

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS***(Check for articles in the newsletter for more details on events.)*

- October 15-16 October Fest Throw Down Demolition Derby, 6 pm Friday night and 2 pm on Saturday, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds
- October 15-16 Food Trucks and VFW Booth, Noon – 8 pm both days, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds
- October 16 Bryan Anderson Entertainment, After the Derby in the in-field, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds
- October 16 Celebration of Life for Patty Anderson, 3 pm – 5 pm, Mill Street Tavern, 410 Mill St W, Cannon Falls
- October 16 Halloween Story Time, 10 am – 10:45 am, Hannah’s Bend Park, Cannon Falls
- October 28 Chamber Breakfast, 7 am, “Cannon Falls Area Real Estate Experts Tell All”, Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W, Cannon Falls – **RSVP is Needed** – Catered by Trophy House
- October 29 Chamber’s Halloween Trick or Treat Trot, 3 pm – 5 pm, Downtown Cannon Falls
- October 29 Trunk or Treat, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, St Paul’s Church and School, 30289 – 59<sup>th</sup> Ave Way, Cannon Falls
- October 31 Trunk or Treat, 10:15 am – 11:15 am, First English Lutheran Church, 511 Belle St, Cannon Falls
- November 11 SAVE the DATE – Business After Hours, 5 pm – 7 pm, Merchants Bank, 300 W Main St, Cannon Falls
- November 17 Garland and Light Wrapping, 1 pm, Cannon Falls Fire Department, 320 W Hoffman, Cannon Falls

**NEWS AND INFORMATION****COME AND CELEBRATE PATTY ANDERSON**

Patty Anderson was the Chamber President from 1979 – 2017 when she retired to spend more time with her family. On December 14, 2020, Patty passed away suddenly. At that time, Patty’s obituary was provided on HeartStrings, Lundberg Funeral Homes’ online sympathy message. A Walk-Thru Visitation was held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, but due to COVID’s restrictions many were not able to attend.

Now, the Anderson Family invites you to join them on Patty’s birthdate, October 16<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate Patty’s life. This Celebration of Life is being held on Saturday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 3 pm – 5 pm at Mill Street Tavern, 410 Mill St W. Cake and coffee will be served, bring your stories to share.

**MDH COVID-19 MOBILE VACCINATION BUS PROJECT EXTENDED**

“The state recently announced the extension of the COVID-19 mobile vaccination project that aims to reduce barriers and help increase access to vaccination. The success and popularity of the mobile vaccination buses over the spring and summer has prompted the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to keep buses in service.

Goodhue County Health and Human Services wants to make sure our local businesses are aware of the extension of this great statewide resource.

If your organization is interested in hosting a vaccination event go to:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/hostevent.html>. Contact Gina Johnson, Live Well Goodhue County Coordinator, at 651-385-6148 or [gina.johnson@co.goodhue.mn.us](mailto:gina.johnson@co.goodhue.mn.us)

**LAST CHANCE TO DONATE ITEMS FOR AFGHANS**

Thank you to those of you who donated items for our second drop off last weekend for the Afghan refugees! The truck was packed full to the ceiling! It was successfully delivered to Fort McCoy, near Tomah, Wisconsin.

We plan to go one more time and have another drop off deadline of Sunday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**, after church. The following is an updated list of needs for the refugees:

- Big bags of sugar
- Tea (black, green, chai)
- 2 liter (8 cup) electric tea pots ( most commonly found are 1.7 liter, which works)
- New or VERY gently used winter coats , jackets, scarves, hats, gloves and boots are needed. All sizes.
- New or VERY gently used women's scarves for head coverings, can be regular scarves, but warmer ones are needed.

- New or very gently used shoes of all sizes. (Probably no spiked heels)
- New or VERY gently used, clean, modest, Fall type clothes. All sizes. They especially need baby clothes-newborn to size 2, and undergarments. Skirts for women should be below the knee, to ankle, in length.
- New or VERY gently used children's toys
- Personal hygiene items: bars of soap (not liquid), shampoo, deodorant, towels, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shower Shoes, feminine hygiene products
- Back-packs with "school supplies" for children and also backpacks for teens and college age
- Plastic bags with handles for passing out donations to families, such as large Target or Cub Food grocery bags
- At this time they are NOT wanting blankets, or other household items.

