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September 2015

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 9: **Board Meeting 8:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom

September 10: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am
Topic: 'Designing Compelling Marketing Messages'
Speaker: **Sydney Paredes**
Breakthrough Leadership and SagePresence
Location: **Wild Mountain**
37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON Thursday, September 10 11:30

Our September luncheon will be a joint gathering with the Falls Chamber at Wild Mountain. Featured speaker will be **Sydney Paredes** of **Breakthrough Leadership and SagePresence**. Learn how to create a compelling marketing message for Business, Sales Presentations, difficult Communications and to take action when it's important to get the results you want!

Shafer Days!

September 18 & 19

Celebrate fall at Shafer Days!
A weekend full of fun and interesting events!

Open all Weekend!

Pleasant Valley Orchard 10am-6pm
Shafer Corn Maze 12-9pm

Friday, September 18

Family Bingo • Live Music • Food Specials

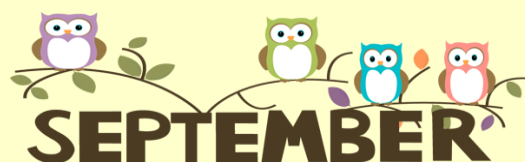
Saturday, September 19

Tractor Show • Craft Fair • Music • Kids Activities
Parade • Bean Bag Tournament • Food Specials
Car Show • Historical Society Open • Clog Hunt
Pleasant Valley Cloggers • Street Dance
Fire Hall Activities • Bank Reenactment • More!

More information: www.Shafermn.com

[Click here for Shafer Days Events](#)

Monthly Newsletter



What's Happening This Month

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September	12	Shafer Corn Maze Opens
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September	18-19	Shafer Days
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September	19	Color Me Crazy Run/Walk - SCRMC
September	19	Five-Course Beer Dinner – Eichten's
September	20	Almelund Apple Festival
September	24	Wine & Cheese Lunch Cruise
September	26	Wine & Cheese Dinner Cruise
September	26	Digi Crop Session – Your Photo Helper
October	2	Active Aging Week Celebration - Parmly
October	3	Barn Bash – Acres for Life

2015 Board of Directors

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Matt Silver
Chisago County Press

Can you believe we are in September already? I was just picking my kids up for the last day of school like a week ago. Where has time gone? I know life gets in the way, but the one thing I have always been told is that life slows down as your children get older.

I am here to attest that every person that ever told me that is a liar. It seems like yesterday that we were having the Home Show at the High School. Now we are planning for the next Celebration of the Lakes. Not that there is anything wrong with being busy, but it would be nice to step back and take a breath and assess where we are in life.

With life getting so busy and everyone running in a million directions, it gets too easy to blow off commitments. I for one am one of the biggest offenders. Maybe I am stretched too thin, or maybe I just can't say no, either way, each month I can guarantee that I miss at least two to three scheduled meetings. It is a terrible trait I admit it, but I am trying to improve.

The one area that will get much more of my attention this year is the Chisago Lakes Chamber. Why? What sets the

Chamber apart from other commitments? Well, for one thing, it is about local business. Last time I looked, this whole county is made up of mostly small businesses. Last time I looked, there is no big-box store sitting along Hwy 8. Pardon me, but in my mind that is a victory for all of us.

What I am getting at is simple. WE are all WE have. We are the ones that can help our neighbor's business succeed. We are the ones who can elect to shop locally when better deals are only 12 miles to the south of us. We are the ones who instead of complaining about lack of business, must make up our minds to do something about it. We are the ONLY ones who can change the atmosphere, the attitude, and our future. Let's make the change, beginning today.

Matt Silver

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



PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

SEPTEMBER 9-13

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

St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church

Hwy 8, Lindstrom • StBridgetofSweden.org

**BLOCK
PARTY**

SAT. SEPT 5 6-11pm
One Day Only

**TURKEY DINNER • BEER TENT
BURGERS • HOT DOGS • BRATS
KIDS GAMES • SILENT AUCTION**

Featuring music by:

BOOGIE WONDERLAND

Get Down Tonight 7-11pm

\$5K Cash Raffle • Free Admission

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August 12th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

July minutes reviewed, accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **FutureWalk**

Committee has listened to just over 500 area residents and seen trends in the residents' responses. A different survey may be created to glean more specific information during the interview process for future meetings.

