



Monthly Newsletter

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July 2016

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- July 7: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- July 14: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am-1pm
Speaker: **Rick Olseen & Joe Stroga**
Topic: **Congressional Update for the 8th Congressional District & 'Let's Go Fishing'**
Location: **Panola Valley Gardens**
26026 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

Invite a business friend to join us! Chamber memberships are pro-rated making this a great time to join – ½ Price!

RSVP's are appreciated no later than end of day Monday prior to luncheon. \$9/members, \$10/non-members

KARL OSKAR DAYS JULY 6-10

Karl Oskar Days celebration starts with Harmony in the Park. Meet the Ambassador candidates and the KOD Button winners. First clues for the Snuff Box Treasure Hunt will be posted the 6th. Festivities for everyone include: 3-day craft/vendor fair, bounce castles, bingo, family movie, music, food, car show, tournaments for cribbage-basketball-golf-fishing, fireworks and parade.

See KOD's [full schedule](#) here and on the Chamber website at www.chisagolakeschamber.com.

Purchase a Karl Oskar Day Button, wear it and get deals!



Center City Days!

JULY 29-31

Friday, July 29: Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Rummage Sale, Cash Bingo, Street Dance featuring Maiden Dixie.

Saturday, July 30: Kids Games & Activities, Grandpa's Triathlon, Walking Tour of Center City, Cribbage Tournament, Pig Roast, Music, Family Movie

Sunday, July 31: Pancake Breakfast, Car Show, Music Ice Cream Social, Boat Parade.



July	1	Almelund Night on the Town
July	4	Independence Day
July	5-9	Recycled Wardrobes Sale
July	6-10	Picket Fence Gals Sale
July	6-10	Karl Oskar Days
July	6-10	Gustaf's Galleries Tent Sale
July	7	Downtown Diva Night
July	8	Wine & Canvas Event
July	9	Wine & Chocolate Cruise
July	9 & 10	Cookies & Canvas Event
July	9-10	Raspberry & Wine Festival
July	11-14	J316 Soccer Camp – Lakes Free
July	11-31	Gustaf's Framing Sale
July	13	TASTE Event - LAYSB
July	13	Community Blood Drive Challenge
July	14	Chamber Luncheon
July	14	Dala Palooza - Gammelgarden
July	16	Wine & Cheese Cruise
July	19 & 21	Comin' to Amerika Day Camp
July	21	Social Media Tech Training
July	21-24	Chisago County Fair
July	23	Spirit of the Drum – Festival Theatre
July	23-24	Toughman MN Triathlon
July	30	Wine & Chocolate Cruise

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Cory Lindgren
Lindgren & Associates

Summer has officially arrived, and with that comes many exciting events for our Chamber and Chisago Lakes Community. The following are some of the main events taking place in July and August alone:

- Karl Oskar Days: July 6 - 11
- Toughman Minnesota: July 23 - 24
- Chisago County Fair: July 21 - 24
- Center City Days: July 29 - 31
- Ki-Chi Saga Days: August 18-21
- Chamber Golf Tournament: August 25

We hope you will be around to join in on the fun and excitement that each of these events brings to our community. The Triathlon will need the help of nearly two hundred volunteers to help the athletes that are participating in the event. Whether it is helping direct the athletes, work a water station or fulfill any other needs for the event, your help is greatly needed. Each year the Chamber helps provide volunteers for this event, resulting in a financial donation from DuTriRun. Please contact the Chamber to let us know where you can help.

Our Chamber Golf Tournament is also another great opportunity to not only help support the Chamber but also our Community Partner. This year's Community Partner is Community Partnership With Youth and Families. This organization strives for a drug-free county by working together to provide our youth and local families opportunities to become healthy, productive, and responsible. Even if you don't have enough players to make up a team, let the Chamber know you would like to play at the event and we can help you find a team.

Thank you for your continued support of your Chamber and all the events and activities we are involved in. The commitment of our community members is truly a reflection of why we are one of the ABC Top 8 Finalists.

Welcome New Members!

