



Monthly Newsletter

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

November 2016

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 3: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- November 10: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am-1pm
Speaker: **Bryan Gaffy**
Fairview Lakes Medical Center
Topic: *Fairview Health Services:*
Driving a Healthier Future
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**
11754 302nd Street, Chisago City
Caterer: **Meredee's Bistro**
RSVP's are needed no later than Friday, November 4th!
\$9/members, \$10/non-members



Shop Small Saturday Saturday, November 26!

Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country. Founded in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Stop by the chamber before November 26 for free promotional supplies.

Lighting Festivals

NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 4

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

Nov. 25: TAYLORS FALLS

Grand lighting/Santa Parade, activities following the parade and continuing through the weekend.

Dec. 3: LINDSTROM

Carolers, tree lighting, bon fire, s'mores, food, beverages, & more!

Dec. 4: CHISAGO CITY 4:30-6PM

Sleigh rides, tree lighting, refreshments
Music, Santa, & more!



NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

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| November | 1-6 | Barn Sale – Pleasant Valley Orchard |
| November | 2-6 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| November | 3 | Harness the Power of Mobile Training |
| November | 3 | MN Surviving Railroad Depots |
| November | 4 | 10 th Anniversary – Northwoods Roasterie |
| November | 5 | Cheese & Wine Tasting – Eichten's |
| November | 5 | RE/MAX Synergy Grand Opening |
| November | 5 | The Brave Little Puppy Book Signing |
| November | 5 | PTO Craft Fair |
| November | 5-6 | 36 Years of Excellent Crafts/Fine Arts |
| November | 6 | Daylight Savings Ends |
| November | 8 | doTERR Essentia Oils-Make-&-Take |
| November | 8 | VOTING DAY |
| November | 11 | Turkey Bingo – Center City Fire |
| November | 14 | Community Meeting – CL Schools |
| November | 15 | Video & Audio Tools – Tech Training |
| November | 17 | Lutfisk Dinner – Gammelgarden Museum |
| November | 17 | All Is Wellness Open House |
| November | 17 | Chamber Open House |
| November | 17 | Give to the Max Day |
| November | 18 | Heroin & Prescription Painkillers |
| November | 18 | Early Fur Traders of the St. Croix |
| November | 19 | Benefit by Lashes of Love |
| November | 19 | Turkey Bingo – American Legion |
| November | 19 | Children's Shop Day – FUMC |
| November | 19-20 | Cheese & Chocolate Weekend |
| November | 20 | Caught in the Lye Book Signing |
| November | 21-27 | Recycled Wardrobes Sale |
| November | 24 | THANKSGIVING |
| November | 24 | Thanksgiving Community Dinner |
| November | 25 | Taylors Falls Lighting Festival |
| November | 26 | Night Moves – Wild Mountain |
| November | 25-27 | Thanksgiving Race Camp – Wild Mtn |
| November | 26 | Pie & Wine Potluck Soiree-Franconia |
| November | 26 | Shop Small Saturday |

2016 Board of Directors

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Laura Haseltine
Elevate Builders
Victory Lane Quick Oil Change

Happy fall ya'll!! I say this every year but, this is by far my favorite time of year. Bon fires, cider, hunting, scenery, sweatshirts and jeans! Also, looking forward to all the holidays that are in sight! I know all of this makes life busy but it is so rewarding because this time of year means all of the above as well as lots of get-togethers with family and friends and I am one that enjoys celebrating with those I love! Fall also seems like a time that businesses really ramp up fun and festive things to do and offer in our community and it's probably for the reason that winter is coming soon and we feel the need to get in as much outside time as we can! Human hibernation typically sets in for a lot of us but for those that love to continue doing things; our community is awesome at keeping events going through the winter. As most businesses know, the planning of these community events can keep each of us quite busy throughout the year and all the work that goes into a single event becomes well worth it when the community shows

up! That is why most of us do what we do, we believe in our community! I see so many 'thank you's' that go out to all the businesses for their great jobs in what they do (which is awesome) but I would like to send out a big "thank you" to all of you who make this community a priority and come out to these community events. You all are the reason why these events are such a success! It's completely true that TOGETHER all of us make Chisago Lakes the best place to live. My family & our businesses are proud to be a part of this area!

As always, be sure to check out what our area has to offer, there's something for everyone and I'm sure you'll love it! Enjoy all your upcoming holidays!

