



Monthly Newsletter

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

November 2015

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 10: **Board Meeting 8:30am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- November 12: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am
Speaker: **Lisa Bobyak, Living Fully Balanced**
Topics: **'Create a Balanced Holiday Season.'**
Caterer: **Meredees Bistro**
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**
11754 302nd Street, Chisago City



Shop Small Saturday
Saturday, November 28!

Welcome New Member!

Haus Specialty Manufacturing
10489 Liberty Lane, Chisago City
www.HausSpecialty.com 651-257-9463

Lighting Festivals

NOVEMBER 27 THROUGH DECEMBER 6

Get out and enjoy tree lightings, Santa, music, hayrides, food, caroling and more!

- Nov. 27: TAYLORS FALLS**
Grand lighting/Santa Parade, activities following the parade and continuing through the weekend.
- Dec. 5: LINDSTROM**
Carolers, tree lighting, bon fire, s'mores, food, beverages, & more!
- Dec. 6: CHISAGO CITY**
Sleigh rides, tree lighting, refreshments
Music, Santa, & more!



What's Happening This Month

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| November | 1-14 | Barn Sale – Pleasant Valley Orchard |
| November | 4 | Fall Open House – LAYSB |
| November | 4-8 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| November | 5 | Coffee Club – Edward Jones |
| November | 6 | Chisago City Farmer's Market |
| November | 6 | Monroe Crossing Concert – Festival Theatre |
| November | 6-7 | Anniversary Party – In the Moment Boutique |
| November | 7 | Training Zone Grand Opening – TradeWins |
| November | 7 | Laura Ingalls Wilder – Chisago Lakes Library |
| November | 7 | Reindeer Wish Book Signing – Gustaf's |
| November | 7 | Chris Hawkey Concert – Festival Theatre |
| November | 10 | Make & Take Class – doTERRA Oils |
| November | 11 | Gift Guide Deadline – Chisago County Press |
| November | 12 | Chamber Luncheon Meeting |
| November | 12 | Give to the Max Day |
| November | 13 | Turkey Bingo – Center City Fire Department |
| November | 13 | Harrison Street Music – Al's Saloon |
| November | 14-15 | Artisan & Friends – Taylors Falls |
| November | 14-15 | Ole & Lena Christmas – Festival Theatre |
| November | 16-25 | 66% Sale – Recycled Wardrobes |
| November | 18 | Technology Business Training |
| November | 19 | Lutfisk Dinner – Gammelgarden |
| November | 20 | Chisago City Farmer's Market |
| November | 20-21 | Trunk Show – Al's Glass Showroom |
| November | 21 | Children's Shop Day – Methodist Church |
| November | 21 | Turkey Bingo – Chisago City Am. Legion |
| November | 21-22 | Demo Days – Wild Mountain |
| November | 21-22 | Cheese & Chocolate Weekend - WineHaven |
| November | 26 | Dash & Dine 5K Run/Walk |
| November | 26 | Thanksgiving Meal – CL Lutheran Church |
| November | 27-28 | Trunk Show – Al's Glass Showroom |
| November | 28 | Shop Small Saturday |
| November | 27 | Taylors Falls Lighting Festival |
| December | 5 | Lindstrom Lighting Festival |
| December | 6 | Chisago City Lighting Festival |

2015 Board of Directors

Officers:

President: John Renaker, Northwoods Roasterie
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Josh Soderlund, Soderlund's Wood Mill
Laura Haseltine, Elevate Builders/Victory Lane Quick Oil Change
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Office Manager: Laurie Doughty

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

**Laura Haseltine
Elevate Builders &
Victory Lane Oil change**

Leaves are changing and falling and I can't believe that we are already coming to the end of my favorite season, fall! Whether it be your child's fall sports or simply fall activities, it continues to amaze me that time just keeps moving and there is no way to stop it! That is why our family of 5 tries to make a mindful decision to stop and breathe-in each season and all it has to offer by really being a part of this wonderful community and all the well thought-out family activities this area has to offer! Most importantly we are able to use these activities & events to continue to create those cherished memories with each other that last a lifetime!

I have been on the Chamber Board just coming up on a year and have enjoyed every bit of it, being a business owner it simply allows me to be more involved, keeps me in the loop of the happenings and most importantly, I'm connecting with & meeting so many other wonderful business owners! It's important to me to have relationships with those that have common goals, being a team player so that our community can thrive and be at its best as a whole! I have enjoyed decorating the town with the Fall

Bundles the past few weeks and meeting business owners is a huge perk!

