

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- November 27 Small Business Saturday – Find the Deck the Falls Program Schedule at www.cannonfalls.org
- November 27 5 pm - Deck the Falls Parade, Downtown Cannon Falls with Caroling at the Gazebo
5:45 pm Light the Tree Ceremony at the Gazebo – Welcome and Announce Chamber Dollar Winners
6:00 pm Fireworks
6:10 pm 50-50 Deck the Falls Raffle Winner Announced - \$5 per ticket, 50% of sales up to \$1,500 cash Prize
- December Upcoming Events at the Sheldon Theatre, 443 W 3rd St, Red Wing
- December 3 Women’s Christmas Dessert, 6:30 pm, Riverwood Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls – Reservations Required
- December 14 Dine and Dash Networking Luncheon, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, \$10 per person, Brewster’s Bar & Grill, 115 – 4th St S, Cannon Falls
- January 18 Chamber Breakfast, State of the City Presentation, 7 am – 8:30 am, \$10 per person, Location TBD

WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER

The Grand 02 Event Center opened their doors this month. Bria and Bruce Ohmann are the proud owners, and they are excited to hold all types of parties, celebrations, or business meetings at their facility. The Event Center is convenient, spacious & affordable for all of your event needs, such as Wedding Ceremony/Receptions, Company Parties, Family Reunions, Prom Events, and Class Reunions.

The Event Center is located at 32057 – 64th Ave, Cannon Falls. They are only 500’ from the GrandStay Hotel & Suites. Check them out at <https://thegrand02eventcenter.com/> They have a Calendar of Events and a listing of vendors for you to choose from.

Reach out to Bria or Bruce at info@thegrand02eventcenter.com or text to 507-291-0160 to book your next gathering.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATIONS

Now available for all adults if you are at least six months past your initial Moderna or Pfizer vaccination series, or at least two months past your Johnson & Johnson vaccination. [Learn more.](#)

Testing remains important. For Everyone. Vaccinated + Unvaccinated. Testing is an important tool for keeping COVID-19 from spreading to those who are susceptible. Minnesota Department of Health shares more on who should get tested. [Learn more.](#)

What to do if you are exposed (close contact), sick or test positive. Stay up to date on current guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health on [exposures](#) and [quarantine guidelines if you are sick.](#)

THANKSGIVING AND NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS

Mayo Clinic Health System Updates

Thanksgiving traditionally is a day of family and friends gathering for food and celebration. It’s also one of the busiest travel seasons as people fly and drive to see their loved ones. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, planning ahead is important to ensure everyone who wants to participate in gatherings is fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Small, indoor gatherings where everyone in attendance is fully vaccinated should be OK to attend if everyone is feeling well. If you’re not fully vaccinated, [Raymond Razonable, M.D.](#), a Mayo Clinic infectious diseases physician, does not recommend in-person gatherings.

He also shares that [keeping track of COVID-19 cases in local communities](#) is important to help people make an informed decision when planning for the holiday. If virus circulation is high, then minimize gathering, even for the vaccinated individuals. Avoid public spaces, and if you have to go, make sure you wear your mask; have hand sanitizer available so you can wash your hands right away; and then try to limit the distance to other people, particularly if you don't know their vaccination status.

There is more information on the internet than anyone can digest – [know what to believe with these tips to identify fact, fiction or something in-between.](#)

AWARENESS OF ADA GUIDELINES IS IMPORTANT

This is a reminder to be aware of our many visitors over the holiday season. Check out this YouTube video [Ten Small Business Mistakes - YouTube](#) to see what you can do to have your place of business ready for everyone that wants to come in. It doesn't have to be expensive; some improvements can be minor.