Elevate Builders Custom Homes & Remodeling
Victory Lane Quick Oil Change & 24 Hour Car Wash
Chisago City, MN 55013
651-245-5762

Welcome New Member!

HisDesigns

Web Design & Hosting, Graphic Design
www.HisDesigns.org
Adrian Roth info@hisdesigns.org

WILD MOUNTAIN / TF RECREATION
37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls
651-465-6315 www.wildmountain.com



- ♦ 'TR2 Thanksgiving Race Camp' November 25-27
These training opportunities will be made available to all high school and D-Team members who aspire to compete at a higher level. The TR2 coaching staff is happy to evaluate each interested athlete and give the athlete and parents a realistic view of what the future may hold for them in the ski racing world. For more information, contact Bill Marceau at 952-746-5261 or bmarceau@northland-financial.com.
- ♦ 'Night Moves' November 26 8pm
Late night session. Ski/ride until 1am-lift tickets \$20.
Get full details at www.WildMountain.com



DEUTSCHLAND MEATS

12825 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom
651-257-1128 DeutschlandMeats.com

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

We wish you luck & a safe hunting season!

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com



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

CHEESE & CHOCOLATE WEEKEND

Saturday, November 19 10am-5pm

Sunday, November 20 11am-5pm

Are you attending or hosting a get together this holiday season? Let us help you out! Guests at this special event can experience Winehaven's unique specialty wines paired with local cheeses and chocolates.

While at the winery, don't forget to enjoy the views of the vineyards and lakes.

Chisago City Farmers Market

Find us now at the Chisago City Community Center, just a few blocks east of the park. Your favorite vendors have a lot to offer. Veggies, baked goods, nuts, dried flowers, jams, jellies, pies and more! Winter hours: Fridays 3-5pm. EBT/credit and debit and Market Bucks still accepted.
www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



doTERRA Essential Oils

'MAKE-AND-TAKE CLASS'
Tuesday, November 8 6:30pm

Get ahead of the dry winter skin season with homemade essential oil lotion! Cost: \$5. For more information call Trudy at 651-491-0962.

NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE

12710 N. First Ave, Lindstrom



10 Year Anniversary

Friday November 4 6-10pm



Celebrate 10 years with us---Hawaiian style! Kona will be served all day! Live music by the TKT (Terry Keese Trio). Share your memories of Northwoods through the years over coffee, music and laughter! Don't forget your Hawaiian shirt!

www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com 651-257-5240



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

LUTFISK DINNER

Thursday, November 17

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

Enjoy the annual meal of lutefisk and meatballs. This traditional feast also includes potatoes, red cabbage, rutabagas, Swedish brown beans, rye bread, lefse, dessert and coffee. Advanced tickets (\$20) are available at Scandia Butik or by calling 651-433-5053. Be sure to stop in the Butik and enjoy 15% off on ALL items.

Elim Lutheran Church

20971 Olinda Trail N, Scandia

RECYCLED WARDROBES

30365 Neal Ave, Lindstrom 651-257-8133
6419 Main, North Branch 651-674-7700



Birthday Blessings 66% Off Sale

NOVEMBER 21-27

Sale includes clothing, purses, shoes, books, décor, furnishings, toys & more! Sale good at both locations. Open Monday-Friday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-4pm; Sunday 10am-4pm.

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

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

TURKEY BINGO

Friday, November 11 7-9pm
Center City Fire Department



TURKEY BINGO

Saturday, November 19 7-9pm
Chisago City Community Center

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

All Is Wellness Holiday OPEN HOUSE

November 17th
5P-7P

Please join us
for our favorite event of the year!
Meet the team, have refreshments
and pick up gifts for everyone on your list!

www.Alliswellnesscenter.com/ 651-257-9713
12760 Lake Blvd., Lindstrom MN 55045

CHISAGO LAKES CELEBRATION of the ARTS January 27-28-29 2017

Seeking artists and businesses located in Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer and Taylors Falls interested in community arts awareness, education and marketing.

Chisago Lakes Celebration of the Arts is a community-wide arts expo that will feature events and activities within all 5 communities during the entire weekend. This crawl style experience, focusing on diverse art forms and art resources in the area, is slated alongside the annual winter Celebration of the Lakes. For more information see [FLYER](#).

