

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 2	Easter Candy Bagging Party, 9 am, True North Church, 410 Dakota St
April 2 – 3	Annual Cellar Sale, Noon – 8 pm, Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St
April 2 – 3	Waiting for Spring Sale, La Boutique Unique, 127 th – 4 th St N
April 3	Children’s Easter Cruise, 10 am – Noon, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds, watch for maps
April 5	First Choice Clinic Expands in Cannon Falls, 118 4 th St N
April 15	Cannon Falls Hiring Event, 11 am – 3 pm, 31265 Co 24 Blvd
April 26	First Choice Clinic Open House and Ribbon Cutting, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. 118 4 th St N
June 24	Chamber Golf Tournament & Fundraiser, Noon – Lunch, 12:30 pm Shot Gun Start, Summit Golf Club

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

CHAMBER CHILDREN’S EASTER CRUISE & BUNNY HUNT

The Chamber Children’s Easter Cruise is on Saturday, **April 3rd**, from 10 am – Noon, at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds. This 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. Bags of candy will be handed out to the first 400 kids up to 10 years old.

Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for Cannon Falls Food Shelf. Those who “give” will “get” 14 coupons from participating Chamber Members.

An added event to the Easter Cruise is the **Easter Bunny Hunt**. As families wind their way through the fairgrounds, they will need to look for bunnies (stuffed/plush) along the way. If you find them, report how many your family found to the Easter Bunny helper and you will receive an extra prize.

THE FERNDALE EASTER GOBBLE – SUPPORT LOCAL THIS EASTER!

When you shop at Ferndale Market, you not only support our family business, but also all the local farmers and food producers we work with. For example:

- The eggs you purchase to decorate come from nearby **L&R Poultry and Produce**; a small farm headed up by Rae Rusnak. When we opened our market in 2008, Rae was one of our very first partners. Since then, she’s delivered thousands of her fresh, free-range eggs to our store, always staying afterward to do her own grocery shopping.
- The **Lorentz Meats** ham you purchase supports the second-generation meat processor in Cannon Falls and helps them employ nearly 100 people locally. Lorentz is a true partner of ours. We not only sell their products in our store, but also create many of our turkey items, including our popular smoked turkeys, at their facility.
- When you buy **Brick Oven Bakery** dinner rolls, you support an independent bakery and café in Northfield that has been in business for over 20 years. Brick Oven delivers fresh bread to our market twice a week and purchases our turkey to use in their café.
- When you purchase **Crystal Ball Farms** milk, you are helping a small family-run dairy in Osceola, Wisconsin, a state that leads the nation in family farm closures. In 2018, Crystal Ball Farms had to completely rebuild after a devastating fire. Now fully back up and running, thanks in large part to the community’s support, they continue to create all-natural, non-homogenized milk, pasteurized at a low heat and bottled in reusable glass.

- When you fill your Easter baskets with **Costas Candies** truffles, you are supporting a family owned and operated business that has been handcrafting candies in Owatonna since 1919. When our chocolate stock is low, we email the owner directly to place an order.

While these are just a few examples, there are faces and stories behind every product we have on our shelves. Your purchase makes an impact and allows them to continue doing what they do. Thank you and happy Easter!

FIRST CHOICE CLINIC EXPANDS IN CANNON FALLS

First Choice Clinic, formerly LifeChoice of Cannon Falls, will open its door on Monday, **April 5th**, 2021. The clinic's hours will be Mondays from 1pm – 4 pm and Wednesdays from 10 am – 2 pm. All services are provided to women and men by licensed, trained staff and are confidential and free of charge. The Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, **April 26th** at 4 pm, during an Open House with tours which will run from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. This is open to the public. Pre-packaged light refreshments will be served. Rain date is **May 3rd**.

The Cannon Falls clinic, located at 118 4th Street North, has been legally upgraded to be a medical clinic as a satellite of Red Wing and will offer pregnancy testing, limited OB ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment, lactation and breastfeeding consults, and postpartum depression assistance, in addition to all the services and Outreach programs in the local schools provided previously. Both clinic locations are under the medical oversight of Dr. Eric Poulin and compliance oversight Executive Director Rose Korabek.

