

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Month of March MN Food Share March Campaign – Give to Your Local Food Shelf

- March 19 Comedy Night at Riverwood, Video starts at 7 pm, Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls
- March 21 3rd State of the State Address, 6 pm, Governor’s YouTube page [here](#).
- March 22 1st Day for Cannon Falls Students to return to the school buildings
- March 26 Friday Fish Fry, 4:30 pm – 7 pm, St Pius V Catholic Church, 410 Colvill St W – Pre-Order Only
- April 1 Bike Rentals, 9 am – 1 pm, Cannon Valley Senior Center, 507-263-2136
- April 2 Easter Candy Bagging Party, 9 am, True North Church, 410 Dakota St
- April 3 Children’s Easter Cruise, 10 am – Noon, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds, watch for maps
- June 24 Chamber Golf Tournament & Fundraiser, Noon – Lunch, 12:30 pm Shot Gun Start, Summit Golf Club

CHAMBER CHILDREN’S EASTER CRUISE

The Chamber Children’s Easter Cruise is set for Saturday, **April 3rd**, from 10 am – Noon, at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds. This cruise is a drive-through, “Safety-First” event, so please stay in your cars to meet and greet the Easter Bunny. The Cannon Falls Fire Dept. will be delivering the Easter Bunny at 10 am, and then he will be handing out bags of candy to kids up to 10 years old.

This event is a sponsor for the Cannon Falls Food Shelf. Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation. Those who “give” will “get” a full page of coupons from participating Chamber Members.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for both the Candy Bagging on Friday, April 2nd, 9 am at True North Church and for The Easter Cruise on Saturday, April 3rd, 10 am – noon at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds. Please call the Chamber at 507-263-2289 or email tourism@cannonfalls.org to sign-up.

APRIL 1st - CANNON VALLEY TRAIL PASSES

April 1st is the start date for Wheel Passes being required on the Cannon Valley Trail. The Wheel Passes are available online at www.cannonvalleytrail.com The cost for the passes is \$25 for the year or \$5 for a day.

The 2021 Cannon Valley Trail Passes are also available at the following locations:

- Cannon Falls – Cannon Valley Specialties, Althoff Hardware, Family Fare, CannonBelles Coffee & Ice Cream, Cannon Valley Senior Center, and Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
- Welch - Bleu Dog Café
- Red Wing – St James Hotel, Red Wing Visitor Center, and Pier 55/Senior Center

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN ART SHOW?

The Cannon Falls High School Art Teacher is planning ahead for an Art Show during the middle of May 2021. If the Covid-19 Restrictions are still in place, the public would not be allowed into the school to see the students’ art projects.

Would you be interested in having these art projects displayed in the front windows of your business or service? This could become an **Art Walk for Downtown Cannon Falls**. Please let the Chamber know if you would be willing to be a part of this Art Walk event by calling 507-263-2289 or emailing tourism@cannonfalls.org

ADVERTISING FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS

If you would like to be included in the Easter Coupon Listing, please send your information (business name with logo, item(s) on sale, discount, expiration date, etc..) to the Chamber by noon on Wednesday, **March 24th**. The coupons will be 4 ¼” x 1 ½”. Be creative with your discounts and add an expiration date if you would like. These coupons can be used by the children, or any member of their family. No identification required. *(These coupons will be printed on a dark-colored paper to avoid copies being made.)*

2021 CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

The current membership listing is attached with this Chamber E-Newsletter. We have a total of 153 members.

MN FOOD SHARE – MARCH CAMPAIGN

40th Year Anniversary - During the month of March, give to your local Food Shelf or donate at www.mnfoodshare.org/donate In March, your dollars will go farther with the State of MN giving back a percentage of your donation to your local Food Shelf.

Our local Food Shelf needs the following specific items:

Food items:	Non-food items:
hearty soups	laundry detergent
saltine crackers	dish soap
Hamburger Helper	shampoo
snack crackers	pump hand soap
cookies	toothpaste
coffee	

RIVERWOOD CHURCH RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION

Pastor Mark LaFollette – After 31 years in pastoral ministry, Pastor Mark and his wife, Judy, believe it is time to begin a transition from the fulltime pastorate. Pastor Mark will be retiring in July of this year. My plan is to preach through Sunday, **July 11th**, and serve on the church staff through mid-July.

