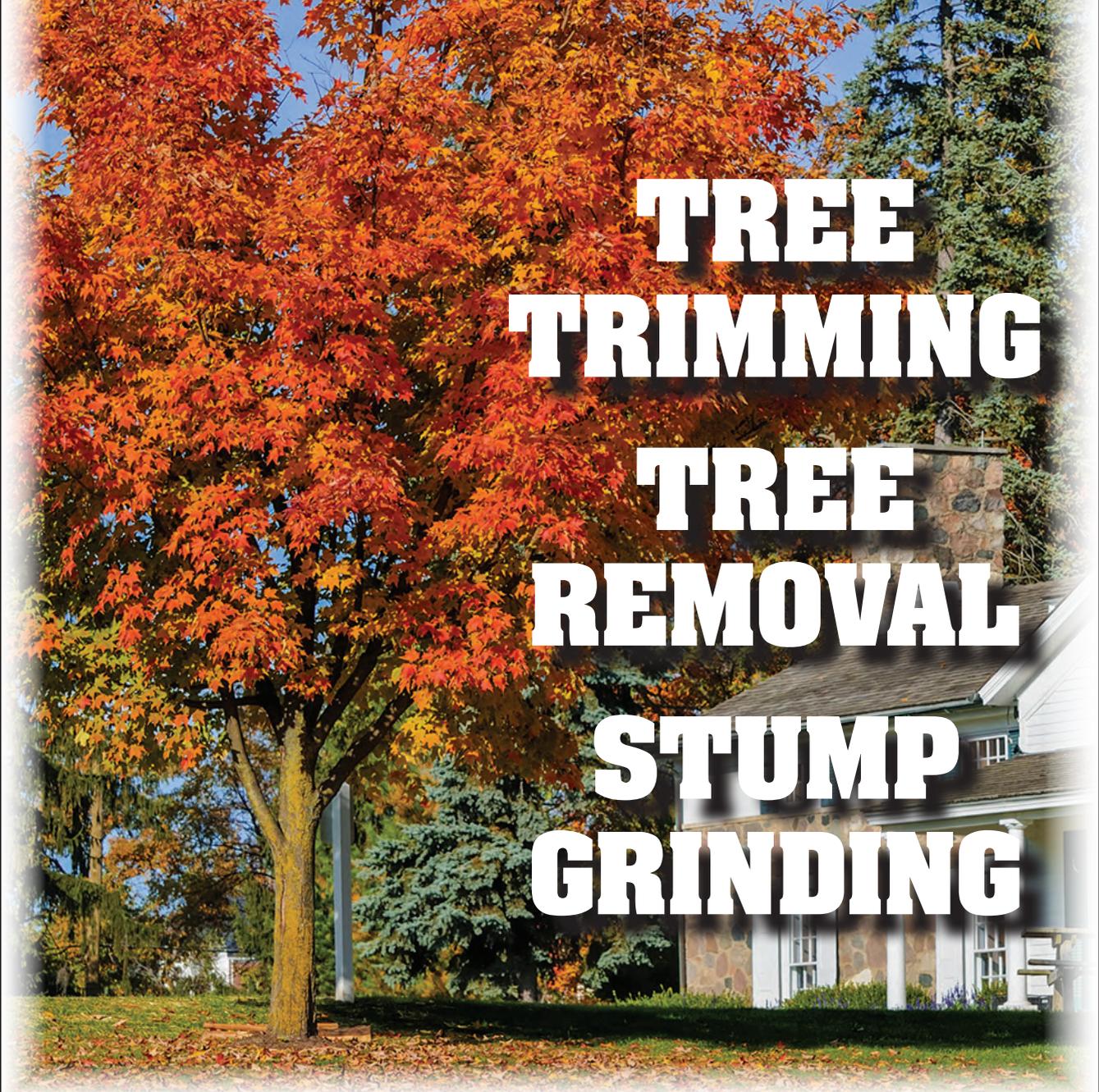
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## 2027

January 8 Sportsman's Club Annual Meeting - Fish Fry  
 January 30 Sportsman's Club Ice Fishing Tournament  
 March 20 Sportsman's Club Wild Game Feed  
 March 27 LB Area Foundation Gala - LB Community & Event Center  
 April TBD LB Opera House Spring Play - "The Last 5 Years" (2026)  
 May 8 Minnesota Walleye Opener  
 May 21-22 City Wide Rummage Sales  
 May 31 Memorial Day Program  
 June 5 Sportsmen's Club Annual Fishing Tournament  
 June 18-20 Saddle Horse Holiday Weekend Celebration  
 June TBD Lake Benton Opera House "Broadway Meets Lake Benton"  
 July TBD Lake Benton Lake Association - Pork Sandwich Fundraiser/Member Drive  
 July TBD Kjergaard Sports Buffalo Ridge Demo Shoot - Kjergaard Sports  
 July TBD Lake Benton Opera House Summer Musical - "Into The Woods" (2026)  
 October TBD Lake Benton Opera House Fall Production "Boing Boing" (2026)  
 October 31 Lake Benton Chamber Halloween "Trick or Treat on Center Street"  
 November 11 Veteran's Day Program - Lake Benton Elementary School  
 November TBD Lake Benton Opera House Children's Theatre  
 December TBD Lake Benton Businesses - Holiday Open House Events  
 December TBD Lake Benton Opera House "Christmas in Lake Benton"  
 December 10 Lake Benton Chamber Holiday Lighting Contest  
 December 11 Santa Claus Day - Lake Benton Elementary School