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Business Insights 2008 to be held September 24

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 24 for Business Insights 2008! Building on the success of past years, the Chamber is again partnering with the Little Falls Business Association, Little Falls Radio, the Morrison County Record and Pine Country Bank to bring you this free business seminar.

Speakers include Dr. Dileep Rao, who was with us in 2007. Dr. Rao is an adjunct professor and the Director for Graduate Entrepreneurship at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. His presentation titled "Seven Secrets for Making Your Business Prosper in Challenging Times" is not a repeat of last year nor do you need to have heard Dr. Rao's 2007 presentation to gain knowledge from his session.

The second presenter of the morning is Thomas W. Lyons, President, Faelon Business Brokers. Mr. Lyons has more than 30 years of business experience. His hands-on operational background covers banking, manufacturing, distribution and real estate development and management. He also served as the business manager of a major Twin Cities law firm. During his tenure as Vice President of a local investment group, Mr. Lyons analyzed the financial position of hundreds of companies for possible acquisition. He will be providing helpful insights with "Exit Strategy: Maximizing the Value of your Business".

Bringing the day to the local level is Carol Anderson, Executive Director of Community Development of Morrison County. Ms. Anderson will be sharing information on financial programs available to businesses in Morrison County and programs such as the roaming CFO program that is available free of charge.

The program will be held at the Initiative Foundation, 405 First Street SE, Little Falls starting with registration at 7:45 a.m. and ending with luncheon at noon. The program is free, but space is limited. Registration materials are included as an insert page in this newsletter.

Workplace Safety and Security Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2008
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Initiative Foundation, 405 First Street SE, Little Falls

Morrison County employers are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Initiative Foundation. A panel of law enforcement experts, including Little Falls Police Chief Mike Pender, Morrison County Sheriff Michel Wetzel, Captain Neal Gaalswyk and Sergeant Dennis Lasher, Crow Wing County Sheriff's

Department will provide information on employee safety and security procedures, with a question and answer discussion to follow. This session is co-sponsored by the Little Falls Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff's Department, Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Initiative Foundation. While there is no charge for the event, an RSVP is requested by contacting the chamber offices at 320.632.5155 or email to dboelz@littlefallsmnchamber.com

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Sytek Communications

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall will be in Morrison County thanks to the efforts of the Sons of the American Legion Post # 46. Viewing of the memorial will take place at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery just outside the gates of Camp Ripley starting on Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26. The memorial will be open 24 hours per day with a ceremony on Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist in various area during this event including assisting visitors, parking and various other related odd jobs. In-kind and monetary contributions area being sought including food and beverages for volunteers. If you, your business or civic or social organization would be able to assist the Sons of the American Legion in any way, please contact Greg Zylka at 632-2367, Paul Froncak at 632-0290, Trent Iverson at 632-4393, Kevin Kloeckl at 631-0777 or David Swantek at 616-2527.

Morrison County Kids Day

Saturday, September 27
Morrison County Fairgrounds
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Morrison County Kids Day is an annual event that provides a free morning of fun, games and prizes for families in Morrison County. The event is sponsored and hosted by various groups and businesses in the area to celebrate our important community resource – our children.

From the Desk of the CEO - Debora K. Boelz



Greetings from the Chamber! Hopefully you are reading this very close to Labor Day, which means that the 36th annual Little Falls Arts & Crafts Fair is upon us. Thank you in advance for your help in welcoming our vendors and shoppers into the community.

The 2008 Fair is host to 630 Arts and Crafts vendors, which includes 133 new vendors, and 46 food vendors. The addition of the Farmer's Market component to the Fair this year will hopefully add even more dollars to the local economy by providing these small businesses a venue to showcase the bounty of their gardens.

We pride ourselves in having a Fair that features hand-crafted items. To that end, there were some Arts and Crafts vendors who were not invited back to the Fair this year based on buy-sell items in their booth. The philosophy of having quality over quantity is our rule of thumb. The Chamber hires a panel of professionals to review each new vendor prior to acceptance into the Fair and conduct compliance checks on site during the event.