In an effort to be of more help to those that are passing out the donations to the refugees, we would like to sort clothes by size and gender. So, we will put the clothing items under the coat racks. Please place clothing items in the designated bins.

Thank you once again for your help! If you have any questions, you may contact Deb Pranke (651-460-2647) or at [office@riverwoodonline.org](mailto:office@riverwoodonline.org)

### **MAYO CLINIC IS PLANNING AHEAD**

Mayo's regional leadership team will be meeting in mid-November with a group of identified community leaders from the River Corridor, and they are seeking your advice as to **(1) what concerns, issues and ideas you would like Mayo to address, and (2) how can Mayo create a forum for good discussion (during and post-pandemic).**

They are reaching out to the Cannon Falls Area Chamber to assist in collecting and efficiently present a representation of the community's thoughts on health care/community issues affecting your organization. Please share your thoughts and ideas by emailing them to [tourism@cannonfalls.org](mailto:tourism@cannonfalls.org) by Monday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### **EXPLOREMINNESOTA TOURISM SURVEY 2021**

If you are interested in learning more about the MN Tourism Industry Survey, check out these links:

<https://www.exploreminnesota.com/media-room/news-releases/minnesota-travel-tourism-landscape-during-pandemic>

<https://www.exploreminnesota.com/media-room/news-releases/minnesota-tourism-hospitality-industry-survey-confirms-significant>

<https://www.exploreminnesota.com/media-room/news-releases/minnesota-tourism-hospitality-survey-reports-summer-surge-mixed-shortfall>

### **NEW FREE SPEAKER SERIES**

Registration is now open for Explore Minnesota's New FREE Speaker Series. [Learn more and register.](#)

Explore Minnesota is kicking-off a new Speaker Series leading up to the 2022 Annual Tourism Conference. Each of the 30-minute webinars will be followed by a live Q&A as an opportunity to address some of today's most relevant professional development and marketing topics. They will take place on Tuesdays at 11 am.

Register now for the following sessions:

- **November 9<sup>th</sup>**: [Cultural Sensitivity for the Accidentally Insensitive](#) presented by Shannan Paul.
- **January 11<sup>th</sup>**: [The Power of Hospitality in Leadership, Business and Life](#) presented by Taylor Scott.
- **February 8<sup>th</sup>**: [No Budget? No Problem! Digital Marketing Moves to Make Now That Get the Most Bang for Your Nonexistent Bucks](#) presented by Shelia Scarborough.

### **18 NEW FAMILIES MOVE INTO CANNON FALLS AREA**

A big thank-you goes out to Chuck and Kathy Bristol, and their volunteers at Welcome Services for You. In August and September 2021, there have been 14 families moving to Cannon Falls, 3 to Randolph and 1 to Welch. There are 8 new children with these new families, and several other families are expecting soon. It is wonderful to see our communities growing!

### **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **WIN A 2021 JEEP CHEROKEE – MONEY MAKER FOR CANNON FALLS CHAMBER**

The Cannon Falls Area Chamber is assisting the Northfield Chamber's 2021 Jeep Cherokee Raffle. The tickets are \$100 each. If you purchase your ticket at the CF Chamber, 50% of the ticket price will stay in Cannon Falls!

Along with the 2021 Jeep, there are 2 prizes worth \$1,000 each and 2 prizes worth \$500. There is a complete list of other prizes to check out at [www.northfieldchamber.com](http://www.northfieldchamber.com)

The drawing is taking place on Friday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, in Northfield. Our raffle tickets will be delivered to Northfield the morning of **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, so get your tickets by the end of day on Thursday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Need not be present to win. Must be 18 years old or older to purchase tickets or win prizes. Winner is responsible for applicable fees and/or taxes. For more information, call 507-645-5604 or [info@northfieldchamber.com](mailto:info@northfieldchamber.com)

### **CHAMBER BREAKFAST SET FOR OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Thursday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, 7 am Breakfast and 7:30 am Presentation, Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W, Cannon Falls. The Trophy House is catering Breakfast Sandwiches, fresh fruits, assorted juices and coffee.

