

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

- 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 22 Dinner and Comedy, 5:30 pm – 10 pm at Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W
January 29 Military Care Live Packing Event, 2 pm, Kraft-Ostrom American Legion Post #142, 218 – 4th St N

NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEW COVID-19 CASE INFORMATION – DECEMBER 29TH - As reported by the MN Dept of Health Situation Update for COVID-19

Report includes Minnesota information on:

- Cases
- Testing
- Deaths (represented by date of death after they are reported and verified)
- Case demographics
- Weekly reports
- Other data and statistics on COVID-19 in Minnesota

All data is preliminary and may change as cases are investigated.

Updated weekdays at 11 a.m., with data current as of 4 a.m. the previous business day.

COVID-19 Vaccine Data

Vaccine Data Dashboard tracks Minnesota's progress on:

- Distribution of COVID-19 vaccine throughout the state
- Doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered
- Who's getting vaccinated

There is a delay between a vaccine being given and when it is reported to the Minnesota Department of Health. This happens because the state must validate and process the data before reporting. Updated weekdays at 11 a.m.

HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITIES: CITY OF BELLS

Thank you to Rev. Grace Anderson, First Congregational Church UCC, 220 Main St W, 507-263-2901

One of the goals of the City of Bells non-profit organization is to coordinate bell ringing in our communities. With the abundance of beautiful bells in the metro area, we are excited about the impact of community ringing to celebrate civic events. Will you please join us in ringing your bells on the following dates at the assigned hour? If you have a carillon, please consider playing patriotic tunes for 10 - 20 minutes on appointed days. THANK YOU!

Community Bell Ringing Calendar 2022 – The first bell ringing will be New Year's Day at noon. Please ring out your bells to welcome the New Year!

- New Year's Day (Saturday, **January 1, 2022**)
 - Theme: Hope & Celebration
 - Ring at noon for 10 minutes
- Memorial Day (Monday, **May 30, 2022**)
 - theme: Remembrance
 - Ring at noon for 10 minutes

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- July 4 (Monday, **July 4, 2022**)
 - *theme: Unity*
 - Ring at noon for 10 minutes
- Veteran's Day November 11 (Friday, **November 11, 2022**)
 - *theme: Peace*
 - Toll eleven times at 11am

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 are attached to this E-Newsletter, and it 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! See attachment for details. Our sponsorships will be event-specific for 2022. This will be easier for you 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.

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.

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.

NEW FAMILIES TO WELCOME

In the month of November 2021, 5 new families moved into the Cannon Falls and Welch communities. 2 new children, ages 2 and 5, are included in these relocations from all over the State of MN.

RETIREMENT AND OPEN POSITIONS AT RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Riverwood Community Church, 5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls

We would like to thank Jim Goodwin for his service to Riverwood Church as our custodian for the past 10 years. Jim will be retiring at the end of the year. This leaves his position open, and we are asking the congregation if there would be anyone interested in the position before we post the job outside of our church body. The custodial position fills two roles within the church. If you are interested in any or both of these positions, please contact [Ken Exner](#).

1. Weekly general church cleaning: Cleaning bathrooms, drinking fountains, emptying wastebaskets, recycling, vacuuming, dusting, mopping, scrubbing, or sweeping floors, cleaning windows, and other tasks. The church supplies the necessary equipment for the job, such as vacuums, mops, cleaning supplies, etc.

Additionally, this person will set up chairs and tables as needed for various functions and events at the church. This is an independent contractor position.

2. Building maintenance: Changing light bulbs, carpet cleaning, kitchen deep cleaning, and other building maintenance issues as needed. This is also an independent contractor position.

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.

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.

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 – 2 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.

DINNER AND COMEDY

Saturday, **January 22nd**, from 5:30 pm – 10 pm, Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St W, Cannon Falls
Join us for an evening of food, friends, wine, and a huge helping of belly laughs! This event makes a great gift and is the perfect cure for January Cabin Fever! Get your tickets now, this event is usually a sell out! <https://cannonriverwinery.com/event/dinner-and-comedy/> For more information please us call at 507-263-7400.

The Cannon River Winery hours for Friday, **December 31st**, New Year's Eve will be Noon – 5 pm and closed on New Year's Day.

The winery's new Winter Hours for **January 2nd – May 1st 2022** will be:
Closed on Mondays Tuesdays- Wednesdays 12-6 Thursdays – Saturdays 12-8 Sundays 12-5

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

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Cannon Eye Clinic, 6487 Cedar Hills Dr, Cannon Falls
Yes, it's that time of year again. If you have not used your Vision Benefits for 2021, take advantage of your expiring benefits so you don't lose them.

Give us a call at 507-263-3949 or [click here](#) to schedule an appointment before it's too late! *Call to order your contacts or stop in to order your glasses so you can use your vision benefits before they expire on January 1st!*

2021 CHAMBER SPONSORSHIPS (as of 12292021)

2021 CHAMBER DIAMOND SPONSOR



2021 CHAMBER GOLD SPONSORS



COMMUNITY FLOWER BASKET SPONSORSHIPS

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