TOYS FOR TOTS IN CANNON FALLS

If you are looking for a way to give this year, consider donating gifts to Toys for Tots. The gifts collected will be given to families in Goodhue County. In Cannon Falls, the drop boxes are at: Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, Cannon Falls Library, Cannon Computers, CannonBelles Coffee & Ice Cream, First Farmers & Merchants, Freeberg Insurance, Mayo Clinic Health System, Merchants Bank, and VFW Post 4452. Cash donations are also accepted at the following website https://marinetoysoftots.salsalabs.org/localdonationform/index.html?fun_local_campaign_designation=MN-Red%20Wing&scf_unit_code_supporter=MN-Red%20Wing&fun_unit_location=MN-Red%20Wing

The Family Toy Request Form is located at <https://red-wing-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-form.aspx>

LED LUCY & FRIENDS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR 360 COMMUNITIES

FARMINGTON, Minn. (Nov. 5, 2021) — LED Lucy, Dakota Electric Association's mascot, along with Dakota Electric employees, helped provide food and raise money for 360 Communities as part of Cranksgiving on Oct. 30. The event, put on by Valley Bike and Ski in Apple Valley, was billed as a "food drive on two wheels."

Kyle Chester, Dakota Electric business account executive, learned about the event and decided to see if he could get a few riders from Dakota Electric to participate. LED Lucy was happy to help, along with more than half a dozen employees and family members who joined the event, in which riders shopped for groceries at designated stores and returned to Valley Bike to deliver groceries — all on their bikes.

The large LED light bulb didn't ride a bike, but she did shop at Hy-Vee for groceries and then donated the groceries to 360 Communities. It was all captured on video, so to see LED Lucy doing her thing, visit any one of Dakota Electric's social media channels or stop by youtube.com/dakotaelectric.com.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DECK THE FALLS 50-50 SPLIT-THE-POT FUNDRAISER

Tickets are \$5 each. The winner of this fundraiser will receive ½ the pot up to \$1,500. Example – if 500 tickets are sold, \$2,500 will be collected. The winner would receive \$1,250.

These raffle tickets are on sale in local businesses, and they will be available the night of Deck the Falls. You MUST be present to win. The winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of the Deck the Falls Fireworks. The winning number will be announced. The winner will have a reasonable amount of time to come forward with the winning ticket. If no one comes forward, another ticket will be drawn. This will continue until a winning ticket holder is present.

ARE YOU DECORATING THIS SEASON?

The Light Up Cannon Falls Decorating will begin on Friday, **December 3rd**, and go through **December 17th**. If you are decorating your home or business, or maybe just a tree, please submit your name and address, by **December 16th**, so your decorations can be added to the Light Up Cannon Falls Tour Map. Your name will also go into the drawing for over \$700 in prizes. Addresses have already started to come!

DECORATING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

This Light Up Cannon Falls Decorating event is also a community-based event to help others. Currently, The Terrace at Cannon Falls and the Cannon River Senior Living facilities are requesting help to decorate the outside of their buildings. The facility will supply the lighting and decorations, the Chamber just needs to find volunteers who are interested in helping do the decorating. If you, or your business or organization, are interested, please contact the Chamber at 507-263-2289 or tourism@cannonfalls.org

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CANNON
FALLS!**

WINTER MINDFULNESS WITH BRISK WALK

Thursdays, starting **December 2nd – December 30th**, from Noon – 12:30 pm

Meet at the Chamber Office, 103 N 4th St

Come join Kyle Paulson and Robbin Thrailkill, from Acacia Studio, for a weekly lunch break. We will have a mindful warm-up along with a 25-minute brisk walk along the beautiful Cannon River together.

Come and take a nature break from your busy day and join us. Meet at the Chamber at 12 noon starting after Thanksgiving on Thursdays, **December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th**, and hopefully into the New Year. Dress Warm!

CannonBelles Coffee & Ice Cream will be offering a special drink selection following these weekly walks.

TIS THE SEASON FOR CHAMBER DOLLARS

Are you thinking about holiday gifts? How about your Employee Appreciation gifts? Maybe your children's coaches or teachers could use something too.

Our Chamber Dollars come in increments of \$5 or \$10. They can be personalized to the special person and add a saying, or you can purchase them blank so you can fill them in. Please give the Chamber a call if you would like to place an order. A several day lead time would be appreciated.

HOW ABOUT CANNON FALLS MUGS AND T-SHIRTS FOR GIFT IDEAS?

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 by TUESDAY of each week.

TILION BREWING COMPANY

On **November 24th**, we are featuring two seasonal holiday seltzers: Cranberry & Lime and Cocoa & Peppermint. Our seltzers are gluten free and only 100 calories per serving and will be available in Crowlers (25.4 oz cans) to drink onsite or to go for the holiday season. Go to <https://tilionbrewing.com/> to check out their Holiday Hours.

