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May 2016

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- May 5: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- May 12: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am
Speaker: **Jon O'Malley 'YouProfit'**
Topics: **'4 Ways to Better Profit'**
Caterer: **Brink's Market & Deli**
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**
11754 302nd Street, Chisago City
- RSVP's are appreciated no later than end of day Monday prior to luncheon. \$9/members, \$10/non-members



Congratulations Chisago Lakes for being selected as one of the top 8 in the America's Best Communities competition! Six representatives from Chisago Lakes just returned from the ABC Summit in North Carolina where they captured the \$100,000 prize for our area. Now the work will begin as the strategic plan comes to life and we continue to compete for the \$3 million prize in 2017.

AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES



OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Thursday May 5th 7-9pm

WineHaven Winery

10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City

WineHaven Wine, Northwoods Coffee,
& Eichten's Dessert.

Together we celebrate our community's success!
ABC Team, Community Members
& Friends are invited.



What's Happening This Month

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| May | 2-7 | BOGO Sale – Recycled Wardrobes |
| May | 3 | Small Business Appreciation Open House |
| May | 4-8 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| May | 5 | ABC Celebration |
| May | 6-8 | Cheaper by the Dozen – Festival Theatre |
| May | 6-8 | St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour |
| May | 7 | Chisago Lakes Water Trail Summit |
| May | 7 | Wine & Garden Event |
| May | 7 | Mother's Day Tours – Scenic Boats |
| May | 7 | Pumphouse Park Ceremony – Lindstrom |
| May | 8 | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY |
| May | 9 | Law Enforcement Award – LAYSB |
| May | 10 | doTERRA Essential Oils Class |
| May | 11-13 | Trinity Lutheran Church Rummage Sale |
| May | 12 | Chamber Luncheon |
| May | 12 | On Be-Half of Youth Award - LAYSB |
| May | 17 | Grand Opening – Bloom Lake Barn |
| May | 19 | Tried & True Sm Engine Open House LAYSB |
| May | 26 | Chisago County Broadband Summit |
| May | 28 | The Spirit of the Drum – Festival Theatre |
| May | 28-29 | Tap the Barrel Weekend - WineHaven |
| May | 30 | Memorial Day |

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Erin Thorvaldson
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WAY TO GO CHISAGO LAKES AREA!!

What an Amazing year it has been!! FutureWalk, ABC, solar energy, parks and trails, waterways, new businesses!!

This is not a small task to accomplish in one year. There have been countless volunteers that have spent hours after they have worked their normal job, tended to their families, then put their heart and soul into making our community a better place for ALL of us! Thank you to each and every one of you, whether you did just one small task or headed a team, you made a difference.

We have some pretty amazing individuals in our community. The next meeting you're at or out for dinner with your family or shopping at a local business, look around and see how many great individuals make up our community!! Without each

and every one of us the accomplishments of the last year would not be possible.

As we continue to grow and head into the future with new goals and tasks, jump on board and be involved; even if it's just a small task, idea or taking the lead on a project. Everyone has the potential to do something great and we have endless opportunities available to all of us!!

Way to go Chisago Lakes Community. Be proud!! You all are AMAZING and THANK YOU for all you do!!

May Refreshment Host

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Welcome New Member!

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651-982-6574

SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, May 3 7:30-9am

Chisago Lakes Chamber, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom

In appreciation of local small businesses, the Chisago Lakes Chamber and Chisago County Blandin Broadband Communities committee invite you to an Open House. Along with a continental breakfast, you can also:

- ▶ Have your business checked on Google and submit your name for a prize drawing.
- ▶ Meet with Chisago Lakes Clean Energy Hub reps to learn about clean energy savings, solar options and sign up to have your building assessed.
- ▶ Learn about business resources such as workforce training and recruitment tools, business consulting and financing services.
- ▶ Meet with the Lindstrom Office Center to learn about resources available.

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LAYSB News!

244 N. Lake Street, Forest Lake
www.YSBLakesArea.org 651-464-3685

JAMES TRUDEAU LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD CEREMONY Monday, May 9 7pm

Ashley LaValle, Forest Lake Police Officer, will receive her award at Forest Lake City Hall during the City Council Meeting. A dessert reception will follow immediately after. The public is invited & encouraged to attend.

