

Schoolhouse Museum Theme for 2026

Next year we will focus on “Old” versus “New”, “Extinct” versus “Current” or “Ancient” versus “Modern”. The terminology is dependent upon your viewpoint. The areas we will focus on are things from everyday life such as cooking, heating, communication and transportation, and how they have changed over the years. For example, cooking used to be done on stoves fueled by wood. Now our stoves are fueled by gas or electricity, and we supplement them with microwaves, air fryers, and crockpots.

For verbal communication, phones over time have had cranks on them, rotary dials, party lines and/or appeared in booths outside gas stations and party stores. Now most of those are gone and have been replaced with cellphones. For written communication, hand-written mailed letters with stamps have been replaced by texts, emails, and Facebook messages.

To get from one location to another before the advent of automobiles, the options were by foot, horse, or in some cases by bicycle. Now in addition to automobiles and motorcycles, there are e-bikes, 4-wheelers, and side-by-sides.

These are only a few examples of the areas we will explore. We need your help. If you have examples of items used in the bygone years and are willing to have them displayed in the museum next year, please contact Nancy Simonelli via email at nancys33042@aol.com.



Dates For Your Calendar!

August 4, 2026 – State Primary **Election**
August 15, 2026 – Lovells Bridge Walk
Nov. 3, 2026 – State General **Election**
Dec. 5, 2026 – Community Christmas

Planning Commission

Sally Brand – Joetta Johnson – Jan Orin –
Nancy Simonelli – Ex-Officio: Richard Wright

Park & Rec Committee

Sally Brand – Martha Duby – Kathy Lareau –
John Petroff – Ex-Officio: Tamara Kengel

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Perry (Chair) – Sally Brand - Darby
Kuenzel (Alternate). Ex-Officio: Gary
Neumann.

Board of Review

Dale Gauthier Jr. – Denise Long – Ron Tallieu –
Richard Wright (Secretary)

Winter Safety Tips

Ways You Can Avoid Winter Injuries

- ❑ Shovel the snow for a short period and also inculcate frequent breaks in between.
- ❑ Wear shoes with anti-slip soles.
- ❑ Wear clothes in layers that will keep your body warm without sweating.
- ❑ Listen to your body's signs like shortness of breath- stop immediately.
- ❑ Use correct shoveling techniques like pushing the snow rather than lifting it and then throwing it away.

Lovells Township Newsletter



Winter 2025

Lovells Township

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Office Hours:

Tues-Weds-Thurs 9:00am – 3:00pm

Township Board Meetings

Township Hall 2nd Tues of the month @ 10am

Township Board

Supervisor@lovellsmi.org: Richard Wright

Clerk@lovellsmi.org: Janet Dunning

Treasurer@lovellsmi.org: Tamara Kengel

Trustee: Cheryl Hopp

Trustee: Gary Neumann

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34th Annual Bridge Walk 2025

In 2025 we had another successful Bridge Walk thanks to good weather, hardworking volunteers, and great community support. It started off with the Fire and EMS Department serving breakfast to over 250 adults and children with everything provided by Kelloggs Bridge Grocery. After the parade through downtown Lovells, 186 adults and children enjoyed lunch served by Dead Bear Brewing Co.

Entertainment throughout the day was provided by Kevin B. Kline and Blake Banner. With publicity provided by both the Avalanche and Q100 radio station, there was a GREAT turnout. Thanks to the generosity of those who participated and the many people who contributed, the event grossed \$17,000 for the Volunteer Fire and EMS Department. This amount of support shows the respect the Community has for the men and women who volunteer their time to help keep Lovells Township safe.



Lovells Fire & EMS Department

Fire Chief: Gary Lewicki

EMS Chief: Ed Lohr

Call 911 in case of emergency

The Lovells Fire & EMS Department is comprised of 15 dedicated professionals who serve the safety needs of Lovells Township. Each member demonstrates a strong commitment to community service through their volunteer efforts, which include responding to emergencies, supporting township events, and actively contributing to the well-being and safety of residents.



The Lovells Fire & EMS Department hosted an information event on Home Fire Safety, November 17, 2025 for the residents of Lovells. This event focused on home fire safety, types of fire extinguishers, the importance of having fire escape plans, as well as a “hands on” experience of using a fire extinguisher and putting out a fire.

Do you have your “Dump Permit”?

All Lovells residents should have their green dump card. If you need a card, Lovells Township Residents may obtain a “Dump Permit” during regular Township business hours.

Large Items

A Large Item Disposal Ticket and a dump permit are required in order to dispose of larger household items (chairs, mattresses, etc.) at either location. Large item tickets can be purchased at the Township Hall, Kelloggs Bridge Grocery, or Lovells Home Center.

Metal Recycling will resume in the spring!

Some Transfer Station Prohibited Items:

- Construction Materials
- Medical Waste
- Dead animals, fish of any size, or entrails of game or fish
- Beverage containers that require \$0.10 dep
- Whole motor vehicle tires
- Yard waste (leaves, brush, tree limbs ect.)
- Used oil, Cans of paint
- Lead acid batteries, Regulated hazardous waste
- Liquid waste,
- Sewage, PCBs, and Asbestos waste.

Waste Management Info

WATERS Landfill 11375 Sherman Road, Frederic from 8:00 AM to 3:30PM. They accept non-hazardous waste only and a fee is charged.