A bit of my personal background-My husband Eric and I have 3 Children, Austin 18, Savannah 11 & Jake 9. They keep us quite busy! My husband and I both grew up in Forest Lake and had no intentions of ever leaving until 2 years ago we made the decision to be in and a part of the community that we own our business. The change was very scary but the 5 of us are all happy to say that it was one of the best decisions we could have made. Even though we all thought that we could love no other town/community than Forest Lake, this area has far exceeded our expectations! Living in a community that we do business has taught us that when we give back and truly be a part of the community, it really is a win-win situation. It has given our family completeness as a whole, we have so much more reason to be our best because our whole lives are right here and we are definitely reaping the benefits by seeing our business' thrive! We have owned & operated Victory Lane Quick Oil Change & Car Wash in Chisago City for the past 7 years and our North Branch location for 3 years. It's exciting to see this business of trial and error go from slow to very steady! Running a business is not ever easy as you all know but it's so rewarding when you just give it time to flourish! We have also been the proud but humble owners of Elevate Builders Custom Homes & Remodeling for just a little over 2 years and we are amazed daily at how the economic world is continuing to change for the better day after day. Our joy and passion of creating dreams to come true for all of our clients in building them a place to call home, is far beyond description. We have a big part in literally building and growing our community one home and family at a time & our hearts are fully in it! We can honestly say, we love what we do!

Supporting our local businesses is what we do and we appreciate everyone who supports us as well. As a community, this is what I believe we should do and we should want to do because great & prosperous businesses make for a healthy community and isn't that what we all want? I challenge you all to be a part of this great community somewhere, somehow and give of yourselves. It is truly rewarding—I promise!

Laura Haseltine

If you have information you would like in the monthly newsletter or weekly newflash, email us at clacc@frontiernet.net. Deadline for inclusion is:

**Newflash – Week Prior of Event/Special
Newsletter – 20th of the Month Prior**

October 6th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

September minutes reviewed, accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

- **FutureWalk**

The online survey is being promoted.

- **Golf Tournament**

Wrap up meeting went well with some new ideas and dates being shared and reviewed.

- **Chamber Gala**

Thursday, December 10 at WineHaven. Swing and a Miss is booked and we are looking at having heavy hors d'oeuvres from Eichten's. Possibly a comedian as well and silent auction/raffles.

- **Celebration of the Lakes**

Friday-Sunday, January 29-31 Wild River Snowmobile Club will lead the Radar Run. Kids' Pro Ice will return. A meeting will be scheduled with the committee.

New Business:

- **Chamber Membership**

Forms are being updated and may add sponsorship opportunities to the form. Also looking into online membership application and payment options.

- **Building Use**

Panola Rockets 4-H Club to meet in the Chamber building once per month.

Old Business:

- **ABC Grant**

Many are still actively involved with the key projects as we finalize goals for the next competition phase.

- **Yearly vs. Event Sponsorships**

Looking at including sponsorship opportunities to the membership brochure to give business members the option of paying for multiple items at the beginning of the year rather than throughout the year.

- **Trick or Treat on Main Street/Fall Decorations**

Friday, October 30 3-7pm. Local grocery stores and schools will distribute fliers for the event with participating businesses on the back. The Chamber will put an ad in the Chisago County Press for the event as well. Area businesses have the opportunity to purchase Fall Decoration Bundles for \$25 from the Chamber.

- **Board Member Update**

There are two people asking to be considered as board members. Current board members are asked to contact additional possible candidates.

- **Shop Small Saturday**

November 28. The Chamber ordered the Shop Small Saturday kit and will be promoting it.

Executive Director's Report:

- Network opportunities - Joint luncheon with Falls Chamber, Fall Decorating of area businesses.
- Attended the Chisago County Fall Economic Development Summit.
- The ABC Grant – meetings continue as the project teams work towards finalizing their goals for the next phase of the ABC Grant.

EDWARD JONES – GREG PAINE

10681 Railroad Ave, Chisago City
651-257-6397 www.EdwardJones.com



'COFFEE CLUB'

Thursday, November 5 9:30am

You are invited to join us at the next meeting of our coffee club. Discussing current events, the economy and investing in a relaxed, informal setting is a great way to get to know one another.

