



Monthly Newsletter

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August 2010

Serving the communities of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City and Shafer

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- August 11: Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**
 Chamber Office & Information Center
 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- August 12: Chamber Member Luncheon**
 Time: 11:30 a.m.
 Location: Chamber Office & Information Center
 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
 Speaker: Chris Stein- National Park Service
 St Croix National Scenic Riverway

Welcome New Member!

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 Amery, WI 715.268.5800

Ki-Chi-Saga Days August 20-22

Chisago City's community festival "Ki-Chi-Saga Days" is scheduled the weekend of August 19-22, 2010 and everyone is cordially invited to attend. This year, the Ki-Chi-Saga Days Committee decided that the theme would be "Year of the Ojibwa People" to acknowledge the Ojibwa Indians as the first settlers of the Chisago Lakes Area.

A *Historical Pageant* is among the new events this year at Ki-Chi-Saga Days. "*Chisago City: The Town that Moved*" is a play of historical characters from Chisago City's past. Other new events include *Fire Show*, a juggling act featured on Friday night at Paradise Park, a *Martial Arts Demonstration* held in Moberg Park, and more!

Weekend activities include city-wide garage sales, Frankie's Fishing Tournament, Cribbage Tournament, Community Picnic, Family-friendly events, Sand Castle Contest, outdoor "Family-Friendly" movie, Music, Crafts, food and much more. Full schedule of events on www.ci.chisago.mn.us



What's Happening This Month

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| August 3 | Night to Unite Celebration |
| August 8 | Sportsmen's Club Picnic |
| August 11-15 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| August 13-15 | Almelund Threshing Days |
| August 14-15 | WineHaven's Rhubarb Frenzy |
| August 16 | Tee Up for Hospice Golf Tournament |
| August 20 | Festival Theatre-Danny Schmidt Concert |
| August 20-22 | Ki-Chi-Saga Days |
| August 21 | Spelmansstamma Fiddling Contest |
| August 21 | Family Pathways 5K/15K Run Walk |
| August 21 | Lindstrom Antique Mall 20/20 Sale |
| Sept. 2 | Community Golf Tournament |

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2010 Board of Directors

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A Note from the Chamber Board:

Karen Anderson

Wow! Half of the year and summer are now over. There were many exciting events that took place and many more to come. This past month there was Karl Oskar Days, Wannigan Days, the Triathlon and of course the many storms with much needed rain. The second half of the year is full of many events that you can participate in either as a volunteer or a spectator. It will be a great time to promote your business in the Chamber Newsletter, on the Chamber website, in the Chisago County Press or by coming to a Chamber meeting or event and telling the members about your business. The Chamber is a fantastic way to promote and network your business. If you haven't participated you must do so. In August, there is Ki Chi Saga Days get a booth set up at the craft fair, Frankie's Bass Tournament, Chisago Sportsman's Club Picnic, Harmony In the Park, the Almelund Threshing Party. We are so blessed to

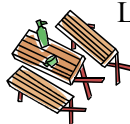
have businesses and live in an area that is full of so many things to do and see. Let's capitalize on these events. Another new and huge event this year is the Sno Baron's Hay Day event. All these are great events and ways to promote your business. The Chamber will be holding their annual golf tournament on September 2nd. We are looking for sponsors, players and volunteers. Please get involved and help support the Chamber and Allemanstratt Wilderness Park. Give Tangi or Laurie a call.

CHISAGO LAKES SPORTSMEN'S 55th ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, August 8th 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Public is invited-Free Admission 

TRAP SHOOTING – TURKEY SHOOT – HORSESHOES
VOLLEYBALL – KIDS CASTLE JUMP – BINGO
GAMES ALL DAY – RACES (cash prizes)
RAFFLE TICKETS WITH CASH PRIZES
MUD TURTLE RACE (bring your own turtle, ages 14 & under)
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS, FREE COFFEE



Located between Chisago City & Lindstrom
on Hwy 8 Frontage Road



6th Annual Chisago Lakes Community Golf Tournament Thursday, September 2nd

This is an 18-Hole, 4-Player Team Event
Sponsorships and Golfers are needed!

Fun contests including Hole-In-One and Beat the Mayor. Sponsorships and Golfers Needed! Sponsorship and Registration forms are available at the Chamber office or at www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

A portion of the proceeds will go towards Allemansrätt Wilderness Park located on Olinda Trail, north of Hwy 8 in Lindstrom.

