



# Monthly Newsletter

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

September 2016

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

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 7: **Board Meeting 9:00am**

Chamber Office & Information Center  
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom

September 8: **Chamber Member Luncheon**

Time: 11:30am-1pm

Topic: **Lake Improvement District (LID) Update**

Speaker: **Susanna Wilson, LID**  
Water Resource Specialist/  
Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist

Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**  
11754 302<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chisago City

Caterer: **Eichten's**

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

## Shafer Days!

September 16 & 17

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 16**

Family Bingo • Live Music • Food Specials

**Saturday, September 17**

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 • Shafer Bank Reenactment • More!

**More information: [www.Shafermn.com](http://www.Shafermn.com)**

[Click here for Shafer Days Events](#)

## Quote for the Month

"Good Service is Good Business"



## SEPTEMBER

### SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

September	3	Pleasant Valley Orchard Opens
September	3	Wine & Chocolate Cruise
September	3	Block Party – St Bridget's Church
September	5	Labor Day!
September	5	Paddle Rendezvous
September	6	Chisago Lakes Schools Start
September	6-11	Tent Event – Recycled Wardrobes
September	7	Chisago Co Citizen's Academy
September	7	A Healthy Trio
September	7-11	Picket Fence Gals Sale
September	10	Running of the Meatballs
September	10	Rugged Maniac – Wild Mountain
September	10	Shafer Corn Maze Opens
September	10-11	Hay Days
September	10-25	Take Me to the River
September	11	Day of Remembrance
September	13	doTERRA Class
September	13	Family Law Clinic – Refuge Network
September	14	Blue Zone Rally
September	14-15	Feed My Starving Children Packing
September	15	CLACF Grant Deadline
September	16-17	Shafer Days
September	18	Almelund Apple Festival
September	20-22	Home Energy Workshops
September	23	Black Tie Blue Jeans - LAYSB
September	23	Sporting Clay Benefit
September	23	Chisago Lakes Home Coming

## 2016 Board of Directors

### Officers:

President: John Renaker, Northwoods Roasterie  
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Web: [www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)

## Welcome New Members!

### *Eutectics*

[EutecticsLLC.com](http://EutecticsLLC.com) 612-353-5760

### *Chisago Inn & Suites (new owner)*

[ChisagoInnandSuites.com](http://ChisagoInnandSuites.com) 651-257-8088

## St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church

Hwy 8, Lindstrom • [StBridgetofSweden.org](http://StBridgetofSweden.org)



**SAT. SEPT 3 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**



Franklin Square Black Box  
125 N Washington St, St. Croix Falls, WI  
715-483-3387 [www.FestivalTheatre.org](http://www.FestivalTheatre.org)

### ◆ **'My Name is Rumpelstiltskin'** Check dates and time

That nasty-tempered wizard Rumpelstiltskin is back in this engaging adaptation. Griselda, a four hundred year old witch, tells Rumpelstiltskin that in order to become the most powerful force in the kingdom, he must possess a child of royal birth. The wizard plots and schemes and spreads the word that Laura, the miller's daughter, can weave straw into gold. Since the kingdom is bankrupt, she's whisked off to the palace and ordered to spin and spin. With Rumpelstiltskin's help she delivers the gold. She has a high fee to pay-her first born child.

### ◆ **'ON GOLDEN POND'** Check dates and time

Ethel and Norman are returning to Golden Pond for their 48<sup>th</sup> year and Norman cannot shake from the morbid humor that heart troubles and a failing memory have caused in him. As Ethel and he struggle to meld their differing outlooks, an unexpected gift arrives when their daughter drops off her boyfriend's teenage son before a trip to Europe. The boy quickly becomes the spark that both needed to move past this impasse and all are brought closer together as a family.

