

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

January 25	Deadline for Goodhue County Small Business & Non-Profit Grant
January 28	Fitness & Weight Management Webinar, Noon – 12:45 pm
February 13	Sweetheart Soiree, 5 pm – 10 pm, Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W, Cannon Falls
February 12-14	From the Heart Gifts – Love Is In The Air, 100 S 4 th St, Cannon Falls (Weichert Realty)
February 16	State of the City Address, 7:30 am, Zoom Meeting, register to receive link
February 16	The Ins and Outs of Dining – 9 am – 10:30 am, Zoom Meeting – Register to receive link
February 21	Theater for the Thirsty, 9 am and 10:30 am, Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS ON ZOOM

Tuesday, **February 16th**, at 7:30 am – Register with the Chamber to receive the Zoom Link
Check into this presentation by the City of Cannon Falls. Find out what has happened Cannon Falls in 2020 and then what will happen in 2021. Neal Jensen, City Administrator, will be giving a Budget Report, Laura Qualey, CEDA Business Specialist, will cover the Economic Developments that are in the works, and Mayor John Althoff will review the City's past year.

Please register with the Chamber Office to receive the Zoom Link for this meeting. Call 507-263-2289 or tourism@cannonfalls.org

PAY YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

Go to www.cannonfalls.org and click on the Member Login button in the upper right corner of your screen. You will be prompted to create your business' account on GrowthZone. Your Chamber Membership information will automatically come up showing you have an invoice to pay. There will be no additional charges to your credit card for paying your membership online.

WHAT IS GROWTHZONE?

GrowthZone is a program that has many membership benefits for you. Go to www.cannonfalls.org and click on the Member Login button in the upper right corner. From here, you will need to create an account for your Chamber Membership. Once you have a website account on GrowthZone, you will be able check out the following:

- Members can easily update your membership profile and contact information whenever you want.
- Update your business information. Add your logo or photos!
- Make payments online for memberships, events, sponsorships, and promotional items.
- Add your events and activities to the Chamber's Calendar of Events. This can be community events too.
- Post Member-to-Member deals, jobs, and other types of notices.
- Add your job postings and properties for lease or rent to the webpage for the community to see.

There are a lot more bells and whistles in GrowthZone, but we are starting small and working ourselves through the phases.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER

Quik Stop-BP of Cannon Falls joined the Chamber on January 21st. Both locations are fuel & convenience stores, and they both offer lottery tickets. Anna Ehrlicher, Store Manager at Quik Stop, offers hot/cold beverages, hot ready to go foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner including pizza. Tiffany Tabafunda is the Store Manager at BP of Cannon Falls. The BP location offers diesel fuel, groceries, snacks, and cold drinks.

Stop in to say "hello" to these new Chamber Members.

2021 CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

The Chamber closed out 2020 with a total of 185 members. In 2021, our membership dues are staying the same price as last year. The 2021 Membership Dues Listing and Application are attached with this E-Newsletter, and all membership invoices were sent out on January 14th. Our new Chamber Members are marked with ** after their name.

1. Ace Hardware of CF
2. Bob Draheim – Busy Bee Honey
3. Brewster's Bar & Grill
4. Burkhardt Law
5. Cannon Valley Specialties
6. Cannon Valley Trail
7. CannonBelles Coffee & Ice Cream
8. Dudley's Pizza & Sandwich Shop
9. Earl C Benson & Associates
10. Family Salon
11. Hemann Grover & Co
12. Jim Bassett
13. Lundberg Funeral Home
14. Q-Media KWNG-KCUE
15. Quik Stop-BP of Cannon Falls**
16. ReMax/Cannon Realty
17. Riverwood Community Church
18. Rod Nelson
19. Rod's Liquors
20. SAC Towing and Recovery**
21. St Paul's Lutheran School & Church
22. State Farm
23. True North Church
24. VASA-Spring Garden Mutual

2021 SPONSORSHIPS

More information will be coming out soon regarding the Chamber's 2021 Sponsorships. Stay Tuned!

Flower Baskets sponsorships have already started to come in, and they will be coming in May! If you have sponsored the Flower Basket Program (\$100) in the past, please continue your support. If you need an invoice, let the Chamber know and it will be sent out to you.

The Chamber's non-profit status is a 501c6. This means the Chamber cannot 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.

ONLINE INQUIRY PROCESS AVAILABLE FOR COVID-19 BUSINESS RELIEF PAYMENTS

Reported by Rep Barb Haley

Last week, the Minnesota Department of Revenue sent out the initial round of COVID-19 Business Relief Payments to nearly 4,000 eligible businesses across the state. This program, part of a bi-partisan COVID-19 relief legislation passed in December, offers direct relief payments to eligible restaurants, bars, gyms, and bowling centers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses that did not receive a COVID-19 Business Relief Payment but think they meet the program criteria [can contact the department](#) using their online inquiry process that is now available through **Friday, February 5, 2021**. Businesses can use this if their business either:

- Did not receive a COVID-19 Business Relief Payment but they think the business met the program requirements.
 - Received a COVID-19 Business Relief Payment but they think the amount was wrong.
- Businesses can find this online inquiry process by visiting revenue.state.mn.us and clicking "COVID-19 Business Relief Payments" found on the homepage.

