



# Monthly Newsletter

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

February 2016

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

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- February 4: **Board Meeting 9:00am**  
Chamber Office & Information Center  
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- February 11: **Chamber Member Luncheon**  
Time: 11:30am  
Topics: **'Tax Sense and Business Structure'**  
Speaker: **Cory Lindgren, Lindgren & Associates**  
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**  
11754 302<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chisago City

Note change to 2016 Luncheon prices:  
\$9/members at the door \$10/non-members at the door

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 newsflash. Please allow us time to receive the information to include. Email the Chamber at [clacc@frontiernet.net](mailto:clacc@frontiernet.net). Deadline for inclusion is:

**Newsflash – Week Prior of Event/Special**

**Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month Prior**

## Quote for the Month

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

~John Quincy Adams~



*Bright Ideas for Home, Garden & Family!*

March 5-6, 2016

Exhibit space is available. Chamber members receive a discount off booth registration with paid 2016 Chamber membership. Volunteers needed for set-up, traffic control, take down, greeters and Chamber booth.

To register call Coreen at 651-213-2600

To Volunteer call the Chamber office at 651-257-1177

[Booth Registration Form](#) [Non-Profit/ Volunteer Based](#)

## February

### What's Happening This Month

- |          |         |  |
|----------|---------|--|
| February | 2       | Book Signing – Chisago Lakes Library     |
| February | 3       | Credit Card Processing Training          |
| February | 6       | Rotary Casino Night                      |
| February | 6       | Mini Race Camp – Wild Mountain           |
| February | 8-13    | Recycled Wardrobes Sale                  |
| February | 9       | doTERRA Oils Class                       |
| February | 10-14   | Picket Fence Gals Sale                   |
| February | 12      | Daddy Daughter Dance                     |
| February | 12      | Friday Fish Fry – St. Bridget's          |
| February | 12 & 13 | Cabernet Cabaret – Winehaven             |
| February | 12-14   | Valentine Tea – Country B&B              |
| February | 13      | Candlelight Ski – Wild River Park        |
| February | 13      | Night Moves – Wild Mountain              |
| February | 13      | Hot Metal Pour–Franconia Sculpture Park  |
| February | 13      | Bat Demo Day – TradeWins Sports          |
| February | 13-14   | Eichten's Valentine Specials             |
| February | 14      | Valentine's Day                          |
| February | 14      | Hopelessly Romantic – Festival Theatre   |
| February | 18      | Regional Speed Networking                |
| February | 19 & 25 | Identity Theft & the Internet            |
| February | 19      | Friday Fish Fry– St. Bridget's           |
| February | 20      | Polar Plunge - LAYSB                     |
| February | 20 & 21 | Ole & Lena Win a Cruise-Festival Theatre |
| February | 26      | Friday Fish Fry– St. Bridget's           |
| February | 27      | Italian Night – Methodist Church         |
| February | 29      | KOD Button Design Contest Ends           |
| March    | 5-6     | Home & Garden Expo                       |

## **2016 Board of Directors**

### **Officers:**

President: John Renaker, Northwoods Roasterie  
President Elect: Josh Soderlund, Soderlund's Wood Mill  
Treasurer: Cory Lindgren, Lindgren & Associates  
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### **Directors:**

Bob Gustafson, Farmers Insurance Group  
Matt Silver, Chisago County Press  
Laura Haseltine, Elevate Builders/Victory Lane Quick Oil Change  
Greg Paine, Edward Jones  
Marlys Dunne, MultiSource Manufacturing  
Susan Clayton, Alan Honn Glass & Al's Saloon

Executive Director: Wendy Redland  
Office Manager: Laurie Doughty

### ***How to contact us:***

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A Note from the  
Chamber Board:

**Josh Soderlund**  
**Soderlund's Wood Mill**

I have to say that this winter has been interesting to say the least. I cannot recall a year where I watched water skiing in December. If living in Minnesota has taught me anything, it's that in winter all bets are off, anything can happen. I guess the weather man blames it on El Nino, but I call it a tragedy as the Celebration of the Lakes was canceled due to the weather conditions.

