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**Pulaski, WI
July 16-19**

Polka Days

Pulaski Polka Days Grounds
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Pulaski Polka Days returns July 16-19 with 22 top bands and four polka styles

Pulaski Polka Days return July 16-19, bringing a lively celebration of music, culture and community to northeast Wisconsin.

As one of the Midwest's largest polka festivals, it draws thousands to enjoy varied styles — Polish, German, Slovenian and Dutchman — at the festival grounds, 419 E. Pulaski St. Non-Polish styles will be featured in the KC Building, while Polish music plays under two tents.

Entertainment
Pulaski Polka Days will feature 22 of the nation's top polka bands, including groups traveling from Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Minnesota, along with many Wisconsin favorites.

Traveling to Wisconsin to perform will be John Stevens' Doubleshot (Pennsylvania), Polka Country Musicians (Connecticut), Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze (Illinois), Dynabass (Ohio), Polka Family (Pennsylvania); Twin City Soundz (Minnesota) and Craig Ebel's DyVersaCo (Minnesota).

Featured bands from Wisconsin include Copper Box, Mark Jirikovec Orchestra, GRD-Bruegen Family Band, Polish



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Connection, Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sound, Cynor Classics and Music Connection.

Pulaski-area talent includes The Maroszek

Bros, Nu Tymes, The Natural Talent, Aaron Socha's LIVEwire, The Mix, Zander Music Raymakers, Chad Przybylski's Polka Rhythms and The New

Generation, with a pop-up performance from the newest band, Hometown Sound.

Admission, hours and key events

Thursday, July 16: Admission is \$5 for ages 12 and older. Music runs from 4-11:30 p.m. Don't miss the crowning of the Pulaski Polka Queen. Fireworks

will be held at dusk. All proceeds go to improving the quality of life in the surrounding community.

Friday, July 17: Admission is \$20. Music and dancing run 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Free dance lessons will be offered in the afternoon.

Saturday, July 18: Admission is \$20 for the entire day. Music and dancing run noon to 12:30 a.m., with free dance lessons again offered in the afternoon.

The World Concertina Congress will start the day in the KC Building with a two-hour jam session beginning at noon; the WCC invites everyone to join in; just bring your key-of-C concertina.

The Assumption B.V.M. Parish Craft & Vendor Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19-20. The fair extends along Pulaski Street from the church to the festival grounds.

Sunday, July 19: Admission is free as a way for the Pulaski Polka Days Committee and sponsoring organizations to show appreciation to the community and surrounding area

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What would Polka Days be without music?

You'll be sure to get your fill of music during the four-day Pulaski Polka Days festival, with a variety of music offered each day July 17-20.

The festival gates open at 4 p.m. July 17, with a \$5 entry fee for the music tents and Knights of Columbus building.

There will also be free fireworks at dusk presented by American Tradition Fireworks LLC and sponsored by Tri-County Optimist Club and Pulaski Polka Days Inc.

Here's the music lineup for all four days.

July 16
\$5 admission
Tent 1
4-4:45 p.m.: The Mix
4:45-5:30 p.m.:
LIVEwire
5:30-6:15 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
6:15-7 p.m.: The Mix
7-7:45 p.m.: LIVEwire
7:45-8:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
8:30-9:15 p.m.: The Mix
9:15-10:30 p.m.:
LIVEwire
10:30-11:15 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & Polka Rhythms
Tent 2
4:15-5 p.m.: Zander's Music Makers
5-5:45 p.m.: Maroszek Bros
5:45-6:30 p.m.: The



Copper Box will perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. July 16 in the KC Building. The quartet is based in Oshkosh and was started in 2002 with co-founders, Danny Jerabek and Michelle LL (Jerabek). Recently Copper Box has won 2025 Album of the Year, 2025 & 2024 Folk Rock Band, and 2024 Artist of the Year from the Wisconsin Area Music Industry. The Copper Box name implies "the squeeze box being a great conductor of energy." With the help of some incredible talented musicians, Copper Box plays familiar songs with a twist in a multigenre accord (polka-rock-blues), as well as their own originals for concerts and events.

New Generation
6:30-7:15 p.m.: Zander's Music Makers
7:15-8 p.m.: Maroszek Bros
8-8:45 p.m.: The New Generation
8:45-9:30 p.m.: Zander's Music Makers
9:30-10:15 p.m.: Maroszek Bros
10:15-11 p.m.: The New Generation
KC Building
6:30-9:30 p.m.: Copper Box
July 17
\$20 admission

Gates open at 1 p.m.
Tent 1
2-3:30 p.m.: The Mix
3:30-4:15 p.m.:
DyVersaCo
4:15-5 p.m.: Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
5-5:45 p.m.: DyVersaCo
5:45-6:30 p.m.: Tony
Blazonczyk's New Phaze
6:30-7:15 p.m.:
DyVersaCo
7:15-8 p.m.: Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
8-8:45 p.m.: The New Generation
8:45-9:30 p.m.: Polka Country Musicians

9:30-10:15 p.m.: The New Generation
10:15-11 p.m.: Polka Country Musicians
11-11:45 p.m.: The New Generation
11:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.: Polka Country Musicians
Tent 2
2:30-3:15 p.m.: Polish Connection
3:15-4:15 p.m.: NuTymes
4:15-5 p.m.: Polish Connection
5-6 p.m.: NuTymes
6-6:45 p.m.: Polish Connection
6:45-7:45 p.m.: NuTymes
7:45-8:30 p.m.: Dynabrass
8:30-9:15 p.m.: John Stevens' Doubleshot
9:15-10 p.m.: Dynabrass
10-10:45 p.m.: John Stevens' Doubleshot
10:45-11:30 p.m.: Dynabrass
11:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.: John Stevens' Doubleshot
KC Building
4-8 p.m.: GRD-Brueggan Family Band
July 18
\$20 admission
Gates open at 11 a.m.
Tent 1
12:30-1:30 p.m.: Cynor Classics
1:30-2:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & The Polka Rhythms
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Cynor Classics
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Polka Family will play at various times in Tent 1 on July 18-19. The band started in 1979 for an appearance for the Southern cCalifornia Polka Booster Club in Chino, California.

