

## COVID 19

*The Chamber has created a COVID-19 tab on our website*

In an effort to keep our members up to date on the many changes occurring in our communities during these uncharted times, we have added a COVID-19 tab on our website [www.littlefallsmnchamber.com](http://www.littlefallsmnchamber.com). Under this tab, businesses will find the SBA loan program information and application link and employees will find the process for applying for unemployment benefits and the easy link to get the process started. A local restaurant guide can also be found under this tab; please realize that we are striving to keep all information current. We need to understand that having businesses comply with the government mandates is for the greater good and should shorten the time that businesses will need to be closed.

## National Volunteer Week April 19 - 25, 2020

We have the pleasure of accomplishing the mission of the Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce through the help of our many volunteers. In 2019 over 2,300 volunteer hours were given the Chamber of Commerce through our FALS (Falls Area Leadership Series), Golf Outing, Arts & Crafts and Marketplace Fairs, Sporting Clays, Annual Meeting and our numerous committees. Thank you to all 104 business professionals, youth and seniors who unselfishly give of your time and talents throughout the year to make Morrison County and Little Falls **THE** place to live!

## Lunchtime on Location

Wednesday, April 22 (tentative)

noon

Keller Williams Realty Professionals,  
205 16 St NE, Little Falls

sponsored by:



*Keller Williams leads the nation's real estate industry in agent count and volume production. Their business model: God. Family. Business. is a true testament to their culture. Keller Williams Realty Professionals of Little Falls is proud to be your friendly, knowledgeable real estate company and we're committed to serving you and our community!*

Join us for Lunchtime on Location a noon time networking event. Each Lunchtime on Location is sponsored by a member. As the sponsor they provide a light lunch and information about their business. There is a \$5 fee to attend. Make your reservation by Monday, April 22 by emailing [ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com](mailto:ginav@littlefallsmnchamber.com) or call the Chamber (320) 632-5155 or by visiting our website at [www.littlefallsmnchamber.com](http://www.littlefallsmnchamber.com). *It is important to RSVP to allow the host to plan accordingly for food.*

## Save the date . . .



Monday, July 13  
Chamber **Golf Outing**



Tuesday, August 18  
Chamber **Sporting Clays**

## From the Desk of the CEO. . . .

*Debora K. Boelz*



I am writing my column in March so as you read this, our “new norm” has likely shifted again. As a society, we seemed to have weathered the initial hoarding of household supplies and moved on to finding new daily routines.

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**As I have talked with businesses, one common topic is employee stress.** The fear of the unknown is difficult to control. I found several good tips by Googling stress relief. Everyone is different, so finding the right soothing activity from the lists that include petting an animal, chewing gum, doing a repetitive activity such as knitting, saying a prayer, getting physical activity, finding humor in daily life, and acknowledging that there are things to be thankful for in our lives is a starting point.

Not having children, the distance learning challenges are not affecting my household. I do enjoy the Facebook posts from parents as they navigate their new roles; I find humor in the alleged student suspensions, detentions, reports of bomb threats and instructor consumption of adult beverages!

My favorite Facebook post provided a new found understanding of why house dogs make a beeline for any open door.

**In closing, thank you to all the residents and businesses that are supporting each other during these unprecedented times.** Posts on Facebook demonstrate that we truly are a community of caring and generous people! Buying gift certificates now to ensure our businesses are open later, ordering takeout food and saying “keep the change” or offering a tip equal to the amount of the food bill is greatly appreciated. Generous individuals have put money on accounts at several businesses to treat health care professionals, police and EMT’s. As a community, we will come out of this stronger than ever!

**PS,** A tip from GoldSmith Jewelers, as you wash your hands and scrub under your fingernails, remember to scrub your rings as rings hold germs too!

## Recent Board Action

- Approved the 2019 Annual Report
- Heard the ex officio report from Kris VonBerge, Little Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Approved membership for Autumn Antlers Lodge & Event Center and Verso, Inc.
- Evaluated the 2020 Annual Meeting
- Started a review of the Chamber’s bylaws

## 2020 Chamber Board & Staff

### 2018-2020

*Steve Andres, Design Electronics*

*Dr. Allison Girtz, Chair of the Board,*

**Allison Zak D.C., LLC**

*Patrick Watercott, Vice Chair of the Board,*

**Vernon Sales Promotion**

### 2019-2021

*Nancy Berg, Treasurer,*

**Berg's Bug Removal**

*Tim Matros, Immediate Past Chair of the Board,*

**Five Pines Senior Solutions**

*Pete Mooney, The Source Computing*

*Laurie Whitlow, PrimeLending*

### 2020 - 2022

*Jana Festler, Edward Jones Investments*

*Paula Kampa, Kampa Gerbi & Associates*

*Tom Hoggarth, Secretary,*

**Golfers Organized for Little Falls - GOLF**

*Rob Ronning, Pine Country Bank*

### Chamber Staff

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# Chamber Golf Outing

Monday, July 13, 2020

Little Falls Country Club, 1 Edgewater Dr., Little Falls



Pictured left: 2019 Chamber Golf Outing low score team from CHI St. Gabriel's Health. Team members from the left: *Mike Sauerer, Steve Smith, Kyle Hoggarth and Tom Miller.*

This scramble format Golf Outing accommodates golfers of all skill levels. Take advantage of the early bird discount by getting your team or individual registration in by July 2, 2020. Prior to July 2, 2020 cost is \$75 per golfer. After July 2, your registration fee is \$85 per golfer. Included with your registration fee is 18 holes golf, cart, boxed lunch, dinner, two beverages, games on the course and of course, networking.