• **Golf Tournament**

Tournament date is August 27. The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation is this year's Community Partner. Sponsorships and Team registrations are coming in. Reaching out to different businesses to gain connections and new/different raffle prizes.

• **Triathlon**

Triathlon went well. Had many new and returning volunteers. Publicity will be vamped up next year along with inquiring of DuTriRun to add the Chamber to their website for athletes and their families to get area information prior to the event.

New Business:

• **Outdoor Information Kiosk**

The City of Lindstrom will be placing a bike repair and water station outside the Chamber building. An outdoor information kiosk will be placed there as well. More information about this to come.

• **Whodunit Fundraiser**

The Chamber would like to participate in the Sheriff's Department fundraiser which costs \$100. The board approved this use of funds.

• **Yearly vs Event Sponsorships**

An idea regarding business sponsorship of Chamber events throughout the year. Being a yearly sponsor of the Chamber, rather than a specific event sponsor. We will work on sponsorship details and plan on presenting it with the membership drive information.

Old Business:

- **ABC Grant** – Meetings are going well with great participation from all cities and businesses throughout the corridor. Matching funds are coming in from the community and project lists being created.

• **Chamber Mission Statement**

Tabled for further discussion.

• **Board Member Update**

There are two open seats. The current board will compile a list of possible members to choose from towards the end of the year. Donna Nowiki from Jim's Donuts has expressed interest on sitting on the board.

Executive Director's Report:

- The Triathlon was a great experience to travel through for the first time and ideas have sprung from that as to how we can incorporate our community in that event even more.
- Harmony in the Park has been a great way to connect with local people and sharing what the Chamber and ABC teams are doing in the community.
- Through contacting businesses to donate raffle items for the Golf Tournament, I have again seen what a generous and kind community we live in.

September Refreshment Host

YOUR PHOTO HELPER

Debbie Schott

651-503-8840 YourPhotoHelper.com

Quote for the Month

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it.
If you don't ask, the answer is always no.
If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."
~ Nora Roberts ~



WILD MOUNTAIN

TAYLORS FALLS RECREATION

37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls

651-465-6315

www.wildmountain.com

Enjoy the end of summer at the Water Park, Alpine Slides and Go-Karts, Taylors Falls Canoe and Kayak Rental, Wildwood RV Park & Campground or Scenic Boat Tours.

- ♦ *Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Race* Sept 12
- ♦ *Wine & Chocolate Dinner Cruise* – Sept 5 6:30-9:30pm
- ♦ *Leaf Cruises: September* 12, 19, 25 6:30-9:30pm
- ♦ *Sunday Brunch:* Sept 20 10am-1pm
- ♦ *Wine & Cheese Lunch Cruise* – Sept 24 11am-1pm
- ♦ *Wine & Cheese Dinner Cruise* – Sept 26 6:30-9:30pm
- ♦ *Scenic Boat Tours:* Daily at 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30

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

August Luncheon Meeting



Networking Luncheon

Deutschland Meats

August Chamber luncheon was held at Memorial Park next to the **Chamber Office**. It was a beautiful summer day for the 'Picnic-Themed' networking luncheon. **Deutschland Meats** was on hand to serve a delicious summer meal, complete with lemonade. The **Lindstrom Farmer's Market** provided much of the festive table decorations of fresh fruits, vegetables and lovely flowers. Thank you to **Northwoods Roasterie** for providing coffee and **Grand Casino Hinckley** for a prize drawing.

