Lake Crystal Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

October / November 2019

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.

A Message from the President - Hello to all!

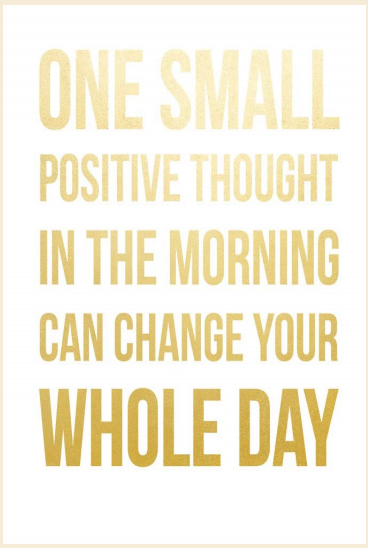
I would like to start off with a thank you to all of the members who sponsored this year's Thursday Cruz-In's and to all of the chamber members that volunteered their time to make the event such a success. Executive Director Julie Reed deserves a huge thanks in regards to this event's success as well! Without her dedication to this event it couldn't happen so if you get a minute, please drop her a note or give her a call and extend a thank you. The largest thank you I would like to extend is to the visitors and community members who continue to attend the event and patronize our local businesses! The last night's Cruz-in was the finale for the year with the raffle drawing, 250 cars and so many motorcycles that we had to provide overflow parking for the bikes! Absolutely amazing! Great job Lake Crystal!

With the Cruz-in somewhat marking the end of summer and beginning our transition to fall, please take a minute and say a quick prayer for our local farmers for a safe, bountiful harvest with weather that cooperates with them in the weeks to come! Also, try to give them the benefit of doubt on the road. Trust me, they are likely in a WAY bigger hurry than you are so try to be patient.

Speaking of roads, MnDot is doing a transportation study on Hwy 60 in Lake Crystal in anticipation of a roadway project currently planned for 2024. Visit http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d7/projects/hwy60lakecrystal/ to learn more. There is a link for a survey at the bottom of the page so please share your input. I think we can all agree its time for an upgrade to our travel corridor.

It seems premature to talk about the next item on the list but guess what! Turkey Thursday is now….wait for it….***Turkey Tuesday***! We have scheduled it at the Lake Crystal Legion for Tuesday, November 5th. A shout out to Kevin's Market who will again be graciously supplying turkeys at a discounted rate to chamber businesses who would like to provide one (or more than one??) for the door prizes that night. Just call the store and let Ann Lange know how many you would like to donate. This is a well-attended event that continues to grow each year. Come join us for an absolutely delicious turkey commercial. We promise - we won't run out of pie this year!!

Dan Hellekson ~ Lake Crystal Area Chamber President



A Message of Thanks from the NEW LCWM Staff

These NEW LCWM Teachers want to thank the Chamber businesses that filled the New Teacher Welcome Bags with ! Your items and well wishes were greatly appreciated and they felt very welcomed by the Lake Crystal Area Chamber businesses.

Pictured: Tanya Carlson– Counselor, Emma Stieve - 6th grade, Jessica Daily—4th Grade, Mackenzie Tiegs—MS Math, Kim Thorson- Phy. Ed, Tristan Kroll—6th Grade, Layce Johnson—Special Ed, Kevin Chapman—Phoenix Recovery Program, Winona Johnson—Career/ Tech Ed and Janalee Steinberg—Elementary Music. *Not pictured:* Susan Kluver and Abigail Jones

The Lake Crystal Chamber is seeking two NEW board members

If you love Lake Crystal, want to see our community thrive and grow, and have some time to give - please contact the Chamber office. These positions require some of your time (2 year terms), your business expertise and your talents to continue to keep Lake Crystal and it's businesses prospering. If you have an interest in becoming active with a wonderful group of people - give us a call. We'd love to hear from you.

Chamber office: (507) 726-6088 or email– lcacc56055@gmail.com

We promise... you will get as much out of this opportunity as the Chamber gets from you!

