

Wednesday, June 24th

Tim's Food Pride Appreciation Lunch | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Serving pork chop on a stick, chips, watermelon and water for \$6.

Minnwest Bank Root Beer Floats & Coin Dig | 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Dawson Swimming Pool Parking Lot - Sand coin dig for ages 1-10.

Baseball Merchant Night | 5:00 PM | Nelson Field -

7th/8th Grade vs Canby. Free will donation meal until sold out.

7:45 PM | Dawson Drakes host Minneota Mudhens. Merchant giveaways throughout the Drakes game!

Thursday, June 25th

JMHS Kids Obstacle Course | 5:30 PM | Dawson-Boyd Community Center -

Ages 5-11. \$5 admission.

Pre-register here:



Baseball Game | 5:30 PM | Nelson Field - Jr Legion vs BOLD

7:30 PM Legion vs BOLD.

Riverfest Kickball Tourney | 6:00 PM | Prestholdt Fields - Entry is \$50 per team. Register with Keith Abraham, 320-226-0685.

Teen Pool Party | 7:30 - 9:30 PM | Dawson Swimming Pool -

For ages 13-18. Pop provided by Lac Qui Parle Co-op Oil Co.

Live Music | 10:00 PM - Midnight | Prestholdt Fields - Sponsored by Dawson Fire Department.

Friday, June 26th

BBQs, Bingo, and Bake Sale | 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM | Senior Center on Main Street - Senior Citizens Center fundraiser.

Greater Community Credit Union 18-hole Golf Tourney

| 12:30 PM Tee Off | Dawson Golf Course - Bring your own 4 person team, cost \$40/person. Must register with Josh, 320-769-2908.

Canoe Races | 2:00 PM | Walking Bridge Dock - Registration at 1:30 PM.

2-person teams. Registration fee is a Riverfest button. Available for purchase if needed at registration. Grades 5 to adult. Prizes given. Canoes provided. Life jackets required and available. Coordinated by Greg Wyum, 320-226-0229.

Gnome Unveiling Ceremony | 6:00 PM | Swimming Pool Park Main Shelter- Admission is a Riverfest button.

- Music by Dr. G's Bowtie Brass at 6:00 PM.
- Flag Raising by American Legion and VFW.
- Unveiling of 2026 Gnome at 7:00 PM honoring

***** with memories shared Gnome-style.



Scan here for more gnome information

Co-Ed Slow-Pitch Softball Tourney | 7:00 PM | Prestholdt Fields- \$100 registration fee. Register with Josh Lanphear, 320-841-1310.

Live Music | 6:00 - 9:00 PM | Rusty Duck - featuring Lizzy Hofer.

Baseball Game | 7:30 PM | Nelson Field - Drakes vs. Clinton Cards.

Live Music | 9:00 PM | Hilltop - featuring North Forty.

Fireworks | Dusk (approx. 10:00 PM) | Near R.B. Clay Field - We are bringing fireworks back to Riverfest this year to celebrate America's 250th Birthday!

Saturday, June 27th

Main Street will be closed from 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

JMHS Riverfest Color Run/Walk | 8:30 AM | Dawson City Building - 5K run/3K walk. Registration 7:30 - 8:15 AM

\$20/participant. Pre-register here:



Fishing Contest | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Lac qui Parle River - No registration needed. Participation fee is a Riverfest button. Fish on Lac qui Parle River and bring in your catch to Riverside Park at 2:00 PM to be weighed with Terry & Jeri Popma. Prizes given.

Gnome Painting | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | ALS Mercantile on Main Street - All ages welcome.

Pedal Pull | 9:30 AM | Main Street - Registration 9:00 - 9:30 AM. Youth Divisions: Ages 3-11. Adult Divisions: Ages 12+. Come check out farm equipment as well! Sponsored by Titan Machinery.

Slow-Pitch Softball Tourney | 9:00 AM | Prestholdt Fields - Co-Ed continues and the Men's tournament starts. No registration fee for the men's tournament. Register with Josh Lanphear, 320-841-1310.

3-on-3 Basketball | 10:00 AM | Swimming Pool Park Basketball Courts- Registration at 9:30 AM. \$20 per team. All ages welcome.

Speaker | 10:00 AM | The Dawson Bank Museum - Historian Arnie Gundersen will speak on the first Chautauqua assembly held in Dawson the summer of 1912.