Chamber Announcements: Thank you to all who volunteered during the **Chisago Lakes Triathlon**. The event was a success. The **Chamber Golf Tournament** is coming up on Thursday, Aug. 27th. Again, thank you to all who are involved as Sponsors and Golfers and who have donated raffle prizes. There is still time to be involved in many ways. The Chamber will be participating in the **Chisago County Sheriff's Foundation** 'Whodunit' fundraiser. Consider participating in this fun CSI-Chisago County Mystery Fundraiser Event. The September luncheon is with the **Falls Chamber** at **Wild Mountain** with **Sydney Paredes** as the speaker.

Member Announcements: New member, **Donna Nowiki-Jim's Mini Donuts** was introduced and shared about her tasty business. **Deann Alsaker-Recycled Wardrobes** announced their latest sale. **Tammy Stephens and Eileen Carlson-Eichten's** announced their Fall Craft Beer Five Course Dinner, on Saturday, Sept. 19th and that the MasterChef contest is coming to the area with the producers stopping for a tour of Eichten's cheese plant.

The August Luncheon was a casual, networking picnic with business members receiving a list of "scavenger hunt" items to find out about each other. They all jumped into the activity and conversations were buzzing. Each member had a colored dot on their name tag which coordinated with the color of the table they were to sit at. This encouraged more conversations with those who may not know each other well. It was great fun to see the interactions and new connections being made.

LAYSBS News!

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

TRIED AND TRUE SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

LOOKING TO EMPOWER YOUTH IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!

At Tried and True, youth will fix small, donated engines and sell them to support the program and other great programs with the agency! All proceeds from the sales of machines go back into the Tried and True program and LAYSBS to fund the great work that is done for the youth and families in our communities.

If you have used small engine machines that are in working condition or could reasonably be brought back to working condition, make a donation to Tried and True! Everything from weed whips to riding lawnmowers. As long as it still has life left in it, we can take it and issue you a donation letter. Contact Matt Howard at 651-464-3685 or matt.howard@ysblakesarea.org.



Wine & Chocolate Dinner Cruise

Saturday, September 5 6:30-9:30 pm

Wine & Cheese Dinner Cruise

Saturday, September 26th 6:30-9:30 pm

Cruise the beautiful St. Croix River on the Taylors Falls Princess paddleboat with a chocolate or cheese cruise. Enjoy fine food, great **WineHaven** wines, **Eichten's** cheeses and some of the best chocolates. Includes wine sampling, live music, cash bar and reserved seating with a buffet style meal including choice of roast prime rib with baked potato or boneless chicken breast on a bed of wild rice served with a chardonnay & mushroom sauce. Both entrées are served with assorted breads, Caesar salad, vegetable and dessert. Reservations/prepayment required.

Wine & Cheese Lunch Cruise

Thursday, September 24th 11am-1pm

This relaxing two-hour cruise includes a narrated scenic tour of the river, wine sampling and light lunch. Enjoy a delicious lunch, great **WineHaven** wines, and **Eichten's** cheeses while experiencing the breathtaking rock formations that were left behind as the glaciers retreated thousands of years ago.



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS

Reservations: 651-465-6315

CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Chisago Lakes Rotary
Mixed Division**

**Shaleen Team-Edina Realty
Men's Division**

Photos Courtesy of: Bachman's Photography

Congratulations to our golf champions. Mixed Division: **Chisago Lakes Rotary:** Steve Silbernagel, Bruce Messelt, Kristine Fuge and Brenda Carlson. Men's Division: **Shaleen Team-Edina Realty:** Doran O'Brien, Bob Zacher, Rick Vaughn and Chris Bauer.