### ◆ **'THE SPIRIT OF THE DRUM'** Sept. 24 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 provides a comfortable and supportive environment for learning. \$10/person

### ◆ **'MONROE CROSSING'** September 24 7:30-8:30pm

Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heartfelt originals. Airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites across the US and Canada. Alliance Church of the Valley, 1259 WI-35, St Croix Falls Tickets: \$26/Advance \$31/Door

## 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. Check them out this fall.

### **CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET**

Fridays 2-6:30pm Moberg Park, Chisago City  
[www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com](http://www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com)

### **LINDSTROM FARMERS MARKET**

Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8-Noon  
Hwy 8 by St. Bridget's Church

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

## CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Amerifirst Home Mortgage  
American Family Insurance  
Mixed Division**

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

Congratulations to our golf champions. Mixed Division: **Amerifirst Home Mortgage/American Family Insurance:** Annette & Randy Schlegel and Jenifer & Bart Hanson. Men's Division: **Shaleen Team-Edina Realty:** Greg Shaleen, Bob Zacher, Doran O'Brien and Rick Vaughn.

A portion of the proceeds will be shared with **Community Partnership with Youth and Families**. *Community Partnership works together with all segments of the community to promote healthy lifestyles for young people.*

We want to thank our sponsors who are crucial to the success of the Golf Tournament.

**Championship Sponsors:** Elevate Builders, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Lindgren & Associates, MidWestOne Bank, Plastic Products, Shaleen Team-Edina Realty

**Eagle Sponsor:** Grand Casino Hinckley

**Birdie Sponsors:** Bachman's Photography, Chisago Hardware & Just Ask Rental, Edward Jones-Jim Green, Lindstrom Family Dentistry, Midcontinent Communications, Northwoods Roasterie

**Par Sponsors:** Ecumen Parmly LifePointes, Fairview Lakes Medical Center, Farmers Insurance-Tom Kieffer, R.O.C. Solid Builders, Security State Bank of Marine, State Farm Insurance-Mike O'Malley, US Bank, Wally Carlson's BP, Xcel Energy

**Additional Sponsorship:** Generations Real Estate Group

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

**Beat the Mayor:** Keith Carlson, George McMahon

Thank you to the following raffle and prize contributors: Al's Center Saloon, Chiko's, Captain Shawn's Charters, Clark Cupcakes, Chisago County Press, Chisago Lakes Golf Course, Clubhouse Grill, Deutschland Meats, Elevate Builders, doTERRA-Laurie Doughty, Edward Jones-Jim Green, Eichten's, Farmers Insurance-Tom Kieffer, Floral Creations by Tanika, Holiday Station, Generations Real Estate Group, Grand Casino Hinckley, Gustaf's Galleries, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, In The Moment Boutique, Meredee's Bistro,

North Branch Chevrolet, Northwood Roasterie, Lake State Carpet Cleaning, Northern Lake Tavern and Grill, George McMahon, Norwex-Deannah Muha, Peterson Companies, Safelite Auto Glass, Revii-Gus Gulbranson, Shaleen Team-Edina Realty, State Farm Insurance-Mike O'Malley, St. Croix National, St. Paul Saints, The Oven Mitt, Swenson's Lake House, Victory Lane, Tamarack Paddle & Outdoors, Wild Mountain, Wild Mountain Winery, Younique-Laura Haseltine, Xcel Energy.

A Special Thank You to Bachman's Photography for taking team photographs and to Mayor Keith Carlson and County 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, Cindy Landeen-Merchant Media Marketing, Brandon Olson-Verizon, Matt Silver-Chisago County Press and Adam Wojtowicz-Security State Bank of Marine for putting together a great event.



### Wine and Chocolate Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, September 3rd 6:30-9:30 pm

Cruise the beautiful St. Croix River on the Taylors Falls Princess paddleboat with a chocolate cruise. Enjoy fine food, great **WineHaven** wines 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

### ALMELUND APPLE FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 18 11am-4pm

Making History Fun for Everyone!

Enjoy scrumptious APPLE Desserts, Rod's Swedish Sausage on a Stick, Kettle Korn and so much more! Visit the School House Museum, restored log cabins, take a ride in a Model T, enjoy hands-on pioneer activities, toe tapping music and art & craft booths, displays and more! Held at the Amador Heritage Center Museum. Sponsored by the Friends of the Amador Heritage Center as a fundraising event. [Event Flyer](#)

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





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

**Running of the Meatballs:** Saturday, September 10 3:45pm 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 restoring the 148 year old logs in the Historic Präst Hus.

