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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. VistaPrairie at Copperleaf, Johnson's Mowing and Landscaping, Kitchen Fair by Don's Building Center, and Hope Pregnancy Center were featured in May.

CHAMBER CONNECTIONS

May 29 | June 5 | June 12 | June 26



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.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME



Mark and Wendy Jurgensen, Benefits Advisors

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



Harvey Anderson & Johnson FUNERAL HOMES

Harvey Anderson & Johnson Funeral Homes serves bereaved families with compassion, offering funeral planning, cremation, memorial services, and grief support from its locations in Willmar, Belgrade, Clara City, New London, and Paynesville. With roots dating back to the 1930s, their team is dedicated to creating meaningful personal tributes and providing steady support during life's hardest moments.



HERITAGE EXTERIORS

Heritage Exteriors provides expert residential and commercial roofing, gutters, siding, and window installation services. With deep roots in the community, their team is driven by a commitment to integrity, skilled craftsmanship, and dependable results. As a fully licensed and certified general contractor, they deliver exterior solutions clients can trust.



U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN MICHELLE FISCHBACH MINNESOTA'S 7TH DISTRICT

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach proudly represents Minnesota's 7th District. A trailblazer and proven conservative leader, she brings more than two decades of experience serving greater Minnesota. After a career in the state legislature advocating for rural communities, she continues that work in Congress, where she serves on the House Ways & Means Committee and the Rules Committee.



Island View Resort on Nest Lake

Island View Resort on beautiful Nest Lake is a family-owned resort perfect for fishing, boating, swimming, kayaking, and relaxing lakeside getaways. Guests enjoy clean, private cabins, spacious tree-shaded grounds, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're planning a family vacation or a peaceful retreat, Island View is the perfect place to make lasting memories on the lake.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Jersey Mike's Subs



Jersey Mike's serves up Sub Above goodness — fresh-sliced, authentic Northeast-American-style subs on fresh-baked bread. Every sandwich is made only when you order, piled high with premium meats, cheeses, and crisp, fresh produce. Enjoy it your way with dine-in, takeout, or feed a crowd with catering from Jersey Mike's!

Life Link III Hangar



What an honor to help cut the ribbon on the new hangar and crew space for Life Link III in Willmar. Thank you to Senator Amy Klobuchar and Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach's team for helping make this amazing new facility a reality and for being here to celebrate. Big thanks and congratulations to the Life Link III team — medical staff, maintenance crew, and the pilots, including Senator Andrew Lang!

GROUNDBREAKING

Willmar Connect



Willmar Connect is the City of Willmar's official open-access fiber network. This city-owned initiative will deliver affordable, high-speed, and reliable internet service to every home and business in Willmar. The City owns the fiber infrastructure, while multiple internet service providers (ISPs) can offer service over the network — giving residents and businesses more choices, better service, and competitive pricing. Willmar Connect represents a major investment in the community's future, supporting economic growth, innovation, and long-term digital access for everyone.

FIRST DOLLARS

Bag Buffet and Beyond



Located in downtown New London, Bag Buffet isn't just a boutique — it's a treasure hunt! Dive into a dazzling mix of designer handbags, standout bags, chic wallets, accessories, décor, and surprise finds. Every piece is one-of-a-kind, with vintage gems that look brand new.

Jimmy P's



Jimmy P's blends the allure of the Prohibition era with modern elegance, offering a candlelit, jazz-filled escape inspired by 1920s speakeasies. Guests enjoy handcrafted cocktails, exceptional service, and made-from-scratch fine dining in a one-of-a-kind setting suited for intimate dinners, business gatherings, and private celebrations. The experience is enriched by the owner Steve Peppin's personal story and a deep connection to local history, bringing together history, flavor, and hospitality to create a truly memorable experience.

FIFTH GRADE AG TOURS



Nearly 300 fifth-grade students had the opportunity to tour Riverview LLP — Louriston and CoJo Dairy in early May. These on-site visits gave students a firsthand look

at modern dairy operations, animal care, and life on the farm—turning classroom learning into real-world experience. A big thank you to our generous transportation sponsors, volunteer chaperones, and the amazing Louriston and CoJo teams for making these tours possible. The best field trip experience for many students and volunteers alike!

LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVES GRADUATION



Over the past year, these inspiring leaders have explored our region through a community lens — gaining insight into the challenges, opportunities, and partnerships that shape our communities. Now, they are ready to make an even greater impact across Kandiyohi County and beyond.

WILLMAR LAKES AREA CHAMBER LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVES