

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 9 – 11	From the Heart Gifts' Spring!?, Fri & Sat 11 am – 6 pm, Sun 11 am - 4 pm, 100 South 4 th St
April 15	Cannon Falls Hiring Event, 11 am – 3 pm, 31265 Co 24 Blvd
April 20	Chamber Monthly Zoom Meeting, 7:30 am, Zoom Meeting on Referendum-Levy Projects
April 26	First Choice Clinic Open House and Ribbon Cutting, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. 118 4 th St N
April 26	Warren Schaffer Estate Online Auction, 9 am to 6 pm at www.houghtonauctions.com
May 20	Woodhaven Weddings & Events Open House, 4 pm – 6 pm, Gopher Hills Golf Course
June 24	Chamber Golf Tournament & Fundraiser, Noon – Lunch, 12:30 pm Shot Gun Start, Summit Golf Club

CAPITAL PROJECT BOND AND LEVY REFERENDUM

ISD #252 Superintendent Jeff Sampson will be presenting the Capital Project Bond and Levy Referendum at the next Chamber Monthly Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, **April 20th**, at 7:30 am. Join this meeting to find out the details. Bring your questions and concerns for Superintendent Sampson to respond to. If you would like to get more informed, go to <https://sites.google.com/cf.k12.mn.us/cpreferendum-2021/home>

The Zoom Link will be sent to you when you have RSVP'd with the Chamber.

ZOOM or LIVE MEETINGS??

The Chamber Board would like to know how you are feeling about continuing to have the Chamber Monthly Meetings on Zoom or if you would be interested in meeting in person over breakfast. We can also have these meetings as a hybrid by offering the opportunity to attend the meeting in person at the same time someone else is watching the presentation on Zoom. Let the Chamber know if you are ready to get together!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS

The Chamber would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with bagging the Easter Candy on Friday, April 2nd, and being at the Chamber Easter Cruise on Saturday, April 3rd. It was great to have so many volunteers representing the following Chamber Members: Aqualand Aquarium, Boy Scout Troop #39, By All Means Graphics, Cannon Computers, Cannon Falls City Council, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Interstate Building Supply, Lorentz Meats, Merchants Bank, and True North Church.

The Bunny Hunt along the cruise route in the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds was a big hit! The kids loved looking for the bunnies along the way. A shout of thanks goes to the Chamber Members who shared your stuffed bunnies for this event.

There were many comments of appreciation to the Chamber for holding this event this year. We also had individuals who came through the cruise just to give to the Cannon Falls Food Shelf. Our numbers of children may not have been what we expected, but fun was had by all attending and helping. The extra candy bags were distributed to the Cannon Falls Food Shelf, Cannon Valley Senior Living, Freeborn Manor, and True North Church. Thanks again to everyone for all of your help, and to our event sponsors: Bayer Crop Science, Courtesy Corporation – McDonald's, Cycle America, Mayo Clinic and Health System, Merchants Bank, Northside Storage, and Sustane Natural Fertilizer.

SMIF INVITES YOU TO PLAY TRIVIA. WIN \$5,000. IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

Thursday, **April 22nd**, from 7 pm – 9 pm

Gather your family, friends, or coworkers and join us for this entertaining virtual event benefitting SMIF and the region we serve! Whether you choose to play solo or with a group, don't hesitate to secure your spot to compete for the grand prize!

Who can participate in Trivia Night to be eligible to win the grand prize?

Literally anyone can play! You can play by yourself, or create a team with friends, family or coworkers!

What does it mean to win a \$5,000 grant for my community?

The winner of Trivia Night will choose the community in SMIF's [20-county region](#) that they want to receive the grant (any community - big or small!). You do not have to live in the community that you want to give the grant to. You will connect with a fiscal host and appropriate partners within the community to fill out a short application.

What can the money be used for?

The possibilities are endless! While some restrictions apply ([see the grant guidelines](#)), this is a very open-ended grant. Some possibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Your local library needs internet hotspots to check out to patrons who are doing distance learning.
- Local economic development partners want to open a co-working space.
- The local elementary school wants to implement new early childhood programming.
- Your chosen community is in need of a marketing campaign to bring tourists to town.
- A nonprofit in town wants to organize a racial equity workshop.
- The local food shelf needs new equipment.

Still have questions about the \$5,000 grand prize?

Feel free to reach out to Alissa Oeltjenbruns at alissao@smifoundation.org.

In the meantime, make sure to secure your spot now for Trivia Night!! Registration closes on **April 19th**. [Register now!](#)

YOUR TRIVIA HOST - We're excited to be teaming up with the Midwest's premier trivia masters, [Trivia Mafia](#). Our evening's host, [Sean McPherson](#) will be challenging you with a wide range of Minnesota-themed questions. Sean is not only a founding, co-owner of Trivia Mafia, he's also a radio show host on MPR's [The Current](#).

EVENT STRUCTURE - This virtual event will last approximately two hours. There will be six rounds, each consisting of five questions. We'll have a break after three rounds to hear from a couple of SMIF board members, refill your beverages and update team standings. The time will go fast, the questions will be fun and challenging, and we guarantee you will be entertained!

THE GRAND PRIZE - You and your teammates will be playing for a \$5,000 community investment grant. You pick the community within [SMIF's 20-county region](#).