9th Annual Mankato River Ramble Returns

Savor the fall colors on this classic countryside ride. Join them for the ninth annual Mankato River Ramble Bike Tour on October 6.

Riders can choose 12, 26, or 44 miles of lovely routes, featuring great Rest Stops, ride support, delicious food and beverages, live music and much more. All routes pass through beautiful Sibley Park where the Blue Earth River joins the Minnesota River. In October, harvest is in full swing, which is always a highlight for riders as they cruise past the many fields in this beautiful part of our state!

One great ride, three scenic routes!

The 12-Mile Minneopa Falls Loop- is a trail and road (just one mile on shoulder) ride to Minneopa State Park where you'll enjoy great live music and a 40-foot, two-tiered waterfall.

The 26-Mile Pie Run- takes you over the river and up the Red Jacket Trail to the Rapidan Dam Rest Stop and an array of award-winning pies. This is our most popular route and includes 7.5 road miles. Don't miss the dam overlook!

The 44-Mile Lake Crystal Loop- travels quiet country roads with Rest Stops at Lake Crystal and Minnemishinona Falls County Park. Have some pie at Rapidan Dam and hang onto your helmets as you descend the famous Elevator Shaft. New for 2019: Two new miles will take riders through downtown North Mankato, across the river to see the silo art, and along handsome, bike-friendly Broad Street in downtown Mankato.

Volunteers are Needed - Please contact the Chamber office if you would like to help greet the riders coming into our town.

See you at the River Ramble

Referrals from the Chamber Office this month

Crawler Welding
Collis "C" Store
Kevin's Market / On the Rocks
Dairy Queen
The Lakes Sports Bar & Grill
Net Medix
Mike and Terri's Daycare
Small Wonders Daycare
Crystal Seasons and The Beacon
LC ACE Hardware
MinnStar Bank
Pioneer Bank
Hellekson Heating and Air
Dave Carlson Electric
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Crystal View Eye Care
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LCWM Community Ed
Ameradon Services
Lake Crystal Area Rec Center
D & K Tire

October 6th - 12th

Pancake Feed

October 6th 9:00 AM—1:00
Sunday at the LCFD
(on Hunt Street)
The department will be accepting free will donations. Proceeds will be used to purchase new equipment.

LCFD Pizza Delivery Night

October 10th - 5:00 to 7:00
Order your pizzas from Collis "C" Store, Kevin's Market or The Lakes. The LCFD will deliver your pizza AND replace your smoke detector batteries, too!

REMINDER

Pizza night is always a very poplar event. We encourage you to Pre-order your pizza delivery or consider a "take and bake" option.

LCFD would like to remind everyone to be Fire Safe!!!

Cruz 'IN Lake Crystal 2019 comes to seasons end

10 weeks of beautiful classic cars and motorcycles have graced the streets of Lake Crystal during this years Cruz 'IN Lake Crystal. There have been over 1800 people join in the roll ins, have had some wonderful food from area food trucks AND have patronized many of our local businesses.

It was another GREAT year!

A huge thank you to our sponsors and each and everyone of you for joining us in this fun Thursday night event.

We look forward to 2020 and hope that you will join us again next year. Sponsorships will be available again and we encourage you to help when you can. Unable to help financially? No Problem, there is always help needed parking cars, registering our guests, enjoying a bite to eat or donating to our door prizes. This is a community event and all assistance is appreciated.

Thank you one and all!

Cruz 'IN Lake Crystal

Come Cruz 'IN with us in 2020

May 28
June 11 - 18 - 25
July 9 - 23
August 6 - 20
September 3 - 17

www.lakecrystalchamber.com OR Cruz 'IN Lake Crystal or

Fun Fall Events Coming at the LCARC

Next Lunch 'N Learn - October 30th

Speaker Elizabeth Mckay:
Clinical Social Work/Therapist
Topic: Facing your Fears: Overcoming Phobias and Trauma

Sponsored by MinnStar Bank, the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, The Enventis Foundation, and individual event sponsors, these monthly events typically feature and activity, a free-will offering luncheon, and an educational speaker.