FRANCONIA sculpture park

29836 St. Croix Trail, Franconia
651-257-6668 www.Franconia.org

PIE & WINE POTLUCK SOIREE Saturday, November 26 11am-4pm

Our post-Thanksgiving tradition that celebrates a great year. We are thankful for our friends and supporters and want to honor you! We'll supply a bonfire, hayride tours of the park, coffee, cider, and some world-famous turkey soup. Bring a pie or a bottle of wine to share. RSVP to 651-257-6668 or email info@franconia.org.

CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1 Summit Ave, Center City
www.chisagolakelutheranchurch.org



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Thursday, November 24th 12:30-2pm

A tasty, homemade turkey dinner served to those seeking fellowship this Thanksgiving at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, Center City. The dinner is free but reservations are requested by November 21st at 651-257-6300.

CHISAGO COUNTY PRESS

651-257-5115

www.ChisagoCountyPress.com



2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

It's time to kick off the holiday shopping season with our **Holiday Gift Guide**. This special Edition will be inserted into the November 20 **Search Shopper**, and all ads will be published in the November 24 **Chisago County Press** in time for **Black Friday Shopping** plus will be featured online at www.ChisagoCountyPress.com -- reaching an audience of over 100,000!

Reserve your space by November 7, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

EICHEN'S MARKET & CAFÉ

16440 Lake Blvd, Center City
www.SpecialtyCheese.com 651-257-1566



CHEESE & WINE TASTING EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 11AM-3PM

Featuring...

- ♦ Family Vineyards (Local & domestic)
- ♦ Bloody Mary Special (Kevin's Homemade Mix)
- ♦ Drawings throughout the day
- ♦ Breakfast All Day!
- ♦ Breakfast Special 8am-1pm 'Bison Scrambler' \$9.99
- ♦ Lunch Specials 11am-3pm

Quote for the Month

"If you are really thankful, what do you do?
You share."
W. Clement Stone

CHILDREN'S SHOP DAY

Saturday, November 19th 10am-1pm



Children

ages through 6th

grade shop for mom,

dad and grandparents. All

gifts are \$1 and include free

gift wrap! Parents are treated with

coffee and cookies while they wait for

their little shoppers to finish. All gifts are

new/gently used items from the community

and friends of First United Methodist Church.

Visit us at www.LindstromMethodist.org

30828 Irene Ave

Lindstrom

651-257-4306

www.LindstromMethodist.org



PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

NOVEMBER 2-6

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, repurposed items, textiles and more! Downtown Lindstrom.

www.PicketFenceGals.net

651-334-1444



giveMN.org
Click. Contribute. Change Your World.

Thursday, November 17, 2016

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

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

Chisago Lakes

HOME & BUSINESS
EXPO

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

Bright Ideas for Home, Garden & Family!

March 4-5, 2017

You are invited to be an exhibitor at the 2017 Home & Business Expo. This event is a great way to reach new customers and is well promoted and advertised. Chamber members receive \$80 off of booth registration. Registration is now open for Chamber members and will be available soon to the public and to non-profit (volunteer based) organizations.

[Home Show Registration Form](#)

Pleasant Valley Orchard

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer

651-257-9159 PleasantValleyOrchard.com



BARN SALE

November 1-6 10am-5pm

The apple shed is transformed for the holidays, featuring snowmen in every shape and size, vintage Christmas ornaments, gift baskets, candles and more! It's also a great time to stock up on pies for Thanksgiving.

RE/MAX Synergy

12835 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

651-257-2233

GRAND OPENING OF OUR CHAIN OF LAKES OFFICE

Saturday, November 5 12-3pm

Please join us for our Open house Celebration, Food, Drinks, Free Stuff, Drawings.



COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, November 14 6:30-7:30pm

Lakeside School Media Center, Chisago City

To keep the community updated on last year's facility audit and to give citizens an opportunity for feedback.



GRANDPA CHEESECAKE

12818 Lake Blvd Lindstrom
651-257-6446

Paul Martin, owner and cheesecake genius at Grandpa Cheesecake, moved to Center City in 1992, and has been living locally since then. His cheesecake business got its start when he began baking and cooking in his spare time. He fed some neighbors and co-workers first, then his family caught a taste and soon everyone was asking for Paul's special cheesecake. Paul eventually started bringing cheesecake to all the family functions, and affectionately became known as "Grandpa Cheesecake" by his middle granddaughter (whose favorite flavor is the famous Lingonberry).