**Swedish Language Classes:** Mondays, Sept 12 – Oct 31  
Beginning Class 5-6pm; Intermediate Class 6-7pm;  
Advanced Class 7-8pm. Reservations required, \$80

**Annie's Swedish Coffee Party:** Saturday September 10  
Swedish three-course coffee party includes tour of historic buildings. \$15/person

**Dala-Palooza! A Celebration of Sweden's Dala Horses:**  
Saturday, September 17 10am-3pm  
Children (ages 6 and older, 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. Space limited.

**Bluegrass & Lemonade in the Shade:** Sept. 24 2-4pm  
Enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon with Bluegrass music. Come to play or to sit and listen in the shade. Free admission.

## doTERRA Essential Oils

**FALL, FLU & ALLERGY SEASON**  
**Tuesday, September 13 6:30pm**

Fall is a wonderful time of the year, but along with all the beauty, smells and activities the season brings, so comes allergy and flu season. Come learn about DoTerra's Protective Blend, OnGuard.

ON GUARD® is dōTERRA's unique, proprietary blend formulated to support healthy immune function. Wild Orange essential oil, combined with Clove, Cinnamon, Eucalyptus, and Rosemary offer a fragrant, natural and effective alternative to synthetic options for immune support. Come learn about this amazing blend as well as others in the DoTerra Essential Oil arsenal.



dōTERRA  
Wellness Advocate

For more info call Trudy at 651-491-0962.  
Class is free. Held at the Chamber office  
30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.

# HayDays 2016



**September 10-11 7am-5pm**  
**38740 Oriole Ave, North Branch**  
**www.SnoBarons.com**

Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! 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 \$25/Saturday, \$15/Sunday, 2-day pass for \$30. [Poster](#)

## Pleasant Valley Orchard

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer  
651-257-9159



Fall Orchard Season Begins September 3rd!

Come for a walk on the nature trail, relax behind the barn and enjoy the best flavors of fall – fresh apples, bakery items and caramel apples. Open daily 10am-6pm

**Hayrides:** Saturdays/Sundays, Sept. 10-October. \$3/person

**Pick-Your-Own Apples:** Saturdays & Sundays apple picking is offered on select varieties only beginning September 10.

**Hayrides to the Pumpkin Patch:** Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch and pick-your-own pumpkin, weekends September 25-October, weather permitting.

**Music at the Orchard:** Join us as neighbors and friends bring us live music at the orchard. Saturday afternoons.

- September 17 – Old Fashion Hootenanny
- September 24 – Glenna Family Band
- October 1 – Paul Dennisen and Friends
- October 8 – Thea Ennen
- October 15 – Pleasant Valley Cloggers

**Brat Feed/Old Fashioned Pie:** Enjoy delicious apple brats and Pleasant Valley Apple Pie while supporting community organizations. Proceeds go to event host. 11am-3pm

- September 25 hosted by the Falls Chamber
- October 9 hosted by the Center City Park Committee.

Visit [www.pleasantvalleyorchard.com](http://www.pleasantvalleyorchard.com) for complete details.

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

## NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE



12710 N. First Ave, Lindstrom

### Coffee and Pie Night

Every Friday Night! 5-9pm

Come enjoy coffee and fresh baked pies!



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

651-257-5240

## Annual Barn Bash

Saturday October 1 1-5pm

11720 256th Street Chisago City



Come join us for our 7th Annual Barn Bash and the celebration of hope and healing that happens here! Event is open to the public! Enjoy wagon rides, meet the horses, and enjoy the place!

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 into the services and operations of Acres for Life.

## CHISAGO COUNTY CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Starting September 7



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](http://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. SPACE IS LIMITED! Questions call Michelle Jacobson at 651-213-6309. [Application](#)

## 'A HEALTHY TRIO'

dōTERRA

Norwex

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 5-8PM

COME & GO AS YOU PLEASE!

Chamber Office 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom

Come and learn about healthy options for yourself, home and family! Experience & enjoy products, a chance to shop, refreshments, brief product presentations, & door prizes!

### LAURIE DOUGHTY

*doTERRA Wellness Advocate*

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doTERRA's pure essential oils are revolutionizing the way families manage their health.

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Norwex is the world's leader in microfiber technology. We have products that reduce chemicals in the home.

### LAURA HASELTINE

*Younique Green Status Presenter*

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Younique's goal is to provide healthy, clean and pure cosmetics. Feel beautiful. Look beautiful. Be beautiful inside and out.



