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Chairman's Circle Investors



CHAMBER
CHAT

THURSDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00AM
With Chamber President James Miller






Thursday mornings on Open Mic, Chamber President/CEO James Miller hosts Chamber Chat. Recordings are available on KWLM's website or on Spotify. KCEO, Vista Prairie at Copperleaf Senior Living, ESS, and United Community Action Partnership were featured in November.

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

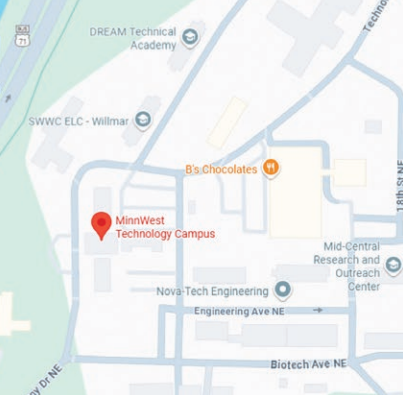
We're Moving!



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EXPLORE
WILLMAR
LAKES AREA



Exciting changes are on the horizon — the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber and Explore Willmar Lakes Area are relocating to the MinnWest Technology Campus! Our new home will be a modern hub designed for collaboration, training, and community connection. The expanded space will feature enhanced technology and larger meeting areas, allowing us to better serve local businesses, partners, and visitors in fresh and innovative ways. To bring this vision to life, we've launched a \$100,000 capital campaign to support the build-out of the new space. If you'd like to be part of this exciting next chapter, we'd love to connect with you.

CHAMBER CONNECTIONS

December 5



December 12



December 19



Join us Friday mornings from 7:30–8:30 at rotating member locations! Introduce yourself, share updates, and connect with fellow professionals. Each week wraps up with a host business spotlight and door prize drawing — don't forget your business card and \$1 for a chance to win! Learn more at willmarareachamber.com/chamber-connections

NEW MEMBER WELCOME



RIBBON CUTTINGS

Bethesda StoneRidge



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Savage, Michelle Haefner, Troy Pederson, Sam Quam, and the entire Bethesda team on the grand opening of Bethesda StoneRidge! This vibrant new community for adults 55+ broke ground with Marcus Construction in May 2024 after thoughtful community input. The result is a stunning mix of independent and assisted living residences designed for comfort, connection, and vitality. With amenities like a fitness center, spa/salon, underground parking, and welcoming social and wellness spaces, StoneRidge offers 118 residences that blend independence with trusted Bethesda care. Residents began moving in earlier this month, marking an exciting new chapter in Bethesda's legacy!

MAC Supply & Hardware



Congratulations to the Manny and Sammy Contreras family and their team at MAC Supply & Hardware on their ribbon cutting! Family-owned and operated, MAC Supply & Hardware in Spicer is here to keep your projects—and your imagination—running strong. From DIYers to seasoned pros, they're your go-to local hardware heroes, offering paint color matching, screen repair, key cutting, propane exchange, flooring sales and installation, equipment rentals, and everything you need to get the job done right. Quality products, friendly faces, and expert advice—all under one roof!

Willmar Wood Products



Congratulations to Tim Larson, Paul and Theresa Patock, David and Mary Patock, and Kelly TerWisscha of Willmar Wood Products (WWP) on the ribbon cutting of their new facilities located in Uptown Willmar. WWP has a proud legacy of quality craftsmanship and innovation in cabinetry. Founded in 1894 as Willmar Sash and Door (WSD), the company built its reputation on high-quality doors and windows. In 1981, David Patock transformed WSD into WWP, shifting its focus to commercial projects and expanding its capabilities in custom, high-end woodwork. Since 2010, Paul Patock has carried on the family tradition, upholding WWP's commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. Today, WWP proudly serves clients nationwide with superior craftsmanship and tailored cabinetry solutions. Fun fact: Did you know Willmar Wood Products is the second oldest business in Willmar? BNSF Railway was the first!

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



FIRST DOLLAR

Old Mill Orchard & The Tasting Grove



Congratulations to Emily and Dillon Martin of Old Mill Orchard & The Tasting Grove on their First Dollar with the Chamber Ambassadors! Old Mill Orchard is the perfect countryside destination for weddings, gatherings, or a romantic date night. Formerly known as Glacial Ridge Winery and The Land, it continues its beloved tradition of music, wine, and community events. The Tasting Grove invites guests into a speakeasy-style tasting room featuring prohibition-era inspired cocktails, an impressive whiskey and bourbon selection, over 25 wines, local beer on tap, and a variety of domestic and imported options. Enjoy charcuterie boards crafted with local ingredients, fresh salads, and decadent desserts — perfect for sharing and savoring. The Martins are bringing new life to the orchard, blending rustic charm with vintage flair.