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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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| 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 13 | Chamber Dine & Dash Networking Luncheon, 11:30 am Location TBD |
| May 20 | Woodhaven Weddings & Events Open House, 4 pm – 6 pm, Gopher Hills Golf Course |
| June 10 | Open-Air Fair, 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Main Street, Mill Street and 4 th Street (vendors on sidewalks) |
| June 24 | Chamber Golf Tournament & Fundraiser, Noon – Lunch, 12:30 pm Shot Gun Start, Summit Golf Club |

CAPITAL PROJECT BOND AND LEVY REFERENDUM

The Zoom Link will be sent to you when you **RSVP** with the Chamber.

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/cfreferendum-2021/home>

ZOOM or LIVE MEETINGS??

What's your choice? _____ Zoom Meetings _____ Breakfast Meetings _____ Offer Both

The Chamber Board would like to know how you are interested in meeting in person over breakfast. Please let the Chamber know so we can get the May 18th scheduled. 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!

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.

I LOVE CANNON FALL T-SHIRTS @ CHAMBER

The Chamber Office will be selling "I Love Cannon Falls" t-shirts starting in May. We will have adult and youth sizes. The two styles of shirts will be red with white lettering (\$15) and a black with white lettering and a red heart in love (\$17).

**I L  VE
CANNON
FALLS!**

FLOWER BASKETS ARE COMING

Spring is coming soon and so are the Community Flower Baskets. The Chamber has ordered the flower baskets for 4th Street and Main Street in downtown Cannon Falls. There will be a total of 43 baskets hung from mid-May through September; weather permitting. There will also be a large flower pot in front of the Chamber in honor of Patty Anderson.

This year the flowers will be Supertunias in a variety of red and white, and accented by long flowing greenery. A recognition poster of all Flower Basket Sponsors is on the Chamber's front window and on our website (www.cannonfalls.org). This is our way of saying thank you to each of you for your support.

The beautiful flower baskets and planters, by the Chamber and the Gazebo, can be used as a memorial or in honor of a loved one, or you can make a contribution to continue this annual beautification project. The checks should be made out to the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, and mailed or brought to 103 N 4th Street, Cannon Falls, MN.

If you enjoy having these beautiful flowers in Cannon Falls, please contact the Chamber Office at 507-263-2289 or tourism@cannonfalls.org

PROTECTING EMPLOYERS' RIGHT TO DECIDE BENEFITS

The following article was written by Doug Loon, Minnesota Chamber President. Rep Barb Haley's comments follow this article.

As early as this week, the Minnesota Senate and House may vote on proposals such as mandating up to 24 weeks of paid leave – that's 44 percent of work days in a year. This mandate applies to all private-sector employers, regardless of size. If enacted, Minnesota would be the only state in the nation with such expansive and expensive mandates.

Businesses and local chambers from around the state are contacting their legislators to urge them to oppose labor mandates on private-sector employers. The House labor and workforce omnibus bill is full of provisions that hurt employers in a time of economic recovery. The Senate could vote on these proposals as amendments to the Senate Jobs bill.

House provisions include:

- Up to 24 weeks of a paid family and medical leave mandate paid for through a new 0.6% payroll tax on every employer to create a broad new state-run insurance program that will collectively cost the Minnesota business community \$2.2 billion over the next three years.
- Up to 80 hours of a statewide paid sick and safe time mandate that employers must offer fully paid time off in a specific format, for an expanded set of familial persons, for an expanded list of qualifying events. This proposal is different than paid sick and safe time ordinances adopted in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, and since these local ordinances are not preempted, it maintains a patchwork of sick and safe time mandates within Minnesota.
- Up to 160 hours of emergency paid sick leave for certain "essential workers" - retroactive to March 13, 2020 and through September 31, 2021.
- Removal of employer flexibilities and small business exemptions for pregnancy accommodations and employee lactation breaks.
- Emergency rehire and retention protections on certain employers by requiring them to offer employees who were laid-off due to the pandemic information about available job positions for which they qualify and to rehire from employees based on a preference system of qualifications and seniority.

Click here <<https://mnchamberexecutives.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=de735d252bbce35400fe2d1a4&id=654532cd65&e=fc245ad862>> to read entire column.

