### HUDSON AREA CHAMBER of Commerce & Tourism Bureau

### CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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### Local Municipal Leaders -Opportunities and Issues

St. Croix County is the second fastest growing county in the state of Wisconsin. Are we

prepared? Join us for our Good Morning Hudson event to hear the answer from our local municipal leaders while networking with other Chamber members. The topic of discussion will be the opportunities and issues facing our communities such as housing, workforce, and transportation. Breakfast will be provided, and don't forget your business cards!

Thank you to our sponsor & host venue:



### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Location: Christian Community Homes and Services, Inc. Marie Blakeman Community Center | 1320 Wisconsin St. Members: \$10 | Non-Members: \$15 Register Here

Hudson Area Chamber

### Par-ticipate in the 2024 Chamber Golf Tournament

Dust off your clubs and come network with fellow Chamber members at the 27th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, at

St. Croix National Golf & Events. Voted one of the Top 50 U.S. Golf Courses by GolfPass, this stunning glacier-carved golf course has recently expanded to include a 9,000 sq.ft. multi-use clubhouse, a full-serve restaurant, 4 HD golf simulators, a pool table, darts, and a Golden Tee. Don't forget to check out their 18-hole putting course, too! This event is sure to be a tee-rific time filled with food, drinks, contests, raffles, and so much more!

**Sponsorships Available:** Please consider sponsoring this popular annual event. Sponsorship levels include Gold (\$2,000), Hole (limited to 18, \$1,000), and Green (\$325). If you would like to sponsor, donate an item for the raffle, or volunteer at this event, please reach out to Anna at <u>Anna@HudsonWI.org</u> or call the Chamber office at 715-386-8411.

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors:





### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Location: St. Croix National Golf & Event Center 1603 32nd Street, Somerset Member Golf Package: \$155 | Member Foursome Golf Package: \$620 For more information or to sign up and golf with us, <u>click here</u>.

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This weekend! Discover the best of Hudson at the 21st annual Hudson Community Expo. Meet over 80 businesses and organizations from the Hudson area and support Coco's Heart Dog Rescue with the craft sale. With raffles and drawings, a petting zoo, food trucks, and more, this family-friendly event is sure to entertain. Learn more on our website.

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Mary Claire Olson Potter Chamber President

### Shop and Dine Locally Year-Round!

When you have shopping to do, or are looking for a great meal, plan to visit the local shops and restaurants within the Greater Hudson area. Keeping your dollars in our hometown has many advantages. Highlighted below are a few of the benefits you can reap by shopping locally:

- A Stronger Local Economy: Local businesses hire local workers. In addition to the staff, they hire local architects and contractors for building and remodeling, local accountants, and insurance brokers to help them run the business, and local marketing firms to further promote their products and services. Together, all these factors create a multiplier effect, meaning each dollar spent locally brings more money into the local economy.
- A Closer Community: Shopping at local businesses gives neighbors a chance to connect with each other. Shops and restaurants provide an experience and place for people to gather.
- A Cleaner Environment: Having stores and restaurants in your neighborhood means you can leave your car parked and do your errands on foot. Fewer cars on the road means less traffic, less noise, and less pollution.
- A Great Place to Live: Local businesses make our town a better, more interesting place to live. Local eateries, bars, bookstores, food markets, pharmacies, and gift shops combined give our community its unique character.

To find a list of local stores and restaurants, visit our <u>directory</u> and show your support for other Chamber members.



Thank you to the sponsor of the May Newsletter, WBD, Inc. We appreciate your support of this important communication piece.