Eligible businesses **must meet the program requirements** outlined in the legislation. Direct payment requirements for businesses include:

- Being located in Minnesota
- Had at least \$10,000 in taxable sales in 2019
- Filed Sales Tax returns in 2019 and 2020
- Experienced a 30% drop in year-over-year taxable sales for April-September periods
- Being categorized by the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance program as a restaurant, bar, gym, bowling center, or similar business

Direct funding to all of Minnesota's 87 counties was also provided to set up local COVID-19 grant relief programs. Businesses not eligible for a direct payment from Revenue are encouraged to contact their local county for additional COVID-19 relief.

- [Olmsted County State of Minnesota Small Business Relief Grant program](#) – Opened Friday, Jan 22nd
- [Goodhue County Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Program](#) - Jan 25th, Noon Deadline
- [Wabasha County Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Program](#) - Feb 1st, Midnight Deadline

UPDATE ON GOODHUE COUNTY BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

As of January 19, 2021, the Cannon Falls area has had 25 businesses & non-profits issued funds from this program.

INFORMATION ON 2ND ROUND PPP GRANTS

John Kirchner, US Chamber, gave a PPP presentation this past week to the MN Chamber of Commerce Executives (MCCE). The link below is the PowerPoint that he shared. Be sure to check with your banks for the application for this grant. The SBA PPP Loan Portal is opened for all lenders as of Tuesday, **January 19th**.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DF_7LnXNIHuDx6xCID44sbbn_d35HpRT/view?usp=sharing

Go to www.uschamber.com/sbloans to find out how to get your PPP loans forgiven.

Mr. Kirchner also mentioned that the Economic Aid Act announced the Employee Retention Tax Credit. It is possible to receive up to \$14,000 per employee per quarter, and this tax is retroactive. There are good details in Kirchner's presentation about this opportunity. Contact your Accountants/Tax Preparers so they can help you process this option.

THE INS AND OUTS OF DINING – REDESIGNING DINING AND DELIVERY

Join us for a free virtual business training for food business owners!

[Register now!](#)

Restaurant owners and managers have found themselves in uncharted territory and challenging times due to the pandemic. In trying times, it is often difficult to see in what direction to go. Ralph Kridner, long-time restaurant consultant and wine expert, will show you ways to keep your food business profitable by creating a smooth experience for your customers.

We will cover the value of online ordering, loyalty programs, and contactless order pickup as well as how to best communicate with your customers in this environment. Join us to learn how to put systems in place that allow you to get back to what you love about your business. Sponsored by Southern MN Initiative Foundation.

UPDATE FROM MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM

Update from MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM – CF

Guests Speakers: Nakayla Warren, Operations Manager; Pam Horlitz, Community Engagement Specialist; Dr. Brian Whited, Physician Executive and Inpatient Medical Director, River Corridor. and Beth Flattum, Vice Chair of Administration.

Beth Flattum is a new team member in MCHS-Red Wing. She had practiced at Fairview/Mayo. She works as the Radiology Coordinator where she is the Vice Chair.

UPDATES FROM MAYO:

- Focused and leading the front for balancing COVID-19 and Day-to-Day appointments
- At Red Wing, the surgery department is currently shut down.
- Elective Surgeries are going on in Cannon Falls.

COVID-19 VACCINES – MCHS-CF is expecting to have the vaccines during the week of December 21st. They are also doing the 3-hr infusions. The MCHS-CF Staff will be getting vaccinated on December 21st at 2 pm.

Mayo-Rochester is also expecting to have doses of the vaccine during the week of December 21st. Vaccinations will start with healthcare workers, long-term care staff and residents. All MCHS staff are dealing with stress and challenges.

Dr. Brian Whited reported that Primary Care has been maintained well and there is good access for the public. Dr Wheeler is still in Africa. Virtual Care is being continued, and it is now available all days.

Should COVID-19 vaccines be taken? Dr. Whited commented that the vaccines cannot be mandated. Whited also reported that there have only been 3 known cases of COVID from having the vaccinations. Vaccines are working quickly and they are having prevalence on the disease.

Pam Horlitz reported on the Community Awareness Updates. They currently have 3 main topics: well-being, prevention of chronic diseases, and substance misuse.

Another good resource for COVID information is the Goodhue County Public Health Department at <https://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/171/Public-Health-Division>. You can also call 800-950-2142 or 651-385-3200 for more information.

WORK HAS BECOME A LOT LESS WORK

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- Manage your timesheets and work assignments

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OPEN POSITIONS IN THE CANNON FALLS AREA TOP CANDIDATE ALERT!