Our Thanksgiving Specials include Pints-Giving starts Saturday 11/20 at noon! This year to get ready for the Thanksgiving holiday we are offering a stock-up event on two holiday favorites for only \$8 per Crowler (25.4 oz can): Cranberry & Lime Seltzer (brand new limited release) and Olde Sogn Pumpkin Ale.

These are the perfect compliment to your Thanksgiving holiday. Sale runs Saturday, **November 20th** through Wednesday, **November 24th** (open special hours the day before Thanksgiving from 3-9). Quantities of Seltzer are limited, so come early and get yours before they are gone. Also, Mango Milkshake NEIPA is back on tap Saturday.

On **November 27th**, there will be a special release of our Tilion Cocoa Stout - Hot Chocolate inspired ale brewed with lactose (milk) sugar, Penzy's Dutch Processed Cocoa, and Marshmallow.

Don't forget the craft beer enthusiast on your holiday gift list. Gift cards, beer, apparel, and glassware make great gifts!

TAKE OUT COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, **November 25th**, 11 am – 1 pm Pick-up at St Pius V Catholic Church, 410 Colvill St W

Cannon Valley Senior Center is looking for volunteers for Monday – Thursday, **November 22nd – 25th** to help prepare the food. If you are interested in helping with preparation or delivering to curb side, call Lora Bremer at 507-263-2136.

Free will donations to the Cannon Valley Senior Center will be appreciated.

GRIEFSHARE – YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Tuesday, **November 30th**, 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](#)

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DESSERT (Formerly Decadent Desserts)

Friday, **December 3rd**, at 6:30 pm, Riverwood Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls

Get your tickets (\$13) online at www.riverwoodonline.org There is a limited number of tickets available. Tables of 5 can be reserved if ordered and paid for at the same time. Tickets go fast, so get them early!

This event will be featuring the music of Katy Dahl, Worship Leader for Grace Church in Chaska, MN.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SHELDON

443 W 3rd St, Red Wing

Go to www.SheldonTheatre.org to see what is happening at the Sheldon Theatre in December. You will find the times and a brief description for each event. You can also order your tickets online. There are discounts for multiple event ticket purchases. Call 651-388-8714 if you have questions.

- December 3** A Christmas Celebration with The Steeles
- December 5** Christmas with Lorie Line
- December 8** An Andy & Bing Christmas
- December 11** North Country Christmas featuring KAT PERKINS
- December 16** The Nutcracker
- December 18** The New Standards Holiday Show
- December 31** Monroe Crossing

GRIEFSHARING – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, **December 7th**, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Riverwood Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls

Grieving? Know someone who is? When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. For more information, contact [Paul Paurus](#).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Due to the County 24 Project, the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department notified Our Saviour's that they have a new address, and they should start to use it immediately. Their new address is 30370 County 24 Blvd, Cannon Falls.

The reason for this change is for 9-1-1 purposes. Is your address changing because of the County 24 Project?

CANNON VALLEY SENIOR CENTER HOSTS...

All activities are held at the Cannon Falls Community Center, 120 W State St

Open to all ages all activities started at the beginning of November.

Fitness Classes with Tracy Spinks, YMCA Certified Silver Sneakers Instructor

Regular Classes on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Balance & Strength Classes with Nicole Miller, Certified Instructor

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 9 am

Variety of Card Games – 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10 am
Hallway Walking – Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm
Computers for Public Use – Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 11242021)

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*
Mrs. Evelyn L Strack
Gary and Ann Thacher
Gwen Rose – *In Memory of David Delzer and Theresa Rose*
Mr. & Mrs. James Nelson – *In Memory of Larry Welt*
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*
Marilou Welt – *In Memory of Larry Welt*
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

Cannon Equipment
Cannon Falls GrandStay Hotel & Suites
Cannon Falls Historical Museum
Courtesy Corporation - McDonalds
Cycle America
Dakota Electric Association
First Farmers & Merchants Bank
Goodhue county Commissioners
Hancock Concrete
Mayo Clinic Health System
Merchants Bank
Minnesota Energy Resources
Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Northside Storage
Strike Tool/Banks Outdoors
Sustane Natural Fertilizer
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

Dakota Electric Association

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

Xcel Energy