However, that is not dampening our momentum. We are surging ahead with perhaps the biggest news so far this year. The Lakes Area has moved on to the next stage in the ABC grant process! We are one of the top 15 communities, and although we have always known that, we are starting to finally get the recognition. As a member of this community I want to just say a huge thank you to all the men and women who have poured hours and hours of their lives into this project. If you know someone who has been working on this project give them a big hug, or I guess we are Minnesotans, probably just give them a pat on the back so they don't feel uncomfortable. As a reminder, the Home Show is also on the horizon March 5th & 6th so be looking

forward to that. It is a great time to meet other local businesses and see all that this community has to offer.

We had a great open house in January and I have to say it was a good time meeting some of our new businesses as well as reconnect with our longstanding members. I have to say that as a member of this chamber I have been blessed to have the opportunity to meet the wonderful people that make up our business community. I hope that you take the time to get to know your neighboring businesses. I realize it is one more thing to add to an already burdened schedule, but I can assure you that you will not be disappointed.

I am looking forward to this next year as we continue to work towards our mission which is to: "create and promote a healthy business environment to enhance our communities for opportunity and growth." Let's stay on mission folks and continue to make Lakes Area a place where we all thrive!

### **NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE**

12710 N. First Ave, Lindstrom



#### **Coffee and Pie Night**

Every Friday Night! 5-9pm

Come enjoy coffee and fresh baked pies!



[www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com](http://www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com)

651-257-5240

### **ALL IS WELLNESS STUDIO**

12710 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom 651-247-6919

[www.AllisWellnessCenter.com](http://www.AllisWellnessCenter.com)



♥ Couples Massages – Two 60 minutes massages includes hot stones \$130. Make an appointment with Teresa and Jackie - just in time for Valentine's Day!

♥ **Massage Gift Certificates** - A wonderful treat for your Valentine!

Please call Jackie at 651-247-6919 to book.

### **TRADEWINS SPORTS**

79 South Lake Street

Forest Lake, MN 55025

651-464-2994 [TradeWinsSports.com](http://TradeWinsSports.com)



#### **BAT DEMO DAY**

Saturday, February 13 Noon-3pm



Bring your parents, bring the team, bring the kids, bring yourself to try out our newest in Baseball/Softball equipment and gear! Specialists from Easton/Louisville/DeMarini will be on site. DEMO Day Specials on same day orders.

## January 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights

### Secretary's Report:

December minutes reviewed and accepted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

### Committee Reports:

- **Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala**

Event had changes this year and was very successful. Being a more social atmosphere and different fund raisers added interest.

- **Celebration of the Lakes**

Event was canceled due to warm weather and scheduling conflicts out of our control. Some activities are still happening within the community.

- **Home & Garden Expo**

Booth registration is on track as compared to last year. Plans are still in progress for a great Expo.

### New Business:

- **Chamber Open House**

January 19<sup>th</sup> at Gustaf's 5-8pm. This event is for Chamber members as well as potential new members interested in seeing what being a part of the chamber is all about! Come join us in a laid back, friendly setting and mingle with present & past members. All are invited & welcome!

### Executive Director's Report:

Wendy attended the following excellent meetings and presentations:

- **Hwy 8 Road Construction: Dec. 1** Attended a meeting on the upcoming road construction on Hwy 8. The Falls Chamber will keep businesses informed. The Initiative Foundation set aside dollars for micro loans for businesses that may be affected through the project. The Chisago County EDA office will review the applications.
- **Regional Speed Networking Planning Meeting: Dec. 14** Forest Lake, North Branch and Chisago Lakes Chambers are hosting a Regional Speed Networking Event on Feb. 18 from 11:30-1:00 at Splitrocks Entertainment in Wyoming.
- **Blandin Broadband Community Meeting: Dec. 15** Reviewed the Tech Training sessions and brainstormed around upcoming Tech Training sessions to offer.
- **Lindstrom Office Center: Dec. 31** Met with the owners and toured the new co-working space.

