

**Summer 2021**

## RECURRING MEETINGS

### Township Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month

7:00 PM: Township Board Meeting at Town Hall and via Zoom.

MEETING ID:

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PASSWORD:

WabanaMtg2

### Tuesdays and Fridays

10:00-11:30 AM:

Join area women for exercise and socializing at the Town Hall.

### Next Wabana Community Fund Meeting:

September 20, 2021

6:30 PM Town Hall.

### Fall Cleanup!

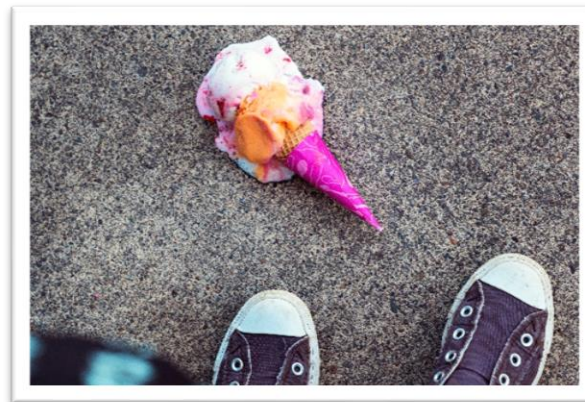
September 22, 9:00 AM.

Meet at the Town Hall.

## Summer Events!



1. Wabana Township is turning 100! Please join us at the Town Hall on **July 31<sup>st</sup>** for games, food, fun, and live music! (Rain make up day is August 1) (see insert).
2. **Ice Cream Social!** Come meet the scholarship winners and meet or reacquaint with neighbors! **August 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**, Township Hall.



## PROPAGATING NATIVE PLANTS

A cooperative effort between Wabana Township, Itasca Waters, University of Minnesota North Central Experiment Station, and Grand Rapids Horticulture class and the Wabana Chain of Lakes Association (WCOLA) has been completed at the Wabana Town Hall. The University planted the seeds of 4 varieties of native plants provided by Prairie Restoration for Itasca Waters to use in demonstration gardens in Itasca County. They are *Agastache foeniculum* (Fragrant giant hyssop), *Doellingeria umbellata* (flat topped aster), *Heliopsis helianthoides* (Common ox-eye), and *Monarda fistulosa* (wild bergamot). All provide flowers for pollinators and have large root systems that control erosion and filter water. Planting was done at the KAXE Pedestrian Bridge and at the YMCA garden as well. Plants were germinated, then repotted by the Grand Rapids High School horticulture class and planted at the Wabana Town Hall where they will provide a showy demonstration for years to come. These plants need little care and many beneficial organisms use them for food and reproduction. Locally native plants are now stocked and sold at both green houses in Grand Rapids. Itasca Waters website ([Itascawaters.org](http://Itascawaters.org)) provides additional information on the Shoreland Steward Program and many ideas for controlling erosion and buffering shoreline.

## Around Town



Fawn resting at the Town Hall (Carol Speedling).

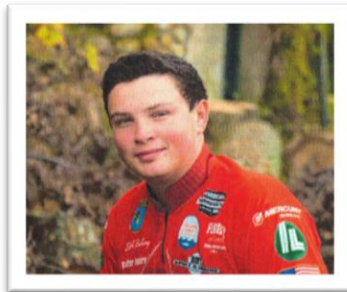
Pelicans arrive right after ice out! (Jean Melin).

Gardens at the Wabana Cemetery (Kim Oja).



## Wabana Township Community Fund Scholarship Winners!

The following students have received a scholarship for the 2021-22 school year:



Ashley Barsness attends Itasca Community College and is seeking a career in healthcare.

Derek Broberg is currently attending Hibbing Community College and plans to be an electrician.

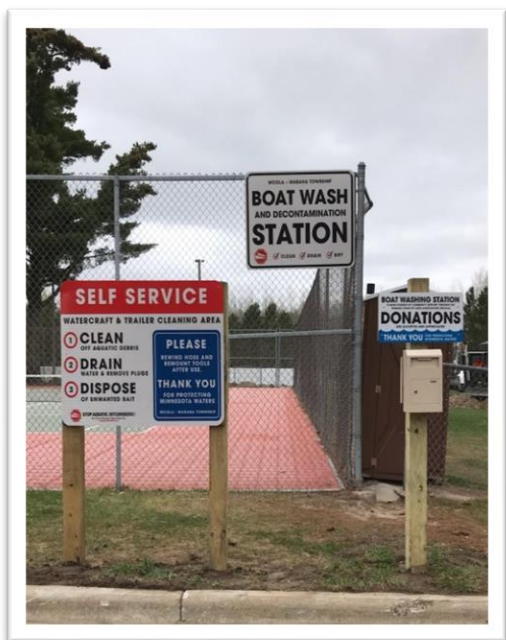
Sheyanne Erb (not pictured) graduated from Grand Rapids High School on May 28, 2021 and is seeking a career in healthcare.

## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR TOWNSHIP!

New editor needed for the Wabana Warbler. Please contact any of the Town Board members if you are interested.

## The Boat Wash is OPEN!

Wabana Township and WCOLA have helped fund the public-access inspection program that helps prevent aquatic invasive species (AIS) from spreading, but inspectors can't be at the landings 24/7. Public landings are only one entry path among many. **We all have a prevention role** ... property owners, guests, recreational boaters, anglers, visitors, and the businesses that serve us, including resorts, camps, campgrounds, lake service providers, bait shops, and marine dealers. **You and your guests can help!**



AIS are not moved by waterfowl or other wildlife. *They're*

*moved by us.* We move AIS from one lake or river to another, via boats, trailers, bilge, live well, bait water, fishing and other water gear, docks, lifts, swim rafts, float planes, and recreational gear. Please take time to read carefully: Clean, Drain, and Dry your boats and equipment as you move from one body of water to another. Also remember to properly dispose of any extra bait as you leave each body of water. Put the bait in the trash receptacle at the landing.

Another tool to help stop the spread of AIS is a Boat Wash Station. Through your generosity and donations, WCOLA, in partnership with Wabana Township, has purchased a hot-water boat wash station that will be housed at the Wabana Township Hall.

The Boat Wash is "manned" Thursday to Sunday, and available for self-service at other times (cold-water only).

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