Even though I will be stepping away from the full-time pastorate, we will continue to be in ministry. An area of ministry that has been on our hearts for about ten years is the care and strengthening of couples in ministry. For the past decade, we have been serving pastors and wives in our spare time both through our Converge district and in two retreat ministries.

We have now been invited to begin serving part time with the leaders of Deer Ridge Ministries. This ministry provides retreats for pastors and spouses for spiritual renewal and Sabbath rest. They have served thousands of pastors since their founding in 2003.

Pastor Andrew Lundstrum - After much prayerful consideration and trusting in the Holy Spirit's guidance, I have made the decision to resign as Associate Pastor of Riverwood Community Church and accept a call to become the Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church in Wellman, Iowa. I will begin my call at First Baptist Church on Sunday, **May 30th**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CANNON FALLS AREA

CANNON FALLS CANOE & BIKE RENTAL

Drivers Wanted – Must be 25 years old or older, have a clean driving record and a regular driver's license. Mostly weekend hours. If interested, call or text 507-407-4111.

EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

OPEN POSITIONS IN CANNON FALLS!

1 st shift SEASONAL work in Stanton.....	\$15.00/hr.
1 st & 2 nd shift meat processing of packaging.....	\$15.75-\$16.50/hr.
1 st shift honey bottling production.....	\$15.00/hr.
2 nd shift metal finishing.....	\$17.00-\$18.00/hr.
2 nd & 3 rd shift manufacturing specialist.....	\$16.75/hr.
1 st & 3 rd machine operator.....	\$16.00-\$16.75/hr.
2 nd shift welding.....	\$17.00/hr.+ DOE

Express is also taking applications for seasonal and summer help as well!!! If you, or someone you know, is interested in these positions, please call 651-385-6331 or go to www.expresspros.com

Express is currently looking for candidates for **Seed Operations Lab/Field Technicians** that function as integral members of the Seed Operations team, responsible for crop production inputs including packaging, staking, planting, pollinating, harvesting, and data collection of research plots. Operate seed laboratory equipment including seed

conditioning machines, seed counters, and other tools necessary for agricultural research projects. Supporting efforts to maintain integrity of seed inventory, packaging and field layout. Can perform all tasks and behaving in a manner compliant with and in support of all safety related company policies and practices.

Qualifications:

- HS Diploma
- Ability to use MS Office, especially Word and Excel
- Ability and motivation to learn new technologies
- Good organizational skills
- Ability to work in a team and to communicate with individuals throughout the department
- Must be detail oriented
- Accuracy is a must
- \$15.00/hour

RANCHO LOCO GRILL AND BAR

Help Wanted – Looking for waiters, waitresses and hostesses. PT or FT. To apply, stop by the restaurant at 31303 – 64th Ave Path or call 651-800-8200 and ask for Isma.

ST. ANSGAR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Job Opening: Applications open for **Secretary Receptionist position.** St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church 7459 Highway 19 Blvd. Cannon Falls, MN. Part Time, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday – Friday. Send written work-related resume along with two job related written references to: sapastorrandy@gmail.com. For more information call 507-923-3098.

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.

COMEDY NIGHT AT RIVERWOOD!

On Friday, **March 19th**, at 7 pm, Riverwood will be showing the comedy video, “Full Range Motion” by Tim Hawkins. This comedy set was recently featured on the Focus on the Family webcast. Tim Hawkins is one of the most popular Christian comedians around today. Come and have a good laugh! FREE and open to the public.

GRIEFSHARE SESSION

Tuesday, **March 23rd through March 30th**, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm on ZOOM
Riverwood Church, Contact [Pastor Paul](#) for more details.

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FRIDAY FISH FRY AT ST PIUS V

Friday, **March 26th**, from 4:30 pm – 7 pm
St Pius V Catholic Church (lower level)

The cost is \$10 per meal and **pre-ordering** is required (form attached to E-Newsletter). There will be curbside pick-up by the lower level of the church. The meal being served will include: Alaskan Pollack (fried or baked), Rice, Baked Beans (all gluten free), Coleslaw, Fresh Veggies, Hi-Quality Bakery Bun and Brownie.

You may call the church at 507-263-2578, but pre-payment is required by **March 19th**. On the Pre-Order Form, you also need to choose your pick-up time.

