



Monthly Newsletter

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June 2011

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- June 8: Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.**
 Chamber Office & Information Center
 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- June 9: Chamber Member Luncheon**
 Time: 11:30 a.m.
 Speakers: **George McMahon**, County Commissioner
Chris Eng, Chisago County HRA-EDA
 Topic: State of the County Address
 Caterer: **Eichten's**
 Location: **Ojiketa Regional Park**
 27500 Kirby Avenue, Chisago City



CHISAGO LAKES TRIATHLON

July 23-24

Are you running and biking as you get ready for this year's triathlon? Registration forms are available at the Chisago Lakes Chamber office or online at www.MidwestSportsEvents.com.

You aren't participating? Well, this is the ultimate volunteer opportunity! The Chamber recruits about 150 volunteers each year for various positions. We need people for the Water Stations, Finish Line, Registration, Course Corners, Food Preparation or Body Marking.

If you have items to donate for the athlete gift bags, please bring 1500/Adult and 500/Kids items to the Chamber office. Questions or to volunteer call us at 651.257.1177 or email clacc@frontiernet.net. Thank you!

June Refreshment Host!

Bugmeisters
612-770-5268

What's Happening This Month

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| June | 1 | Harmony in the Park Begins |
| June | 7 | Chisago Lakes Rotary Club Golf Tournament |
| June | 8 | Frontier 'Facebook' Webinar |
| June | 8-12 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| June | 11 | Triathlon Training Ride |
| June | 11 | Wine & Chocolate Cruise |
| June | 11 | Rick Crittenden Memorial Ride & Concert |
| June | 12 | Moody Barn Open House |
| June | 13 | Library Summer Reading Program Begins |
| June | 16 | Direct Mailing Presentation |
| June | 16 | Swingin' for Parmly Golf Tournament |
| June | 16 | Refuge Network – 'Growing Blossoms of Life' |
| June | 18 | Hazelden Graduate School Open House |
| June | 18 | Ojiketa Arts Blitz |
| June | 18-19 | Lindstrom Antique Mall 20/20 Sale |
| June | 19 | Father's Day! |
| June | 25 | Triathlon Training Ride |
| June | 25 | Wine & Cheese Cruise |
| June | 25 | Midsommar Dag – Gammelgarden |
| June | 25 | Praise Fest – First United Methodist Church |
| June | 25 | Heritage Makers Digi Crop |

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2011 Board of Directors

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A Note from the Chamber Board:

Cory Lindgren

It looks like summer is finally going to arrive. With the arrival of summer come many community events that will bring individuals from outside and within our communities to our local businesses and destination spots. You can view most of these upcoming events on the Chamber website.

Please keep in mind that the Chamber has some important fundraising events coming up this summer including the Chisago Lakes Triathlon (July 23 – 24) and the Community Golf Tournament (September 1). These events are important to the financial success of the Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce and your support through participation, sponsorship, and volunteering will all contribute to the success of these events and the Chamber.

As a local business owner I am seeing more and more members of our community members bringing and/or keeping more and more of their money local and it is not just because of rising gas prices. Customers that I have spoken with know that the importance of making a community successful is to support their local businesses as much as possible, even if at times it may cost them a little extra. Time is becoming more and more important to people as well when considering doing things that

requires traveling to a destination to eat, shop, or play. What better way to spend more of your free time and money than right in the community and at local businesses.

Think about what you can do to make your businesses more attractive to our local community and surrounding areas, as well to prospective visitors. Use our community events as springboards to get people in your doors.

As a chamber member I also encourage you to become a more active member. Our monthly luncheons are always a great way to meet with other businesses in the community and to introduce your business to others. It's always great to see the same faces at each luncheon, but I would also like to see yours. We are always looking for volunteers as well for our Chamber events so don't forget to write your name on the volunteer list when the opportunity presents itself.

Thank you for all your support with the Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce. With your support, we will be able to continue to support your business needs as well.



"Swingin' for Parmly"

16th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 16 at Chisago Lakes Golf Course

2:00 p.m. Registration with a 3:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
For golf tournament questions contact Michelle Metzler at
651.213.2744 or MichelleMetzler@Ecumen.org



ECUMEN Parmly LifePointe
28210 Old Towne Road
Chisago City 651.257.0575



PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

June 8-12

Wednesday 3-7

Thursday-Saturday 9-6

Sunday 11-5

Enjoy walking through rooms packed with
unique treasures. Downtown Lindstrom.

www.PicketFenceGals.com

651.257.3370



MEADOWS ON FAIRVIEW

25565 Fairview Ave, Wyoming 651.982.6228

CONGRATULATIONS! Meadows on Fairview, assisted living community in Wyoming, received the Ebenezer community service award! They were singled out for their work with numerous community organizations over the past two year.