# Welcome New Members!

### ***In the Moment Boutique***

12745 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

[www.InTheMomentBoutique.com](http://www.InTheMomentBoutique.com) 651-257-9855

### ***The Clubhouse Grill***

12957 292<sup>nd</sup> St, Lindstrom

[www.TheClubhouseGrill.org](http://www.TheClubhouseGrill.org) 651-257-3712

### ***Lindstrom Office Center***

12732 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

[www.LindstromOfficeCenter.com](http://www.LindstromOfficeCenter.com) 612-735-0553

### ***Cheryl Kempenich Coldwell Banker Burnet***

12732 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

[www.ChisagoRealEstate.com](http://www.ChisagoRealEstate.com) 612-735-0553

### ***Peterson Companies***

8326 Wyoming Trail, Chisago City

[www.PetersonCompaniesInc.com](http://www.PetersonCompaniesInc.com) 651-257-6864

### ***AmericanMade Remodeling***

9476 Green Lake Trail, Chisago City

[www.AmericanMadeRemodeling.com](http://www.AmericanMadeRemodeling.com) 651-829-1175

### ***Grandpa Cheesecake***

12818 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

[www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) 651-257-6446

### ***Leilani Freeman***

Individual Membership

## RECYCLED WARDROBES

30365 Neal Ave, Lindstrom

6419 Main Street, North Branch

651-257-8133 [facebook.com/RecycledWardrobes](https://www.facebook.com/RecycledWardrobes)

# Winter Fest

Recycled Wardrobes



February 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Lindstrom & North Branch

SAVE 20% OFF all RW CLOTHES & STUFF  
Discount DOUBLES With BUTTON!



## January Membership Meeting



January Chamber luncheon was catered by **The Clubhouse Grill**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: Chisago Lakes is advancing in the **ABC Competition!** We are one of the top 15 communities and will present our plan in North Carolina in late April. Thank you to all who have renewed your 2016 membership. The Chamber is hosting an Open House on January 19 at **Gustaf's Galleries**. Many activities that make up Celebration of the Lakes are not able to be a part of this year's event due to questionable ice and scheduling conflicts so the committee has made the difficult decision of canceling the event. National Ice Fishing contest, Polka dance, pancake breakfast and bingo are still happening within the community. The Home and Business Expo is March 5-6. Free Technology Training will continue through the Blandin Broadband Community. Watch our website for classes. New Chamber board members were introduced: **Susan Clayton-Al Honn Glass/Al's Saloon**, **Marlys Dunne-Multisource Chisago City** and **Greg Paine-Edward Jones**.

New members were introduced. **Timberhaze Retreat-John & Lisa Rydning**-located near Hazelden, their retreat is great for scrapbooking or quilting weekends, family reunions or weddings. Other new members unable to attend luncheon: **JS Nutrition & Wellness**, **Four Point O School Services of Chisago Lakes**, **In the Moment Boutique**, **The Clubhouse Grill**, **Lindstrom Office Center**, **Cheryl Kempenich Coldwell Banker Burnet**, **Peterson Companies**.

Member announcements: **Bill Mack** announced the **Rotary Casino Night** on February 6. **Loretta Anderson** promoted the **Women's Health Conference** on March 31 & April 7. **LAYSBS's Matt Howard** introduced their new youth service **Tried & True**, a small engine repair program. Donations of any small engines accepted. **Judy Erickson** introduced Denise Kaye, the new Falls Chamber Director. **Cory Lindgren** stated that **Lindgren & Associates** will be taking new clients until March 1. Referrals appreciated.

Our guest speaker and fellow Chamber member, **Daree Selby-Gavia Inc** was introduced. As part of the Chisago County Blandin Broadband Community Grant, the county

is working toward getting all of the businesses on Google Maps. This was a working luncheon and **Daree** walked us through the steps of checking to see if our businesses are on the map and steps to take for claiming our business, adding and changing information.



210 Washington St, St. Croix Falls, WI  
715-483-3387 [www.FestivalTheatre.org](http://www.FestivalTheatre.org)

### ◆ 'Fully Committed' Opens February 5

Sam Peliczowski, an out-of-work actor, mans the reservation line at Manhattan's number one restaurant while struggling to jumpstart his career and fulfill impending family obligations. *Fully Committed* has forty wildly diverse characters designed to be played by a single performer. Tickets: \$26/adults, \$13.50/students