2021 DISCOVER GUIDES HAVE ARRIVED!

Please come to the Chamber Office to pick up Discover Guides. If you have had them in the past, that quantity has been set aside for you already.

CHAMBER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

The 30th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament and Fundraiser is set for Thursday, **June 24th**, at the Summit Golf Club. During the month of April, a Chamber Board Member will be contacting you about prizes and certificates for this event. If you know you want to give to this event, please contact the Chamber Office at 507-263-2289.

The Golf Tournament Registration and Sponsorship Forms will be coming out next week. If you have any questions or other ideas, please call the Chamber Office at 507-263-2289 or email us at tourism@cannonfalls.org.

2021 CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

The Chamber currently has 163 members. Membership invoices will be mailed out on April 9th. If you would like to set-up a payment plan, please contact the Chamber Office.

NEW MEMBERSHIP REFERRAL PROGRAM

In 2021, the Chamber Board created a new Business-to-Business Referral Program. This new program offers a \$25 credit towards a current Chamber Member's 2022 Membership for each new member who remains a member through December 31, 2021.

Both parties need to complete this referral form, sign and date it, and turn it into the Chamber Office with the new Chamber Member's Membership Application and payment. The new member's dues will be pro-rated to the number of months remaining in 2021. If the date on this form is the 15th of the month or earlier, the new member will pay for this specific month plus the remaining months. If the date is after the 16th of the month, the new member's dues will be calculated starting the next month and the remaining months of the calendar.

If you have any questions about this referral program, please contact the Chamber by calling 507-263-2289 or emailing tourism@cannonfalls.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 11TH!

The ISD #252 has a capital project levy/bond referendum coming up soon and the items on the ballot are listed below. The tax impact is also illustrated in the attached brochure.

The May 11 referendum ballot includes 4 questions:

- **Question 1** Tech levy would continue to provide funds for our 1:1 technology initiative so we can sustain our operating budget without needing to make budget cuts.
- **Question 2** Bond Referendum to improve student learning opportunities in the current shop (career and technical education spaces) that haven't been improved/refreshed since they were built over 60 years ago. A lot has changed in this area of education in the last 60 years. This bond would also finish the indoor air quality improvements at the high school and career and technical education spaces that the district began 5 years ago
- **Question 3** Bond Referendum makes improvements at the high school gymnasium that include re-finishing the gym floor and replacing the portion that has buckled and replace the bleachers that are so old that we can no longer get replacement parts. This bond would also make improvements at the outdoor athletic stadium that would re-grade the stadium field with a new crown, remove defective irrigation system, install lighting and re-surface the track
- **Question 4** would take the next step and add artificial turf that would allow all programming to have access to this field, provide additional outdoor physical education, athletic practices, outdoor learning and community activities.

If you would like more information about the referendum, would like to show your support by adding your name to the endorsement postcard, or are interested in making a donation to support the efforts of promoting the referendum, please contact Laura Qualey at lqualey@gmail.com or 651-329-5116, Keith Meyers at keith@keithmeyers.com or 507- 263-4830 ext. 301, Jeromy Mouw at mouw@mchsi.com or 507-263-5017 or Dan Meyers danmeyers38@gmail.com.

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.

CANNON FALLS VFW

Help wanted - Looking for a cleaning person, 2 hours per morning. Call or stop in 507-263-2412.

EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

Extrusion Operator for a well-known door company located in Cannon Falls, MN. This role will be packing parts and performing quality checks in order to produce quality profiles and actively participating in filling out near miss forms to help eliminate workplace hazards. Individuals will also be responsible for all aspects of quality checking and recording on all the lines being packaged, performing quality double checks for other lines within the cell and maintaining accurate records of production. This role is required to follow all safety procedures as outlined, using all approved safety devices and equipment at all times. For more information, please call 651-388-6331, email Anna.Davidson@ExpressPros.com

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Metal Finishing position with a well-known assembly company located in the Cannon Falls area. This role will reviewing work orders to insure familiarization with job requirements, maintain a log of plated parts completed during the shift, racking and un-racking all parts insuring that such are properly spaced, changing hooks and racks as required for different parts, inspecting parts continuously to insure the plating process if performed in a manner consistent with company standard, as well as working closely with the Finishing department to gain knowledge of all procedures and methods. Desirable candidates are expected to operate all equipment in a safe manner following all approved safety procedures, maintain a neat and orderly work area, and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers. Must be able to perform a variety of reasonably similar or related duties as instructed. For more information, please call 651-388-6331, email Anna.Davidson@ExpressPros.com

LORENTZ MEATS

Join the Lorentz Meats Team! We are a full service, niche meat processing company in Cannon Falls, MN, specializing in organic, natural, and grass-fed meat. We process for niche-meat branded programs, including processing and retail ready packaging ready for shipment or export. The work is fast-paced and entails the opportunity to package, label, and palletize various meat products, as hamburger, hot dogs, brats, etc. For more information about our openings, go online to www.lorentzmeats.com/careers or call Lori at 507-757-1159.

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.

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.

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL CELLAR SALE?

Friday, **April 2nd**, Noon – 8 pm and Saturday, **April 3rd**, Noon – 8 pm
Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W
All wine is 20% off; 25% off for CReW Club Members

WAITING FOR SPRING SALE – 50% Off

April 2nd – April 3rd

La Boutique Unique, 127 – 4th St N

"New Spring arrivals are delayed BUT no worries. Let's make room for them with an awesome Waiting for Spring Sale with 50% OFF all clothing from March 25 - April 3 at La Boutique Unique, 127 4th St N. Currently open 11 - 4 Monday - Saturday."

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**.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April 5-10 – Blackout Poetry

April 12-17 – Pocket Poems

April 19-24 – Haiku Contest

April 26-30 – Poetry in Public

Cannon Falls Library, 306 Mill St W

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Cannon Falls Library all month long with a different “take home” poetry project each week!

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.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, **April 10th**, at 8 am

Riverwood Community Church,

Ryan and Kristen O'Leary, Converge partners to the Quechua people of Peru, will be joining us to share their faith stories and how the Lord brought them to become leaders of the Quechua Initiative, a mission that Riverwood is partnering with through our Mission 2:10 focus.

All men and women are invited to attend this special combined breakfast. In the Great Room, the men will be hearing from Ryan, who was at one time a top NHL Draft choice. Ryan will be speaking on Sunday, April 11th at both services. In the sanctuary, the ladies will have the privilege of getting to know Kristen more intimately through her own faith story. Please join us and help us welcome Ryan and Kristen as we gear up for a partnership with them and the Quechua Initiative.

Childcare is NOT provided for the breakfast. To help us get an accurate quantity of food for the event, please take a brief moment to [register here](#).

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, **April 10th**, Noon – 3 pm

Goodhue County Historical Center, 1166 Oak St, Red Wing

Visit the museum for our spring themed afternoon featuring crafts and activities. Stroll through the exhibit halls with your family exploration guide and discover all of the artifacts and stories that remind us of the spring season.

Don't miss your last chance to see our exhibit, Frozen Fun. Bring the family to a fun-filled afternoon of activities. Paint your own flower pot. Learn about vegetables local farmers grow in the spring, and then bring seeds home to plant in your painted pot!

FREE Family Fun Day is sponsored in part by Xcel Energy.

VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION – GHOST TOWN SIGNS

Starts on Saturday, **April 10th**, at 9 pm and ends on Saturday, **April 18th**, at 4 pm

Goodhue County Historical Center, 1166 Oak St, Red Wing

What is a Ghost Town?

A post office was once the heart of a community. Throughout the years, 65 post offices have existed in Goodhue County. Some have faded from popular memory. Others are still carrying on in their small communities. Rural Free Delivery closed a number of post offices. However, many of them are still alive in memories, stories, and photographs.

