



# Detroit Lakes

# CHAMBER NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce



## Splash Awards


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Thursday, October 28, 2021  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
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- BTD Manufacturing
- West Kjos Funeral Home

**Ripple Award Nominees:**

- Essentia Health - DL
- BTD Manufacturing

**Wave Award Nominees:**

- Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
- American Legion/Camp. (honoring Dean Miller)

## Manufacturing Job Fair - October 7th

Manufacturing facilities in the Detroit Lakes and Audubon area are opening their doors for a cooperative Job Fair!

Stop into one or all of the locations for job interviews, facility tours and information on what is "made at the lakes".

Thursday, October 7th. Stop anytime 12 Noon - 5:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

- ~ Action Fabricating/MN Metalworks
- ~ Lakeshirts
- ~ BTD Manufacturing
- ~ Dynamic Homes
- ~ TEAM Industries - Audubon
- ~ SJE



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**We're Working for You:**

<u>August 2021</u>	<u>YTD</u>
• Walk-Ins	
238	1,566
• Phone Calls	
312	2,405
• Visitor Guides Mailed	
419	3,875
• Website Sessions	
27,084	158,990

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## Welcome New Members

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# Ribbon Cuttings and Milestones



Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge recently celebrated the completion a long-awaited project of an accessible trail to an overlook with a large metal sculpture by local artist Patrick Shannon called 'Soar'. Located near the Discovery Center the Eagle Eye overlook site will be used in the environmental education programs as well as open to the public as an accessible place for quiet reflection in nature. Benches and accessible picnic tables can accommodate groups of 25 or more.



On September 29th, Sanford Health officially cut the ribbon on the new Dermatology & Laser Clinic. Dr. Max Disse specializes in general dermatology, dermatologic surgery and cosmetic services with expertise in various skin treatments.

Congratulations to Meadowland Surveying, Inc. on their 75th Anniversary of providing land surveying services in the Lakes Area. Their office is located at 1118 Hwy. 59 South, DL. (Pictured) Tiffany and Scott Walz, President/Owner. Previous owners have been Roy A Smith, Donald D. Busker and Carl J. Nedberge.



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# Welcome Back Teachers

On September 1st, DL Chamber Ambassadors and Staff helped to welcome the teachers back to school. They were greeted with a gift bag, an apple & door prizes.

Bags were provided by **Midwest Bank** and **Detroit Lakes Public Utilities**. **Central Market** donated the apples.

The following businesses provided items for the teacher bags: **Adventist Community Services, Ameriprise Financial Services, Becker Pet & Garden/The Candy Store, BTD Manufacturing, Counselor Realty, DLCCC, Detroit Lakes Public Library, Detroit Lakes Public Utilities, Essentia Health, JQ Clothing, Northwestern Bank, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Sanford Health and Wells Fargo Bank.**

Door prizes were given by: **Be Free Cleaning, Connect Interiors, Detroit Lakes Public Library, Essentia Health, Midwest Bank, Papa Murphy's, and Sanford Health.**

Pictured (l to r)  
(top) Ambassadors Jessica Burhans & Kyle Meacham with Supt. Mark Jensen

(middle)  
Ambassadors Jessica Burhans, Susan Bjorklund & Kerlis Wesbrook

(bottom)  
Ambassadors Matt Nelson & Kyle Meacham with Sandy Stilke, Chamber Staff.

Teacher bags were also delivered to Chamber member schools at **Holy Rosary Catholic School, Community Alliance Church and First Lutheran Church DL.**



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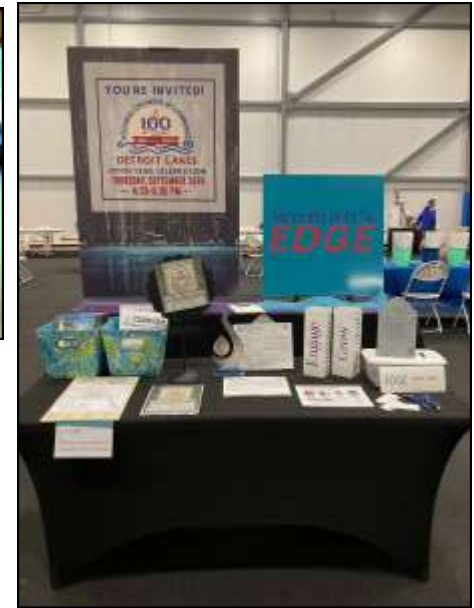
~ CHAMBER BUCKS are being used by businesses and individuals in the community for gifts, incentives, bonuses, promotional prizes, special event drawings and more. Keep their gift excitement going by making it easy for them to redeem their DL CHAMBER BUCKS.