May 11th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

April minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Golf Tournament – Jim Green**

Scheduled for Thursday, September 1st. LAYSB was recommended for this year's event benefactor.

New Business:

- **City of Lindstrom** – hosting a business breakfast May 18th to discuss road construction project and schedule.
- **Chisago County HRA-EDA** – Chris Eng is promoting a new program available for interest in new business start up in Chisago County.

Old Business:

- **Advertising/Marketing** – summer edition of the Minnesota Trail magazine will have an ad published, an ad is going in the What's Playing summer edition and one for the Hazelden vendor section in the County Press. Village Profile is the official company for the new Chisago Lakes Area map.
- **Landscape and Painting of Chamber Building** – approval was given to proceed with project.

Executive Director's Report: Tangi

Among items reported to the board were:

- Membership remains steady
- Visit to the Swedish Institute cultivated great ideas/suggestions.

Chisago Lakes Triathlon

Training Rides

June 11 • June 25 • July 9

Rides leave from Paradise Park 8 a.m. Sharp

Both long and short courses will be ridden. Both rides will be SAGGED. Maps will be provided with mileage to turns. Riders responsible to make the proper turns as the corners will not have volunteers.



NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE

12710 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

Coffee and Pie Night

Every Friday Night! 5-9pm

Come enjoy coffee and fresh baked pies!

www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com

651.257.5240

Quote for the Month

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for."

~John Lubbock~



Wine and Chocolate Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, June 11th 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, June 25th 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Cruise the beautiful St. Croix River on the Taylors Falls Princess paddleboat at one of our wine cruises. Enjoy fine food, great WineHaven wines and some of the best chocolates/cheeses. Cruise tour includes wine sampling, live music, cash bar and reserved seating with a buffet style meal including choice of Roast Prime Rib with baked potato or Boneless Chicken Breast on a bed of wild rice served with a Chardonnay & Mushroom Sauce. Both entrées are served with assorted breads, Caesar salad, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$44.50 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations and prepayment are required. Embark from Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours, Taylors Falls. Boarding time is 6:45 p.m.



For reservations call 651.465.6315



DIRECT MAILING PRESENTATION

Thursday, June 16th at 12:00 p.m.

American Legion, Forest Lake

Every Door Direct Mail from the U.S. Postal Service makes direct mail easier and less costly for local businesses. Learn about *Simplified Mailings*, a great way for small businesses to afford to advertise through the mail without the costs of a permit and mailing list.

This brown bag luncheon event is hosted by the Forest Lake Post office. Individuals can bring their own lunch or order from the Legion's menu at their own cost. Coffee, water and cookies will be provided.

Watch for a postcard invitation to arrive around June 4th.



OJIKETA ART BLITZ

"NEW EVENT"



Saturday, June 18th 11:00am-6:00pm

Chisago City is hosting the first Ojiketa Arts Blitz held at Ojiketa Regional Park. This is a juried art show including live music, local food vendors, visual arts and wine tasting. Stop by to view and/or purchase works of art by local artists.

Art participants should register by June 3rd. Stop by to view and/or purchase works of art by local artists. Questions, contact Doris Zacho at 651.257.5464.

Ojiketa Regional Park

27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

May Luncheon Meeting



Albin Anner, Swedish Exchange Student

The May luncheon was held and catered by **Bayside Bar & Grille at the Dinnerbel** with 43 member/guests in attendance. **Bayside Bar & Grille** has a new cook and will complete their transition in June. **John Renaker**, Chamber president gave Chamber announcements: Golf Tournament will be September 1, a new area map is being developed with advertising opportunities available. There will be a Lindstrom business breakfast on Wednesday, May 18 to discuss the Hwy 8 construction/projects and summer events. There will be a Chisago Lakes wrestling pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday at **Bayside Bar & Grille**. Please make sure you RSVP for the luncheons to make it easier for meal count. Member announcements included **Steve Levey** promoting the **Chisago Lakes Lions Carp Festival** May 21. Help and money donations are needed. **Don Bluhm, Bluhm Construction** announced 40 years in business, **Carolyn Cagle, Youth Service Bureau** promoted their upcoming 'TASTE' event July 21. **Bachman Photography** will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in June. Watch for upcoming special offers. **Shari Bachman** informed of the **Friends of Allemansratt Wilderness Park** meeting May 18th. **Dave Schmidt** from **Haley Comfort Systems** reminded everyone that air conditioning season is here and they have a special going on until Memorial Day. **Dan Brown, Chisago Lakes Achievement Center** now has a secure document shredding venture, along with their Thrift Store and Art of Crafts Creations Store. **Chisago City's John Pechman** made the announcement for the approaching Ojiketa Art Blitz on June 18th. The first 150 people get a free bag and wine glass. **Albin Anner**, Swedish Exchange Student gave a very nice presentation of his homeland. **Albin** is being placed with three different families to give a broad view of what family life is like here.