We want to thank our sponsors who are crucial to the success of the Golf Tournament. A portion of the proceeds will be shared with **Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation—Building permanently endowed funds to meet the needs of our community—now and in the future.**

Championship Sponsors: Central Bank, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Lindgren and Associates, Plastic Products, Shaleen Team-Edina Realty

Eagle Sponsor: Grand Casino Hinckley

Birdie Sponsor: Casterton Title & Closing Co, Edward Jones-Jim Green, Northwoods Roasterie, St. Croix Regional Medical Center

Par Sponsors: Chisago Hardware & Just Ask Rental, Fairview Lakes Medical Center, Farmers Insurance-Tom Kieffer, Lindstrom Family Dentistry, Midcontinent Communications, Security State Bank, State Farm Insurance-Mike O'Malley, US Bank, Wally Carlson's BP, Xcel Energy

Hole In One Sponsors: Brink's Market, North Branch Chevrolet, Tam's Travel and The Drive-In Restaurant

Beat the Mayor: Keith Carlson, George McMahon

Our many raffle baskets and items showed off what the Chisago Lakes Area has to offer. Thank you to the following raffle and prize contributors: Adventure Falls Mini Golf, Alan Honn Glass & Al's Saloon, Arby's, Chikos, Chisago Hardware, Chisago County Press, Lakes Area Chamber, Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, Chisago Lakes Golf Course, Compass Farms, Deutschland Meats, DuTriRun, Edward Jones-Jim Green, Eichten's, Farmers Insurance-Tom Kieffer, Fisk Tire, Floral Creations by Tanika, Front Runner, Grand Casino Hinckley, Holiday Station, GrandStay Hotel, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, In The Moment Boutique, Jackie Brigg's Massage, Kwik Trip, MidContinent Communications, Mueller Jewelers, Northern Lake Tavern and Grill, Northwoods Roasterie, Norwex-Dionne Kabat, Olympic Trail Greenhouse, Peterson's Mill, Running Aces,

Safelite Auto Glass, Shafer Corn Maze, Shaleen Team-Edina Realty, Soderlund's Wood Mill, Tam's Travel, Victory Lane, Wild Mountain, WineHaven, Excel Energy.

A Special Thank You to Bachman's Photography for taking team photographs and to Mayor Keith Carlson and Commissioner George McMahon for 'Beat the Mayor'

It takes a strong Planning Committee to get all of the details in place. Thank you to Tom Kieffer-Farmers Insurance, Todd Kueppers-Chisago Lakes Golf, Brenda Palmquist-CL Community Foundation, Jim Green-Edward Jones, Craig Stockel-Thrivent Financial, Cory Lindgren-Lindgren & Associates and Adam Wojtowicz-Security State Bank for putting together a great event.

FAMILY PATHWAYS

651-674-8040

FAMILYPATHWAYS.ORG



ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1PM SHOTGUN START

The Annual Family Pathways Charity Golf Classic will be an 18-Hole, 4-team challenge held at the Refuge Golf Club in Oak Grove. You don't want to miss golfing on this course and an opportunity to support the programming offered by Family Pathways that includes Food Shelves, The Refuge Network, Senior Services, and Youth Services.

Registration fees include green fees and cart, driving range and range balls, on-course contests, welcome gifts and banquet. Don't worry if you don't have a four-some! We can match you up with a team.

Visit www.familypathways.org to learn more about the organization's programs or to download a registration form. For more information call 651-674-8040.

Annual Barn Bash

Saturday October 3 1-5pm

11720 256th Street Chisago City



A fun event with food, games, hay rides, labyrinth and live music. Meet our wonderful herd of horses too! This event is free to the public but donations are gratefully accepted.

Acres for Life: Believing in the power of connection through experiential therapy and learning to bring hope, healing and capability to our community. Located on twenty acres of beautiful farmland and provides experiential learning and therapy working with horses on the ground. Primary areas of focus are: mental health services, wellness services, addictions recovery, veteran's services, family mediation and school programming.

All funds received are put directly back in to the services and operations of Acres for Life.

Pleasant Valley Orchard

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer
651-257-9159



Fall orchard season begins September 4th!

We invite you to make a trip to the orchard as part of your Labor Day Weekend. Come for a walk on the nature trail, say hello to the goats, relax behind the barn and enjoy the best flavors of fall – fresh apples, bakery items and caramel apples. Open daily 10am-6pm

Visit www.pleasantvalleyorchard.com for complete details.