BIKE RENTALS START ON APRIL 1ST

As of **April 1st**, the Cannon Valley Senior Center (CVSC) will have bike rentals available to the public. Call Lora at the CVSC to reserve your bike at 507-263-2136. The bikes are located at CVSC, 120 W State St.

As of April 1st, don't forget to get a Wheel Pass for the Cannon Valley Trail. \$5 for a daily pass and \$25 for a yearly pass.

LET'S PLAY BINGO

Monday, **April 5th**, 10 am – 11 am
Cannon Valley Senior Center (CVSC), 120 West State St.

Starting in March, the CVSC started holding Bingo the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Due to social distancing requirements, it is best to RSVP for a seat by calling Lora Bremer at 507-263-2136 or emailing her at lora@cannonvalleyseniorcenter.org Be sure to mark your calendars for **April 19th** and **May 3rd**.

ARE YOU UP FOR CRAFTING?

Wednesday, **April 7th**, 9 am – Noon

Cannon Valley Senior Center (CVSC), 120 West State St.

Quilting, embroidering, and card making are all a part of the Craft Time that is being held at CVSC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. More crafts can be added. Due to social distancing requirements, it is best to RSVP for your space by calling Lora Bremer at 507-263-2136 or emailing her at lora@cannonvalleyseniorcenter.org Be sure to mark your calendars for Craft Time on Wednesdays, **April 21st** and **May 5th**.

YOGA THERAPY: RELIEVE PAIN, MANAGE STRESS

Thursday, **April 8th** Noon – 1 pm

Free Zoom Webinar – To Register go to <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/classes-and-events/yoga-therapy-relieve-pain-manage-stress>

Did you know that yoga can help with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and chronic pain? Join Michele Hoffman, a certified yoga therapist at Mayo Clinic Health System, to learn gentle yoga postures that can be performed while sitting on a chair or standing, as well as breathing practices and relaxation techniques that can relieve muscle tension, reduce pain, increase energy and improve sleep.

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.

Click on the link a few minutes before the start of the event. Sometimes technical issues can occur when joining a virtual meeting. If the link does not work, you can call the phone number in your confirmation email to listen to the event. Calling rates apply.

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GRAB AND GO SERVICES

The Cannon Falls Library is open for Grab and Go Services which includes express visits for browsing, picking up library holds, checking out items, and computer use.

Library users will be able to enter the library without appointments for once daily visits of up to 30 minutes. Since the mask mandate is still in effect, all patrons and library staff are expected to wear masks covering mouths and noses while in the library.

Library staff will be happy to provide curbside service for those uncomfortable entering the library or for those who choose not to wear masks. Due to the popularity of Mystery Bags and Storytime Kits, the library will continue to provide them. Users can pop into the library to pick one up or call and ask to have one ready for curbside pickup.

Library programs will remain virtual and, as the weather warms up, transition to some outdoor programs in the Library parking lot and in parks around town. Check the Cannon Falls Library Facebook page and website frequently to get updates about programs, or sign up for monthly newsletters about upcoming programs and their venues and formats.

Please bear with library staff as they try to be responsible and safe for all members of the community. See you again soon in the library!

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 03192021)



2021 CHAMBER DIAMOND SPONSOR

2021 CHAMBER GOLD SPONSOR



FLOWER BASKET SPONSORSHIPS FROM COMMUNITY

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

Gwen Rose – *In Memory of David Delzer and Theresa Rose*
Mrs. Evelyn L Strack

Liz O’Gorman – *In Memory of Bob, Laurie and Dan O’Gorman*

In 2021, the Cannon Falls Area Chamber Sponsorships are taking on a new look. Instead of selecting specific Chamber events, your business logo or name will be represented in the promotions for the events listed in that specific level.

\$100 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Children’s Easter Cruise, Flower Baskets, Halloween Trick or Treat Trot & Open-Air Fair

Bayer Crop Science

Cycle America

Mayo Clinic Health System

Merchants Bank

Peterson Turkey Hatchery – *In Memory of Pat Anderson*

Northside Storage

Rod Nelson – *In Memory of Mary Nelson and Pat Anderson*

Sustane Natural Fertilizer

\$250 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Hole Sign & Deck the Falls Fireworks

\$400 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Meal

\$500 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Team and Light Up Cannon Falls

Mayo Clinic Health System

Merchants Bank

Sustane Natural Fertilizer