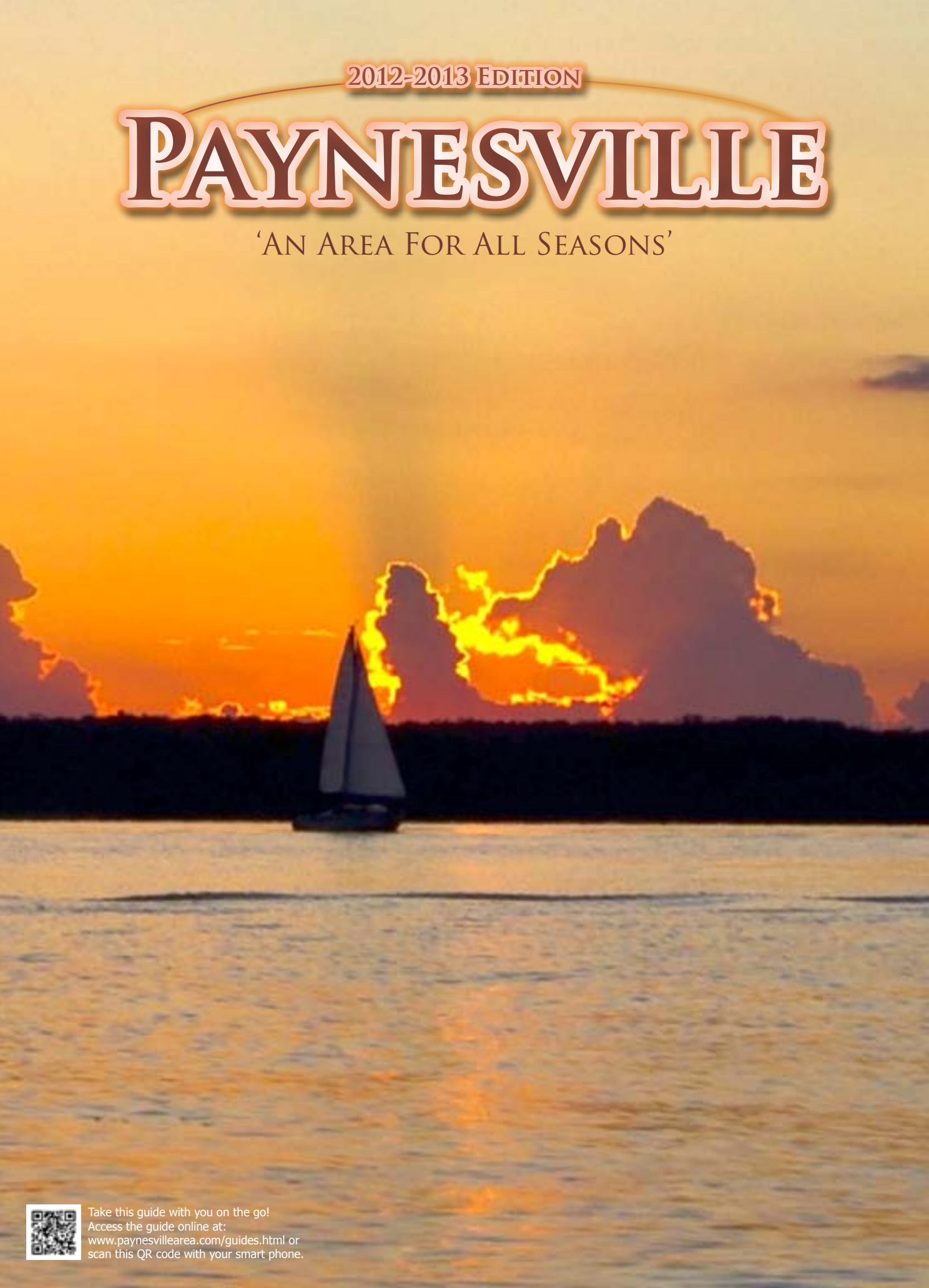


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# Welcome to Paynesville!

Nestled in the heart of central Minnesota, the Paynesville area has used its charms for thousands of years to attract visitors. The first to come were hunting-and-gathering Indians centuries ago, and then white settlers started arriving 150 years ago. These days more and more people are lured to visit the area lakes, farm fields, and small towns and choose to make this community their home.

Lakes are the core of the local tourist trade during the summer and are a great attraction to summer and year-round residents. Rice Lake and Lake Koronis are linked by the North Fork of the Crow River. Lake Koronis, which covers 3,014 acres, is just a mile south of Paynesville. Rice Lake, with an acreage of 1,639, is located several miles northeast, and upstream, from Koronis. Long Lake, with an area of almost 300 acres, is located seven miles west of Paynesville, just west and south of Hawick.

Local resorts, cabins, and hotels provide a base for visitors to explore the area. The oldest resort on Lake Koronis was started in 1907; the oldest on Rice Lake was started in 1911.

These lakes offer excellent opportunities for fishing,

canoeing, waterskiing, tubing, cruising, swimming, and sailing. Each lake has at least one public access, and Koronis has five accesses as well as city and county parks.

The lakes, and the accessibility to the Twin Cities, have helped tourism to thrive in Paynesville. For many, true enjoyment of the lakes comes from their serene beauty, like when the last ray of the sunset reflects across the still waters of summer, or when the bright blue winter sky contrasts with the view of glistening snow and ice. The desire to enjoy these views on a regular basis helps attract new residents to the area, and in recent years many seasonal cabins on the area lakes have been replaced by permanent homes.

Paynesville is located 90 miles west of the Twin Cities and 30 miles from both St. Cloud and Willmar. The city has 2,432 residents, according to the 2010 census, and nearly 1,500 people live in Paynesville Township. The entire Paynesville area has roughly 6,000 permanent residents.

Highways 4, 23, and 55 link Paynesville to the rest of the state, and I-94 is only 25 miles away.

In addition to the lakes, a wealth of activities, both in and out of doors, provide opportunities for nature lovers and for those who prefer to be active indoors. Fishing, hiking, hunting, golfing, and sporting interests can be pursued outside, while shopping, movie going, and museum seeing are available inside. The retail shops in Paynesville offer a wide selection with friendly service. From florists to car dealerships, from arts and crafts to antique dealers, an assortment of stores welcomes buyers and browsers.

Agriculture has been a primary economic endeavor in the area since it was settled. Common crops in these parts are corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. Dairy, beef, pork, and poultry are produced locally. Stearns County ranks first in the state and in the top 20 nationally for milk production, and Kandiyohi County is the leading turkey-producing county in a state that consistently leads the nation in birds raised.

Industry continues to grow in the Paynesville area to complement agriculture. Manufacturing started in Paynesville largely as a service to agriculture.