For more information [click here](#). If you've looked at the guidelines and have questions please contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns at alissao@smifoundation.org

YOUR TEAM - You can play solo, as a couple or up to a team of six. To be eligible to win the \$5000 grand prize everyone on your team needs to purchase a ticket. If you're playing as a team and will be in different physical locations on game night, one person on our team will need to purchase a breakout room. Make sure to come up with a creative team name; there will be prizes!

ONLINE AUCTION - We will be hosting an online auction highlighting items and experiences unique to our region. Bidding will open at 8 a.m. **April 21**, and close **April 23** at 7 p.m. You do NOT need to participate in Trivia Night to bid on auction items. Look for an email on **April 21**, or go to our website, Facebook, or Instagram, click the link and place your bids!

A few examples of our auction items:

- *A two-hour sailing excursion for five on Lake Pepin
- *Original artwork from Owatonna-born Michael Sweere
- *An evening with our very own Tim Penny's band, The Pumper, the Peddler, and the Politician

Proceeds from Trivia Night and the online auction will go to SMIF's general endowment, which supports and sustains our overall work and provides the financial stability our organization needs to continue addressing our region's emerging needs.

COVID-19 VACCINE | GET IT | WHY, WHERE AND HOW DO I GET IT?

According to Dr. Gregory Poland, Mayo Clinic infectious disease expert, "[Our way out of this \(COVID-19 pandemic\) is getting a vaccine.](#)" Get it for family time. Get it for time with friends. Get it to come back. Get it to move forward. There

are a lot of reasons to get the vaccine. Mayo Clinic Health System is currently vaccinating those who meet [Minnesota's criteria for vaccination](#). Call 507-434-9929 to schedule an appointment if you meet these criteria. Vaccine supply continues to be limited. If there are no open appointments, continue to check back and consider these additional tools to help you find vaccine in your community:

- [Vaccine Spotter](#) is a tool that can help you track down COVID-19 appointment openings at Minnesota pharmacies (it's updated every minute).
- Follow [MN VAX Alerts](#) on Twitter and turn on notifications to know when something opens up.
- Register for [Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector](#) now available in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Somali.
- Connect with a [COVID Community Coordinator](#) that fits your needs with the ability to search by cultural community, language or county.

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.

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.

30th ANNUAL CHAMBER'S GOLF TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER

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/or certificates for this event. If you know you want to give to this event, please contact the Chamber Office at 507-263-2289.

Watch your email next week for the Golf Tournament Registration and Sponsorship Form! 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 DISCOVER GUIDES AT CHAMBER OFFICE

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.

2021 CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

The Chamber currently has 164 members. Membership invoices were mailed out today, **April 9th**. If you would like to set-up a payment plan, please contact the Chamber Office.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE 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.

McDONALD'S OF CANNON FALLS IS HIRING!

NEW Higher Starting Wages

Full or part-time positions available on all shifts: days, closing, evening and weekend, 3rd Shift Maintenance.

Flexible scheduling to fit your lifestyle.

We employ 14-year-olds and up and offer excellent benefits!

Paid Time Off, \$22,000 in tuition benefits, free uniforms, food discount, and much more!

Immediate interviews held Wednesdays from 3-5pm! Check us out at www.mccourtesy.com

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.

FROM THE HEART GIFTS – SPRING!?

From the Heart Gifts will be open on **April 9th - 11th** celebrating Spring! 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 have their products and services available for purchase. 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

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

April 9-10 – 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!

LADIES, THE MEN ARE COOKING!

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

Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd

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. “

INCREASE EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY

Live Well Goodhue County is hosting our next Wellness @ Work Collaboration on Thursday, **April 15th**, from Noon – 1 pm via Zoom. Nicole LaChapelle-Strumski will be presenting on “Increasing Employee Engagement and Productivity in the Workplace”.

To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wellness-work-collaboration-tickets-149207751401> Once you sign up, you will get an email with the Zoom Link.

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.

LET’S PLAY BINGO

Monday, **April 19th**, 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 **May 3rd** and **May 17th**.

ARE YOU UP FOR CRAFTING?

Wednesday, **April 21st**, 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, **May 5th** and **May 19th**.

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.

WARREN SCHAFFER ESTATE ONLINE AUCTION

Monday, **April 26th**, 9 am – 6 pm www.houghtonauctions.com

Red Wing Stoneware, Good Assortment of Advertising Signs, Collectibles, Antiques and more.

LOVE, LIFE AND LIBERTY

Please mark your calendars for this community prayer event!

What: 22nd Annual Prayer for the Cannon Valley in observance of the National Day of Prayer

When: Thursday, **May 6th**, 2021 at 7:00pm

Where: St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Who: All are welcome to join us in prayer for our nation and our community!

WOODHAVEN WEDDINGS & EVENTS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, **May 20th**, 4 pm – 6 pm with Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 pm

Gopher Hills Golf Course, 26155 Nicolai Ave, Cannon Falls

Gopher Hills is inviting you to their Open House for their new Woodhaven Weddings & Events. They just added this new wedding venue to their facility. Come and check it out!

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 replace be replacing Library Cards for FREE during the shole month of April. Stop at the front desk and we'll be happy to help you.

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 04092021)

2021 CHAMBER DIAMOND SPONSOR



2021 CHAMBER GOLD SPONSORS



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
First Farmers & Merchants Bank
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
First Farmers & Merchants Bank
Northside Storage

\$400 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Meal

\$500 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL –

Golf Tournament Team and Light Up Cannon Falls

First Farmers & Merchants Bank
Mayo Clinic Health System
Merchants Bank
Sustane Natural Fertilizer