ON BEHALF OF YOUTH AWARD WINNER AWARD CEREMONY Thursday, May 12

Dessert Reception 6:30pm & Short Program at 7pm

Please join us in honoring Gary Goolsbee, LICSW. Gary has provided critical leadership in a number of community groups and initiatives that have made a huge difference in the lives of area youth and families since its inception in 1989 and the FLAPF Suicide Prevention Committee since its inception in 2004. 244 N. Lake St, Forest Lake

TRIED & TRUE SMALL ENGINES OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 19 3-6pm

Stop by our Tried and True Small Engine repair shop! You can meet our youth mechanics, talk to our professional mechanic, see what machines are available to buy & bring your machines to donate!

Quote for the Month

*"The key ingredient in small business is you.
You are the energy, dreams and passions."*

St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour

<http://www.minnesotapottery.com>

Friday-Saturday, May 6th – 7th 10am-6pm

Sunday, May 8th 10am-5pm

Visit all Seven Studios!



210 Washington St, St. Croix Falls, WI
715-483-3387 www.FestivalTheatre.org

'Cheaper By The Dozen' Saturday, May 6-8

Festival Theatre is proud to partner with the St. Croix Falls High School Drama Club to produce Cheaper by the Dozen. The play, written by Christopher Sergel, is based off the 1948 biographical novel of the same title by Frank Bunker Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. A story of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbreth and their twelve children. Time and motion study are key to organizing this large, chaotic family and the Gilbreths are experts in it.

Purchase tickets at the door, \$5/Adults, \$3/Students, cash or check. Saint Croix Falls Elementary Auditorium

'THE SPIRIT OF THE DRUM' Saturday, May 28 10-11:30am

Don Karsky facilitates this workshop with a passion for playing, as well as teaching. Don's experience with drumming, sharing stories and techniques puts you at ease and helps to provide a comfortable and supportive environment for learning. \$10 per person Workshop is taking place at the Franklin Square Black Box

COUNTRY BED & BREAKFAST

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April 7th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

March minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Home and Business Expo**

Was a success, 1700 people attended, 77 business participated and positive feedback was shared.

• **Triathlon:**

The Lions are planning to host a fundraising spaghetti dinner Saturday evening at Zion Lutheran Church. Still discussing the possibility of an Ironman Triathlon vs The Toughman in 2017. The run route for 2016 has been changed due to road construction.

• **Golf Tournament**

First meeting took place. Much of the event will remain the same. We need to choose a community partner; planning to send event information out in May. Event date will be August 25th.

New Business:

• **Garage Space at Parmly**

We need to find a new space to store the Chamber float; some grills, banners and other misc. items. We need to try and be out by the end of April.

• **Core Values:**

Some of our ideas to describe the Chamber...encouraging, supportive, keeping current, community, keep it local, communication, commitment, opportunity, growth, promote, leaders, promote businesses that thrive, honesty, service to community, family oriented, connected, entrepreneurship, supportive, advocate.

Vision retreat evening is set for May 16, 6-9pm at the Chamber office to pursue the Vision for the Chamber.

• **Parking**

Just a reminder, if you have a business on Hwy 8, please try and not park in front of a neighboring business.

Old Business:

• **2016 Budget**

Budget review will be pushed out

• **ABC Update**

Marlys Dunne will be heading to North Carolina with the ABC Team along with Tangi Schaapveld, Bill Coleman, Amy Frischmon, Wade Vitalis and John Olinger.

• **New Member Visits:**

Discuss more at May Meeting

Executive Director's Report:

- 3 new members in April
- ABC projects continue to move forward
- The Chamber is working on the Community Website ABC Project
- Chamber is helping the ABC Team get ready to head to North Carolina to present our pitch
- Follow up meetings with potential new Chamber members continue

Compost Site



The community compost site, located by the Chisago Lakes Joint Wastewater Treatment Site off of County Road 24 is open April through November, weather permitting.