A panel of experts will do a Q&A on the real estate market in our area, past facts, and future predictions. Mark your calendars so you don't forget. Be sure to **RSVP** to save a seat!

### **GIVE OUT CANDY OR VOLUNTEER? - HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT TROT**

Friday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>**, 3 pm – 5 pm, Downtown Cannon Falls

If you are interested in passing out candy at this event, please contact the Chamber to reserve a spot on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Main Street or Mill Street. We are hoping to have 30 members participate, so join in the fun.

We currently have 6 volunteers signed up. 10+ Volunteers are still needed to keep the Trick or Treaters going in one direction, and to help them safely cross the streets. If you are interested in helping, contact the Chamber at 507-263-2289 or [tourism@cannonfalls.org](mailto:tourism@cannonfalls.org) The Chamber is supplying Safety Vest, so you can wear your own costumes.

### **THE CHAMBER BOARD NEEDS YOU**

The Chamber Board is looking for 2 individuals to replace Board Members who have stepped away from these positions. These would be temporary positions that can be renewed as of January 1, 2022. If anyone is interested, please contact the Chamber Office at 507-263-2289 or email [tourism@cannonfalls.org](mailto:tourism@cannonfalls.org)

Temporary Board Positions are a great way to check out the responsibilities of being a Board Member. It is only for 2 months, and then you can renew if you would like. The next Chamber Board Meeting is the first Friday in November.

### **FELIZ DRINKO – CHAMBER HAPPY HOUR UPDATE**

A BIG thank you goes out to the Chamber Members who attend the Chamber's first Feliz Drinko: Julie Buchwald Haley, Arlone Crowson, Jon Dahl, Tom Dwelle, Alissa Elles, Spencer Ellingson, Carrie Johnson, and Melissa Thompson.

Ideas that were shared for Chamber 2022 were:

Bring more businesses to CF

Businesses be open on Sundays

Chamber Breakfasts – have on the same day each month and hold monthly

Chamber Orientation – quarterly for new members and new employees of current members

Connection Tree – Ambassadors reaching out to members

More growth in membership

More networking events to get to know more members

More visibility of Chamber and interaction between members

Show support to businesses who are open on Sundays

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FALLS!**

If you have more ideas for the Chamber in 2022, please share them.

### **GET YOUR PHOTOS PUBLISHED**

It is time to get started on the Chamber's 2022 Discover Guide. New photos are needed to give this year's project a new look. Your photos can include any events/activities or scenery that is directly related to Cannon Falls and its surrounding area. A photo for the cover of our guide is needed too.

The Chamber Members who attend the Business After Hours event on Thursday, **November 11<sup>th</sup>**, at Merchants Bank, will select the photo for the cover.

Photo credit will be given for the photos used in our guide. Please include your name and phone number when you send your photos into [tourism@cannonfalls.org](mailto:tourism@cannonfalls.org) The submission of your photo is giving the Chamber permission to use your photo in this publication.

### **I LOVE CANNON FALLS MUGS AND T-SHIRTS**

I Love Cannon Falls Mugs - \$10

Red I Love Cannon Falls T-Shirts -\$15 and Black I Love Cannon Falls T-Shirts- \$17

Buy a mug or T-Shirt and get a FREE I Love Cannon Falls Window Cling.