When hired, I was so relieved to find out that the Chamber did not own all those tents and awnings that line our streets during this event! Another pleasant surprise was the economic impact this event has on not only Little Falls and Morrison County, but all of Central Minnesota. Please keep that in mind as you are inconvenienced over the weekend with extra traffic on our streets and in our stores.

Who is earning funds for their organizations this year by working for the Chamber during the Arts & Crafts Fair?

The American Association of University Women will earn \$400 for staffing the handicapped parking lot – the Fletcher Creek Lot at the corner of 2nd Street and 1st Avenue Northeast.

Central Lakes College Law Enforcement Club will be paid \$1,500 for assisting the police and emergency personnel during the event. The funds raised through this stipend will allow students in the law enforcement program to attend a national conference in the spring.

The Flyer Athletic Boosters will receive \$1,000 for providing night security throughout the Fair area. These are the people that you see scooting around on golf carts at night.

The Little Falls Wrestling Booster Club handles all the garbage cans for the event. They are the group that can be seen with the 4-wheeler and trailer. For this service, the group earns \$1,600 and as many bee stings as they can stand!

The Knights of Columbus earns \$400 for placing the garbage barrels around the area and picking them up again after the event and placing them in storage for the season.

The Little Falls High School Nordic Ski Club is a new organization working for us this year. Members of the Nordic Ski Club are charged with keeping the food courts clean in exchange for \$350.

The Morrison County Mounted Posse earns \$550 by assisting shoppers at the Morrison County Fairgrounds. How do we park 5,000 cars at the Fairgrounds on Saturday? Very carefully and with the assistance of horses!

The Morrison County Agricultural Society is paid a stipend of \$500 for use of the fairgrounds.

Each vendor that participates in the Fair is charged a \$15 license fee. That license fee is paid to the City of Little Falls, who will receive over \$10,000 from the 2008 Arts & Crafts Fair. This money is used to fund things like the Sister City program with LeBourget, France

Proceeds from the Fair are reinvested in the community through donations to local organizations, for community improvement projects and to support tourism and economic development efforts. And most importantly, to keep Chamber dues at very affordable rates for our members!

In closing, we live in an ever-changing world, and this affects Santa too! The Morrison County Agricultural Society has accepted the Chamber's donation of the Santa House that was located on the corner of 1st Street and 2nd Avenue NE. Santa's House will have a very good view of the world from the Fairgrounds. We look forward to the new commercial development on this block that will enhance the neighborhood!

2008 Golf Outing was a Huge Success!

The 19th Annual Chamber Golf Outing was Monday, August 4 at Pine Ridge Golf Club. Thank you to the 132 golfers who had the perfect day to play 18 holes of golf! Participants enjoyed a delicious dinner, networked with fellow golfers and Chamber members.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors: **Coborn's Superstore, Evergreen Equipment, GoldSmith Jewelers, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Minnesota Power, Precision Tool Technologies, RadioShack, St. Gabriel's Hospital, Walmart.** Because of their generous contributions we were able to have an afternoon of fun at Pine Ridge Golf Club.

Thank you to our holes sponsors:

**AmericInn
Atomic Learning
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Edward Jones – Teri Hoggarth
Emblom Brenny Funeral Service
Falls Court Dental**

**Family Medical Center
Grand Casino – Mille Lacs
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St. Gabriel's Hospital
Schlenner Wenner & Co.
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Special thank you to:

Century 21 / New Horizon's Realty for providing golfers with a cool treat of Blue Bunny ice cream and to **Subway** for the boxed lunches.

Thank you to our door prize sponsors:

**Bieganek Insurance Agency
Bookin' It
Camp Ripley
Century 21/New Horizon's Realty
Coborn's Liquor
Domino's Pizza
ECM Publishing
Flower Dell
Franciscan Sisters
Grand Casino – Mille Lacs
Gumdrop Tree**

**Habitat For Humanity
Hilmerson Collision Center
Captain Ron's Hot Tub Rental
Horizon Health
Kush State Farm Insurance
Little Falls Hardware Hank
Little Falls Radio
Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union
Minnesota Power
Minnesota Twins
Morrison County Record**

**Norwood State Farm Insurance
Perkins Family Restaurant
Pine Country Bank
Precision Tool Technologies, Inc.
St. Gabriel's Hospital
Schlenner Wenner & Co.
Vernon Sales Promotions
Wetzel Law Office
Walmart
West Side Discount Liquor**

This event is made possible because of our many dedicated Golf Outing Committee members.

