



# Detroit Lakes CHAMBER NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce

## Fill your July with Fun!

Shopping, Eating, Festivals, Concerts, Fireworks, Art, Music, Sports and lots of Sunshine & Water... our lakes area is busy. How do you make sure you don't miss out? Go to [www.VisitDetroitLakes.com](http://www.VisitDetroitLakes.com). This website has nearly 100 events in July alone, plus all the details you need. DL Chamber Members can also sign up to receive the Tuesday eblast... we will email you a weekly calendar so you don't miss a thing.

Have guests coming? Stop in the Chamber Office (700 Summit Ave, DL) and stock up on coupon books, maps and local information perfect for your lobby, coffee table or guest room. Here are the events and networking opportunities in July hosted by the DL Chamber:

- ◆ July 4th – Fireworks, 10pm, Little Detroit Lake/City Beach
- ◆ July 6th – HR Connect, 8:15am, Chamber Office
- ◆ July 12th – :45 Fill-up Member Meeting, 8:15am, Chamber Office
- ◆ July 12th – Cruise DL Night, 4-8:30pm, Peoples Park, DL
- ◆ July 30th – Art in the Park, 9am-3pm, DL City Park

\*The Chamber Office is closed on July 4th, but coupon books, maps and visitor guides are always available outside our front door.



Thank you to all those that contributed to our 2023 Fireworks display!



July 12  
August 9  
September 13

- ◆ FREE admission
- ◆ No registration

Bring your cruiser to the beach and enjoy an evening with fellow car enthusiasts



# ART in the Park Detroit Lakes, MN

Sunday, July 30, 2023  
9:00 am –3:00 pm  
DL City Park

- \* FREE Admission
- \* Held Rain or Shine
- \* Art, Crafts, Food, Jewelry, Furniture, Clothing & More!

The Mission of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce is to advance a vibrant business and tourism economy through service, advocacy, networking and innovation.

**We're Working for You:**

May 2023      Year to Date

- Walk-Ins  
267                      798
- Phone Calls  
286                      1,137
- Website Sessions  
32,226                  151,521

Online newsletter at: <https://www.visitdetroitlakes.com/chamber/newsletter>



# Welcome to Kim!

The Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome Kimberly Schoenborn as our new **Communications and Events Coordinator!** Kim's excellent customer service skills and warm personality make her a great addition to our staff and a resource to our members. Be sure to stop in and introduce yourself to Kim or watch for her at the next DL Chamber event.



## :45 Fill-up is July 12th

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **July 12th**.  
Learn more about what is new at the DL Chamber and around town!

Hosted the 2nd Wednesday of each month  
**8:15-9:00 am** at the DL Chamber Office.  
Bring your business cards, event flyers and information.  
FREE · Coffee provided · No RSVP required  
All employees of member businesses are welcome!



## HR Connect meets July 6

Join us. FREE. The 1st Thursday of each month 8:15–9:30am.



HR Connect is perfect for HR professionals, business owners, managers and anyone with HR duties in their job description. We discuss human resource topics, share best practices and review data to help attract, retain and grow an excellent workforce for the lakes region! Together we can be a resource for every business in our community. Upcoming dates: (no August meeting), Sept 7...

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Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7AM-6PM

We invite your business/non-profit to participate in this year’s Crazy Daze!

- Spaces will be assigned. **Pre-registration by July 28th is required.** Downtown businesses will be given space directly in front of their stores.
- Set up/street closure starts at 5am. Volunteers are needed to help set up.
- There is no fee for DL Chamber members or businesses located downtown to participate in this promotion; non-chamber members are asked pay a \$25 fee to help with the marketing costs.
- Businesses must have a tax ID number, collect state and local taxes, and are asked to offer “crazy” deals, deep discounts or offers not available on other days.

To register contact the Chamber Office  
dlchamber@visitdetroitlakes.com 218-847-9202.