The first creamery was built in Paynesville in 1896. The sur-

viving cheese plant, built in 1901, was the largest industry in town for much of the 20th Century. This plant processes about two million pounds of milk each day, producing 200,000 pounds of cheese.

Manufacturing has expanded tremendously in recent years to include other industries. A prime example of the switch from agriculture to manufacturing is a steel plant in the Industrial Park. Louis Industries started as a blacksmith shop and now – like many companies in the Paynesville area – relies on computer-controlled equipment for manufacturing, competing in the global economy.

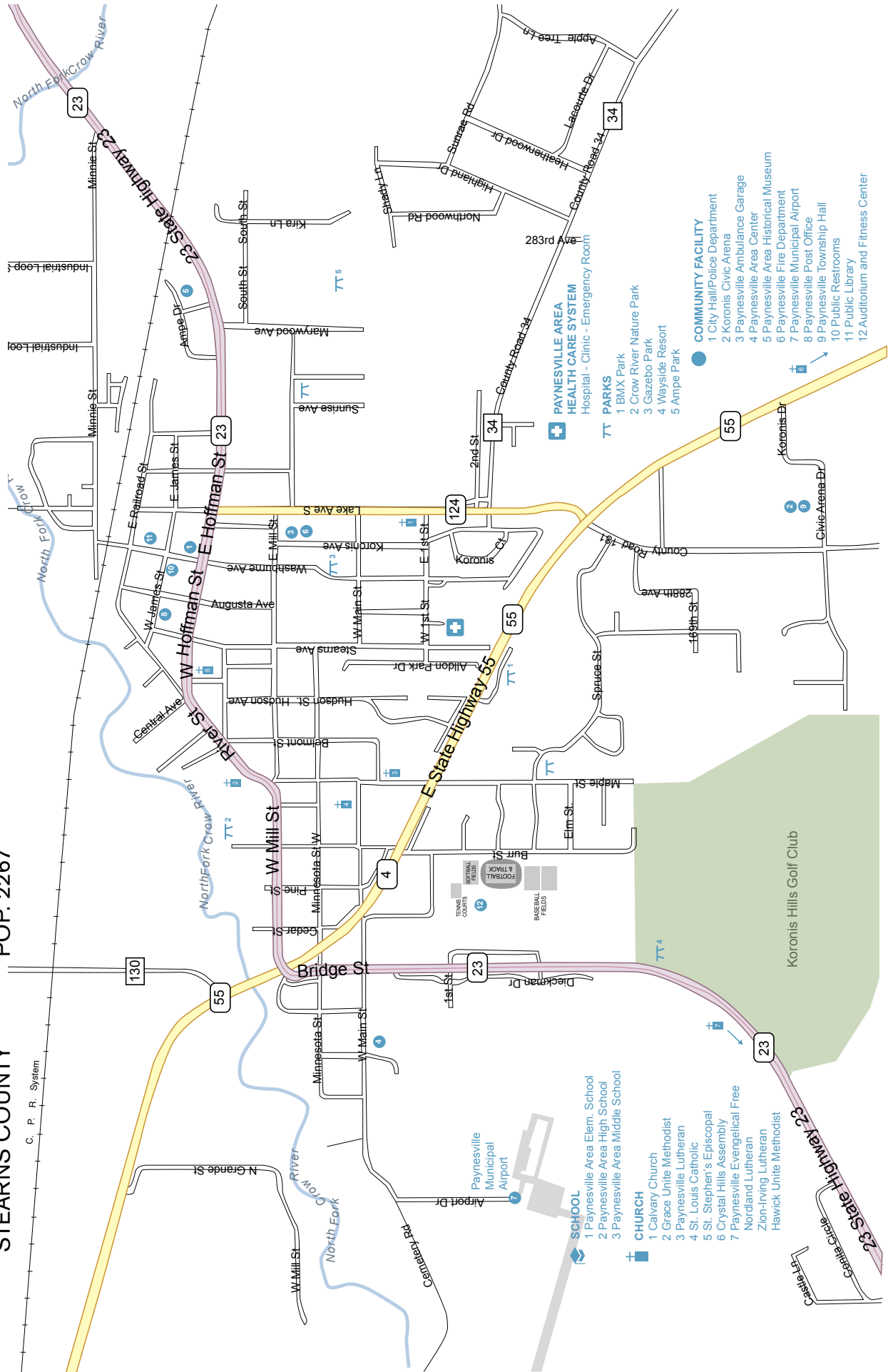
Locally-manufactured items range from cheese and dairy products to hockey jerseys, from snowmobile parts to plastic and fiberglass products, from composite decking made out of recycled plastic to digital reproductions of historic documents.

A diversified local economy, modern health care services, and quality schools are just some of the selling points of small-town life in the Paynesville area.

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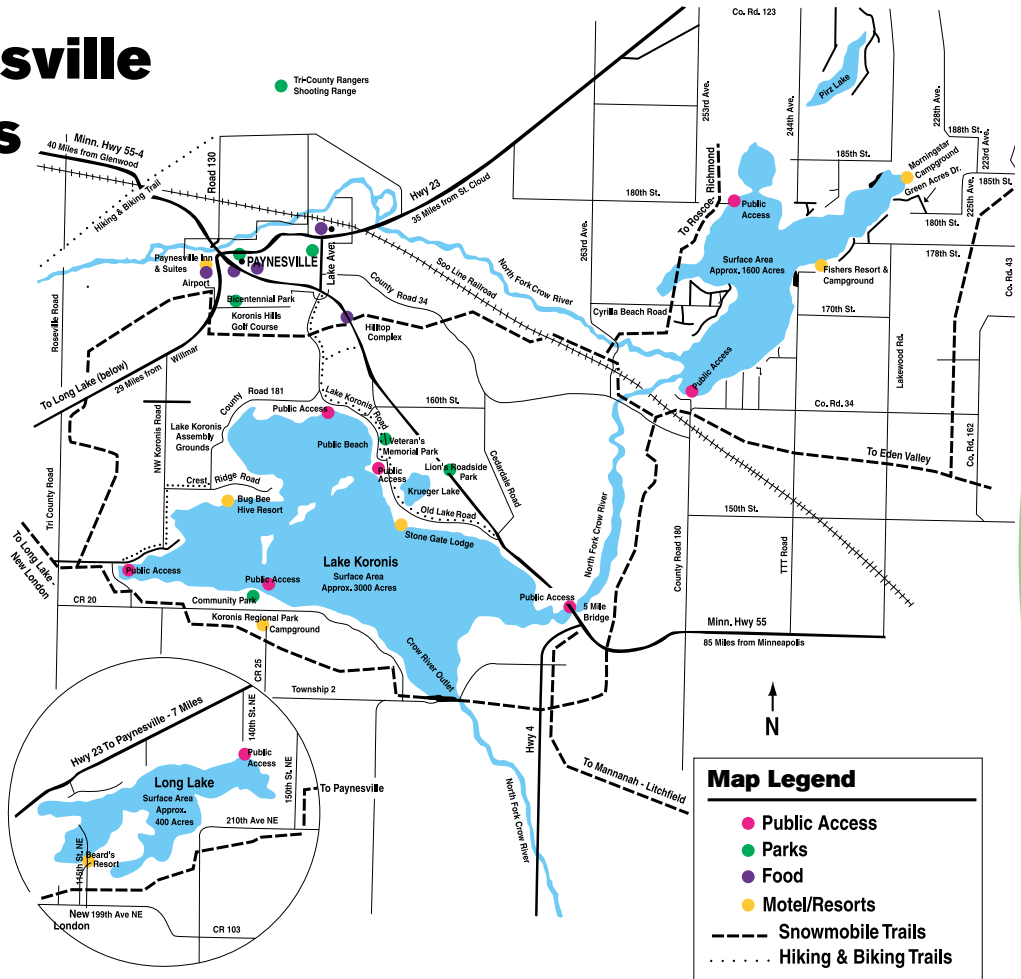
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## DID YOU KNOW