We'd like to thank them and recognize them for a job well done. Committee members are:

Tom Hoggarth, **Evergreen Equipment**
Mark Gerbi, **R.A. Randall Agency**
Lori Kush, **Kush State Farm Insurance–Board Liaison**
Ryan Norwood, **Norwood State Farm Insurance**
Steve Schueller, **Schlenner Wenner & Company – Chair**
Michelle Carlson, **Pine Country Bank**
Kim Hansen, **Morrison County Record**
Gary Posch, **Brandl Motors**

An additional thank you to our event volunteers they are:

Lisa Allen, **Walmart**
Michelle Carlson, **Pine Country Bank**
Adel Chisholm, **Larson Abstract Co.**
Mark Gerbi, **RA Randall Agency**
Jamie Hirsch, **Walmart**
Lukas Jordan, **Walmart**
Bonnie Lampert, **Cygnature Title & Abstract**
Lauren Mackinac, **Schlenner Wenner & Co.**
Jennifer Olson, **Walmart**
Derreck Shaouklup, **Walmart**
Vicki Villebro, **Horizon Health**
Deanna Boone, **Franciscan Sisters**
Krisie Charnley, **Horizon Health**
Sr. Julian Dirkes, **Franciscan Sisters**
Wendy Himley, **Cygnature Title & Abstract**
Tom Hoggarth, **Evergreen Equipment**
Robbin Keehr, **Schlenner Wenner & Co.**
Barb Lyons, **Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union**
Roxanne Matsen, **Larson Abstract Co.**
Susy Prosapio, **Great River Arts Association**
Tar & Sandy Smith, **GoldSmith Jewelers**
Greg Zylka, **Coborn's Superstore**

The winners were:

Taking first place with a low gross score of 56 was the **Grand Casino-Mille Lacs** team. Team members included: Lonnie Bellcourt, Ed Hermel, Kevin Oslin, and Bob Oswaldson. The two random drawing team winners were: **Riitters & Thompson, PA** and **Viking Coke**. Team members for the **Riitters & Thompson, PA** team included: Eric LeBlanc, Greg LeBlanc, Bob Riitters, Jon Riitters. Team members for the **Viking Coke** team included: Judy Buckingham, Jayne Cekalla, Rick Dehkes, and Jeff Stoerman

Men's Longest Drive: Dale Cooper, **Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union**

Women's Longest Drive: Paula Rocheleau, **Elder Care of Minnesota**

The drawing for Buy A Drive was won by Kevin Kloeckl, playing on the **Shelley Funeral Chapel** team.

Thank you again to our many golfers and volunteers who made this event a success!

Your 2008 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

2006-2008

Tom Cotton,
Spectrum Printing | Design | Apparel

Susy Prosapio,
Great River Arts Association

Col. Rich Weaver,
2008 Chair of Board,
Camp Ripley

2007-2009

Tom Chatfield,
Fallsburg Woodworking

Jacki DeVine,
DeVine Laser Skin Care

Lori Kush, **Kush's State Farm Insurance**

Sandy Smith,
GoldSmith Jewelers

2008-2010

Shane Cole, **Dominos Pizza**

Carl Vaagenes,
St. Gabriel's Hospital

Doug Veillette, **Dairy Queen**

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Morrison County Record

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MISSION:

The Chamber of Commerce will promote our members and the greater community through innovative partnerships and accountable leadership.