DL to WE Fest Shuttle

## FREE Day Parking

at the Becker County Fairgrounds  
1310 Rossman Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

**THURSDAY: NOON-2AM ~ FRIDAY: NOON-2AM ~ SATURDAY: NOON-2AM**

Day Parking (Noon-2am) available in the Becker County Fairgrounds for FREE.

Then ride the shuttle bus to and from WE Fest all day.

~ Fairgrounds to WE Fest West Gate ~

Wristbands: \$25.00 for 3 days or \$10.00 per day. Available at the fairgrounds August 3-5

## ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

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~ **Display ads** can be placed for one month or save money by reserving your space for 6 or 12 months. For as little as \$35.00/month. Your ad can be the same for every issue or changed as often as you like. Space is limited.

~ **Inserts:** reserve your place in the next newsletter for your insert. \$160.00 (\$60 for non-profits) Space is limited so be sure to call ahead.

**Drop off 650 ~ 8½” X 11”** inserts (can be double sided, but need to be on standard copy paper – no card stock).

These must be delivered to the Chamber Office by the 24th of the month.

Ask us about ways your business can be featured in the newsletter. From Member News to Ambassador Visits - we want to help you promote your events and milestones.

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# Ambassador Visits



Congratulations to **Forest Hills Resort** on their addition of 3 new sports simulators! Two simulators are for golf the 3rd one is a multi-sport simulator. On June 22nd, the (left) DL Chamber Ambassadors helped cut the ribbon and some even took a few golf shots. (right) Owner Bob Spiizzo, is pictured holding the 1st Dollar of Profit for the 19th hole Virtual Sports addition. The simulators are open to the public year-round and can be found at 22931 185th Street just off Highway 10 West in Detroit Lakes.



On June 21st, the Ambassadors visited Pine Cone Interiors of Frazee. Frazee Mayor Mark Flemmer is pictured with owner, Tyler Aho as they cut the ribbon on their new show room. Tyler is a licensed contractor ready to help with flooring, tile, kitchens, bathrooms and interior remodeling projects.

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# Reneé Rongen Rocks the House!



The 2023 Women's *EDGE* Speaker Series kicked off with an amazing presentation by Reneé Rongen! Not only did Renee have us laughing and crying, she had local favorite Tim Eggebraaten (right) lead the group in song in honor of Reneé's Birthday. In addition, attendees donated 3 big baskets filled with pajamas of all sizes which were donated to the Lakes Crisis and Resource Center!



Thank you to our sponsors! Title Sponsor: **BTD Manufacturing**; Speaker Sponsors: **Sanford Health, Midwest Bank and SJE**; Event Sponsors: **TEAM Industries, Midco and Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate – Lisa Piche**; Ticket Sponsors: **Washington Square Mall, Bremer Bank and Nature's Embrace Soap Company**. BIG THANKS to the **Becker County Museum** for letting us use their event space as we had to move indoors due to smoke.

For more information on the next 2 Women's *EDGE* speakers call 218-847-9202

## Member News

Congratulations to **Leighton Broadcasting** on celebrating 60 years in business!

Congratulation to **Price's Fine Jewelry** on celebrating 80 years in business!

**Detroit Lakes Newspapers** welcomes two new reporters to their team: Cooper Kanthak who graduated from SDSU, and Paige Gifford, a graduate of MSUM.

**Midwest Bank** has promoted Jasper Poehler to Personal Banker.



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- Reception desk/raised counter
- 10 vinyl waiting room chairs
- Small office desk
- 3 desk chairs
- Breakroom table & chairs
- Small glass-front refrigerator
- **5'-6' stainless steel prep table** with backsplash and lower shelf
- Gondola shelving with shelves 24", 20" & 19"
- Gondola shelving endcaps
- Wall coat rack hooks

\*NOTE the food shelf does not have extra storage space so will not be able to accept your donation until our new building is ready.

If you have items please call 218-847-0142 to arrange for someone to come look at your items.