CHISAGO COUNTY CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Starting September 10



The Chisago County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Lakes Area, North Branch and Wyoming Police Departments has teamed up to provide Chisago County residents with an opportunity to experience 'life behind the badge'. This 10-week citizens' academy is an opportunity to learn about general law enforcement duties, use of force, arrests, firearms, narcotic identification, S.W.A.T. operations, criminal investigation, emergency communication, traffic stops, DWI arrest and more!

There is no cost to participate in the academy, but applicants must live or work in Chisago County, be at least 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and no felony convictions on your record. Applicants must complete a Chisago County Citizens' Academy Application, online at mn-chisagocounty.civicplus.com/212/Chisago-County-Citizens-Academy and sign a Waiver and Release of Liability form. All applicants will be subject to a criminal background check. **APPLY NOW!! SPACE IS LIMITED!** Contact Sergeant Armistead at 651-213-6317 if you have questions!

CHISAGO LAKES AREA LIBRARY

11754 302nd Street, Chisago City, MN 55013
www.ecrlib.org 651-257-2817

- Through Saturday, September 5: Students, show your library card and get a free book and pencil for school!
- Thursday, September 17: Book Club will discuss *The Cutting Season* by Attica Locke.
- Saturday, September 19: Code Breaking STEAM program. Learn about different codes and make a binary code bracelet and/or code wheel.

EICHTEEN'S MARKET & CAFÉ

16440 Lake Blvd, Center City
www.SpecialtyCheese.com



FALL FIVE COURSE BEER DINNER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 6:30PM SEATING

Starter Cheese Course & Reception

A pairing of assorted Eichten's artisan cheeses
Paired with Dutch Amstel, Bells Two Hearted
and Superior Oatmeal Stout

Black Bean Raspberry Salsa Dip

Paired with Fulton's Lonely Blonde

Butternut Squash Soup

Paired with Piratt Belgium Dubbel Ale

Entrée (Choice of)

Apple Pork Tenderloin served with Duvel
Chicken Bruschetta served with Old Speckled Hen
Bison Tips & mushroom sauce served with Founders Porter

Dessert

Carmel Apple Dessert - Paired with Founders Porter

Price: \$48.95/person (tax/gratuity not included). Free beer glass for each attendee. Limited seating. Make your reservations at 651-257-1566

LAKES FREE CHURCH

29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom
651-257-2677 www.LakesFree.org

living proof live
SIMULCAST



BETH MOORE Simulcast "Audacious"

Saturday, September 12

Beth Moore identifies that missing link by digging through Scripture, unearthing life experiences and spotlighting a turning point with the capacity to infuse any life with holy passion and purpose. Cost: \$20/person with optional box lunch \$5.50 and study book \$15. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or go to an area restaurant. Register at LakesFree.org or 651-257-2677.

Office Space for Rent

Two rooms available in the County Press building. Heat paid as well as garbage. Adjoining rooms are 12x18 and 12x10. \$300/month Please contact the Chisago County Press at 651-257-5115.

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

HayDays 2015



September 12-13 7am-5pm
38740 Oriole Ave, North Branch
www.SnoBarons.com

Often imitated but never duplicated, the Sno Baron's grass drags are sure to thrill and excite. The race attracts the best grass drag racers in classes ranging from Stock all the way through to Top Fuel/Outlaw. Racers from the USA, Canada and even Europe descend to compete for the largest grass drags purse in the world. Races are run both days, all day. Don't miss out on the Kitty Kat races featuring the next generation of grass drag racers.

The 'Swap' is no longer just about snowmobiles and their respective parts. Find almost any power motorsport item: ATV's, dirt bikes, go-karts & even riding lawn mowers!

Admission is FREE for kids 12 and under. Adult pricing is 2-day pass for \$30 or \$15 Sunday only.

ALMELUND APPLE FESTIVAL Sunday, September 20 11am-4pm

It's a day of family fun for children of all ages. Join us for the arts and crafts show, a piece of great apple dessert and stay for entertainment all afternoon. An event geared toward educating about life in the past, in a way they don't even know they're being educated!