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3:30-4:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & The Polka Rhythms	4:15-5:15 p.m.: Dynabrass	p.m.: Natural Talent
4:30-5:30 p.m.: Cynor Classics	5:15-6:15 p.m.: LIVEwire	1:30-2:30 p.m.: Polka Family
5:30-6:30 p.m.: Chad Przybylski & The Polka Rhythms	6:15-7:15 p.m.: The Natural Talent	2:30-3:30 p.m.: The Natural Talent
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Twin City Sound	7:15-8:15 p.m.: Polka Country Musicians	3:30-4:30 p.m.: Polka Family
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10:30-11:30 p.m.: Twin City Sound	11:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.: Polka Country Musicians	Noon-1 p.m.: Maroszek Bros
11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.: Polka Family	KC Building	1-2 p.m.: Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sound
Tent 2	Noon-2 p.m.: World Concertina Congress	2-3 p.m.: Maroszek Bros
12:15-1:15 p.m.: Dynabrass	3-7 p.m.: Music Connection	3-4 p.m.: Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sound
1:15-2:15 p.m.: LIVEwire	July 19	4-5 p.m.: Maroszek Bros
2:15-3:15 p.m.: Dynabrass	Free admission	5-6 p.m.: Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sound
3:15-4:15 p.m.: LIVEwire	Gates open at 8 a.m.	KC Building
	Tent 1	1-4 p.m.: The Mark Jirivec Band
	9:30 a.m.: Maroszek Bros, Polka Mass	
	12:30-1:30 p.m.: The	



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Can't dance the polka? Stop by for free lessons

The polka was designated as Wisconsin's state dance in 1993.

The legislation was introduced at the request of a second grade class from Charles Lindbergh Elementary School in Madison and supported by

several groups — including the Wisconsin Polka Boosters Inc. and the Wisconsin Folk Museum.

What if you don't know how to dance the polka? No need to worry. Learn to dance the polka with instructors Duane and

Robin Wilks from Omaha, Nebraska.

Free lessons will be offered at 3:30 p.m. July 17 in Tent 2 and again at 1:15 p.m. July 18, also in Tent 2. Bands playing for the lessons have yet to be announced.

Win \$1,000 in raffle

Pulaski Polka Days will again hold a cash raffle throughout the weekend of the festival.

Tickets are available from members of the six organizations that are part of Pulaski Polka Days Inc.

and will be sold at the polka grounds daily during the event.

First prize is \$1,000 cash.

Other prizes are \$500 for second, \$200 for third, \$100 for fourth and fifth,

\$50 for sixth and seventh, and \$25 for eighth and ninth.

The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. July 19.

Winners need not be present at the time of the drawing.

Start festival's final day with breakfast, church service

The final day of Pulaski Polka Days begins with breakfast and worship services.

A pancake and porkie breakfast will be held from 8-11 a.m. July 19 on the

festival grounds.

Global Methodist Church with the Rev. Dominic Petit will hold a worship service at 8 a.m. in Tent 1.

A Catholic polka Mass

will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Tent 2.

The Maroszek Bros will perform at the Mass.

Lawn chairs are encouraged for the worship services.

Check out assortment of arts, crafts, vendors

The Assumption BVM Parish Fundraiser Craft and Vendor Fair, will be held July 18-19.

This fair will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Booths will be set up on East Pulaski Street.

Direct questions to Carrie Sievert, event coordinator, at craftandvendor@abvm.org.



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Parade set to kick off at 11 a.m.

One of the largest attractions of Pulaski Polka Days is the Pulaski Polka Days parade, which will begin at 11 a.m. sharp July 19.

Units will line up at Pulaski Community Middle School and Pulaski High School on St. Augustine Street. Units should be in place by 10:30 a.m.

The parade will travel north on St. Augustine Street and turn onto Pulaski Street, right down to the Pulaski Polka Grounds.

Candy and other small

items can be handed out along the route from people walking along the floats. Candy should not be thrown from moving vehicles.

The parade is held on the final day of the four-day festival, which has free admission throughout the day.

For more information or to register for the parade, visit <https://pulaski-polkadays.com/polka-days-parade/> or contact Mike Hughes at 920-655-6983 or mhughesh59@gmail.com.

Who will wear the crowns this year in festival pageant?

The Miss Pulaski Polka Days Pageant is more than crowns and sashes. It is an opportunity to represent the community of Pulaski with pride, leadership, kindness and purpose.

Contestants in the three age divisions will be interviewed at 6:30 p.m. July 15 in the Knights of Columbus Pavilion, next to the Pulaski Polka Grounds.

The crowning

ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. July 16 in Tent 2 at the polka grounds.

Divisions are Little Miss, ages 6-10; Junior Miss, ages 11-13; and Miss, ages 14-18.

The royalty serve as ambassadors for the community throughout the year by participating in local events, engaging in community service and promoting positive values among their peers.



The much-anticipated Pulaski Polka Days parade will step off at 11 a.m. July 19 from the grounds of Pulaski Middle School and Pulaski High School, make its way north on St. Augustine Street, turn onto Pulaski Street and end at the Polka Grounds.

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