# HUDSON AREA CHAMBER of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

# CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

# Hudson Area Chamber

# **GOLF** TOURNAMENT

#### Par-ticipate in the 2023 Chamber Golf Tournament

Dust off your clubs and come network with your fellow Chamber members at the 26th Annual Chamber Golf Scramble Tournament scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2023 at Troy Burne Golf Course, LLC. Designed by premier PGA TOUR professional Tom Lehman, featuring a recently refreshed clubhouse, Troy Burne is the perfect opportunity to re-connect with your team members. You are in fore a wonderful event filled with food, drinks, contest, raffles, and so much more!

#### **Hole-In-One Contest**

New this year is the hole-in-one contest! Golfers have the chance to win a new 2022 Ford F-150 XLT courtesy of Hudson Ford LLC and Quick Lane if they make a hole-in-one. You are not going to want to miss out on this tee-rific opportunity!

#### Sponsorships Available!

Please consider sponsoring this popular annual event. Sponsorship levels include Platinum (\$3,000), Gold (\$2,000), Silver (\$1,000), and Hole (\$425). If you would like to donate an item for the raffle or volunteer at this event, please reach out to Lauren at <u>lauren@hudsonwi.org</u> or (715) 386-8411.

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## **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 Time: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Shot Gun start at Noon Location: Troy Burne Golf Course, LLC 295 Lindsay Rd. Hudson, WI 54016 Cost: Member \$180 Non-Member \$200 Member Foursome \$720 Non-Member Foursome \$800 RSVP by Friday, June 16, 2023 Click here to register. ■







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Mary Claire Olson Potter Chamber President

# **Elevating Tourism Throughout the Summer Season**

As the summer season approaches, we will continue to see an influx of travelers to the greater Hudson area. Hudson has so much to offer to locals and tourists alike. Whether you are looking to take in live music at one of the concerts in Lakefront Park, spending a day immersing yourself in nature at Willow River State Park or one of the many county or city parks, strolling amongst our fabulous boutiques, or exploring various cuisine options at our award-winning restaurants, Hudson has something for everyone.

In addition to these wonderful options, our community is known for hosting an array of events, especially throughout the summer. If you are hosting an event, feel free to send us the details so we can add it to our online calendar and continue to promote all that Hudson has to offer. To explore our calendar of events, <u>see our website</u>.

To further elevate tourism promotion of the greater Hudson area, the Chamber office will be open on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting in June. Do you have rack cards, brochures, flyers or business cards that you would like us to offer to our visitors? Feel free to drop those off at our office so we can give you and your business more exposure.

Lastly, please remember to do your part to ensure Hudson remains welcoming for all those who work, live, and visit our wonderful community. We are excited for another fun summer season in Hudson!

# Sustainability Corner



Looking for more ways to become environmentally friendly? Consider backyard composting. It helps the environment, is good for your garden and is easy to do! There are many benefits and reasons to composting, such as:

- 25 30% of American household waste is compostable food scraps
- Prevents methane pollution, which is a major factor in global warming
- Saves resources, landfill space, and returns valuable organic material to the earth
- Can be mixed into your garden or flower beds to improve plant growth, or over your lawn and embankments to help reduce soil erosion

For more information on compositing in Wisconsin, <u>click here</u>.



On May 16, the Leadership Hudson Class of 2022-2023 held their graduation ceremony at Kilkarney Hills Golf Course in River Falls. A sense of camaraderie filled the air as students reflected on their time spent completing this program throughout the past nine months. Congratulations to our graduating class!



Outing board member Kathy Ableidinger was recently presented with a plaque by Past Chair Angel Duratti in recognition and appreciation of her leadership, dedication, and service to the Hudson Chamber.



# **Clean Up Day**



Photo from the Star Observer.

On Thursday, April 27, volunteers gathered downtown to do their part in keeping Hudson safe and clean. By removing trash, these individuals helped us continue to create a welcoming environment for visitors and locals alike throughout the Hudson community. Thank you to the Hudson Home & Garden Club for organizing the event and to everyone who came out and helped us clean up Hudson!

# HUDSON COMMUNITY EXPO

#### Hudson Community Expo draws 1,600 participants including food vendors, local businesses and organizations, craft vendors, volunteers, and attendees.

The Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau held its 20th Annual Hudson Community Expo event on May 7 in conjunction with Coco's Heart Dog Rescue's Craft Fair. Participants came out to Hudson High School to learn more about the greater Hudson area as well as local businesses and organizations. The event housed 81 vendor booths, 40 crafters, a variety of entertainment, various raffle prize packages, an array of food, samples, giveaways, and so much more.

