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Help Us Share Your Success

One of the many benefits of Chamber membership is the opportunity to increase visibility for your business. To help amplify the great things happening across our business community, we're excited to introduce a new way for members to share their milestones with the Chamber.

We know our members are doing great things every day, but we don't always know about them. Help us help you.

Whether you're celebrating a milestone anniversary (1, 5, 10, etc), expansion, renovation, new location, grand opening, award, or other significant milestone, we want to hear about it. By sharing your news with us, you'll help ensure your accomplishments don't go unnoticed.

Through this new member benefit, the Chamber will help amplify member milestones through our social media and

communication channels, providing additional exposure while highlighting the innovation, investment, and growth taking place throughout our region. Chamber Ambassadors may also be available to help celebrate.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Milestones should be submitted at least one week in advance whenever possible.
- Posts will follow a consistent format and schedule to ensure fairness among members.

Your success is worth celebrating, and your story helps showcase the strength of our business community. If you have a milestone to share, simply scan the QR code and complete the submission form.



Enhancing Your Chamber Experience

We're excited to share that the Chamber will soon be launching a new member management system along with a redesigned Chamber website as part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing your membership experience.

The new Info Hub will serve as your one-stop member portal, making it easier to update your information, register for events, post jobs, and manage invoices and payments – all in one convenient place.

Our redesigned website will also better connect visitors and residents with Chamber members while making Chamber resources and member information easier to access and navigate.

We look forward to sharing more details soon and helping you make the most of these exciting updates. Thank you for being a valued Chamber member!

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OUR MISSION



The mission of the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce is to promote and enhance a vibrant business community while contributing to the quality of life through leadership, connection and community.



Our Reach in 2026

April 2026	2026 Totals
Walk-Ins 132	Walk-Ins 397
Phone Calls 156	Phone Calls 488
Website Viewers 22,024	Website Viewers 89,109

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4th of July Fireworks Donations

Summer is right around the corner, and that means the 4th of July celebrations will be here before we know it! In recent years, we've been fortunate to increase our budget and expand the Detroit Lakes fireworks display—and the community response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Donation letters to support this year's fireworks display have now been mailed, and we encourage

you to keep an eye out and please consider making a contribution. This annual tradition is made possible through the generosity of our community and local businesses, and every donation helps keep this celebration strong for everyone to enjoy.

We truly appreciate the continued support that helps make the Detroit Lakes fireworks display a highlight of the summer.

Coffee + Community - June 3

Coffee + Community: Importance of Local Journalism

June 3 | 8-9:15am | Becker County Museum

Local journalism plays a vital role in keeping communities informed, connected, and engaged. As the media landscape continues to evolve, trusted local news sources remain an essential part of strong communities.

This panel discussion will feature representatives from local print, radio, and television media.

RSVP for free by scanning the QR code!

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West Lake Drive Project Updates

Stay up to date on the latest news, construction progress, and project timelines for the West Lake Drive improvement project.

More Information:

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HR CONNECT

1st Thursday of every month!

If Human Resources is in your job description, this is the group for you!

Thursday, June 4
8:15 – 9:30 am

LOCATION:
Chamber Conference Room
700 Summit Ave.
Detroit Lakes

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Ambassador Visits



Our Chamber Ambassadors appreciated the opportunity to visit Bestow Counseling and learn more about owner Debbie Svobodny and the passion behind her work. Debbie shared her background and why it has become her life's work to help ensure counseling services are available and accessible within our community.

Learn more about their services and mission by visiting their website www.bestowcounseling.com



Our Chamber Ambassadors enjoyed visiting The Music Shop in Washington Square Mall and to learn more about the passion and experience behind the business.

During the visit, Ambassadors learned about their background, the wide range of services they offer—including music lessons for all ages, instrument accessories and supplies, and repair services—and their vision for making music more accessible within the community.

Learn more at www.themusicshopdl.com

Member News

Congratulations to **The Music Shop** of Detroit Lakes on winning the grand prize at the Pitch 412 competition hosted by Project 412! The store is owned by Brian & Abigail Ferdon and located in the Washington Square Mall.

Their business model offers a three-pronged approach: retail sales of

instruments across band, orchestra and guitar categories; recurring income from lessons; and repeat visits driven by instrument repairs.

The Music Shop plans to invest the grand prize money in rental instruments to lower the barrier of entry for new students.



2nd Wednesday of every month!

Join the **:45 Fill Up** for networking and share business and event information! Be sure to bring business cards and flyers to share!

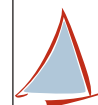
**Wednesday,
June 10
8:15 – 9:30 am**

LOCATION:

Chamber Conference Room
700 Summit Ave.
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*Want to host a :45 Fill Up
at your business?*

Contact the Chamber!



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Detroit Lakes Area Pride

DL Area Pride celebrates and advocates for LGBTQ+ people across the lakes region – building community through inclusive events, education and connection. They meet the third Thursday of the month, 5:30pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Clear Lakes Ice Company

Misty Qualey, Owner
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Website coming soon



Clear Lakes Ice Company

Clear Lakes Ice Company is a new company that will own and operate a Kooler Ice automated ice vending machine. Locations to be determined.

VFW Jess Omundson Post 1676

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VFW Jess Omundson Post 1676 is a bar/lounge for everyone, both Veterans and non-Veterans. They serve lunch Monday-Friday, Burger Night on Wednesday, and a great Happy Hour Monday-Friday from 3-5pm. They have an Event Center in their lower level, seating up to 200 people. They also offer full service gaming and bingo.

Sherwin-Williams

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New paint store opening in DL in June. Quality paint and supplies for consumers and contractors.

MEMBER RENEWALS

Thanks to the following members who have renewed their Chamber Membership from April 25, 2026 - May 22, 2026!

