

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Monthly Newsletter

FEBURARY 2012



The Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is available to bring more growth and opportunities to the area businesses. Our area really does have a lot to offer

- The Oconto River for its scenery and water activities
- Winter fun with the cross-country ski trails and hiking
- Our community events, such as Memorial Day festivities and Falls Fun Fest
- Holiday Avenue of Lights
- Opportunities for business and industry

Just to name a few.

When you invest in the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce you are investing in the future of your business and the future of this area.

- Your business will be listed in the Oconto County Discovery Guide
- Member to Member Discounts
- Discounted Insurance
- Media attention for your business
- Scholarships awarded to a Chamber member's child each year
- Networking opportunities
- Involvement in community projects
- Your business on the Chamber website

Call us today

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Or visit our website at

www.ocontofallschamber.com

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Calendar of Events

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

February 2012



Membership Meeting for Chamber

Monday, February 6, Fun Fest Meeting - All Chamber members are welcome to attend 6:00 pm at the District Office.

Chamber MEMBERSHIP Meeting – Thursday, February 16th, 12:00 Noon, Oconto Falls Library, lunch will be served by the Oconto Falls School District Chef. Please make a reservation by Tuesday that week.

Saturday, February 25th, Chamber Fun Day – Lena Lanes, Bowling starting at 2PM

Wednesday, February 29th, Showcase – Thrivent Financial for Lutherans 12:00 Noon, lunch will be served, Community Memorial Hospital Conference room A.

4 GILLETT

Wild Game Banquet at Oconto Falls High School, **4:00 P.M. Seminars**. Contact Hillside Assembly of God Church (920) 855-2962.

4 MOUNTAIN

56th Annual Fish-O-Rama Sponsored by the Mountain Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Two days of fishing, food, refreshments, raffles and fun. Fishing on Chute Pond. Huge heated building is located in Chute Pond County Park. Starts at 8:00 A.M. with drawings starting at 10:00 A.M. for hundreds of prizes. Fireworks display. Come join the winter fun and support our local fire department! Contact Dave or Karen Wirth (715) 276-6188.

4 STILES

Candlelight Cross Country Ski & Bonfire Enjoy an evening of skiing under the moonlight sponsored by Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club. 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Enjoy family fun on a 2 km of candlelit trail. Originating at main trailhead just west of Konitzer Rd./Timberline Rd. Intersection. Bring your hot dogs, marshmallows and beverages. Event is held with or without snow (hike the trails). Contact Chique Tousey-Tabar at (920) 846-2965.

6 OCONTO FALLS

Dr. Debbie Munes, Oconto Falls Dental S.C.

On February 6, we are having Give Kids A Smile Day whereby we are offering free dental care for children of low income families living in Oconto Falls area. To qualify they should call our office to set up an appointment. We are offering whatever treatment we can provide in our office on that day free of charge. We have done this for the last several years. Some children had exams, fillings, extractions, cleaning, fluoride treatments etc.

If you have any questions, please call Jenny, our office manager at 846-2171 and she will be happy to assist you.

9 OCONTO FALLS

Salad Luncheon, Auction & Raffle Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Love Baskets & Salad Luncheon. Silent Auction & Raffle 9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M., Luncheon 11:00A.M. - 1:30 P.M. at Community Memorial Hospital. Group reservations available: (920) 373-5774.

10-11 CHUTE POND

Father & Child Weekend Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Contact (715) 276-7116.

10-12, 17-19 OCONTO

The Lottie & Bernice Show by L. Don Swartz Two old, grumpy polish ladies, Lottie & Bernice, become trapped in a television studio by a blizzard and end up taking over Western New York's favorite morning show, "Buffalo Yak". They are helped by two bickering janitors, a wildly ambitious, near-sighted intern who won't wear her glasses, a neurotic program director, and a station manager with marital problems. Things get much worse as the audience witnesses the funniest bad TV ever broadcast! Information call (920) 834-4353. www.machickaneeplayers.org or visit BayShore Books LLC, 302 Collins Ave., Oconto WI 54153.

11 TOWNSEND

5th Annual 'Farfromsnoozin' Bed Races on the Ice at Birch Hills Resort & My Bar, Townsend. Call (715) 276-6195 or www.birchhillsresort.com.

11 CHUTE POND

Snowmobile Ice Drags Snowmobile Drag Races. Registration 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Races start at Noon. Entry fee only \$5.00 per race entered. Classes include Studded, Unstudded, Vintage, Women's, Seniors, Juniors and Kitty Kat. We also have a heated tent with food, refreshments, and raffles. For more info call Larry at (715) 276-7526. On Chute Pond in County Park 5 miles south of Mountain just off Hwy 32.