- Paynesville was included in the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, when the United States purchased 530 million acres (parts of 14 states) from France for \$15 million. The purchase price was 2.83¢ per acre, meaning the U.S. Government purchased all the land in the city of Paynesville and Paynesville Township for \$652. Stearns County cost \$25,248.
- Paynesville was settled in 1857. It was named for Edwin Payne, an officer in the founding land company and the first postmaster. The location was chosen because it was a good spot to ford the Crow River.
- At one time, Old Paynesville, North Paynesville, and New Paynesville all existed as friendly rivals.
- The original Old Paynesville was located along the Crow River near the current Highway 23 and 55 intersection. New Paynesville – established in the 1880s after the arrival of the railroads – became the current downtown. It was farmland owned by James Haines, with James Street in downtown Paynesville named after Haines.
- Two railroads – the Great Northern and the Soo lines – raced to Paynesville in 1886.
- The Soo Line reached what became New Paynesville first, beating the Great Northern Line to North Town. The Soo Line is still a railroad today, while the Great Northern Line is now a trail from Willmar to Richmond.
- Legend has it that Lake Koronis was named for an Indian maid who leapt to her death from the top of First Island, but the name might actually have been derived from the Greek word corona, meaning “crowned.”
- The first creamery was established in New Paynesville in 1896. The North American Creamery – founded in 1901 and now an AMPI cheese plant – was the largest employer in Paynesville for much of the 20th Century. It currently processes two million pounds of milk per day, making 200,000 pounds of cheese each day. Stearns County consistently ranks among the top milk-producing counties in the nation. Kandiyohi County, located just south of Paynesville, typically rates in the top ten nationally for turkey production.
- The Paynesville Bulldogs won the Class AA state baseball title in June 2005, claiming the school’s sixth state title and first in baseball. Paynesville had previously won four state titles in wrestling (1987, 1990, 1991, and 2000) and one in cross country (2000). The Dogs reached the state finals again in baseball in 2006, finishing as the state runner-up. In all, PAHS has sent 40 teams to state competition in the past 34 years.
- The North Fork of the Crow River flows through the city of Paynesville, Rice Lake, and Lake Koronis before emptying into the Mississippi River, near Minneapolis. Water from Paynesville makes its way down the Mississippi to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico.
- Just like Garrison Keillor’s fictional Lake Wobegon – which was based on the small towns of Stearns County – Paynesville predominantly has German Catholics north of town and Scandinavian Lutherans south of town.



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## *Community dates back to first settlement in 1857*

# **Brief history of early Paynesville**

“As we came out of the woods on the hills on the trail southwest from Richmond one day in the fall of 1857 and looked across the valley of the Crow River – where Paynesville has since been built – it seemed to me that I had never seen a finer sight, nor a better looking country. We were not used to such country in Pennsylvania. I then thought it was the best on earth, and after living here 50 years, I am inclined to think that I was just about right that day back in 1857.”

– A.L. Elliot, one of the first settlers of Paynesville, as quoted in the book *Paynesville: Year 125*.

After centuries of, at least, seasonal inhabitation by Native Americans, the first white settlers came to the Paynesville area in the mid-1850s. (The southwestern corner of Minnesota was opened to white settlement by an 1851 treaty with the Dakota Indians.) The first two recorded settlement attempts by whites failed in 1856, but later in the year the Paynesville Townsite Company successfully established a settlement along the North Fork of the Crow River.

The name “Paynesville” comes from E.E. Payne, a native

New Yorker who was the secretary and agent of the company. Payne, along with his brother-in-law, became the two first permanent white settlers in the area in 1856.

The first Paynesville, now referred to as Old Town or Old Paynesville, was located along the Crow River near where Highway 55 now crosses that waterway. The spot for Old Paynesville was reportedly picked because it was a good place to ford the Crow River.

In 1862, with many men away fighting in the Civil War, Paynesville was attacked during an uprising by the Dakota Indians, who burned farms, ruined crops, and killed livestock, settlers, and soldiers in Minnesota. In nearby Manannah, four white men were killed during the August uprising. Indians also attacked Paynesville, whose settlers built a temporary fort by combining the church and the schoolhouse. The attackers burned and destroyed nearly every building in town, except the business and house owned by a man reported to be kind to Indians. Still, Paynesville survived.

In 1869, John Applegren came and turned a grist mill along the river into a flour mill, with

wheat then being the primary agricultural crop. He operated the mill for nearly a quarter of a century and his flour won a gold medal at the World’s Fair in Chicago in 1893.

By that time, railroads had become the most important mode of transportation to Paynesville. Two competing railroads were built through the area in 1886: the Great Northern and Soo lines. This created two more communities in the Paynesville area.

One new settlement – known as North Paynesville – was established about a mile north of Old Paynesville along the Great Northern Railroad, which was a branch line from St. Cloud to Willmar.

Because the wheat fields were so plentiful in the black loam soils north of Paynesville, North Town soon had four grain elevators along with a train depot, a hotel, a general store, two saloons, and even a cigar factory. While North Town prospered due to the abundance of wheat, when yields started to decline and farmers started switching to dairying, the elevators closed and the town suffered, with people and businesses moving back across the river to New Paynesville.

New Paynesville – the fore-runner of the present downtown – was located along the Soo Line (then the Minneapolis and Pacific) just before it crossed the river. Like Old Town, New Paynesville was located on the south side of the Crow River. It was a little more than a mile east of Old Paynesville.

For a time, all three Paynesvilles existed, with some rivalry between the towns. But, the railroad caused New Paynesville to prosper and quickly outgrow Old Paynesville. By the early 1890s, businesses were relocating from Old Paynesville to New Paynesville.