The Oven Mitt

12780 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom
TheOvenMittShop.com 651-213-3310

Great Clips

11484 Brink Ave, Chisago City
GreatClips.com 651-257-4247

Lloyd's Ideal Plumbing

321 Summit Ave, Center City
LloydsIdealPlumbing.com 612-217-4735

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

LAYS B News!

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

TASTE! EVENT

Thursday, July 13 5:30-8pm



Join us for a fun filled evening connecting with the community and supporting LAYS B. Sample food from over 20 different restaurants, beer and wine samples, cash bar, raffle baskets and more. Fun for everyone! Held at SplitRocks Entertainment Center in Wyoming.

Tickets available now! \$25/Advance and \$30 at the door
Available for purchase at the Chamber office.



Franklin Square Black Box
125 N Washington St, St. Croix Falls, WI
715-483-3387 www.FestivalTheatre.org

◆ **'Sew Good Improv'** Fridays, 9-10pm

Festival Theatre's very own improvisational theatre troupe will entertain you, surprise you and keep you laughing throughout their shows. Tickets: \$5

◆ **'PRIVATE LIVES'** [Check dates and time](#)

Elyot and Amanda divorced five years ago and have both recently married again. Problems arise when we learn that they are both on honeymoons with their new spouses in adjacent suites at a resort in Southern France. When Elyot and Amanda learn of each other's presence, old flames are ignited and a whirlwind of events take place that leave all involved in a tangle of emotions. Tickets are \$26.00 for Adult and \$13.50 for Youth (ages 5-25) Flex pass eligible

◆ **'CLUE: THE MUSICAL'** July 7-2pm, July 14-7:30pm

July 16-7:30pm, July 17 2pm,

The doomed Mr. Boddy invites the audience to witness a series of events leading to his impending murder. The catch? At the beginning of the show, three audience members choose the playing cards that dictate who kills him, in what room and with what weapon with over 200 outcomes. Tickets: \$26.00/Adult, \$13.50/Youth (ages 5-25) Location: Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center

◆ **'THE SPIRIT OF THE DRUM'** July 23 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 provides a comfortable and supportive environment for learning. \$10/person

◆ **'STEEL MAGNOLIAS'** Saturdays, July 23, 30-7:30pm

& Sundays, July 24, 31 2pm

Truvy's beauty salon serves as a gathering place for an eclectic group of Southern women who come together for friendship, gossip, therapy and celebrations. Tickets: \$26/Adult and \$13.50/ Youth (ages 5-25)

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

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



For the second year in a row, Chisago Lakes School District is pleased to announce that it has been selected one of the Star Tribune Top Workplaces.

The 150 Top Workplaces are determined solely on employee feedback from a survey conducted in areas covering leadership, culture, pay, training, work/life balance, and how employees feel about working at the company overall. Just over 71% of district employees completed the survey and provided feedback, and once again Chisago Lakes School District is honored to be recognized by its employees as a great workplace!

CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

Vilhelm Moberg Park, Chisago City

www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



Fridays 2-6:30pm!

Shop from vendors with fresh fruits and veggies, honey, bread, jams, flour and grains, jewelry, crafts and much more! Chisago City Farmers Market accepts EBT, Debit and Credit Cards. New this year is 'First Friday Fun' from 2-4pm. The first Friday of each month will have something special for kids and kids at heart!

- July 1 Friday Fun 2-4pm; music by Andrew Speck 4-6pm
- July 8 Music by Pete Gibson 4-6pm
- July 15 Beer & Wine Expo 3-6pm
- July 22 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6pm
- July 29 Music by Mark Grime 4-6pm



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UP NORTH FINE ART GALLERY

13025 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom
www.GustafsGalleries.com 651-257-1821

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE – JULY 6-10 50%-75% OFF!

Includes two huge outdoor tents and inside Gallery. Our annual Karl Oskar Days Sale includes beautiful gifts, jewelry, home décor, framed art, pottery, art cards and prints, Scandinavian & Christmas! Open daily at 9am. Open until 8pm Thursday, July 7 for Downtown Diva Night. Free Parking in Back!

SUMMER FRAMING SALE! JULY 11-31

Enjoy savings on your framing projects. Two weeks only!

