

48th Shawano Folk Music Festival

August 7-9, 2026

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Mielke Arts Center



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48th Shawano Folk Music Festival

Under the Trees Again

Friday
August 7

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

While you wait, join some of the artists in the Food Tent for some conversation.

How Does Music Become "folk?"

It's the question of the day. Let's talk about it.

Saturday
August 8



Evening Concert

Mielke Arts Center

Box Office opens at 6:00

7:00 pm

MC: Pat Wiley & John Wilson

Tom Pease

Ellis, Cohen and Ellis

Intermission

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Steve March-Torme

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August 8th and 9th

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Welcome to the Festival!

Can a couple of (almost) newlyweds really direct a music festival together? Sure, why not? Especially when what brought them together was the Shawano Folk Music Festival. We (Linda Blohowiak and Mike Stiefvater) had been crossing paths at the festival for over 30 years without realizing it. Then a few years ago we met up at a house concert and our mutual love of live music resulted in an exchange of wedding vows on July 20, 2024. So here we are, your 2026 co-directors. Our wonderful, hard-working committee has been working (and playing) all year long to bring you some of the best music around. We've rounded up talented artists, crafters and food vendors to serve up delicious food and drinks. All lining the paths of beautiful Mielke Park. So, get ready to sit back and relax, sing along, get a few good laughs and maybe shed a tear or two. A round of applause for you, our audience. Thank you for being here. Maybe you, too, can find love at the Mielke.



On behalf of the entire Festival Planning Committee
Linda Blohowiak and Mike Stiefvater, Co-directors 2026

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There are so many people and businesses to thank. We don't have enough room to list all of you by name, but you're not forgotten. You send money, food or equipment. You advertise. You help spread the word. You buy tickets, sing with the musicians and dance with the dancers. You bring your families and friends.

Or maybe you can't come but support us anyhow. You're one of the volunteers who make this weekend happen. Or you're one of the musicians the rest of us come to see. Whoever you are,

Thank You.

Donors are listed by name on the Festival website - shawanofestival.org and at the Festival Office.

The Festival Committee

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Linda Blohowiak and Mike Stiefvater

Honorary Director

Anne Hills

Planning Committee


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... and a weekend full of volunteer workers

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Saturday August 8th Daytime Schedule

	Ridges Amphitheater	Maple Grove	Pond View Glen	Other Times Other Places
10:00 to 11:15	First Sing * Anne Hills Patty & Craig Cigar Box Scott Tom Pease <i>All performers encouraged to join in</i>	<i>"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before."</i> Leonard Bernstein		Crafters & Food Vendors All Day
11:30 to 12:15	How Many Moon Songs Do You Know? Patty & Craig	Don't Make Me Laugh * Wiley and Wilson Tom Pease	What Do You Want? Anything You Want	Arts and Crafts with Brenda Belongia 11:30 - 1:30  <i>The Kids' Place</i>
12:30 to 1:15	Green Grows the Bluegrass Art Stevenson and High Water	Friends * Anne Hills Eileen Weiss	A Good Olde Fashioned New Fangled Sing-Along Green Apple Folk Music Society and Friends 12:30 - 2:00	Rat-a-Clack Percussion * Wiley & Wilson  <i>The Kids' Place</i>
1:30 to 2:15	This Is Anne Anne Hills	Presenting Steve March-Torme Steve March-Torme		Dance and Movement for Kids with Dayshawn Taylor <i>The Kids' Place</i>
2:30 to 3:15	Welcome Ilene Ilene Weiss	Bad Guys & Outlaws * Cigar Box Scott Andy Cohen Eleanor Ellis William Ellis	Sing With Us * Patty & Craig Wattle & Daub	Be A Clown * Ilene Weiss Pinolio  <i>The Kids' Place</i>
3:30 to 4:15	Harmonies * Art Stevenson and High Water Wattle & Daub	Where Jazz and Blues Meet * Andy Cohen William Ellis Eleanor Ellis Steve March-Torme	A Little of This and a Little of That Patty Schwenke Paul Srubas	
Did you know? August 8th is <i>National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day!</i>				Open Mic All day Saturday in the Food Tent.

