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Gnesen News

Gnesen Website http://gnesen.org June 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- June 8th 7:00pm Town Board Mtg.
- June 17th 7:00pm P&Z Mtg.
- June 22nd 7:00pm Town Board Mtg.

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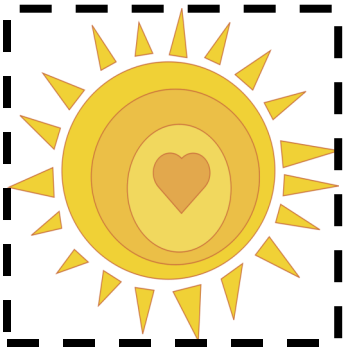
OPEN PICKLEBALL

- **Beginning May 11, 2026 through September (weather permitting)**
- **Gnesen Community Center outdoor courts**
- **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9am to 11am**

Show up ready to play and have fun!



Come check out our newly expanded playscape area!

Thank you to Caleb Anderson for choosing the Gnesen Community Center for his eagle scout project! Caleb added some great new additions to our wonderful playscape area.

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 13, 2026

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 13, 2026. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson	Chair
Gary Juten	Supervisor
Nancy Poppenberg	Supervisor
Sarah Blix	Clerk
Mary Bjorklund	Treasurer
Sara Rowe	Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Board Members and residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

The minutes of the March 23, 2026 STR Ordinance Amendments Public Hearing were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg.

The minutes of the March 23, 2026 Reorganization meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Poppenberg, seconded by Supervisor Juten.

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Treasurer's report:

Balance for February 2026	$180,344.24
Receipts for March 2026	+$9,105.70
	$189,449.94
Disbursements for March 2026	-$17,259.05
Balance for March 2026	$172,190.89

There were two outstanding checks for the month. Motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg to accept the Treasurer's report. All vote in favor.

DISCUSSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Hemlock Drive Issue – Mike reported that he was informed that Scott Thienes has paid all delinquent taxes and completed all the paperwork necessary to save his property from tax forfeiture. With this news, the abatement will proceed as originally planned.

St. Louis County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Supervisor Juten reported the hazard mitigation meeting he attended focused on identifying hazards within our community. Supervisor Juten said that St. Louis County is working with FEMA to get mitigation grant funding and if the township participates in the planning process, then we will be eligible for funding if its ever needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Report – Darin reported that the roads are in various stages of spring breakup. The gates on the minimum maintenance portion of Church Road have been closed again. No flooding or tree issues were noted. The grader will be getting services by McCoy soon so that it will be ready for spring grading. The dirt patch on Island Lake Drive needs grading. No water buildup on Musolf Road. Supervisor Juten reported that the plow truck light mounts are broken and cost more than $500 to replace. Supervisor Juten said he thinks they can fix the mounts so he would like to try that first.

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Gnesen Community Center Report – Sarah said she has nothing new to add this month. Supervisor Juten said that Cedar Drive Excavating took the tree down that was dead in the playscape area.
Sara Rowe Resignation – Chair Nelson reported that Sara Rowe will be resigning as of April 29, 2026.
2026 Firewise – A Firewise meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6pm. Information on this meeting will be in the May newsletter.
2026 Road Reviews – Road reviews were scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026 at 1pm.

ZONING REPORT: Mike said he had nothing new to report. Rick said he has been working on two building permits and STR renewals. Rick said that the office is making a new application for STR renewals and will be presented to the Planning Commission soon.

CORRESPONDENCE:
Supervisor Juten reported that the short course training for the Duluth area has been rescheduled for April 17, 2026. Supervisor Juten said he is planning on attending.

Disbursement #16966 through #17011 and 6 EFTs were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of $26,986.61 with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor of paying the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Nelson.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Hazard Mitigation/Heat Mitigation under new business was made by Chair Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg.

DISCUSSION: Chair Nelson mentioned that Ben Olson from St. Louis County has suggested that Gnesen set a time limit per resident for the upcoming Board of Appeals as it will likely be a high-volume meeting this year.

OLD BUSINESS:
Hemlock Drive Issue – Arrowhead Regional Corrections and Dave Fink from St. Louis County are both lined up to start abatement. Mike reported that he thought one day of work is all it will take to abate Scott's property. Mike said that the little stuff will be removed in one day, but the larger vehicles will be removed on a separate day.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Short Course Update – Supervisor Juten attended this year's Short Course training. Supervisor Juten said some of the topics discussed were:

- Grant writing for fire departments
- Communication between fire departments and townships
- Gravel roads – flooding, calcium/magnesium chloride, road report form to protect townships when residents call in a road repair
- MATIT insurance coverage

Hazard/Heat Mitigation – Chair Nelson reported that the last hazard mitigation meeting was all about heat mitigation, how extreme heat is detrimental and causes many deaths each year, and how municipalities can help deal with the higher temperature trend. Chair Nelson said he had several resources that he will provide to Sarah so she can share them in the next newsletter.

