

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

- December 22-28 **Chamber Office will be Closed.** Opening on Wednesday, December 29th at 8:30 am.
- December 30 Winter Mindfulness with Brisk Walk, 12 noon – 12:30 pm, Chamber Office, 103 N 4th St, Cannon Falls
- December 31 New Year's Eve with Monroe Crossing, 7:30 pm, Sheldon Theatre, 443 W 3rd St, Red Wing
- January 12 **Chamber Connect Happy Hour**, 4:30 pm, Location to be determined
- January 15-16 1st Annual SE MN Military Show, 8 am – 3 pm, Saturday and 8 am – 4 pm on Sunday, The Grand O2 Event Center, 32057 – 64th Ave, Cannon Falls
- January 18 **Chamber Breakfast**, State of the City Presentation, 7 am – 8:30 am, Cannon Falls Council Chambers, 918 River Road, Cannon Falls. Sponsored by Country Financial
- January 29 Military Care Live Packing Event, 2 pm, Kraft-Ostrom American Legion Post #142, 218 – 4th St N

NEWS AND INFORMATION**NEW LOCATION FOR CANNON FALLS AUTO SALES**

The owners of Cannon Falls Auto Sales, Ozzy Bostanci and Atiq Bhatti, invite everyone to visit their new location at 23385 Emery Ave, Hampton, MN. The Chamber is sad to see them leave Cannon Falls, but they will continue being Chamber Members. Along with their auto sales, Ozzy and Atiq will continue to sell the Old Hickory Buildings too.

ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS' BUSINESS COMPETITION

[Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation \(SMIF\)](#) is proud to announce the 2022 [Aspiring Entrepreneurs Business Competition](#). This business competition is open to anyone who lives in our [20-county region](#) and is within the 18- to 25-year-old age bracket.

[Apply](#) for the chance to pitch to our partners, investors, and others in the southern Minnesota entrepreneurial ecosystem in **Owatonna on March 31, 2022**. Additionally, finalists will have access to business training for their pitch session, free consulting hours, and a chance to win investment funding for their business.

- Prize pool for **top three finalists** is \$15,000 in investment funding
- Opportunities to **pitch for regional investors** (possible SEED funding)
- **Invitation to training** focused on the final pitch session on March 31, 2022
- **Access to consulting hours** after the competition.

Applications open until **February 28, 2021** [APPLY TODAY!](#)

5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY MILITARY CARE PACKAGE EVENT 2022

Kraft-Ostrom American Legion Post 142, 218 – 4th St N

Due to COVID-19 concerns, we will collect military care packages through the pickup box, pack, and return a box time OR at our LIVE packing event, Saturday, **January 29th**, at 2 pm.

Pick up empty boxes AND drop off full boxes in the parking lot of the VFW, 218 – 4th St N on the following dates and times:

6 pm – 7 pm on Wednesday, **January 5th, 12th and 19th**
 10 am – Noon on Saturday and Sunday, **January 8th-9th, 15th-16th, or 22nd-23rd**.

IN PERSON Packing Event is Saturday, **January 29th**, at 2 pm at the VFW Cannon Falls. Suggested items to pack in your box:

- Trail Mix/Nuts/ Sunflower Seeds/Beefy Jerky
- Granola Bars/Protein Bars
- Candy, Gum, Hard Candy, Dry Drink Packets
- Package Cookies: Oreo's Chips-A-Hoy, etc.

Personal Care Items (no aerosol cans): Razors, Deodorant, Chapstick, Burt's Bees
Handwritten Notes/Pictures and Letters from Kids

Cash Donations to the American Legion General Fund to offset shipping costs are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to: American Legion Post #142, PO Box 1, Cannon Falls, MN 55009

1ST ANNUAL SE MN MILITARY SHOW – BUY, SELL OR TRADE

Saturday, **January 15th**, from 8 am – 3 pm and Sunday, **January 16th**, from 8 am – 4 pm
The Grand 02 Event Center, 32057 – 64th Ave, Cannon Falls
Admission is \$10 per person (Children 14 and under are free with adult admission.)

North Central Military Collectors Association, LLC is sponsoring this high-quality Military Show in the Midwest! All military items are welcome from all wars. Firearms, bayonets, accessories, inert ordnance, uniforms and accessories are all welcome. Non-Military items are not allowed.

This show is dedicated to the hobby of collecting militaria from all periods of wars. All types of military related items are welcome. There will be items offered from the best dealers and collectors in the upper Midwest.

Table rent of \$55 for an 8' table, must be paid in advance. Display tables \$25. Ghost tables for Friday ONLY \$60. Normal admission applies to ghost table holders on Saturday and Sunday. Tables will be \$75 each if not paid 21 days in advance of the show. Veteran organizations are welcome and will receive a table at no cost.

2 Table Badges will be allowed for the tables. Helpers will be allowed for set up and take down. Please do not share extra table passes with non-vendors or people not intending to help for the entire show.

Dealer set up will begin on Friday, **January 14th** at Noon. Social hour and meet & greet will be 4 pm – 6 pm. Food will be available for purchase.