## New Members

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## Member Renewals

Thanks to the following members who have renewed their membership from May 25—June 27, 2023. Chamber memberships renew throughout the year.

For a complete list of DL Chamber members see the business directory at [www.VisitDetroitLakes.com/Chamber](http://www.VisitDetroitLakes.com/Chamber)

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**Lakes Area Farmer's Market**  
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# Employment Laws for 2023

Confused by all the changes made in employment law this legislative session? Need to know what policies you need to adopt for your business? Whether you have 1 employee or 1000... there are many new laws that are a reality for your business.

Join us:

Thursday Aug 10, 2023

Becker County Museum Event Room

Doors open at 8:30 am for coffee & networking

Presentation 9:00-10:00 am with time for Q&A

Register online or call 218-847-9202.

Abbie Thurmes of **Pemberton Law** will be presenting on Minnesota's new law changes that will affect your business. Topics include:

- Recreational marijuana legalization
- Non-compete agreements banned
- Earned sick & safe time mandates
- Paid family & medical leave mandates and fees
- PLUS time for your direct questions.

This will be excellent training for owners, managers, payroll and HR staff. See the insert in this newsletter for more information.

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A reminder:

The Detroit Lakes city sales tax sunsets on June 30, 2023. You will need to adjust your tax rates on your cash registers.

For more information on state and local sales tax go to:

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/guide/taxes-and-rates>

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**What's Happening!**

**July 2023**

- Tues. Tuesdays in the Park, 7pm, DL City Park Band Shell
- Tues/Sat. **Lakes Area Farmer's Market, 10am-1pm, Peoples Park**
- Wed. Wild Wednesdays, 10am, Tamarac NWR
- Friday Food Truck Fridays, 11am-2pm, DL City Park
- Sat/Sun Shady Hollow Flea Market, Hwy. 59 South
- Sat/Sun Group Scuba Dives, Tri-State Diving
- Sun. Free Movies, 2pm, Tamarac NWR
  
- 1 Music on the Mountain
- 4 **Fireworks, dusk, DL City Beach**
- 6 **HR Connect, 8:15-9:30am, Chamber Office**
- 7 Grand Opening at Becker County Museum, 4-6pm
- 7 & 14 Trucks & Tunes, 5-8pm, DL City Park
- 8 & 9 Cormorant Art Show, 10am-4pm, Cormorant Comm. Center
- 12 **:45 Fill-up, 8:15-9am, Chamber Office**
- 12 **Cruise DL Night, 4-8:30pm, West Lake Drive**
- 13 & 27 LIVE AT The Lodge, 5-8pm, The Lodge on Lake Detroit
- 13 & 27 Summer Nights, 5:30-9pm, Detroit Mountain
- 14-23 Northwest Water Carnival, www.dljaycees.com
- 14 WC Street Dance, 8:30pm, in front of Lakeside Tavern
- 15 Midsummer Bike Tour, 7am, DL Pavilion
- 15 Fly-in & Drive-in, 8am-noon, DL Airport
- 15 Demo Derby, 6pm, Becker County Fairgrounds
- 17 Patriot Assistance Dogs Golf Tournament, 3pm, Lakeview Course
- 19 **Women's Wednesday, 3-5pm, Forest Edge Gallery**
- 19 Water Fights, 7pm, DL City Park
- 21 Trace Adkins Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 21 & 22 Bash on the Beach, 7pm, DL City Beach
- 23 Parade of the Northwest, 1pm
- 26-29 Becker County Fair, www.beckercountyfair.com
- 27 **Chamber Board of Directors, 8am, Chamber Office**
- 28-29 King Arthurs Quest Play, Holmes Theatre (28-7pm, 29-10:30am)
- 28-30 Frazee Turkey Days
- 30 **Art in the Park, 9am-3pm, DL City Park**

See full calendar of events at [VisitDetroitLakes.com](http://VisitDetroitLakes.com)

Please let us know if you have events for our website calendar.