Dawson-Boyd Band Fundraiser | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Swimming Pool Park Small Shelter - Children's carnival featuring: bounce house, obstacle course, kiddie games, bake sale, & silent auction.

Hands-Only CPR Training | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Swimming Pool Park - Taught by Dawson Ambulance. Everyone welcome!

Riverfest Market in the Park | 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Swimming Pool Park - A curated market with local makers, food trucks, coffee, cocktails from The Vine, and live music. Shop, stroll, and stay awhile. Vendors contact: katie@thevinemn.com

Old McDonald Had a Banjo | 1:00 PM | Swimming Pool Park Main Shelter - Energetic family event presented by Dawson-Boyd Arts Association. A farm full of songs designed to entertain and involve children through singing, movement and silliness. Sponsored by Minnwest Bank and Dawson Riverfest.

Tennis Tournament | 3:00 PM | Swimming Pool Park Tennis Courts Registration at 2:30 PM. Compete in the Riverfest Open for a chance to win exclusive prizes! All skill levels welcome. Scan the QR code to register:



ABBAFAB - A Tribute to ABBA | 7:00 PM | Memorial Auditorium - Presented by Dawson-Boyd Arts Association. Featuring hits from the 70s and 80s to Mamma Mia. Tickets are available online at dawsonboydartsrepresents.org, by calling 320-312-2311 or at the door - \$40 adults, \$15 students. Sponsored by Greater Community Credit Union and Dawson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, June 27th cont.

Live Music | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Rusty Duck - featuring Darin Prestholdt.

Dance & Firemen's Raffle | 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM | Hilltop - featuring Whiskey Rocks. Advance tickets available at the Hilltop for \$10 or \$15 at the door. Firemen's Raffle Drawing at 8:00 PM, tickets available from local firemen.

Sunday, June 28th

Pancake Feed - Chris Cakes | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Hilltop - \$12/person (5 years & under FREE). Includes pancakes, sausage, and a drink. All-You-Can-Eat! Proceeds will stay local. Sponsored by the American Legion.

Sand Volleyball Tourney | 9:30 AM | Swimming Pool Courts - \$20 per team. Contact Kate to register 320-226-5837.

Men's Slow-Pitch Softball Tourney | continues 10:00 AM | Prestholdt Fields

Antique Tractor, Motorcycle, & Car Display | 10:00 AM | Veterans Park- Exhibitors welcome. Door prizes and awards for top entries. Food truck on site. Contact John Harker, 320-226-3144.

Ecumenical Worship Service | 11:00 AM | Veterans Park - Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy fellowship in the park. Coordinated by Dawson-Boyd Ministerial. The offering is designated for Backpacks for Jacks and the Dawson Area Food Shelf.

Riverfest Grand Parade | 2:00 PM | Line-up begins at 1:00 PM at the Golf Course Parking Lot - No registration required. Coordinated by Andy Stock, 320-226-1067. Route: From parking lot - North on Memorial Place, East on Locust Street, South on Main Street, West on Pine Street, North on 14th Street ending back at the Golf Course Parking Lot.

Golf Scramble | 3:00 PM (following the parade) | Dawson Golf Course- 3 person, par 3 golf tournament. \$75/team. All ages welcome. Hosted by Dawson Golf Association.

*Thank you for joining us
for Dawson's Riverfest
celebration!*



Show your support for Riverfest and help keep our activity list full by purchasing:

- **Riverfest Buttons | \$5 available at Greater Community CU, Minnwest Bank, Cenex, and Gnometown Grounds - Riverfest buttons are used for admittance to some events and registration for the Riverfest drawing for prizes donated by area businesses. Drawing will be held at Veterans Park following the Ecumenical Worship Service. Winners do not need to be present to win.**
- **Riverfest T-shirts | \$15 available at Greater Community CU and Minnwest Bank - available mid-June in S-2XL.**
- **31st Annual Gnometown Extravaganza Raffle Tickets | \$20 available from Dawson businesses - Drawing held November 7th. (winners do not need to be present to win) Cash prizes up to \$1000!**

**Food stands available all weekend in ball parks
and swimming pool park area.**

**Beer Garden open all weekend at Prestholdt Fields
sponsored by the Dawson Fire Department.**

Celebrating 39 years of

**Dawson
Riverfest**

Honoring our 2026 Gnome

Dawson, Minnesota

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