- ★ Wednesdays 2-7pm
- ★ Saturdays 9am-4pm (until dusk in fall)
- ★ Residents within city limits of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Wyoming and Stacy
- ★ Leaves, grass clippings and brush (up to 3" diameter)
- ★ Must show identification showing your street address and name
- ★ No commercial lawn service, tree services, landscaping services or commercial business
- ★ Closed during inclement weather



PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

MAY 4-8

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm

A large Victorian 2-story house packed with unique and interesting treasures. Antiques & vintage items, painted furniture, garden items, home & cabin décor, re-purposed items, textiles and more! Downtown Lindstrom.

www.PicketFenceGals.net

651-334-1444

We can help get your information out to the community! Please share your events/happenings with us so we can include in the monthly newsletter or weekly newflash. Please allow us time to receive the information to include. Email the Chamber at clacc@frontiernet.net. Deadline for inclusion is:

Newflash – Week Prior of Event/Special

Newsletter – 20th of the Month Prior

April Membership Meeting



Tangi Schaapveld - ABC Presentation

April Chamber luncheon was held and catered at **Hazelden Betty Ford CORK Center**. This is always a favorite venue for a luncheon. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley**, **WebDuck Designs** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: Remember to stop and shop in Taylors Falls during this road construction. Plan on attending the **Water Trail Summit** on May 7th, 9am at the Chisago Lakes Library to hear about the exciting water trail connecting our area lakes where you can canoe and kayak. We will be live streaming the ABC Presentations on Wednesday, April 27 from 8am-4pm at Lindstrom Community Center. The Chamber in conjunction with Blandin Broadband Communities Grant will be hosting a **Small Business Appreciation & Open House** on Tuesday, May 3rd 7:30-9am as part of **National Small Business Week**. Stop in for a Continental breakfast, meet Jolene our Google mapping person and gather information to help your small business. Continue to check ChisagoCounty.org for the schedule of FREE Technology Training. Friday is Email Security training at the North Branch and Wyoming Libraries. Chamber needs storage for a full size float, two grills, banners and bins.

New Chamber board members were introduced: **Russ Hanes** of **Big Q Radio** shared that they play music from the 50s, 60s & 70s and are currently running a special through May for 30 sec ad spots for \$5 each. **Brandon Olson and Cory Stilp** with **AFLAC** offer supplement insurance. **Randy & Cheryl Kempenich** of **Lindstrom Office Center & Coldwell Banker Burnett** offer office space to rent with many different options to choose from. Additional new member not in attendance is **Merchant Media Marketing**.

Member announcements: **Sherry Stirling** promoted the **Chisago Lakes Library** Gala and Used Book Sale, **Steve Levey** announced the upcoming **Lion's Cadillac Dinner**. **Almelund Mercantile's Susie Sandberg** promoted the St Croix Valley Pottery Tour on May 6-8. **Jack Doepke** is the new manager of the local cable station located at the High School. **Brenda Birk-Wally Carlson's BP** told about their specials with their car wash. **Nan Toskey-Media to Remember** gave a push for Chisago City Farmers Market starting in May with a plant sale and runs through August 14. **Laura Haseltine-Victory Lane Oil Change** announced their April special of free wiper blades with regular oil change. **Diane Lunden-Chisago Lakes Achievement Center**

provided information on who they are and what they do. **Deannah Muha-Norwex** announced an upcoming direct sales event with **A Healthy Trio-doTERRA Oils, Norwex and Younique** on April 25 5-8pm.

Our guest speaker, **Tangi Schaapveld** was introduced. Tangi shared the ABC presentation that will be given in North Carolina on April 27. The representatives from Chisago Lakes besides **Tangi** are: **Amy Frischmon, Bill Coleman, Wade Vitalis, Marlys Dunne and John Olinger**. Amy will be the presenter in NC. The presentation is 10 minutes and will end with 5 minutes Q&A from the 5 judge panel. There will be 15 communities across the US that will be vying for a spot in the top 8 for a \$100,000 prize to bring back to their community to put their plans into action.

The presentation was well received by Chamber members and positive comments were received. Go Chisago Lakes!



Governor Dayton and Representative Bob Barrett met with the ABC Team to show support for Chisago Lakes!



10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City
www.Winehaven.com 651-257-1017

TAP THE BARREL WEEKEND!

Saturday, May 28 10am-5pm

Sunday, May 29 11am-5pm

To mark the beginning of another growing season, and to remember the fruits of last year's labor, you are invited to join us for a winemaker's barrel tasting weekend. Don't miss the unique opportunity to taste wine directly from the cask!