Sunday August 9th Daytime Schedule

	Ridges Amphitheater	Maple Grove	Pond View Glen	Other Times Other Places
10:00 to 11:15	Old Time Gospel Sing * Patty & Craig Cigar Box Scott <i>All performers encouraged to join in</i>	<i>"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses." Alphonse Karr <u>A Tour Round My Garden</u></i>		Crafters & Food Vendors All Day
11:30 to 12:15	Do-Wop, Be-Bop and The Beatles * Steve March-Torme Anything You Want	Whistin' Past The Graveyard Eleanor Ellis Andy Cohen William Ellis	Wattle and Daub Tim Mocarski Susan Mocarski	Writing Haiku Poems *Anne Hills Tom Pease 
12:30 to 1:15	Bluegrass Meets the Blues * Andy Cohen William Ellis Art Stevenson & High Water Cigar Box Scott	Pop Goes the Music Steve March-Torme Michael Murphy	This, That and the Others * Pat Schwenke Paul Srubas Tim Mocarski Susan Mocarski	Make a Washtub Bass Dean Sauers 
1:30 to 2:15	Giggle a Tune * Ilene Weiss Tom Pease 	Love Songs * Anne Hills Steve March-Torme	The Shawano Stage * Pat Schwenke and musicians from the Shawano Area	Festival Dance 1:30 - 3:00 In the Food Tent Music & Dance Calling by Pat Wiley & John Wilson
2:30 to 3:15	A Little Pease, Please Tom Pease	The Women * Anne Hills Ilene Weiss Susan Mocarski Patty Stevenson Eleanor Ellis Lena Nine Anna Villalon	Rockin', Stompin' Buzzin' Cigar Box Scott 	
3:30 to 5:00	Closing Concert * Andy Cohen Cigar Box Scott Art Stevenson and High Water <i>All performers encouraged to join in</i>	<i>"If you are a dreamer come in If you are a dreamer a wisher a liar A hoper a pray-er a magic-bean-buyer If you're a pretender come sit by my fire For we have some flax golden tales to spin Come in! Come in!"</i>		

Music

Anne Hills is the Festival's Honorary Director for 2026. We chose her because her commitment to music, community and collaboration fits with this festival's values. And because she has one of the most beloved voices in folk music. She keeps busy with live performances, solo and collaborative recording projects, theatrical work and benefit work, creating some of the best music today. Anne is a generous collaborator and inventive songwriter. Her song "Follow That Road" has been called a certified folk classic since the late 1990's. Whether she's singing her own songs, the words of six-year-old Opal Whiteley, or her settings of the Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley, she puts her whole heart and soul into the moment. She tours extensively, winning over audiences with her warm, lively and humorous performances. Tom Paxton says, "Anne Hills is such an exquisite singer that it's understandable that people might be swept up in the pure beauty of her voice and thereby overlook her writing. That would be a mistake . . . She is quite simply one of my absolute favorite songwriters." More at annehills.com