# Congratulations to the raffle prize package and Chamber Check winners!

• All About You Package: valued at \$588 – won by Todd Goodwin

- Family Fun Package: valued at \$702 won by Consuelo
- Home Package: valued at \$637 won by Rachel Schroeffler
- Love Your Dog Package: valued at \$1,020 won by Elizabeth Erdahl
- Love Your Cat Package: valued at \$640 won by Annie Goodwin
- Out and About Package: valued at \$265 won by Katie Jones
- Sports Package: valued at \$882 won by Eric Moline
- Chamber Checks won by Adele Dolan, Julie Audracek, and Nancy Phillips

# A big thank you to all the organizations who donated wonderful prizes for our prize packages:

- 21 Nails
- Afton House Inn/St. Croix River Cruises
- Angel's Pet World
- Bee Healthy Chiropractic
- Droplets of Wellness, LLC
- Eagle Eye Farm
- Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton
- Hudson 12 Theatre
- Hudson Food Walk
- Hudson Hot Air Affair
- Integrity Cleaners, LLC
- Knoke's Chocolates & Nuts
- Milwaukee Burger Company
- Minnesota Vikings
- NutriSource
- St. Paul Saints
- Striker Brands, LLC
- Sustain Hudson-RiverFest
- Ultimissimo Boutique Salon
- Walmart

#### A special thank you to the Hudson Community Expo Planning Committee as well as the many participating groups and organizations for all their hard work to put on this successful event.

#### **Planning Committee:**

- Shelly DeStasio, Christian Community Homes & Services, Inc.
- Angel Duratti, Angel's Pet World
- Tiffany Dux, Blooms for Happiness
- Tava Ellingson, Citizens State Bank

# THANK YOU • JUNE 2023



- Elizabeth (Besty) Ganz, Hudson School District
- Mark Hein, Integrity Cleaners, LLC
- Linda La Kosky Eng, Minuteman Press Hudson
- Debi Mager, Hudson Hospital & Clinic
- Zach McNamee, McNamee Real Estate Team
- Nancy Toll, Hudson Home and Garden Club
- Andrea Uebel, Droplets of Wellness, LLC
- Blake Willman, Weathersafe Restoration, Inc.

#### Entertainment:

- 3M Visiting Wizards
- Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
- Hudson High School Cheer Team
- Hudson High School Swing Choir
- Lucky Paws Midwest Inc.
- The Phipps Dance Company
- The Phipps Junior Dance Company

#### Thank you to the following volunteers for their help with coordinating vendors on-site, welcoming attendees & passing out vendor passport cards, as well as raffle ticket sales:

- Shelly DeStasio, Christian Community Homes & Services, Inc.
- Angel Duratti, Angel's Pet World
- Tiffany Dux, Blooms for Happiness
- Tava Ellingson, Citizens State Bank
- Linda La Kosky Eng, Minuteman Press Hudson
- Keely Finnegan, Realtor
- Mark Hein, Integrity Cleaners, LLC
- Hudson Ambassadors Royalty
- Erica Johnson, Angel's Pet World
- Pete Keskey, Minuteman Press Hudson
- North Hudson Pepper Fest Royalty
- Ruth Petermann, Hudson Neighbors Magazine
- Leanne Van Allen, Director of Graduate and Adult Programs, College of Business and Economics, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

# Thank you to the following staff from Hudson High School for their continuous efforts to ensure our event ran smoothly:

- John Aide
- Tom Clarke
- Elizabeth (Betsy) Ganz
- Ken Jones
- Matt Kennebeck

- Jodi Lingenfelter
- Ryan DeLaCroix

# Thank you to the following sponsors for your continuous support:

**Platinum Sponsor** 



#### **Gold Sponsors**

- Eagle Storage
- Hudson Hospital & Clinic
- Royal Credit Union
- The Remedy
- WESTconsin Credit Union

#### **Silver Sponsors**

- Angel's Pet World
- Citizens State Bank
- County Market
- Eckberg Lammers, P.C.
- Hope Chiropractic
- Sun Control of Wisconsin
- Walmart
- Xcel Energy

#### Balloon Arch: Dot & Daisy

Venue Sponsor: Hudson High School



Organizations such as Citizens State Bank welcomed attendees to their respective booths. Mary Claire and Angel had to join in on the fun!



# JUNE 2023 • THANK YOU





Judy Freund with Sustain Hudson-RiverFest does an outstanding job every year in painting a rain barrel for our raffle.