## Cart Sponsorship

*Cart Sponsorship \$700 is limited to 1 sponsor* and includes: Business logo on all golf carts for the event, 4-some in the Golf Outing, 4 drink tickets, 4 boxed lunches, 4 dinners, 2 carts, logo inclusion on event materials, listing in Chamber weekly email blasts, logo inclusion on the Chamber website and Annual Report, acknowledgement the day of the event, recognition in the Chamber newsletter, professionally designed banner with your logo included, exposure of your business name and logo to over 300 Chamber members.

## Corporate Sponsorship

*Corporate sponsors \$500* and includes: 4-some in the Golf Outing, 4 drink tickets, 4 boxed lunches, 4 dinners, 2 carts, logo inclusion on event materials, listing in Chamber weekly email blasts, logo inclusion on the Chamber website and Annual Report, acknowledgement the day of the event, recognition in the Chamber newsletter, professionally designed banner with your logo included, exposure of your business name and logo to over 300 Chamber members.

## Dinner Sponsorship

*Dinner Sponsorship \$700 is limited to 1 sponsor* and includes: Business logo signage at the dinner recognizing the sponsorship, 4-some in the Golf Outing, 4 drink tickets, 4 boxed lunches, 4 dinners, 2 carts, logo inclusion on event materials, listing in Chamber weekly email blasts, logo inclusion on the Chamber website and Annual Report, acknowledgement the day of the event, recognition in the Chamber newsletter, professionally designed banner with your logo included, exposure of your business name and logo to over 300 Chamber members.

## Hole-In-One Sponsorship

*Hole-In-One sponsorship \$100 + the cost of insurance.*

Hole -In-One sponsorship is limited to 4 sponsors. Benefits of sponsorship include: 4-some in the Golf Outing, 4 drink tickets, 4 boxed lunches, 4 dinners, 2 carts, logo inclusion on event materials, listing in Chamber weekly email blasts, logo inclusion on the Chamber website and Annual Report, acknowledgement the day of the event, recognition in the Chamber newsletter, professionally designed banner with your logo included, exposure of your business name and logo to over 300 Chamber members.

## Hole Sponsorship

*Hole sponsorship \$75 per hole* and includes: professional signage at the Golf Outing event, acknowledgement in event materials, listing on the Chamber website, recognition in the Chamber newsletter, name recognition to over 150 potential new customers, recognition in the Chamber Annual Report and much more.

To become a sponsor or to register for golf visit our website at [www.littlefallsmnchamber.com](http://www.littlefallsmnchamber.com). If you would like more information about the Chamber Golf Outing contact either Deb or Gina by calling (320) 632-5155 or email Gina at [gina@littlefallsmnchamber.com](mailto:gina@littlefallsmnchamber.com).

## Congratulations to our April Employee of the Month, Marc Fritz, Little Falls Community Schools



The Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce our April Employee of the Month, Marc Fritz, Lincoln Elementary

School, Little Falls Community Schools. Marc has been a Fourth Grade Teacher for the past 20 years.

Larry Edgerton states about Marc, "Marc Fritz does an exemplary job of establishing high expectations with each individual student while making personal connections with his students. Mr. Fritz offers hands-on learning experiences that encourage critical thinking skills through the use of technology for his students. You will also find him using his sense of humor to help make learning even more fun for his students."

Marc states: "I am humbled to be the April Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Month. I love teaching and enjoy working with the students and their families. The opportunity to work with amazing staff at Lincoln Elementary makes it easier to impact the future of children placed in our care. I am truly honored."

Thank you to our April Employee of the Month sponsors: **Berg's Bug Removal, Bursch Travel Agency, GoldSmith Jewelers, Little Falls Integrated Physical Medicine, Linden Hill Historic Event Center, Pizza Ranch, Red Door Yoga+, Subway, Vacuum Cleaner Outlet & Service Center.**

**Congratulations Marc Fritz!**

## FALS



Pictured above are the 2019 - 2020 FALS participants touring Scared Heart Chapel on the Franciscan Sisters Campus.