Recent Board Action

- Approved a donation of \$5,000 to the City of Little Falls in support of a retail market survey.
- Signed on with Statement of Support for active Guard and Reserves
- Appointed Shane Cole to chair a subcommittee to explore the Chamber's involvement with the Dam Festival
- Approved a 5 year, \$5,000 funding request from the Initiative Foundation
- Directed Deb to donate the Santa House to a nonprofit or unit of government. FYI, the Santa House has found a new home with the Morrison County Agricultural Society
- Approved a donation of \$1,500 to the Sons of the American Legion in support of their sponsorship of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall
- Approved the formation of the Nominating Committee that includes chair Sandy Smith, Goldsmith Jewelers, Susy Prosapio, Great River Arts Association, Col. Rich Weaver, Camp Ripley, Roxanne Matsen, Larson Abstract and Cindy Brey, DEED

Sporting Clays

Warm up for this upcoming fall's hunting season by shooting at our Sporting Clays event, **Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at LeBlanc's Rice Creek, 16543 Game Farm Rd.**

This networking event includes the opportunity to warm up with some trap shooting and then as a team of 4, shoot a round of 50 targets and end with a flurry. Enjoy some wonderful wild game hors d'oeuvres and beverages in the clubhouse following the event.

Sponsor a station from which all participants will be shooting from for \$65. For your commitment to the Chamber Sporting Clays event you will receive: Professional designed signage acknowledging your sponsorship, recognition at the event, recognition in the Chamber Newsletter, opportunity to generate new business leads, name recognition to over 100 potential new customers, acknowledgement in Chamber Annual Report. Send your sponsorship check to the Chamber office, 200 1 St NW, Little Falls, MN 56345. Make checks payable to the Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors:

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For more information contact Deb or Gina at the Chamber of Commerce, by calling 320.632.5155 or by e-mail at ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com.

Leadership LindyLand to kick off September 18

The eighth Leadership LindyLand class will begin September 18 & 19 with an opening two-day retreat. Leadership LindyLand is a nine-month course that requires a commitment of one full day per month, additional time may be needed to complete the group project. Monthly topics include Personal Leadership Development, Effective Communication, Government, Health Care and Human Resources, Economic Development, Camp Ripley, Tourism and much, much more.

Whether you have lived here all your life or just moved to town, Leadership LindyLand will assist you in developing

new skills, while learning more about the community in which you live and work.

Session sponsorships are still available. For \$150, your organization will have the opportunity to present to the group about your business while networking with all Leadership LindyLand participants, your organizations logo will be included on all of that sessions materials, you will be recognized in the Chamber Annual Report and the Leadership LindyLand Resource Guide.

For information about participation or sponsorship contact Gina at 320.632.5155 or ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com



Friday Morning Coffee

September Friday Morning Coffee

September 19, 2008 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: **The Royal**

Location: Little Falls Chamber

200 1 St NW

October Friday Morning Coffee

October 24, 2008 (this is the 4th Friday of the month due to MEA programming)

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: **Emblom Brenny Funeral Service**

Location: Emblom Brenny Funeral

Service, 900 1 St SE

Kick off your weekend by joining us for a cup or two of coffee and a donut while making business connections. All Chamber members and their employees are invited to attend. Friday Morning Coffees are the third Friday of each month from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Introductions are made around the room starting at 8:15 a.m.

Halloween Tricks or Treats

Friday, October 31

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The annual trick or treat event is back! In continuing with this popular tradition, the Chamber of Commerce will again be coordinating the Halloween tricks or treats promotion on Friday, October 31. The hours for tricks or treats will be 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Participating businesses will display an orange pumpkin flyer in their window or door indicating their participation. Watch your mail for more information. Mark your calendar for Zoo Boo at Pine Grove Zoo on Saturday, October 25 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. followed by Spook-A-Rama (for the teens and adults) from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Business After Hours

September Business After Hours

September 25, 2008 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: **Public Access Video, LLC**

Location: Public Access Video, LLC, 122 1 St SE (Great River Arts Building)

October Business After Hours

October 23, 2008 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: **Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site**

Location: The Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, 1620 Lindbergh Dr S

Congratulations Employee of the Month Winners!

In July, Carol Czech, **Family Medical Center**, was honored. Carol has worked at the Medical Center for 17 years as a nurse and in triage (10 years). All her work is done over the phone. It is a valuable service and resource to people who need to find answers to their medical questions. Carol and her husband, Harvey, have two sons. The family loves country living, sharing friendships, and the simple things that remind them to be thankful and to count their blessings.

In August, Cheryl Aswegan, **Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls**, was honored. Cheryl is Activities Assistant. Cheryl created and organized the activities department in a way that enhances the quality of life and meets the social needs of the Sisters, either on a one to one basis, or in a group setting. She is creative and includes everyone. She has one daughter and a granddaughter. She enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, and gardening.