MONDAY, Nov. 4th = Beach Party
1 to 4:00pm
Bring your friends and have a "beach" ball!
$3/member $5/nonmember
Activities, slide and a treat included

Core 4x4 Challenge 2019

JOIN THE core CHALLENGE

Get your friends, family or co-workers ready to get active & start making changes!

* October 7th - November 1st
* Teams of 4 compete to tally the most minutes exercised
* Fitness classes = Bonus points
* Access to the LCARC during the challenge
* Weekly and Grand prizes.

Just $20 per person!

Toddler Thursdays begin in October

The LCARC invites families with toddlers and families with homeschooled children to use our

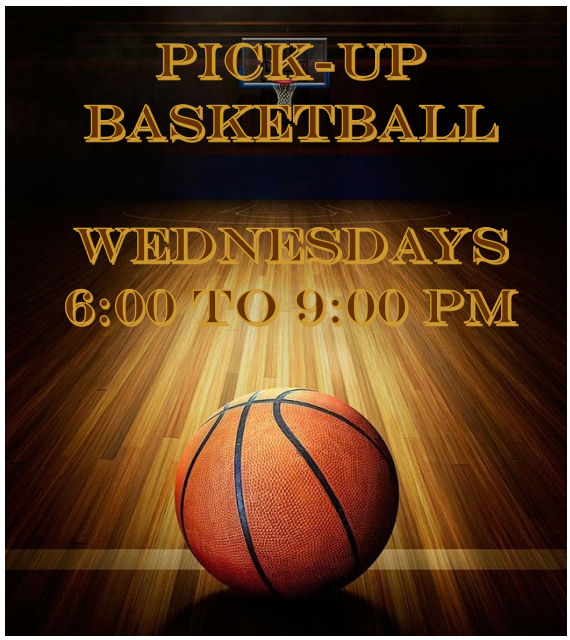
pool and gym

on Thursdays 9:30am - 11:30am!

Swimming Days: Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Oct 31, Nov 14, Dec. 5, Dec. 19

Gym Days: Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 12

$2/child for members $3/child for nonmembers Parents and Guardians Free



Meet our newest member—Lake Crystal Chiropractic

We would like to introduce you to our newest Chamber member:
Dr. Danny Grimes Lake Crystal Chiropractic.

Several months ago Dr. Grimes stopped into the Chamber office to introduce himself to Julie Reed and within minutes we knew that this partnership of Lake Crystal, the Chamber AND his business—Lake Crystal Chiropractic was going to be a great fit for all. Since that time, he and his family have moved into our community, gotten involved in school and they have jumped in with both feet.

As many of you know, the business was acquired with the departure of Dr. Brian Deal and his family as they retired and moved out of the area. They are spending some much needed time with family and enjoying the new role of being grandparents. The transition of the two Chiropractic businesses and their concepts seemed to merge very well together.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Danny Grimes and his family to our membership and the community. The door is now open and we look forward to his time and talents in Lake Crystal.
Copy the link below to meet him for yourself!
https://www.facebook.com/156769601786/videos/422439241922004/

Welcome to our New Member

Library Storytime Resumes

Second Saturday of each month
Beginning October 12th - 10:00 am

"It's a Pumpkin Storytime"

Bring your friends and enjoy some fun books and stories!

**Storytime is brought to you this year by the*

BLUE EARTH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Holiday Season is upon us… Christmas Train in Marston Park

Dear Chamber Business:

As summer comes to a close and the cold weather begins to set in, we are trying to plan ahead to the upcoming Holiday Season. Yes! We are getting ready for our wonderful Holiday celebration – Christmas in Lake Crystal.

This letter is to inform you about the excellent advertising opportunity available to all of our Chamber members during the Holiday festivities.