Now open Every Day!
 Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 12-3pm

PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

JULY 6-10

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm



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

www.PicketFenceGals.net

651-334-1444

CHISAGO COUNTY FAIR

July 21-24, Rush City

www.ChisagoCountyFair.org



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| ☆ 4-H & FFA | ☆ Horse Show | ☆ Food |
| ☆ Carnival Rides | ☆ Parade | ☆ Live Music |
| ☆ Demo Derby | ☆ Chainsaw Racing | |
| ☆ Beer Garden | ☆ Silent Auction | |
| ☆ Entertainment | ☆ Tractor & Semi Pull! | |



doTERRA Essential Oils

We would love to have you stop by and visit us at our booth at Karl Oskar Days! Discover the benefits essential oils can have for you and your family. For more information call Trudy at 651-491-0962.

Lindstrom Farmers Market

Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8-Noon

Hwy 8 St. Bridget's Church

A gathering of local merchants offering plants, produce and specialty products for sale in the summer-July through October. Buy locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. Also includes fresh honey, maple syrup, bakery and specialty items.

Celebrate 54 years of Karl Oskar Days!

45%

off Storewide with your
KOD button.

Recycled Wardrobes



Lindstrom North Branch

July 5th - 9th

OPEN

Monday - Friday 9am to 7 pm

Saturday 9am to 4 pm



FAIRVIEW LAKES MEDICAL CENTER

5200 Fairview Blvd, Wyoming

800-571-7344

www.fairview.org/lakes

'LINDSTROM LOPPET 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Registration 7-7:45am Race starts at 8am

Once again, proceeds of the Loppet are earmarked for healthcare scholarships for area students, youth suicide prevention efforts, and other area community health improvement initiatives. Starts/Ends at Lakes Free Church, 29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

Register online at LindstromLoppet.zapevent.com



CHISAGO LAKES

— YOURS TO EXPLORE —

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June 7th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

May minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Triathlon:**

Routes are set, bike will stay the same, run will be different due to road construction. Volunteers are being contacted and posters will go up. Wendy will check on a banner from DuTriRun.

• **Golf Tournament**

Community Partnership with Youth and Families will be this year's Community Partner. Sponsorships and teams are being confirmed and a mystery prize has been added.

New Business:

• **Ribbon Cutting for New Businesses**

Ideas were shared about the Chamber's role in welcoming new businesses to our community.

• **Morning Mentorin/Business After Hours**

The Chamber is looking into additional educational and networking opportunities to add for members.

Old Business:

• **ABC Update**

Lots of momentum going on with the Community Website, Water Trails, Blue Zone & Broadband. Seeing new faces getting involved. Higher education committee focus is well underway with lots of interest. T-shirts with the Chisago Lakes logo are being created.

• **Vision Retreat**

First retreat went well with plans to continue defining the Chamber's vision.

• **2016 Budget**

A separate meeting reviewing the budget will be planned.

Executive Director's Report:

- 2 new members joined in May.
- Memorial Blood Centers and Big Q Radio have challenged Forest Lake, North Branch and Chisago Lakes Chambers to a friendly blood drive competition. The Chisago Lakes Drive will be July 13th during Harmony in the Park in Lindstrom.
- The Chamber is deeply involved on the ABC Team, collecting data for the community website, assisting with meetings, marketing and communications.
- Attended the Chisago County Broadband Summit.



Community Blood Drive Challenge

The **Chisago Lakes Chamber** has been challenged to a friendly Community Blood Drive. The competition is between us and the North Branch and Forest Lake Chambers. The challenge will take place July 12th, 13th and 14th at the Concerts in the Park in each community. The winning Chamber's board will be served refreshments by the other two chambers.

Donate for a chance to win a Fishing Getaway, Free t-shirt, Dick's Sporting Goods Gift Card and other prizes. Big Q Radio will be onsite for the event.

Memorial Blood Centers will be in Lions Park on **Wednesday, July 13 4:30-8:30pm**. Walk-in donors are welcome but appointments are encouraged. Go online to MBC.ORG/searchdrives and enter **code 4427** for Chisago Lakes Chamber!

We thank The Big Q 95.5FM, Memorial Blood Center and all 3 Chambers for this effort. "In an emergency, blood donors give patients a fighting chance!"