### ◆ 'Hopelessly Romantic'

Sunday, February 14 7:30pm

This occasion marks Festival's seventh annual Valentine's evening special, hosted by the incredible Ed Moersfelder with music by Nancy Conger and improvisational comedy and performance by Andrew Benson, Seth Kaltwasser, Abi Leveille and Elizabeth Albers. Enter the poetry contest for a chance to win a prize. Tickets are \$15 per person

### ◆ 'Ole & Lena Win a Cruise'

Feb. 20 7:30pm & Feb. 21 2pm

Join in the side splitting fun for the whole family as Lena decides that she and Ole are going on a romantic vacation, even if it kills him. Tickets: \$21/advance, \$26/door

### ◆ 'The Spirit of the Drum' February 27 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/person

## UP NORTH FINE ART GALLERY

13025 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom  
[www.GustafsGalleries.com](http://www.GustafsGalleries.com)  
651-257-1821



**Winter Framing Sale** is running the entire month of February. Take **45% off** your second framing order when you bring in two complete orders. (15% off one)

Winter hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm  
Sunday 12-3pm  
Evenings by appointment

[www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)

## *The Chisago Lakes Chamber says THANK YOU!*

The Chisago Lakes Chamber is honored to be part of such a great community. We appreciate all that the community and Chamber members do throughout the year to help support our efforts and our mission.

As many of you know, the Celebration of the Lakes is one of the Chamber's fundraising events. Between the mild winter weather and event cancelations, we decided to cancel the Celebration of the Lakes this year. We sincerely thank the following businesses for graciously offering their COL sponsorship to help support the Chamber as we serve the community.

- ♦ **BRINK'S MARKET**
- ♦ **CENTRAL BANK**
- ♦ **ECUMEN PARMLY LIFEPOINTES**
- ♦ **LINDGREN & ASSOCIATES**
- ♦ **PETERSON COMPANIES, INC**
- ♦ **STEIN INSURANCE AGENCY**
- ♦ **US BANK**
- ♦ **US BANK HOME MORTGAGE**
- ♦ **THE NORTHERN LAKE TAVERN AND GRILL**

# Thank You!



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

### **'A CABERNET CABARET'!**

Friday, February 12 7-9pm

Saturday, February 13 7-9pm

The Choral Company "Unexpected Company" and Winehaven have teamed-up for a unique three-course dinner and Cabaret Show. Listen to some of the area's best singing talent as you enjoy a wonderful dinner at the winery.

Choose from butternut squash ravioli, roasted wingtip chicken breast, or beef short ribs. Entrees include salad, vegetable, starch, bread, coffee and cheesecake!

Tickets: \$55.00 plus \$5/ticket service charge for online orders and can be ordered online at [www.winehaven.com/OrderOnline](http://www.winehaven.com/OrderOnline). For additional information, please call Louise at (651) 233-9499 or email her at [kelly.louise5@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.louise5@gmail.com).

## **Congratulations Chisago Lakes!**



Fifteen communities nationwide are Semi Finalists in the America's Best Communities competition and Chisago Lakes is one of them! We will now continue to compete for the first place prize of \$3 million.

All semifinalist communities will attend the ABC Summit April 25-27 in Durham, NC where they will present their proposals to a panel of expert judges and executives from the sponsoring companies. Eight communities will advance, receiving \$100,000 to bring back to implement plans.



## **doTERRA Essential Oils**

### **'ESSENTIAL OIL CLASS'**

**Tuesday, February 9 6:30pm**

A class to learn about doTERRA Essential Oils! The purpose of this class is to empower each of you to take care of your family's healthcare in ways you never thought possible. What if there was an alternative to over the counter medicines and prescription drugs using natural means without side effects? For more information call Trudy at 651-491-0962.

### **COUNTRY BED & BREAKFAST**

17038 320<sup>th</sup> St, Shafer

651-257-4773

[www.CountryBedandBreakfast.us](http://www.CountryBedandBreakfast.us)



## **Valentine Tea**

**FEBRUARY 12, 13 & 14 AT 3:00 PM**

Enjoy Chocolate Torte, White Chocolate Raspberry Scones, Swedish Cardamom Bread, Valentine Heart Cookies, Assorted Teas, Cranberry Juice and Swedish Egg Coffee. Adults/\$13, Children 12 & under/\$7. Reservations required. Call 651-257-4773 or email [sallybarott@aol.com](mailto:sallybarott@aol.com)

'Valentine's Weekend Special' Feb 12, 13, 14. After the Cabaret dinner at Winehaven, come "home" to a comfy room and enjoy a hot chocolate and raspberry ice cream night cap. In the morning, enjoy a bountiful Sweetheart Valentine Country Breakfast. \$114.00 (double occupancy) per night. A wonderful date night get-away.

