



## ***Mission of the Chamber***

***The Mission of the  
Lake Crystal Area  
Chamber of  
Commerce is to lead  
the business  
community by  
promoting issues and  
activities that meet  
our needs and  
enhance the  
business climate and  
economic well being  
of the  
Lake Crystal area.***

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# **Lake Crystal Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter**

December / January 2019

## ***Words from the Chamber President:***

Wow - how time flies! It is hard to believe that we are already in the last week of November. It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas as I sit and write this article with snow falling and starting to accumulate. Hopefully, everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels for those that were out and about.

There are many things that I am thankful for in our fabulous community. One being the absolutely wonderful evening that we had with the Turkey Thursday event that the Chamber of Commerce put on at the American Legion. A huge thank you to all the area businesses that donated turkeys for us to give away. I would like to express my appreciation to the American Legion that served a delicious meal. It was a lively evening filled with good food and good people.

I would also like to recognize all the area businesses that supported and had stands at the Trick or Treat Street at the Lake Crystal Area Rec Center. The turn out from both participants and businesses was astonishing.

Looking forward, the schedule will continue to remain busy through the end of the year with the holidays quickly approaching. The annual Christmas in Lake Crystal will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> with plenty of family fun during the day at the Rec Center. MinnStar Bank will be having their yearly coloring contest and there will even be an appearance from Santa beginning at 10 am. Come back to town that evening for the Ugly Sweater Party held up at The Lakes. Bring some friends and rock those sweaters that get broke out once a year, for a chance to win some prizes. The Chamber of Commerce will be taking donations for the Angel Tree that evening.

Speaking of the Angel Tree, MinnStar Bank has the tree up, so if you feel inclined to help out an area family stop by and grab an angel off of the tree. Also, if you are planning on attending the Kiwanis Holiday Lights show in Mankato, they are taking donations for the Lake Crystal Food Shelf on the nights of Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

As always, I truly appreciate the support that everyone gives to our area businesses. Please keep the area and member businesses in mind when doing your holiday shopping. That support helps to keep our community growing and thriving. We have been blessed to have many successful events throughout the year in 2018 and are looking forward to continuing that through the end of the year and into 2019.

*Joseph O' Sullivan ~ Chamber President*





# You are Invited to Lake Crystal's Holiday Festivities!



## Christmas in Lake Crystal

**Saturday, December 1st 2018**

10am - 2pm at the Lake Crystal Area Rec Center

### **Holiday Gift and Craft Fair & Silent Auction**

LCARC Gymnasium and Walking Track

Chili Feed, Cookie and Bake Sale

**PICTURES WITH SANTA** - 10 to 1pm  
(Remember to bring YOUR own camera)



**Coloring Contest** by MinnStar Bank

Prizes to winners

Drop-in Daycare for Fair-goers ages 6 mos. - 6 yrs.

**FREE Admission**

## Scavenger Hunt for all Ages

Get your teams together! Prizes for the winners.  
Clues can be picked up at Marston Park with a shotgun  
start at 4:00pm. \*Remember— only 1 vehicle per team!

## Ugly Holiday Sweater Party

Check your closets and join us! The fun  
starts at The Lakes with entertainment.  
Prizes will be back this year for the UGLIEST.  
AND... Make a difference by bringing a  
donation for the Lake Crystal Angel Tree.



**Merry Christmas from the  
Lake Crystal Area Chamber of Commerce**



## Holly Jolly Holiday Continues on December 8th

SATURDAY • 8 DECEMBER 2018 • 10AM TO 2PM

# SANTA'S .HOLLY JOLLY. HOLIDAY PARTY!

AT THE LAKE CRYSTAL REC CENTER!



COMPLETELY FREE! GRADES 6 AND UNDER!  
621 W NATHAN ST, LAKE CRYSTAL REC CENTER

### Santa's Holly Jolly Holiday Party . . .

is a FREE event at the  
Lake Crystal Area Rec Center!  
Recommended for  
grades 6 and under.