July 14th Board Meeting Highlights

-from minutes recorded for Craig Stockel

Treasurer's Report:

Overall Profit & Loss remain steady compared to the same time period last year.

Secretary's Report:

June minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

Committee Reports:

• **Chamber Golf Tournament – Jim/Tom**

Sponsorship forms were included in the July Newsletter and Team forms in August.

• **Tourism: John/Tangi**

Chisago Lakes Area Brochures have been distributed and well received. The Tourism Committee has suspended meeting for the busy months of summer and will resume meetings in September.

• **Triathlon: Tangi**

Planning is going well. Many more volunteers are needed this year due to more intersections on the bike route

New Business:

• **Hwy 8 Marketing Committee – Matt Silver**

Special events, co-op advertising, signage and maps are just a few of the ideas for marketing the Lindstrom area during Hwy 8 construction. Lindstrom EDA will host a breakfast this fall to update local businesses on the timeline.

• **Candidate Debates –** Any debate requests the Chamber receives will be forwarded to Mary at Parmly and city offices.

Old Business:

• **Insurance –** Coverage remained the same with a slight increase in premium.

Executive Director's Report: Tangi

Visitors and calls are increasing at the Chamber, with a record 40 Swedish visitors in one week.

FAMILY PATHWAYS ANNUAL 5K & 15K RUN/WALK **August 21st, 2010**

Registration - 7:00 am Race - 8:00 am

Race starts and ends at Zion Lutheran Church
28005 Old Towne Rd, Chisago City

Advanced registration/\$20 - Same day registration/\$25
Groups of five receive a 20% discount if registered through www.zapevent.com. Registration forms are also available at all Holiday Stores in Chisago & Pine counties. Proceeds support Family Pathways Youth Services.



2010 Chisago Lakes Triathlon



“Wow! Just had to tell you what a great time we had in Chisago Lakes for the Half Iron Triathlon! As my friend and I drove into town late Friday night, we were excited to see all the Welcome Triathletes signs in the businesses. We knew we were in the right place and we felt welcome!”

This is the first email that awaited us at the Chamber office on Monday morning, the day after the Chisago Lakes Triathlon. The 2010 Triathlon went very well with record number of both athletes (1600+ registered) and volunteers (150+). Many businesses donated their products, services and time to help out. It is wonderful to have the backing of the community and businesses for this amazing event.

Thanks to the Chisago City for sharing Paradise Park and Chisago City Parks Dept, Chisago City Public Works and Chisago County Public Works, for all the extra work that goes into the event. Thank you Chisago County Sheriff's Department, Lakes Area Police, Stacy Fire Department and Almelund Fire Department, Chisago Lakes Swim Coach and Lifeguards for keeping the event safe and fun.

Thanks to our local and regional sponsors, including Fairview Lakes Health Services, Lakes Region EMS, Chisago County Press, The RiverBank, Forest Lake Cycle & Skate, AmericInn, Olympic Granola, Wild Mountain, Deutschland Meats, Meredee's Bistro, Northwoods Roasterie, Jackie Briggs Therapeutic Massage, Victory Lane Quick Oil Change, Virga Chiropractic, Lindstrom Dairy Queen, Chisago Hardware/Just Ask Rental, Brink's Market, America's Best Value Inn, Croix Valley Pickup, Chisago Lakes Distributing, Lindstrom Thrifty White, Printing Express and Holiday. Thank you to all businesses for the welcome reception and great service you provided throughout the weekend.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the 150 plus volunteers who gave up time and energy to support the athletes. Many of you got a workout equal to participating in the Triathlon. Thanks to Community Ambassador- Gary Gerke, Karl Oskar Days Princess-Amanda Angel, Family Pathways, Hazelden, First United Methodist Church, Lake Area Bank, Youth Service Bureau, Almelund Lutheran Church, Valley Christian School, Chisago Lakes Young Life, Chisago County 4H, Chisago Lakes Track Team, and many other individuals. Thanks to all of you who made this a true community event to be proud of.

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'Tee Up for Hospice'

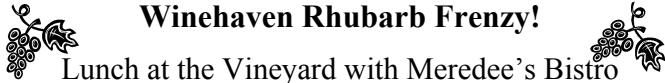
Benefit Golf Tournament

Monday, August 16th – 4:00 p.m.