## Featured Business – February 2016



### SKINNER'S FASHIONS & FLORAL CREATIONS

Located in downtown Lindstrom, Floral Creations/Skinners Fashions is your one stop shop for fresh flowers, the latest in fashion and unique gift items.

This unique family owned business is Mother/Daughter run! Glenette bought Skinner's Fashions in 1999 when it was a full dress shop, adding the flower shop in 2007 and bringing in Tanika her daughter to run that part of the shop.

Skinners Fashions and Floral Creations has been enjoying the Lindstrom's main street location for 92 year.

So the next time you need flowers, clothing, gifts and Chisago Lakes spirit wear look no further than your home town Floral & Boutique. Flowers can be delivered to the local area and surrounding communities.

We look forward to seeing you M-F 9:30-5:30 and on Saturdays 9:30-1pm, you can also check us out on Facebook and place all orders at [lindstromfloral.com](http://lindstromfloral.com)

[Lindstrom Minnesota's Skinner's Fashion & Floral Creations by Tanika On Our Story's The Celebrities](#)

**Floral Creations/ Skinners Fashion**  
**12775 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom 651-257-1110**



**CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY**  
11754 302nd St, Chisago City  
651-257-2817 [www.ecrl.lib.mn.us](http://www.ecrl.lib.mn.us)

### CAROL ANN BARTZ BOOK READING & SIGNING February 2 6:30pm

Join local author, Carol Ann Bartz, for a book reading and signing of her book *The Believer*, an inspirational story of Zachary David Bartz.



**FRANCONIA**  
sculpture park

29836 ST. Croix Trail, Shafer  
651-257-6668 [www.Franconia.org](http://www.Franconia.org)

## Valentine's Day Hot Metal Pour

**Saturday, February 13 Noon-5pm**

Each winter, Minnesota artists crawl out of hibernation and join Franconia for an outdoor iron pour-an invigorating mix of fire & ice. We invite you to join in this unique opportunity by scratching a block of sand that will be poured with molten iron, creating your very own iron sculpture at the Valentine's Day Hot Metal Pour.

To make a scratch block, you will want to attend one of our scratch block workshops. Free with the purchase of a sand mold. Whether or not you made a scratch block, come to the park on February 13th with your loved ones and some hot cocoa for a special event totally worth braving the cold for. You can warm your hands by the fire or on your freshly poured sculpture!

**Scratch Block Workshops:** Feb. 6 & 7, 10am-1pm or 2-5pm  
**Mold Prices:** \$30/small, \$45/medium \$75/large



### 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.*

#### ► CREDIT CARD PROCESSING & PCI COMPLIANCE ◄

What's new with credit card processing and how to maintain a vulnerability management program, implement strong access control and maintain an information security policy with PCI compliance. Presented by Chris Hauble, Higher Standards

- Wednesday, February 3 8-9am  
North Branch Library
- Wednesday, February 3 12-1pm  
Wyoming City Hall

#### ► IDENTITY THEFT AND THE INTERNET ◄

What can happen and how to mitigate your risk. Presented by Julie Ward, Legal Shield.

- Friday, February 19 12-1pm Chisago Lakes Library
- Thursday, February 25 12-1pm  
Bullrush Golf Club Rush City Rush City Chamber  
Meeting RSVP [director@rushcitychamber.com](mailto:director@rushcitychamber.com)  
See attached list of Spring Technology trainings.