North Gym Door Replacement Quote – Sarah said she got a quote to replace the north gym doors. Sarah said the doors are old wood style doors that won't self-close so when there are rentals they are often left unlatched which then sets off the security alarm. Sarah provided a quote from Sell Hardware for $3614.00 which includes material and labor. Supervisor Poppenberg made a motion to approve up to $3700.00 to replace the doors, seconded by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

P&Z BOARD SUPERVISORS REPORT: Supervisor Poppenberg reported that new officers were elected at the last meeting. Kathy Buran was elected as chair and Dick DeLano was elected as vice chair.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT: Mike said he has some 2nd site visits to catch up on. Rick said that building permits are picking up.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

No further business. A motion was made by Chair Nelson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Juten. No objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Gnesen Community Center Rental Rates

Damage Deposit	$250.00 (Alcohol)	$100.00 (No alcohol)
Gym -No Alcohol	$50.00 (Resident)	$100.00 (Non-resident)
Gym/Kitchen	$175.00 (Resident)	$450.00 (Non-resident)
Entire Facility-GCC	$250.00 (Resident)	$500.00 (Non-resident)
Community Room-GCC	$35.00 for 4 hours	No alcohol
Security Officer	$65.00 per hour	Required when serving alcohol

Gym Rental Fees

Gym with no equipment	$20.00/session (Resident)	$50.00/session (Non-resident)
Gym with equipment	$30.00/session (Resident)	$100.00/session (Non-resident)
Seasonal rate no equipment (10 sessions)	$175.00/10x's (Resident)	$400.00/10x's (Non-resident)
Seasonal rate with equipment (10 sessions)	$250.00/10x's (Resident)	$750.00/10x's (Non-resident)

*A session consists of a 2 hr. block of gym time.

*Equipment consists of use of batting cage and pitching machine.

*Seasonal rate consists of 10 sessions rented within a 3 consecutive month period.

As we enter our summer months please remember that summers are warming up and even up in Duluth, MN we need to be aware of the heat and how it can be harmful.

WHAT IS EXTREME HEAT?

Extreme heat describes weather that is much hotter and/or humid than typical for a place and time of year. In the United States, it's the deadliest weather-related hazard and causes more deaths than flooding, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined.

While heat waves are infrequent in a northern state like Minnesota, they can have severe consequences for residents who are not acclimatized to their effects.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

Heat-related illnesses are preventable if we take steps to protect ourselves and each other.

STAY HYDRATED

- Drink more water or electrolyte solution, especially if you are active outdoors.
- Be proactive, don't wait until you are thirsty to hydrate. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated drinks.

STAY INFORMED

- Follow local weather and news reports.
- Check your HeatRisk | National Weather Service.
- Download the OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety app for mobile phones.
- Know the Signs and Symptoms of Heat-Related Illnesses and learn how to respond.