A block of hotel rooms is available at the GrandStay Hotel and Suites – Cannon Falls, next to the Grand 02 Event Center. Please send contact information to john@jopheim.com or vgs7175@hotmail.com if you are interested in reserving tables or show sponsorship. A reply, along with a table reservation or sponsor form, will be sent. Tables are limited and will fill up quickly. All information and updates will be sent via email.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CHAMBER MONTHLY GET-TOGETHERS IN 2022

Our Chamber Ambassadors are planning a variety of Chamber Get-Togethers. They are at different times of the day and different days of the week. One of these Chamber events should fit into every Chamber Members schedule, and they will be a great way get involved in this coming year. Watch the Chamber E-Newsletters for more details.

The following Chamber Monthly Meetings will be held:

Dine and Dash Networking Luncheons, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, 1st Thursday of every other month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec)

Chamber Connect Happy Hours, 4:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov)

Chamber Breakfasts, 7 am on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Informational Chamber Member Meeting, last week of month on a quarterly basis, (Jan, Apr, July and Oct)

NEW YEAR, NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS

The great news for 2022 is that the Chamber Membership Fees will be staying the same as they were in the past few years. Our Membership Fee Listing and Application will be posted on the Chamber's website (www.cannonfalls.org) as of January 1, 2022.

Our Chamber Sponsorships are taking on an old look! Our sponsorships will be event-specific for 2022. This will mean less confusion, and easier ways to support your favorite events/activities. The Diamond (\$2,000) and Gold (\$1,000) Sponsors will still be available. Watch for new information on this program during the first week of January 2022.

LIGHT UP CANNON FALLS WINNERS AND SPONSORS

It is great to announce that Light Up Cannon Falls was an even bigger success this year! Our decorating contest had 18 entries with \$700 being shared with the following: Judy O'Brien, Curt and Darlene Burdick, Melinda and Brian Sindt, Gail Moen, Mike Hanson & Stacey Schiller, Rob Moye, and Becky and Rick Youngmark.

The Light Up Cannon Falls Giving Tree had families with 10 children needing Christmas presents. Thank you goes out to everyone who stopped in to collect a tag and then go shopping. When the families received their gifts this week, they couldn't believe all the presents. This event had more children than last year, so be ready for even more in 2022 too.

The Light Up Cannon Falls Scavenger Hunt also shared \$225 in Chamber Dollars with its winner's: Sharon Moore and the 3 Hernke Family Children. This turned into a great family activity for the kids and their mom going out finding all of the items.

A big thank you goes out to all the Chamber Sponsors who supported the Light Up Cannon Falls activities. Please let them know they are appreciated!

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

WINTER MINDFULNESS WITH BRISK WALK (weather permitting)

Thursday, **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 30th**, and hopefully into the New Year. Dress Warm!

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

GREAT SEASON FOR CHAMBER DOLLARS!

As of today, December 21st, over \$5,400 Chamber Dollars have been purchased in the month of December alone. Get ready to see these dollars come into your place of business. Remember, they can only be spent with our Chamber Members, and they must use the full value of the gift certificate. No change will be given back.

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. Walk ins are welcome too. We have \$5 and \$10 certificates made up and ready to go!

CHAMBER CONNECT HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, **January 12th**, 4:30 pm, Location TBD

The Chamber will provide appetizers to get everyone revved up. You are responsible for your own beverages. Bring your ideas and suggestions to share with the Chamber. Our first happy hour had 9 participants, and ideas and suggestions were discussed for future Chamber activities.

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CHAMBER GIFT IDEAS

Historical Cannon Falls Hardcover - \$30 or Softcover - \$20
I Love Cannon Falls Mugs - \$10
Buy a mug or T-Shirt and get a FREE I Love Cannon Falls Window Cling.

Red - I Love Cannon Falls T-Shirts -\$15
Black - I Love Cannon Falls T-Shirts- \$17
T-Shirt sizes are Youth small – large and Adult small to XL
Chamber Dollars – come in \$5 or \$10 increments

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FERNDALE MARKET is looking for a collaborative leader to serve as our new **Retail Manager**. This person will be responsible for all aspects of our on-farm local food store, including staff management, product selection, ordering, and merchandising, and daily store operations. The Retail Manager must have a passion for distinctive local foods and an ability to lead by example with exceptional customer service.

View the job description [HERE](#) and please share with anyone who might be a good fit.

CANNON RIVERS SENIOR LIVING is hiring in Cannon Falls.

- Competitive ages, rewarding work and growth opportunities!
- Full and part time hours and options for students. Some positions offering up to \$1,000 Sign on Bonus
- Patient Care (RN, LPN, Resident Assistant) roles eligible for extra \$4-\$5 per hour (for limited time).

Search and apply at www.ebenezercares.org/careers

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE SHELDON

Friday, **December 31st**, at 7:30 pm, 443 W 3rd St, Red Wing

Come and celebrate the new year with Monroe Crossing. Get your tickets by going to www.SheldonTheatre.org There are discounts for multiple event ticket purchases. Call 651-388-8714 if you have questions.

CANNON VALLEY SENIOR CENTER HOSTS...

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

Open to all ages:

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

SHELDON THEATRE IN JANUARY 2022

January 8 Missoula Children's Theatre: Johnny Appleseed (see website for audition information)

January 14 The Finest Hour: Davina & The Vagabonds with Hot Club of Cowtown

January 15 Experience the Magic with Michael Grandinetti

January 27 – 30 Red Wing High School Musical

Phoenix Theatre auditions for Fuddy Meers will be **January 11th and 12th** see www.sheldontheatre.org/phoenix for details, sign up and Covid-19 protocol.

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 12212021)

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