As his friends and family's love for his cheesecake recipe grew, he started his business in Lindstrom, drawing the name from his granddaughter's nickname for him. Now he runs his small shop off of highway eight, amongst all the other adorable local shops on the main street. Thanks to the ladies of Homespun Treasures, also in Lindstrom, the shop has a warm cozy feeling. The fast Wi-Fi and comfortable chairs make it a great place to get some studying done or just relax with some friends.

Grandpa Cheesecake specializes in cheesecakes that have a light, smooth, and creamy texture. Not only is the cheesecake texture unique but he offers a wide variety of some well-known and some uncommon flavors. True to the Scandinavian history of the town, Grandpa Cheesecake always has Lingonberry cheesecake on the shelf. But, hurry in, as it doesn't take long to sell out. Some other popular flavors are his salted caramel, raspberry, and in the holiday seasons pumpkin and peppermint. Quite often there will be another baked creation available. It may be his famous chocolate blackout cake, or a delicious fresh strawberry pie. He also serves scones and muffins as well, and proudly brews Northwoods Roasterie coffee.

CHISAGO COUNTY TECHNOLOGY TRAINING Opportunities for Business

HARNESS THE POWER OF MOBILE

Thursday, November 3 8-9:30am
North Branch Library 6355 379th St

Learn about creative mobile marketing techniques for your business. Presented by Dave Meyer, President of BizzyWeb

VIDEO & AUDIO TOOLS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Tuesday, November 15 (2 times/places)
8-9am - Rush City Library 240 W 4th St
12-1pm - Wyoming Area Library 26855 Forest Blvd

Learn how to use video & audio for marketing your business. Presented by Sarah Hawkins, ECR Resource Librarian

Register for FREE classes at chisagocounty.org

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 8 7AM-8PM

- ♦ Vote by absentee ballot Sep 23–Nov 7
- ♦ Any eligible voter can vote early in person
- ♦ You're only required to show ID if you're registering to vote in person, or if your registration is not current and active
- ♦ [Where to Vote](#)

A purple advertisement for "Lashes of Love". At the top, there is a photo of a smiling couple. Below the photo, the text "Lashes of Love" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath, in smaller white text, it says "GLAMOR LASHES AND VINTAGE LASHES are teaming up to help support the Jesmer Family". This is followed by "NOVEMBER 19TH 9AM-7PM" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below that, it says "all proceeds will be donated to the Jesmer Family" and "Full Set \$80 Fills \$30". At the bottom, it says "Must call for an appointment 763-732-3044" and provides the URL "HTTPS://WWW.GOFUNDME.COM/2VMPTCC" in white capital letters, followed by "TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS AMAZING FAMILY" in white capital letters.

October 6th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

September minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **ABC Competition**

Tangi Schaapveld shared highlights from the 2nd quarter report for the ABC Competition. Videos from the Paddle Rendezvous, Blue Zones Rally and Clean Energy Assessments were sent in with the report. All is going well, excitement is still there and project teams continue to move forward.

• **Triathlon:**

The Toughman brand will continue in 2017. DuTriRun will not be hosting the kid's triathlon so another group will have to be found to coordinate this.

• **Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala**

Decision was made to keep the Gala at WineHaven and have Eichten's cater the event. Date is December 8.

• **Celebration of the Lakes**

Regular activities are being confirmed and new activities are being added. There was discussion around changing dates to February due to information presented but the dates will remain in January for 2017.

New Business:

• **Chamber Building Lease**

The chamber has been leasing the building the past 10 years from the City of Lindstrom and will sign a lease for another 10 years.

Old Business:

• **Fall Decorating**

Pick up date for Fall decorating will be Wednesday, November 30th.

• **Trick or Treat on Main Street**

Friday, October 28th 4-7pm. Deadline for printed promotions is October 7th.

• **Membership Dues/Sponsorship Levels**

Voted on adjusted membership levels for 2017 and the optional sponsorship levels. Added an opportunity to earn a percentage off of membership for referring a new member who joins the chamber.

Executive Director's Report:

- 1 new member in September
- Met with Spaces Magazine about featuring Chisago Lakes in the June/July 2017 issue.
- DuTriRun 2017 planning meeting

- St. Croix Valley Regional Tourism Alliance meeting- planning for 2017 tourism book
- ABC All Team meetings

FARMERS INSURANCE

11185 Lake Blvd, Chisago City
www.farmersagent.com/tkieffer
651-257-6600



Donate a Suit for Our Returning Heroes

Over 1 million military personnel will be making the transition to the civilian workforce in the next couple of years. Donate a gently worn business suit (men or women) and help make their transition easier. Join Farmers Insurance in supporting these brave patriots who have served our nation with honor.