Make the Most of your Chamber Membership—Get Involved!

While Chamber membership provides many benefits, individuals involved with the activities of the Chamber know that involvement is one of the best business builders. Your Chamber has worked hard to develop a structure that allows volunteers to get maximum benefit from the time dedicated. Meetings are productive, fun and time-limited. Time outside of meetings is devoted to specific and time-limited tasks. Best of all – a volunteer is not making a lifetime commitment when getting involved in a task force, committee, council or event.

Do you want to grow your business while having an impact on our community? Contact Gina at the Chamber. We will help you to find the best “fit” for your involvement in your Chamber. Contact info: phone 632-5155; e-mail ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com.

Electronic Equipment Recycling

Morrison County Public Works Department will be sponsoring the next business electronics recycling event on Friday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at their facility located at 1208 West River Road. Pre-registration is needed. Please contact Amy at 631-2862 with question and pricing information.

LINDY GREETER MEMBER VISITS

Thank you for your membership. Photos are from member visits made June 24 and July 29. Greeters present the members with a Chamber mug filled with sweets, and thank them for their support of the Chamber and Community.



Centra Sota

Lindy Greeters Deb Meester, *Atomic Learning*, and Jason Anakkala, *Anakkala & Berns*, with Manager Lon Johnson, left, and Scott Olson, second from right, at *Centra Sota*. Their building was remodeled a year ago. Business is ok, but economy is tough for farmers right now.



Community Development of Morrison County

Lindy Greeters Kathy Enns, *Lind Realty*, left, and Bob Ring, with Carol Anderson, Executive Director, at *Community Development of Morrison County*. The CDC just received funding from USDA Intermediary Lending Program. They have a loan fund of \$625,000.00. This is a county wide program.



Falls Ballroom

Lindy Greeters Mike Monson, left, and Deb Meester, *Atomic Learning*, right, with owners Tom and Francie Peterson at *Falls Ballroom*. Business is good, with lots of weddings in the Summer, and many busy weekends. Weekdays get busy again in the fall. The Petersons are in their 22nd year of ownership – third generation owners.



Fallsburg Woodworking

Lindy Greeters Mike Monson, left, and Jason Anakkala, *Anakkala & Berns*, right, with Manfred Guggelberger, Daniel Waldoch, Darci Borwege, Wendy O'Neil, Tony Armagost, and Tom Chatfield at *Fallsburg Woodworking*. Business is good. No concerns. Tom is a member of the Chamber Board.



Habitat For Humanity

Lindy Greeters Roxanne Matsen, *Larson Abstract Co*, left, and Bob Ring, with Kathy Kahlhamer, Executive Director, at *Habitat For Humanity*. They are working on a house in Pierz. The family has already been selected.



Head First LLC, Salon & Day Spa

Lindy Greeters Roxanne Matsen, *Larson Abstract Co*, left, and Kathy Enns, *Lind Realty*, right, with owner Jan Kieffer at *Head First LLC, Salon & Day Spa*. They have newly remodeled at Head First. They offer hairstyling, pedicures, manicures, facials, massages.



Kurt's Auto Link & Detail

Lindy Greeters Roxanne Matsen, *Larson Abstract Co*, left, and Bob Ring, with owners Kurt & Amy Copa at *Kurt's Auto Link & Detail*. Kurt's has been in their current location since April of 2007. They offer auto detailing, light auto repair, service work, and used car sales. They are new Chamber members.



Little Falls Granite Works

Lindy Greeters Jason Anakkala, *Anakkala & Berns*, second from left, and Deb Meester, *Atomic Learning*, right, with front – Scott Nagel, Ron Nagel, Cathy Hayes, Lynn Dombovy, Mary Hirsch, and in back – Ken Bergren, Walt Richmond, Hunter Siltman, Tony Richmond, Karen Anderson, and Mark Johansen at *Little Falls Granite Works*. The company started here in 1898. Current owners since 1961. Can't complain about business. They do memorials, granite countertops, stones at golf courses, and veteran's memorials. They cover Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North and South Dakota.