STAY COOL

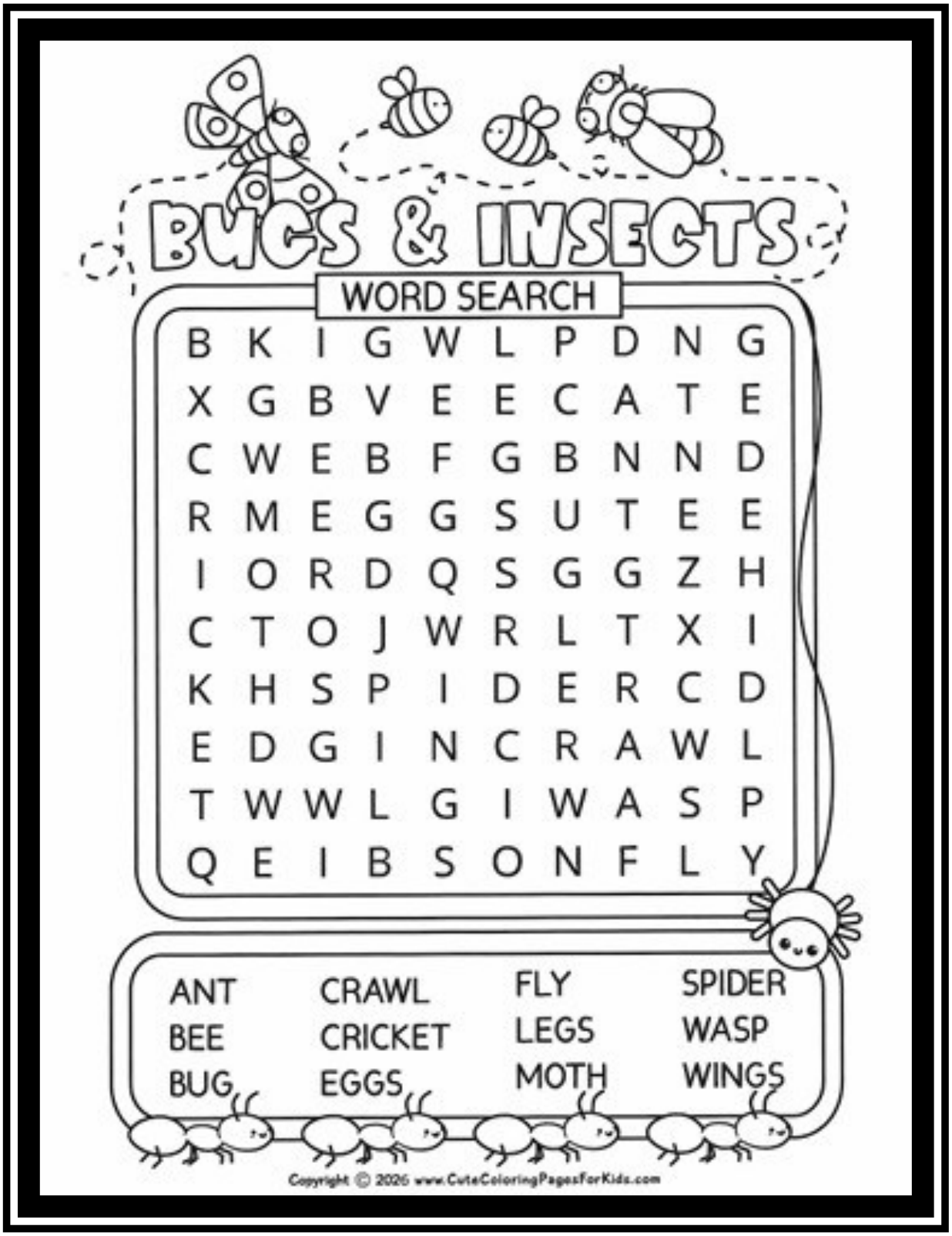
- Move to a shaded area, an air-conditioned space, or other cool place.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing and use sunscreen.
- Take a cool shower or bath.
- Don't use electric fans to cool yourself when temperatures indoors reach 90° F or above. Blowing hot air can be dangerous.
- Limit your time outdoors as much as possible and take frequent breaks if you must be outside.

WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

The Minnesota Department of Health notes that heat is a silent killer that is often overlooked and underestimated. Heat can make anyone sick, but some people are more vulnerable, such as:

Adults 65+	People who work or exercise outdoors
People with certain health conditions	Pregnant people
Infants and young children	People with disabilities
People without access to effective cooling	

For more information on extreme heat please visit the following sites:
mn.gov/heat
z.umn.edu/heat-tool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Monthly Specials

Skillet of the Month: Jalopeno Popper

Pizza of the Month: Italian Grinder

Upcoming Events

June 13th: Live Music with Jake Birdseye

June 23rd: Trivia Mafia

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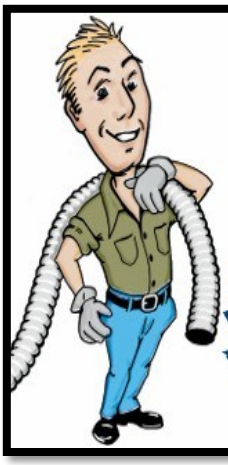

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The Gnesen Community Center Gym is open for residents to walk laps in all year long.

Hours are:
Mondays from noon-2pm and Wednesdays from 2pm—3pm

Please no children or pets and please wear clean, dry shoes.

Want to know what is going to be discussed at the Town Board and P&Z Meetings?

Go to Gnesen.org and look under both Town Board and Planning & Zoning Public Notices for links to agendas for the upcoming meetings.

Please note that these agendas are tentative and are subject to change.

Please see our website for a complete list of approved short term rentals and contact information.

NOTICE:

If you are experiencing issues with smells relating to Ulland Brother's hot mix plant located at 6246 Rice Lake Road please call their hotline number at 218-288-4660 to report or if you are not comfortable calling the hotline number, Gnesen has set up an email specific for Oscar Pit complaints. These complaints will come straight to the Clerk who will share with the appropriate township personnel and then forward on to Ulland's.

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Kylan Bush—13
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All hiring and compensation for work is handled directly between the person advertising for employment and the employer. The Gnesen Community News does not perform background checks on the persons advertising above and is not responsible for any problems that arise during employment.

Are you looking for something to do in your spare time? Come check out the Gnesen Community Center puzzle exchange. Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle. The puzzle exchange is available to check out anytime the building is open. We are getting new puzzles in all the time and we even have some kid puzzles now too!!

Come Check it Out!!

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Print a copy of the *Gnesen News Advertising Submittal form* and send to the Community Center address
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email your information to:
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Ads need to be submitted by the **15th** of the month for the next month's newsletter.