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Featured Business – May 2016



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While The Big Q primarily plays music, we are also a part of the BOB FM Sports Network and you will often hear local high school sports in the late afternoons/evenings from September-May. This is just one of the many things we do to bring a community feel to our station that you won't get from a corporate owned station.

The Big Q is excited to be a part of the Chisago Lakes Chamber and we are looking forward to expanding on the many great friendships we've already started in the area. As an introductory offer to our fellow chamber members we are offering \$5 ads on the station as long as you purchase by the end of May. The ads are :30 seconds and run the same as any full-priced ad would run. The bottom line is it's a great deal for chamber members and a great opportunity to put your business in front of the community in a way that you've likely not had the opportunity to before. Our ultimate goal is to help your business be more successful.

If you'd like to learn more about our station or this special offer, please contact Russ Hanes at 763-486-3079, or email russ@bigqradio.com.

THE BIG Q RADIO
Russ Hanes
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SCENIC BOAT TOURS

Taylor's Falls

651-465-6365 www.WildMountain.com

DAILY EXCURSIONS May 7-October

Daily excursions are either 30 or 80 minutes and include a narrated scenic tour of the St. Croix River on one of our authentic paddlewheel river boats. Your boat pilot and tour guide will point out unique rock formations that were left behind as the glaciers retreated thousands of years ago.

MOTHER'S DAY CRUISES



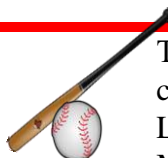
Special Mother's Day Cruise will include a narrated scenic tour through The Dalles of the St Croix, cash bar and live entertainment.

Saturday, May 7 6-9pm 'Dinner Cruise' Prime rib & garlic mashed potato or chicken breast served wild rice with a delicate mushroom and brie sauce. Also offering cheesy manicotti stuffed with four cheeses and served with marinara sauce. All entrees include breads, Caesar salad, vegetable & dessert. Reservations required. [Reservations here](#) or 651-465-6315

LINDSTROM'S PUMPHOUSE PARK FIELD

Ceremonial Opening

Saturday, May 7 9:30am



This fun 'Small Town' baseball event is a collaborative effort between: The City of Lindstrom, Lakes Area Recreation & the Minnesota Twins.

A morning filled with pictures with the TC Bear from the Minnesota Twins, speakers and a game between the 2 Chisago Lakes 10U traveling teams.



doTERRA Essential Oils

'GET READY FOR SUMMER'

Tuesday, May 10 6:30pm

Summer is coming and so are the ticks...mosquitoes...and bugs! This class will focus on a natural remedy for repelling bugs and dealing with a bite if you get one. For more information call Trudy Lodien at 651-491-0962. This class is free and is held at the Chamber office 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom. MyDoterra.com/trudylodien

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

Celebrating our 41st year



Gammelgården Museum



20880 Olinda Trail N, Scandia

www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

Open for the 2016 Season!

2016 Exhibit Focus:

'Swedish Hand Work – Hammer and Blade'

Scandia Butik Open

Monday- Saturday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Historic Buildings Guided Tours:

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1pm & 2:30pm

\$7/adult; Elementary age children and younger/Free



BLOOM LAKE BARN

17147 Bloom Lake Rd, Shafer

651-703-1555 BloomLakeBarn.com

Grand Opening

May 17 6-8pm

Come check out the new and unique venue in the area! Are you planning a big event? Perhaps a wedding or a family reunion? You will have a chance to visit with different vendors and look at this spacious barn.

Trio Wolf Creek

13750 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

651-213-2095

wolfcreek.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/



Trio Wolf Creek On-line High School is seeking a person to serve as an AmeriCorp Promise Fellow for the 2016-2017 school years. This person should have a desire to work with high school students in grades 9-10 who are experiencing issues with attendance or completing academic courses at Wolf Creek.

This position is paid through the AmeriCorp Promise Fellow specifics set out on their website attached [here](#).

If you have interest in this position, please contact director Tracy Quarnstrom at 651-213-2017 or tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org

TAM'S TRAVEL

651-583-3640 www.TamsTravel.com



Thinking about a cruise? Tam's Travel has group rates for a cruise January 2017 and you can enjoy the discounts! It's a great itinerary from Port Canaveral for 8 days. www.tamstravel.com/carnival-sunshine.html

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GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Wednesday-Friday, May 11-13

Wed, Noon-6pm Thurs, 9am-5pm Fri, 9am-3pm

Something for everyone. Find great bargains in the clothing, housewares, books, kids or tool department. Proceeds benefit building maintenance, new conference table for Kirvida Lounge and outreach initiatives.