CHISAGO LAKES AREA  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**Deadline Extended!**  
**September 15**

## Community Fund Grant Opportunity

Grants have been awarded annually since 2010, to support projects that have broad community impact. Qualified applicants include civic organizations, municipalities, schools, nonprofits and other groups. Your program must serve within the geographic boundaries of the Chisago Lakes School District #2144. Applications are available at the Chamber office or download here [2016 Grant Application](#). Grant recipients are announced in the fall.

**Happy Labor Day**



**School Starts  
September 6th**

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

## August 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights

### Secretary's Report:

July minutes reviewed and accepted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

### Committee Reports:

#### • **Triathlon:**

Triathlon went great! There were a total of 225 volunteers that helped and 1000 athletes that participated. With the change in the Run Route this year due to Old Towne Road being under construction, traffic was backed up on Hwy 8 causing some upset residents. Follow-up meeting with DuTriRun is scheduled for September 19. There will be discussion of another group besides DuTriRun organizing the kids portion of the triathlon.

#### • **Golf Tournament**

20 teams confirmed compared to last year's 14 teams. New this year is a mystery prize raffle. Raffle and swag bag items are being collected and signs are ordered for sponsors. Will be promoted on Big Q Radio and Social Media.

#### • **Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala**

Looking for ideas to utilize area businesses and keep the event fresh.

#### • **ABC Competition**

ABC committees are going well and will be giving an update at the August luncheon. An ABC update is the focus of the luncheon on Thursday.

### New Business:

#### • **Trick or Treat on Main Street/Decorating**

Decorating was a huge success last year, would like to do again this year. Will choose 2 days to set up decorating and 1 day to take down. Last year 37 businesses participated.

#### • **Membership Dues**

Discussion on organizing dues categories according to employee numbers rather than business style. Looking to create a more fact based dues scale.

### Old Business:

- No old business discussed.

### Executive Director's Report:

- Membership update with 1 new member in July.
- Chisago Lakes won the Chamber Challenge Blood Drive.
- Triathlon was safe and successful.

## LAYSBS News!

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



### *Black Tie Blue Jeans Night* **A MAGICAL 40 YEARS**

**Friday, September 23 6pm**  
**Vanellis by the Lake**

Join friends, business and community leaders at this relaxing and fun filled event. Wear your finest black tie attire or your blue jeans - Be Yourself! The evening includes Social Hour, Dinner and Entertainment featuring local area youth, Live & Silent Auction, Barley & Vine Raffle and more. Proceeds support the Youth Enrichment & Mentoring programs of LAYSBS. Sponsorships are available.

refuge  network

www.TheRefugeNetwork.org 651-257-2890

## Family Law Clinic

**Tuesday, September 13 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



**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.

- ♦ *Wine & Chocolate Dinner Cruise:* Sept 3 6:30-9:30pm
- ♦ *Rugged Maniac 5K Obstacle Race:* Sept 10 9:45am
- ♦ *Leaf Cruises:* September 10, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29 6:30pm
- ♦ *Elvis Cruise:* September 16 7pm
- ♦ *Sunday Brunch:* Sept 18 10:30am-12:30pm
- ♦ *Scenic Boat Tours:* Daily at 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30

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**DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
Sunday, September 11 6pm**



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.

**PICKET FENCE GALS SALE**



**SEPTEMBER 7-11**  
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 LAKES AREA  
MobilePack Event**

*Packing meals for children around the world!*

**OCTOBER 14 & 15 Food Packing Schedule**

**Friday, October 14**

6-8pm & 8:30-10:30pm Youth

**Saturday, October 15**

9-11am, 11:30am-1:30pm & 2-4pm

**Register online from Sept. 14.** Help raise funds to provide the meals. Donate online now at [www.lakesfree.org](http://www.lakesfree.org)

**LAKES FREE CHURCH YOUTH CENTER**  
29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom 651-257-2677

**TAKE  
me  
to the  
RIVER**

**September 10-25**

**The St. Croix Valley September 2018**

Art around every bend in the river. A celebration of the intersection of art and nature in the St. Croix Valley.