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS
651-465-6365
www.WildMountain.com

Enjoy a cruise on the St. Croix River. Choose from a variety of specialty cruises.

♦ **Dinner Cruise** – Saturday, July 23 7-10pm

Spend a summer evening with friends and family. Enjoy a delicious meal, live entertainment and the beauty of the St. Croix River. Each trip includes a narrated scenic tour of area history and the rock formations along the river.

♦ **Picnic Cruise** – Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27 7-9pm
Includes narrated scenic tour through The Dalles of the St. Croix. Open seating with a buffet style meal of 5 oz chicken breast, BBQ pork ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, garlic mashed potatoes, assorted breads, dessert, coffee, water. Full cash bar available

♦ **Mexican Fiesta** – Friday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7-9pm
A festive Mexican night aboard one of our authentic paddlewheel river boats. The 2-hour cruise includes a taco bar, chips and salsa, dessert, and a cash bar.

♦ **Daily Excursions:** 11:00am, 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00pm

June Membership Meeting



Danette Olsen
The Woods and Waters
of the St. Croix Heritage Area

June Chamber luncheon was held at **Wild Mountain**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: Wannigan Days is this weekend. Check out the activities at WanniganDays.com or FallsChamber.org. The ABC team will participate in the parade. **Karl Oskar Days** is July 6-10 in Lindstrom. **Chisago Lakes T-Shirts** with the new community logo are available for \$15-\$18 at the Chamber office. The **ABC Team** is participating in local parades this summer. Anyone is invited to attend the All Team meetings the 4th Thursday from 8:30-10:30am at **Chisago Lakes Library**. On Tuesday, June 21 7:30-9:30am there is a free **Social Media Breakfast**-Learn about Instagram, Twitter and Blogging. Members are encouraged to bring a business friend to our July and August luncheons-July 14th at **Panola Valley Gardens** and August 11 at **Bloom Lake Barn**. The **Chisago Lakes ToughMan MN Triathlon** is July 23-24. Join the team of 200+ volunteers to cheer and help at this great event. The Chamber **Golf Tournament** is coming up on Thursday, August 25. This is a great event to sponsor and/or have a team at. A friendly **Blood Drive Competition** between Chisago Lakes, Forest Lake and North Branch Chambers is hosted by **Big Q Radio** and **Memorial Blood Centers**. Give blood on Wednesday, July 13 4:30-8:30pm during Lindstrom's Harmony in the Park. Register at mbc.org/SearchDrives and enter code: **4427**. This will be held at Lions Park, Lindstrom. **Jolene Lauderbaugh** has been hired as the **Google Mapper** for Chisago County. Summer is here.....shop the local **Farmers Markets**.

New Chamber members were introduced: **Captain Shawn's Charters**, **Lake View Window Washing**, **Great Clips**, **The Oven Mitt**, **Lloyd's Ideal Plumbing**.

Member announcements: **Nancy Grossmann-Friends of the Library** announced their Play N Learn unveiling on June 22. **Russ Hanes-Big Q Radio** explained a Business of the Week contest going on through the summer. Win a chance for a Friday cruise with **Captain Shawn's Charters**. **Eileen Carlson-Eichten's** announced their summer specials. **Judy**

Erkicksen-Pleasant Valley Orchard is pleased to announce their Strawberry Season is in process. **Sarah Clark-Clark Cupcakes** is having a Grand Opening in July. She will be operating in **Northwoods Roasterie**. **Loretta Anderson-Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation** announced their annual Hazelfest event in August. **Amy Frischmon-Wild Mountain** 'Summer is in Session'!

Our guest speaker was **Danette Olsen** with **The Woods and Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area**. She gave an informative presentation with slides explaining what a National Heritage Area is. There are 49 Heritage Areas in the Nation but none in MN/WI. We are on the journey to become a nationally designated Heritage Area. The impact it can have on our area is great. The idea is to have people fall in love with the area and they will come back.