When: Saturday December 8th

Time: 10am – 2 pm

Where: LCARC

What: Swimming, Bounce houses,  
Bounce obstacle course, treats  
and

Santa will even be there to celebrate  
with you!

- This fun event  
sponsored by  
Santa!



## 2018 Ugly Sweater Party

'tis the season  
to ROCK Ugly Sweaters  
Saturday, December 1st - 8:00pm

The fun and prizes  
start at



Please give generously as the proceeds from  
your donations that evening will go to the  
Lake Crystal Angel Tree.





# LC ACE

## HOLIDAY LADIES NIGHT OUT

*Wednesday, December 12th  
5:00 pm to close*



*It's a Holiday Ladies Night, so grab your girls and get the VIP treatment at LC ACE.*

*Enjoy Craft Vendors, Refreshments,  
Hors'doves, Prizes and MORE!*



**Give us a call!** Your Chamber Board Members would love to hear from you. Let us know what we can do for you and your business.

Call the Chamber Office at 726-6088 with any questions or concerns. Email: [lcacc56055@gmail.com](mailto:lcacc56055@gmail.com)





## An Update from GRACE Thrift Store



GRACE Thrift Store wishes to send a **BIG Thank you** to the Community for all of the financial support. The outpouring of funds received have been used on:

- \* Property Taxes
- \* Security System
- \* HVAC maintenance and repair
- \* Roof repairs
- \* NEW exterior door
- \* Water heater
- \* Electrical issues

*Secondhand*  
IS JUST A BETTER CHOICE...  
FOR THE WHOLE WIDE  
*world*

#secondhandfirst

## Referrals from the Chamber this month

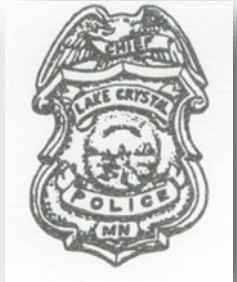
D & K Tire  
Elite Motors  
Lake Crystal Tribune  
The Lakes Sports Bar & Grill  
American Legion  
The LCARC  
Net Medix  
Mike and Terri's Daycare  
Small Wonders Daycare  
Bella Nova Boutique  
LC ACE Hardware  
Hellekson Heating and Air  
Dave Carlson Electric  
Brad Nelson Electric  
Collis "C" Store  
Kevin's Market / On the Rocks  
Preferred Printing  
Sharpline Images  
Crystal View Eye Care  
Consolidated Communications  
Ameriprise Financial  
Ameradon Services  
ResCom Realty  
True Real Estate—Greta Alms  
Weichert Realty  
1st Choice Security  
TBEI Truck Bodies & Equip.  
Dale Schmidt Construction  
Hennager Plumbing  
Erickson Plumbing  
Preferred Printing  
Farm Bureau Financial  
Insurance Services Plus  
Peterson Insurance Agency  
LCWM Comm. Ed



## It's time to update YOUR business information with the LCPD

Greetings to all Lake Crystal Area business owners -

Some of you might remember a few years ago I had the Chamber assist me with getting key holder lists for your businesses. I feel it is time to update and add to my current listings. Please see the attached form and fill it out as completely as you can. A copy of this form will be given to the Blue Earth County Dispatch Center for ease of contacting key holders if needed.



I feel it is a good idea for these forms to be updated every once in a while so we can contact an owner or responsible party for businesses and properties in case of emergencies (open doors, fire, burglaries, or other necessary reasons to contact a key holder).

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 726-2056 and leave a message.

You can return completed forms via fax 507-726-6694 Attn: Chris Burban or email to [cburban.lcpd@hickorytech.net](mailto:cburban.lcpd@hickorytech.net) OR snail mail by dropping them off at the Chamber, City Hall or the PD.

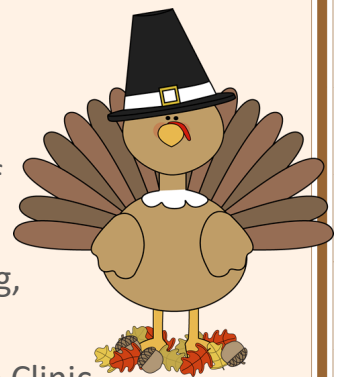
If you need to use more than one form please number them in order (1, 2, 3, etc.)

