

An Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration and All-School Reunion in Wakefield MI

2008 Theme: "A TIME TO REMEMBER"

*Come to Wakefield to enjoy
parades, music, games, all-school reunion, entertainment, and fireworks*



The Fourth of July Committee thanks you for your financial help
to put on the 4th of July activities
Marching bands, children's parade and races, parade costs,
float winner prizes, fireworks donation, All-School reunion events, and miscellaneous

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*Please send your financial donations to the
Wakefield Fourth of July Committee*

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Wakefield, Michigan 49968-0023

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Thank you to all Honor Guard participants. You make our Fourth activities so much more meaningful.
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall in Bessemer, July 3-7.
Wakefield American Legion Post #11 stands guard on July 5. Wakefield VFW Post #9084 stands guard on July 6.

Wakefield Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center:

Please take time to register at the Visitors Center, located at south side of Sunday Lake.
Registrations help others know that you are in the area and where you can be located.

Schedule updates will be printed in the
Wakefield News-Bessemer Pick & Axe
or check at the Wakefield Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, (906) 224-2222

"Town Picnic"

The Wakefield Fireworks Committee
will supply entertainment, music, concession,
on Thursday, July 3, 2008, starting at noon at Eddy Park.

Fireworks at 10 p.m., Thursday, July 3
Sponsored by the Wakefield Fireworks Committee



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Decorated floats receive \$20 towards expenses

Date	Time	Event
Fri-Sat-Sunday JUNE 27-28-29	June 27-29	Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament , with food and beverages. (Gabby Brunelle)
TBA	TBA	Recognition – WHS grads living at Gogebic Medical Care Facility (Esther Wacker)
Mon-Fri Sat-Sun	9 to 5 pm 10 to 3	Wakefield Visitor Center. Encourages everyone to stop in and let them know gathering times. June 28-29, and July 5-6-All-School Reunion Registration at Visitor Center. Reunion T-Shirts for sale. Register for free drawing for a hanging flower basket. (Dennis Ferson)
June 28–July 6	1 to 4 pm	Wakefield Historical Museum , open daily.
Saturday, JUNE 28	11 am to 2 pm 11 am to 4 pm 1 pm	“It’s The Berries and Craft Fair” - west entrance of W-M school, (sponsored by the Wakefield Historical Society) “Silent Auction” education wing roof fundraiser, bake sale, lunch, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 1202 Putnam St School Honor Roll on Main Street – Paint your names & graduation year on Wakefield’s Sunday Lake Street. (Brian & Jan Oberg-helpers, 229-5579, 364-5579)
Sunday, JUNE 29	Various times	“Homecoming” church services at all local churches: All Saints Lutheran, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Calvary Baptist, Grace Baptist Temple, Wakefield United Methodist Church, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.
Mon-Tues-Wed, JUNE 30- JULY 2	10 am – 3 pm Daily	All-School Reunion Registration at school gymnasium. Reunion T-Shirts on sale. (Conchita Luoma & Dorothy Popovich) Wakefield-Marenisco School – self-guided walk-through. (Supt. Larry Kapugia, Principal-Carrie Nyman)
Monday, JUNE 30	7 pm	Cruise Night – Relive those teen-age days cruising main street, bus circle, boulevard and “Karaoke” by First National Bank. Bring chairs to Lakeview Corner, Jimtown, etc. to watch cruisers. Wakefield-Bessemer Rotary Club ice cream concession at Museum grounds.
Tue-Sat, JULY 1-5	Daily	“Down Home” tennis tournament , W-M H.S. courts – 9 am (Eugene Maki)
Tuesday, July 1	2 p.m. 7 pm	Reunion of Champions (athletes and coaches) gathering at Cardinal Gymnasium. Meet coaches and players. (Jim Engel, Chr) Evening of Music and Singspiration , Wakefield-Marenisco School gymnasium. (Suzanne Backman)
Wednesday, JULY 2	11 am – 4 pm	Wakefield Tours by bus. Tour Guide-Don Luoma. Meet at Eddy Park for the 1 ½ hr tour. Also Self-Guided Tours around Wakefield- Signs at businesses (Dennis Rolando)
All-School Reunion Events	1 – 4 pm 5:30 pm 7 pm 9 pm	Big Band Concert & Dance , Eddy Park. Aimed at World War II-Korean War generations. Time to visit with fellow WHS graduates. Concession by Fireworks Committee and Toni Ann’s Popcorn Wagon. Active, Retired, & Former W-M school staff meet at W-M school cafeteria-former industrial arts area. (N.Voit, Chr) All-School Reunion Celebration at Wakefield-Marenisco Cardinal Gymnasium. After the program, classes may meet in designated classrooms and gatherings at local ‘water-holes’. Street Dance , near First National Bank, Music by “Strichnine”. Sponsor: Sports Bar