Attendees had an a-moozing time visiting with an array of furry friends courtesy of Lucky Paws Midwest Inc.



Volunteers from the North Hudson Pepper Fest Royalty had a blast interacting with kids in the bounce house, and even participated in some face painting!

# **Explore Your Hudson**



On May 18, locals & visitors alike had the opportunity to explore local activities, offers, and specials all while supporting Hudson businesses through our **Explore Your Hudson** event. Participants took advantage of special offers as they became a tourist in their own town and made connections with the local businesses. To wrap up the day, Jonesy's Local Bar & Grill held an after party where grand prize winners were drawn. Fun was had by all who were involved!

#### Thank you to the following businesses for participating in this event, including special offers within the passports, and donating items for the swag bags:

- 4 North Beauty Collective
- Awakenings...Gifts and Guidance for the Soul
- BackRoom Vintage/BackRoom Vintage HOME
- Bee Healthy Chiropractic
- Beloved Makers and Company
- Bennett's Chop and Railhouse Hudson
- Black Rooster Bistro
- Blooms for Happiness
- Chapter2Books
- Cracked Barrel Winery
- Cream of the Crop Artists Gallery
- Crumbl Hudson
- Droplets of Wellness, LLC
- Eagle Eye Farm
- et cetera
- Grand Fête
- Hudson Flower Shop
- kudos
- Lucky Guys Distillery
- Lucky's Wine & More
- Octagon House/St. Croix County Historical Society
- Rose & Lavender
- SEASONS Gallery
- St. Croix River Cruises
- The 715
- The Bees Knees
- The Purple Tree
- Urban Olive & Vine
- Wolfy's Butcher Shop & Deli, LLC

Additionally, a special thank you to Art Doyle's Spokes & Pedals for the gift certificate for \$200 towards a new bike as one of our grand prizes!

A big thank you to Jonesy's Local Bar & Grill for serving as the venue sponsor for our after party.



Join the Service Committee as we hear from guest speaker Ellen Denzer, Director of Community Development with the St. Croix County Community Development Department – Parks.



**Ellen Denzer**, St. Croix County Community Development Director, is a lifelong resident of Pierce/St. Croix Counties. She has worked for St. Croix County for 35 years in various planning positions and has been the Community Development Director since 2012. As Director, she oversees planning, land use, recycling, and environmental education amongst other

things. During her career with St. Croix County Ellen has accomplished numerous things like creating County, Town and Village comprehensive plans and Land Use Ordinances. Ellen and her husband Jim MacSwain have four children and have lived in Hudson for 30 years.

Ellen will share highlights about recent improvements in facilities and services at Glen Hills, Homestead Parklands,

St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail and Orf Overlook, and additional development at Glen Hills and the Master Plan for the newest County park Eckert Blufflands.

EVENT DETAILS: Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Location: Citizens State Bank 375 Stageline Rd. <u>Click here</u> to register



# NON-PROFIT ROUNDTABLE

Join us for our June meeting! We will hear from guest speaker Rebecca Prendergast, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Communications Specialist. She will delve into the following areas:

- Social media How to connect with donors
  - o Content marketing
  - o Useful techniques
  - o Important platforms and applications
    - Where should we be?

## **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023 Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Location: Citizens State Bank 375 Stageline Rd. Click here to register ■

# SPIRIT OF THE ST. CROIX Art Festival

Join us for an interactive art experience at the Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival, and prepare to be inspired! The Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, in partnership with The Phipps Center for the Arts, invites you to channel your creative spirit!

Visitors will experience a variety of creative talent, including the original artwork of over 80 juried artists, hands-on demonstrations, and creative activities while sampling a variety of fall flavors.

#### How can your business be involved?

Plan to participate in this popular event as a sponsor, in the "Art of" area, as a food vendor or a volunteer. For more information, contact the Chamber at (715) 386-8411, or <u>maryclaire@hudsonwi.org</u>

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date: Saturday and Sunday, September 23 & 24, 2023 Time: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location: Lakefront Park, Downtown Hudson

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**Ted Blank Luxury Travel & Adventure** – located at 1091 Sutherland Ave., River Falls. A travel agency specializing in luxury cruises, river cruises, and customized European vacations – and offers exclusive group travel opportunities as well! For more information, call (651) 964-8245.



The Hudson Ambassadors recently paid a visit to **kudos** for their May member retention visit to meet with owner Sue Sutheimer and congratulate her on the store's five-year anniversary. Ambassadors gained an insight into the history of the company and the story behind the name of the store, and had an opportunity to explore all the boutique has to offer. For more information, call (715) 808-0385.