We are hoping once again this year to decorate Marston Park with our local area business train. Many of you have taken part in this advertising opportunity in the past. The cars will be available to you during the holiday season at a very low advertising cost. If you have had a car in the past, there will be some upkeep due to Minnesota winters and last year's wind and snowfall. Current participating businesses can have their train car updated for just $60.00. If you did not take part in this opportunity last year or have had business logo changes, you may purchase an updated or new car for only $80.00.

We realize that it is quite early to be making any decisions that relate to the holidays, but we need to allow ample time to get our train cars up to date.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the following form and return it by: **Tuesday, October 15th.**

Thank You for your participation and Best Wishes for a GREAT Holiday Season!

Newsletter Special!

SAVE $5.00 when you return this form prior to October 15th!

Lake Crystal Area Chamber of Commerce
Holiday Train Form

Name of Company or Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____Email: _____

_____ We would like to update my current car	$ 55.00	_____	after 10/15 - $60
_____ We would like to purchase a new train car	$ 75.00	_____	after 10/15 - $80

Return this form and payment BEFORE OCTOBER 15th and Save $5.00:

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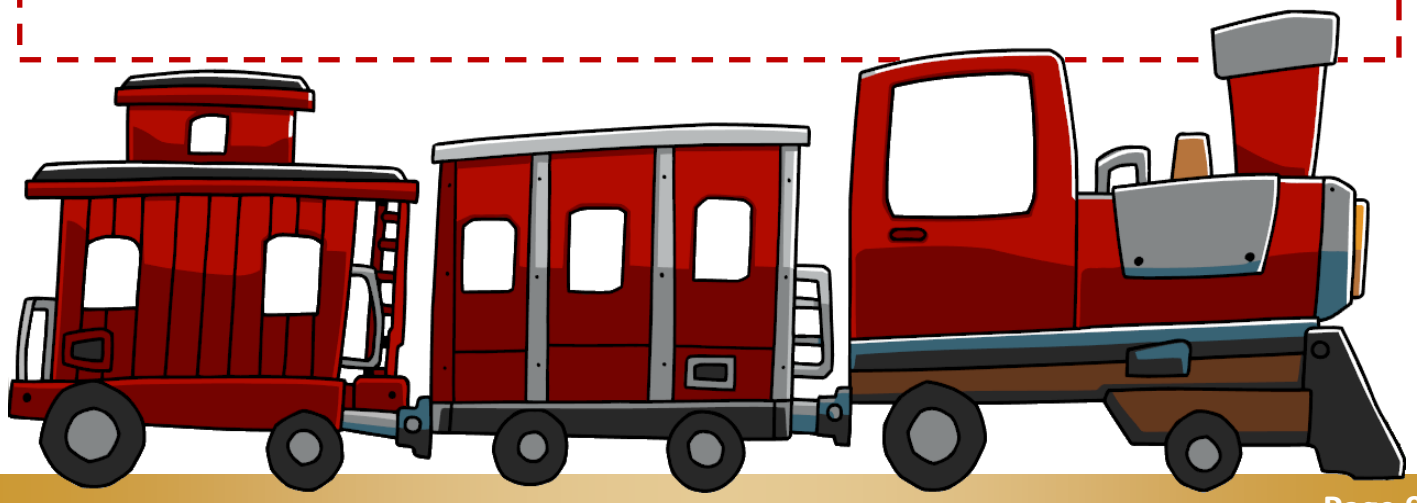


Mayo Clinic Health System Lake Crystal welcomes new family medicine provider

Mayo Clinic Health System in Lake Crystal recently welcomed Doni Walker-Jackson, physician assistant, to the family medicine team. As a family medicine provider, Walker-Jackson helps care for people of all ages with preventive treatment and illness evaluation.

"One of the main reasons I wanted to move into primary care is to build a rapport with patients and to see my patients grow and progress," says Walker-Jackson. "Ideally, I had always wanted to practice rural primary care, so I am excited to see that goal come to fruition."