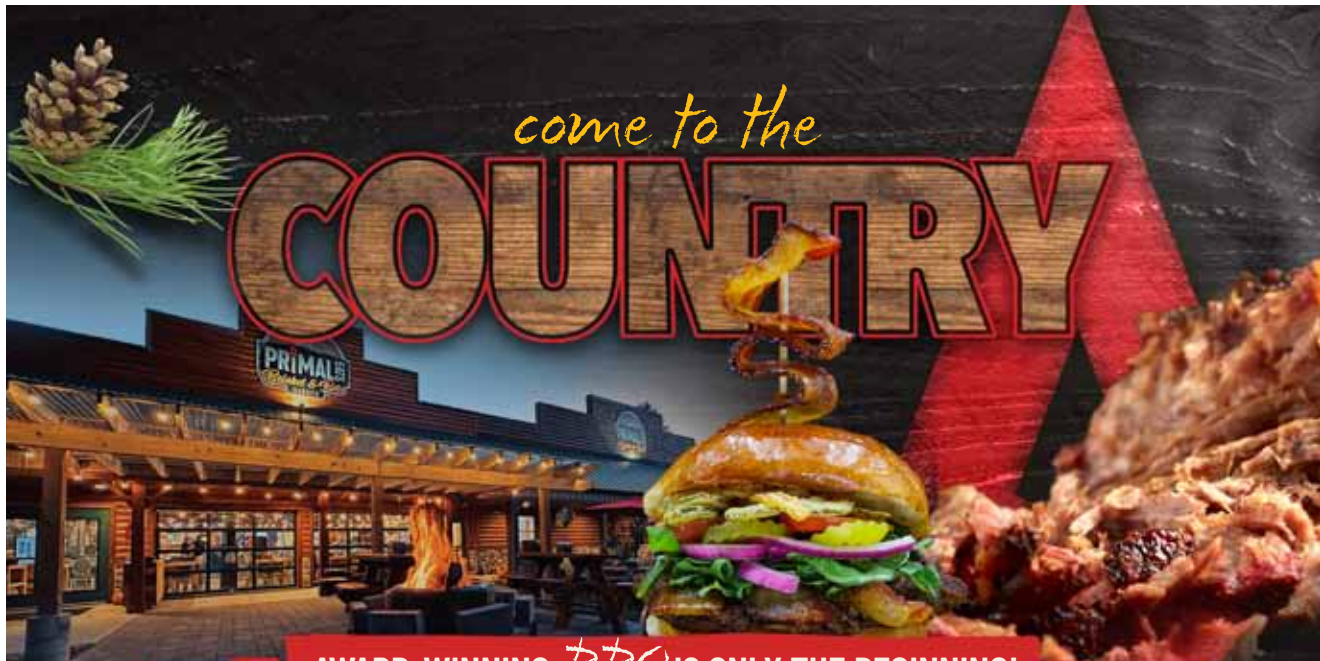


Ilene Weiss comes to us from New York City. Originally from Philadelphia, she is Anne Hills' Director's Choice. Ilene is a songwriter who writes songs about romantic irony and songs to laugh with. Her songs have been covered by Anne Hills, Deidre McCalla, Robin Flowers, Marcy Marxer, Cathy Fink, and others. She has been nominated for a BMI Songwriters Award and two New York Music Awards. When she's not writing and singing, Ilene spends her time as a clown, bringing joy to those who need healing, through Big Apple Circus Clown Care and the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. She is also a contributor to The Fast Folk Musical Magazine. We welcome Ilene to her first time in Shawano.

Door County Sound is the "unsung" artist we all depend on. Steve Ellmann and his crew make sure the music sounds just like the musicians want it. It's a tall order because every musician, instrument and stage has different challenges. Steve and his crew meet them all.

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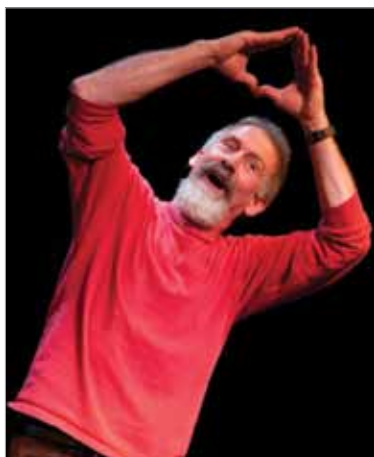
the featured vocalist on ABC-TV's \$100,000 Name That Tune. He is a versatile performer, with styles that include jazz, pop standards, country and rock. His latest CD, inside/out, takes him back to his roots as a singer/songwriter. Steve is also the weekday afternoon host on 91.1 FM The Avenue in Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin. Welcome Steve's to his first time in Shawano. Find more at stevemarchtorme.com

Ellis, Cohen and Ellis. Three blues legends take us on a tour of the Delta, the Piedmont and the Paramount blues catalog of the 20's and 30's. **Eleanor Ellis** is "a celebrated master



of country and Piedmont blues, one of the most significant women in the acoustic genre" (Living Blues). Her influences include Memphis Minnie, and Skip James. **Andy Cohen** is a virtuoso finger-style guitarist and "a walking, talking folk-blues-roots music encyclopedia." He offers the well-known, the obscure and the weirdly wonderful. During the Sixties, he got hooked on blues luminaries, from Big Bill Broonzy to the Jim Kweskin Jug Band. His life changed when he found blues/gospel icon Rev. Gary Davis. He studies, performs and promotes blues and folk music of the pre-World War II era. **William Lee Ellis** (no relation) is a roots music fingerpicking guitarist who's been called a "wizard on steel strings" (Blues Revue) and "one of our finest contemporary songwriters" (Living Blues). He comes from a musical family. His father is bluegrass legend

Tony Ellis, who played banjo with Bill Monroe, so it's no surprise that Ellis' music is infused with the DNA of American songwriting, from Delta Blues to Appalachian folk to Southern gospel to bluegrass. With a master's degree in classical guitar, he met Rev. Gary Davis and the rest is history. He holds a PhD in ethnomusicology and is Professor of Music at Saint Michael's College and chair of the Fine Arts Department. Go to andycohenmusic.com.