The Ambassadors also visited **Smokey Treats** for their May meeting. Ambassadors had the opportunity to meet and converse with various staff members, specifically honing in on their recent experience as a food vendor at the Hudson Community Expo. For more information, call (715) 222-1299.



Guidelines: Submit 100 words or less by the 15th of the month for the next month's Chamber news. We reserve the right to edit or omit any submitted business briefs. Email submissions to info@HudsonWI.org.

Pride Build to Focus on Unique LGBTQ+ Housing Challenges – St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity and Hudson Pride Co. will bring volunteers to New Richmond, WI build June 2-3 as part of Pride Month

St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity (SCVHFH) is celebrating its inaugural Pride Build event June 2-3 at its New Richmond, WI build site. The two-day project focuses on raising awareness of the unique challenges the LGBTQ+ community face in the search for safe, affordable housing.

"Hudson Pride Co. is excited to partner up with St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity," Hudson Pride Co. Founder and President Matt Darnold. "Through this partnership we can raise awareness and resources for the LGBTQIA+ community in the surrounding area. We are eager to learn from SCVHFH about the housing needs and challenges of this community and grateful for this important work."

Hudson Pride Co.'s mission is to create and promote inclusiveness, visibility, and acceptance throughout the greater Hudson, WI community. More information about Pride Build can be found at <u>Pride Build | St. Croix Valley Habitat for</u> <u>Humanity (scvhabitat.org)</u>.

# **RiverFest Sponsorships Still Available**

Hudson businesses are invited to become a sponsor of St. Croix RiverFest, a community "Party with a Purpose" coming July 18-22. Join in celebrating the St. Croix River while recognizing the need to preserve its health and beauty. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$1,000 and all receive inclusion in marketing materials and other benefits. NorLake is the primary Event Sponsor.

Some of this year's RiverFest activities include a river cleanup, boat cruise, Carpenter Nature Center BioBlitz, Native American celebration, ENVIRO-FUN puppet show for kids and St. Croix Valley Community Band Concert. Sponsorship deadline is June 9, 2023. For complete sponsor details, email to <u>cmalick2@gmail.com</u>.

# **Black Rooster Bistro**

June's five course tasting event at the Black Rooster Bistro is featuring our own local distillery, Lucky Guys! We are excited to pair their spirits with our food in our space Thursday June 22nd at 7pm. Reservations are available now on our website <u>www.blackroosterbistro.com</u> or by calling the restaurant at 715-808-0560. A \$50 per person deposit is due at time of reservation. Total cost for the five course dinner is \$75 per person. These five course dinners have been super popular and tend to sell out quickly. Allergies and dietary restrictions can be accommodated for as well as seating request and group seating, just let us know when making your reservation! Craft cocktail classes are available all summer. Have a group of 6-12 people interested in a fun event? We offer one hour cocktail basics courses that have been a huge success. Email us for more information contact@blackroosterbistro.com.

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Offer Extended to June 30, 2023

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# **Belle Âme Vineyard & Events**

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# **RCU Foundation Announces \$300,000 Gift** to Hudson Sports and Civic Center

The RCU Foundation made a \$300,000 gift to the Hudson Hockey Association in support of the remodel of the Hudson Sport and Civic Center. The current facility has been a part of the Hudson community since 1988 and needed upgrades to the safety, HVAC, and accessibility systems to serve the future.

"The generosity of donors such as the Royal Credit Union Foundation, has allowed the Hudson Hockey Association to complete the dream of connecting the rinks" states Anthony Aderhold, Hudson Hockey Association Fundraising Chair. The remodel of the Hudson Sports and Civic Center started in December of 2022. Major construction will be completed in June 2023, with the finishing touches being completed by the end of 2023.

# St. Croix Hospice Hudson, WI Branch

St. Croix Hospice is a nationally renowned, award-winning hospice agency that serves the Hudson, WI region and other communities throughout the Midwest. Local St. Croix Hospice staff members live in the communities they serve, and they provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and loved ones 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and wherever a patient calls home. St. Croix Hospice takes pride in round-the-clock availability, prompt response and sameday admissions – including during evenings, weekends and holidays. To learn more, contact St. Croix Hospice 24/7 at 855-278-2764 or visit stcroixhospice.com. ■



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Congrats to Our May
Brand Champion

Congratulations to our Brand Champion, Elizabeth "Betsy" Ganz with the Hudson School District.