Originally from Garden City, Kan., Walker-Jackson received her medical training from Arcadia University in Glenside, Penn., where she completed her Master in Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies and Master in Public Health.

Prior to coming to Mayo Clinic Health System in Lake Crystal, Walker-Jackson was a physician assistant at Pediatrics in Jacksonville, Fla., and Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., working mostly in newborn intensive care. Her special interests include maternal and newborn health, lactation counseling, preventive medicine and health education for all ages.

"My approach as a provider is to be very compassionate. I like to take time to really listen to my patients," says Walker-Jackson. "I also like to take a holistic look at the entire picture of a person's health."

To schedule an appointment, call 507-726-6966. Visit mayoclinichealthsystem.org for more information.

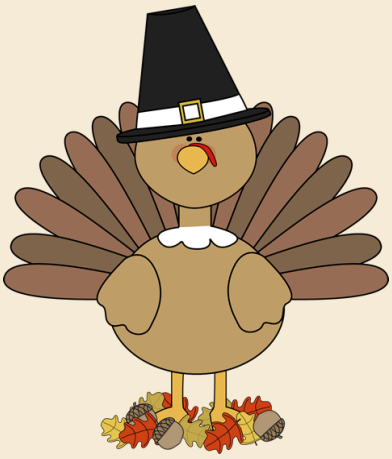
Treat yourself to a "Healing Hands" Massage

Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 to 10:00 am
at the Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center
Walk in's or by Appointment
(just call the LCARC to save your spot)

TURKEY TUESDAY IS COMING!

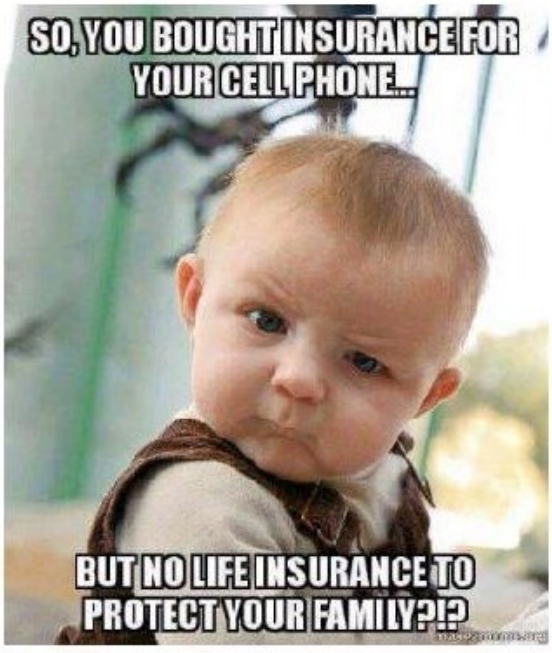
Save the Date - November 5th New Day

Win your own Thanksgiving Turkey, AND. . . there will be pie :)



It's back!!! On Tuesday (NEW DAY) November 5th, the Lake Crystal Area Chamber is teaming up with the American Legion Post #294 to bring back another **"Turkey Tuesday."** There will be a turkey commercial and pumpkin pie dinner served from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at The Legion. During that time, attendees will be able to win a turkey and have a great meal. This is where we need you! For just $16.00 you will have the opportunity to sponsor a turkey.

To purchase your turkey, simply go to Kevin's Market or just call (726-6868) and ask for Ann by **October 25th.** They will contact the Chamber to let us know of your participation so that we may make up YOUR winner certificates including your business logo.
If you have any other questions please feel free to contact Julie at the Chamber Office.



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Do you have a difficult person to shop for? You can't go wrong with a "one size fits all" gift. Chamber Bucks are sold in $5, $10 and $20 increments. Purchase yours at MinnStar Bank.

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 LOCAL

Are you getting your information out there? We can help!

SPOTLIGHT ON LAKE CRYSTAL

Visit Our Website

Find us on facebook

The Lake Crystal Area Chamber offers you many ways to get your news, events and promotions out to your local customers, every week. Are you taking advantage of these **FREE** Chamber Services?