Tom Pease has an infectious sense of fun. With movement, sign language, humor and joy, he creates community, leaving us laughing, singing and thinking. He describes his work this way: “My philosophy on singing with kids and their families is I want to help that group find the feeling of community with song and laughter ... I savor the spontaneity of a situation. In fact, it’s the life blood of my performances.” He’s been a frequent performer here because he reminds us how good it is to sing, laugh and play together. Many audience members first met Tom when they were children - and it was unforgettable. He’s just as much fun now that we’re grown. When Tom is on stage, we move, we sing, we laugh. More at tompease.com

Art Stevenson and High Water has been playing music in Wisconsin and surrounding states since 1993. They play hard-driving traditional bluegrass, while also working with other musical styles. High Water takes their music from many sources: the bluegrass classics of Bill Monroe and the Stanley Brothers, early country music, mountain songs, and new material. That mix earns them high praise from bluegrass lovers and from people who say, “I don’t usually like bluegrass, but I really like High Water!” Guitarist, singer, and harmonicist Art Stevenson organized High Water in 1993. He sings lead and plays rhythm guitar and harmonica. Dale Reichert sings baritone and bass vocals, and plays banjo and Dobro. Bruce King plays mandolin with a hard drive and keeps the rhythm going. An excellent harmony singer, Bruce can sing lead, tenor, or baritone. Bruce Royal King, the mandolin player’s son, came on board in 2021 as bass player. Bruce Royal sings lead and harmony. More at www.highwatermusic.com



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Coming Soon: 2027

You know the old saying, “Time flies when you’re having fun.” It’s certainly true when we’re putting a festival together. When this year’s festival weekend is over, we’ll take a short breather and a well-earned rest and get to work planning the 2027 Festival. If you’ve ever thought about helping with the planning, please ask one of us about joining the group. It might be the most rewarding and fastest-flying bit of fun you’ll ever have .

Thank You

Music



Wiley and Wilson play original and traditional music in an “old time” style. Individually, Pat Wiley and John Wilson are familiar faces here in Shawano. They’re both multi-instrumentalists (guitar, fiddle, clawhammer banjo, octave mandolin, tenor banjo, fiddlesticks, bones, jaw harp, washboard and spoons). They’re both vocalists, dance callers/teachers and storytellers. Pat is a songwriter, while John does buckdancing and clogging. Both were members of the original **Raiders of the Lost Barn** string band. Separately, Pat and John are delightful. Together, they’re unforgettable. You can find them on stage and at the Festival Dance on Sunday. More at patwileymusic.com

Patty & Craig bring gorgeous harmonies, impeccable musicianship, humor and original songs. Patty says, “I try for magic – nothing less! For the place that opens hearts and will move an audience to tears or



smiles.” Patty Stevenson and Craig Siemsen started out as solo folk artists. They met at a folk festival, married, and now perform as a duo. They travel the Midwest singing songs of love, life and people they’ve met. Patty is a classically trained pianist and guitarist, while Craig taught himself to play guitar by ear because he wanted to play like B.B.King. Together, they’re Milwaukee’s favorite folk duo. This is their first time performing in Shawano. More at pattyandcraig.com