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Thursday, JULY 3	Begins at Noon 3 – 8 pm 7 pm During Concert 10 pm	<p>"Town Picnic" at the new pavilion. Food and refreshments concession. Music at Eddy Park, bingo, children's games, and much more, starting at noon. (sponsored by the Wakefield Fireworks Committee) Giant sprinkler by Wkfd Volunteer Fire Dept.</p> <p>Special: A Thursday Fish Fry at VFW.</p> <p>"Concert in the Park" with the Gogebic Range Band and Community Choir performing at Eddy Park. (Maggie Hokans, Larry Gabka)</p> <p>Drawings from all correct entries for "Where in Wakefield" Forms available at area businesses. Leave entry blanks at WN/BP&A or the Visitors Center before concert. (Norman Niemi, Carole Lillar)</p> <p>Beautiful FIREWORKS display over Sunday Lake. (Sponsored by the Wakefield Fireworks Committee)</p>
FRIDAY, JULY 4	6 am 8 am 9 am 12:30 1 pm 11 am – 2 Noon 1 pm 1 pm After parade	<p>Salute by the Wakefield Fireworks Committee starts the Fourth of July activities.</p> <p>Sunday Lake Run. Registration 6:30-7:45 am. For more information contact Anneita Grosso at 906-364-1621. (Fire on Ice)</p> <p>"Unity of Faith Believers" non-denominational service, Eddy Park's new pavilion. Followed by coffee and dippings. (Jan & Brian Oberg)</p> <p>Registration and line-up at Fire Hall for Children's Parade. (Wkfd Volunteer Fire Dept)</p> <p>Children's Parade starts at Fire Hall and ends at Memorial Building..</p> <p>"Forchuly" Open House & Picnic on museum grounds (sponsored by the Wakefield Historical Society). Ice cream served by Bessemer/Wakefield Rotary Club.</p> <p>Parade Line-up at US2 and Putnam. Float registration begins at noon. Reunion floats line-up on Ashlund Ave. (Line-up Chm: Kevin Dean)</p> <p>Preceding the parade – Klassic Kruisers</p> <p>GENERAL 4th of JULY PARADE Color Guard, Parade Marshalls-Retired Wakefield teachers, Bands, Floats, Marching units</p> <p>CHILDREN'S RACES at Roger Randall Field, next to the W-M School (Roger Randall & Family)</p> <p>Lunch served at the Wakefield VFW by the Post #9084 Auxiliary & Post Members. Also open for visits, American Legion Post No 11, 605 River St. Annual time to greet friends, relatives, and W-M School classmates.</p>
SATURDAY, JULY 5 All-School Reunion Events	12 – 5 pm 1 – 3 pm 2 – 3 pm	<p>Rock and Roll Show Band at Eddy Park. Multi-generational event aimed at those who graduated from the late 1950s to present. Concessions: Toni Ann's Popcorn Wagon and Wakefield-Bessemer Rotary concession.</p> <p>Kite Flying (Sponsor, Wakefield Chamber of Commerce)</p> <p>Fire Department Equipment Demonstration (including Jaws of Life) by Wakefield Volunteer Fire Department, Eddy Park. Giant sprinkler by Wkfd Volunteer Fire Dept.</p>
SUNDAY, JULY 6	10:30 am	<p>Reunion Mass, Immaculate Conception Church</p>