Coffee & pastries on us. Space is limited: call 651-257-6397 to reserve your spot. Coffee Club is at Northwoods Roasterie 12710 N. 1st Ave, Lindstrom.

CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1 Summit Ave, Center City
www.chisagolakelutheranchurch.org



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Thursday, November 26th 12:30-2pm

A tasty, homemade turkey dinner served to those seeking fellowship this Thanksgiving at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, Center City. The dinner is free but reservations are requested by November 23th at 651-257-6300.

MEREDEE'S BISTRO

12565 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom
651-257-9144 MeredeesBistro.com



THANKSGIVING LUNCH BUFFET

Thursday, November 26 11am-3pm

Let us do your Thanksgiving cooking. Enjoy what you are thankful for as you sit and relax with family and friends at our traditional Thanksgiving Buffet. For reservations call 651-257-9144.

WILD MOUNTAIN / TF RECREATION

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



- ♦ 'Demo Days' November 21 & 22 10am-3pm
Test drive the new equipment from the top ski and snowboard manufacturers. View [details](#).
- ♦ 'Night Moves' November 28 8pm
Late night session. Ski/ride until 1am-lift tickets \$16.

Get full details at www.WildMountain.com



DEUTSCHLAND MEATS

12825 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

651-257-1128 DeutschlandMeats.com

Deutschland Meats is your full service wild game processor. Bring your game to the professionals. We have the area's largest full line of sausages and jerky.

We wish you luck & a safe hunting season!



TAYLORS FALLS LIGHTING FESTIVAL SANTA PARADE

Businesses, organizations and families are invited to be in the most magical small town parade of the year. The Taylors Falls Lighting Festival Santa Parade is fun, it's quirky, it's memorable! Attended by thousands and considered a favorite kick off of the holiday season, they invite you to signup now. It's free! Register at <http://lightingfestival.com/parade/>



PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

NOVEMBER 4-8

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm

Staged in and around a large Victorian 2-story house filled with affordable, ever-changing items. Downtown Lindstrom.

Antiques & Vintage Finds • Painted Furniture
Garden Items • Home & Cabin Décor
Architectural Remnants • Re-Purposed Items
Primitives • Textiles and More!

www.PicketFenceGals.net

651-334-1444

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

651-257-5240



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

CHEESE & CHOCOLATE WEEKEND

Saturday, November 21 10am-5pm

Sunday, November 22 11am-5pm

Are you attending or hosting a get together this holiday season? Let us help you out! This weekend, come sample your way through wine pairings with some great cheese and chocolate - perfect for an easy, festive cocktail party or as an elegant way to end a meal. Figure out which cheeses pair best with which wines and how to make a simple bite of chocolate shine as a dessert course with wine.

Guests at this special event can experience Winehaven's unique specialty wines paired with local cheeses and chocolates. While at the winery, don't forget to enjoy the views of the vineyards and lakes along with a glass of wine and meat, cheese and cracker tray.

LINDSTROM FARMERS MARKET

St. Bridget's, Lindstrom

Thank you for another great season!

See you next summer!

Birthday Blessings 66% Off Sale

NOV. 16-25

Sale includes clothing, purses, shoes,
books, decor, furnishings, toys & more!

Recycled Wardrobes



Affordable fashion
for families!

30365 Neal Ave. 6419 Main Street
Lindstrom North Branch

OPEN Mon.-Fri. 9-7; Sat. 9-4

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October Luncheon Meeting



Jeremy Kalin – ABC Enery Audits

October Chamber luncheon was held October 8 with **Brinks Market** catering a great comfort meal of wild rice meatballs, potatoes and gravy, salad and dessert. Thank you **Northwoods Roasterie** for providing coffee.