Sincerely,  
Chris Burban - Officer 4679

Key Holder Information Form available on the Chamber Website

## Thank YOU for supporting Turkey Thursday

On Thursday, November 1st, the Lake Crystal Area Chamber and the American Legion Post #294 served nearly 150 hungry guests at the annual Turkey Thursday event.



Thirty Six turkeys were raffled off that evening courtesy of many gracious Chamber members. **A BIG Thank you to:** Ameriprise Financial, Bec's Bookkeeping, Erickson Plumbing, Kevin's Market, On the Rocks, Peterson Insurance Agency, Main Street Accounting, Pioneer Bank, Collis "C" Store, Mankato Clinic, The Lakes Sports Bar and Grill, Dave Roder, Mankato Clinic, Hellekson Heating and Air, Dave Carlson Electric, Lake Crystal Tribune, TBEI, GRACE Thrift Store, Crystal Valley Coop, The Lake Crystal Area Rec Center, Crysteel Truck Equipment, Deal Family Chiropractic, State Farm Insurance, LC Fire Department Relief Association, Kroubetz Lakeside Campers and Motors, Dale Schmidt Construction, KCT Storage and the staff at the American Legion Post #294.

*Proceeds from this event will go towards the Lake Days fireworks 2019.*

**MinnStar Bank—You Are Invited . . .**

MinnStar Bank invites you  
To their Holiday Open House  
December 7th  
10:00 –4:00 pm

Stop by for holiday greetings and goodies  
and a new 2019 calendar.

Lake Crystal  
202 No. Main Street  
507-726-2137



Downtown Mankato  
201 Poplar Street  
507-726-2137



**Holiday Hours:** In Celebration of the holidays, MinnStar Bank will be closed Dec. 24 at 12:00 and all day December 25<sup>th</sup>. Regular hours on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. \*  
Closed January 1<sup>st</sup> January 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

**Betty Ouren Receives  
2018 Hap Halligan Leadership Award**

MinnStar Bank's very own, Betty Ouren, was awarded with the Hap Halligan Leadership Award on Tuesday, November 13 at Greater Mankato Growth's Business Hall of Fame Event. This event recognizes outstanding businesses, organizations and professionals.

The Hap Halligan award recognizes an outstanding individual who has participated in the Greater Mankato Leadership Institute program and has demonstrated exemplary creative or innovative contributions to the community. ***Congratulations Betty!***





## Check out what is happening at The Lakes

**THE LAKES**  
SPORTS BAR & GRILL

### 2018 UGLY SWEATER PARTY

'tis the season to  
**ROCK UGLY SWEATERS**

**Saturday, December 1st**

**8:00pm**

**The fun starts at**



PRIZES FOR BEST  
\* WOMEN'S  
\* MEN'S  
\* COUPLE OR GROUP



\* Please give generously that evening as your donations will go to the Lake Crystal Angel Tree.



**Featuring the Nowhere Fast Band**

## Karaoke - 2 BIG Nights

**December 7th**

**And**

**December 15th**



**FAT CITY ALL STARS**



**LIVE  
Entertainment**



**Whiskey Richard—Dec. 14th      Fat City All Stars— Dec. 22nd**  
**Peter Klug—December 28th**

### Family Paint 'N Party December 2nd



Painting "Sprinkling Wishes"

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon! You choose the background color for your snowman: Red, Blue or Green.

This is a great painting for adults and children. Fun time for families and grandparents to spend together and all materials included. Call 507-380-8544 to confirm your canvas.

**And  
December 13th**



Additional details for this Painting Party coming soon!



*Thank  
you*

## **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE**

**Please Join Us  
Friday, December 14, 2018  
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.\***

**\*Lewisville Location, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

### **FOOD / BEVERAGES / PRIZES**

Thank you for trusting us with your banking needs.  
We appreciate you!