ELEVATE BUILDERS VICTORY LANE QUICK OIL CHANGE

Chisago City 651-245-5762
ElevateBuildersMN.com VictoryLaneMN.com

'WINE & CANVAS' & 'COOKIES & CANVAS' EVENTS **KARL OSKAR DAYS WEEKEND!!**

Space is limited. Sign up soon to reserve a spot/canvas!



WINE & CANVAS
 Friday, July 8 5-8pm
 Beach Park, Lindstrom

A time for **adults** to enjoy a fun evening of painting. No talent or experience is necessary. Our talented instructors will guide you step-by-step! You will be amazed at your very own work of ART! WineHaven wine will be available. 'BEACH PAINTING' Cost is only \$35. [Register Here](#)



COOKIES & CANVAS
 Saturday, July 9 10am-Noon
 Memorial Park, Lindstrom

Teens only-ages 13-20 invited to come enjoy a fun morning of painting. Cookies & Milk will be provided. Space is limited so sign up soon to reserve your spot and canvas! Cost is only \$25. No alcohol will be involved. 'NORTHERN LIGHTS PAINTING' [Register Here](#)



COOKIES & CANVAS
 Sunday, July 10 2-4pm
 Memorial Park, Lindstrom

Kids ages 6-12 are invited to come enjoy a fun afternoon of painting. Cookies & Milk will be provided. Space is limited so sign up soon to reserve your spot and canvas! Cost is only \$25. 'MONKEY PAINTING' [Register Here](#)

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Featured Business – July 2016



CAPTAIN SHAWN'S CHARTERS

Just in time for summer, another great new business comes to our area. Captain Shawn Dunne, a U.S. Coast Guard licensed captain, has started a charter service offering clients sailboat or pontoon cruises and kayak rentals.

Captain Shawn's Charters offers residents and tourists the opportunity to get out on our lakes without having to own or operate a boat. Clients may bring their own food and beverages or select a package option which includes dinner at Meredee's Bistro. Since Captain Shawn is always the designated driver, adult beverages are allowed.

Captain Shawn and family live on Chisago Lake. Shawn was a professional firefighter in Coon Rapids for 23 years but always had boating in his blood. Growing up near the Sunrise River he built his first boat when he was ten. For several years, he's worked with the Stillwater Boat Club and Stillwater Marina, transporting boats, chartering clients and/or helping new boat owners become comfortable with their vessels. Shawn has captained recreational boats of nearly every size/type. When his days as a fireman were over, Shawn attended boating school in Florida and earned a license which allows him to captain boats with six clients plus crew.

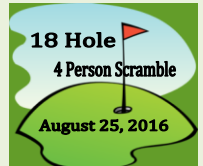
Pontoon cruises are \$50 per hour for up to six passengers with a two hour minimum. Captain Shawn's pontoon will take guests to North and South Lindstrom Lakes and Chisago Lake. Sailing with Captain Shawn is \$50 per hour for up to two passengers, again with a two hour minimum. Sailboat expeditions explore Chisago Lake and South Lindstrom Lake. A sunset sail makes a great gift or romantic anniversary celebration.

Captain Shawn also rents **kayaks** (just in time for the opening of the Chisago Lakes Water Trail!). Rentals are \$25 for 4 hours or \$35 for 8 hours. This is a perfect opportunity for residents to try kayaking, or for those of us who just don't want to store another toy.

For more information, check out:

- CaptainShawn'sCharter@facebook.com ,
- Send an email to 42shawndunne42@gmail.com
- Call Captain Shawn at (651) 769-3343
- Website CaptainShawnChartersandRental.com

Chamber Golf Tournament August 25



Join us in supporting **Community Partnership with Youth and Families** at our 12th Annual Community Golf Tournament. This 18-Hole, 4-Person scramble is a fun day of networking. Show your community support while promoting your business through sponsorship or a participating team. Or both! [Registration/Sponsorship Form.](#)

CHISAGO LAKES TRIATHLON

JULY 23-24

WWW.DUTRIRUN.COM



The Triathlon which starts and ends in beautiful Paradise Park, Chisago City includes Half Iron, Sprint and Youth Triathlon. The Sprint is a .25 mile swim, 22 mile bike and 3.1 mile run course. The Half Iron includes a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run course.