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WE Fest

Chamber Memberships renew throughout the year.

For a complete list, visit business.visitdetroitlakes.com/list



COMPASS Young Professionals

connects young professionals ages 18–40 from all industries to grow their networks, develop leadership skills, give back to the community, and have fun doing it. Supporting involvement benefits both employees and employers by building stronger leaders, encouraging collaboration, strengthening workplace engagement, and investing in the future of our region.

- Expand professional and personal networks
- Develop leadership skills and confidence
- Build connections across industries and organizations
- Get involved in the community without overcommitting
- Strengthen employee engagement and employer brand
- Support future leaders and regional growth



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Minnesota Employers: New Retirement Plan Requirement Now in Effect

Minnesota employers should be aware of the new Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program, which requires many employers to either offer a qualified retirement plan or participate in the state's retirement savings program.

The law applies to employers with five or more employees that do not currently offer a qualified retirement plan such as a 401(k), SEP IRA, or SIMPLE IRA. Employers that already provide a qualifying plan can file for an exemption.

The Secure Choice program is being rolled out in phases based on employer size, with larger employers required to comply first and smaller employers phased in over the next two years. Employers who participate in the state program will facilitate payroll deductions into employee retirement accounts, while employees may choose to opt out.

Employers doing business in Minnesota with five or more employees receiving Minnesota taxable wages will receive either an email or postal letter from the record keeper, Vestwell, that began the week of January 19, 2026, with log-in information and a unique access code for the program portal at securechoice.mn.gov. Employers who do not receive an access code can still register using their FEIN and required validations. Employers are required to either register for the Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program and establish Roth IRA accounts for eligible employees or file for an exemption if they already offer a qualifying retirement plan. Employers may enroll or file an exemption beginning in January 2026, but must comply by the deadline based on employee count.

Additional information, timelines, and employer resources are available through the Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program website. www.securechoice.mn.gov

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Legislative Session Concludes: Key Takeaways for Minnesota Businesses

The 2026 Minnesota legislative session concluded on May 18, with lawmakers passing a number of measures affecting businesses, taxpayers, and communities across the state. Information in this summary is based on updates provided by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Several business priorities advanced during the session, including a two-year extension of the Pass-Through Entity (PTE) Tax. The PTE Tax provides federal tax relief to more than 66,000 Minnesota businesses without reducing state revenues and has been a top priority for the Minnesota Chamber. While the extension is welcome news, business advocates continue to push for a permanent solution in future sessions.

The Legislature also approved tax relief measures for Minnesotans, including property tax relief and temporary reductions in vehicle tab fees. Lawmakers passed a significant capital investment package that includes funding for infrastructure, transportation, water and wastewater projects, economic development initiatives, and other community improvements across the state.

Another major focus of the session was fraud prevention and government accountability. New measures include the establishment of an independent Office of the Inspector General, expanded tools for state agencies to investigate and prevent fraud, and investments in technology modernization to improve oversight and program integrity.

Not all business priorities were resolved. The Minnesota Chamber continues to advocate for permanent extension of the PTE Tax, additional federal tax conformity measures that encourage business investment and innovation, and improvements to Minnesota's Paid Family & Medical Leave program to address employer concerns regarding cost and implementation. These issues are expected to remain key topics when lawmakers return in 2027.

The Chamber will continue to monitor legislative developments and share updates that impact our members. We appreciate the work of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce in representing the interests of Minnesota's business community and providing timely legislative information throughout the session.

Source: Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Legislative Updates.

To find your local representative, go to
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What's Happening - June 2026

Tuesday Tuesdays in the Park, 6pm, City Park Bandshell
Tues/Sat Lakes Area Farmer's Market, 10am-2pm, Peoples Park
Wednesday Wild Wednesday, 10am, Tamarac NWR (begins June 10)
Sat/Sun Shady Hollow Flea Market, 7am-3pm, Hwy. 59 South
Sat/Sun Group Scuba Dives, Tri-State Diving

3 Coffee & Community, 8-9:15am, Becker County Museum

3.....Cocktail Pairing Event, 6pm, Spanky's Stone Hearth

4..... HR Connect, 8:15-9:30am, Chamber Office

4,11,18..... Trucks & Tunes, 5-8pm, DL City Park

5.....Charlie Parr Concert, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre

5-6Hawley Rodeo

6MY Flyers Color Run, 10:30am, DL City Park Bandshell

6National Trails Day Event, 7-8:30pm, Frazee Lions Park

7.....Detroit Lakes Pride in the Park, 11am-4pm, Peoples Park

10 :45 Fill-up, 8:15-9am, Chamber Office

10 Cruise DL Night, 4-8pm, Detroit Lakes City Park

10.....Boys & Girls Club Night at the Mountain, 4:30-6:30pm, Detroit Mountain

13.....MMMHS Show & Shine, 12-3pm, Becker Co. Fairgrounds

13.....Bob Wiedewitsch and Donny Anderson Memorial Truck & Tractor Pull, 4pm, Becker Co. Fairgrounds

14.....Northwind Gaels Performance, 2-4pm, Corner Collective Bistro

17..... COMPASS YP The Great DL Race, 5pm Start, Becker County Museum

19.....Cornerstone Arts & Giving Gala, 5:30pm, Frazee Event Center

19-20.....Lumberjack Festival, Thurs. 10am-8pm, Fri. 10am-5pm, Becker County Museum

24.....Women's Wednesday, 3-5pm, Forest Edge Gallery

25..... Chamber Board of Directors, 8am, Chamber Office

25.....Zane Lamprey Comedy Show, 7pm, Bucks Mill Brewing

27Music on the Mountain, 5:30pm gates open, 6:15pm music, Detroit Mountain

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

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

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