### **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](mailto:tourism@cannonfalls.org) by TUESDAY of each week.*

### **YAY! IT'S SOCKTOBER!**

United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, and Pierce Counties, 651-388-6309, 651-983-5543 or [sarah.lindner@uw-gwp.org](mailto:sarah.lindner@uw-gwp.org)

It's time to celebrate Socktober! Why socks? Socks are the number one most requested items in homeless shelters; however, they are not often donated. Feet work overtime when there's no cozy home (or laundry room) to return to each night. And clean, warm socks are so important for health and hygiene. You can help keep someone warm this fall and winter season by donating new socks during the month of October. Drop off your donations at the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce OR shop the online registry at [Target](#) OR [Amazon](#). Last year, we collected 1,842 pairs of socks.

**Let's STEP it up and warm more feet – and hearts – this fall!**

### **FRESHLY PAINTED: CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES**

651-388-6309, 651-983-5543 or [sarah.lindner@uw-gwp.org](mailto:sarah.lindner@uw-gwp.org)

United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha & Pierce Counties – along with Red Wing Arts – is pleased to present the Freshly Painted: Creating Brighter Futures art exhibition. We asked local artists, “What feeling does the word ‘home’ invoke? What colors, textures or images come to mind?” Several artists responded and submitted artwork to the show. All opted to donate 50 – 100% of the proceeds of the sale of their art to United Way's strategic homelessness initiative. The artwork is on display now through **November 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Sheldon Theatre and will be go to auction **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Preview the artwork at [uw-gwp.org/freshly-painted!](http://uw-gwp.org/freshly-painted!)

### **GRIEFSHARE – YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

Tuesday, **October 19<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd  
If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: video input from experts, discussion group format, and personal reflection.

We meet 6:30 pm -8:30 pm. If you or someone you know has endured the loss of a loved one, we welcome you to join us.

[Register Here](#)

### **OCTOBER FEST HAS DEMOLITION DERBY AND FOOD TRUCKS**

Friday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, 6 pm, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds

Saturday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2 pm, Cannon Valley Fairgrounds

\$15 per Person for Admission to Derby

The Cannon Valley Fair Board invites you to their Demolition Derby at the fairgrounds on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. They have 4 classes scheduled for Friday night and 6+ classes set for Saturday afternoon. In 2020, this derby had 227 cars participate making it the largest derby in Minnesota. This year's registrations are from 6 states, and they are filling up fast.

Along with the derby, there will be 7 Food Truck Vendors (from Noon – 8 pm both days), the VFW Booth will be selling your favorite beverages, and entertainment is being provided by Bryan Anderson in the in-field after the Derby on Saturday night.

Other free activities happening on Saturday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, include Ladder Ball, Bean Bag Toss, and a Pit Stop Challenge to see who can change tires the fastest.

## HALLOWEEN STORY TIME WITH DANCERS

Saturday, **October 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 am – 10:45 am at Hannah's Bend Park, Cannon Falls

The Cannon Falls Library is proud to be partnering with the Cannon Falls School of Dance for a thrilling Halloween Story Time filled with books, a dance performance, and a short dance lesson.

Bring a blanket, something warm to drink, and your Halloween spirit for this exciting story time! (If raining or snowing, this event will be cancelled. For more information, please contact the Library at 507-263-2804.

## CANNON VALLEY ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT WELCH STATION

Voices of the Valley is hosting live music on the Cannon Valley Trail at Welch Station **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** the Cannon Valley Ensemble from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The ensemble is made up of people who love to make instrumental music together. The Ensemble began in 2019 as a way to continue playing music all year round when the Cannon Falls Community Band's summer season was over. The Ensemble practices once a week at the Cannon Falls Senior Center on Wednesdays at 1 pm and is open to others who may be interested in joining. The group, which plays tunes everyone will recognize, performed at several events sponsored by the Senior Center over the summer of 2021.

Welch Station Access is at 26674 144th Ave Way, Welch, MN and can be accessed by driving if you'd like to enjoy the event but aren't able to bike there. All events are subject to change due to weather conditions.