Chamber announcements: Thank you to the ABC Project Team Leaders for coming to share their progress with us. The Chamber will decorate your business store front for Fall for \$25. Call the Chamber to sign up. On Friday, October 30 we will have **Trick-or-Treat on Mainstreet** from 3-7pm. Businesses are encouraged to offer information, sales, specials and coupons to families. Advertising will be done in the paper and through the schools. Save the date for the **Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala** on Thursday, December 10 at **WineHaven**. If you are interested in serving on the Chamber Board, talk with **Wendy Redland**. Plans are started for **Celebration of the Lakes**. We would love to have you help with this event

Member announcements: **Lisa Bobyak-Living Fully Balanced** will be our November luncheon speaker. She announced that she will be speaking on creating a balanced holiday season. How do we balance business and home with less stress? **Nancy Hoffman-Chisago County HRA/EDA** shared an upcoming presentation October 22 on Arts & Culture and economic impact. **Eileen Carlson-Eichten's** had a successful Beer Dinner and is ready for the holidays. Gift Giving catalog is being mailed out. **Laura Haseltine-Elevate Builders** is having a Halloween Bash on October 31. **Susan Taylor-Family Pathways** promoted their upcoming Jail & Bail fundraiser. **Judy Erickson-Pleasant Valley Orchard** proudly announced their recent award by WCCO as being viewers pick for **Best Orchard in Minnesota**.

ABC Project Leaders gave members an update on the progress to the ABC competition. **Amy Frischmon-Art, Culture & Tourism** talked about the marketing plan and creation of a website for the whole area and an area

Logo. **John Olinger-Quality of Life** talked about the trails being the #1 desire for the area. Advocating the completion of the Swedish Immigrant Trail. **Wade Vitalis-Economic Group** talked about solar energy, creating a Hub and ways to facilitate. **Jeremy Kalin** talked about his energy audits. **Deanna Nelson-Quality of Life** talked about the Blue Zone, walkability experts, **Dan Burden** and **Samantha Thomas** and their time walking through our communities. **Jason Gamble, Josh Soderlund** and **Mickell Pohlman-Workforce Group** talked about the workforce of the future believing that working with schools and teachers we can teach work skills, establish relationships and give them what they need to become workforce ready and hopefully stay in the community. **Nancy Hoffman-Broadband Group** talked about the ABC Grant and shared a study done by our corporate partner **KPMG** working on a site for residents to co-work, study, meet together etc. Chisago County HRA/EDA asked to be a Blandin Broadband Community. Through this, schools went together and now offer WiFi on busses for kids to get homework done while commuting home or to extracurricular activities. There is an upcoming Technology Summit Breakfast Meeting on October 30. Fifty computers have been refurbished and given to low income/handicapped residents.

Chisago City Farmers Market



Fridays November 6 & 20 2-6:30pm

The market has moved indoors for fall. Vendors have fresh fruits, veggies, honey, breads, jams, eggs, flour and grains, jewelry, wool & Alpaca products and more.



Tupperware®



ELDA & LEROY HANSON

715-483-9318 my.tupperware.com/elda

Our very own chamber members Elda & LeRoy Hanson, Elite Leaders, Three Star Director with Tupperware recently earned a week trip to Norway from Tupperware.

This trip was earned on sales. They added on some time to visit Paris and Rome. LeRoy and Elda joined the million dollar club and are now driving the Buick Enclave from Tupperware.



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

- ◆ **‘Monroe Crossing’ Friday, November 6 7:30pm**
Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals. Their airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites. Tickets: \$26/advance, \$31/door
- ◆ **‘Chris Hawkey’ Saturday, November 7 7:30pm**
Chris Hawkey sings high-energy country music and in 2014 released his first Nashville solo album, spending the summer promoting the hit single ‘My Kind of Crazy’ Tickets: \$21/advance, \$26/door
- ◆ **‘Ole & Lena’s Family Christmas’ Nov. 14-15 2pm**
Christmas has always been Lena’s favorite time of the year, even if, as Ole says ‘it makes her more than a little crazy.’ This year Lena has invited the whole family, even her snooty cousin Mildred from Edina. Ole really wants nothing to do with the whole thing, especially the dressing up in the old Santa suit. Can Sven get Ole out of playing Santa? Will Lena be able to keep it all together? Find out in this hilarious comedy about family togetherness. Tickets: \$21/advance, \$26/door

CHILDREN’S SHOP DAY

Saturday, November 21st 10am-1pm



Children

ages through 6th

grade shop for mom,

dad and grandparents. All

gifts are \$1 and include free

gift wrap! Parents are treated with

coffee and cookies while they wait for

their little shoppers to finish. All gifts are

new/gently used items from the community
and friends of First United Methodist Church.