With so many opportunities for art, culture and nature during Take Me to the River, it's hard to know where to begin. Our sample [itineraries](#) give you a starting point each weekend based on your interests. But these are just a taste of what awaits along the scenic St. Croix River.



**FAMILY PATHWAYS**  
10586 Liberty Lane, Chisago City  
651-257-1308

**SPORTING CLAYS BENEFIT**

Friday, September 23 Shoot begins at 2pm  
Wild Wings of Oneka, Hugo

Bring your employees, clients, friends, family and join us for a fun afternoon! All experience levels will have a great time. New station this year for beginners.  
[Sponsorship/Registration](#)

**BLUE ZONES RALLY**

**Wednesday, September 14 6pm**



**PART OF THE  
AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES  
COMPETITION**

Learn the secret to living longer, better lives from speaker Tony Buettner whose work is featured in National Geographic and Newsweek. Be a part of transforming well-being so the healthy choices become easy choices for you and your community.

Free admission and Childcare. RSVP's appreciated to the Chamber 651-257-1177.

BlueZones.com



## August Chamber Luncheon



**Bloom Lake Barn**

August Chamber luncheon was held at **Bloom Lake Barn** and catered by **Deutschland Meats**. Coffee was provided by **Northwoods Roasterie**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: **Chisago Lakes Triathlon** was a success. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and businesses that helped make that happen. The **Almelund Threshing Show** begins August 12. Join the good old fashioned fun of yesteryear. Chisago City's **Ki Chi Saga Days** is August 18-21. Purchase your button at the Chamber or other area business. **Chisago Lakes T-Shirts** with the new community logo are for sale here today and available at the Chamber for \$15-\$18. **Chamber Golf Tournament** is August 25. Free **Technology Training** continues as part of the Blandin Broadband Community Grant. The Chamber is bringing back **New Resident Welcome Bags** which will include general community information but we invite businesses to add fliers to the bags if they wish to do so. **Fall Decorating** will be happening again this fall...stay tuned.

New Chamber members were introduced: **Captain Shawn's Charters**, **Eutectics**, **The Oven Mitt** and **Chisago Inn & Suites-New Owner**.

Member announcements: **John Renaker** announced that **Clark Cupcakes** is now operating out of **Northwoods Roasterie**. **Julie Jergens-Family Pathways** promoted their upcoming golf tournament. **Nancy Grossman-Friends of the Library** announced available library programming. **Jim Birkholz-Pleasant Valley Orchard** announced their fall season opening Labor Day Weekend. **Kim Rathsack-Parmly LifePointes** promoted their upcoming RIO event. **Shawn Dunne-Captain Shawn's Charters** shared details about his business. **Susie Sandberg-Almelund Mercantile** promoted the Threshing Show. **Sally Barott-Country Bed & Breakfast** shared about her business.

Our guest speaker was **Tangi Schaapveld** and the **ABC Team**. Tangi gave an overall of the ABC process that lead up to where we are at present, which is one of 8 finalist. Chisago Lakes was awarded \$100,000 which is earmarked for the implementation of the ABC strategic plan. Updates were then given by committee representatives: **Marlys Dunne-Higher**

Education, **John Olinger-Trails**, **Jacob Shoop-Clean Energy**, **Nancy Hoffman-Broadband**, **Tieran Haskin-Arts/Culture/Tourism**, **Wendy Redland-New Area Website** and **Deanna Nelson-Healthy Living**.

Next luncheon – September 8 at Chisago Lakes Library!

## Shafer Corn Maze



Open September 10 - October 30

Hwy 8 Quinlan Lane, Shafer [ShaferCornMaze.com](http://ShaferCornMaze.com)  
Fridays 4-9pm • Saturdays • 12-9pm • Sundays 12-6:30pm

'The Barnyard!' design has 2 mazes within the design to fit all ages. The large maze has 2.8 miles of paths; the small maze has 1.5 miles 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:** 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. Weekly challenge for high score, winner gets a Wild Mountain gift card.

➤ **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 with clues to figure out Who Stole Farmer Joe's Pie!