Held on the site of Amador Heritage Center Museum and Swedish Immigrant Log Farm. A fundraiser for the Amador Heritage Center and is sponsored by the Friends of the Amador Heritage Center. Donations help fund this event

Recycled Wardrobes

30365 Neal Ave. 6419 Main Street
Lindstrom North Branch

September 10-19
10-90% off

*On furniture, house ware, home décor,
collectables, toys, hobbies and more!*

Mon.-Fri. 9-7 & Sat. 9-4

Shafer Corn Maze



Open September 12 - November 1st

Hwy 8 Quinlan Lane, Shafer ShaferCornMaze.com
Fridays 4-9pm • Saturdays • 12-9pm • Sundays 12-6:30pm

Our 10th Anniversary 'The Moose!' design has two mazes within the design to fit all ages. The large maze has 2.7 miles of paths and the small maze has 1 mile of paths. Both mazes have 6 checkpoints to find and punch your ticket. Average time to complete both mazes is 1 to 1.5 hours. We also have a one-way path for the little ones.

➤ **Farm Treasure Hunt:** Find hidden treasure, solve riddles, earn rewards, be the character, scoreable. The scratch off treasure hunt game is within the large maze. Find all 6 checkpoints, use your clues to select the best place to scratch your card to compete with your friends to collect the most treasure.

➤ **Farm Scene Investigation (FSI):** Farmer Joe is missing. There was an accident that appears to be foul play. Collect 6 hidden checkpoints in the large maze to find the weapon, suspect & the crime location. Solve the puzzle to get your FSI badge sticker.

➤ **Farm Tracks:** Trail for the little ones is .2 miles and has clues for the kids to figure out the puzzle 'Who Stole Farmer Joe's Pie!'

➤ **Activities:** Farm petting zoo, rope maze, straw bale jump, obstacle course, corn bag toss, and more!

➤ **'Walkers of the Corn'** Get ready for a Night of Fear! Walk the narrow, twisting, heart pounding paths through rustling stalks of corn in the dark. Face your deepest fears in this horrifying, living nightmare! Open specific dates. Check out shafercornmaze.com

Area Farmer's Markets

Buy locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. Also includes fresh honey, maple syrup, bakery and specialty items. Area farmers markets allow for a splendid assortment of items and variety of days and times.

CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET
Fridays 2-6:30pm Moberg Park, Chisago City
www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com

LINDSTROM FARMERS MARKET
Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8-Noon
Hwy 8 by St. Bridget's Church
*Saturday, September 5 only
Market will be in the East Parking Lot.

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com



Gammelgården Museum

20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

Running of the Meatballs: Saturday, September 12 3:30pm
Purchase numbered tickets 1/\$5 or 5/\$20 which will match a numbered 'meatball'. All 'Meatballs' will be released on Oakhill Road next to Elim Lutheran Church and run the downhill race at the same time. The first 10 to enter the hole at the end of the race will win a prize. Proceeds will be used for historic building maintenance.

Swedish Language Classes: Mondays, Sept 14 – Nov 16
Beginning Class 5-6pm; Intermediate Class 6-7pm; Advanced Class 7-8pm. Reservations required, \$80 includes materials.

Girl's & Dolls Tea Party: Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19 & 20
Girls and dolls 6-96 – a fancy tea party with stories, games, dances, crafts and music! Reservations/Deposit required. \$20

Bluegrass & Lemonade in the Shade: September 27 2-4pm
Enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon with Bluegrass music. Come to play or to sit and listen in the shade. Free.