Visit us at www.LindstromMethodist.org

30828 Irene Ave

Lindstrom

651-257-4306

www.LindstromMethodist.org



doTERRA Essential Oils

‘MAKE AND TAKE CLASS’

Tuesday, November 10 6:30pm

Get ready for the holidays with this Make & Take Class. Learn how to make easy home-made natural gifts with doTERRA CPTG oils! A small fee may apply to help cover costs.

Chamber Office 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom
More info: Trudy Lodien, 651-491-0962

Pleasant Valley Orchard

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer
651-257-9159

NOVEMBER BARN SALE

November 1 – November 14 10am-5pm

The peak of fall is behind us and we enter the quiet season of November. The wood stove gently warms the apple shed, unique Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts are available along with all your fall favorites! It’s the perfect time to stock up on apples and pies for the Thanksgiving Holidays. PleasantValleyOrchard.com

Dash & Dine 5K/Kids Fun Run

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 9AM



Before you eat that huge Thanksgiving Meal get out for a run or walk. The Dash & Dine Thanksgiving Run/Walk is your answer to what will probably be a high caloric day.

Registration Fees: 5K/5Mile \$30/advance, \$40/race day; Kids ½ mile Fun Run \$10/advance, \$15/race day. Race starts and ends at Chisago Lakes Sportsman’s Club, 11624 Lake Lane, Chisago City starting at 8am. Bring a non-perishable food item for the local Food Shelf. For more race information, course map and to register click here to visit Frontrunner USA.

TURKEY BINGO

Friday, November 13 7-9pm
Center City Fire Department



TURKEY BINGO

Saturday, November 21 7-9pm
Chisago City Community Center

American Legion Annual Turkey Bingo!
Purchase Bingo Cards 1/25¢ or 3/50¢



www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

TRADEWINS SPORTS
79 South Lake Street
Forest Lake, MN 55025
651-464-2994 TradeWinsSports.com



We are excited to announce that we have expanded into the space adjacent to the store and created a multi-sport training facility that includes but is not limited to batting cages & hockey dry land space.

TRAINING ZONE NOW OPEN!

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, NOV. 7

- Try out the new space for free (no reservations, just stop in and take a turn)
- Grand Opening Special Package- Buy 2 hours get 3 hours. Offer available through November 14
- Register to win 1 of 3 one-hour Training Zone passes.



Thursday, November 12, 2015

Each year, Minnesotans overwhelm us with their generosity on Give to the Max Day. Last year you helped raise more than \$17 million for MN organizations in just 24 hours.

Help us ignite generosity again for this year's Give to the Max Day. Support your favorite cause with a donation on November 12. Just search for your organization on GiveMN.org and donate with a credit card. No registration or set up needed.

Anonymous Santa



Anonymous Santa Program helps families struggling financially by offering an opportunity for parents to select gifts in a Holiday Store set up December 17th & 18th at the Main Street Church in North Branch. Only new, non-violent toys and gifts are distributed along with mittens and hats, Christian books & videos, board games, sports balls and stocking stuffers.

Applications are due by December 5 and are available on the Anonymous Santa website www.AnonymousSanta.net. For more information on volunteering or donating please email a.santa2008@gmail.com.

Distribution Dates: December 17th & 18th
Main Street Church
6500 Main St, North Branch

ALAN HONN GLASS SHOWROOM
AL'S CENTER SALOON
321 Summit Avenue, Center City

Harrison Street at Al's Center Saloon
Friday, November 13 9pm-Midnight

Erin & the boys return to rock some Friday fun. Al's Glass Showroom will be open next door 3-9pm.

Artisans & Friends at Taylors Falls Depot
Saturday, November 14 10am-5pm
Sunday, November 15 10am-4pm

Pottery, textiles, glass and wood are featured - always a beautiful shopping experience. Find Al's glass at this event and at Alan Honn Glass Showroom, open Saturday, November 14 10am-3pm.

Trunk Show at Al's Glass Showroom
Friday, November 20 3-8pm
Saturday, November 21 10am-3pm

Two Oaks Trading Bags & Totes: Handmade in Scandia MN from American waxed canvas. Messenger bags, totes, diaper bags and especially clever lunch sacks.

Trunk Show at Al's Glass Showroom
Friday, November 27 3-8pm
Saturday, November 28 10am-3pm

Melissa Bauman, LuBugs Beaded Jewelry: Center City jewelry maker creates fun, pretty pieces for everyday & special occasions. Meet Melissa Nov. 28 11am-3pm

LAYSBS News!