### **Member Anniversaries!**



### **McDonald Insurance Agency Celebrates 10 Years**

April 4th. 2024, marks 10 Years in business for Branden and Beth McDonald as an Independent Insurance Agency in Hudson, While McDonald Insurance Agency marks a great milestone, their history in Hudson goes back to 1978 as a family business. Steve McDonald moved his family to Hudson and started his own Agency, which he ran until his retirement in 2014 - the very next day, Branden and Beth opened McDonald Insurance Agency, which features over 20 Insurance Carriers providing Home, Auto, Business, Life Insurance, and much more. The McDonald Insurance Agency team would like to thank the Hudson Community, which they have enjoyed serving over the past 10 years and very much look forward to the next 10! McDonald Agency's office is conveniently located at 1810 Crest View Drive (715-386-9494), stop by, call, or email any time.



to celebrate 15 years of serving the citizens of Hudson, St. Croix County and the surrounding areas this April. Attorneys Drew Nelson and Autumn Lindquist

The law office of Nelson

& Lindquist, S.C. is proud

partnered up and formed N&L in April, 2009 with a commitment to making attorneys approachable, and providing honest

opinions and a new way to practice. With those watchwords in mind, Nelson & Lindquist has grown to better serve their clients in multiple legal areas, including criminal defense, civil litigation, family law, municipal law, real estate, and estate planning. While they are committed to exceptional service to their clients, they have had a lot of fun along the way, hosting the annual Trick or Treat on Locust Street, multiple bar association events, or sponsoring little league or kickball teams. Cheers to the next 15 years and beyond!

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### Hudson Chamber Lucky Clover Contest

Throughout the month of March, the Hudson Chamber hosted its annual **Lucky Clover Contest** in an effort to generate more support for local businesses. Based on the number of passport cards that were returned to the Chamber Office, a minimum of \$9,750 was spent locally and kept within the community. Thank you to everyone who shopped local to make this contest such a success, and thank you to all of our participating businesses.

**Congratulations to our prize winners:** Danielle, Jeanette, Jill, Marina, and Sarah!

### Thank you to the following businesses who participated and/or donated items for the prize drawings:

21 Nails | 4 North Beauty Collective | Abigail Page Antique Mall | ABOUT HOUSE | a'la Mode salonspa | Angel's Pet World | Art Doyle's Spokes & Pedals | BackRoom Vintage | Barker's Bar & Grill | Bee Healthy Chiropractic | Beloved Makers and Company | Bennett's Chop & Railhouse -Hudson | Black Rooster Bistro | Casanova Liquors | CBD Hudson | Chapter2Books | Dick's Bar and Grill | Droplets of Wellness, LLC | Dunn Brothers Coffee | Eagle Eye Farm | Ember and Bean Roasting Co. | et cetera | First State Bank and Trust | Fresh and Natural Foods-owned by Hudson Grocery Cooperative | Grand Fête | Hop & Barrel Brewing Company, LLC | Hudson Flower Shop | Knoke's Chocolates & Nuts | kudos | La Rue Marché | Lucky Guys Distillery | Lucky's Wine & More | MidWestOne Bank | Pedro's Pizza Lounge | Post - American Eatery | ProteinHouse | RJ's Meats & Groceries | Rose & Lavender | San Pedro Café | SEASONS Gallery | St. Croix Baking Company | Striker Brands, LLC | The 715 | The Bees Knees | The Purple Tree | The SubHouse | Urban Olive & Vine

### Thank you to our event sponsors:







On April 18, Hudson residents became tourists in their own backyard and explored local activities, offers, and specials while supporting Hudson businesses through our spring **Small Business Crawl** event. To wrap up the day, Black Rooster Bistro held an after-party with live music where grand prize winners were announced. 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 | Awakened Soul - Gifts and Guidance for the Heart | BackRoom Vintage | Barker's Bar & Grill | Beloved Makers and Company | Bennett's Chop & Railhouse - Hudson | Black Rooster Bistro | Blooms for Happiness | Bricks Neapolitan Pizza | Chapter2Books | Cream of the Crop Artists Gallery | Droplets of Wellness | et cetera | Grand Fête | Hudson Flower Shop | Knoke's Chocolates & Nuts | La Rue Marché | Pedro's Pizza Lounge | Post - American Eatery | Rose & Lavender | St. Croix Baking Company | San Pedro Café | Striker Brands, LLC | Ted Blank Luxury Travel & Adventure | The 715 | The Bees Knees | The Jewelers Bench | The Purple Tree | Urban Olive & Vine | Vintage Vouge Cottage

Additionally, a special thank you to Angel's Pet World, Bennett's Chop and Railhouse - Hudson, Black Rooster Bistro, Chapter2Books, et cetera, Post - American Eatery, Rose & Lavender, SEASONS Gallery, The 715, and The Bees Knees for providing **grand prize items**!

