

# CHAMBER E-NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Check for articles in the newsletter for more details on events.)*

### **JANUARY 11 Opening of Restaurants, Bars, Brewery and Winery – YEAH!**

January 15-17 From the Heart Gifts Pop-Up Shop will be open, 100 South 4<sup>th</sup> St (Weichert Realty)

January 18 The Library will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Day

January 21 The Power of Positive Thinking, Zoom Mtg sponsored by Live Well Goodhue County

January 25 Deadline for Goodhue County Small Business & Non-Profit Grant

## WHO WANTS TO GO OUT!!

Please remember that our restaurants, bars, brewery and winery will all be open to 50% capacity on Monday, **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please call ahead for reservations and have your masks ready to enter these establishments.

## 2021 MEMBERSHIPS BEGIN JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

With 2020 in our rearview mirror, it is on to better times. The Chamber is announcing that our membership dues are staying the same price as last year. The 2021 Membership Dues Listing is attached along with this E-Newsletter. 2021 Invoices will be mailed out by Friday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

There is one change the Board made to this year's memberships. There is a new listing for Professionals and Services. This is a combination of the four memberships that had \$200 dues: Insurance and Investments, Professionals, Real Estate, and Services. You can find this listing under the Experts and Specialists heading.

## 2021 SPONSORSHIPS

Our 2021 Sponsorships are on hold until after our January 21<sup>st</sup> Chamber Board Meeting. We do have our 2021 Calendar of Events planned out, but what events will actually be held will be interesting to wait for.

Sponsorships are always welcome at the Chamber. Your business name will be posted on the Chamber's webpage [www.cannonfalls.org](http://www.cannonfalls.org) and in our weekly Chamber E-Newsletters. Your logos will be used to continue to keep your branding.

Of course, we will have Flower Baskets come May 2021! They have been ordered already. If you have sponsored the Flower Basket Program in the past, please continue your support.

## CHAMBER IS A 501C6

For those of you who gave sponsorships to the Chamber in 2020, please be aware that the Chamber is a non-profit organization. However, our status as a 501c6 does not allow us to accept donations. Your sponsorships can be used as a **business expense**. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber at 507-263-2289 or your tax professionals.

## GOODHUE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT GRANT

You need to check into the Goodhue County Small Business & Non-Profit Grant. You can find this application at [www.cedausa.com](http://www.cedausa.com) for more details and the application or check out the attachment with this E-Newsletter. The application deadline is Monday, **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Funds will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis, so apply early.

## CAN GRANTS BE CONSIDERED TAXABLE INCOME?

Thank you goes out to Ginger Bauer, La Boutique Unique, for bringing this topic to the Chamber's attention.

If you want your voice to be heard on tax forgiveness or at least deferment for taxes due on grant income, please reach out to your state representatives to let them hear your concerns. Go to <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/> for the Legislative Map to find your representatives. Let your voice be heard!

## EO 21-01 DETAILS

Learn more about the new Federal Relief Bill, along with State & Local relief options and how they affect you. Check out this guide to find these updates from the U.S. Chamber to small business COVID-19 Emergency Loans useful. The full webinar presentation, that was held on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, and notes will be shared on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

[Click Here to View the Guide](#)

For additional information on EO 21-01, Lisa Havelka, ExploreMN, shared these links to the full EO from the Governor's Press Conference held this past Wednesday. These have all of the details of these new changes.

EO 21-01 has now been posted here at the bottom of the page <https://mn.gov/covid19/stay-safe/overview/index.jsp> or see the EO directly posted as a PDF here [https://mn.gov/covid19/assets/EO%2021-01%20Final\\_tcm1148-462106.pdf](https://mn.gov/covid19/assets/EO%2021-01%20Final_tcm1148-462106.pdf)

## 2021 CHAMBER BOARD MEMBERS

**Brian Hokanson**  
*Merchants Bank*

**Carrie Johnson**  
*Mayo Clinic Health System-CF*

**Jan Schurtz**  
*First Farmers & Merchants*

**Lisa Lundell**  
*ReMax/Cannon Realty*

**Scott Sabelko**  
*Cannon Falls Beacon*

**Melanie Carlson**  
*Cannon Valley Specialties*

**Pastor Scott Wildenberg**  
*True North Church*

**Tim Skog**  
*HBC, Inc.*

## MEET OUR NEW CHAMBER BOARD MEMBERS

**CARRIE JOHNSON** was born and raised in Cannon Falls. She currently works at Mayo Clinic Health System in Cannon Falls as an administrative assistant to the operating manager, all of the primary care nurse managers in Cannon Falls, Red Wing, and Lake City as well as the therapy manager in Cannon Falls. She has been with Mayo for about a year and half. Carrie previously worked at First Farmers Merchants bank in Cannon Falls as an IT assistant.