Member FDIC

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# INTRODUCING FLEX RATE CDs

Take advantage of today's changing rate environment.

**18 month / 2.27% APY effective October 1, 2018**

**36 month / 3.03% APY effective October 1, 2018**

- The rate may change after the account is opened. Variable annual percentage yield (APY), 2.25% below the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate for 36 month, 3.00% below the Wall Street Journal Prime for 18 month, adjusted on the first day of each month.
- 36 month term – automatically renews into our traditional 36 month, fixed rate CD at the first maturity.
- 18 month term – automatically renews into our traditional 18 month, fixed rate CD at the first maturity.
- Minimum balance to open and obtain the APY is \$500.00.
- Fees could reduce earnings on the account.
- Penalty for early withdrawal.



## Lake Crystal Angel Tree Needs your help

The Annual "LAKE CRYSTAL ANGEL TREE PROJECT" (a non-profit group) is in full swing. This local community project helps bring a little more spirit of the season to many in the Lake Crystal area who are less fortunate and may not be remembered with a gift at Christmas. Your generosity last year helped over 30 local families with gifts and groceries to make their Christmas holiday special.

Angel Wishes are now available on the MinnStar Bank Christmas Tree located in the lobby. Your wrapped presents should be returned to the Bank lobby by Wednesday, December 12th. Thank you to all of the wonderful contributors that help to make Christmas brighter for so many of the Lake Crystal families living in our school district.





## Madelia Community Hospital Auxiliary Tree of Remembrance

- Remember someone special with a donation
- Donations may be made for a single bulb (one name \$5) or an entire string of lights may be lit for \$45 or more
- Proceeds will go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic
- Donation information available at front desk or at [www.mchospital.org](http://www.mchospital.org)



Lighting Ceremony is **Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 2 p.m.  
in the Amberfield Dining Room

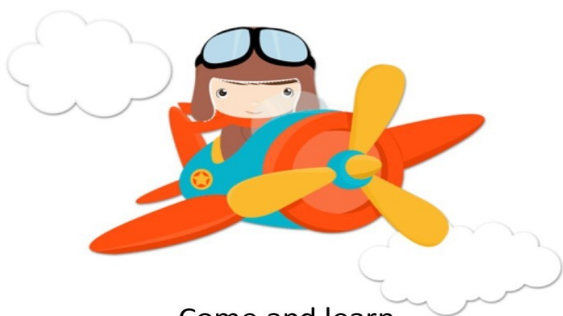
Madelia  
**Community**  
Hospital & Clinic



### Story Time Continues—Enjoy the world of BOOKS!

Get ready for some  
**"High Flying Fun"**  
at Library Story Time

Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 am  
at the Lake Crystal Public Library



Come and learn  
about the things that  
fly in the sky!

\* Brought to you by your friends at  
ECFE and the Lake Crystal Area  
Chamber of Commerce



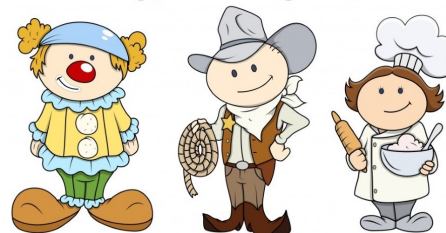
Join us  
the  
second  
Saturday  
of each  
month  
through  
the  
school  
year!



**WHEN I GROW UP...**

LIBRARY STORY TIME - January 12  
10:00 am at the Public Library

*Come to Story Time dressed up as  
something you want to grow up to be!*



Brought to you by your friends at:  
ECFE and the Lake Crystal Area Chamber



Preserve Our Past, Protect Our Future

# BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Check out all of the GREAT events that the  
Blue Earth County Historical Society has to offer.  
Take a step back in time at one of these upcoming events. . .



