



***CANNON FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018***

March 31	Children's Easter Hunt – 10:00 a.m.
May 4-5	Spring Community Wide Garage Sale Weekend
May 10	Chamber Fun Fest – Mill Street Downtown CF
May 28	Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony
Jun 14	Chamber Fun Fest – Mill Street Downtown CF
Jun 14	North Star Grand Prix Bike Race – New Route and Location
Jun 17	Cannon Falls Lion's Annual Father's Day "Fly-In" Pancake Breakfast at Stanton Airfield
Jul 1 – 4	Cannon Valley Fair
Jul 4	4 th of July Parade
Jul 12	Chamber Fun Fest – Mill Street Downtown CF
Jul 14-15	Cannon Falls Wine & Art Festival - Hannah's Bend Park
Jul 28	Annual Firemen's Street Dance – Public Safety Bldg
Aug 3	Cannon Cruisers Car Cruise
Aug 9	Chamber Fun Fest - Mill Street Downtown CF
Sep 13	Chamber Fun Fest – Mill Street Downtown CF
Sep 21-22	Fall Community Wide Garage Sale Weekend
Oct 6-7	Sogn Valley Craft Fair
Oct 31	Trick or Treat Trot-Downtown CF
Nov 24	Deck the Falls

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Mar 6 th	AG Partners Horse Meeting – 6:00 pm at the El Paso Bar & Grill in El Paso, WI
Mar 8 th	AG Partners Horse Meeting – 6:00 pm at the AG Partners Store in Cannon Falls
Mar 11 th	Cannon Falls High School FFA's Toy Show at the CFHS from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Mar 15 th	Breakfast Meeting with Dr Scott Benson from Mayo Clinic Health Services-CF
Mar 31 st	Children's Easter Hunt – 10:00 am
Apr 5 th	Coffee and Cops at Hi Quality Bakery at 10:30 am
Apr 19 th	Breakfast Meeting with Jennifer Nelson from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF)

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENTS ARE DUE MARCH 30TH

Thank you to those members who have already paid and given sponsorships. The Chamber appreciates your support. A membership list will be included in a later March E-Newsletter.

Attached along with this E-Newsletter is the 2018 Membership Investment/Sponsorship form. I would be more than happy to email out an invoice if one is needed. Just let me know by calling 507-263-2289 or tourism@cannonfalls.org

LAST CHANCE FOR DISCOVER GUIDE 2018 – March 15th DEADLINE

What is the Cannon Falls Discover Guide and how can it benefit your business/organization? It is a tourist guide that gets sent out to other Chamber's in MN, to the MN Tourism Information Centers on our state borders, to individuals who call in from many states in the US, and to you the Chamber Members to share with your customers.

This guide includes:

- Chamber's Calendar of Events
- Articles about special places and activities in Cannon Falls
- A listing of the services in our area, and of course, the Chamber Member ads promoting your businesses/organizations.
- A fold out map of Cannon Falls

We are planning on ordering 2200+ copies of this guide for 2018 and they will be ready for distribution by May 1st. Ad sizes and prices are: Full Page - \$265, Half Page - \$195, and Quarter Page - \$165.

Thursday, March 15th is the deadline to get your ads in for the 2018 Cannon Falls Discover Guide. Please contact Dave Templin at the Beacon by calling 507-263-3991 or dave@cannonfalls.com

MARCH CHAMBER BREAKFAST MEETING – March 15th

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the next Chamber Breakfast Meeting when Dr. Scott Benson, Family Practitioner from Mayo Clinic Health Services – CF, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Benson's presentation will include a variety of healthcare topics. Be sure to bring your questions.

This breakfast is being catered by Rancho Loco and they will be serving Breakfast Burritos and a Berry Fruit Salad. There will be a small quantity of regular Breakfast Burritos too. If you would like to have a regular burrito, please mention this when you order your ticket.

The breakfast is scheduled for **THURSDAY, MARCH 15th** beginning at **7:30 a.m.** at the Cannon Falls City Hall. Please plan to attend! Tickets for this breakfast cost **\$9.00** and **SHOULD BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE**. **This is a catered breakfast so we need your help and cooperation to plan accordingly.** You

can reserve your tickets by emailing the Chamber at tourism@cannonfalls.org. You can purchase your ticket in advance by stopping by the Chamber office. Chamber office hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Mon-Fri.

2018 CHILDREN'S EASTER HUNT

This event will be held on **Saturday, MARCH 31st at 10 a.m.** The Easter Bunny will be hopping in to give us a hand! Numbers will be distributed to the children at the driveway of the Cannon Falls Library at 10 a.m. The event will be advertised for children aged 10 and under. For safety sake, children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will also be asked to make a donation of food or money to the Cannon Falls Foodshelf.