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

➤ **'Stalkers of the Corn'** Get ready for a Night of Fright! Walk the narrow, twisting, heart pounding paths though rustling stalks of corn in the dark. Face your deepest fears in this horrifying, living nightmare! Open specific dates. Check out [shafercornmaze.com](http://shafercornmaze.com)

## Paddle Rendezvous

Chisago Lakes Water Trail

**GRAND OPENING**

Monday, September 5 11am-3pm



Paddle in from the West or the East to Meredees Bistro. All free, lunch available for purchase at Meredees. 1-3pm enjoy music and free demonstrations on canoeing, kayaking, paddle board and paddle board yoga. [Rendezvous Flyer](#).

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



## September Featured Business – Eutectics



EUTECTICS

*Connecting Clean Energy with Committed Capital*

Eutectics is a mission-driven company that facilitates financing for renewable energy and energy conservation projects, with a focus on underserved markets, including smaller communities like Chisago Lakes. Eutectics has gained national recognition for their community focus and commitment to the public good.

Eutectics is partnering with the Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce, the Chisago County HRA-EDA and the Chisago Lakes ABC team to implement the Chisago Clean Energy Hub.

The Clean Energy Hub goal is to help businesses and residents save money through cost-effective clean energy projects, and to spur at least \$40 Million in new economic activity. These clean energy investments will also make the region's electric grid more reliable and resilient.

Eutectics' CEO, Jeremy Kalin, is a familiar face to many in the Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Jeremy served as the area's State Representative from 2006 to 2010 - and was an active member of the Chisago Lakes Chamber during those years. He founded the company after leaving the legislature for family reasons, and has grown Eutectics into a national force; with three Clean Energy Financing Hubs active, including one in Chisago County, the firm has completed \$86,340,059 in photovoltaic solar and efficiency projects to date. Clients and partners now range from smaller communities like ours and the City of Morris, Minnesota - to the U.S. Department of Energy and the White House.

Chisago Lakes Chamber members should take advantage of Eutectics' resources through the Chisago Clean Energy Hub. Visit [chisago.cleanenergyhub.us](http://chisago.cleanenergyhub.us) to sign up for a no-cost, no-risk energy assessment for your business - or call 612.353.5760.

The Chisago Clean Energy Hub is a citizen-driven initiative to advance clean energy economic development across the Chisago region. Eutectics and Hub partners aim to reach a 100% locally-generated renewable energy standard for the county in the next decade.

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### Exciting Changes at CLGC! Course Improvements Underway

For years golfers and staff alike have talked about how nice it would be to have a bunker running down the right side of #4. How it would speed up play, how great it would look from the tee, and by the way, it might catch our balls from bouncing into the swamp. Well that day has come! It will take a few weeks to get it shaped. It will be built up a little on the right side to keep balls from going into the swamp. We hope to be able to play it by the end of September.

The other nice improvement is the fairway bunker on hole #1. The beginning of this bunker will be about 275 yards from the blue tee and about 200 yards from the green tee. It may only come into play for the big hitters or when the wind is blowing the right way. It will serve as a good aiming point and may force you to concentrate a little more if you are laying up from the right side. The cart path on the right will be rerouted and the fairway extended to the right to create a wider landing area off the tee.

The other less exciting but equally important improvements are the surface drainage areas added to hole #1 and hole #5. On hole #5 it will allow for better drainage left of the green. This area then should be able to be mowed down so you would have a better chance of playing a shot from down there.

**Join NOW for 2017 & Play the rest of 2016 Free!**

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:jacob@eutecticsllc.com) or 612-353-5760.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub *please join us* 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. [Clean Energy Letter](#)

## HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP

6:30-8pm 4 Dates to Choose From!



Tuesday	September 13	Wyoming Library
Thursday	September 15	Taylors Falls Community Center
Tuesday	September 20	Chisago City Community Center
Thursday	September 22	Chisago City Community Center

- > Bring your questions on home energy usage & efficiency
- > Schedule a Home Energy Squad visit that includes the installation of energy saving solutions to start saving you money immediately
- > Learn how to get money back for home energy improvements
- > Help our community win the ABC competition!

Light snacks and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kathryn Phillips at [kphillips@gpsd.net](mailto:kphillips@gpsd.net) or 612-767-7297

## KETTLE RIVER WATER WALK CEREMONY

September 9-12, 2016

The Kettle River Walk has been organized as part of the upcoming Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibit called *Water/Ways* focusing on the relationships between people and water—how water connects story, history, faith, ethics, the arts, and science all through community. Exhibit will run November 19, 2016 through January 1, 2017 in Sandstone.