**December 1**, 3-7 p.m., Christmas at the Hubbard House and

**December 2**, 1-4 p.m., Christmas at the Hubbard House. Take a step back in time and visit with characters of the past to learn who damages the Hubbard Gingerbread House! Tickets are \$10/adults, \$7/BECHS Members, \$5/children 5-17. For more information, visit [BlueEarthCountyHistory.com](http://BlueEarthCountyHistory.com).

**December 4**, 10 a.m., Remember When Coffee Club – Favorite Christmas Stories. Love talking about the past with others? We have just the place for you! Bring your memories and any memorabilia you want to show the group and have a grand time discussing the topic presented!

**December 8**, 10 a.m. to Noon, Young Historians - The Ride. Young Historians is our hands-on history workshop for school-aged children. This year's theme focuses on around Native American Culture and Heritage. This month, participants will learn about the significance of the Ride made each year from North Dakota to Mankato. Free. For more information, call 507-345-5566.

**December 8**, 1-4 p.m., Exhibit Opening *Why Treaties Matter*. Join us at the History Center for the opening of our latest exhibit, *Why Treaties Matter*, on limited viewing from the Minnesota Humanities Center. Free. For more information, visit our website at [BlueEarthCountyHistory.com](http://BlueEarthCountyHistory.com).

**December 8, 9, 15, & 16**, 1-4 p.m., Hubbard House open for tours. Take a step back in time as see the Hubbard House decorated for the holiday season. This year's theme is Toys! Guided tours last about one hour. Admission is \$7/adults, \$3/children 5-17, Free for BECHS Members.

**December 20**, Noon - 1 p.m., History Bits & Bites - Documentary Showing - The Dakota 38. Bring your lunch and learn a bit of history! This month's program will feature the Documentary *Dakota 38 Documentary: Healing Journey of the Dakota People*. Free.

**January 8**, 10 a.m., Remember When Coffee Club – My Favorite Hang-out Place. Love talking about the past with others? We have just the place for you! Bring your memories and any memorabilia you want to show the group and have a grand time discussing the topic presented!

**January 12**, 10 a.m. to Noon, Young Historians – Connections to the Land. Young Historians is our hands-on history work-shop for school-aged children. This year's theme focuses on around Native American Culture and Heritage. This month, participants will learn about the connections to the land. Free. For more information, call 507-345-5566.

For information regarding any of these activities, Call: 507.345.5566 or  
Visit the Website at: [www.bechshistory.com](http://www.bechshistory.com) History Center - 424 Warren Street  
Historic Courthouse - 204 South Fifth Street, Mankato, MN



## Chamber Buck\$

- **The Gift of Choice**
- **Good at Chamber businesses**
- **Keeping it Local**

Take the hassle out of gift buying this season. For that hard working employee or helpful neighbor, get the gift that is always a perfect fit. They can be used at all Chamber businesses. Available in \$5, \$10 or \$20. BUT, the best thing about them. . .

### **They support our local businesses!**

If you are interested in purchasing Chamber Bucks or would like more information, please contact the Chamber office or MinnStar Bank (507) 726-2137.

**\*Business Owners–** You do not incur any fees to accept these certificates. Simply honor them like cash. Deposit them as you would in your regular business accounts, and receive full face value. This is a great way to encourage our community to ... **SHOP LOCALLY.**