11 GILLETT

Gillett Sno-Riders 3rd Annual Poker Run -The run kicks off at 11:00 A.M. and goes throughout the day with it ending at 6:00 P.M. at Klaus Lake Bar, Gillett. There will be many stops featured on the run throughout our portion of the trail system. Starting at 7:00 P.M. we will be awarded prizes for the poker run winners, holding our annual club raffle, and will have food and music available. The run will be held regardless of snow conditions and everyone is encouraged to attend whether by snowmobile, car, or any other type of vehicle! For more information please check out our website at www.gillettsnoriders.com.

11 OCONTO

Winter Fest Hosted by the City of Oconto and Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce. Activities and fun for the entire family. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact (920) 834-7706.

11 KELLY LAKE

Snowmobile Dinner Ride Begins at 10:00 A.M. at Snazz and Jane's in Klondike. This all day ride ends with dinner at Park Place by White Potato Lake at 7:00 P.M. where door prizes are awarded. Join us for a fun day in the snow. Everyone's welcome. Contact Joyriders, Roy Lawrenz at (920) 897-2499.

11-12 TOWNSEND

37th Annual Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club Fish-A-Ree and Vintage Snowmobile Show at Townsend Town Hall 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. both days, vintage snowmobile show, meat raffles, food, music and largest fish prizes in 4 categories each day. Contact John at (920) 540-5948.

12 STILES

Ski Club Fun Day Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club www.skimachickanee.com.

16 OCONTO FALLS

Pain Management Dinner Seminar Community Memorial Hospital Senior Specials Dinner Seminar on Pain Management with David Lindley, DO. Thursday, 4:30 P.M. at Community Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls. Registration required (920) 846-2813.

18 CHUTE POND

Truck & ATV Drag Sponsored by MABA and Oconto Falls Rough Riders 4x4 Club. Come race your truck, car, ATV or motorcycle on the ice. See what it can do! Heated tent with food, refreshments and raffles. Registration 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Racing at Noon. Must be 16 years of age or have adult signature. Helmets required in all classes. Trophies in all classes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plus Fast Time of the Day Trophy! Free admission. Classes are Studded and Unstudded unless specified. On Chute Pond in County Park 5 miles south of Mountain. For more info call Dallas (920) 855-6549.

18-19 CHUTE POND

2012 World Series of Ice Drag Races ISR 2012 World Series of Ice Drag Races at Oconto Falls on Oconto River. Presented by Oconto Falls Sno-Jokers, Live Band and Fireworks Saturday Night. Snowmobile trail access. Questions: bfruechte@hotmail.com or call (920) 373-7735.

18 TOWNSEND

Firemen's Wives Sweetheart Dance 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Townsend Fire Garage. Bring canned food item for food pantry. Contact Janet Opiela at (715) 276-6427.

18 CROOKED LAKE

Crooked Lake Fire Department Fishing Derby Contact Wally Remic. (715) 276-7777.

19 SURING

The Suring Area Business Association is having their 2nd Annual Membership Dinner at the Black Bear Trail Golf Course. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30, \$15/person, Chicken/Ribs, 50/50 raffle, open to the public.

21 OCONTO

The Oconto Middle School girls' basketball teams will be hosting their 2nd Annual Shoot for the Cure basketball game on Tuesday February 21st at the Oconto Middle School gym vs. the Suring Eagles. There will be many great raffle prizes and baked goods, as well as a silent auction for pink & white basketballs autographed by the Suring and Oconto teams. Admission is a \$2 donation. "In honor of" and "In memory of" pink "ribbons" are available to hang in the gym on the day of the game. Please support these girls as they fundraise for the Ribbon of Hope foundation of NE Wisconsin! Come out to the game and wear pink to shoot out cancer :)

25 RIVERVIEW

The Town of Riverview has their Second Annual Turkey Bowling Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, February 25th, noon, at the Town Hall. To register a team or for more info, contact Halfway Bar, Mulligans or Firelite.

25 MOUNTAIN

Doze Inn Kid's Fisherie from 10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. Prizes and food. Ages 3-14. Call Doze Inn at (715) 276-7526.

25 CHUTE POND

Community Winter Family Fun Day at YMCA Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. Spend the day (10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.) in the winter wonderland at Camp going cross-country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, ice skating and then warming up by the fire with S'Mores and a cup of hot cocoa. Enjoy plenty of fun for the entire family. Contact (715) 276-7116 for reservations and pricing.