Bring a suit to this office through November 30.

Chamber Membership Open House

Thursday, November 17, 2016 5-7pm

Lindstrom Office Center

12732 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom

The Chisago Lakes Chamber Board & Staff invite you to an informal evening of networking, information around chamber membership and the opportunity to join or renew membership for 2017. Light appetizers will be served.

Refer a new member:

New member saves 25%

*You save 25%/referral with paid membership**

**Savings up to 100%. Must be paid in full by January 1, 2017 to qualify*

Save the Date...

Chamber Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala

Thursday evening, December 8th!

Watch for more information coming soon!

GUSTAF'S GALLERIES

13025 LAKE BLVD, LINDSTROM

651-257-1821 www.GustafsGalleries.com



Saturday, Nov. 5th, 1:30-3:30

Meet Per, Lori, Anja and her Husky Puppies



BOOK SIGNING: "The Brave Little Puppy"
Anja's newest book & meet
her Husky Puppies!



**GUSTAF'S
GALLERIES**

* ENJOY SCANDINAVIAN ALMOND CAKE /LINGONBERRY JAM.*

HEROIN & PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS

A Time for Community Action

Friday, November 18 8:30am-3:30pm

Come learn more, including what you can do with the right resources to address heroin and prescription drug abuse in Minnesota's communities. This event, moderated by Mike Kaul from the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, will feature addiction professionals and community leaders who will share expertise on this serious issue. Event is free, but registration recommended. For more information and to register click [HERE](#). Lunch will be provided. Held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch.

Sponsored by: Community Partnership with Youth and Families, Fairview Lakes Medical Center, Partners for a Drug Free Chisago County, Hazelden Publishing.

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

Newsflash – Week Prior of Event/Special

Newsletter – 20th of the Month Prior

LAYSBS News!

244 N. Lake Street, Forest Lake

www.YSBLakesArea.org 651-464-3685

Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau is here for you and your family. Here are two job programs for youth.

Job Connection

Do you need help with your common home chores? This referral service links adults 55+ and/or disabled in need of help with daily chores with job seeking youth ages 12-17, *year round!* Jobs may include: sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, raking, organizing, shoveling, pulling weeds or more! If you have questions or would like to request a registration form, contact Jenna at 651-464-3685 or Jenna.Jones@ysblakesarea.org.

Jobs Plus

LAYSBS offers a variety of job readiness programs to youth. We call these programs 'Jobs Plus'! Youth who participate in Jobs Plus have learned about work responsibilities, work ethic, problem solving and much more through the programs that they participated in. They are ready to enter the workforce! If you would like to hire youth who have been trained in skills necessary to be an effective and efficient worker, let us know about your positions. Just provide your contact information to Jenna 651-464-3685.



CHISAGO
CLEAN ENERGY HUB

FREE solar PV and energy efficiency assessments are available for businesses in Chisago Lakes along with minimal cost assessments for area home owners. Every assessment completed will help our America's Best Community team win! Sign up for your easy assessment now at <http://chisago.cleanenergyhub.us/>.

Extended Business Hours...

Thursday's



You will notice that some of the Lindstrom businesses have chosen to extend their hours and are now open later on Thursdays for your shopping convenience. Stop by and see the great things that we can get right here at home!

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES UPDATE



The second quarter report has been submitted to the America's Best Communities competition committee.

The teams are continuing to do amazing work and the community has been nominated for and has won awards around community collaboration which is a great honor.

- The Chisago Lakes Water Trail has opened and maps and brochures will be available soon.
- Another portion of the Swedish Immigrant Trail has been completed and is open for use.
- The Blue Zone Rally was a success and next steps are being reviewed.
- The Chisago Lakes Community Website is receiving its final edits.
- Broadband is being updated in our community with residents being able to see improvements by the end of 2016/early 2017.
- Higher Ed/Workforce of the Future continues to work with the schools and received a grant to cooperate with the students in creating outdoor musical chimes to be placed throughout the community.
- Clean energy has created a hub that has had many businesses and residents utilize the clean energy audits and solar studies
- Wifi hotspots and video conferencing equipment will be installed in the community.

Everyone is invited to join All Team meetings on the 4th Thursday (3rd in Nov due to Thanksgiving) from 8:30-10:30 at the Chisago Lakes Library.

CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY
11754 302nd St, Chisago City
651-257-2817 www.ECRLIB.org

Shadows of Time... Minnesota's Surviving Railroad Depots!

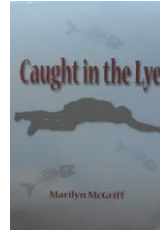
Thursday, November 3 6:30pm

Author Bill Schrankler will discuss his new book, "Shadows of Time... Minnesota's Surviving Depots" The book brings to life 168 of Minnesota's remaining rail road depots. Bill will share entertaining, fact filled information gathered along with hundreds of photographs, maps and other images. His narrative provides a look at Minnesota railroad history through brief studies of the aging structures that range from opulent buildings to small wooden structures. The evening will be informative for everyone interested in history, railroad or trains.



Country Bed & Breakfast
17038 320th St, Shafer
651257-4773 www.CountryBedandBreakfast.us

Local History Mystery Book Signing "Caught in the Lye" By Marilyn McGriff Sunday, November 20th 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Sally Barott, proprietor of Country Bed & Breakfast will be hosting this book signing for Marilyn McGriff, formerly of the Cambridge-Isanti Area. Her novel centers on an apparent homicide at the Day Fish Company, in Day, Minnesota...where everyone goes to buy their holiday lutefisk. Her 300 page local "history mystery" features fictional characters, with familiar places in east central Minnesota. A rookie sheriff's deputy is assigned to the case, and he knows nothing about the famous fish or the area's history. The lutefisk remains the main character of the story...and it doesn't come out smelling so good. Marilyn will happily sign your book. Cost: \$14.95 plus tax.

Enjoy Swedish Egg Coffee and cookies, \$5.00/person. RSVP to Sally at 651-257-4773 or sallybarott@aol.com.

Chisago County Historical Society
13112 3rd Ave N, Lindstrom
651-257-5310
www.ChisagoCountyHistory.org



'Early Fur Traders on the St. Croix River' Friday, November 18 7pm

Jim Buelow, local historian will present a program featuring many artifacts. This is open to the public and is free of charge. Program is sponsored by the Chisago County Historical Society and the Amador Heritage Center. Will be held at Amador Town Hall, Almeland.



**25th Annual Chisago Lakes
PTO Craft Fair
Saturday, November 5 9am-4pm**

Free admission. Over 100 vendors, food, fun for the kid, something for everyone!
Chisago Lakes Middle School, Lindstrom.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 6th

Don't forget to set your clocks back.

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

October Luncheon Meeting



JOE THIMM

Superintendent of Schools –District #2144

October Chamber luncheon was held at **Chisago Lakes Library**. Catered by **Brink's Market** & coffee provided by **Northwoods Roasterie**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: Thank you to all who utilized the Chamber's Fall Decorating service. The community looks great. Thank you to those who attended the **Blue Zones Rally**. Conversations continue as the Quality of Life Team looks at the feasibility of moving this project forward. **Walk Your Cities 30 Day Challenge** is wrapping up but do not stop walking. Chisago Lakes is half way through the finalist phase of the **ABC Competition**. Everyone is invited to attend all team meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month from 8:30-10:30am at the Chisago Lakes Library. November will be the 3rd Thursday, due to Thanksgiving. **Trick or Treat on Mainstreet** is October 28 from 4-7pm throughout the community. Pre-membership dues packets will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. The chamber will be eliminating business categories and base membership on employee number. Along with this packet will be an invitation to a **Chamber Open House**. You are encouraged to attend, bring a potential new member and you will have the opportunity to receive a discount on your 2017 membership.

New Chamber member was introduced: **Happy Houndz Grooming, Connie Wokutch** was present and shared a bit about her business.

Member announcements: **Loretta Anderson-Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation** announced a program open to the public on **Heroin & Prescription Painkillers**. **Diane Fedor** with **SCRMC** invited all to an **Open House/Demo Days**. **Missy Glenna-City of Shafer** reported that **Shafer Days** was great. **Jacob Shoop-Eutectics** gave a push for the free **Energy Assessments** which is county wide and is part of the **ABC Competition**. **Nancy Hoffman-Chisago**