[www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)



## WILD MOUNTAIN / TF RECREATION

37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls  
651-465-6315 www.wildmountain.com



### 2015-2016 SKI & SNOWBOARD SEASON IS NOW OPEN!

Check out the *Daily Snow Report*

- \* Women's Academy:  
Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16  
Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17  
Fridays, February 5, 12, 19
- \* Ski Challenge Begins: February 3, 5, 10, 12, 14, 17, 21
- \* Home School Days: February 4, 9, 18, 23
- \* Friends & Family Fun Days: February 6, 15
- \* Mini Race Camp: February 6
- \* Race Training with Anna Levins: February 12, 26
- \* Night Moves: February 13
- \* Women's Slalom League: February 14
- \* Scout/4H Days: February 21

*Spring Special*  
**Season Pass Sale!**

For complete details call 651-465-6365  
or visit [www.WildMountain.com](http://www.WildMountain.com)

## REGIONAL SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, February 18 11:30am-1pm

Join us for an exciting opportunity to grow your business contacts across the region by networking with business people from the Forest Lake Area, North Branch Area and Chisago Lakes Chambers of Commerce.

Dine and meet three different groups of eight people during a three course lunch. Bring plenty of business cards and/or brochures to pass out. Promotional items are welcome too!

Space is limited so register early. Chamber Members: \$18/  
Non-Members: \$25. [Registration Form](#)



### PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

FEBRUARY 10-14

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm

A large Victorian 2-story house filled with affordable, ever-changing items. You are sure to find antiques & vintage items, painted furniture, garden items, home & cabin décor, repurposed items, textiles and more! Downtown Lindstrom.

[www.PicketFenceGals.net](http://www.PicketFenceGals.net)

651-334-1444

# DEADWOOD CASINO

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

### 'CHISAGO LAKES ROTARY CASINO NIGHT'

Ojiketa Regional Park - Strom Hall

6:00-7:00 pm - Social Hour

7:00-11:00 pm - Casino & Entertainment

Texas Hold'em, Blackjack, Baccart, Bingo & more!

Tickets: \$50/person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and  
\$1000 in 'Funny Money'

U *Western Attire is Encouraged* U

For questions or to purchase tickets (limited)  
Contact a Rotarian or call Bill 651-402-5429



### First United Methodist Church

30828 Irene Ave, Lindstrom

651.257.4306 [www.LindstromMethodist.org](http://www.LindstromMethodist.org)

### PASTA de FUMCee

Saturday, February 27 5:00-7:00pm



Authentic-Italian Style Dinner Youth Fundraiser.  
Proceeds will help fund Youth going to Summer camp.

## LAYSB News!

244 N. Lake Street, Forest Lake  
[www.YSBLakesArea.org](http://www.YSBLakesArea.org) 651-464-3685



### 'GETTING COLD FOR YOUR CAUSE'

#### WINTER PLUNGE!

Saturday, February 20

Join the LAYSB Buck Hunters and help raise 'doe' to support local youth! Grab your camo & join our hunting party to wade into the frozen water. If you are 'gun shy', consider pledging a plunger and donate a few 'bucks' to support LAYSB. [Click here](#) to join or pledge your support for LAYSB Buck Hunters



### LAYSB'S TRIED & TRUE SMALL ENGINE PROGRAM

At Tried and True, under the supervision of a professional mechanic, youth will fix small engines that have been donated and then be sold to support the program and other vital LAYSB programs! We are now accepting applications for youth participants age 15+. **Click Here** to download an informational letter and an application! If you have old machines with small engines that have a potential for another life, consider donating them. It is tax deductible.



## Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 6:30-8:30PM**

**AGES 3 – GRADE 6**

**CHISAGO LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL**

An evening filled with activities for fathers, grandfathers and their daughters. Refreshments, games, photographs and prizes. Family friendly music will be played. Take this opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your daughter or granddaughter. \$25/family includes refreshments, dance, photographs, activities & prizes.

*Sponsored by: Chisago Lakes Community Education*

### St. Bridget of Sweden

*All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry*

**Fridays during Lent**

**February 12, 19, 26 & March 4, 18 5-7pm**

**Enjoy delicious pub battered cod and baked fish!**  
**French fries, coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage & dessert!**

**(Meatless spaghetti also available)**

**Adults/\$10, Seniors/\$8, Children/\$5,**

**Kids 5 & under/free**

[www.StBridgetofSweden.org](http://www.StBridgetofSweden.org)

651-257-2474

### GREGORY CONTRACTING

651-213-0668

[GregoryContracting.com](http://GregoryContracting.com)



Gregory Contracting has partnered with *No Roof Left Behind*. They are a charitable organization that provides a free roof to people in dire need. No Roof Left Behind gives folks in the community a way to help their good neighbors who've fallen on hard times. And, No Roof Left Behind system gives local contractors a web-based process and toolset to accept nominations for homeowners in need and deserving of a new roof at no cost.