**SAVE THE DATE - January 26th, 2019**

**LAKE CRYSTAL  
ICE FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA**

**Watch for details!**



## 2018-2019 Chamber Members

All American ChemDry  
 Amber Pietan Travel Agency  
 AMERADON Services  
 American Legion Post #294  
 Ameriprise Financial Services  
 Andring, Collins, Norman & Co. Chtd.  
 Bec's Bookkeeping  
 Bella Nova Boutique  
 Blue Earth County Historical Society  
 Blue Star Power Systems  
 Brad Nelson Electric  
 Champlin Bus Service, Inc.  
 Collis "C" Store  
 Consolidated Communications  
 Crawler Welding  
 Crystal Seasons Living Community  
 Crystal Valley Cooperative  
 Crystal View Eye Care  
 Crysteel Truck Equipment  
 D & K Tires  
 Dairy Queen  
 Dale Schmidt Construction, Inc.  
 Dave Carlson Electric  
 Deal Family Chiropractic & Wellness Ctr. P.A.  
 Elite Motors  
 Erickson Plumbing  
 Farm Bureau Financial Services~ Lynn Lodes  
 1st Choice Security  
 GM Contracting, Inc.  
 GRACE Thrift Store  
 Healthy by Nature, LLC.  
 Hellekson Heating and Air  
 Hennager Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
 ISD #2071 Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial  
 Insurance Services Plus, Inc.  
 Jones Farms  
 Jones Seeds  
 Kelsey Osborne, LLC.  
 Kevin's Market  
 KNUJ Radio  
 Kroubetz Lakeside Campers & Motors, Inc.  
 LC Ace Hardware  
 Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center  
 Lake Crystal Family Practice / Mankato Clinic  
 Lake Crystal Fire Department  
 Lake Crystal Mortuary  
 Lake Crystal Self Storage  
 Lake Crystal Tribune

LCWM Teachers Association  
 Madelia Community Hospital and Clinic  
 Main Street Accounting  
 Mayo Clinic Health Systems  
 Mike & Terri's Daycare  
 MinnStar Bank N.A.  
 MVTV Wireless  
 Net Medix  
 Nickel Transportation  
 Nitch Notch Renovations  
 On the Rocks  
 Peterson Insurance Agency ~ Agent Matt Peterson  
 Pioneer Bank  
 POET Biorefining of Lake Crystal  
 Preferred Printing Company  
 ResCom Realty  
 Sharpline Images, LLC.  
 Small Wonders Daycare  
 State Farm Insurance ~ Bill Webb  
 TBEI~ Truck, Bodies & Equipment Int'l  
 The Beacon of Lake Crystal  
 The Lakes Sports Bar and Grill  
 True Real Estate—Greta Alms  
 Weichert Realtors Community Group

### **Individual Members:**

Brad & Karen Ahrenstorff  
 \* Susan Gengler / ISD. #2071 LCWM  
 Ted Goettl  
 \* Jackie Graham / ResCom Realty  
 John & Kari Gustafson  
 Bob & Linda Hauge  
 Ron & Sandy Held  
 Helen Jones  
 Gordy & Mary Kuznia  
 Matt and Cheryl Lantz  
 Doug & Lori Meixell  
 Mark Meyer  
 Bruce & Maggie Jones  
 Nowlin  
 Don & Barb Overlie  
 Catie Owens  
 Kevin & Julie Paap  
 Bill & JoAnn Richmond  
 Mark Sanderson  
 Kent and Liz Thiesse

### **\* Associate Members**





# Save the Dates

**Dec. 1st \* Christmas in Lake Crystal**  
**\* Scavenger Hunt**  
**\* Ugly Sweater Party**

**Paint 'N Party at The Lakes - Dec. 2nd**

**Madelia Community Hospital Tree Lighting - Dec. 2nd**

**Holiday Open House at MinnStar Bank - Dec. 7th**

**Library Story Time (High Flying Fun) - Dec. 8th**

**Santa's Holly Jolly Holiday Party - Dec. 8th**

**Chamber Board Meeting - Dec. 11th**

**Spotlight on Lake Crystal - Dec. 12th**

**Ladies Night Out at LC ACE - Dec. 12th**

**Paint 'N Party at The Lakes - Dec. 13th**

**Pioneer Bank Holiday Open House - Dec. 14th**

**EDA Meeting - Dec. 18th**

**Merry Christmas - December 25th**

**Library Story Time (When I Grow Up) - Jan. 12th**

**Mental Health Monday (MCHC) - Jan. 14th**

**Chamber Board Meeting - Jan. 15th**

**Spotlight on Lake Crystal - Jan. 16th**

**Ice Fishing Extravaganza - Jan. 26th**

**\*Remember to watch the Chamber calendar  
on our website:**

**[www.lakecrystalchamber.com](http://www.lakecrystalchamber.com)**



**The Chamber office will be closed December 2 through December 6th**



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