West Side Recreation

Lindy Greeters Roxanne Matsen, *Larson Abstract Co*, left, and Kathy Enns, *Lind Realty*, with co-owner Bob Zak at *West Side Recreation*. They have been in their current location since 1979. The business started in the parent's garage in 1972. New products include Kymco and Schwinn scooters.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their investment in the Chamber for the fiscal year 2008-2009, since our last Newsletter, as of August 19. We appreciate your continuing support.

“A” Quality Electrical Services
Ace Hardware
Alverna Apartments
AmericInn
Anakkala, Berns & Co
Anderson Custom Processing
Atomic Learning
Bank of the West
Bell Mortgage
Bernick’s Pepsi, St. Cloud
Bob LeMieur Roll-offs, Refuse, & Recycling
Bon Jos
Bursch Travel
CenterPoint Energy, Brainerd
CentraSota Cooperative
Central Lakes College, Brainerd
Central-McGowan
Central Minnesota Door Service
Central Minnesota Electric
Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site
City of Little Falls
Coborn’s Superstore
Collection Bureau of Little Falls
Contegrity Group
Country Inn & Suites
Cyneture Title & Abstract
DJ Products
Design Electronics/Radio Shack
Dominos Pizza
Edward Jones Investments / Kyle Hoggarth
Falls Auto Glass
Falls Court Dental Clinic
Falls Furniture & Gifts
Falls GM Center
Fallsburg Woodworking
Faust Photography, Pierz
First Class Auto Glass
Flower Dell
Freeberg, Conrad

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Godfather’s Pizza
Gold Cross Ambulance
Granny’s Kitchen, St. Cloud
Great River Arts Assoc.
Hanowski, Dan, Properties
Hauer Bros Electric
Heartland Symphony Orchestra
Heartland Tire Service
Help Systems
Herzog Roofing
Hilmerson Collision Center
Integra Telecom, Baxter
JT’s Storage Center
Jim’s Electric, Baxter
Joseph Notsch Food, Verndale
Keeton, Bob
LadTech Manufacturing
Lakewood Builders, Baxter
Lakes Express, Brainerd
Larson Abstract Co
Larson/Glastron/Seaswirl Boats
Lin Furniture
Lindbergh State Park
Little Falls Business Assoc.
Little Falls Fleet Supply
Little Falls Golf Course
Little Falls Hardware Hank
Lutheran Care Center
McDonald’s
Mid-State Education District
Miller Concessions, Foley
Minnesota Flying Aces
Minnesota Power
Morrison County
Morrison County Food Shelf
Morrison County Record
Morrison County United Way

National Bushing/Auto Valu
Northway Oil
Paulson, Gary, CPAs
Perkins Family Restaurant
Perry Law Office
Premier Financial Resources
Productive Alternatives
Quality Food Service, Delano
Randall Lakes Area Clinic, Randall
Rosenmeier Law Office
Royal Cafe
Rural AIDS Action Network
School District 482
Shelley Funeral Chapel
Spectrum Printing, Design, Apparel
St. Camillus Place
St. Francis Campus Credit Union
St. Gabriel’s Hospital
St. Otto’s Care Center
Taco John’s
Taste of Greece Food Concession, Brooklyn Park
Treasure City, Royalton
Trutwin’s Mobil Service & Repair
Vernon Sales Promotion, Pierz
Viking Coca Cola, St. Cloud
Walmart
Watson Refrigeration & Heating, Cold Spring
Weaver, Col. Rich
West Side Liquor
West Side Recreation
West Side Velvet Touch Car Wash
Zebulon Images, LLC, Royalton

Mark your Calendar for Our Candidate Forums

The Chamber of Commerce is again taking a leadership role in the community by providing candidate forums for the various open positions during this election year. Having voters make well-informed choices on November 4 will aid in the election of candidates that will best serve the needs of our citizens. If you can not attend a forum and have a question you would like posed, please contact the Chamber.

Morrison County Commissioners

Thursday, October 9
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.
Morrison County Government Center -Board Room
213 1 Ave SE

House of Representatives 12B

Thursday, October 9
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Morrison County Government Center -Board Room
213 1 Ave SE

Little Falls City Council

Tuesday, October 14
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall - Council Chambers
100 7 Ave NE

Little Falls School Board

Tuesday, October 14
6:45 – 8:15 p.m.
City Hall - Council Chambers
100 7 Ave NE

* Dates and times are subject to change depending on candidate availability.