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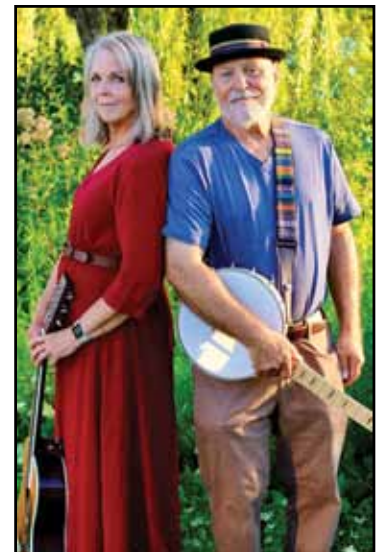
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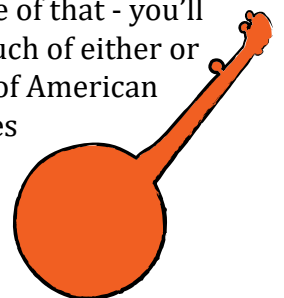
Anything You Want is a folk-rock band with just the right amount of jangle. In the summer of 2024, frontwoman and singer-songwriter Lena Nine met three of Minneapolis' most talented musicians (Anna Villalon, Nolan Juusola and Aaron Goar). A flash of lightning struck the earth, an angel wept, and **Anything You Want** was born. Their fast friendship and shared influences are palpable onstage. Their energy is infectious and electric, their sound a loving homage to American folk, British pop, and vintage psychedelia. The band released their debut album on September 13, 2025, exactly one year after their first show. Regular festival attendees may recognize Lena Nine as Lena Simon, who frequently sang on our stages with her sister Emma and her father Dean. We welcome her new band. More at anythinguwant.com



Wattle and Daub, an acoustic folk duo from northern Illinois, features husband-and-wife singersongwriters Tim and Susan MocarSKI. Rooted in the storytelling tradition of American folk music, the pair combines authentic vocals with guitar, banjo, mandolin, and harmonica to deliver songs that range from lighthearted and playful to thoughtful reflections on the human experience. Since forming in 2014, they have become a fixture of the Midwest folk scene, performing at festivals, coffeehouses, and folk venues across the region and even busking at the Newport Folk Festival in 2021. Their original songs—heard on their albums *Struggles and Love* (2017), *Middle of the Road* (2020), *Trees in the Breeze* (2023) and *Patch of Blue* (2025)—blend traditional influences with contemporary themes, inviting audiences not just to listen, but to sing along and share in the communal spirit of folk music. Find their music at wattledaubmusic.com.



Schwenke and Srubas have both appeared on our stages before, but this is our first chance to see them together. Paul Srubas is the instrumentalist of the duo and Pat Schwenke brings the vocals (Punkin the dog is just there to get a good ear-scratching from Paul). Pat and Paul say they play a little of this and a little of that - you'll have to be the judge of whether it's too much of either or if it's just right. Most of their music is out of American and European folk traditions. That includes a lot of this and that. Every now and then they'll throw in a touch of something else. Join them for some daytime fun.





Cigar Box Scott takes traditional folk songs and roots music and gives them new life on his cigar box guitar and his homemade boot stompbox. From Dayton, Ohio, Scott Atkinson combines melodies and rhythms for old-time, bluegrass, blues and folk, and comes up with something like “banjo meets delta blues guitar.” Old songs get new rhythms, chords, and sometimes new melodies. The Columbus Blues Alliance says, “He wowed the crowd with his gritty, soulful mastery of the cigar box guitar. He brought a raw, rootsy energy that electrified the room!” This is Scott’s first time in Shawano. More at cigarboxscott.com



Pinolio returns to the Festival! John Guarrine’s Silent Clown will delight festival-goers with his clowning, juggling and balloon animals – all without saying a word. Look for him roaming through Mielke Park.



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Food and Music. Food and music, food and music go together like a horse and carriage ... Oh, you know what I mean. This year there are a few new food vendors and some old ones.

The Songbird Cafe It's not typical festival food. Wayne's soups, sandwiches, entrees and treats are made from scratch with carefully selected ingredients like Nueske's ham, sourdough breads from Voyaguer Bake House, and wild blackberries that Wayne gathers himself. The Songbird Cafe only exists during festival weekend. All proceeds benefit the festival.

The Shawano Schools Performing Arts Boosters returns with juicy burgers, brats and hot dogs. It's their third time here at the festival. Enjoy the food, support a good cause.

Yorts Sips and Scoops comes from Eagle River to join us for the first time, and they're just what you need on hot August days. Scoops of Cedar Crest Ice Cream, Soft Serve treats, Lemonade and Iced Coffee will keep you cool as you enjoy the music.

La Tacoyota, a Mexican food truck serving authentic street tacos and fresh Mexican flavors. They'll bring the fiesta to you with fresh tortillas, quality meats, and traditional toppings. It's their first time here.