Just after the turn of the century, in 1901, the North American Creamery was built in New Paynesville, becoming a leading manufacturer and employer. In the 1930s, the North American Creamery began manufacturing ice cream, and now – as AMPI – it makes cheese.

In 1904, with New Town thriving and Old Town dwindling, the two communities voted to merge, and New Paynesville became just the Paynesville of today.

Origin of name likely not Indian, could refer to how the wooded islands rise from the waters

# Islands "crown" Koronis

A BRIEF HISTORY

They are perhaps the most majestic features of a beautiful lake. Thanks to its three islands, Lake Koronis was "said to be only second to Lake Minnetonka as the state's most beautiful lake," according to an article in the St. Cloud Times in 1930.

The three wooded islands make a diagonal line through the lake along a northeast-southwest axis. Despite their grandeur, they are known by rather bland names – First Island, Second Island, and Third Island – generally from northeast to southwest. But the islands have their own colorful history.

In the mid-1800s, the lake was identified on many maps as Cedar Lake. The Times article explained: "The word cedar was attached because the region in pioneer days was known for the thousands of beautiful trees of this specie which lived on the slopes of the lake. Many cedar fences in the vicinity of Paynesville, erected 50 years ago, are still in excellent condition and are the last vestiges of this crop of red

cedar, once one of the best in the state."

Cedar was used as a name for the lake as a whole and for the island now known as First Island. "The lake contains three islands, known as Cedar or Lookout Island, and islands Nos. 2 and 3. The two last named islands are flat and not especially interesting. Cedar or Lookout Island is the largest of the islands and is (a) very picturesque spot. It contains about eight acres of land, and is remarkable from the fact that whilst the easterly side is a gradual slope to a height of nearly, if not quite, one hundred feet, the opposite or westerly side drops off almost perpendicular. On the highest point of the island is a grassy, open spot rightly named the Lookout," according to an article in the New Paynesville Press from June 1896. (Nowadays, Fourth of July fireworks are launched from First Island each year.)

According to legend, the height of First Island played a part in the lake's name. "Koronis was an Indian maid who threw herself from the 50-foot cliff on the south

side of First Island to the rocks below. She was said to have been disappointed in love. The Indians then called the island Koronis Island while the early explorers of the state dubbed the lake Cedar Lake," wrote the Times on May 24, 1930. Current opinion doesn't put much faith in this story. Mary Erdmann, whose grandfather purchased Third Island in the 1920s, has said: "You hear that legend about every lake with an Indian name."

"The origin of the name and meaning has been hotly debated here since 1895 and perhaps long before. A lengthy article in the St. Cloud Journal Press of 1895 about the village of Paynesville says popular tradition is that Koronis is an Indian name meaning cedar," wrote Father Joseph Varley, an amateur historian for the area, in 1949.

"But the writer puts that aside as having no weight and says the name is Greek meaning 'crowned,'" Varley continued. "The Latin 'corona' would be better for that, but according to my Greek dictionary Koronis does have a second meaning of crown.

The name does not sound Indian to me."

Another scholar, consulted by lake historian Linda Lorentzen about the name Koronis, has indicated the name is not Indian in origin. According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, corona is a Latin word meaning crown and is related to the Greek word, korones, which means wreath.

So, the name Koronis may refer to how the islands "crown" the lake. Sentiments like these were expressed in a 1926 newspaper report: "South of Paynesville is the largest lake in the county and the most beautiful: Lake Koronis, crowned with three islands and a wonderful shoreline."

Apparently, the islands were part of a land grant to the railroads and then sold because they had no value to the railroad company. None have ever been developed, save for First Island, which had a cabin on top of the hill. Conrad Winther, a local dentist, and Henry Holifer, a local banker, owned the only cabin on First Island around 1910.

KORONIS- See page 11



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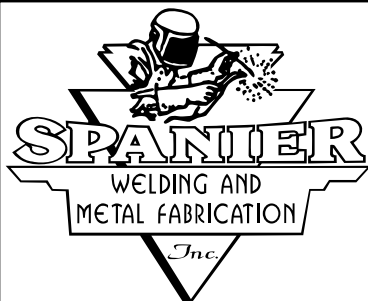
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## KORONIS- From page 8

"I think they probably brought the wood over in the winter," said Conrad's widow, Mary Winther, who never saw the cabin but heard about it from Con. "That was the only way to get it across...on the ice."

The cabin was located on the top of the island. It was a typical two-story cabin for its day. "He (Con) said it was just beautiful up there, especially in the moonlight," said Mary.

Winther had to use an alternative method to keep the grass down on

the island. According to Esther Chesness, her father, Christian Christianson, traded the use of several sheep to Dr. Winther for dentistry care for a family of 11 kids. In the spring, recently-shorn sheep would be transported by boat to the island and released to graze, to be retrieved in the fall.

Eventually, the cabin was abandoned. It isn't known why, though speculation has it that a natural disaster - lightning or winter winds - may have played a part.

Second Island is actually the largest island, covering 17 acres. The Winthers have owned that island as well and thought of building a home on the island, but never

did.

Camp Courage has used this island for over 30 years for day trips and overnight camping. In 1965, the Winthers donated the island to Camp Courage. It is still used by Camp Courage and now has a picnic shelter and dock on it.

For many years, in the 1940s and 1950s, Second Island housed a blue heron rookery, with dozens of mating pairs of blue herons living on the island.

G.L. Horton - who owned Horton's Resort, now Stone Gate Lodge - purchased Third Island in the 1920s. "He bought it for the duck pass on the west end," said Erdmann. Apparently, the island

was an ideal location for a duck blind. "It was great," said Erdmann. "The ducks flew over there on their way to what is now the regional park. It was a natural flyway for them."

In recent years, a pair of bald eagles have built a nest on Third Island.

Any development of the islands appears unlikely now, due to current zoning ordinances, meaning the wooded islands will continue to "crown" Lake Koronis for generations to come.

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## Public Facilities Offer Recreation

Not every Minnesota day is ideal for being outdoors. On rainy summer days and sub-zero winter nights, most Minnesotans prefer to find their enjoyment in sheltered comfort. In the Paynesville area, several public facilities offer indoor entertainment.

History buffs can enjoy touring the Paynesville Area Historical Museum. The museum houses 9,000 historical artifacts, including a new exhibit entitled “The Village of Paynesville.” The first phase opened in 2010, including a mill, fire hall, elevator, hotel, hatchery, creamery, ice house, hotel, wood

shop, etc. A second phase – including city hall, a house, and a general store – opened in 2011.

The Paynesville Area Historical Society started collecting artifacts in 1969. The museum is located on the east side of Paynesville along Highway 23 and is open in the summer.

Bookworms will have a hard time deciding which book to read at the Paynesville Public Library, which actually contains a lot more than books these days. The local library is part of the Great River Regional Library system, giving it access to over 600,000 items, including books, books on tape, CDs, videos, and DVDs. For

those needing access to the Internet, the local branch library has computers for public use – reservations advised – plus free wireless.