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

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 4 3-6pm

Stop in, enjoy refreshments, meet LAYSBS staff, hear about new programs for Youth and Families and learn about opportunities to get involved! For more information please call or visit our website.

IN THE MOMENT BOUTIQUE
12745 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom
InTheMomentBoutique.com
651-257-9855



Anniversary Party!

Friday, November 6 10am-7pm
Saturday, November 7 10am-4pm

Come help us celebrate our 1 Year Anniversary! Prizes, Specials, Treats and Fun! Follow us on facebook!

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

GUSTAF'S GALLERIES

13025 LAKE BLVD, LINDSTROM

651-257-1821 www.GustafsGalleries.com



'Reindeer Wish' Book-Signing
Saturday, November 7 1-3pm

Join us for the new 'Reindeer Wish' Book-Signing. Meet Anja, Per, Lori and their live reindeer! We also welcome the Coca-Cola Santa to our celebration. Call 651-257-1821 to reserve your autographed copy.

Pick up the Wish Book Trilogy, special pricing exclusively at Gustaf's. Quantities limited, call to reserve your treasured autographed Trilogy for only \$49.95. (All three signed books available individually-\$19.95)

"The Christmas Wish", a New York Times Best Seller, is being made into a Movie - slated for Holiday 2017 release



Gustaf's Galleries Christmas Catalog



This beautiful Christmas catalog is filled with Scandinavian items for gift giving. Stop in and shop for those on your Christmas list. Click on the image or [here](#) to view the catalog.

* Orefors, Kosta Boda, and Royal Copenhagen not available. For Candy visit Lindstrom's Sweet Shop!



Gammelgården Museum



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

www.GammelGardenMuseum.org

651-433-5053

LUTFISK DINNER

Thursday, November 19

Serving Times: 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm & 5:30pm

Enjoy the annual meal of lutefisk and meatballs. This traditional feast also includes potatoes, red cabbage, rutabagas, Swedish brown beans, rye bread, lefse, dessert and coffee. Advanced tickets (\$18) and are available at Scandia Butik or by calling 651-433-5053. Be sure to stop in the Butik and enjoy 15% off on ALL items.

Elim Lutheran Church

20971 Olinda Trail N, Scandia

CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY

11754 302nd St, Chisago City

651-257-2817 www.ecrl.lib.mn.us

LAURA INGALLS WILDER

MN CONNECTION PROGRAM!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 1PM



From her wildly popular chapter books to the much watched TV show based in Walnut Grove, Minnesota's love affair with Laura Ingalls Wilder remains strong even though she only spent a small part of her life in Minnesota.

Join us as Joel McKinney, Collection Manager at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Walnut Grove, presents a program about Laura Ingalls Wilder. He will talk about Laura's time in MN, within the historical context of the time. What Laura experienced in MN during the 1870s is not what she would have experienced here twenty years earlier or twenty years later. Mr. McKinney will also bring some of the artifacts from the museum that participants can look at and touch. This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

CHISAGO COUNTY PRESS

651-257-5115

www.ChisagoCountyPress.com



2015 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

It's time to kick off the holiday shopping season with our **Holiday Gift Guide**. This special Edition will be inserted into the November 22 **Search Shopper**, and all ads will be published in the November 26 **Chisago County Press** in time for **Black Friday Shopping** plus will be featured online at www.ChisagoCountyPress.com -- reaching an audience of over 100,000!

Reserve your space by November 11, 2015

1/8 page (5.25 in. x 3 in.) = \$95

1/4 page (5.25 in. x 6 in.) = \$170

1/2 page – Horizontal (10.5 in. x 6.5 in.) = \$325

1/2 page – Vertical (5.25 in. x 13 in.) = \$325

Full page (10.5 in. x 13 in.) = \$560

Call Terri at 651-257-5115, 651-592-8401 or
email Chisagopress2@yahoo.com

SHOP LOCAL. EAT LOCAL. SPEND LOCAL. ENJOY LOCAL.

It takes you to start the trend.
Support the local businesses who support the area
where you live, work and play.

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

Chisago Lakes

HOME & BUSINESS EXPO

Bright Ideas ...
Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday 11 AM - 3 PM

Bright Ideas for Home, Garden & Family!
March 5-6, 2016

We would like to invite you to be an exhibitor at the 2016 Home & Business Expo. Taking place at the Chisago Lakes High School, the event is well promoted and advertised. Chamber members receive \$80 off of the booth registration. Registration is now open for Chamber members and will be available soon to the public and to non-profit (volunteer based) organizations.