Thank you to Black Rooster Bistro for serving as the **venue sponsor for our after-party**.



Val from The Bees Knees and Cory from Bennett's Chop & Railhouse -Hudson with the winner of their grand prize basket.



Get \$5 drinks from 2 to 5 p.m. every day and all day Sunday.





### NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK

National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) highlights travel's essential role in driving economic growth, cultivating vibrant communities, and forging strong connections. This annual celebration will occur from May 19 to 25 this year.

Tourism encompasses nature-based activities, dining & drinking, shopping experiences, unique tours, and more. That's why our motto is: Whatever your scene, discover it in Hudson.

We want to thank all of you who open your doors to the public and our lodging properties. Without you, regional and national-level tourism to our community would not be possible.

So far this year, we have sent over 650 packets across the country, including states such as California, Texas, Florida, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. We look forward to continuing to champion the Hudson Area as a tourist destination!

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RIVER FALLS, WI



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Simply Connect PM event on Tuesday, April 23! It was a great evening full of fun. fellowship, and food. Thank you to **MidWestOne Bank** for sponsoring this event and making it possible. Thank you to the Milwaukee Burger Company for hosting and providing delicious appetizers, including their specialty cheese curds.



MidWestOne Bank had an awesome team at the event to connect with attendees.



Attendees had the opportunity to network and connect with a variety of fellow Chamber members.



### Sponsor to Support Local Art

The Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, in partnership with The Phipps Center for the Arts, invites you to be inspired!

The Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival draws more than 7,000 annual visitors to experience a variety of creative talent featuring 80 juried artists showing their best. Acoustic musicians will add to the atmosphere of fine art and fall flavors. A variety of live performers, food vendors, and hands-on activities enhance the creative experience.

Support local and regional artists, musicians, and performers by sponsoring this event. As an added bonus, you'll get your name in front of thousands of event-goers through digital and physical promotion. Platinum and Gold sponsors receive the additional opportunity to have a booth at the event!

Sponsorship levels for this event include: Platinum: \$2,500 | Gold: \$1,000 | Silver: \$400 | Bronze: \$200

### 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 info, contact the Chamber at 715-386-8411 or email info@HudsonWl.org.

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Saturday, September 28 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, September 29 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lakefront Park, Downtown Hudson For more information, click here.

Photo Credit: The Phipps Center for the Arts

### Save the Date!



Join us for our monthly networking meeting in May as we continue to connect and build relationships with other business community members! Presenting at this meeting will be Dr. Amy Hamlin and Randi Beltz-Maroney with Bee Healthy Chiropractic. Please park in the locations that are not marked for bank parking.

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Location: Citizens State Bank | 375 Stageline Road, Hudson To register, click here.



# SHRED DAY **Hudson Office** Tuesday, May 21









### Nacho Season is Back!

Do you consider yourself a nacho aficionado? Do you have foodie friends that are always up for a challenge? Then you are ready for Nacho Batalla, Hudson's Battle of the Nachos!

Visit some of Hudson's tastiest food stops that have officially entered the battle between April 26 and May 5 to crunch, consider, and cast your vote. Our restaurants are known for their exceptional flavors and creativity, so this event is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. See the list online and start planning your Nacho journey. Ballots will be tallied the week of May 6 and announced by May 13!

### Thank you to our event sponsor:



### **Ribbon Cuttings**



**Dipsy Ice Cream Shoppe** - 115 Commercial Street, Hudson. Dipsy Ice Cream Shoppe is conveniently located right by Lakefront Park and offers homemade waffle cones, shaved ice, and a wide variety of Bridgeman's Ice Cream flavors. Congratulations and welcome to the Chamber!



Want to Hear from us More?

<u>Subscribe to our Week Ahead emails</u> to receive weekly reminders about upcoming Chamber Events.