HARMONY IN THE PARK

Lion's Park, Lindstrom

Wednesdays at 6:30pm
June 1st – August 17th



Enjoy the summer sitting back in your lawn chair and listening to some great music! These outdoor concerts are free. There will be something to please everyone with a variety of music from rock to bluegrass. Each Wednesday starts out with an "It's about Community" event at 6:30 with the concert following at 7:00.

LAYSB News!

244 N. Lake St, Forest Lake
651.464.3685 www.YSBLakesArea.org

Shylo Stevens is the 2010 recipient of the On Behalf of Youth Award for demonstrating a passion for the well-being of youth and service to the community. The public is invited to attend the award presentation on Wednesday, June 8, 7pm at LAYSB.

Forest Lake Police Officer **Maryrose Warke** was chosen for LAYSB's 2010 James Trudeau Law Enforcement Award. Officer Warke continually goes above and beyond her job duties in order to connect with and make a difference in the lives of youth in our community.

Fifth Annual TASTE! Event

Thursday, July 21, 5:30-8pm

Stars & Strikes Entertainment Center



Enjoy an evening of sampling great food from over 20 local restaurants. Tickets now available at LAYSB.

Facebook

Businesses are encouraged to join Facebook Group 'World of Work – Job Postings for Forest Lake, Chisago Lakes & North Branch.' High school students who have been through a 3 hour training on the working world will be looking for job postings from local businesses there! Any questions, contact Tovah.



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 18 10:00 a.m.

If you've ever considered becoming an addiction counselor, there's never been a better time or way to pursue your dream. At the Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies, earn a graduate degree or certificate in addiction counseling in as little as one year.

Why study at Hazelden?

Your unparalleled education will combine academic excellence with built-in clinical practice beginning with the first semester. Your classes will be held on the picturesque campus of the renowned Hazelden treatment center in Minnesota. You will draw from decades of experience and expertise by studying and practicing hands-on through clinical internship placements. And, you will earn a degree from a fully accredited, highly respected institution of higher learning. (Since Hazelden's program blends academics with clinical practice, courses not available online)

Learn more about earning a master's degree in addiction counseling and meet faculty at this open house, emailing GraduateSchool@hazelden.org, visiting Hazelden.edu or by calling our admissions department at 888.257.7810, ext. 4175.

Featured Business – June 2011



Bachman's Photography

Bachman's Photography is celebrating their 25th Year in Business this June!

They are a full service Professional Portrait Studio owned by Rich and Shari Bachman of Lindstrom. Rich is the photographer, Shari is the office manager. The Studio, which is in the lower level of their home, is located 1 ½ blocks south of Highway 8 on Elm St, near Trinity church. With its own entrance the studio includes a reception room, camera room, dressing room and a workroom.

Their services include photographing graduation portraits, families, children, engagement, weddings, business portraits, commercial work, pets, anniversaries, black & white, modeling, sports, confirmation and more. They are open to your creative ideas and welcome you to bring in props that will help create a personalized portrait or you can use the props they have at the studio.

They have an extensive amount of indoor and outdoor backgrounds to choose from. Rich custom makes all their backgrounds for that original, unique touch you won't be able to find anywhere else. Their yard is virtually an outdoor studio everywhere you look, with a pond, waterfall, stonework, barn walls, flowers and more.

They pride themselves on customer service and make it a goal to make sure every customer walks out with a smile on their face. They have a casual, comfortable atmosphere in which to have your portraits taken and Rich can relax even the most nervous subjects so that they end up enjoying their experience. In fact their slogan is, *"Come to Bachman's Photography where you will have fun while we shoot you!"*

With 25 years experience in the field you are sure to get the finest quality pictures at Bachman's Photography. They use all professional equipment and professional labs to ensure a High Quality Portrait that will last a lifetime, guaranteed. They are reasonably priced and if compared to photographers in the cities of the same caliber they are actually very inexpensive.