These “ghost towns” of Goodhue County played an important role in shaping this region. In order to preserve their history and to recognize their historical contribution, GCHS had installed historical interest signs at the location of each of these former or current post office sites.

Some of these ghost town signs have been damaged or faded and need to be replaced. To raise funds to purchase new ghost town signs we will be auctioning off 12 removed ghost town signs: Belle Creek, Poplar Grove, Burley, Skyberg, Eggleston, Spring Creek, Fair Point, Welch/Eagle Mills, Featherstone, Hadar, Lena, and Norway.

For more information and details, go to Goodhue County Historical Society Facebook page <https://fb.me/e/3i71JEXCs>

CANNON FALLS HIRING EVENT

Thursday, April 15th, 11 am – 3 pm

31265 Co 24 Blvd

Express Employment Professionals place people in Commercial Jobs (warehouse, CNC, shipping and more); Administrative Jobs (office, billing and more); and Professional Jobs (Accountant, Engineering and more).

Some of their current openings include: Shipping/Receiving, Forklift/Warehouse, General Labor, Welding, Customer Service, Paralegal, Machine Operation, Janitorial, and Manufacturing Specialist.

Have a resume? Bring it with you. For more information, contact Express Employment Professionals at 651-388-6331 or anna.davidson@expresspros.com Check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/CannonFallsExpress>

WOMEN AND WELL-BEING: DISCOVER CALM IN THE CHAOS

Thursday, **April 15th**, Noon – 1 pm, FREE Webinar

Please register at https://mc-meet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0ERCUGT1K_-M5nOVB8kw

Presenters: Sarah Stinson, MS, LPC, CHTP/I and Bridget Berkland, M.A., NBC-HWC

Join Mayo Clinic Health System experts for a lunchtime presentation that will empower women to prioritize their well-being. You will learn practical well-being strategies and resiliency skills to help you take a well-deserved break from stress and discover ways to find calm in the chaos. Please share this invitation with your family, friends, and colleagues. “

LIBRARY IN MOTION: LOW INTENSITY CARDIO CLASS

Fridays, **April 16th – May 28th**, at Noon

Eastside Park, Hwy 19 E

Join us for Library in Motion: Low Intensity Cardio Class at East Side park.

Enjoy socialization outdoors while doing a low-intensity cardio workout. This class is for all mobility and fitness levels.

In case of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled for the day.

*All participants must sign a waiver their first class and are encouraged to consult their physician before starting this or any exercise.

EARTH DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Thursday, **April 22nd**, starting at 10 am

Chamber Dollar Prizes for 1st – 3rd Place!!

- Open to Adults and Teens (age 13+) as individuals or teams
- Get your list of items and instructions from the library (or find them posted on our Facebook page) starting at 10 am
- Find as many of the items as you can and submit them by 7 pm

PINK & BLUE COLORS OF HEREDITARY CANCER

Saturday, **April 24th**, 9 am – 10:30 am

Cannon Falls Library Rear Parking Lot, 306 Mill St W

Outdoor film screening of the Human Genetics Research Program's Pink & Blue Colors of Hereditary Cancer. This event is FREE and open to the public.

FREE LIBRARY CARD REPLACEMENT THE MONTH OF APRIL

Lost your card? Old one worn out? Want to upgrade your card to a key chain card? In honor of National Library Week, we'll be replacing Library Cards for FREE during the whole month of April. Stop at the front desk and we'll be happy to help you.

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 04022021)



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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*

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

\$100 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

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

Bayer Crop Science

Courtesy Corporation - McDonalds

Cycle America

Mayo Clinic Health System

Merchants Bank

Peterson Turkey Hatchery – *In Memory of Pat Anderson*

Northside Storage

Sustane Natural Fertilizer

\$250 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Hole Sign & Deck the Falls Fireworks

Cycle America

Northside Storage

\$400 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Meal

\$500 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Team and Light Up Cannon Falls

Mayo Clinic Health System

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Sustane Natural Fertilizer