The Paynesville Area Center opened its doors in July 1991. Originally, it focused on activities and meals for area senior citizens but found it served the entire community. The center hosts many meetings for area organizations and offers a place for activities, such as dances, bingo, pool tournaments, aerobics, card games, ceramics, woodcarving, and a choir. Over 30,000 people passed through its doors per year.

The Koronis Civic Arena –

located on Koronis Drive in Paynesville Township – has manufactured ice for hockey, free public skating, and broomball throughout the fall, winter, and spring. It hosts high school and youth hockey practices and games, as well as open skating on Sundays. In 2010, they added an outdoor rink, available for open skating throughout the winter.

Throughout the year, Community Education offers a variety of educational programs and activities for children and adults. It also operates the fitness center and the auditorium, which both are attached to the north side of Paynesville Area High School.



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**Community Education**

**801 Highway 23 West**  
 Matt Dickhausen, director  
**320-243-7570**

**Koronis Civic Arena**

**28780 Koronis Drive, Paynesville**  
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**115 Augusta Avenue**

Kim Winkels, secretary  
**320-243-3233**

**E-mail:** [chamber@lakedalelink.net](mailto:chamber@lakedalelink.net)

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**Paynesville Area Historical Museum**

**251 Ampe Drive, Paynesville**

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**Paynesville Area Public Schools**

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**Paynesville Public Library**

**119 Washburne Avenue**

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# Highway 23 expanding around Paynesville

*MnDOT has begun rebuilding Highway 23 as a four-lane bypass of Paynesville, a three-year project*

The three-year construction of a new Highway 23 bypass around Paynesville – with work done in 2010, 2011, and 2012 – is drawing to a close. The new road, with a deadline of Aug. 31, 2012, is likely to open early this summer; possibly in July.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is building a four-lane bypass of Paynesville, starting at the Stearns-Kandiyohi county line west of town and ending a mile east of town.

Since Highway 23 is a major route from southwestern to northeastern Minnesota – used by travelers and trucks going from Sioux Falls, S.D., to Duluth, Minn., for example – and because it is a prime line between St. Cloud and Willmar, it has been designated an Interregional Corridor by MnDOT. MnDOT District 8 (Willmar office) has funded the Paynesville bypass project with a goal to have a faster route to Interstate 94 and to St. Cloud.

MnDOT has finished the expansion of Highway 23 to four lanes between St. Cloud and Richmond (to the east of Paynesville) and from Willmar to New London (to the west of Paynesville). The current bypass project involves just a eight-mile stretch around Paynesville (neither the Paynesville-to-Richmond nor the Paynesville-to-New London are being improved and will remain as two-lane roads).

The total cost of the Paynesville bypass project is \$50 million, with the construction bid being \$32.5 million.

Work, already ahead of schedule, got off to an early start in 2012 due to the warm spring. Work remaining to do includes: building the intersection with Lake Avenue (this street, north of Paynesville, is temporarily closed); building the intersection with Co. Rd. 33 (which will be done after Lake Avenue reopens); concrete paving on the east half of the project; bituminous shouldering; and finishing the west-end connection.



## Highway 23 Project



### Project Overview

MnDOT District 8 (Willmar office) plans to build a four-lane bypass of Highway 23 around Paynesville. The project area includes from a few miles west of town (starting at the Kandiyohi/Stearns county line) to a mile east of town. KGM Contractors of Angora has the contract for \$32.2 million. Construction will take three seasons (2010, 2011, 2012).

### Traffic Disruptions

In 2010, only temporary traffic disruptions were experienced (flagging heavy truck traffic) as much of the work involved grading the new route off the existing highway. In 2011 or 2012, a 90-day detour from Paynesville to Roscoe was in place while a fly-over bridge was connected on the east end of the project.

### 2010 Construction

- Grade from First Street (Veterans Drive) to the Crow River, continuing to Highway 55. Dig adjacent retention ponds.
- Grade from the railroad tracks to 185th Street and then from Co. Rd. 33 to Highway 55. Dig adjacent retention ponds.
- Build First Street bridge and roadway. Once this is complete, Main Street West (Cemetery Road) will close as a thru street.
- Build temporary bridge over the river for construction use.
- Build new 185th Street. Then remove existing 185th Street.
- Construct Front Street.

- Close Co. Rd. 130, which will eventually be rebuilt on the west side of the new Highway 23.
- Start railroad bridges with fill from grading to Roseville Road.
- Pave the First Street (Veterans Drive) bridge. The trail going west will be closed until it reopens on this new bridge.

### 2011 Construction

- Grade from Roseville Road to the Stearns/Kandiyohi line, the west end of the project. Dig adjacent retention ponds.
- Finish grading for railroad bridges and then start grading from Co. Rd. 33 to the east end of the project. Dig adjacent retention ponds.
- Finish fly-over bridge on east end of project.
- Connect new road to existing highway using 90-day detour. (Traffic will be detoured to Roscoe using Co. Rd. 33, Co. Rd. 16, and Co. Rd. 10.)
- Finish the Highway 55 and Crow River bridges.
- Start concrete paving in July.

### 2012 Construction

- Construct Lake Avenue and Highway 23 intersection.
- Construct Co. Rd. 33 and Highway 23 intersection.
- Finish concrete and bituminous paving.
- Complete the project as early as July 2012



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WEDNESDAY: (Sept.-May) "Take a Night Off" dinner: 6-6:30 p.m. Activities for all ages: 7 p.m.

## Baptist

### Calvary Baptist Church 620 Lake Ave. S, Paynesville

SUNDAY: Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.  
Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

## Bible

### Paynesville Bible Church

620 Lake Ave. S, Paynesville  
SUNDAY: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: (Sept.-May) Grades 7-12, Area Center, 6:45 p.m. Elementary, Calvary Baptist, 7 p.m.

## Catholic

### St. Louis Catholic Church 505 Burr St., Paynesville

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SUNDAY: Mass: 9:30 a.m.  
WEEKDAYS: Mass: 8 a.m.  
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Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.

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Worship: 6 p.m.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY: Sunday School & Bible

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SUNDAY (June-August): Worship:

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SUNDAY (September-May): Worship:

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9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.

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## *PAHCS started as city hospital, now serves region* **State-of-the-Art health care offered**

When the Paynesville Hospital was built in 1956, it cost about \$445,000 to build, an amount that the Paynesville Area Health Care System (PAHCS) now spends for about a week of operations.

Long known as one of the most progressive rural health care systems in the state, PAHCS is the largest employer in Paynesville with an acute-care hospital, including an emergency room, in Paynesville, a clinic in Paynesville, four satellite clinics, an ambulance service, congregate housing for seniors, an assisted living facility, and two nursing homes. PAHCS employs over 400 people.