**I L  VE  
CANNON  
FALLS!**

As for community involvement, Johnson is currently on the Senior Class Party Committee, she has helped with Habitat for Humanity in Goodhue County and Feed My Starving Children. Carrie is also involved in the Wellness Champion Program through Mayo Clinic.

Carrie has a step-daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and another granddaughter on the way that live in Ohio. She also has a daughter that is a freshman at NDSU and a son that is a junior at Cannon Falls High School.

**SCOTT SABELKO** grew up in Durand, WI and moved to the Cities 15 years ago. Scott and his family have been in Cannon Falls for almost 4 years now.

Sabelko currently works at the Beacon. He is the head of the print division, working with all business and consumer print and design needs. He has been with the Beacon for over a year. Before that, Scott was a plant manager at a direct marketing plant, doing everything from design/print to shipping and everything in between.

Scott and his wife are heavily involved with the Cannon Falls Elementary School PTO. He is personally the chair of the book fairs. We are also on the Board of the Dance Team Parent Association. Scott also heads up the food committee and he is on the fundraising committee as well.

Scott's wife, Melinda, works full time at Blue Cross. She is a program manager in the pharmacy and affordability division. We have 5 children combined and one loving puppy. Three of our children attend Cannon Falls Schools. We just bought a travel trailer and are looking forward to many fun camping adventures this summer!

## GET INVOLVED AND SHARE THE CHAMBER

If you are a strong supporter of the Chamber, would you be interested in helping spread the word so more community members know about the Chamber? Projects the Ambassadors work on include: member contacts, meeting new member prospects, attending Open Houses, help plan Chamber events (like Light-up Cannon Falls), help create the Featured Chamber Member of the Month videos, and have fun coming up with new ideas for the Chamber to offer.

If you are interested to hear more about being an Ambassador, contact the Chamber Office or one of our current Chamber Ambassadors:

## 2021 CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

**Julie Buchwald-Haley**  
By All Means Graphics

**Melissa Thompson**  
Globe Life Family Heritage Division

**Pastor Scott Wildenberg**  
True North Church

**Tim Skog**  
HBC, Inc.

**Tom Burke**  
Express Employment Professionals

**Zohn Gbior**  
Glazon Care Services

## MEMBER-TO-MEMBER NEWS –

If you have an event, activity or announcement you want shared with all of the Chamber Members, please send your information to the Chamber Office at [tourism@cannonfalls.org](mailto:tourism@cannonfalls.org) by Thursday of each week.

## MILL STREET WALKERS

Monday & Wednesday at 4 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 pm

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Mill Street Walkers is a new walking club and library program for Cannon Falls neighbors on Mill St., or wherever you live. Meet at the Cannon Falls Public Library. Come every time or just once in a while, meet new friends, work off some COVID stress.

[Register](#) (once) with your name and emergency number/contact (just in case something happens on a walk). Helps us track participation. All participants must also sign a waiver and release (included in the registration).

Visit the Library's website <https://cannonfalls.lib.mn.us/> or FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/Cannon-Falls-Library-240597687149/> for the concert link!

If you'd like, add your email address, and we'll add you to the Mill Street Walkers email list - announcing changes, member milestones and more.

## GRIEFSHARE SESSION

**January 12<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm on ZOOM

Riverwood Church, Contact [Pastor Paul](#) for more details.

## S.T.E.M. TAKE HOME EXPERIMENTS

Wednesdays, **January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

Every other Wed. the CF Library will have Take Home S.T.E.M. kits available at our front door (while supplies last). These kits are aimed at kids 7-12.

Each kit will have an experiment to try at home (adult supervision recommended) as well as a bit of information on the science behind that project.