25 CHUTE POND

Take a Friend Snowmobiling & Trailside Cookout sponsored by the Chute Pond Snowmobile Club. Contact Ken Anderson at 920-265-6663 for more information.

25 RIVERVIEW

Second Annual Turkey Bowling Fundraiser at noon, at the Riverview Town Hall. To register a team or for more information, contact Halfway Bar, Mulligans or The Firelite.

25 GILLETT

Finnegan Lake Walleye Club Ice Fishing Derby at Zippel Park, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Food and refreshments. Fishing contest 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. fish prizes plus other prizes and bucket raffles. Drawing at 4 p.m.

25-26 BREED

Breed Sportsman Club Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree Fish on any lake and bring your fish to the Breed Bird Busters Trap Club, 6 miles north of Suring on Logan Road, to register. Hours are 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. on Saturday and 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on Sunday. Refreshments, raffles, and prizes!!! Contact Michelle (920) 842-4300.



Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Meeting Jan 19, 2012

Present Pam Lemorande, Debbie Arndt, Carrie Hill, Dave Polashek, April Konitzer, Joan Denis

Minutes from the Dec 15th meeting were reviewed. Filed as read

Treasurer's Report. The question was asked if the Chamber should be doing a yearly audit? It was agreed yes. It will need to be added to the bylaws. Report filed for audit.

Memberships, renewals, new, clings. Members are sending in their renewals. There are two new members, Jake Sales and Service in Beaver and United Plumbing Oconto Falls. Debbie Arndt sent out letters to the members of the Lena Civic Club informing them of membership, discounts and website. Pam Lemorande is working on the window clings.

Website, Lunch n Learn. We need to advertize the Chamber website more. If benefits of the website are used by businesses, it has much potential. The Lunch N Learn went well. Bill Kohne presented the Chamber website and what members can do to advertise their events and business. Members can add information and logo to their membership page and list events on the Chamber calendar. Bill on Mondays will post on Facebook any events listed that week on the calendar. Carrie Hill will do a press release on the website calendar and Facebook.

Member to Member Discount. Forms have been sent out by Pam Langley . Current card is good until March 31st.

Discovery Guides will be available soon.

Holiday Get together with Oconto was good. The Historical Society was there in costume and music was provided during dinner at the golf course. Oconto Falls needs to start planning the 2013 party and looking for a location.

Welcome Packets. Lisa Christenson is doing the welcome packets. Packets are given to new residents. More items are needed. If people want to add something to the packet, about 50 copies will be a start.

Showcase events Feb 25th Bowling at Lena. March is the Senior Center, April is NWTC and May is Peshtigo Bank.

Ribbon Cutting. United Plumbing and Sportsman Exchange would like to do something.

Fun Fest Date set for the first meeting is 6:00 at School District Office.

Possible Projects for 2012. Pam listed several projects possible for 2012. By listing projects early Members will know what projects are in the works and which ones they want to volunteer on.

- Beautification
- Golf Outing
- Fun Fest
- Memorial Weekend
- Scholarships

- Farmers Market
- Member to Member Discount Program
- Showcase of Businesses
- Ribbon Cutting
- Chamber Bowling
- Welcome Packets
- Website
- Holiday Get Together, Oconto Falls Hosting
- Discount coupon book for the Holidays
- Look at tourism projects.

Pam Lemorande asked what are using the funds in our bank account for? We need to let it be know what the funds raised are used for. Our only expenses are website maintenance and Newsletter. Should we promote the Memorial Day Event?

Beautification. The sign from True Value is gone, cleaned up brush at Avenue of Lights, want to purchase flags for Main Street, Cty C and Highland Drive, and post Welcome signs.

Other Information. Herb Kohls is coming Jan 31st to City Hall at 11:30. Need to get on Chamber calendar and Facebook.

The Snowmobile Races are putting together a magazine. Should we advertise in it? Debbie made a motion to put in a full page ad for the Oconto Falls Chamber of Commerce. Carrie 2nd all agreed.

Meeting dates for 2012. Mark your calendar. Would you like to host a Membership meeting?

- EC Jan 197:30 Meadowlands
- Member meeting Feb 16 12:00
- EC Mar 22
- EC April 26
- Membership May 17 12:00
- EC June 28
- EC July 26
- Membership Aug 16 12:00
- EC Sept 27
- EC Oct 25
- Membership Nov 15 12:00
- EC Dec 27

Meeting adjourned 9:02

About this Newsletter

The Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce publishes this Newsletter with the intent on keeping Chamber members informed about issues of interest and to promote Chamber meetings and activities. To the extent possible, the newsletter will be sent out in electronic format, but paper versions will also be sent out to those members who cannot access it electronically. If you currently receive a paper version and would like to get it in electronic format or know of someone who is a Chamber member and is not getting the newsletter please contact Pam Lemorande at 920-846-8360 or ofchamber@bayland.net.