Welcome to our Newest Chamber Members

Divine Home Care

Joy Walter, Office Manager
50 ½ East Broadway
Little Falls MN 56345
320-632-2260
Home care agency providing all levels of home care up to and including skilled nursing care.

Kurt’s Auto Link & Detailing

Kurt & Amy Copa, Owners
300 West Broadway
Little Falls MN 56345
320-631-0044
Complete interior and exterior detailing services on cars, trucks, boats.
Light automotive repair and used car sales.

Pro Build / UBC

Dave Lester, Manager
200 NE 5 Street
Little Falls MN 56345
320-632-4209
Complete building supplies for all your home building and improvement needs.

Calendar of Events & Chamber Meetings *September/October 2008*

(Chamber events and meetings are in **bold print**) For an expanded listing of community events, check the Chamber website at <http://www.littlefallsmnchamber.com/WhatsNew.cfm>



SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Chamber Lindy Greeter Committee – Noon – Pizza Ranch.**
- 2 School Opens.
- 3 **Chamber Arts & Crafts Fair Council & Block Host Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – Depot.**
- 4-6 Used book sale at Carnegie Library.
- 6-7 **Little Falls Arts & Crafts Fair.**
- 6-7 Little Falls Antiques & Collectibles Fair – LeBourget Park.
- 7 Lone Eagle Antique Auto Show - Fairgrounds
- 9 Primary Elections
- 10 **Chamber, CVB, CD Board Social – 5:00 p.m. – Little Falls Golf Course.**
- 12 **Chamber Membership Development Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Depot.**
- 12 An Evening of Music – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Linden Hill.
- 12 Pheasants Forever Banquet – Falls Ballroom.
- 14 Shelley Funeral Chapel 50th Anniversary Open House & Dedication Ceremony – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Dedication Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.
- 16 **Sporting Clays Shooting Event – Rice Creek Hunting & Rec.**
- 18-19 **Leadership LindyLand Kick-Off – Depot.**
- 19 **Friday Morning Coffee – 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. – Depot, Spons. by Royal Cafe**
- 20-21 Horse Fest – Fairgrounds.
- 23 Deer Hunter's Banquet – 5:30 p.m. – Falls Ballroom
- 24 **Business Insights – 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Initiative Foundation.**
- 25 **Business After Hours – GRAA & Public Access Video.**
- 27 Kid's Day – Fairgrounds.
- 27 Lindbergh & His Automobiles – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Lindbergh Site

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- 4 Living History Day – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Lindbergh Site.
- 7 **Chamber Lindy Greeter Committee – Noon – Location TBD**
- 8 **Leadership LindyLand session – Linden Hill.**
- 9 **Chamber Board Meeting – 11:00 a.m. – Depot.**
- 9 **Candidate Forums – County Commissioners and House of Representatives – 4:00 and 5:45 p.m. – Government Center.**
- 10 Sister City Wine & Beer Taster – 6:00 p.m. – Little Falls Golf Course
- 12 Heartland Symphony presents "A Dark & Stormy Concert" – 2:00 p.m. – Little Falls Community High School.
- 14 **Candidate Forums – City Council and School Board – 5:00 and 6:45 p.m. – City Hall**
- 16 National Boss's Day
- 17-18 Minnesota Fishing Museum Garage Sale – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 21 **Business After Hours – Lindbergh Historic Site.**
- 24 **Friday Morning Coffee – 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. – Emblom/Brenny Funeral Home, new location.**
- 24-27 Traveling Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial – Veteran's Cemetery.
- 25 Zoo Boo – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Pine Grove Zoo.
- 25 Spook-O-Rama – 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Pine Grove Zoo.
- 31 **Trick or Treating – Little Falls businesses – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**
- 31 Historia on the Hill – 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. – Linden Hill.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Spaghetti Supper – 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. – St. Francis Convent.
- 2 Holiday Open House – Little Falls Business Association – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 2 Daylight Savings Time ends.
- 4 Election Day.



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