

Official Newsletter of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce

DETROIT LAKES REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 | SAVE THE DATE
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
YMCA CAMP CORMORANT



Annual Meeting

Join us at YMCA Camp Cormorant for a morning of Chamber news and networking.

8:00 AM | Doors open & breakfast by Pit 611

8:30 AM | Chamber updates & introduction of "New faces"

10-10:30 AM | Networking & camp tours

Register by May 2nd at
<https://business.visitdetroitlakes.com/events>
or call 218-847-9202.

Pop-in Pick Up Party

Pop-in to the DL Chamber office at 700 Summit Ave anytime Wednesday, May 1st, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm for treats, meet the chamber staff and grab all your resources for the summer season! Maps, coupons books, local guides and more are available for free. These materials are great for:

- Guest rooms or information kiosks.
- Meetings, reunions or conferences.
- Welcome or recruiting packets for new employees.
- Waiting rooms or reception areas.
- Or stop in just to help make your own summer plans.



2024 Festival of Birds

Did you know... the Detroit Lakes area is nestled in the heart of a transition zone between tall grass prairie, northern hardwood and conifer forest ecosystems. This diversity of habitat is home to more than a whopping 275 species of birds!

The 27th annual Festival of Birds is scheduled for May 16-18, 2024. This year, the Festival is collaborating with the Gathering Partners Conference, which is hosted by University of Minnesota Extension Natural Resource volunteer programs and the Bell Museum. Find more details at VisitDetroitLakes.com.

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HR CONNECT

Whether you have 1 employee or you manage many, this is a great place to ask questions and share best practices.

This is open to everyone!

- Free for DL Chamber members
- \$10 for non-members



MAY 2, 2024
8:15 AM - 9:30 AM



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Did you hear? Employees making less than \$58,656 may be eligible for overtime.

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has increased the Fair Labor Standards Act's annual salary-level threshold from \$35,568 to \$58,656. White-collar workers making less than that amount will soon need to be paid overtime when they work more than 40 hours in a week. Exempt employees must also meet both salary and duties tests.

There are also changes coming nationwide to eliminate most non-compete contract clauses and changes have been made regarding the definition of independent contractors.

If these issues will affect your business please join us at the May 2nd HR Connect to discuss and share best practices. Everyone is welcome.

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:45 FILL-UP

May 8, 2024
8:15 AM - 9 AM
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Project 412
Featured Speaker

Our Mission 3

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.

Get Social



Our Reach in 2024

March 2024	2024 Totals
Walk-Ins	
102	355
Phone Calls	
177	524
Website Viewers	
40,763	100,367

CRAFTING GROWTH

Strategies for Small Business Owners

TUESDAY, MAY 21

6 PM - 8 PM
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6:30 PM | PROGRAM
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4 Ambassador Visits

On April 3rd, the Detroit Lakes Chamber Ambassadors visited three businesses in Frazee, MN to hear their story, present them with a First Dollar of Profit, and do a ribbon cutting.

The Gobbler Grub & Pub

Aleisa Jopp and Patricia Rutledge celebrated the opening of their new restaurant located at 108 East Main Ave in Frazee. This pub style restaurant offers a family atmosphere and will soon see the addition of an outdoor summer patio.



The Monarch Coffee House

Located in the heart of downtown Frazee, Monarch Coffee House offers coffee drinks, sandwiches and baked goods.

The Healthy Hornet

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The Ambassadors helped Nature's Embrace celebrate their Grand Re-Opening of their new location with a ribbon cutting on Friday, April 12th.

Member News

Lakes Processing now offers bakery items: bread, dinner rolls, buns, cinnamon rolls, cookies and more! The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded **Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge** a \$750,000 grant for wild rice restoration and reforestation. It is one of nine projects in the Northeast and Midwest regions that will reduce the risks and associated damages of flood and drought by restoring resilient habitats using nature-based solutions and climate adaptive infrastructure.