CHISAGO LAKES WATER TRAIL SUMMIT

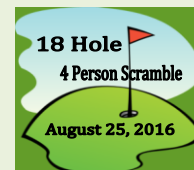
Saturday, May 7 9am

Chisago Lakes Library

11754 302nd St, Chisago City

Learn about Water Trails in Minnesota. Find out about and plans for the Chisago Lakes Water Trail. We want your help to bring life to the Chisago Lakes Water Trail

Save the Date!
August 25
Chamber Golf Tournament



www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

PETERSON COMPANIES

8326 Wyoming Trail, Chisago City

651-257-6864 PetersonCompanies.net



WINE & GARDEN EVENT

Saturday, May 7 3-5p,

WineHaven 10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City

Spend the Mother's Day weekend with friends and family sampling wine and creating a beautiful outdoor floral arrangement to put on your front steps, balcony or backyard patio. The cost of this event is \$35 and you get One Complimentary Glass of Wine, Appetizers, Decorative Pot Personalized Flower Arrangement, One Unforgettable Day.

Chisago County Technology Training Opportunities for Businesses

Through a grant provided by the Blandin Foundation and the energy of a team of advocates for Chisago County businesses, these monthly technology trainings are FREE for businesses & residents in the county.

CHISAGO COUNTY BROADBAND SUMMIT

Thursday, May 26 5pm

Splitrocks Entertainment Center, Wyoming

Presentation from Broadband providers, Legislators invited. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres

MN Chamber Update

Advance business priorities
during legislative home stretch
By Doug Loon

It's been a productive year for the business community as the Legislature passes its midway mark. Our statewide Chamber Federation has been integral to securing early victories. Please continue to advance your priorities. Our top initiatives – principally business tax relief and transportation investment – remain in play at the Capitol. The clock is ticking - lawmakers must adjourn by May 23.

Here is our scorecard to date. Two successes stand out.

* Unemployment insurance reform was signed into law. Minnesota employers overall will receive \$258 million in payroll tax reductions with a one-time credit this year on their unemployment insurance premiums and future credits whenever the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance reaches 104% of the federally-recommended solvency level. This provision provides real, tangible relief to businesses across the state this year.

* REAL ID legislation is required to ensure Minnesotans are able to use their state-issued driver's license or ID to access federal buildings and federally regulated air travel. We expect Minnesota to be in sync with federal regulations by the end of the session. One bill has passed, directing the

Department of Public Safety to develop plans to bring the state in compliance. A second bill has been introduced to implement the law.

Two other important measures warrant your attention:

* We vigorously oppose legislation in the Senate that proposes to impose a brand new payroll tax on employers and employees to fund a new paid-leave entitlement administered by a new state bureaucracy. The mandate would apply to companies with 21 or more employees. Even the bill's advocates' own data shows that about 75% of these leaves in Minnesota already are compensated in some way. Simply put, we oppose one-size-fits-all mandates that would smother the flexibility and creativity used by employers to work out benefit plans with their employees.

*On another front, Minnesota has seen an increasing number of abusive drive-by lawsuits targeting small businesses over alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We support legislation that encourages all businesses to provide access to the disabled community while preventing these lawsuits that seem to have primary goal of achieving a monetary settlement for some attorneys.

With a month to go, competing budget priorities from the Governor, Senate Democrats and House Republicans will frame the debate. Legislators are ready to make major decisions on taxes and spending. This is a great time to encourage them to improve Minnesota's business climate by using the \$900 million surplus for business tax relief and new money for transportation.

* Reducing the statewide business property tax, our #1 overall priority, will help all MN businesses. The levy represents about 30% of business property tax bills and is increased each year automatically without a legislative hearing or action. Other tax priorities this year include conforming the state estate tax to the federal threshold and enhancing the research-and-development tax credit.

*Businesses across the state also depend on efficient and safe movement of people and products. Please encourage your legislators to pass sustained and strategic investment in roads, bridges and transit this session.

Investing in economic and physical infrastructure is essential to making Minnesota ready for the future – ready for change and ready to grow.

Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: www.mnchamber.com.



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