[Register Here](#)

Get a front row seat as a volunteer! Volunteers are needed throughout the event to help with registration, participant body marking, directing athletes on and off the course and handing out water and food. All volunteers receive a t-shirt and a big thank you! Volunteer at 651-257-1177 or clacc@frontiernet.net.

If you have marketing items to donate for the athlete gift bags, please bring items to the Chamber office by Friday, July 15. We will be filling 1000-Adult and 200-Youth bags. Thank You!

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20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia
www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

COMIN' TO AMERIKA DAY CAMP July 19 & 21

This popular 2 day camp gives elementary students the opportunity to experience immigration and a new life in Amerika. Cost: \$35

DALA-PALOOZA! A CELEBRATION OF SWEDEN'S FAMOUS DALA HORSES Thursday, July 14 10am-3pm

Children (ages 6 and above, accompanied by an adult) Design and paint your own Dala Horse to take home; meet a real Dala Horse; play games and enjoy a Swedish Picnic in the Gazebo. \$45/Members, \$50/Non-Member. Limited to 24 participants. Other dates: August 6 and September 17.

BLUEGRASS & LEMONADE IN THE SHADE 4th Sundays through – September 25 2-4pm

Enjoy the summer of pickin', plunkin', harmonizin' and enjoying a lazy Sunday afternoon with Bluegrass music. Come to play or enjoy relaxing in the shaded back yard of Gammelgården Museum. Free lemonade. No charge for playin' or listenin'. A Great family event.

2016 Harmony in the Park



2016 Harmony in the Park Concert Series. *Free* concerts! Held in Lions Park next to Lindstrom City Hall. Concerts begin at 7:00pm with 'Special Events' starting at 6:30.

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| July | 6 | Bob & the Beachcombers (60's)
<i>Water Festival, KOD Ambassador
Candidates & Button Contest Winners</i> |
| July | 13 | Rising Joy (Variety)
<i>River City Cloggers & Chamber Blood Drive</i> |
| July | 20 | Link Union (Americana Folk)
<i>Non-Profit Night</i> |
| July | 27 | Monroe Crossing (Bluegrass)
<i>Photography of Lakes Area/ Farmers Market</i> |
| August | 3 | Rockin' Hollywoods (50's-80's Rock)
<i>National Night Out & Lion's Corn Feed</i> |
| August | 10 | Boiling Point (Variety – Rock & Praise) |

Bring your lawn chairs, friends and family for a great evening of fun. In case of inclement weather concerts will be held inside the Lindstrom Community Center.



Wine and Chocolate Cruise on the St. Croix River
Saturday, July 9th & July 30th 7:00-10:00 pm

Wine and Cheese Cruise on the St. Croix River
Saturday, June 16th 7:00-10:00 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.



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS
Cost is \$54.84 per person
Boarding at 6:45pm
Reservations: 651-465-6315

BACHMAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY

13000 Sylvan Ave, Lindstrom
651-257-9380 www.BachmansPhotography.com

JULY SPECIAL!

Receive ½ off any Portrait Sitting in July with a Karl Oskar Day Button! Must have button at time of sitting. Buttons are available at local businesses.

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.

- ♦ **SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT TOOLS** – Learn about Social Media management tools including HootSuite, Cloze, Buffer, Tweetcast and Friendcast.
Thursday, July 21 8-9am Wyoming Area Library, 26855 Forest Blvd, Wyoming or 12-1pm North Branch Area Library, 6355 376th St, North Branch
- ♦ **LIBRARY BUSINESS RESOURCES** – Did you know your library has business resources? Learn about databases that feature market research, reports and local business news, Learning Express that offers tech training and consumer research sources. Thursday, August 18.

RSVP to www.chisagocounty.org

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com



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

Raspberries & Wine Festival!

July 9 10am-5pm & July 10 11am-5pm



Celebrate summer at WineHaven with live music, hourly vineyard tours, complimentary wine tasting and lunch at the Vineyard. We will also be releasing our new batch of Raspberry Wine! Country singer Kristine Wriding from Nashville will be performing original songs from her album *Real Country Girl*.

Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church

1 Summit Ave, Chisago City

651-257-6300 ChisagoLakeLutheranChurch.org

Building Fund – Fund Appeal

Now through July 10

We've partnered with Schwan's (the frozen food company) for a great fund raising opportunity. They will give the church 20% of all sales, and 40-50% of all gift cards purchased towards our fund appeal. If you are a new or existing customer, just follow the link below and place your order --- that's it. They will deliver your order to your door. This is good for any of your family and friends too within the 48 Lower States. Share this with your Facebook friends too.

[Schwans Fund Appeal](#)

PLEASANT VALLEY ORCHARD

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer

651-257-9159 www.PleasantValleyOrchard.com



It's shortcake season! Pick-your-own strawberry season runs now through mid July. Call ahead to plan your visit-picking hours and conditions can vary with the weather.

LAKES FREE CHURCH

29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

651-257-2677 www.LakesFree.org



J316 Soccer Camp

July 11-14

9-11am for Ages 5-7 9am-12:30pm for Ages 8-11

All students entering K-5th grade are invited to attend J316 Soccer Camp. Registration is \$30 (Ages 5-7) and \$35 (Ages 8-11) which includes ball, J316 bracelet and T-shirt. Register online at www.LakesFree.org



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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Wednesday, August 17

The Refuge Golf Club, Oak Grove

Proceeds will support the quality youth programs we provide at four Teen Centers in Forest Lake, Mora, North Branch and Princeton.

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CSI: CHISAGO COUNTY

'Whodunit' Mystery!



This is a different kind of fundraiser! We actually bring people into your business! All you have to do is have a place for a shoebox size container and tell your employees about it.

- "Detectives" will come into your business and show their "official" CSI: Chisago County badge.
- You look at the number on their badge and give them the corresponding numbered envelope.
- That's it! While they're there, they may order a meal, buy merchandise, check out services.

Only \$100, Tax Deductible, a GREAT local cause.

What does the Foundation do? (Where does your donation go?) We help support the Sheriff's Office with needs beyond their budget. We plan for and host a "Badge of Honor" Banquet each year to recognize deputies and citizens who have earned awards throughout the year. We have also provided an appreciation lunch for the patrol division during their annual patrol meeting for the past two years. We hope to grow enough to offer Youth Scholarships in the near future and eventually host a Youth Citizen's Academy. [CSI Donation Letter](#) [CSI Registration](#)

Find photos and more information at ccsofoundation.org
Questions? Email ccsofoundation@gmail.com or call Kelly at 651-260-2841



Saturday, July 9 9:00 am—12:00 pm

St. Bridget of Sweden Parking Lot

- ♦ Trophies, Dash Plaques, Raffle, & Giveaways
- ♦ Registration—\$5.00/Car
- ♦ Pre-Register at Lindstrom City Hall
13292 Sylvan Avenue, Lindstrom, registration forms available on our website, Facebook, and City Hall. Questions? Call 651-257-0620

Almelund Night on the Town

Friday, July 1 Starting at 3pm

Meet up with your friends for an old fashioned community get-together celebrating our land of liberty. Patriotic music in Triangle Park will be provided by Inter-State Band from 6-7pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring a picnic supper, try pizza from Rod's Country Corner or a 'Sausage on a Stick' & Root Beer Float from the Almelund Mercantile. Enjoy the evening with Music, the Farmers Market, Flee Market and the Amador Heritage Center.

Almelund... 'Busiest Small Town in Minnesota!'

DOWNTOWN DIVA NIGHT

Thursday, July 7 5-8pm

Register at In the Moment Boutique to receive your Diva Bag and Passport. Registration is \$5 and all the proceeds go to the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation.

Shop at the downtown stores and the Chamber office to receive chances to win prizes at the end of the night. Wine tasting is being offered at the Lindstrom Liquor Store. Lots of fun activities and great deals.

IT'S PICKING TIME!

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Do you have a large & unique collection to sell? Mike, Frank and Danielle are always on the hunt for rusty gold and they want to hear from you!