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

- ◆ **'A Streetcar Named Desire'** through September 6
A play full of intensely beautiful poetic images and clashing brutal coarseness. An examination of fantasy and reality, gender, truth and lies. \$26/Adults, \$13.50/ages 5-25.
- ◆ **'Belting Babes of Broadway'** September 13 2pm
Colleen Raye, Debbie O'Keefe and Katie Gearty walk through some of the all time great songs of Broadway.
\$21/advance, \$26/door
- ◆ **'Mary Mack and Tim Harmston'** September 19 7:30pm
After a successful comedy show last year, Mary Mack returns with her husband Tim Harmston, both equally funny and sure to leave you in stitches. \$21/advance, \$26/door
- ◆ **'Koerner and Glover'** September 12 7:30pm
John Koerner and Tony Glover have been playing together for over half a century and are both famous in their own right. Koerner known as being an early influence on Bob Dylan and Glover taught harmonica to renowned musicians such as Mick Jagger. \$18/Advance \$23/Door
- ◆ **'An Evening of Michael Johnson'** September 26 7:30pm
A masterful guitarist and songwriter. His songs have been recorded by such artists as Alison Krauss, Suzy Bogguss, Chet Atkins and The Persuasions.

LINDSTROM CLINIC-SCRM
12375 Lindstrom Lane, Lindstrom
651-400-2240 www.scrmc.org



Color Me Crazy

TRAIL RUN/WALK
4.5K AND FAMILY 1.5 MILE



Saturday, September 19 10am Start

Check-In begins at 8am

Ki-Chi-Saga Park, Lindstrom



**Register: www.active.com or at the
Lindstrom Clinic 651-213-3204**

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 Thursday, September 11 7pm



The American Legion Post #272 of Chisago City will be hosting a day of remembrance for all of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The focus of this memorial is to pass this information on to our children so that we may never forget the tremendous sacrifice of that day. Various representatives from law enforcement, fire departments, emergency responders and American Legion members will participate in a parade at 6pm. The parade will start at the back of the Chisago City Fire Hall on Railroad Avenue at East Street and will proceed west on Railroad to Moberg Park. Following the parade, a program will commence consisting of music, speakers and refreshments. Please bring your family and take a moment out of your week to remember our patriots! All are welcome.

refuge network

www.TheRefugeNetwork.org 651-257-2890

Family Law Clinic

Tuesday, September 8 6-8pm

An attorney will present information on family law; custody, paternity, divorce, parenting time, child support. There may be opportunity to meet individually. Trinity Lutheran Church, 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch. Free and open to the public. 800-338-7233.

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MN Chamber Update

Looking to hire a veteran? Contact us

By Bill Blazar

Hiring Minnesota Heroes was launched last summer to work one-on-one with Minnesota employers to develop and launch

veterans hiring programs. One year later, we've notched several successes. We are ready for the next steps.

Since the program's start-up, we work with 102 companies to help create a program or actively sending candidates their way. In total, 1,251 veterans were hired filling a variety of positions at all sizes/types of companies across the state.

Hiring MN Heroes addresses two pressing needs. No. 1, veterans have valued skills, yet frequently find it unusually difficult to get a related job. No. 2, many employers remain challenged to find qualified workers. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce networking with employers and local chambers is in perfect position to connect employers and veterans.

The first year provided many valuable takeaways for all employers that seek to tap the rich pool of veterans to boost their workforce. Most important, those companies enjoying the greatest success have support from their executive leadership.

There are other useful tips for companies looking to jump-start a program. Among them:

- Hire a veteran or military spouse to manage the recruitment. They understand military resumes and can translate military skills into what's applicable in the civilian workforce.
- Create formal or informal veterans networks within the co.
- Add language to job descriptions that would attract veterans.
- Assist and advise veterans in pursuing licensing and certifications.

The first year identified challenges, too. Many employers are very interested and motivated to hire veterans. But even the most enthusiastic don't know where to find and connect with veterans. The lack of interaction between uniformed military personnel and the Minnesota civilian community makes for a challenging transition for many veterans. Some may even hide the fact of their military service.

Hiring Minnesota Heroes is ready to assist. Our focus this year is linking employers to resources – help them identify pipelines, pathways and partnerships to actually employ veterans. Making the connection is a win-win for employers and veterans alike.

Let us help you get started. Ted Daley oversees our program. He is a former state senator from Eagan with more than 20 years of military management. You can contact him directly at ted.daley@mnchamber.com.

Bill Blazar is interim president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce – www.mnchamber.com.



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