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Fireworks will cap a day of family fun July 4 in Marshfield. GANNETT CENTRAL WISCONSIN MEDIA FILE PHOTO

Find these 2026 Fourth of July events in the Marshfield area

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This year marks the country's 250th anniversary, and local communities are planning their Fourth of July celebrations.

Some municipalities and organizations are hosting their usual fireworks celebration, while others are organizing new or bigger events this year to honor the milestone, including live music, fire-

works, parades and more festivities.

Check out these options to celebrate Independence Day in the Marshfield area.

Loyal

Loyal will host a fireworks show at dusk July 3 at West Side Park in Loyal.

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Fed leaves key interest rate unchanged

Vote unanimous in new chair's first meeting

Rachel Barber and Andrea Riquier
 USA TODAY

The Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged June 17 following President Donald Trump appointee Kevin Warsh's first meeting as chair, despite the president's consistent calls for cuts.

The federal funds rate, a benchmark for interest rates across the country, remains at a range of 3.5% to 3.75%, as it has so far this year. The vote was unanimous among the Federal Open Market Committee's 12 voting members.

Trump brushed off the decision while talking to reporters, saying, "It's all right, whatever." Markets closed sharply lower.

But perhaps as important as the highly anticipated rate announcement were the highly anticipated comments Warsh made his first time at the podium, where he signaled several changes are coming to the central bank.

Chief among them are task forces he's creating that will focus on five areas central to monetary policy: the Fed's communication, its balance sheet, its use of and reliance on existing data sources, its inflation framework, and productivity and jobs. He said he will appoint both Fed insiders and outsiders to the panels, which will start work in the next few weeks to give recommendations - not orders - to policymakers this fall.

"There's a task force for that," Warsh said, in what sounded like it could become a new slogan.

Another refrain was his message for American consumers: Banking regulators will work hard on lowering prices.

At a press conference, Warsh said he and fellow members of the Federal Open Market Committee "recognize that inflation has been running well

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Identities of 8 killed in B-52 crash released

Victims included military personnel and civilians

Natalie Neysa Alund and James Powel
 USA TODAY

The identities of the eight crew members onboard a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber that crashed near Edwards Air Force Base in California on June 15 have been released by the military.

"These Airmen were more than co-workers. They were friends, mentors, teammates and valued members of our Edwards and Air Force family," Col. Thomas Tauer, 412th Test Wing Com-

mander, said in a June 17 statement. "They were dedicated professionals, beloved family members and irreplaceable teammates."

The aircraft, a long-haul B-52 Stratofortress, crashed after taking off on a test mission in support of a radar modernization program, the military base previously said.

Its crew consisted of both uniformed personnel and civilians, officials said.

"Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with their families, loved ones and fellow Airmen, Air

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The crash of a B-52 Stratofortress at Edwards Air Force Base was the first to take place at the base since 1992. PROVIDED BY ABC AFFILIATE KABC VIA REUTERS

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