## FROM THE HEART GIFTS – BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Did you make it to our newest Pop-Up Shop in Cannon Falls? From the Heart Gifts was open in November and December, and sales were so good they even added an additional weekend in December. This shop is made up of a diverse group of talented artists and crafters who bring in their crafts, jewelry, wall hangings, refurbished items, and collectibles. Local businesses also had their products and services available for purchase. There were plenty of great gift ideas in this inviting, retail setting.

This month, there will be an After Christmas Sale Room, as well as a Craft Supply Sale area. Friday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, and Saturday, **January 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 11 am – 6 pm and Sunday, **January 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 11 am – 4 pm  
100 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, Cannon Falls (*also known as Weichert Realty*).

Don't miss out on this fun shopping adventure in January, and mark your calendars for **February 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** for Love is in the Air.

If you would be interested in having your gifts be a part of this new boutique, please contact Cheryl Siebenaler on her cell at 507-951-0839 or email her at [Cheryl.Siebenaler@gmail.com](mailto:Cheryl.Siebenaler@gmail.com)

### **ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP SERIES**

Tuesdays, **January 19<sup>th</sup> – February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2 pm – 3 pm on Zoom

A six-part workshop series which will examine racism and discrimination through oral history.

For a link to the Zoom meeting email Matt at [mstelter@selco.info](mailto:mstelter@selco.info)

### **WELLNESS @ WORK COLLABORATION**

The Power of Positive Thinking – A Balanced Approach to Life Guest Speaker– Julie Woodruff, MSN,

Thursday, **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, Non – 1 pm FREE and open to all businesses in Goodhue County

Zoom Meeting – Register to get Zoom Link

Are you approaching 2021 with thoughts of apprehension? Or, are you thinking that the New Year will be full of opportunities for you?

Even during difficult times, good things can happen. The struggles within the current pandemic are very real. At the same time, successes are happening too. How you think about and respond to challenging situations affects your path forward. This program will provide some techniques to help you become more aware of how you are thinking and will suggest ways to ‘lean toward’ positivity.

For ZOOM Link, please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wellness-work-collaboration-tickets-134806043505>

Questions? Contact Megan Roschen, Live Well Goodhue County Coordinator, at 651-385-6140 or [megan.roschen@so.goodhue.mn.us](mailto:megan.roschen@so.goodhue.mn.us) This event is sponsored by Live Well Goodhue County and Red Wing Area Chamber of Commerce.

### **COLLEGE-BOUND SEMINAR**

Saturday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2 pm – 3 pm on ZOOM

This session is for teens and parents. College just ahead? Join us for a seminar to help in planning and answer some questions.

- What college admissions look for in an applicant.
- Navigating the FAFSA.
- Scholarships: Where to find them; How to win them.
- 1st year college experiences from recent grads.

For a link to the Zoom meeting, email Matt at [mstelter@selco.info](mailto:mstelter@selco.info)

### **VIRTUAL PET SHOW**

Friday, **January 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 4 pm via ZOOM

Calling all kids! Do you have a pet, or maybe you just really like animals? If so, you should sign up for the CF Library's *Virtual Pet Show*. Each participant will take a turn showing the audience their pet, and tell us a little bit about them. If you love animals but don't have a pet, that is okay, you can still sign-up to watch the show.

Email [aockocki@selco.info](mailto:aockocki@selco.info) by **January 26th** for the Zoom link and to let us know if you will be showing a pet or just watching. For kids 13 and under.

### **FREE RENT AT CANNON RIVERS SENIOR LIVING**

If you know of anyone looking for senior care, assisted living or memory care, please contact Ann Williams, Sales and Outreach Director at Cannon River Senior Living (CRSL) at 507-263-6087 or [awilli43@fairview.org](mailto:awilli43@fairview.org) Who can pass up free rent?

### **LIBRARY IS ON YouTube**

You'll find many virtual programs on our channel from Fit Friday exercise programs, family crafts, and informational programs.

## CHROMEBOOKS AVAILABLE TO BORROW!

The Cannon Falls Library is happy to announce they have Chromebooks available to borrow. They will be available for two weeks at a time. Request through the online catalog or contact the Library at 507-263-2804.

These Chromebooks were purchased through grants from Mayo Clinic Health System and the Blandin Foundation.