Paynesville's tradition of excellent medical care began when Dr. P.C. Pilon, a Montreal native, moved to Paynesville from Richmond in 1897, drawn to Paynesville by Lake Koronis. He soon ran the first private hospital in town and then built, in 1913, and opened in 1914, a three-story hospital in Paynesville, costing \$30,000 to build.

Other private hospitals were operated by doctors until the Paynesville Community Hospital opened in October 1956 as a city-owned facility. It celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2006.

A hospital district was formed in October 1992, taking ownership of the hospital. The district now includes five area townships and seven area cities. In a recent year, PAHCS had 677 admissions and 119 births, and it also had 35,464 clinic visits, 2,270 emergency room visits, and 621 surgeries. Its annual budget now tops \$35 million.

On its medical staff, PAHCS has 12 physicians, five physician assistants, two doctors of pharmacy (Pharm.D.), and three nurse practitioners. The hospital system and a group of doctors have worked in partnership for the past two decades, joining forces soon after the hospital district was formed.

PAHCS also has a complete medical laboratory, a therapy department that operates seven days a week, a radiology department with a PET/CT scanner,

among other equipment, and an outreach clinic that brings specialists from St. Cloud, Willmar, and the Twin Cities to see patients in Paynesville.

In 2008, PAHCS added a new 64-slice CT scanner, a new front-line ambulance, and moved into a new ambulance garage.

The Paynesville Area Hospital Foundation also built a new meditation garden in an interior courtyard between the hospital and nursing home.

Since its founding in 1956, the local hospital has undergone many renovation and additions. The Koronis Manor, a 54-bed nursing home, was constructed in 1964. A major addition to the hospital was done in 1983. 700 Stearns Place, a 30-unit apartment complex, opened in 1987. The adjoining Paynesville Area Medical Clinic was built in 1994. And a \$7.5 million remodeling project was done at PAHCS's main campus in Paynesville in 2003.

Also in 2003, Washburne Court – formerly the Good Samaritan Care Center – was purchased by PAHCS and

switched to being an assisted-living facility. The former board-and-care home was remodeled for assisted living with 24 units. In 2011 PAHCS added assisted living services – on an ala carte basis – at 700 Stearns Place 24 hours per day.

In addition to PAHCS, Paynesville has a number of private medical practitioners, including two dentists, two chiropractors, two eye clinics, and a downtown pharmacy.

In part because of this wealth of health care options, Paynesville is a great place for retirement. An online real estate website has ranked Paynesville as the best value for retirement of all the communities (not-college towns) within 75 miles of the Twin Cities. This ranking was based on low crime rates, low population density, high proportions of college-educated residents, and offering a variety of housing options (single-family homes, condominiums, rental units, and assisted-living facilities).

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# 2012 Town & Country Days

Theme: All Roads Lead to Paynesville

## Tuesday, June 12

Pet Show (Koronis Manor)	10 a.m.
Kiddie Parade (starts at Koronis Manor)	3 p.m.
Carnival & Food Stands (downtown)	12 noon
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull and Games Night	6 p.m.

## Wednesday, June 13

Carnival & Food Stands (downtown)	Start 12 noon
Grand Parade	7 p.m.
Parade starts on south side of railroad tracks on Washburne Ave.	

## Thursday, June 14

Miss Paynesville Pageant (Auditorium)	7 p.m.
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## 2012 Calendar of Events

### Car Cruise & Cycle Nights, Paynesville Dairy Queen

Starting Friday, May 11

Friday Nights, 5-8 p.m. Proceeds to Children's Miracle Network, Food on grill. June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14.

### Paynesville's Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 11

"Sports Frenzy" 6-10 p.m.

### Community-Wide Garage Sales/Fishing Opener Saturday, May 12

### Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 12

Open House at Koronis Ministries; Food, Games, Crafts & Boating; Noon-4 p.m.

### Farmer's Market, Paynesville

Saturday, May 19

Every Saturday from May 19 to mid-October, American Legion Parking Lot, 8 a.m.-Noon

### Memorial Day Service, Paynesville

Monday, May 28

Paynesville Area High School Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., followed by honor to all veterans at Paynesville Cemetery, Dinner at Legion runs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Manannah Daze, Manannah

Friday & Saturday, June 1-2

Friday: Kickoff Party with Greg Michael's Band at Hilltop Tavern, 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday: Flea Market and Plant Sale (Berry Blossom Farm), 8 a.m.; Volleyball Tournament, 9 a.m.; Parade, 10:30 a.m.; Food; Beer Garden; Miss Manannah Contest, Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull and Basketball, following parade; Horseshoe Tournament, 1 p.m.; Bingo, noon-3 p.m. at Hilltop Tavern; Church Services, 4 and 8 p.m.; Pure Country at Hilltop Tavern 6-9 p.m.; Street Dance with Crimson Edge, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

### Women Anglers of Minnesota

Saturday, June 2

35th Annual Tournament, Bugbee Hive Resort, Lake Koronis, 5 a.m.-2 p.m.

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# Lake Henry Hay Raze

## Friday, June 15

Bingo 6 – 8 p.m.  
 Bean Bag Tournament 7 – 9 p.m.  
 Johnny Holm 9 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.  
 Raffle for Cash Prizes 11 p.m.

Food & Drink Stands

## Saturday, June 16

PeeWee Baseball Tourney 10 a.m.  
 Tractor Parade 11 a.m.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

## 2012 Calendar of Events

**Medallion Hunt** **Wednesday, June 6**  
 Medallion Hunt clues start in the Paynesville Press, clues run through Wednesday, June 13; \$100 reward.

**PAHC Foundation 8th Annual Golf Tournament** **Friday, June 8**  
 Koronis Hills Golf Course, Shotgun start, 1 p.m.  
 Community Dinner, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

**Insight For Hunger Picnic, Gazebo Park, Paynesville Sat., June 9**  
 Kid's Games, 1:30–Noon; Music, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; Free Lunch from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (Donations to Food Shelf Appreciated); Fire Dept.'s Waterball Fight, 10a.m. Car Show: Registration begins 9a.m., voting closes at 1 p.m., awards, 1:30 p.m.; Little Miss Dairy Queen & Little Mr. Dairy Queen contest, following car show awards.

**Town and Country Days, Paynesville** **Tues.–Thurs., June 12-14**  
 Carnival: Tues.–Wed. Downtown Streets, beginning at noon;

**Town and Country Days Grand Parade, Paynesville Wed., June 13**  
 7 p.m.; Parade Route: Starts south side of railroad tracks on Washburne Ave. Contact Jennifer Albrecht (buford69692003@yahoo.com) for information and registration.