The Studio is generally open Mon & Fri from 10-5, Tuesday – Thursday 9-6, unless there is a photo shoot out of the studio. All other times are available by appointment. They also put their hours on the answering machine each day so you can just call anytime for that days hours.

Bachman's Photography would love to have you join them in celebrating their "25th Year in Business"!

To celebrate their studio's 25th Anniversary they are offering \$25.00 Portrait Sitzings for the month of June, (one grouping/outfit); \$2.50 Proofs; Prizes for every 25th person to walk through the door; and the Grand Prize...a \$250.00 Gift Certificate Drawing, come to the studio in June to enter, drawing will take place on the last day of the month!

Call today to set up your portrait sitting! Also, please feel free to contact Rich or Shari with any questions you may have. They would love to talk with you and help you with any of your photographic needs. You can call 651.257.9380, go to their website www.bachmansphotography.com, find them on Facebook or email them at shari@bachmansphotography.com



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

Midsommar Dag

Saturday, June 25 Activities starting at 10:30 a.m.

Bluegrass and Lemonade in the Shade

4th Sundays of the month, June 26-September 25
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Annie's Swedish Coffee Parties

2nd Saturdays May-November 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 3rd Saturdays December 10:00 a.m.

Details at 651.433.5053 or www.GammelgardenMuseum.org



3rd ANNUAL PRAISE FEST

Saturday, June 25 2-8pm

Praise bands from the Chisago Lakes Area will gather on the front lawn of FUMC to praise God through music. Back by popular demand will be The Gospel Elvis Experience featuring Steve & Tommy Marcio along with Surrendered Hearts, The Lakes Free Praise Band, Testify, St. Bridget's band and the FUMC Praise Band.

Enjoy great music, kid's activities and fellowship. Food will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

First United Methodist Church

30828 Irene Ave, Lindstrom
651.257.4306 www.LindstromMethodist.org





Chisago Lakes Rotary Club
4-Person Scramble
18 Hole Golf Tournament

Tuesday, June 7th
10:30 a.m. - Registration & Range Open
11:00 a.m. - Lunch
Noon - Shotgun Start
5:15-6:00 p.m. - Appetizers & prizes Awarded

Proceeds will benefit Lindstrom's
Baby Blanket and various other community
projects in the Chisago Lakes Area.



Visit www.ChisagoLakesRotary.org for registration forms



FACEBOOK WEBINAR

'Using Facebook to Build Your Business'
Wednesday, June 8 10-11am

Participate at the Chamber office or online

Join Frontier Communications as they discuss ways to build a successful presence on Facebook and how to build and execute a strategy that drives business results.

Anyone can register and log into the seminar from their own computer at www.Frontier.com/Facebook.

If you prefer the group environment, Frontier will be hosting the event at the Chamber office. Frontier will provide webinar access, coffee, cookies and donuts to those attending. Please RSVP to 651.257.1177.



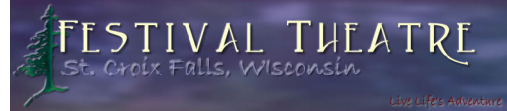
CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY
11754 302nd St, Chisago City
651.257.2817

Summer Reading Program - 'One World, Many Stories'

Readers from preschool through grade 6 are invited to participate in this summer reading program which runs from Monday, June 13 through Friday, August 5. Throughout the summer there will be a variety of programs and activities for the kids of all ages including story time, contests and more. Each child will receive a reading record to keep track of their reading over the summer and may earn incentives as they read.

Teens ages 11-16 may participate in the 'You Are Here' teen summer reading program.

Stop by the library and pick up a flyer listing all the activities and program guidelines for either the 'One World, Many Stories' or 'You Are Here' summer reading programs.



SUMMER CREATIVITY CAMP

Five full days of fresh air and sunshine, brushes, paint, a pile of great stories, paper, glue, frogs, bugs, silliness, a bag of props, friend, laughing and a whole lot of ideas!

Creativity Camp provides skills and tools and experiences that invite children ages 5-12 into the 'What If?' club. Your child will have guided experiences in nature and within their multi-arts workshops that will encourage unique and inventive creative response.

Stillwater, Valley Dance Center: June 20-24
St. Croix Falls Elementary 1 July 11-15
St. Croix Falls Elementary 2 July 18-22
Camp Ojiketa, Chisago City July 25-29
Clear Lake, WI August 1-5

Call 715.483.3387 for more information or to register.