Lakeshirts has finalized the acquisition of EMI Sportswear, a Colorado-based resort apparel manufacturer with 40 years of experience. The EMI line will be combined with Lakeshirts' TGT line.

Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union has promoted Nicole Pfeffer to Community Outreach Manager and she will lead all the financial education in the communities they serve.

Essentia Health is unveiling a free tool that reads prescription labels aloud for patients with visual impairments.

Project 412 hosted a successful "Project 412 Day" to help promote the Thomas Dambo trolls coming this summer. Go to <https://project412mn.org/> for more information.

West Central Initiative now offering a small business grant as a part of the Promise Act. Go online to <https://wcif.org/grantseekers> to see if your non-profit or business qualifies.

A Childcare Appreciation Event was held on April 29 to recognize and support our area childcare providers. The **DL Chamber** coordinated our members to give a gift bag given to each attendee. Thanks to the following businesses who provided items: **Becker County Museum, Carrier & Varty-Ameriprise Financial Services, Central Market, Cheryl Cullen Spa Services, Detroit Lakes HRA, Detroit Lakes HS Laker Shop, Detroit Lakes Public Library, Detroit Lakes Public Utilities, Laney's Mechanical, MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Midwest Bank and TEAM Industries.**

The DL Chamber Office will be getting new landscaping in May. We will still be open our regular hours Monday-Friday, 9 am to 5pm.



**June 12, July 10, August 14
and September 11, 2024!**



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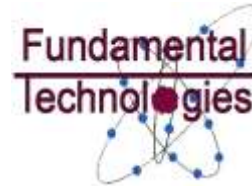
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Retailers: For good customer service, please continue to accept ALL DL Chamber Bucks but let the Chamber office know if you take any \$10.00 checks and we will exchange them for new 1st National Bank checks.

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What's Happening!

May 2024

- 1 Pop-in Pick Up Party, 8am-3pm, DL Chamber Office
- 1 Ambassadors, 9:30am
- 1 Ribbon Cutting, 10am, The Dashery
- 2 HR Connect, 8:15-9:30am, DL Chamber Office
- 2 Going Local Workshop, 6-8pm, M State
- 3 Annual Meeting, 8:30-10am, YMCA Camp Cormorant
- 3 "I Am, He Said" Neil Diamond Tribute, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre
- 4 & 25 True Sports Performance Speed & Agility Camps, B & G Club
- 5 Lakes Area Chorale & Fat Cats Concert, 4pm, Holmes Theatre
- 7 SCORE Free, online, non-profit training, 8am
- 8 :45 Fill-up, 8:15-9am, DL Chamber Office
- 8 Brown Bag Lunch, 12-1pm, Becker County Museum
- 8 Make It a Date Event, 5-8pm, downtown DL retailers
- 9 Naloxone (NARCAN) Training, 6-7pm, DL Public Library
- 10 Roots & Boots Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star
- 10-11 Grand Opening Event, Cwikla Ace Hardware
- 11 DLHS Renaissance Festival, 12-6pm, DLHS Football Field
- 15 Celebrate Aging Expo, 9am-1pm, Holiday Inn
- 16 Ribbon Cutting and remodel Grand Opening, Holiday Inn
- 16-18 Festival of Birds
- 17 Nazareth Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star
- 18 Lakes Area Farmer's Market opens, 10am-1pm, Peoples Park
- 18 Prom for Paws (Marshmallow An. Shelter), 5-8pm, B & G Club
- 18 Aiming High for Patriot Assistance Dogs, 5pm, Holiday Inn
- 21 Crafting Growth, Strategies for Small Business, 6pm, Bucks Mill Br
- 23 Chamber Board of Directors, 8am, DL Chamber Office
- 28-29 MN Flyers Gymnastics Summer Day Camp, 8am-4pm
- 31-June 1 Street Faire, downtown DL

See full calendar of events and local information at
VisitDetroitLakes.com

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