**Hay Raze, Lake Henry** **Friday & Saturday, June 15–16**

**Wild West Show, Bog Creek Ranch, Paynesville Saturday, June 16**  
 4th Annual; Gates open 9 a.m.; Contest for best late 1800's outfit; Performances by Chief Ironfoot, The Rawhide & Dusty Show, & Annie Oakley; Music by Mikko Cowdery. Sunday, June 17: Cowboy Services at 9 a.m.

**Community Concert Series, Lake Koronis** **Thursday, June 21**  
 Veteran's Memorial Park (Van's Beach) Food available, 6–8 p.m.; Free entertainment by River of Life, 6–8 p.m.; bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

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Thursday, June 21

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Friday, June 22

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Kiddie Parade 6:30 p.m.  
Kids Tractor Pull 7 p.m.  
Concert by Whiskey Tango at Valley Inn 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
DJ at Bank Parking Lot 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Fireworks 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 23

5K Run/walk & Kids' 1 Mile Run/Walk 8 a.m.  
Free Breakfast at EV/Watkins High School 8-9:30 a.m.



Car Show, Street Sales, Beer Garden, Food All Day  
Music 1-4 p.m.  
Division 9 at Valley Inn 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Greg Michaels Band at bank parking lot 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday, June 24

Youth Fishing Contest (Brown's Lake) 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

## 2012 Calendar of Events

**Relay for Life, Paynesville** Friday to Sat., June 22-23  
PAHS North Parking Lot. Opening Ceremony, 6 p.m. Luminary Ceremony, 10 p.m.; Closing Ceremony, 6 a.m. For more information, contact Terry Athmann (320-243-5066) or Gina George (320-243-7206).

**Valley Daze, Eden Valley** Thursday-Sunday, June 21-23

**St. Martin Church Parish Festival, St. Martin** Saturday, June 23  
5K Walk/Run, 10 a.m.; PeeWee Tourney, 10 a.m.; Stands Open, 11:30 a.m.; Bean Bag Tournament, 12:30 p.m.; Polka Mass, 4 p.m.; Live Music by St. Martin Band, 5-6:30 p.m.; Quilt Auction, 6:30 p.m.; Raffle Drawing, 8 p.m.; Live Music by Kentucky Thunder, 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Ben Utecht Concert, Koronis Ministries** Saturday, June 23  
Evening of Music by former Gopher & NFL football player - www.benjaminutecht.com; Historic Tabernacle, 7 p.m.

**Community Concert Series, Lake Koronis** Thursday, June 28  
Veteran's Memorial Park (Van's Beach) "The Medicine Show", 6-8 p.m.

**Boat Parade, Rice Lake** Wednesday, July 4  
Lineup is at 1:30 p.m. at Morningstar Resort.

**Community Concert Series, Lake Koronis** Thursday, July 5  
Veteran's Memorial Park (Van's Beach) Froemming Family Band, 6-8 p.m.

**Boat Parade, Lake Koronis** Saturday, July 7  
Lineup is at 1 p.m. at Koronis Ministries

**Fireworks, Lake Koronis** Saturday, July 7  
Fireworks off First Island at dusk.

**Community Concert Series, Lake Koronis** Thursday, July 12  
Veteran's Memorial Park (Van's Beach) Gig Noonan, 6-8 p.m.

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## Saturday, August 11

Parade	11 a.m.
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Bingo, Kids' Games, Country Store & Bake Sale	After Parade
Bean Bag Tournament	2 p.m.
Lawn Tractor & 4 Wheeler Pull	2 p.m.
Music	1-6 p.m.
Pork Chop Supper	4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Raffle & Quilt Drawing	6 p.m.
Street Dance	8 p.m.-Midnight



## 2012 Calendar of Events

<b>KLA Annual Meeting</b> Paynesville Area Center	<b>Saturday, July 14</b>
<b>Community Concert Series, Lake Koronis</b> Veteran's Memorial Park (Van's Beach) Terry Nelson, 6-8 p.m.	<b>Thursday, July 19</b>
<b>Family Fun Night, Dairy Queen</b> Paynesville, Silent Auction, Kid's Games, Karaoke, Food, Benefit for Children's Miracle Network. 5-8 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, July 25</b>
<b>Treat Day, Dairy Queen</b> Paynesville, \$2 from each blizzard goes to Children's Miracle Network.	<b>Thursday, July 26</b>
<b>Crazy Day</b> Paynesville Area Stores, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>Friday, July 27</b>

**57th Annual Flower Show, Paynesville Garden Club Sat., July 28**  
Paynesville Area Center; Entries, 9-10:30 a.m.; Judging, 11 a.m.; Open to Public, 1-4 p.m.

**Mitch McVicker Concert, Koronis Ministries Saturday, July 28**  
Christian Music - www.mitchmcvicker.com; Historic Tabernacle, 7 p.m.

**"Annie Warbucks", Auditorium August 8-10 & 12**  
Paynesville Community Theater, Aug 8-10 - 7:30 p.m., Aug 12 - 2p.m.

**RLA Annual Meeting Saturday, Aug. 4**  
Camp Ojibwe, Rice Lake, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Breakfast Served

**Fun Day, Roscoe Saturday, August 11**

**Salem Fest, Rural Paynesville Sunday, August 12**  
Historic Salem Church, Pot-luck Lunch precedes program at 2 p.m.

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## Salem Christmas

**Saturday, December 22**

Historic Salem Church

Reindeer Rides 3 p.m.–4:15 p.m.  
 Christmas Program 4:30 p.m.

## 2012 Calendar of Events

- Airport Fly-in Breakfast & Air Show, Paynesville Sun., August 12**
- Harvest Market Day, Paynesville Saturday, August 18**  
Downtown Streets.
- Healthy Strides 5K Walk/Run, Paynesville Sunday, August 19**  
Paynesville Area Health Care System and American Diabetes Assoc., Register at [www.pahcs.com](http://www.pahcs.com)
- Tina and Lena, Koronis Ministries Sunday, Aug. 19**  
Afternoon of Comedy; Fundraiser for Koronis Ministries; Historic Tabernacle, 1 p.m.
- Downtown Trick or Treating & Fall events Saturday October 27,**  
8 a.m.–12 noon

- “Savor the Holidays” Sunday, November 18**  
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# Local Parks

**Ampe Park** • This new park – located off South Street on the east side of Paynesville – currently is being developed, with a soccer field already in place. The 14-acre property includes two city wells. Amenities proposed include a trail, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball court, frisbee golf, tot lots, shelters, restrooms, and baseball field.

**Paynesville Community Park** • This park – located just south of Highway 55 in Paynesville – offers a dirt BMX off-road course, a new remote-controlled car track and two new wiffle ball fields. Also, garden plots are available to the public.

**Crow River Nature Park** • Twelve acres along the North Fork of the Crow River in Paynesville have been turned into a nature park. Three trails, totaling almost a mile, meander by the river. A parking area – with a shelter and bathrooms – is located on the north end of Burr Street. The park is maintained by the Crow River Trail Guards, a youth volunteer group, every Saturday morning during the summer.