County HRA/EDA mentioned the upcoming **Appy Hour Tech Training**. **John Renaker-Northwoods Roasterie** introduced **Madeline Juliar** his social media expert. **Deannah Muha-Norwex** promoted the **PTO Craft Fair** on November 5. **Matt Howard-LAYSB** was pleased to announce their new spot they will be moving into which is just down the block from where they currently are. **Jamie Nelson-Community Partnership with Youth and Families** announced the upcoming **Bowl-O-Rama**. **Debbie Schott-Your Photo Helper** has a photo workshop every month at the Chamber office. **Eileen Carlson-Eichten's** gave a short update about the restaurant and farm. **Kim Anderson-Grand Casino Hinckley** invited everyone to the **Business After Hours Event** on October 27

Guest speaker, **Joe Thimm, Superintendent of Schools**, gave a district update. The district is growing by 30-40 kids per year and there is a need to add additional space and security. Plans are for remodeling for Kindergarten and Pre-School space, addition of Media room, public meeting space. He wants community in the schools

Next luncheon – November 10 - Chisago Lakes Library!

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**The Chamber office will be closed
Thursday November 24 & Friday, November 25**



MN Chamber Update

**Minnesota Chamber
challenges Minneapolis paid sick time ordinance
By Doug Loon**

Minnesota is blessed with a diverse business landscape – all sizes/types of companies that make up the economic fabric of our state, border to border. Visit any community and see for yourself.

A manufacturer with a couple of hundred employees working shifts. A Main Street retailer providing jobs for a dozen full- and part-time workers. A hospital whose round-the-clock operations often demand that it contracts with an out-of-town company to provide emergency services. A trucking company crisscrossing the state to serve its clients.

Each business has distinctive operations and workplace needs. Each develops wages/salaries, benefits, policies and procedures that best serve the needs of employer and employees. It's a sure bet the companies don't share a uniform employee handbook.

Yet, that's exactly what the city of Minneapolis is mandating with a new ordinance requiring businesses to provide paid sick time leave. The law takes effect July 1, 2017. In a nutshell, companies with six or more employees must provide paid sick & safe time to employees who work within the city limits at least 80 hours within a year. Companies must comply with the ordinance even if they do not have a location in the city – or even in MN for that matter.

The Minnesota Chamber has [filed a lawsuit](#) to challenge the paid sick time ordinance. The lawsuit asks the judge to [strike down the ordinance](#) and in the meantime [prevent the city of Minneapolis from enforcing it](#). The ordinance is unlawful because it conflicts with state law and seeks to regulate in a policy area that is a statewide concern. Simply put, we seek to ensure consistency of workplace laws and prevent a patchwork of city-by-city workplace regulations.

Businesses already have an incentive to compete for employees by offering the best mix of wage/benefits pkgs. We wholeheartedly support & encourage employers to provide employees with flexible, paid options for providing care to their families.

Flexibility is the key, however. It's a far better approach to have employers sit down with employees to develop policies that work for individual workplaces. Imposing a one-size-fits-all mandate stifles any creativity and flexibility with a straightjacket.

At the forefront of our efforts is collecting examples of “best practices” in paid sick leave policies from our members and sharing them with the broader business community. We'd like to hear from as many businesses as possible. Please send your examples to mail@mnchamber.com.

Our lawsuit, filed in conjunction with a group of co-plaintiffs, will be watched closely. St. Paul has passed a similar ordinance also scheduled to take effect July 1, 2017. Duluth is considering a local ordinance, too. It's only a matter of time before other efforts “come to a town near you.”

Beyond the legal flaws, the Minneapolis law is particularly troublesome in practical ways:

- The ordinance imposes significant administrative burdens by requiring companies to track exactly how many hours their employees work within the city limits and to pay lawyers to interpret the ordinance. These burdens will become even greater if other cities enact their own varying ordinances.
- The ordinance extends far beyond the boundaries of Minneapolis. Companies that deliver goods and services into the city, who have employees who telecommute from Minneapolis, or who otherwise have employees who attend meetings and events in Minneapolis will find themselves subject to the ordinance – perhaps unwittingly.

The lawsuit parallels the Minnesota Chamber's efforts at the Legislature to make explicit the fact that state law preempts municipal regulation of wages and benefits. We, along with our local chamber partners, will renew our efforts in 2017 after the Legislature failed to take action this year.

Employers need consistent, statewide workplace regulations. However, mandates on everyday business operations are not appropriate coming from any level of government. Businesses across the state already are adopting paid leave policies designed to meet the particular needs of their enterprise and their employees. State and local policymakers should be encouraging this trend and not imposing one-size-fits-all mandates.

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