Contact the Chamber Office to help get the word out!

Check out the upcoming events at the Blue Earth Co. Historical Society

Oct. 1, 10 am, Remember When Coffee Club - Big fires Around Town. The Remember When Coffee Club is open to anyone who likes talking about the past with others. Refreshment provided. Free.

Oct. 5, 10 am, Talking Ancestors Genealogy Group – Translations. The Talking Ancestors Genealogy Group meets monthly to talk about genealogy. Each month a new topic is presented, but any questions are welcome. Free.

Oct. 12, 10 am to Noon, Young Historians - 1700s to 1850. Young Historians is a hands-on history workshop for school-aged children. This year we will be covering U.S. History. Free.

Oct. 25-26, 6-9 pm, Ghosts From the Past: Believe it or Not. The past is made up of really great stories; some of them sound too good to be believable. Hear from 'characters' of the past and see if you believe their stories. Admission is $10/adults, $7/BECHS Members, $5/Children 5-17.

Nov. 1-2, 9 am to 5 pm, Anniversary Open House. BECHS is celebrating 118 years of collecting, preserving and presenting Blue Earth County's History. To celebrate, we invite the public to enjoy free museum admission, gift shop specials, and a door prize. Free.

Nov. 2, 9 am to 4 pm, Genealogy Workshop. Whether you are just starting out as a family historian or you have been tracing your linage for decades, this all-day workshop will have something for you. Topics include online resources, social media, DNA, and more. Admission is $50/adults, $40/BECHS Members. Catered lunch available for $10. Full schedule and registration available online.

Nov. 5, 10 am, Remember When Coffee Club - Memorable Relatives The Remember When Coffee Club is open to anyone who likes talking about the past with others. Refreshment provided. Free.

Nov. 9, 10 am to Noon, Young Historians, 1850-1900 Young Historians is a hands-on history workshop for school-aged children. This year we will be covering U.S. History. Free.

Nov. 18, 6-8 pm, Members Only Behind the Scenes - History Center Nooks and Crannies. Join Curator/Archivist Shelley as she takes you around the History Center to places the public doesn't get to see. Admission is $20/BECHS Member and is limited to 15 people. Pre-registration is encouraged. Young Historians is a hands-on history workshop for school-aged children. This year we will be covering U.S. History. Free.

Nov. 30, Shop Local Saturday. Join others throughout the region in shopping local. BECHS' Gift Shop will be offering special discounts and is a part of the City of Mankato's passport around town. Support your local community throughout the day!

For more information regarding any of these activities,
contact the Historical Society
at 507-345-5566 or BlueEarthCountyHistory.com.

The weather is changing—is your home ready for the colder weather?

Chilly weather is on the way! Make sure to take advantage of the fall furnace tune-ups offered by Hellekson Heating & Air.

Centerpoint Energy gas customers are also eligible for a rebate every other year from he gas company in the form of a gift card when having tune-ups performed and Hellekson Heating & Air will even submit the forms for you! Don't forget to ask about upgrading to a thermostat that connects to your home internet for weather updates and phone alerts if there is a problem with your heating or air conditioning equipment.

Fall Heating Furnace Tune-Up

$80

Offer valid through December 2019

**Offer excludes fuel-oil furnaces*

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Ask you technician about Wi-Fi thermostats and the benefits they can offer!

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CHRISTMAS IN LAKE CRYSTAL IS COMING - DECEMBER 7TH

Holiday Gift and Craft Fair & Silent Auction
10am - 2pm at the Lake Crystal Area Rec Center

Chili Feed, Cookie and Bake Sale
PICTURES WITH SANTA 10 to 1pm
(MOM - Remember to bring YOUR camera)
COLORING CONTEST by MinnStar Bank
Prizes to winners

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

2019-2020 CHAMBER MEMBERS

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American Legion Post #294
American Lung Association
Ameriprise Financial Services
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Small Wonders Daycare
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The Beacon of Lake Crystal
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