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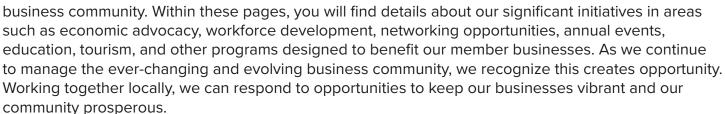
# FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

### **DAVE LEMANSKI**

Chippewa River Industries, Inc.

Welcome to the 2025 Chamber Membership Directory and Resource Guide! I encourage you to browse through this resource that showcases more than 720 dedicated members who are actively investing in their businesses and supporting the Chamber.

The Chamber is a member-driven organization that relies on the support of its business members to foster and to enhance the local



Over this next year, we look to several major milestones: 25 years of Leadership Chippewa Falls, 55 years of Farmer Appreciation/June Dairy Days Dinner, 40 years of Excellence in Education, 115 years that the Chamber has been incorporated, and ten years in our current location. It is because of our strong membership support that we can celebrate these milestones.

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#### **OUR MISSION**

Representing our members by supporting and encouraging a vibrant and prosperous business community.

#### **OUR VISION**

To be an essential partner and leader for the business community. Inspiring success, advancing opportunities and fostering fun and professional collaboration.

#### **OUR VALUES**

Leadership | Integrity | Connection | Advancement | Collaboration

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# **OUR TEAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dave Lemanski, Chair Chippewa River Industries, Inc.

**Greg Field,** *Chair-Elect W.S. Darley & Co.* 

Andrew Daniels, First Vice Chair Miron Construction Co., Inc.

Mike Stoffel, Treasurer
The Christmas Tree Farm LLC

Courtney Berg, Immediate Past Chair CCFBank

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Stephanie Butler** *Hampton Inn & Suites* 

Mike Farrow Northwestern Bank

Jason Forman Blain's Farm & Fleet

Sunem Beaton-Garcia Chippewa Valley Technical College

Jennifer Lindstrom Mason Companies, Inc.

John Monarski Ex-Officio | City of Chippewa Falls

Timm Sandstrom
Royal Credit Union

Karin Schuler Premium Waters, Inc.

Heidi Shervey Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

Scott Smith
Nordson Extrusion Dies Industries, LLC

Cayci Young
Dove Healthcare - Regional Vent Center

#### CHAMBER STAFF

Allyson Wisniewski
President

**Angela Kapp** *Membership Director* 

Sue Leonard
Tourism Director

Mandy Nunes

Workforce Development Director

Ellie Peabody

Communication & Marketing Manager

**Dora Wood** *Administrative Assistant* 

### **AMBASSADORS**

Chair: Tyler Sperry
Mower Sperry Insurance Inc.

**Trina Banks**B & G Liquor Warehouse

Josh Beaudette Oakwood Bank

Hannah Cowan
Trust Point Inc.

Mike Crawford
Access Security, Inc.

Mike Farrow Northwestern Bank

Sarah Gordee
Hookd Promotions

Amber Karn SIM Pediatric Dentistry

Carrie Nielsen Royal Construction, Inc. Jackie Sadler
Chippewa County

**Zach Schimmel** Fries Financial Group

Tom Seaholm
WNB Financial

**Tami Severson** *Spectrum Business* 

Mike Stoffel
The Christmas Tree Farm LLC

Tiffany Thompson Leinenkugel's Leinie Lodge

Justin Troyan CCFBank

**Tony Willkom** Royal Credit Union



# WHO WE REPRESENT



**NEARLY** 

\$105,000

in Chamber Buck\$ Sold

**5,000** Chamber Buck\$ checks are purchased annually and are accepted at more than 250 member businesses. This is a small but mighty way to support our local economy and chamber members.

These are great gifts for staff, teachers, family and friends!



### **CHAMBER AMBASSADORS**

You'll often spot our Chamber Ambassadors at networking and annual events. This dedicated group communicates our mission to members and encourages engagement. As the friendly faces in red, they bridge the gap between Chamber staff and members. Let's thank them for their invaluable volunteer service throughout the year!

## 720

# TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Our vibrant Chamber of Commerce proudly boasts a diverse membership of 720 businesses, fostering collaboration and growth within our community.

## 47

# RIBBON CUTTINGS & GROUND BREAKINGS

This year, we celebrated 47 exciting ribbon cuttings and ground breakings, marking new beginnings and the entrepreneurial spirit flourishing in our area.

# 18,000+

# EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED

Together, our members represent a workforce of more than 18,000 dedicated employees, driving innovation and economic prosperity in our communities.

# 72

#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed 72 new members into our Chamber family this year, each bringing unique talents and perspectives that enhance our economic vitality.







### By the Numbers

91%

Average Member Retention Rate 83% of the businesses that the Chamber represents have 20 or fewer employees.

# **ECONOMIC ADVOCACY**

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, our campaign attracted skilled workers to Chippewa Falls, generating **1.5 million impressions and 29,000 website visits.** Subscribers receive updates showcasing the benefits of living and working in our community.

27 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

SCHOOLS 2
SKILLS™ TOURS

As we work to grow our workforce and fill the talent pipeline for our members, the Chamber is fostering connections between students and businesses through our **Schools2Skills™ program.** This initiative allows students, parents, and educators



to explore career opportunities in local industries. By inviting students into these workplaces, we help demystify the large buildings they pass daily, transforming them into familiar environments where they can envision their future careers.