Proceeds go to support unreimbursed hospice and bereavement care. Your support as an event or hole sponsor is encouraged. Whether you would like to golf as an individual or as part of a five-person team, the cost is \$55 per golfer which includes supper after the event.

For sponsorship or golf registration call Darcy Nelson
Fairview Lakes HomeCaring & Hospice
651.257.7836

Winehaven Rhubarb Frenzy!



Lunch at the Vineyard with Meredee's Bistro

Live music from the "Jazz Front"

Hourly Vineyard Tours

Taste the new Rhubarb and Strawberry-Rhubarb Wine!

Saturday, August 14th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15th from 12:00-5:00 p.m.



9757 292nd Street, Chisago City

651.257.1017 www.winehaven.com

And the survey says...



As part of my dissertation research, I am interested in collecting information from Lindstrom residents and other individuals who are familiar with the community. To do this, I have created an online survey comprised of a number of questions related to the community and its heritage.

If you are interested in participating in the survey, please visit www.lindstromsurvey.wordpress.com. There you will find a link to the survey. You will also find a letter explaining the project in more detail and a consent form, which you may print and keep for you files if you are interested.

The survey is simple and the fact it is online makes it easy to take. If you have questions or would like to have a paper version of the survey mailed to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, feel free to share this link with family and friends. The more feedback, the better! Many thanks!

Amanda Kolpin (amandakolpin@gmail.com)

PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Sweet Swede Candy Shoppe Premium Chocolates



Open every Friday & Saturday 11:30 – 5:30

12615 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

www.TheSweetSwede.com

651.387.1214

20/20 SALE!

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Browse two full floors of antiques.

Items over \$20 are 20% OFF (unless marked)

LINDSTROM ANTIQUE MALL

12740 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom 651.257.3340



Festival's street level space – The Elbow Room- will be home to an Improv Troup. The improv actors have been devising new work over the last few weeks and are slated to share their talents Friday nights at 10:00 p.m. now through August 27th. "We decided to create an opportunity for audience members to stay after the main stage show and to be joined by those who are looking for something new and fun to do on a Friday night," said troupe member, Zach Drane. Zach will be joined by Jackie Johnson, Kaija Pellinen, Ellen Kirk, Darrell Johnston and Kathryn Cesarz. Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Danny Schmidt

Friday, August 20th, 8:00 pm
Club Level Space



Austin, TX-based singer/songwriter Danny Schmidt is a writer's writer, with a lyrical depth drawing comparisons to Leonard Cohen, Townes Van Zandt, and Dave Carter. Upon winning the prestigious Kerrville New Folk award in 2007, Sing Out Magazine tagged Schmidt "the best new songwriter we've heard in 15 years."

Just one man sitting alone on stage with his acoustic guitar and his poetry, in the timeless troubadour tradition, his musical influences draw from deeply-rooted Appalachian mountain gospel to haunted English balladry, from syncopated Piedmont country blues to vagabond 60's protest folk-stumpery. But it all boils down to just great songwriting, in a singular style all his own. Not to be missed.

www.FestivalTheatre.org

715.483.3387

Quote for the Month

"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going."

~ Earl Nightingale ~

July Luncheon Meeting



July's luncheon was held at **Panola Valley Gardens** with 35 members/guests in attendance. Chamber president, **Jim Green**, thanked **Mary and Gary Norton, Panola Valley Gardens** for hosting this month's luncheon. **Mary and Gary** offer outdoor teas, luncheons and a beautiful place for weddings, receptions, concerts and other special events. Two announcements for the Chamber were the upcoming Triathlon on July 25 and the need for volunteers, also the Community Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 2, with sponsorship and team registration opportunities available. Member announcements included **Tom Kieffer** promoting the free Chisago Lakes Safety Camp at Camp Ojiketa on August 5th for kids that have completed 3rd & 4th grade. **Renee Dabill** introduced the Miche handbag that she is now carrying at her studio in Lindstrom. **Debbie Schott** with **Heritage Makers** informed us of upcoming Digi Crop session, Christmas in July specials and showed a sample of a picture canvas. **Tovah Marek, LAYS B** promoted the **TASTE!** Event with 19 different restaurants offerings tastes of their foods. **Justin Monette, Monette Decorating & Remodeling** introduced himself and his business. **Danette Olsen** from **St Croix Festival Theatre** was introduced as a new member. She has been the director since February 2006. In 2005 the theatre started four program strands: Theatre, Music, Camps, New Doors (anything that doesn't fit in the first three categories) **Danette** introduced filmmaker **J.J. Kelley**. **J.J.** grew up in Taylors Falls, now lives in Washington DC and works with the National Geographic. **J.J.'s** talked about his film 'Paddle to Seattle' which will be shown at **Festival Theatre** on July 20th and 21st.