Thank you to Wells Fargo Bank, First Security Bank and Bremer Bank for supporting this program for over 30 years!

## Women's *EDGE*



On September 22nd Women's EDGE hosted speaker and author Kelly Radi at The Meadows on Lind. The afternoon was filled with inspiration and energy! Pictured top the group practiced "power poses" as a tool for getting ready to face a difficult situation or a good way to start the day. Thank you to SJE, Midwest Bank and Essentia Health for helping bring great programming like this to the Detroit Lakes community.



Pictured above—Women's EDGE and the DL Chamber could be seen at the September 2nd Women's Expo hosted by Leighton Broadcasting .



Get up, get dressed & do something!

women's *EDGE*  
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**Marcie Rendon**

November 10

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Mark your calendars for November 10th! Marcie Rendon is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, author, playwright, poet, and freelance writer. Also a community arts activist, Rendon supports other native artists, writers and creators to pursue their art. She is the 2020 McKnight Foundation Distinguished Artist among many other accolades.

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# Member News

**Bell Bank** has named Matt Schenck as President and Barb Bertschi as Vice President/Branch Manager in Detroit Lakes. Schenck has worked in banking for more than 30 years, and Bertschi has 29 years of banking experience. Bell Bank was founded in 1966 in Fargo, ND, and provides a broad range of financial services. They have full-service banking locations in Minnesota, North Dakota and Arizona.

**SJE Inc.** has purchased L. W. Allen and its brand Altronex, based in Madison, Wisconsin. They have two divisions and serve water and wastewater facilities in Wisconsin and the surrounding states. SJE has six locations in the U.S. and one in Suzhou, China.

**BTD Manufacturing** has recently acquired an additional 40,000 square feet to expand its Lakeville, MN production facility. This will allow them to expand capacity and introduce new technology and capabilities. BTD has been adding new fiber sheet and tube lasers, press brakes, robotic welders and tube benders at all four of their locations.

Members of the DL Chamber may qualify for these Discounts Services:

- o Notary and Certificates of Origin services are free to members.
- o Ribbon Cutting, Ground-breaking and First Dollar of Profit recognition.
- o A mailing list of the current Chamber membership is available for \$25.
- o Members can use the DL Chamber's bulk-mail permit on qualifying mailings of 200 or more pieces—call Jean for details.
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## What's Happening!

October 2021

Saturdays Lakes Area Farmer's Market, 10am-1pm, Peoples Park

- 1 America Unearthed by Scott Wolter, 2pm, Holmes Theatre
- 1 DLHS Homecoming Parade, 2:15pm
- 2 Jeremy Messersmith, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre
- 2 DL Shrine October Fest, 5pm, behind 517 Washington Ave
- 5 Concordia Duo (piano & cello), 7pm, Holmes Theatre
- 6 Grand Opening & Open House, 4:30-6:30pm, Rehab Authority
- 7 Manufacturing Job Fair, 12-5:30pm
- 8 Ambrosia, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 13 :45 Fill-up, 8:15-9am,
- 15 A Flock of Seagulls, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 16 DL Jaycees Stagette, 6pm, Holmes Ballroom
- 22 An Eagles Tribute, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre
- 23 DL Lions Beer Tasting Event, 4-8pm, American Legion Club
- 28 Chamber Board Meeting, 8am, DL Chamber Office
- 28 Splash Awards, 3-5pm, Holiday Inn
- 28-29 Steel Magnolias (Comm. Theatre), 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre
- 29-30 Haunted House (to benefit Museum), 7-9pm, Fairgrounds
- 30 Steel Magnolias (Comm. Theatre), 2pm, Holmes Theatre
- 30 Year End Party at Richwood Winery, 3:30-5:30pm

See full calendar of events at [VisitDetroitLakes.com](http://VisitDetroitLakes.com)  
Please let us know if you have events for our website calendar.