REP. BARB HALEY'S RESPONSE TO LOON ARTICLE

Doug Loon's article is all accurate. Rep. Haley gives additional background....he's talking about the Paid Family Leave and Sick and Safe Time proposals – they are both massive in scope, cost, and mandates on employers. They will pass out of the House in the omnibus budget bills – but aren't included in the Senate bills. These will be part of conference committee and end of session negotiations. I am not in favor of either of these proposals – I prefer allowing employers to determine what benefits they want to offer to recruit and retain quality employees. And we do have the federal FMLA benefits law. These bills put MN way above and beyond any other state and especially in this time of businesses struggling to recover from COVID and struggling to find quality employees – we can't put any extra mandates on them.

SUMMER HOURS FOR CHAMBER OFFICE??

Chamber Members, please let us know if you think the Chamber Office should be open on Saturdays starting in Mid-May and going through the end of September. For the past 3 summers, the Chamber Office has been open from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturdays. There maybe a lot of people in Cannon Falls on a Saturday, but not necessarily to visit the Chamber. Please let us know what you think.

INTERESTED IN \$5K FOR CF?

Thursday, **April 22nd**, from 7 pm – 9 pm – Let the Chamber know if you are interested.

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.

DISCOVERY DAY CAMPS

June 7th – September 3rd Monday – Friday 9 am – 4 pm

Phillippo Scout Reservation will be holding Day Camps in June through September 2021. A few points about their Discovery Day Camps are they are a week-long day camp for all youth K- 8th grade. The participants will get to do fun activities including climbing, swimming, STEM, crafts, games, and more! There are three different weeks at Phillippo throughout the summer and all of that information, and to register, can be found at

<https://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/2021-summer-camp-adventure-is-open#cubsummer> or <https://www.northernstar.org/News/eNavigator/2021-summer-camp-adventure-is-open#scoutsbsa>

YOUTH HORSE DAY CAMPS

Mon Cheval Training Center, 31734 Willow Trail, Cannon Falls

Camp Dates: **June 14-18, July 12-16 and August 9-12**

Monday – Friday 9 am – 3 pm – Lunch is not Included

For youth ages 7 – 14

Fun-filled week of riding lessons, obstacle course, learn horse care, games and relays, arts and crafts, water games, treasure hunt, tie-dye t-shirt, and friendship bracelet.

For more information and to reserve a spot for your child click <http://moncheval.org/youth-horse-day-camp/> Hurry, the spots are limited!!

2021 CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

The Chamber currently has **164** members. Membership invoices were mailed out today, **April 16th**. 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

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 – Maintenance Technician (9 am – 5:30 pm)

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 maintenance technician position is responsible for performing highly diversified duties to install, troubleshoot, repair and maintain production and facility equipment according to safety, predictive and productive maintenance systems and processes to support the achievement of the site's business goals and objectives. For more information about our openings, go online to www.lorentzmeats.com/careers, contact landerson@lorentzmeats.com, 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.

CANNON FALLS VFW

Bingo – Sundays, April 18th, April 25th and May 2nd at 3 pm

Meat Raffle – Every Friday at 5:30 pm

VFW Offers: Chicken Strips, Onion Rings, Soft Pretzels, Tator Tots and Pizza

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

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!

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.

VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION – GHOST TOWN SIGNS

Through 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>

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.

FIRST CHOICE CLINIC EXPANDS IN CANNON FALLS

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.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - MAY DAY BASKETS

Saturday, **May 1st** AT 9:00am
Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd
We're making May Day Baskets! Join us as we bring back the charming and neighborly tradition of making May Day Baskets. Back in the 19th and 20th centuries, people rang in the first of May with a particularly charming and elegant tradition. They would take flowers they had gathered at the end of April's showers, arrange them in pretty paper along with gifts and candies, and hang them on the doors of friends and neighbors welcoming in the warmer spring weather. A delicious breakfast will also be served.

Childcare is NOT provided for the breakfast. To help us get an accurate quantity of craft supplies, please take a brief moment to register. Register Here <<https://riverwoodonline.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=943a580b910da5e19935fe005&id=5195db5df7&e=9d59dcb389>>

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 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.

FIRESIDE IS OPEN!!

Since April 13th, the Fireside Supper Club & Lounge in Dennison is open. Their Spring Hours are:

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| Wednesday & Thursday | 4 pm - 9 pm | Friday | 4 pm - 10 pm |
| Saturday | 11 am - 10 pm | Sunday | 9 am - 4 pm |

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 04162021)

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