

Detroit Lakes CHAMBER NEWS



Official Newsletter of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce

Splash Awards on Thursday, Oct 5th

You are invited to the... 2023 Splash Awards!

By the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce

Celebrating the impact and involvement of our community volunteers.

Thursday, October 5th at the Holmes Theatre Ballroom

4:00 PM ~ Social & Networking.

4:30 PM ~ Program & Awards with emcees Jim & Cindy Brufloft

5:30 PM ~ Reception. Cash Bar by La Barista



RSVP by calling 218-847-9202 or at <https://business.visitdetroitlakes.com/events/> Come celebrate our finalists:

- ◆ LAUNCH AWARD Finalists: Tricia Geffre, Brandon Johnson, Kyle Meacham
- ◆ ACCELERATOR AWARD Finalists: Paul Gintner, Mike Labine, Katie Schiller
- ◆ BEACON AWARD Finalists: Mark Hagen, Madalyn Sukke, Connie & John Wood
- ◆ SKIPPER AWARD Finalists: Jay Estenson, Brittany Nordick, Mike Witt
- ◆ WAVE AWARD Finalists: J&K Marine, Leighton Broadcasting, WE Fest
- ◆ LIGHTHOUSE AWARD Finalists: Arvig, Central Market, TEAM Industries
- ◆ RIPPLE AWARD Finalists: A Place to Belong, Miss Frazee Scholarship Program, Solutions Behavioral Health



Want to make an evening of it? October 5th is the opening night of "The Sweet Delilah Swim Club" – local theatre at the Holmes Theatre too!

Mental Health 1st Aid Training on Oct 31st

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. Similar to First Aid or CPR, Mental Health First Aid helps build the skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling and connect them to appropriate support.

CALL [218-847-9202](tel:218-847-9202) TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 *pre-work required too
Time: 8:30 am–3:00 pm (includes a 30 minute lunch and break)
Place: Becker County Museum
Cost: \$250.00 per person - includes lunch and all materials needed.
Only 20 spaces remain. Call Carrie at 218-847-9202 to learn 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:

August 2023 Year to Date

- Walk-Ins
215 1,666
- Phone Calls
320 2,106
- Website Sessions
37,303 306,916

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



Advertise in this Newsletter

The DL Chamber News is published monthly and features the happenings at the Chamber and with our members. DL Chamber members can market their businesses and help support this publication. Remember space is limited so please call ahead! There are 2 ways to advertise:

~ **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.

Summit Ave Construction

Summit Ave in Detroit Lakes (Highway 10 to Holmes St) is under construction this fall. There will be times when the DL Chamber's front door will not be the easiest to get to.

BUT don't fear... our back door and parking lot are open!
Monday–Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, year-round



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Are you ready for ESST on Jan 1st?

Earned sick and safe time (ESST) is a new Minnesota law that will impact employers and employees throughout the state, when it begins Jan. 1, 2024. ESST will be overseen and enforced by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

WHAT IS SICK AND SAFE TIME?

Sick and safe time is paid leave all employers must provide to employees in MN that can be used for certain reasons, including when an employee is sick, to care for a sick family member or to seek assistance if an employee or their family member has experienced domestic abuse.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

An employee is eligible for sick and safe time if they:

- ◆ work at least 80 hours in a year for an employer in Minnesota; and are not an independent contractor.
- ◆ Temporary and part-time employees are eligible for sick and safe time.

WHAT CAN IT BE USED FOR?

Employees can use their earned sick and safe time for reasons such as:

- ◆ the employee's mental or physical illness, treatment or preventive care;
- ◆ a family member's mental or physical illness, treatment or preventive care;
- ◆ absence due to domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking of the employee or a family member;
- ◆ closure of the employee's workplace due to weather or public emergency or closure of a family member's school or care facility due to weather or public emergency;
- ◆ when determined by a health authority or health care professional that the employee or a family member is at risk of infecting others with a communicable disease.

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI's) Labor Standards Division is providing a series of webinars to help workers and employers better understand the state's wage and hour laws. These sessions cover wage and hour basics, labor standards in the construction industry, child labor laws, workplace protections for expectant and new parents, minimum wage, overtime exemptions and sick, safe and medical leave laws. Including training on the new earned sick and safe time on Oct. 5 and Oct. 11 go to: <https://dli.mn.gov/events> for more information.



Cooler weather has us looking to holiday activities!

Save the date for the **2023 Parade of Lights** in Downtown DL.

Monday, November 27th
5:30pm step-off

It's time to plan your float, plan on treats in your downtown business, and plan for fun with your family!

Looking for:

- Parade Sponsors
- Lighted Parade Floats
- Lit Costumed Walkers
- Pre-parade Activities
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Contact Carrie for more information on how your business can be involved. carrie@visitdetroitlakes.com

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Ambassador Visits



Congratulations to Project Search! The DL Chamber helped celebrate the official first day of this partnership with **Essentia Health** and the DL School District.



On Sept. 18th, **Lakes Wellness Spa & IV** celebrated with a grand opening and a ribbon cutting. You can find their office at 1100 Washington Ave, DL.



Zips Car Wash opened their new location on Hwy 10 W in DL. Pictured are **Zips Car Wash** employees along with Chamber Ambassadors, DLHS Ambassadors and members of **Patriot Assistance Dogs** (who were also presented a donation from Zips.)



The crew from Zips Car Wash stopped into the **Sept Cruise DL Night** too!