Sponsors of the Kettle River Walk include the Minnesota Humanities Center, North Woods & Waters of the St. Croix Heritage Area, Audubon Center of the North Woods, and the St. Croix River Association.

More information: Sharon Day ([smarieday@aol.com](mailto:smarieday@aol.com)), Danette Olsen ([danetteolsen@aol.com](mailto:danetteolsen@aol.com)) or visit [www.nibiwalk.org](http://www.nibiwalk.org).

## LET'S CELEBRATE A BRAND NEW SECTION OF THE SWEDISH IMMIGRANT TRAIL!

September 27 5:30pm

Trail Parking Area at 30269 Tern Ave, Shafer

The Chisago County Parks and Trails Foundation, Park Board, Commissioners, Advocates, Cooperating Land Owners and America's Best Communities (ABC Group for Healthy Living) invite you to walk or ride.

Participants are invited to walk or ride the trail before or after the ceremony.

*Estimated time to walk the 5 mile trek is about 2 1/2 hours down to the State Park overlook and back or about 45 minutes to ride the trail. Please note (no bicycles are permitted in the Interstate State Park at this time. All participants planning to get out to the state park overlook will be required to check their bicycles and walk the remaining 1/4 mile to the overlook. A bike corral will be set up at the State Park Boundary line.*

Thank you for joining us, your support makes all the difference to local decision makers.



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## ART & ARTISTS CELEBRATION

September 17 11am-6pm (music until 7pm)

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### MN Chamber Update

Business Resources online, at your fingertips  
By Doug Loon

The Minnesota Chamber's premier business assistance program, Grow Minnesota, is pleased to announce the launch of our [Business Resources](#). We view the online site as an important tool to our mission of retaining Minnesota businesses and encouraging them to expand here.

Grow Minnesota! works in partnership with nearly 80 local chambers and economic development entities throughout Minnesota to regularly visit face-to face with company leadership. Our primary purpose is to thank the business owner or manager for investing in our state and employing Minnesotans. We learn as much as we can about the business, and ask if we can assist the company to stay and grow in our state. Finally, we ask what policymakers can do to improve our state's overall business environment.

The statistics underscore the scope and success of our efforts. In our 13<sup>th</sup> year, we have conducted more than 10,000 visits to more than 6,500 businesses of all sizes and types across the state. Since we started tracking in 2009, we have protected more than 18,000 jobs.

Our visits have also revealed a common frustration among businesses: the difficulty in locating relevant resources and all too often, connecting with the right person at a federal, state or local government agency in order to answer an everyday business question. This complaint spawned the development and launch of Business Resources.

Businesses can navigate the pages to identify and access state and regional resources in seven categories: business financing; entrepreneurship; environmental and energy;

exporting/importing; research and data tools; start and manage a business; workforce development.

What are the criteria for accessing money from the state's angel loan fund? What is current employment law for issues that commonly surface at the workplace? Who can assist in developing a strategy to enter the export market? Who can help guide a business through the process of environmental permitting? Answers to these and many more questions are a click away.

There's no better way to develop and grow Minnesota's home-grown economy than by connecting MN businesses. Particularly useful on our Business Resources site is a link to the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development's manufacturers supply chain database. It's intended to help MN manufacturers buy materials, components and finished products from each other instead of out-of-state or foreign suppliers. It's a win-win for all Minnesotans.

Our Grow Minnesota! network connects one-on-one with between 800 and 1,000 companies a year. That's a small fraction of Minnesota's business population. There are tens of thousands of Minnesota businesses that have not yet received a face-to-face Grow Minnesota! visit, but may need some form of assistance. Business Resources is their 24/7 tool to get pointed in the right direction. And if that doesn't work, Business Resources offers direct access to one of our professional staff and/or one of our local chamber partners.


For more information on Grow Minnesota! contact Kathi Schaff, director of Grow Minnesota! 651.292.4667 or [kschaff@mnchamber.com](mailto:kschaff@mnchamber.com), or a [Grow Minnesota! partner](#) in your community.

Working together, we will make Minnesota ready for the future – ready for change and ready to grow.

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



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