[Home Show Registration Form](#)

Save the Date...

Chamber Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala
Thursday evening, December 10th!



You are Cordially Invited to
Grand Casino Hinckley's 2015

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Hosted by: Public Relations Department

NOVEMBER 12, 2015
BALLROOM 5 - 7 P.M.

Cash Bar Available
Member + 1 guest please
Entrée will be provided

*2015 by November 4, 2015 to 320-384-4668 (toll-free) or email: audrey@wildmountain.com or henderson@grandcasinohinckley.com. Discounted room rates are available at \$49. Please call Reservations at 1-800-472-6315 or 320-384-4006 to reserve.



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. Additional classes coming Spring 2016.

Establishing & Maintaining an Online Presence Wednesday, November 18

8-9am, North Branch Area Library or
12-1pm Chisago Lakes Area Library

Learn how to properly plan a website by establishing key elements. Understand the basics of how websites are ranked to determine the best approach for your new or existing website. *Presented by Rebecca Chambers, VP of WebDuck Designs.*

Cyber Security – Business IT Security 101 Friday, December 4

8-9am, Rush City Public Library or
12-1pm Wyoming Area Giese Memorial Library

Help your business prepare for the possibility of being hacked and experiencing data loss. Explore free resources for employee training on information security. *Presented by Chris Morgan, Cyber Instructor at Pine Technical and Community College.*

Facebook For Business Wednesday, December 16

8-9am, North Branch Area Library or
12-1pm Chisago Lakes Area Library



Learn the basics on how to start a business Facebook page and how to market on this social media site.

Register for any of the above classes at
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MN Chamber Update

State, Local Chambers Work
in Tandem to Strengthen Economy
By Doug Loon

One of the key criteria established by the board of the Minnesota Chamber in its search for a new president was the ability to develop and build relationships with local chambers of commerce across the state. The importance of these relationships in the search process demonstrates the commitment that the Minnesota Chamber places on building a partnership with local chambers. From my perspective, after working at the national level with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for 20 years, this level of commitment does not exist elsewhere in the country. It is a relationship distinctive to Minnesota, and one that I am fully committed to enhancing in the coming months and years.

At least 3 key partnerships with local chambers make Minnesota unique, and makes our business community stronger – professional support through the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Executives (MCCE); business retention and job growth through Grow Minnesota!; and member advocacy to improve and protect our state's business climate.

MCCE is the professional association for local chambers. Its goal is to strengthen staff leadership as well as the organizational foundation of local chambers across Minnesota – from the smallest, part-time chambers to the large regional centers. The Minnesota Chamber will continue to lead and manage MCCE with the goal of increasing engagement. MCCE offers training and development opportunities for chamber staff that cannot be found elsewhere in your community. The local chambers involved in MCCE represent the best-in-class in Minnesota with their members as the ultimate beneficiaries. Successful local chambers, plus a strong state chamber, result in a vibrant Minnesota business community.

More than 60 local chambers lead business retention efforts as partners in Grow Minnesota!. This program started when many of our business leaders commented that they were being recruited by neighboring states, yet not once had a Minnesota leader contacted them. Grow Minnesota! is about building relationships, solving problems, and ultimately keeping and growing companies in Minnesota. The relationship is critical, and is most valuable when it is developed among local private-sector leaders. Last year alone, Grow Minnesota! saved nearly 2,600 jobs.

Finally, advocacy – the Minnesota Chamber's greatest value proposition. Advocacy can be a local chambers' greatest value proposition as well. After all, what other organization in your community is going represent your members on issues that impact their everyday livelihood – whether it is a sign ordinance, or a tax increase? Local chambers are proud advocates for their members and the free enterprise system. Advocacy is critically important, and it does not have to be adversarial – we collectively represent our members with facts, research and good manners. Last year, more than 40 local chambers united with the Chamber Federation to speak with one voice on the business community's top five priorities at the Legislature. We look forward to uniting local chambers again this year, and encourage your local chamber to be a part of the Chamber Federation in 2016.