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Women's *EDGE* with Kristi Floersch



On September 27th, attendees at the Women's EDGE event enjoyed time learning from Kristi Floersch while watching her paint. Also presenting were local leaders: Dawn Anderson-Chase of **Midwest Bank** and Keidra Anderson of **BTD Manufacturing**. Thank you to these women for sharing their stories and inspiring us to use our time to its fullest. Join us for the next speaker, Melissa Marshall on November 8th. For more information contact the Chamber Office or go to <https://www.facebook.com/womensedgedl>



Pictured: (left) Kristi Floersch interacted with the audience on **life's challenges** that were added to her canvas.

(right) Breanna Adams and Kristi pose with the final art piece which Breanna won through a raffle drawing. This art piece not only **supported Women's EDGE** it is also helping a local non-profit: Project 412.

Member News

Foltz Trucking has been honored with a safety award after its drivers traveled about 3.5 million miles in Minn. last year without causing an accident. They earned the 2023 Fleet Safety Award for a truckload carrier from the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety

M State be celebrated 20 years since combining four regional community and technical colleges (Detroit Lakes, Moorhead, Fergus Falls and Wadena) under one expansive west-central MN collegiate campus.

Lakeshirts has entered into a strategic alliance agreement with Altered Latitudes to become the exclusive wholesale provided of Altered Latitudes merchandise. Altered Latitudes is a South Carolina based resort apparel and accessory manufacturer of nearly 10 years. The Altered Latitudes line will be treated as a stand-alone brand offering in Lakeshirts' **Blue 84 Resort garment line.**

Congratulations to Ken Foltz, **Foltz Trucking**, on being elected to the Minnesota Trucking Association Board of Directors.

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~ Put CHAMBER BUCKS in your cash register and treat them like other checks in your bank deposit.

~ CHAMBER BUCKS are not meant to be redeemed for cash, however, practice good customer relations and give change as you would for other checks written over the amount of purchase.

~ 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.

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We are a 501(c)3 non-profit community & youth center that focuses on engaging the community to empower youth.

Member Renewals

Thanks to the following members who have renewed their DL Chamber Membership from August 29—Sept. 26, 2023

Chamber Memberships renew throughout the year: for a complete list of members, see <http://business.visitdetroitlakes.com/list/>

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Bluebird Books

Cole Papers, Inc.

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Splash Awards
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4:00 pm
Holmes Theatre
Ballroom

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The Next :45 Fill-up is October 11th

If you are looking to connect your business and employees with the community, the DL Chamber's :45 Fill-up is a great place to start!
Learn more about what is new at the DL Chamber and around town!

Bring your business cards, event flyers and information.
FREE · Coffee provided · No RSVP required
All employees of member businesses are welcome!

Hosted the 2nd Wednesday of each month for 45 minutes
8:15-9:00 am at the DL Chamber Office.



*If DL Schools are cancelled or late due to weather, this meeting is cancelled.

HR Questions?

On the first Thursday of each month, the Chamber's HR Connect meets. This is open to anyone and is free for DL Chamber members (\$10 for non members). Whether you have 1 employee or you manage many... this is a great place to ask questions and share best practices.

Next meetings: Thursday, October 5th, November 2nd & December 7th
8:15-9:30am
DL Chamber Office

*If DL Schools are cancelled or late due to weather, this meeting is cancelled.



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What's Happening!

October 2023

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

- 4 Ribbon Cutting for Boys & Girls Club Playground, 4:30pm
- 4 VIPink Breast Cancer Event of the Year, 5-7:30pm, Essentia Health
- 5 HR Connect, 8:15-9:30am, DL Chamber Office
- 5 Splash Awards, 4:00pm, Holmes Ballroom
- 5-7 Lakes Pet Fest, schedule at www.lakespetfest.com
- 5-7 "Sweet Delilah Swim Club", Holmes Theatre, Th & Fri-7pm, Sat-2pm
- 7-15 National Wildlife Refuge Week, Tamarac Nat. Wildlife Refuge
- 7 Coffee Crawl, 7am-2pm
- 7 Bucktoberfest, Bucks Mill Brewing
- 7 Fall Pictures with your Pet, 10am-2pm, Becker Co. Museum
- 7 Damien Home Tour, 12:30-4pm
- 8 Holy Rosary School Marathon
- 10 Wine & Dine, 5:30-8pm, Spanky's Stone Hearth
- 11 :45 Fill-up, 8:15-9am, DL Chamber Office
- 13 Frankie Ballard Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 14 Kids & Parents Expo, 9am-1pm, Essentia Health
- 26 Chamber Board of Directors, 8am, Chamber Office
- 26-29 Haunted House, 6:30-9:30pm, Becker Co. Courthouse/old jail
- 27 Halloween Party, 4-6pm, Boys & Girls Club
- 27 Comedian Nick Swardson, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino
- 28 Halloween Hoopla, 10am-noon, Becker Co. Museum
- 28 Halloween Hoot, noon-2pm, Washington Square Mall
- 28 Cornerstone Arts & Giving Gala, 5pm, Frazee Event Center
- 28 The Fabulous Armadillos, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre
- 29 Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm, Zion DL
- 29 Trunk or Treat, 4-7pm, TEAM Industries Audubon
- 29 Concordia Orchestra, 7pm, Holmes Theatre
- 31 Mental Health First Aid, 8:30am-3pm, Becker Co. Museum

See full calendar of events at VisitDetroitLakes.com

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