Betsy plays an instrumental role in the planning, coordination, and execution of our Annual Hudson Community Expo event and helps with our Annual Welcome New Teachers' Luncheon. She serves as the liaison between the Hudson Chamber and Hudson High School, ensuring we have all the necessary tools and staff we need to host a successful event.

Most recently, Betsy was one of the people on the tremendous team that coordinated Deputy Kaitie Leising's funeral service, which was held at Hudson High School. We commend all involved for their swift planning and the notable organization of this event.

Betsy puts in a great deal of time, energy, and effort to make sure event dates work equally well for the Chamber and the high school. She ensures that the Chamber is well assisted on event days, and guarantees we have the necessary materials needed to execute our events. Whatever we need, Betsy delivers, and we know we can always count on her.

Thank you, Betsy, for all you have done and continue to do for this community.

If you're wondering about the qualities of a Brand Champion, they include:

- Passionate and Supportive
- Knowledgeable and Communicative
- Invested in Success
- Interested in Building Loyalty

If you know of a great Chamber Brand Champion, let us know so we can recognize them and award them \$25 in Chamber Checks!



# JUNE 2023 • CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The Hudson Chamber welcomes Anna Gunderson as the new Administrative Assistant. Anna is from Roberts and just graduated this spring from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with Magna Cum Laude and a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies. While in college, she was involved with the award-winning campus newspaper, Student Voice, and enjoyed writing articles about campus events and departments. Anna currently lives in River Falls

with her partner Luke and looks forward to moving into the Hudson community this August.

# June Calendar of Events

- 1 Ribbon Cutting Hunt Electric DBA Baer Manufacturing, 2:30 p.m., 924 Daily Rd.
- 6 Connections & Coffee, 9:00 a.m., Citizens State Bank, 375 Stageline Rd.
- 9 Service Committee, 9:00 a.m., Citizens State Bank, 375 Stageline Rd.
- 8 Ribbon Cutting Cream of the Crop Artists Gallery, 1:00 p.m., 511 2nd St. Ste. 102
- 12 Ribbon Cutting Valley Surgery Center, 11:20 a.m., 2654 Hillcrest Dr. Ste. 301
- 13 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
- 14 Retail/Restaurant Committee, 9:00 a.m., Octagon House Museum, 1004 3rd St.
- 14 Welcome to the Hudson Chamber New Member Orientation, 11:00 a.m., Zoom
- 15 Ribbon Cutting Chapter2Books, 1:00 p.m., 226Locust St.
- 15 Ambassador Committee Retention Visit, 3:00 p.m., Hudson Dairy Queen, 9 South 2nd St.
- 15 Ambassador Committee, 3:30 p.m., LoLo American Kitchen & Craft Bar Hudson, 175 South 2nd St.
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 Ribbon Cutting St. Croix Hospice Hudson, WI Branch, 2:00 p.m., 642 Brakke Dr.
- 22 Non-Profit Roundtable, 8:00 a.m., Citizens State Bank, 375 Stageline Rd.
- 22 Ribbon Cutting Rose & Lavender, 1:00 p.m., 220 Locust St.
- 26 Chamber Golf Outing, 11:00 a.m., Troy Burne Golf Course, LLC, 295 Lindsay Rd.
- 27 Drive for 5 Committee, 9:00 a.m., Zoom

#### **2023 Board of Directors**

Leanne Van Allen - University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Chair
Angel Duratti - Angel's Pet World, Past Chair
Linda La Kosky Eng - Minuteman Press - Hudson, Chair Elect
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Mark Hein - Integrity Cleaners, LLC
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Katie Kranz - First State Bank and Trust
Maria Machtemes - Citizens State Bank
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The Chamber Newsletter is published monthly by the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

Mary Claire Olson Potter, President

Lauren Battis, Marketing & Membership Coordinator

Anna Gunderson, Administrative Assistant

MISSION: To provide value to and serve our members, promote a strong local economy, advocate for the interests of the business community, champion sustainability, and market the recreational and cultural opportunities in the Hudson area.

## Congratulations to the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Award Winners!

Large Business of the Year -Andersen Corporation

Small Business of the Year - Jonesy's Local Bar & Grill

Chamber Member of the Year - Tim Foster, Hudson Flower Shop

Community Volunteer of the Year - Chris Kost, YMCA in Hudson

Manufacturer of the Year Award - Ciranda, Inc.

Marie Blakeman Award - Clarence "Buck" Malick, Sustain Hudson - RiverFest