NEW COMMUNITY STREET MAP



Chisago Lakes Chamber is working with Village Profile® as the official publisher of our Community Street Map. Representative, Jeff Zaremba, will be the contact for advertising opportunities. If you have any questions, call the Chamber office at 651.257.1177.



Refuge Network presents
3rd Annual Women's Gathering
'Growing Blossoms of Life'

Kevyn Burger, a local TV and radio personality for 25 years will be speaking about women's issues. Don't miss this humorous and upbeat presentation that will inspire and motivate you. \$15/ticket Refreshments & Silent Auction.

Thursday, June 16, 2011 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Panola Valley Gardens
26060 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

For tickets or more information call Kim 651.442.2710 or marlenel@therefugenetwork.org

**2nd ANNUAL RICK CRITTENDEN
MEMORIAL RIDE & CONCERT**

Saturday, June 11

Registration begins at 10am at Neumann's Bar, North St Paul
Ride ends at Chisago Roadhouse. \$10/bike, \$5/passenger



Chisago Roadhouse Tavern
10805 Lake Blvd, Chisago City
www.ChisagoRoadhouse.com 651.257.6633

Chisago County Historical Society
13112 Third Ave North, Lindstrom
www.ChisagoCountyHistory.org
651.257.5310



GUSTAF HOUSE MUSEUM

The Gustaf Anderson House will be open from 1-4 p.m. the following Sundays: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11 and October 9.

MOODY BARN OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 12 1-4pm

Refreshments, local history displays, memorabilia and special collections. 24200 Lofton Ave, Chisago City

MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY TOUR

Saturday, June 11 9am-3pm

The library has a collection of over 30,000 books from Europe and North America. Carpool to S. St. Paul to the MGS Library located on Concord St. Could you drive if the gas was covered? Receive a short tour of the facility and holdings along with research help. Cost is \$10 plus donation for gas costs. Lunch is on your own. Pre-registration is required to Lin@ogsa.us or Lcstrong@frontiernet.net.

Visit www.MNGS.org/library

20/20 Sale!
June 18-19



Lindstrom Antique Mall

Storewide Sale – 20% off all items over \$20.00
unless marked 'firm' or already on sale.

Downtown Lindstrom
651.257.3340

MN Chamber Update

A call for comprehensive federal immigration reform

By David C. Olson

The federal government is failing Minnesota by not adopting comprehensive federal immigration reform. The resounding message was delivered at a series of forums conducted earlier this year by the Business Immigration Council, of which the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce is a leading member.

Immigrants contribute broadly to Minnesota from their role in the social fabric of our communities to being a source of

new business starts. Especially important, immigrants are a vital ingredient in the workforce today and in the future. Yet their potential is not being fully realized due primarily to the lack of comprehensive federal immigration reform.

Frustrated by federal inaction, many state and local governments have become involved. The result, unfortunately, is a patchwork of proposals, making a national system almost impossible. Employers increasingly report that they spend inordinate time and resources recruiting and determining if immigrants are authorized to work in this country.

Seven forums were conducted and made possible, in part, by the Minnesota Funders Collaborative, which is comprised of the Minneapolis Foundation and other organizations. The audiences were a blend of local business owners, teachers, religious leaders, labor leaders, farmers and government representatives.

Though they represented diverse backgrounds, participants were aligned that comprehensive reform must include four things:

- A means of resolving the status of anyone who is in the country, but not authorized.
- A more accurate and efficient means of checking the immigration status of potential employees.
- A plan for adjusting the flow of immigrants to our rate of economic growth.
- Provisions to make sure our borders are secure.

The Business Immigration Council pledges to bring these concerns to the attention of federal policy-makers. Among our goals, we seek to ensure that: Unauthorized immigrants can become documented; immigrants waiting to work can be brought in; verification of workers is affordable and accessible; plans for future immigration can expand and contract with the needs of the business and immigrant communities.

Minnesotans are clearly frustrated with what they view as a broken immigration system. The problems are well documented, and now we must convince our federal lawmakers to take action on comprehensive reform. I've personally delivered the message to Minnesota's congressional delegation. Local chamber of commerce representatives reinforced the concerns during their annual trip this month to Washington, D.C.

Immigrant workers can help fill our worker shortage if we have a federal immigration system that works. Reform, to be successful, must modify existing policies without creating more obstacles for workers to connect with employers.

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



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