**Gazebo Park** • The city's Gazebo Park is on Washburne Avenue by the elementary school. It has shelters and grills for picnics, a sand volleyball court, and handicap-accessible bathrooms. It is located next to the elementary playground, Chutes 'n' Ladders.

**Lake Koronis Regional Park** • The park is located five miles southwest of Paynesville on the south shore of Lake Koronis on Co. Rd. 20. The park offers picnic shelters, a swimming beach, trails, a boat access, a lookout tower, a campground and a playground. New in 2010, a couple camper cabins and a storm shelter were built.

**Veteran's Memorial Park** • This city park is on the northeast shore of Lake Koronis on Cedar Point Road. It has a swimming beach with daily life-guards, two picnic shelters, grills, a sand volleyball court, hiking trails, a lookout tower, public bathrooms, a public boat access. A new park shelter with kitchen, which can be rented from the city, opened in 2009.

**Sibley State Park** • From Paynesville, take Highway 23 west to New London and then Highway 9 west to U.S. Highway 71. The park entrance is a mile south on 71. The park has educational programs, picnic shelters, a group center, camping, swimming, and trails for cross country skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding, and biking.

**Lake Henry Lions Park** • This park is on the eastern edge of Lake Henry, a block east of Highway 4. It has two picnic shelters, (one with a stove, refrigerator, and running water), basketball court, horseshoe court, volleyball court, softball field, and playground equipment.

**Maple Street Park** • This city park – located on Maple Street – has a playground for kids.

**St. Martin Canoe Access** • Located a mile north of St. Martin off Co. Rd. 12, it provides canoe access to the Sauk River.

**St. Martin Public Park** • Located north on Co. Rd. 12, the park has a softball field, playground, kitchen, and picnic areas.

**South Street Park** • This city park – located on South Street – has a playground for kids.

**Spring Hill County Park** • This park is two miles east of Spring Hill on Co. Rd. 14. It is also five miles northwest of St. Martin, just off Co. Rd. 12. The park has hiking trails, a play area, picnic shelters, horseshoe pits and canoe access to the Sauk River.

**Richmond River Wayside** • Located upstream from Richmond on the Sauk River, it offers a picnic area and wayside rest for canoers.

**Regal Meadow** • This wildlife area is one mile east and a mile south of Regal on Township Road 147.

**Roscoe Prairie** • This wildlife preserve is found on 273rd Avenue between Roscoe and Paynesville off Co. Rd. 16.

**Spirit Prairie** • This 130-acre wildlife preserve is located on Co. Rd. 33 about a mile north of Paynesville.

**Stearns Prairie** • This 391-acre prairie is located between Regal/Georgeville on Highway 55.

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## Trail around lake nearing completion

*The Lake Koronis Recreational Trail – circling Koronis – is scheduled for completion by 2013*

After years of dreaming, the conclusion of the local trail effort is in sight, with the final funding for the around-the-lake trail secured for 2013.

The goal of the Lake Koronis Recreational Trail is to circle the lake, making this trail a destination for bikers and roller bladers, etc., as well as a safe option for walkers. (The trail is pedestrian – nonmotorized – only.) The effort began several years ago, and six trail segments have been built, including one in 2010, and the last section planned for 2013.

In 2010, the trail was continued around the south shore of Lake Koronis, around the outlet and inlet, and connected to Highway 55 and the trail on Old Lake Road. When funds allow, a separate bridge for the trail will be built over the river at the outlet.

After this, the only section of the trail remaining around the lake will be to connect from Crestridge Road (by BugBee Hive Resort) to Cherrywood Road (where the trail runs from town to the lake). Organizers plan to build this last trail section in 2013.

Trail improvements are occurring beyond the Lake Koronis Recreational Trail, too. In 2007, the Glacial Lakes State Trail was paved to Paynesville,

meaning the community is now linked to a 30-mile trail (running all the way to Willmar).

The Glacial Lakes State Trail runs on the abandoned railroad bed of the Great Northern Railroad from Willmar to Richmond (though the section from Paynesville to Richmond still needs to be paved).

In the future, trail proponents would like to add a connecting trail from New London to nearby Sibley State Park. (Funding for this project was passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2010 but eliminated by the governor's line-item veto.)

The Rocori Trail – linking the Glacial Lakes State Trail to St. Cloud – began construction in 2011. Along the railroad, mirroring Highway 23, a trail was constructed from Richmond to Cold Spring. From the Sauk River thru Richmond, the Minnesota DNR will build this trail, while the rest of the improvements are being built by a trail coalition. Eventually, the Rocori Trail will link the Glacial Lakes State Trail to the Quarry Trail in St. Cloud and the Lake Wobegone Trail in St. Joseph.

The total cost for the Lake Koronis Recreational Trail is now estimated at \$2.5 million, of which \$945,000 is coming from federal grants, \$945,000 from the city and township, \$460,000 from the state, \$160,000 from Meeker and Stearns counties, and \$40,000 in donations.

Soon, a long-held dream will come true: an around-the-lake pedestrian trail circling Lake Koronis!

# Hiking Trails

**Lake Wobegon Trail** • This 46-mile, black-topped trail runs from Avon to Sauk Centre with a spur from Albany to Holdingford. The trail – named for Garrison Keillor's fictitious community, which was based on the small towns in Stearns County – can be used for hiking, biking, roller-bladers, and snowmobiling.

**Glacial Lakes State Trail** • This trail runs from Richmond to Willmar. A 30-mile section from Willmar to Paynesville is now paved. Running along the old Great Northern Railroad bed, this trail was paved to Hawick in 2006 and to Paynesville in 2007. Ultimately, the goal is to upgrade the trail to Richmond. (The Rocori Trail, which will be started from Richmond to Cold Spring in 2011, will continue this trail to St. Cloud).

**Lake Koronis Recreational Trail** • A long-time dream coming true – to have a safe trail for pedestrian traffic to circle the lake – the final two miles of construction are scheduled for 2013. Already, bikers and pedestrians can circle the lake, roughly a 14-mile trip, using the trail and a two-mile section of county road, with three-foot shoulders.) In addition to the trail around the lake, a two-mile link to the city of Paynesville and another link from the city to the Glacial Lakes State Trail are available. A new two-mile segment of the lake trail was constructed in 2010 and officially opened in 2011. Two Surrey bikes (multi-passenger with covers) can now be rented from Community Education in Paynesville.



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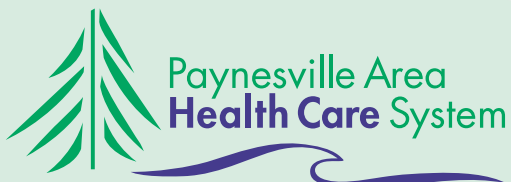
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