## 2020 COMMUNITY SPONSORS

### City of Cannon Falls

The City of Cannon Falls continues their annual sponsorship to the Chamber. A big THANK YOU goes out to Mayor John Althoff, Mary Jill Bringgold, Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Derek Lundell, Morris Mattson, Matt Montgomery, and Neil Jensen, City Administrator.

## 2020 CHAMBER DIAMOND SPONSOR



## 2020 CHAMBER GOLD SPONSORS



## 2020 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 12312020)

### BUSINESS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON SPONSORS

(event and table)

Dakota Electric Association  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Mayo Clinic Health System  
Nick's Downtown Diner/CR Catering

Dakota Electric Association  
Lorentz Meats – Trollies  
Mayo Clinic Health System – plus Trollies  
Sustane Natural Fertilizers

### CHAMBER BREAKFAST/BUSINESS AFTER HOURS SPONSOR

IPS-Solar – To Be Determined

### FLOWER BASKET SPONSORS 2020

Clifford and Karen Adel – *Memorial for Ruby Bullert and Maylyn Adel*  
Bill & Nancy Althoff  
John D Anderson – *Memorial for his Mother*  
Helen Baughman – *In Memory of Harold Baughman*  
Annette & John Bing – *In Memory of Dona Mae Kimball*  
Kathy Dalton  
Larry and Kay Dammer  
B Johnson – *In Memory of Dylan Johnson*  
Denell Johnson – *In Memory of her son Dylan Johnson*  
Keith & Betty Lu Johnson - *In Memory of Dick Dalton*  
Rev Diane C Johnson – *In Memory of Merry Jo and Herb Johnson*  
Linda Johnson – *In Memory of Merry Jo and Herb Johnson*  
Brett and Mary Klavon  
John Lindahl – *Gemini Employee Contribution*  
Ed & Mary Lorentz – *In Memory of Marlene Willis, Dr Robert Molenaar, Larry Sibley and Earl Molstrom*  
Richard Miller  
Dr Karl & Cindy Molenaar - *In Memory of Dr Robert Molenaar*  
Carl Munson – *In Memory of Hildegard Munson*  
Elaine H Myers – *In Memory of my Sisters: Francis Callstrom, Mary Urevig and Shirley Berg*

### DECK THE FALLS

Cannon Falls Bears  
Cycle America  
Dakota Electric Association  
Family Salon  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Hancock Concrete  
Lorentz Meats  
Mayo Clinic Health System  
Merchants Bank  
Mullbrek Designs  
Northside Storage  
Sustane Natural Fertilizers  
Will Burleigh

### DINE AND DASH NETWORKING EVENT SPONSOR

Dakota Electric Association

### FLAVORS OF THE FALLS SPONSOR

(event and trollies)

Dareld & Carolyn Nelson – *In Honor by her Children,  
Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren*  
Lyle & Jeri Noble  
Mary O’Gorman – *In Memory of Bob & Laurie  
O’Gorman*  
Robert & Florence Pirrung  
M. Darlene Qualle – *In Memory of Dick Dalton*  
Chuck & Maxine Rademacher – *Memorial for Dr Robert  
Molenaar*  
Rehbein Family: David, Ann & Joan – *In Memory of  
Dick Dalton*  
Dr. George & Catherine Rehm  
Sandy Sjoquist - *In Memory of Dick Dalton*  
Karen J Slininger  
Evelyn L Strack  
Mary Ellen Sturm – *In Memory of Howard Sturm and  
Stephen Ritzenthaler*  
Gary and Ann Thacher  
Connie and Kenneth Weaver – *In Memory of Betty &  
Gene Van Guilder*  
Animal Health Center  
Bayer Crop Science  
Cycle America

Dakota Electric Association  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Gene Flom Insurance Agency, Inc.  
J & B Greenhouse  
Lorentz Meats  
Mayo Clinic Health System  
Merchants Bank  
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Northside Storage  
Sustane Natural Fertilizers

**FLOWER BASKET SPONSORS 2021**

Carrie Johnson and Ryan Josephs – *In honor and loving  
memory of Patty Anderson*

**GOLF SPONSORS (team, hole, and meal)**

Dakota Electric Association - Hole  
First Farmers & Merchants  
Lorentz Meats – Team  
Mayo Clinic Health System - Team  
Merchants Bank – Team and Hole  
Sustane Natural Fertilizers – Team