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Town Topics

Howard City Area Business Expo 2026: A Family-friendly Carnival



Free family fun abounded as the carnival-themed Howard City Area Business Expo offered arcade games, face painting, and balloon animals.

By Bethel Larsen

In its third year, the Business Expo held at Tri-County High School by the Howard City Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, April 11 showcased area businesses and non-profits with an elevated level of class and fun, beginning with the food trucks parked outside the doors. We have no com-

plaints about the food offerings from the previous two years, to be sure, but Cousins Maine Lobster and Cheese 'n' Squeeze were certainly a winning combination! I was told that the lobster tacos were delicious. I savored a hot, delectable bowl of lobster bisque at the end of my perusal of the Expo. I am sure that the hot, melty cheese options and fresh-squeezed

lemonade from Cheese 'n' Squeeze also drew ardent fans among visiting families.

Also parked outside were a truck and volunteer firefighters from the Howard City Fire Department, ready to show guests their vital, life-saving equipment. Shortly before the end of the Expo, the truck pulled out of the parking lot, turning on

lights and sirens as it reached Amy School Road on its way to an evidently urgent call.

Inside, live music resounded from the auditorium, where an interesting collection of student artwork was on display—paintings, pictures crafted in yarn, pottery, and more. Photographs submitted for a public competition were presented on another table

with ballots for voting in three categories—Community, Animals, and Nature/Landscapes—and two age categories, 18 and under and 19 and up. A first place prize and second and third-place ribbons were offered in each category.

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USA Ice Fishing Team heads to Sweden



By Lane Leppink

In the Summer of 2025, the USA Ice Fishing Team made the announcement that Lakeview would be their home town. This declaration was a carryover from the hospitality the team and the World Ice Fishing Championship tournament experienced from our village the previous winter. Little did the US Anglers know the kind of heartfelt support our town would give to a team of virtual strangers who

would call us 'home'. Even if it was for only a long weekend in February.

This past February, Lakeview got to host the 2026 USA National Ice Fishing Championship in order to help establish next year's international team. But we also were blessed to meet and send off the current 2026 USA Ice Fishing Team that was heading off to Piteå, Sweden for the 2026 World Ice Fishing Championship tournament (the same tournament that had been held here in

Lakeview in 2025 was being held 4,100 miles away in Sweden this year).

Our national tournament weekend ended on March 1st, but that was only the beginning of the voyage for many of those anglers on the USA Ice Fishing Team. Nine days later, the crew and gear started landing in Sweden for practice and training to

prepare for the equivalent of the Ice Fishing Olympics: The 2026 World Ice Fishing Championship (WIFC). There is no more prestigious award in the sport of competitive ice fishing than going for gold in this tournament, and knowing that preparation was key to success in the past teams that won, the USA team made sure they

arrived in plenty of time to get acclimated to time change and weather and fishing conditions, etc. With the tournament schedule starting official practices on March 24th and the actual 2-day Championship running March 28 & 29th.

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USA Ice Fishing Team in Sweden

Don't forget the Author Expo this Saturday from 10 to 12:30 at the Tamarack District Library in Lakeview. Speaking of authors, we wish to remind everyone again that we have the books by local authors that were at Marilyn's Boutique at our office. If you know an author who had books there, have them stop by to pick them up.

Spring Forecast

Thu Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, high 67. West wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thu Night A 30 percent chance of showers before 2am. Mostly cloudy, low 49.

Fri Partly sunny, high 69.

Fri Night Showers likely after 2am. Mostly cloudy, low 54.

Sat Showers, mainly before 2pm. Mostly cloudy, high 66. Breezy.

Sat Night A chance of showers before 2am. Mostly cloudy, low 35.

Sun Partly sunny, high 45. Breezy.

Sun Night Partly cloudy, low 29.

Mon Sunny, high 50.



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