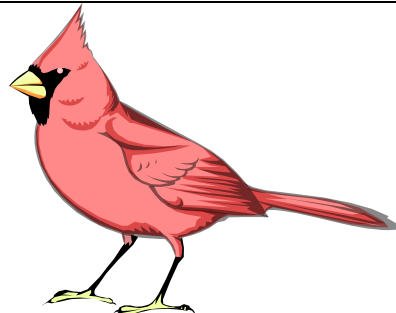
WHS REUNIONS July 2 - 6

*Notify Wakefield News-Bessemer Pick & Axe of
Class Reunions, Informal Class Gatherings, Family, Neighborhood Gatherings.*

Veterans	Morning Coffee at American Legion and VFW, Daily
1937 & 1939	Wednesday, July 2, 11:30 am, luncheon at Indianhead, call 932-5242 for more info.
1942	Saturday, July 5, 9 am, Korner Kitchen. See Eugene Maki for more information
1943	Friday, July 4, at VFW after the parade.
1944	Wednesday, July 2, Brunch-10 am-noon, Laurette Elms Dreisbach, N11075 Lookout Lane, Ironwood 932-4279
1947 & 1951	Saturday, July 3, evening to watch Fireworks at Norm & Marge Ahola's, 1302 Miles Ave.
1948	Saturday, July 5, 3 pm at Eddy Park- 60 year celebration! Contact Don Veda, 663-4158
1949	Thursday, July 3, 10 am, Breakfast Brunch, Regal Country Inn-Treats. Call Arvella Torkko Hellman for more info, 667-0043
1950	Thursday, July 3, 5 pm, informal gathering at Eddy Park Pavilion
1952	Saturday, July 5, Noon at John "Chum" Ozzello's, 102 Lakeshore Drive
1953	Friday, July 4, Annual Parade Reunion at Don Walstrom's, 302 Brotherton St.
1954	Friday, July 4, at VFW after the parade (Pat Makela Pensala, 224-4191)
1955	Thursday, July 3, 9:30 am, brunch at John Ballone's, Chaney Lake, 906-787-3255
1956	Saturday, July 5, 11 am, at Barb Monti Blodgett's, 416 Karling Road, 229-5444
1957 & 1963	Thursday, July 3, 8:30 p.m. at Brian & Margo's, 1209 Putnam, 224-1102
1958	Sunday, July 6, 1 pm, and Thursday, July 3, 1 pm, at Sunday Lake Pavilion- 50 year celebration! For more information, call Gerrie Koski Kremposki at 932-1225
1968	Saturday, July 5, 1 pm, Eddy Park, Old Pavilion
1971	Saturday, July 5, 5 pm, Kris & Jean Koski Campsite, Sunday Lake
1973	Thursday, July 3, 5 pm, 35 th Reunion at Club 28
1976	Saturday, July 5, 8 pm, Club 28 (Celebrate 50 th Birthdays)
1978	Saturday, July 5, 1 pm, Eddy Park New Pavilion. Be at parade lineup if you want to ride in 4 th of July parade.(Sharry Lepinski Dalbec-smkld@charter.net)
1982	Saturday, July 5, Evening at Dudley's Saloon, Indianhead (Others from 1980's invited to join them)
1988	Saturday evening, July 5, Wakefield VFW
1998	Saturday, July 5, 3 pm, Boulder Creek Golf Course. Call Jennifer (Brunelle) Krznarich,906-364-1071
Family	Saturday, July 5, Johnson Family Reunion, at the farm

WHS Reunion Headquarters
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