400 Candy bags will be assembled on **Friday, March 30th, at 8 a.m.** and most likely at CANNON FALLS CITY HALL.

PLEASE NOTE: TIME AND DATE!! Bags are numbered and labelled with the business name on them. The day of the event you either need to set the bags in a window so people can see the numbers **OR** post the numbers on your door, so participants know which bags you have. All participating businesses should send a representative to help fill the baskets. Remember the old adage...“Many hands make light the work”.

Any Chamber member business that is open on Saturdays can participate. Please call or email the Chamber office by Friday, March 23rd, if you plan to participate.

MEMBER TO MEMBER NEWS ITEMS

If you would like to promote your business/service free to Chamber Members, this is the place to do it! Simply send in your information by 12:00 noon on Thursday (space is limited so be brief) and we will help promote your event or promotion. To participate, you must be a Chamber Member. Offers can run up to 4 times. Send your information to kpaulson@cannonfalls.org

OPENING WEEKEND OF “NATIVE SKYWATCHERS – EARTH SKY CONNECTIONS” – FREE Family Fun Day

On **Saturday, March 3rd**, enjoy the opening weekend of the newest temporary exhibit at the Goodhue County History Center, *Native Skywatchers – Earth Sky Connections*. Explore this traveling art exhibit and the other exhibits at the History Center for free from 12 PM to 3 PM.

Native Skywatchers – Early Sky Connections showcases the compelling visual stories of professional artist and community artists. Each piece in the exhibit explores the personal and cultural relationships to the earth and the sky. The Native Skywatchers initiative was founded in 2007 with the goal to rejuvenate the connection among humanity, the earth, and the sky. The Native Skywatchers team strives to bring together art, science, and culture in a meaningful way. This art exhibit is on view at the Goodhue County History Center exclusively for the month of March, experience the exhibit for yourself the first weekend it opens!

Free admission and activities begin at 12 PM. This event is made possible through the support of Xcel Energy. For more information on this program or the Goodhue County Historical Society, visit www.goodhuecountyhistory.org.

AG PARTNERS-WESTERN WISCONSIN NUTRITION – HORSE WORKSHOPS

Spread the word that Ag Partners is holding 2 workshops for Horse Enthusiasts on **Tuesday, March 6th** (El Paso Bar & Grill, El Paso, WI) and **Thursday, March 8th** (Ag Partners, Cannon Falls). Both workshops start at 6:00 pm.

The topic for March 6th is Spring Preparations, Vaccinations and Working and March 8th topic is Trailer Road Ready Tips. Both workshops will also have a presentation on Feeding the Individual Horse. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by March 2nd. To register or for more information, contact Ag Partners at 651-923-4496.

DEAR CANNON VALLEY TRAIL SUPPORTERS:

You are invited to join the Cannon Valley Trail for a 'Day on the Hill' with the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota. 'Day on the Hill' is a day to gather with fellow advocates of Minnesota's parks and trails and also an opportunity for you to help advocate for the Cannon Valley Trail.

'Day on the Hill' **9 a.m. March 8th, 2018** Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill
The \$15 fee will be covered by the CVT - www.parksandtrails.org/events/2018-events/day-on-the-hill

The Cannon Valley Trail has submitted two requests for the 2018 State of Minnesota bonding bill:
Storm Water Infrastructure Project (\$1,586,450) and *Trail Access Facilities Development* (\$1,256,350).

If you would like to advocate for these important Cannon Valley Trail projects please email me at trailmanager@cannonvalleytrail.com and I'll sign you up for the 'Day on the Hill'. I am hoping to have 5-8 people attend, so please help me by letting me know if you are able or not able to attend.

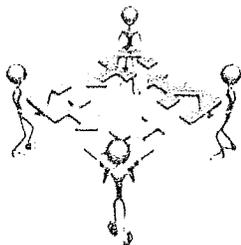
GOPHER HILLS GOLF COURSE — Our newest Chamber member is looking for \$500 Hole Sponsorships at their golf course. With the sponsorship of a Tee Monument Sign, you will enjoy 10 Golf Passes which include green fees and a cart for anytime during the year. The sponsorship starts **March 15th** and last a calendar year. Along with the golf membership, Gopher Hills will provide a 12" x 12" sign on the monument with your logo and/or contact information on it. This is a great way to advertise your business while enjoying golfing! If interested, contact Ben Bauer, Operations Manager, at 507 – 263 – 2507 golf course, 651-380-7676 cell or ben@gopherhills.com.