Visit [norooyleftbehind.com](http://norooyleftbehind.com) for information and application. We want this roof to go to the individuals that need it the most and could use your help in finding those people. The new roof installation celebration will be August 19th, 2016 and nominations will be accepted until July 1st, 2016.

# Happy Valentine's Day!



## Eichten's

**Valentine  
Specials**

16440 Lake Blvd, Center City  
651-257-1566 [www.theeichtensbistro.com](http://www.theeichtensbistro.com)

Enjoy Valentine's Specials at Eichten's  
Reservations recommended

### Saturday, February 13 5-9pm

- ❖ Surf n' Turf - Bison Tenderloin 5oz with 4 large shrimp
- ❖ Tiger Shrimp
- ❖ Filet Mignon
- ❖ Garlic Chicken Alfredo Pasta

All dinner entrees served with: Raspberry Vinaigrette Salad and Eichten's assorted cheese sampler/crackers, baked potatoes with sautéed vegetables and asparagus. Add a dessert of either Chocolate Decadent Cake with Raspberries or New York Cheesecake with Strawberries.

### Sunday, February 14

- ❖ Cupid Special – Breakfast 8am-4pm
  - Two large strawberry pancakes with fresh fruit
  - Bison Mettwurst Egg Bake with toast & fruit
  - Champagne Mimosa (for two)
- ❖ Lunch Special - 11am-4pm
  - Bison Burger Basket
  - Soup and Sandwich
  - Champagne
- ❖ Dinner Specials – 4pm-9pm  
Surf n' Turf, Walleye Dinner, Prawn Shrimp, Filet Mignon, Pasta, Desserts, Champagne



### CLEAN ENERGY HUB

The Clean Energy Hub, the ABC Committee and other partners will be launching a community-wide Energy Efficiency effort for improvements like upgrades to LED lighting, higher efficiency heating and cooling systems and more in the coming weeks. Any businesses or institutions interested in Energy Efficiency assessment should call Eutectics and ask for Ian or Jacob directly at 612-353-5760 for a consult.

### Karl Oskar Days Button Design Contest

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Karl Oskar Days Button Design Contest goes through February 29. Entries can be found at Chisago County Press, Chisago Lakes Library, Chamber Office and on the Chamber website. Starting in late March, the public will again vote for 3 winners. At that time we will also be looking for businesses to sell and /or run promotions for the buttons during the celebration July 6-10.

[www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)



### **WILD RIVER STATE PARK**

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### **CANDLELIGHT SKI/SNOWSHOE/WALK**

Saturday, February 13 6-9pm

Illuminating 6 miles of trails, candles will guide you through this once-in-a-winter opportunity at Wild River. Snowshoers, skiers and walkers are welcome to take the trails this Valentine's weekend! Event is free. Visit [FriendsOfWildRiver.org](http://FriendsOfWildRiver.org) for more details.

### **MN Chamber Update**

Chamber seeks remedy to drive-by lawsuits

By Doug Loon

White Bear Lake Press: Serial litigator suing businesses over disability access, October 2015

KTOE Radio, Mankato: More than half-dozen Mankato businesses sued over ADA, June 4, 2015

Fox 9 TV: Small businesses sued by controversial lawyer over Americans with Disabilities, Oct. 26, 2015

Small Business Trends: More Than 100 Minnesota Businesses Sued Over ADA Violations, October 2015

Small businesses across Minnesota have become the target of lawsuits alleging violations of disability laws. These actions of one attorney forced many businesses to pay thousands of dollars in settlement demands, and at least a few have closed their doors. The lawsuits have surfaced in numerous communities including Mankato, Marshall, Rochester, Shakopee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and White Bear Lake. More than 120 lawsuits have been filed in the past two years.