The April FALS (*Falls Area Leadership Series*) session was focused on health and human services. Participants heard from *Melanie Erickson, Morrison County Social Services*; *Cindy Nienaber, Morrison County Public Health*; *Gregg Valentine, Morrison County Chaplain*; *Penny Paul, Tri County Community Action Partnership*. A non-profit panel consisting of *Julie Kapsch, Hands of Hope Resource Center*; *Aaron Olson, Kinship of Morrison County*; *Megan Kruse, Morrison County United Way* and *Lynn Lowery, Oasis Central MN*. They toured the **Franciscan Sisters** campus, **Little Falls Health Services**, **Morrison County Food Shelf** and **Sprout**. Thank you to our day chair, *Megan Kruse, Morrison County United Way* and to our March session sponsor, **Little Falls Health Services**. **The April 8 session has been postponed to June 10.**

## Lindy Greeter Visits

Thank you for your membership! Lindy Greeters *Heather Brill, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union; Kraig Steckler, Little Falls Integrated Physical Medicine* and *Austin Kohler, Papa Murphy's* visited the following members to thank them for their continued membership. The businesses were treated to a Chamber mug full of treats.

## Appraisals Plus & Real Estate Services, LLC



Pictured left: Lindy Greeter *Austin Kohler, Papa Murphy's; Trisha Herdering, Appraisals Plus & Real Estate Services* and Lindy Greeter *Kraig Steckler, Little Falls Integrated Physical Medicine.*

Trisha Herdering is a Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser, independent fee appraiser in the central MN market. She opened in July of 2019 and work for over 20 lenders and Appraisal Management companies in the Central MN area, working over 5 counties. Trish completes appraisals for purchase, new construction, home equity, and refinance loans, divorce, lien, and estate situations and basic market value appraisals for independent sales (for sale by owner or sale between relatives). She can complete appraisals on vacant land, single family and up to 4-unit properties. Her office is located downtown at 119 1st St NE Ste. 1 in Little Falls.

## ServiceMaster Clean by Retka



Pictured left: Lindy Greeter *Kraig Steckler, Little Falls Integrated Physical Medicine; Deb Retka, ServiceMaster Clean by Retka* and *Austin Kohler, Papa Murphy's.*

ServiceMaster Clean by Retka is your point of contact for fire and water damage restoration, carpet and furniture cleaning and janitorial cleaning service. They also conduct furnace duct cleaning, mold remediation, housekeeping services, tile floor maintenance and blind cleaning. Offering both residential and commercial cleaning. For more information visit [ServiceMaster Clean by Retka](http://ServiceMasterClean.com).

## Welcome New Businesses

The following Lindy Greeters *Heather Brill, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union; Kraig Steckler, Little Falls Integrated Physical Medicine* visited the following new business and treated them to a Chamber mug full of treats and were presented with their "first dollars of clear profit". Welcome!

## Rammer Repair



Pictured above from theleft: Lindy Greeter *Kraig Steckler, Little Falls Integrated Physical Medicine; Billy Winkleman and Chris Petersen, Rammer Repair* and Lindy Greeter *Heather Brill, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union.*

Rammer Repair is your full-service auto shop for your car, truck, RV, camper and more. Need new tires? Give them a call at (320) 232-8025 they offer installation, rotation along with oil changes and other automotive services. Rammer Repair is located at 16682 11 St NE, Little Falls.

## Local Phone Numbers:

City of Little Falls	(320) 616-5500
Morrison County	(320) 632-2941
Little Falls Post Office	(320) 632-8836
Carnegie Library	(320) 632-9676
Little Falls Police Department	(320) 616-5570 <i>non emergency</i>
Little Falls Fire Department	(320) 616-5591 <i>non emergency</i>
Morrison County Sheriff Office	(320) 632-9233 <i>non emergency</i>

## April Calendar of Events

As always, please check ahead to ensure the below listed events are taking place. With the current COVID-19 Virus and everyone doing their part, events are constantly being postponed or cancelled. We are doing our best stay informed and keeping our calendar updated.

The Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce event and meetings are in bold. For an expanded list of community events, visit our website at [www.littlefallsmnchamber.com](http://www.littlefallsmnchamber.com)

### April

- 9 ~ **Chamber Board of Directors**, 11:00 am, Chamber of Commerce, 200 1 St NW, Little Falls (tentative)
- 10 ~ Fan Friday's, 6:00 pm, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 - Farmers Market, 7:00 am, Coborn's Marketplace south parking lot, 1101 2 Ave NE, Little Falls
- 15 ~ Adult Anime Afternoon, 3:00 pm, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 16, 23, 30 ~ Story Time, 10:15 am, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 16 ~ Tech Time, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 17 ~ Haikuu Poetry Day; Listen, Learn, Write, 4:00 pm, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 21 ~ Paper crafting with Jan Gerth, 6:00 pm, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 22 ~ Administrative Professionals Day
- 22 ~ **Lunchtime on Location**, noon, Keller Williams Realty Professionals, 205 16 St NE Ste. A., Little Falls.  
Sponsored by: **Keller Williams Realty Professionals**
- 23 ~ Movie Night, 4:00 pm, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 25 ~ Searching for MN Native Wildflowers, 1:30 pm, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 27 - May 2 ~ Superhero Week, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls
- 29 - May 1 ~ Spring Book Sale, Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls

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