CANNON FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #252 – “We the People” is selling EASTER LILIES

Here is an opportunity for your business/organization and staff to purchase Easter Lilies (\$20 per plant) that will be wrapped and delivered by **Thursday, March 22nd**. This is a fundraiser for the “We the People” organization at middle and high school. They are working to offset the overall cost of participating in their upcoming National competition. Orders for the lilies need to be placed by **Thursday, March 15th** with Heather Loeschke with a total number of Lilies to be delivered. Heather can be reached at 507-263-6800 ext. 3313 or loeschke.heather@cf.k12.mn.us

GOODHUE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - “Electrifying Minnesota” Exhibit Opens at Goodhue County History Center

“Electrifying Minnesota,” a new exhibit at Goodhue County History Center in Red Wing on view **January 20th to April 28th**, illuminates the powerful ways electricity has transformed lives in Minnesota for well over 100 years. For more information on this exhibit or the Goodhue County Historical Society, visit www.goodhuecountyhistory.org.



2018 Chamber Gold Level Sponsors:

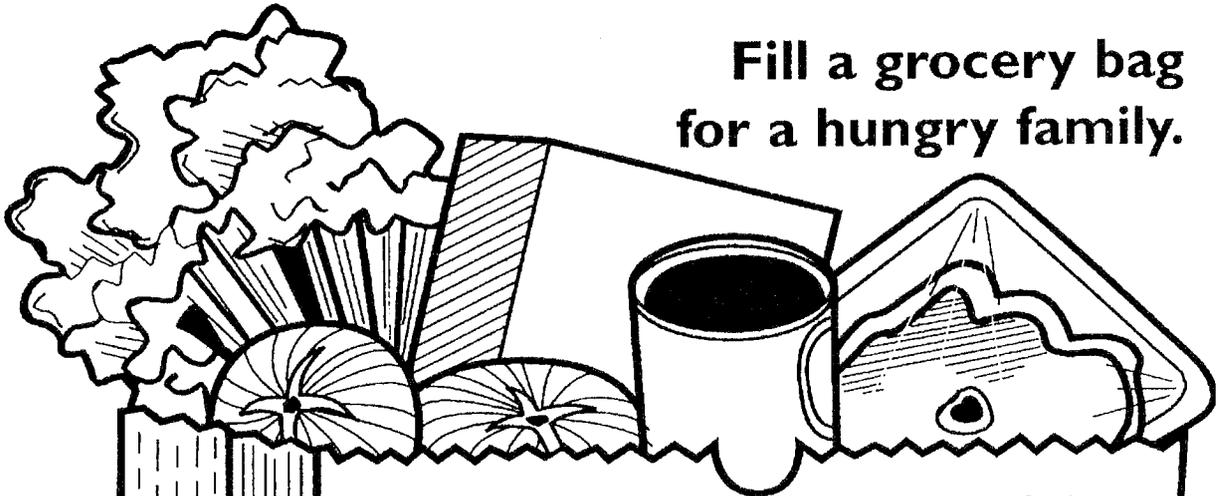
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Gold Level Sponsor names will be added as they are received

Watch for your name on this list.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH

Fill a grocery bag for a hungry family.



A donated bag of groceries can go a long way at your local food shelf. By mixing and matching the items you choose, you can help a family eat balanced and nutritious meals. The next time you are at the store, fill a bag for your local food shelf.

Breakfast Items:

- Canned fruit juice
- Hot and dry cereal
- Pancake and muffin mix - syrup

Lunches/Dinners:

- Soups and stews
- Canned meats, chicken, beef, tuna
- Peanut butter.
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Boxed main dishes
- Rice and pasta and pasta sauce
- Baked-beans, canned chili
- Potato buds

Food Staples:

- Crackers
- Sugar, flour
- Coffee, tea,
- Biscuit mix

Toiletries and Basics:

- Tissue & toilet paper
- Bath soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Deodorant, & lotion
- Laundry and dish
- Tooth brush and paste

Special treat items:

- Cake mix
- Saltine & graham crackers
- Pudding and gelatin
- Jelly & jams

Please do not donate expired or damages canned goods.

Donations can be dropped off during office hours
(9 a.m.-Noon; 1-3 p.m.)

If you have to drop a donation off during lunch hour,
please call the church office prior to drop off.

February 28—March 31

at First English Lutheran Church, 511 Belle St. W.

Monetary donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

For extra—large donations please call the church office
prior to drop off at 507-263-3042.

Please include your name & address - donations are categorized—
business, church, etc. - pounds are tabulated
and we wish to thank you!

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