# Chippewa Valley Rally

A record number of attendees, 120 to be exact, attended this annual event organized by the Chippewa Valley Chamber Alliance, comprised of the Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire and Menomonie Chambers.

Business and community leaders traveled to Madison to meet with state legislators to educate and advocate for our region.



### **HEAVY METAL SHOWCASE**

In October, the Chamber assisted with the first "Heavy Metal Showcase" in partnership with CESA 10, CVTC, and four manufacturing members. Nordson Extrusion Dies Industries, Cadrex, Wisconsin Metal Fab, and W.S. Darley & Co. opened their doors to students, parents, and teachers, showcasing local career opportunities in manufacturing.

### **ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE**

Neel Kashkari - Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

We were honored to host a town hall with President Kashkari and board members of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to gather insights on local business conditions, inflation, and labor issues. The more than **130 people who attended** shared their perspectives, which provided valuable feedback.



# LEADERSHIP CHIPPEWA FALLS

Leadership Chippewa Falls is an educational program where professionals learn about life and business in the Chippewa Falls area, deepen their understanding of community issues, and prepare for leadership roles. The 22 graduates of the class of 2024 will be able to leverage their experience and expertise to benefit their community and local community-based organizations.



# NETWORKING EVENTS



# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Business After Hours events are held throughout the year to bring members together for a casual networking experience where member businesses are given the opportunity to highlight their business. We had 800 attendees throughout 2024.



# COFFEE & COMMERCE

Coffee & Commerce events are held throughout the year as morning networking opportunities with other business professionals over fresh coffee. This event had **350 attendees in 2024** and generally takes place the second Friday of each month.



### **CHAMBER 101**

Chamber 101 is a virtual program that occurs quarterly and is designed to help members learn about and take advantage of ALL the benefits of their Chamber Membership.









### YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Young Professionals of the Chippewa Valley is a vibrant community of more than **350** young business professionals dedicated to networking and engaging through volunteering and professional development opportunities, enhancing professional growth and community involvement. This program is in partnership with the Eau Claire Area Chamber.

*350* 

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

205

SERVICE HOURS

770

ATTENDEES AT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT







# **ANNUAL EVENTS**

The goal of our annual events is to foster connections, celebrate our community, and provide educational opportunities for our members. These gatherings also create platforms for collaboration and professional development within our community.



The Women to Women
Luncheon featured a panel of
local female business owners
and leaders who shared their
stories and inspired the 120
attendees to stay positive while
navigating their busy lives.



The Nonprofit Roundtable
Discussion brings local
nonprofit organizations together
for a chance to meet each other
and share issues, ideas, and
future plans. This year we had
had 46 attendees.



Our **Annual Golf Outing** with **144 golfers** plus sponsors, ambassadors, and staff enjoyed a beautiful day networking on the greens. This is one of our members' favorite networking events of the year.



The Farmer Appreciation Dinner celebrates the dedication and efforts of Chippewa Falls' local agricultural community. Our gratitude goes out to the farmers in our community. We served more than 1,900 meals in 2024.



The 2024 Annual Meeting brought together more than 350 guests. We celebrated the Chippewa Falls Business Community with a theme of "Sweet Success" as we reflected on the accomplishments made over the past year.





The 21st annual Oktoberfest Chippewa Falls event came alive with captivating Glockenspiel performances, lively music, and delicious German cuisine! Adding to the festivities, Mike and Lisa Stoffel were honored as the 2024 Festmeister and Festmeisterin. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie, making it a memorable celebration for all attendees.





















# **TOURISM** DIVISION

GO Chippewa County represents the **Destination Marketing Organization** for Chippewa County. Our goal is to attract new and returning visitors to Chippewa County to support our local economy.

### MORE THAN

15,000

### **TRAVEL GUIDES** DISTRIBUTED

to state-wide visitors centers, and at local events and businesses.

### MORE THAN

8,000

#### **FOLLOWERS**

**ACROSS PLATFORMS** 

500,000+ Facebook

Reach in 2024

30,000+

Instagram Reach in 2024



### EMAIL NEWSLETTER

MORE THAN

SUBSCRIBERS

## **MORE THAN**

# 84 MILLION

IN ECONOMIC IMPACT



**ECONOMIC IMPACT** 

Chippewa County tourism experienced a record-breaking 2023, generating \$184 million in economic impact and contributing to Wisconsin tourism's historic \$25 billion economic impact. Tourism in Chippewa County also generated \$11 million in local and state tax revenue. Last year, Chippewa County tourism supported 1,403 part- and full-time jobs across various sectors of the industry.

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PAGE VIEWS IN 2024

#### TOP STATES

- 1. WISCONSIN
- 2. ILLINOIS
- 3. MINNESOTA
- 4. TEXAS



### MORE THAN

2.500

**WELCOME BAGS** 

# VISITOR CENTER

MORE THAN

WALK-INS

650 **VISITOR PACKET REQUESTS MAILED** 



We hosted the **Upper Midwest HOG Rally** and the 2024 WI **State Dartball Tournament** bringing more than 2000 people into our community!

# **POCKET-SIZED ADVENTURES**

Discover Chippewa County by checking out our Pocket-Sized Adventures Campaign on our Social Pages! There's so much to explore and these adventures allow you to create the perfect itinerary.