Stubborn Brothers joins us for the first time. They bring some of their award-winning craft beers, a few non-alcoholic beers and root beer.



Our resident eagle

Look for the nesting bald eagles in one of the tall pines near the food court. Bald eagles mate for life, building nests that can span 4-6 feet in diameter and weigh up to a ton. They often return to the same nest year after year, repairing and expanding it. A few years ago these eagles moved their nest to a new tree a few feet from the original one. Every year we enjoy watching them fly overhead, often with a fish to feed the young.

*"Have a banana, Hannah
Try the salami, Tommy
Get with the gravy, Davy
Everybody eats when they
come to my house*

*Try a tomato, Plato
Here's cacciatore, Dory
Taste the bologna, Tony
Everybody eats when they
come to my house."*

Jeanne Burns
As sung by Cab Calloway
1947

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Upcoming Events at the Mielke

- Apr 17 - 26 Harvey**
A play by Mary Chase
Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild
- May 17 Annual Writers Guild Award Presentation**
- July 9 - 19 Roald Dahl's James & The Giant Peach**
Presented by the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild
- July 26 Annual Art and Craft Fair**
- Aug 7 - 9 48th Shawano Folk Music Festival**
Presented by the Shawano Folk Music Festival
- Aug 10-15 Children's Theatre Workshop**
- Oct 16 - 25 Standing on the Threshold**
A play by Bob Wilkenson
Presented by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild
- Nov 14 Merry Mielke Art & Craft Fair**
- Dec 5 Trivia Night**
Hosted by the Box in the Wood Theatre Guild

Event info: shawanoarts.com
Tickets: shawanoarts.ludus.com

The 2026 Quilt - a Sawtooth Beauty

It's a Festival tradition. This year's quilt is once again by **Jennifer Tagliapietra** from Clintonville, WI. .

Jennifer says, "This year's quilt is my take on the Star Pop II pattern by Emily Dennis. This uses the Sawtooth design. The Sawtooth Star is one of the oldest and most popular American quilt blocks, dating to the late 18th century, representing strength, protection, and hope. Spring and summer time are my inspiration for the quilt, using contrasting colors throughout. The longarming is donated by Rose Fast. The design represents the flowers to come in the spring and summer. The quilt measures 90 x 90 and will fit a Queen size bed."



Thank you, Jennifer, for the hours of love that go into making this work of art! And thanks to Rose Fast for her help quilting.



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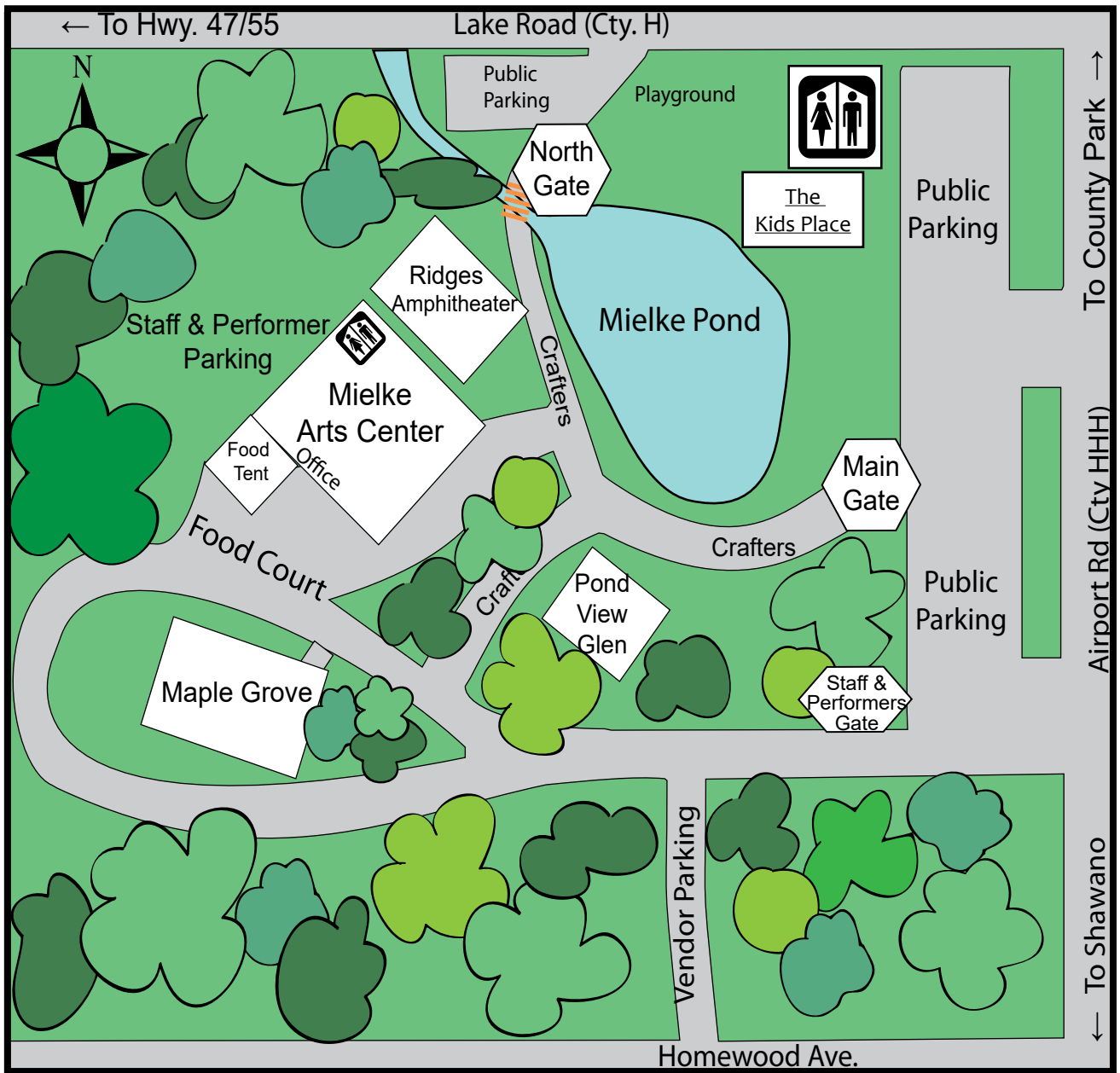
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General Info

Contact Us

Phone: (715) 701-8278 **Email:** shawanofestival@hotmail.com

Facebook: facebook.com/ShawanoFestival **Website:** www.shawanofestival.org

Lodging

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce

for info on camping, hotels and dining in the area (no camping on the Festival grounds). 715-524-2139 or 800-235-8528. www.shawanocountry.com

Parking: *Parking space is limited - please use only one space!*

Parking Lot Airport Road at Cty. H

- **Parking Lot** Cty H. on north side of park
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- **Handicapped Parking:** Inside the park. Ask at the gate and you’ll be directed in.
- **Performers and Vendors:** We’ll direct you inside the park. Enter from Airport Rd.

Directions

Check road construction and detours before you leave.

Address to use for GPS: Mielke Park,
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From Green Bay (about 45 min)

- Hwy 29 West to Exit # 227 (Hwy 47/55)
- North on Hwy 47/55. It becomes Cty HHH (Airport Rd) at Green Bay St. (IHOP on the corner.) Go straight about a mile
- Mielke Park is on your left

From Wausau (about 1 hr)

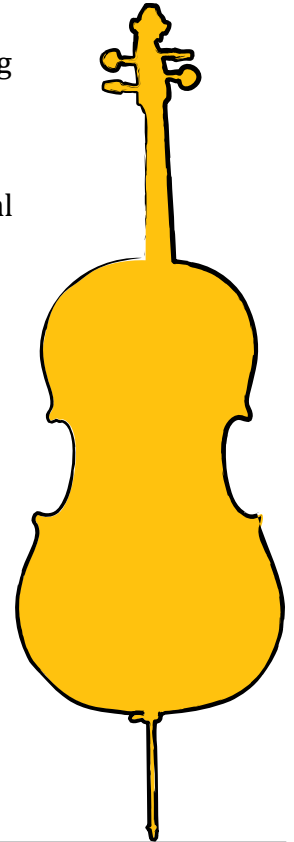
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From points North (via Hwy 47 or 55)


- Take either of them South towards Keshena, Continue south on 47/55 toward Shawano
- On N end of Shawano, take Lake Rd. (Cty H) east (towards County Park)
- Mielke Park on corner of H and Airport Rd.

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