Snowmobile drags return to Oconto Falls

The economy is down, snowfall totals are the worst they have been in years, and many snowmobile clubs in the region are wondering if they will even open the trails this year. There is no doubt the 2012 snowmobile has left a lot to be desired for enthusiasts across the region. This however, could not be better news for those who have been spending countless hours preparing their race sled for the coveted ISR World Series of Drags that is set to return to Oconto Falls this February. Believe it or not, about the only form of snowmobiling that is conducive to these weather conditions is drag racing.

For years, Oconto Falls had played host to many success snowmobile drag race events. This year the Sno-Jokers are proud to announce the 2012 ISR World Series of Drags will be returning to our community Saturday, February 18th and Sunday, February 19th. There will be classes ranging from kitty cats running on noon Sunday for the local kids, with 440 to 1000cc machines modified and heavily modified to race at speeds in excess of 125MPH in 660 feet or 1/8 of a mile on both Saturday and Sunday. It is not uncommon for these sleds to have well over 200 horsepower and weigh less than a couple hundred pounds. So if the smell of 110 octane fuel makes you grin and the sights and sounds of competitive motorsports are your thing, you may just want to save the date.

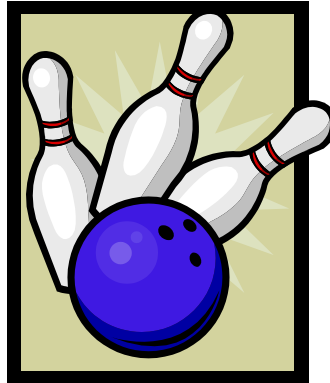
If the cold air and going 100mph is not your thing, there will be a 40 x 120 foot warming tents, food and beer served on the ice near the west side beach. Local band Rocker Rocker Rocker will be performing Sat at 6pm following the festivities along with fireworks beginning at 8PM on the ice. There are many individuals within the community and Sno-Jokers club that have worked tirelessly to make this possible. All proceeds from the event will be going to the nonprofit club to help offset the costs of operation. There will be something for everyone, and the club will be happy to serve you whether you are part of a race team or just there to check it out.

Additional details for racers can be obtained at American Snowmobiler (<http://cs.amsnow.com>). For rules and class information contact Tim Magnin (920) 848-2082 or Clint Holst (920) 373-2616, for lodging call the Coach Light Inn Motel at 846-3424, and for registration questions contact Marie Magnin (920) 846-3391. Any other questions contact the race director, Andy Mercier at (920) 373-4430.

Thanks for your support-

Oconto Falls Sno-Jokers

SAVE THE DATE!



The Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce sincerely appreciates your hard work and dedication to this organization and we would like a chance to **THANK YOU** for that!!

Please join us for a FUN DAY at LENA LANES!!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 2011

starting @ 2pm

Bring your family; bring your friends & co-workers.

Bowling, Food & Soda will be provided

I will send out more info very soon, but mark your calendar to come have some FUN!!!

**We would
like to invite
you to our
Mardi Gras
Open House!**

Please come for a Tour !

**Stop in at you leisure and see what
MeadowLands has to offer you!**

February 21, 2012

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

- Treats & Refreshments**
- Drawing for a 19" TV**

The MeadowLands was established in November of 2000 as the first Assisted Living Facility in Oconto Falls and remains the ONLY Residential Care Apartment Complex in Oconto County. THE MEADOWLANDS has proudly served the Seniors of our community for 11 years. We pride ourselves on working together with the area Health Professionals to keep this generation of community leaders living a respectable, independent lifestyle.

THE MEADOWLANDS
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OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154
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MANAGER PAM LEMORANDE
*ADMINISTRATOR/OWNER AMBER
PAPKE *OWNER BOB PAPKE

NWTC- Northwest Regional Learning Center

Coming Thursday, March 1, 2012

11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

A "Connecting with Local Employers" Event

NWTC-Oconto Falls is hosting a local employer panel for area students (high school and college level).

Join us in educating our community to be ready for their career...WE NEED YOU!

Representatives from local employers are invited to express their insights on:

- ❖ Employability skills needed for today's workplace
- ❖ Job trends
- ❖ Technology changes for their industry

Lunch will be provided to employer representatives - 12:30-1:00p.m.



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In order to provide a well-rounded perspective of those trends and changes, we will need 3-5 employer representatives. Please contact April or Jenny at the Regional Center office if you can participate in this event.