For more info about Voices of the Valley events, visit the Cannon Valley Trail website at [www.cannonvalleytrail.com](http://www.cannonvalleytrail.com)

## TRUNK OR TREAT AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Friday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church and School, 30289 – 54<sup>th</sup> Ave Way, Cannon Falls

All families are invited to come out to St Paul's Lutheran Church and School for our Trunk or Treat event on Friday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. There will be vehicles parked around our parking lot ready to pass out candy to all trick or treaters. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Pastor Keith Schreiner at

[pastor@stpaulscannonfalls.com](mailto:pastor@stpaulscannonfalls.com)

## TRUNK OR TREAT AT FIRST ENGLISH

Sunday, **October 31<sup>st</sup>**, 10:15 am – 11:15 am, First English Lutheran Church, 511 Belle St

What do we do when Halloween is on Sunday? Trunk or Treat! You are invited to wear your Halloween costume to church. After church, head out to the parking lot for trick or treating. Volunteers will have car trunks decorated and be supplied with Halloween treats. Children will go trick or treating from car to car. Don's Crumble Beef Sandwiches will be here with their food truck, and we invite all ages to enjoy this event. What do we need besides trick or treaters?

We need approximately 12 volunteers to decorate their car/SUV/truck and Halloween candy for the trick or treaters! Please bring donations of candy to church prior to the event. For more information, contact Kris Kincaid at [felcykris@gmail.com](mailto:felcykris@gmail.com)

**2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS** (as of 10132021)

**2021 CHAMBER DIAMOND SPONSOR**



**2021 CHAMBER GOLD SPONSORS**



**FLOWER BASKET SPONSORSHIPS FROM COMMUNITY**

Annette and John Bing – *In Memory of Dona Mae Kimball*  
Babe & Jim Nelson – *In Memory of Mary Ketchum*  
Barb Kamholz - *Jack*  
Beverly Lundell  
Bill and Nancy Althoff  
Carrie Johnson and Ryan Josephs – *In honor and loving memory of Patty Anderson*  
Cliff and Karen Adel  
Denell Johnson – *In Memory of Dylan Johnson*  
Gary and Ann Thacher  
Gwen Rose – *In Memory of David Delzer and Theresa Rose*  
Jim Bassett – *In Memory of Mary Bassett*  
John Anderson – *In Memory of Dawn Dettling*  
John Lindahl – *Gemini Employee Contribution*  
Karen Carnel/Estate of Irene Carnel – *In Memory of Irene and Tom Carnel*  
Karen Slininger  
Kathleen Dalton – *In Memory of Dawn Dettling*  
Larry and Kay Dammer  
Liz O’Gorman – *In Memory of Bob, Laurie and Dan O’Gorman*  
Louise Bowman  
Marcella Knoblauch – *In Memory of Wilmer*  
Mrs. Evelyn L Strack  
Peterson Turkey Hatchery – *In Memory of Pat Anderson*  
Richard Miller – *In Memory of My Wife*  
Rod Nelson – *In Memory of Mary Nelson and Pat Anderson*  
Sarah Richards – *In Memory of Dawn Dettling*  
Sue’s Garage Sales – *Gifts from Community at the Shop*

**\$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  
Dakota Electric Association  
Family Salon  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Mayo Clinic Health System  
Merchants Bank  
Northside Storage  
Sustane Natural Fertilizer

**\$250 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL – Golf Tournament Hole Sign & Deck the Falls Fireworks**

Cycle America  
Dakota Electric Association  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
Minnesota Energy Resources  
Northside Storage  
The Terrace of Cannon Falls  
VASA Spring Garden Mutual  
Xcel Energy

**\$400 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL – Golf Tournament Meal**

Dakota Electric Association  
Henkel  
Lindell Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.

**\$500 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL – Golf Tournament Team & Light Up Cannon Falls**

Banks Outdoors/Hancock Concrete  
Cannon Auto Repair  
Cannon Falls Beacon owned by O’Rourke Media Group  
Community Resource Bank  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
HBC, Inc.  
Highview Woodworking, LLC  
Interstate Building Supply  
Luvy’s Barn Art  
Mayo Clinic Health System  
Merchants Bank  
Merrimutts Inn  
Nelson Insurance  
ReMax Cannon Realty  
Sustane Natural Fertilizer  
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