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### MidSummer Bluegrass Sounds Reverberate in Manitowish Waters This July

**MANITOWISH WATERS** – Set among the towering pine trees and lake-dotted landscape in Manitowish Waters come some of the sweetest bluegrass music you will ever hear. The 35<sup>th</sup> annual Midsummer Bluegrass Music Festival on Thursday-Sunday, July 18-21, 2024 will feature music by artists and bands from all over the nation.

Hosted by the Cozy Cove Tavern & Restaurant, this year's outdoor event (Wisconsin's longest running bluegrass festival) features several headline/artists: The Gibson Brothers, Tennessee's Kenny Stinson & Perfect Tym'n, and the Piper Road Spring Band.

If the Gibson Brothers' background in farming from upstate New York does not endear our agricultural appreciations here in Wisconsin, their world class harmonies will. In the Bluegrass world, The Gibson Brothers are heralded by publications such as Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine: "They have it all: lead vocals, brother-duet harmony, instrumental virtuosity, ensemble sensibilities, and great original material. Superstars of Bluegrass is another accolade attributed to them in the New York Times. So, what advice would you look for if you have a chance to see them perform in Manitowish Waters this midsummer? According to the publication Making A Scene: Run to any opportunity to see The Gibson Brothers...

Hailing from the Gateway of the Great Smoky Mountains, Kenny Stinson & Perfect Tym'n are one of the top trending bands in the World of Bluegrass as evidenced by 10 different nominations in the first round of the 2024 International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA's) awards honors. Such accolades include Entertainer of the Year, Vocal Group of the Year, Instrumental Group of the Year, Song of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, and Banjo, Bass, Mandolin and Guitar Player of the Year, respectively.

Kenny Stinson & Perfect Tym'n will bring it on at the Midsummer Bluegrass Festival this summer, so keep an eye open and an ear peeled to listen, especially with two of their songs that have hit the charts in recent months: "Another Train," and "Common Ground."

Another intriguing musical group that is performing, The Piper Road Spring Band, has a 50+ year history of performing. They first visited the Cozy Cove in 1991 at the Second Annual Midsummer Bluegrass Festival, a festival that Bill Monroe, Father of Bluegrass, also performed at.

Piper Road Spring Band was born into the age of rock & roll with individual backgrounds diverse as classical, cowboy, folk, blues and Dixieland. Influenced by some live performances of Doc Watson and Bill Monroe, and then by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's release of "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" in the early 1970's, they put away the electric amps and guitars and developed a unique acoustic/bluegrass style. They never completely abandoned their musical roots and have blended Irish fiddle tunes with American country, big band, novelty and space-aged Grateful Dead inspired jams.

Wisconsin's own will also be well represented at this year's Bluegrass Show. In addition to Piper Road Spring Band, Driftless Revelers, Mark Hembree Band, Best Westerns and Tomahawks' Hand-Picked, will stand tall to make Wisconsinites proud.

Daily and weekend passes (including walk-in tent camping onsite) are among the ticket options. RV or trailer camping is also available; all campsites are rustic. Cozy Cove is located on 5786 U.S. Highway 51, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for the musical performances.

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