Make no mistake, the Minnesota Chamber and our members want their businesses to be fully accessible to their customers and to comply with federal and state disability laws. Providing access for disabled customers is simply good for business. However, the lawsuits appear to have the primary goal of lining the pockets of attorneys versus improving access.

It's important to understand the types of violations that are being targeted. These lawsuits have been filed against an 84-year-old widow who runs an antique store in Marshall alleging a jukebox is blocking a door; against a clinic in Minneapolis claiming a door threshold is an inch too high even though there was a fully accessible and compliant entry; against a White Bear Lake restaurant because of a step at its front door even though the side door has a ramp.

Most businesses, when notified of an alleged violation, have immediately taken steps to correct the problem or have shown that they are actually compliant. Yet, the lawsuits are not dropped, and the plaintiffs continue to ask for large settlement awards.

Businesses often wind up paying a settlement – \$8,000 on average – to avoid the additional cost and time of litigation. These settlements are a financial hardship on these small businesses.

The good news is that we're making progress in seeking legislation to stop what many characterize as abusive lawsuits. We are working with the Minnesota State Council on Disability to ensure that our solution is acceptable to the disability community. We are educating employers on their requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and, in our state, the Minnesota Human Rights Act.

At the Legislature, we are developing a bipartisan solution with Rep. Dennis Smith, R-Maple Grove, and Sen. Kari Dziedzic, DFL-Minneapolis. The legislation would require that businesses be notified of an alleged violation and be given an opportunity to fix the problem prior to any civil action being filed. The intent is to help prevent these drive-by lawsuits by minimizing the opportunity for attorney fees and settlement demands while still requiring businesses to comply with the law.

We do not want to protect businesses that refuse to correct a violation. We do, however, want to give businesses proper notice and a reasonable time to fix the problem. That's a win-win for all businesses and all customers alike.

**Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: [www.mnchamber.com](http://www.mnchamber.com).**



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# Chisago County Technology Training

## *Opportunities For Business*

### Credit Card Processing

*Presented by Chris Hauble, Higher Standards*

**Wednesday, February 3**

8am - 9am

North Branch Area Library  
6355 376th St., North Branch

**OR**

12pm - 1pm

Wyoming City Hall  
26885 Forest Blvd., Wyoming  
(Brown bag lunch encouraged)

What's new with credit card processing and how to maintain a vulnerability management program, implement strong access control & maintain an information security policy with PCI compliance.

### Identity Theft & the Internet

*Presented by Julie Ward, LegalShield*

**Friday, February 19**

12pm - 1pm

Chisago Lakes Area Library  
11754 302 St., Chisago City  
(Brown bag lunch encouraged)

**OR**

**Thursday, February 25**

12pm - 1pm

Rush City Chamber meeting  
Bulrush Golf Club, Rush City  
RSVP: [director@rushcitychamber.com](mailto:director@rushcitychamber.com)

Identity theft: what it is, what can happen and how to mitigate your risk.

### Computer Maintenance Tips & Tricks

*Presented by Daree Selby, Gavia, Inc.*

**Friday, March 18**

8am - 9am

Rush City Public Library  
240 W. Fourth St., Rush City

**OR**

12pm - 1pm

Chisago Lakes Area Library  
11754 302 St., Chisago City  
(Brown bag lunch encouraged)

Learn 10 simple tips to keep your computer in tip-top shape!

### Website Content

*Presented by Rebecca Chambers, WebDuck Design*

**Wednesday, April 6**

8am - 9am

Rush City Public Library  
240 W. Fourth St., Rush City

**OR**

12pm - 1pm

Chisago Lakes Area Library  
11754 302 St., Chisago City  
(Brown bag lunch encouraged)

Learn specifics of what should be included on your site.

### Email Security

*Presented by Chris Morgan, Pine Technical & Community College*

**Friday, April 15**

8am - 9am

North Branch Area Library  
6355 376th St., North Branch

**OR**

12pm - 1pm

Wyoming Area Giese Memorial Library  
26855 Forest Blvd., Wyoming  
(Brown bag lunch encouraged)

Email exposes your business to a variety of threats; learn how to protect your business and yourself.

### Social Media Breakfast

**Tuesday, March 1**

8-9:30am

North Branch Library

Learn how local companies are using Social Media to increase their business.  
Breakfast provided.

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