If you wish to be considered contact them at americanpickers@cineflix.com or 1-855-OLD-RUST. Tell them your name, town, state, phone number, where collection is located and a description of your items. [American Pickers Flyer](#)

CHISAGO AREA CLEAN ENERGY HUB

As part of the America's Best Communities Competition, Chisago Lakes businesses and residents are invited to get a free energy audit.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub goal is projected to spur \$40,000,000 in community-based project investment in solar and energy efficiency improvements and to reach 100% locally-generated renewable electricity by 2025.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub will provide:

- 1) No-commitment energy assessments and technical assistance at little or no cost;
- 2) A list of Hub prequalified contractors, ensuring capable and professional service from service providers with a proven track record;
- 3) Multiple financing options to make clean energy cost-effective, and
- 4) Monitoring collective progress toward the broader community goals.

If you are interested in looking into solar options and other clean energy choices visit Chisago.CleanEnergyHub.Us to learn more about the Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub and to sign up for a clean energy assessment through Hub partners. For further information, contact Jacob Shoop at Eutectics at jacob@eutecticsllc.com or 612.353.5760.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub brings together the Chisago Lakes ABC economic development committee, the Chisago County HRA-EDA, Eutectics® and the Metro Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT). The Hub is made possible through the generous support of the Carolyn Foundation, the Initiative Foundation, the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, Chisago Lakes Chamber and Americas Best Communities.

MN Chamber Update

Reduce waste and strengthen profits

By Doug Loon

The Minnesota Chamber works year-round advocating for the interests of the statewide business community. That's most visible with our efforts at the Capitol where legislative victories can translate into financial savings for all types and sizes of businesses across the state.

Our one-on-one advocacy with Minnesota companies is just as important. Though it does not always garner headlines, we take equal pride in making connections and finding private-sector solutions outside the government purview. Look no further than Waste Wise and Energy Smart, our two sustainability programs that help improve your bottom line and help your organizations become more environmentally sustainable.

Like many of our efforts, the reach of these programs is strengthened by our network with local chambers of commerce. Among our successes:

- Our Energy Smart staff partnered with the Glenwood Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce to “sweep” the community. We visited nearly 30 businesses and provided an average of five customized services to each business visited.
- In partnership with Ramsey and Washington counties, our Waste Wise program provides technical assistance to all local chambers of commerce that receive a BizAware grant from these counties.
- During the past several years, the Waste Wise and Energy Smart programs have partnered with more than 20 local chambers of commerce to provide waste or energy technical assistance to their member businesses

Whether you've done a little or a lot on this front, our staff can provide a fresh set of eyes to explore ways to reduce your waste and energy costs. We have the expertise to evaluate your needs no matter how big or small your business.

It's as easy as inviting us into your worksite, and we take it from there. We'll walk through your building and help you:

- Discover new ways to reduce solid waste and maximize recycling opportunities.
- Identify potential for increasing energy efficiency and saving your company money.
- Pinpoint and help you access grants and other financial assistance available for your projects.

Almost any worksite has plenty of low-hanging fruit such as setting up separate containers for disposal of recyclable products and garbage, or replacing light bulbs – projects that can be accomplished with minimal effort and at

minimal cost. Our staff can help you tackle more extensive and expensive projects, too – like setting up a waste collection system for a building with multiple tenants, or replacing heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems.

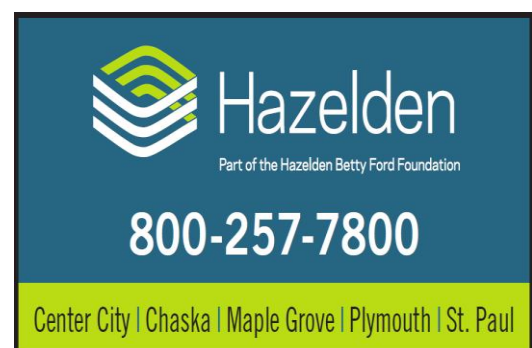
A site visit typically last less than an hour. Afterward, we'll provide a written overview of opportunities. If you choose to implement any of the projects, we'll be a resource to help with implementation and answer your questions.

Contact us today for an on-site evaluation: Jill Curran, Minnesota Waste Wise Foundation executive director, jcurran@mnchamber.com or 651.292.4653, will be happy to assist. You'll soon discover firsthand that “less waste is smart business.”

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



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