Is hiring too time-consuming? Having trouble finding the right fit for your team? Don't have enough staff to keep up with production or administrative demands?

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- 2nd SHIFT/ Metal Finishing – manufacturing \$17.00-\$18.00/hr
- 2nd and 3rd SHIFT/ Manufacturing Specialist for plaques and signs \$16.75+/ hr
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd SHIFT/ Machine Operation \$16.00-\$16.75/hr
- 2nd SHIFT Forklift Operator-helper \$16.75/hr
- Evening office cleaning 10 hrs/week \$16.00/hr

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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 by Thursday of each week.

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COLLEGE-BOUND SEMINAR

Saturday, **January 23rd**, 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 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

MILL STREET WALKERS

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

January 25th – January 28th

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.

ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP SERIES

Tuesdays, **January 26th – February 23rd**, 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

A HISTORY OF CREATIVITY

Wednesday, **January 27th**, 12 Noon, Webinar

John Anderson, Charles Biederman, and the Arts at Tower View

By the late 1930s, John Anderson and Charles Biederman had begun converting Tower View's farm buildings into studio spaces to support their modernist art works. They worked both as individual artists and as close collaborators. Through images and stories, Anderson Center Director Stephanie Rogers shares the legacy of these two men's work on the edge of Red Wing and on the cutting edge of the modernist art movement.

This event is a virtual event using zoom follow the link attached the day of the program to join us for history break.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84056971484>

S.T.E.M. TAKE HOME EXPERIMENTS

Wednesdays, **January 27th**

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.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR OUT RIGHT

Thursday, **January 28th**, Noon – 12:45 pm Zoom Meeting

Search the Classes & Events page at www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org to register.

Join Nicholle Oman, A Mayo Clinic Health System Dietician, to go back to the basics when it comes to eating. Learn how eating healthy is about more than just weight and eating routines. Also learn why and how you prepare meals can improve your eating habits. She will also discuss emotional and mindful eating.

Upon registration, you will receive an email with a link that will allow you to access the meeting. Check your junk mail if you don't receive this email.

FREE WEBINAR: FITNESS & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT – STARTING NEW YEAR OUT RIGHT

Join Nicholle Oman, Mayo Clinic Health System dietitian, on Thursday, **January 28th** from 12 to 12:45 p.m. to go back to the basics when it comes to eating. Learn how eating healthy is about more than just weight and eating routines. She will also discuss emotional and mindful eating. [Registration required.](#)

VIRTUAL PET SHOW

Friday, **January 29th**, 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 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.

FROM THE HEART GIFTS – LOVE IS IN THE AIR

From the Heart Gifts was open on **February 12th – 14th** for Love is in the Air. 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.

Friday, **February 12th**, and Saturday, **February 13th**, from 11 am – 6 pm and Sunday, **February 14th**, from 11 am – 4 pm
100 S 4th St, Cannon Falls (*also known as Weichert Realty*).

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

SWEETHEART SOIREE

Saturday, **February 13th**, 5 pm – 10 pm

Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W, Cannon Falls

'Prom' the way it should have been! Dinner and Live Music! Dinner provided by Hastings Public House. Music by Eden Road. Tickets are available at www.cannonriverwinery.com

THEATER for the THIRSTY

Sunday, **February 21st**, at 9 am and 10:30 am

Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls

We have a special treat coming on Sunday, February 21st. Jeremiah Gamble will be at Riverwood during both of our Sunday morning services to perform the play, *The Rough and the Holy*. The 45-minute play depicts the life and teachings of Jesus through 15 different characters. Many of you have experienced *Theater for the Thirsty* through the wonderful performances they have done at our Women's Christmas Dessert events. So come for a great morning!

JOIN GIRL SCOUTS FOR FREE!

Lean on Girl Scouts during these challenging times, and beyond. For a limited time, we're offering free memberships (\$25 value) to girls in grades K-12 who join before **February 28, 2021**. From February–May 2021, girls in grades K-3 will be invited to virtual sessions led by our youth program experts. They'll explore hands-on programs that promote happiness and mental health, character development, and social interaction with other girls her age. Join us at

www.GirlScoutsRV.org/Join

GRIEFSHARE SESSION

Tuesdays through March 30th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm on ZOOM

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

TELL US HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE

Goodhue County Historical Society

Please tell us how Covid-19 has impacted you, your family, your work, schooling or other areas of your day-to-day life. Share what is important to you and include photos to accompany your story if you'd like.

Submissions will be permanently kept in GCHS archive and will be used for research and educational purposes.

Thank you for helping with this effort to document this time.

Below is a link to the form. Just copy and paste the link to your browser.

When finished click submit.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MDMrxO7Wn3dCwH6s-2RjcN3nu3sCcQDAsgRHkdBLE/edit?usp=sharing>

2021 CHAMBER DIAMOND SPONSOR



2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 012221)

FLOWER BASKET SPONSORS 2021

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