

2026

IRON RANGE JOB & VOLUNTEER FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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Dear Attendees,

On behalf of the Iron Range Job Fair Committee and the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, welcome to the 2026 Iron Range Job & Volunteer Fair!

First and foremost, we want to express our gratitude for your participation in this event. Your presence not only enriches this experience but also demonstrates your proactive approach to building your career and giving back to your community. Thank you for choosing to be a part of this opportunity today!

As you navigate through the fair, we encourage you to keep a few best practices in mind:

- **Be Prepared:** Bring multiple copies of your resume and business cards, if you have them. Review the list of employers and organizations beforehand to make the most of your conversations.
- **Dress for Success:** Dress professionally to make a positive first impression. Your attire reflects your professionalism and commitment.
- **Connect with Confidence:** Approach each employer and organization with confidence and enthusiasm. Ask thoughtful questions and share your skills, interests, and experiences.
- **Follow-Up:** After the event, don't forget to follow up with the employers and organizations you connected with. A quick thank-you message can go a long way in building lasting relationships.

The Iron Range Job & Volunteer Fair is more than just an opportunity to find a job - it's a chance to explore career paths, discover ways to get involved, make meaningful connections, and grow both professionally and personally.

We wish you the best as you explore opportunities today. Whether you're seeking employment, volunteer experiences, or both, we hope you find connections that align with your goals and passions.

Thank you again for joining us. If you have any questions or need assistance during the event, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Iron Range Job Fair Committee (we're the ones in the bright orange shirts). We're here to support you every step of the way!

2026 Iron Range Job & Volunteer Fair Committee

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JOB SEEKER SEMINARS

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10:30 AM | LEVERAGING AI TO ENHANCE YOUR JOB SEARCH

Presented by Shayla Drake
Workforce Strategy Consultant
(MN DEED)

Learn how to use AI as a helpful tool in your job search - whether you're building a resume, writing a cover letter, or preparing for interviews. This session covers simple tips to use AI effectively while keeping your application personal, accurate, and authentic.



12:00 PM | TRADE UNION PANEL DISCUSSION

Presented by Representatives of Local Trade Unions

- What each trade does (operate equipment, fix machinery, pipefitting, carpentry, etc.)
- How to join their union & any pre-requisites to joining.
- How the apprenticeship program works (# of years/hours to become a journeyman, pay scale, credits for previous experience/training, etc.)



1:00 PM | DOLLARS AND SENSE - STRETCHING EVERY DOLLAR WHILE YOU JOB SEARCH

Presented by Kristi Westerbur, CCUFC
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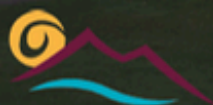
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JASMINE BRETT STRINGER, MAPP

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Jasmine Brett Stringer is an expert on workplace well-being and emotional agility, helping individuals and organizations thrive through practical, research-backed strategies. She is a dynamic keynote speaker, award-winning author, television personality, and Founder & CEO of Carpe Diem with Jasmine LLC. Known for her vibrant presence on stage and screen, Jasmine blends the science of positive psychology with lived experience and business insight to help people flourish at work and in life. In her energizing keynote, Jasmine Brett Stringer reveals how R.E.S.T. (Recovery, Emotional Agility, Support, and Time) is not a pause from leadership, but a pathway to more effective, compassionate, and innovative leadership. Attendees will gain a science-backed understanding of why renewal drives performance, engagement, and creativity and walk away equipped to lead themselves and others with intention, presence, and purpose.

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Join us for one of these networking events! Available at no cost to area business professionals and open to both Chamber members or the Chamber curious. Bring a friend or colleague!

BREAKFAST CONNECTIONS

2nd Wednesday of the Month | 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

May 13 - North SLC Habitat for Humanity

June 10 - Northeast Service Cooperative

August 12 - Minnesota Power

September 9 - Virginia Comm. Foundation / NSB

October 14 - Adolfson & Peterson

November 11 - U.S. Steel

December 9 - Virginia Coop Credit Union

BUSINESS HAPPY HOUR

4th Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

May 27 - Pohaki / Washcke

June 24 - W.A. Fisher

August 26 - Edward Jones - Amber Heinle

September 23 - Northridge / Iron Range Tykes

October 28 - Miners Bank / Eveleth Elks

November 18 - Community Bonfire on Silver Lake

December 16 - Frandsen Bank & Trust



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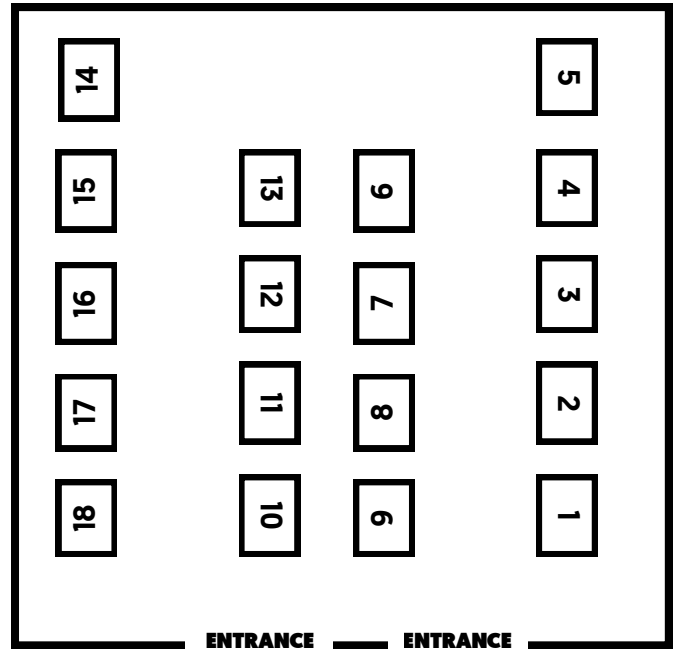
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