"Adopt a Rain Forest"

The Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District is looking for a person or group to "adopt" the rain garden at Chisago City Water Tower Park. Responsibilities would include weeding and general upkeep of the garden and plants, occasionally replacing plants and mulch, and watching for other issues. Costs of upkeep are not the responsibility of the adoptee, although there would be no compensation for labor. If you are interested please call 651-674-2333.



Night to Unite Celebration August 3, 2010



On Tuesday, August 3rd the cities of Chisago and Lindstrom will be two of 9,800 communities from all 50 states observing Night to Unite (formerly National Night Out). From 6 pm-8pm, Chisago City and Lindstrom residents, families and friends are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening at Chisago City's Ojiketa Regional Park, 27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City.

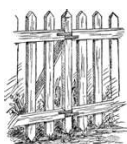
Night to Unite celebrates and promotes police-community partnerships, crime and drug violence prevention and neighborhood unity. The Lindstrom Fire Department, Chisago City Fire Department, Lakes Area Police Department and other public safety organizations will be present. Enjoy free food, give-aways, games, face painting, a moon walk and more. Look for coloring contest sheets at Brinks and Lindstrom Foods.



RELAY FOR LIFE Chisago County

Relay for Life held a successful event on Friday, July 23rd in Almelund. A total of 48 teams and more than 500 participants raised well over \$100,000.00 for the American Cancer Society. Among the participants there were approximately 80 cancer survivors.

2010 Relay for Life Honorary Chairs
Nate Mens and Mike & Jeanne Taube.



PICKET FENCE GALS Sale

AUGUST 11-15

Wednesday 3-7

Thursday-Saturday 9-6

Sunday 11-5

Enjoy walking through and seeing rooms packed with antiques and great finds. Downtown Lindstrom.
651.257.3370 www.PicketFenceGals.com

Featured Business – August 2010

Chisago County Historical Society



The Chisago County Historical Society has been collecting and sharing stories and artifacts about Chisago County for a long time. In the early 1900's, the Society sponsored the annual Fourth of July celebration and picnic on the St. Croix River where Interstate Park is today. Its first museum was the WPA stone building adjacent to the park's entrance.

Today, the Chisago County Historical Society has its office and research library in an 1800's Queen Anne house at 13112 Third Avenue North in Lindström. The office is open limited hours every day. There is no charge to use the library. We also provide limited research assistance and information in response to telephone and email inquiries. To schedule a visit or submit your assistance request, please call 651-257-5310 or email: chisagohistory@frontiernet.net.

The Society's mission throughout the years has remained unchanged: to preserve and interpret local history and heritage in order to make the past more meaningful and personal to both residents and visitors. The Society's collections and resources are held in public trust. A tough job in today's troubled economy when the public funding has not kept pace with increasing needs. And yet, the County Society has continued to provide quality educational programs, collect artifacts and documents, present historical exhibits, and assist people in preserving their family histories and folk art.

For the past ten years, the Chisago County Historical Society has partnered with the Library of Congress to honor our nation's military veterans and those who served in support of them. It is done by videotaping interviews of local veterans and sharing the videos with the American Folklife Center as part of the

National Veterans History Project. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to do a videotape, please give us a call.

In the 1980's, volunteers from the Historical Society walked all the county cemeteries and reviewed local death certificates. This resulted in a compiled listing of the burials by cemetery in the county. Since then, those records have been continually updated using newspaper obituaries. Today, the society is moving that information onto the world-wide web along with photographs of all the headstones in those cemeteries at "Find-A-Grave.com".

To learn more, make a donation, or become a member of the Chisago County Historical Society, visit our webpage: www.ChisagoCountyHistory.org.



LAYSB News!

SAVE THE DATE for LAYSB's Black Tie to Blue Jeans Night on Saturday, October 9! The event is being hosted by Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus and the evening includes a social hour, dinner, and entertainment by local youth, Barley and Vine raffle, silent and live auctions. Wear your blue jeans or finest attire, be yourself! To be included on the invitation list please contact Jackie Kottke at 651-464-3685 or e-mail Jackie.Kottke@ysblakesarea.org.

BTBJ Sponsorships are available! Gain exposure for your business and at the same time support Youth Enrichment and Leadership Programs in your community. Contact Jeanne Walz for detailed sponsorship information at 651-464-3685 or e-mail Jeanne.Walz@ysblakesarea.org.



PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS AT LAYSB

Parents of Teenagers: would it help to talk to another parent or a person who has survived parenting teens? Are you wondering how to address these and other issues...?

- Setting reasonable consequences
- Following through with expectations
- Ways to effectively communicate with your teen
- Recognizing your strengths

We have a **free** opportunity for you to do just that! On Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm, come to LAYSB. Jackie Hays, Parent Education & Support Coordinator, will discuss your parenting situation with you and help you decide how to handle it. Call 651.464.3685 with any questions.

Chamber Receives New Business Card Display Shelf



Roger Trivette

The Chamber is now able to display all members' business cards in beautiful shelving donated by Roger Trivette on behalf of the Chisago Lakes Rotary Club. Thank you to Roger Trivette who crafted the display and installed it on July 21st.

MN Chamber Update

November elections: Don't sit on sidelines

By David C. Olson

Our work begins now for advancing statewide business priorities at the 2011 Legislature.

This year's general election is important for all Minnesotans as the governor and all constitutional officers, plus each of the 201 House and Senate members, are on the Nov. 2 ballot. It's critical to elect a governor and legislators who understand the importance of creating private-sector jobs and economic opportunity in our state.

The stakes are high. Those who win in November will be charged with:

- Resolving a nearly \$6 billion projected shortfall in the general fund: Will they increase taxes on employers and individuals, or will they emphasize and enact spending reform and restraint?
- Crafting important public policy decisions: Will they support or stifle reforms in education, taxes and spending, energy, environment, labor and transportation?
- Making key commissioner and judicial appointments: These appointees and their decisions can have a direct and lasting impact on Minnesota's business climate and your company's bottom line.
- Redistricting: New boundaries for legislative and congressional districts will shape Minnesota elections and policies for the next decade.

The goal of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and its network of local chambers is to help you make an informed decision on which individuals will best advance the interests of the statewide business community, and provide tools and a variety of avenues to support those candidacies.

Election Center – The Election Center, as part of the new and customized Action Center on the Minnesota Chamber website,

provides information and resources to be effective voters. Individuals can view candidate responses to questionnaires on statewide business issues.

Mymn – mymn.org is a new approach to addressing the issues important to everyone's quality of life. This multiyear project is a new opportunity for all Minnesotans to speak their minds and have a real impact on the state's future.

Political Action Committee - Our nonpartisan Political Action Committee endorses and helps elect pro-business candidates for the Legislature. Personal contributions finance independent political expenditures made on behalf of political candidates. To learn more about the Leadership Fund, click on <http://www.mnchamberpac.com>.

MN Forward: Corporations now have the ability to contribute to a new organization. MN Forward is a growing coalition of private-sector employers that will make independent expenditures to help elect candidates who agree with our agenda of growing jobs and Minnesota's economy. The organization is made possible by a U.S. Supreme Court decision and a subsequent ruling by the U.S. District Court in St. Paul. Nonpartisan legislation signed by the governor clarified that corporations and unions have a right to freedom of speech during campaigns. Corporate contributions will be disclosed to the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board similar to the personal contributions to PACs. Contributions are not deductible as a business expense. MN Forward will not make contributions to candidates or coordinate efforts with candidates or candidate committees. To make a donation, visit www.MNForward.com.

Minnesota job providers have a stake in Minnesota's future, because we live here, too. We send our children to local schools, volunteer with local charities, support each other's businesses – and we value the economic opportunity and quality of life our state has to offer.

A recent poll shows that voters are already focused on economic issues like jobs, the state budget and reining in government spending. But our message won't spread by itself. We need broad-based support across the statewide business community to engage voters and to ensure the economy and job growth are at the forefront of the election debate.

Our challenge – and the impact on your company's bottom line – is clear. This year we have an important and unprecedented opportunity to help elect candidates who support our agenda to create jobs and grow Minnesota's economy. The other side is organized and moving aggressively. We must take action now.

David Olson is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit www.mnChamber.com.



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