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At A Glance

A Monthly Publication of the Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce



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COLLABORATION

Meet your 2026 Chamber Board

We are proud to introduce the Board of Directors who will be steering the ship this year. These individuals are dedicated to seeing Fife Lake thrive:

- President: Haley Hulwick
- Vice President: Debbie McCool
- Secretary: Marcia Eby (not pictured)
- Treasurer: Laura Minor (not pictured)
- Trustees: April LaMar, Amy Bridson, Kyle Gilmour, Mary Anne Hempsted & Stephanie Smith

Become a Member

Join the Chamber: It's not too late!

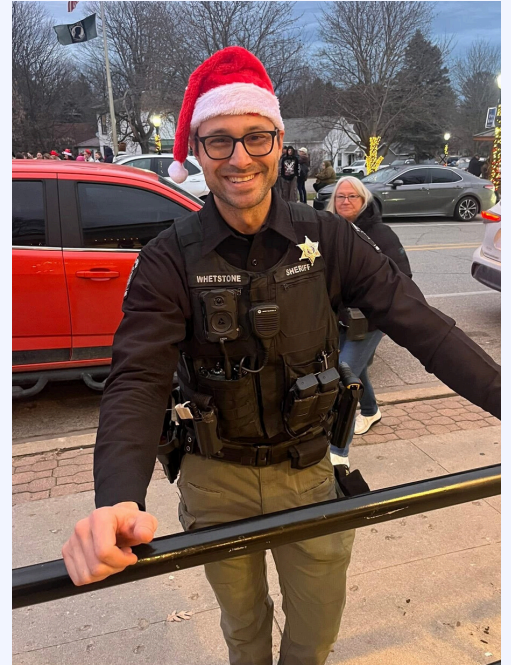
Visit [Fifelakechamber.org](https://fifelakechamber.org) and click "[Join 2026](#)" to sign up today. The spirit of Fife Lake is what makes this town thrive, and that spirit is fueled by your support. We rely on memberships and donations to keep our favorite traditions alive—visit our website today or email us at info@fifelakechamber.org for more information.

A quick look back at the best of 2025...

A magical Christmas in the Village

This past December, the village felt like a scene from a movie as the Forest Area High School choir filled the air with carols. We were kept warm inside and out thanks to the delicious cocoa provided by the Forest Area Federal Credit Union and the roaring community fire hosted by the Upper Bar & Grill. It's these collaborative touches that turn a simple event into a cherished tradition.

To the right, you'll see a photo of our own Deputy Whetstone. We wanted to take a moment to specifically highlight him; his presence in our village is a gift in itself. Beyond just a uniform, he is a familiar, friendly face who works to ensure our community stays safe and welcoming. We are incredibly lucky to have him watching over Fife Lake!



Scarecrow Festival

It is truly amazing to watch our Scarecrow Festival grow larger and more vibrant every year. What started as a local tradition has become a signature event that families and children look forward to all year long.

A project of this scale simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible collaboration of our local business owners. A huge thank you goes out to the many businesses that teamed up to ensure this event remains free for our community. Seeing the streets lined with creativity and the smiles on the kids' faces is a perfect reminder of what we can achieve when we work together!

The Best 4th in the North

Of course, in addition to the many other events that made 2025 so wonderful, the "Best 4th in the North" remains our biggest and busiest highlight of the year. While there are far too many local businesses and individuals to thank by name here, please know we are deeply grateful for the time and resources you donate to pull this off each year. We truly appreciate all you do to make this community such a vibrant place for kids, families, and visitors alike!

Thank you, Fife Lake!



Coming up this Month!

Carly's Hill Cardboard Classic

February 7th | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Grab your duct tape and cardboard! It's time for the most creative race of the winter. See the attached flier for full details on sled requirements and registration.



Annual Fishing Derby

February 14th | 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Spend Valentine's Day on the ice! Whether you're a pro or a hobbyist, we want to see you there.

- Visit JB's Midway Outdoor Supply at 11965 N US 131, Fife Lake to register in person. Or click on the events tab on our website to navigate to online registration.
- NOTE: There will be no registrations the day of the event. No Exceptions!



Local Meetings

- 2/9: Springfield Township Board Meeting - 7:00pm, Twp Hall, 5253 Ingersoll Rd SW
- 2/9: Forest Area Community Schools Board Meeting - 6:30pm, 7661 Shippy Rd
- 2/12: Chamber Meeting - 7:00pm, at the Village Office
- 2/16: Village Council Meeting - 6:30pm at the Village Office
- 2/17: Fife Lake Village DDA Meeting - 6:30pm at the Village Office
- 2/26: Fife Lake Township Board Meeting - 6:00pm at the Township Offices
- 2/27: Fife Lake Township **Special** Meeting - 6:00pm at the Township Offices **see attached flyer for more information



Community Connections

Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce

Looking Ahead: A Busy 2026!

With the magic of last year in our rearview, it's time to gear up for an even more exciting 2026. We are already hard at work planning the "happenings" that make our community so special.

Grow with Us

Our Farmer's Market will be back before you know it! We are officially inviting anyone with homemade crafts or homegrown goods to join us this season. Whether you're a master baker or have a green thumb, we'd love to have your talents on display.

Stay Connected

Don't forget our Quarterly Network Connects meetings. We had a great start in January, but make sure to mark April 20th in your calendar now! Stay tuned—more specific info on the location and agenda is coming soon.

Something old, Something new...

We have several new events and fresh fundraisers in the works that we can't wait to share. In fact, one upcoming highlight might feel a little... familiar to those who have been with us for a while.

*A note of gratitude
from Russ Randall,
Fife Lake Food Pantry*

"The Fife Lake Food Pantry would like to thank the Fife Lake Branch of the Forest Area Federal Credit and the community for their generous donations to the annual fundraising drive.

Special thanks go to Amy and the crew at the Fife Lake Branch of the credit union. Without their commitment it would be difficult for the Food Pantry to continue.

The Food Pantry would also like to acknowledge the dedication of the Fife Lake Public Library and the Yankee Boy Restaurant for their food drives. These events help to keep the shelves stocked for those in need of the pantry.

We cannot thank those who have helped us enough. God Bless"

A special thanks

On behalf of the Chamber Board and its Members, we would like to extend a huge thank you to The Upper Bar & Grill and April for hosting us this past December. Once again, they provided a truly wonderful meal for our Annual Member Appreciation Dinner. It was the perfect way to wrap up the year, and we are so grateful for their continued hospitality and support of our Chamber family.

If you have news or an event that you would like to appear in March's newsletter, please email us at info@fifelakechamber.org. All information for the March newsletter must be received by Monday, February 23, for publication on March 1.