My commitment to supporting and advancing the effectiveness of local chambers is not only professional, but personal. It is also one that is shared by the Minnesota Chamber Board leadership and the staff. I welcome your comments and suggestions as we continue to work together to provide an environment where our members can continue to grow, provide opportunity for our citizens, and strengthen our economy.

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



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**The Chamber office will be closed
Thurs. November 26 & Friday, November 27**



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March 5 & 6 will be the 2016 Home & Business Expo and we would like to invite you to be an exhibitor. This event will take place at the Chisago Lakes High School (Performing Arts Center S.W. entrance). The event will be promoted and well-advertised in the Chisago County Press, Search, School Review, Community Ed. Catalog, websites, posters and flyers.

Expo Hours

Saturday, March 5 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 6 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

If an exhibitor tears down and leaves early on Sunday, March 6 they will not be invited back next year.

Exhibitor Set-Up & Tear-Down Hours

Friday, March 4 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 5 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Sunday, March 6 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Booth Information: Booth space will be 10' x 10' or 10' X 8'. - **All booths are piped and draped with hunter green and white;** exhibitors must supply their own tables and chairs. *Tables and chairs are available for rent with your booth. If you have registered for electricity, you are responsible for your own electric cord. Your cord **MUST** be a three-prong grounded cord. Please be sure it is in safe working order. **No power strips allowed**, each single outlet needs to be ordered.

Gymnasium Booth Information: Special consideration will be used in determining which exhibitors will be allowed to set up in the Gym. The Gym area does have weight restrictions and does require protection to the maple floor surface to prevent damage. Chisago Lakes Community Education reserves the right to prohibit a vendor who may cause possible damage to the floor due to booth design or product from using space in the Gymnasium.

Volunteer-Based Organizations: These organizations are solely run by volunteers. If you register as a volunteer-based organization, you may not sell items at your booth. If you wish to sell or fundraise, you must purchase a booth at the commercial rates.

***Table/Chair Rental** (With secured booth registration. Limited supply - reserve early)

Approx. 8'x 2' Table with 2 Chairs - \$25

Extra chairs - \$5 each

Extra tables - \$20 each

Security: Security will be on hand during exhibitor setup and show hours. The school will be locked and secured overnight. The Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce and The Chisago Lakes Community Education Department are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged exhibits. Please be sure your booth is properly staffed at all times.

Concessions: The Chisago Lakes Athletic Department will be offering concessions.

Drawings: We will be holding drawings of products and services through out the event and posting the winners at the entrance of the show. Please let us know what your donating at the time of check-in.

To register: Fill out page 2 and email, fax, mail or drop off at the Community Education Office. We are located at 13289 St. Croix Avenue, Lindstrom 55045 and emails sent to cagre@isd2144.org. To email form: fill-in PDF with Adobe Reader version 9.0 or newer, save and email.

Confirmation: When your registration and payment is received, your space will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Your confirmation and exhibitor space information will be emailed on **February 15, 2016**.

Advertising Specials: The Chisago County Press and The Search will be printing a special section devoted to the show. If you would like additional advertising contact the Chisago County Press at 651-257-5115 or chisago@citlink.net **prior to February 1, 2016**.

Chamber of Commerce: If you would like information about Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce call 651-257-1177 or visit www.chisagolakeschamber.com. Exhibitors interested in joining the Chamber please submit a membership application and payment (separate check) along with the Home Show registration and payment.

Questions?

Registrations:

Chisago Lakes Community Education at 651-213-2603 cagre@isd2144.org

Show Information:

Becky Carlson at 651-338-8524 or rebecca@redkeysells.com

Chamber Information:

651-257-1177 www.chisagolakeschamber.com

2016 Home & Business Expo

Saturday, March 5 & Sunday, March 6, 2016

Exhibitor Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Company _____ Product Description _____

Name for Booth Sign (This sign will be displayed at your booth)

Are you interested in providing a seminar? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address _____

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Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Booth Information

Booth Fee Early Bird \$240 _____

Registrations received after January 11 \$275 _____

Registrations received after February 8 \$300 _____

Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce Member Savings -\$80 _____

Table & Chair Rental (with secured booth registration)

8' x 2' Table space with 2 chairs \$25 _____

Extra Chairs (availability limited) \$5 each _____

Extra Tables (availability limited) \$20 each _____

Single 110 Plug-Ins (No power strips allowed) # of plug-ins needed _____ \$20 each _____

Electricity must be ordered by February 1

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