# Chamber Connection

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# From the Director's Desk

#### Good morning, all!

Can you believe it's November already! I can't! It has almost been two months since I began working at the LMCDC and I am still learning new things every day. In a few weeks I will be attending a two-day Professional Grant Development Course through the Grant Writing Center at the University of Minnesota. I have had several requests for help with finding and applying for grants, so I am excited to learn more about the process and bring back skills that can help fund business and community projects!

As you know, the new Lake Mills website is up and running - and there are several features available to Chamber Members that I would like to make you all aware of!

- 1. <u>Job Posting</u> advertise open positions available in your organizations though the Lake Mills website. The job posting page is sponsored by the LMCDC, so space is exclusively reserved for Chamber Members, like yourselves!
- 2. <u>Member Profiles</u> as a Chamber Member, you have access to exclusive resources. **You must first** register and be approved as a member before having access to this information.
  - 1. Communication this form allows you to limit that amount of communication you get from me, and lets me know what information you WANT to see.
  - 2. Professional Development Calendar Every week I receive countless notifications of local and regional seminars, workshops and presentations. Instead of forwarding them all to our members,

- you can find these events on this calendar! Or use the "Communication" form to let me know which events you want to know about!
- 3. Chamber Connection and blog this blog will house all past Chamber Connections as well as updates on community issues and events.
- 4. Access to Free Movie Sponsorship form As Chamber Members you get first pick on sponsorship slots at The Mills! During winter months, kids get out early from school on Wednesdays even though parents are still on the clock. Sponsoring a free movie gives them something to do (while supervised) until their parents are able be home with them!
- 5. Coming soon I am currently working on a quick search grant database to be included in our Chamber Member resources!

## Register Now!

As I learn what is of most importance to our members, the resources available on our website will improve and change. If you have any services you would like to see the chamber provide - please let us know and we will do our best to assist in any way possible!

With only 2 months left of 2015, the year is coming quickly to a close. Before we know it it will be the New Year, which means it's almost time to renew your membership! Keep an eye out for information on becoming a part of the LMCDC - I look forward to working with our long-time and new members! Our mission is to help you succeed, so please contact us for any assistance or project needs!

Have a great week, Lake Mills!

Cassie Johnson
Executive Director
Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation

# **Upcoming Events!**

# **Holiday Festival 2015**

Lake Mills Holiday Festival will be held Saturday, December 12, and there is still time to get involved! If your organization would like to bring some holiday cheer to Lake Mills in December, please contact the LMCDC!





# **Veteran's Day Pancake Dinner**

The Lake Mills Veteran's Monument
Committee will hold their annual Veteran's
Day Pancake Dinner at the Lake Mills School
on November 11, and they are still in need of
volunteers to help with unloading and
reloading supplies, serving, and kitchen and
foyer clean up.

If you or your business would like to show appreciation to those who have served our country through volunteering, please contact Leon Christianson at 641-592-2090 or the LMCDC at 641-592-5253. Thank you!



#### Winnebago Open House!

The Lake Mills Winnebago plant will be holding an open house Tuesday, November 17, from 2:30-5:30 to celebrate their 2nd year in Lake Mills!



#### **Holiday Trends & Friends**

Join Main Attractions and other local businesses on Tuesday, November 10 to learn tips and tricks for enhancing your style, beauty, and health! The event will take place at LM Jazzercise, 207 1/2 W Main Street, Lake Mills from 6:30 - 8 PM.

#### Winter Greens Class

The Lake Mills Area Historical Society will be hosting a Winter Greens Make and Take class at the Civic Center on Sunday, November 29 at 6 PM. The cost is \$20/person, which includes a bough of winter greens and add ins. Bring your own "planter" pot. Register by contacting Becky Martinson at (641)588-3345.





# **Asbury UMC Harvest Festival**

Asbury United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Harvest Festival Saturday, November 14. Bake Sale Starts at 10 am, Lunch begins at 10:30 and both commence at 1 pm. Price is \$8/plate and Take Out is available. Orders for Christmas Ham Balls will be taken as well.