**Ted Blank Luxury Travel & Adventure** – 206 Locust Street, Hudson. Ted Blank specializes in privately guided, tailormade vacations and luxury cruises with highly personalized service and expert recommendations during the planning process. Congratulations on your new office location in downtown Hudson!



**The Jewelers Bench** – 216 Locust Street, Hudson. The Jewelers Bench offers a wide range of artisan jewelry with high quality, ethically sourced gemstones. Congratulations on opening your store, Kristen!



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<u>Vintage Vogue Cottage</u> – 412 2nd Street, Hudson. Vintage Vogue Cottage offers repurposed and new décor to enhance the everyday spaces that surround you. Welcome back to the Downtown Hudson community, Jule!

### **Ambassador Visits**



<u>Comfort Suites Hudson</u> - 2620 Center Drive, Hudson. The Ambassadors visited Comfort Suites Hudson. Recently remodeled, Comfort Suites features superb service and amenities.



<u>**Crumbl Cookies Hudson**</u> - 1020 Pearson Drive, Hudson. The Ambassadors visited Crumbl Cookies Hudson. Crumbl specializes in a weekly rotating menu of 6 delicious gourmet-flavor cookies. Through the summer, they will be offering mini versions of their cookies on Mondays. Stop in or drive through!



**Dunn Brothers Coffee** - 2521 Hanley Road #100, Hudson. The Ambassadors visited Dunn Brothers Coffee! Dunn Brothers roast their coffee beans daily in small batches instore. Also offering a variety of beverages and food, stop in for your next meal, or drive through for a quick snack.

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### Hudson Area Chamber Member Benefit

### **Join Committees & Build Connections**

Looking to build your network and meet fellow Chamber members? Join the Ambassador Committee! Our Ambassadors support member attraction and retention through new member visits, member retention calls, Ribbon Cutting participation, and greeting guests at Chamber events. With events and meetings available every month, there are plenty of opportunities for Ambassadors to connect within the committee and beyond to the broader membership.

Interested in joining? Email <u>Anna@HudsonWI.org</u> or call 715-386-8411 for more information.



## Hudson Area Chamber Sustainability Corner

### May 20th is World Bee Day!

Support local bees and other important pollinators by practicing sustainable yard management practices. Utilize native plants, reduce pesticide usage, and mow sparingly to create a more pollinator-friendly environment. Learn more at the University of Minnesota's <u>Bee</u> Lab.



### **Sneak Peak!**

It might only be May, but the Holiday season is right around the corner! We're getting ready to deck the halls with the 38th annual Hudson Christmas Tour of

Homes. And we'll have a jolly good time at our Have a Hudson Holiday events. Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Email <u>MaryClaire@HudsonWI.org</u> to see how you can get involved! 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.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL BRAND CHAMPION. VAL AUNE WITH THE BES KNEES

Val has been an active member of the Chamber for over 12 years, first with La Rue Marché and then The Bees Knees, which she opened seven years ago. She has supported the community by hosting an

annual fashion show benefiting a variety of local and national organizations. Val and her team are dedicated to celebrating not only the success of women, but the beauty that each one of us possesses through their messages of body positivity and self-care. In 2022, she sold La Ru Marché and continues to be driven by the success of locally owned, independent businesses. Through the years, Val has sponsored many fundraising drives in the Hudson area

In addition, Val actively participates in the Retail/Restaurant Committee and events, including the Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes, Have a Hudson Holiday, Small Business Saturday, and March Lucky Clover, and recently led the Small Business Crawl.

Thank you, Val, for all you do. We look forward to our continued partnership.

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.

### The Sycamore of River Falls & The River

Falls Sunshine Fund have teamed up for Mother's Day! Pick up a Flower Basket Just in time for Mother's Day From the Sycamore of River Falls! Get a Hanging Basket with your in-kind donation to the River Falls Sunshine Fund. (\$15 or more suggested).

The River Falls Sunshine Fund is a student-led, nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to those in our community who are experiencing hardships such as terminal illness, injury, or income loss.

Order by May 3rd. Supplies are limited. Two per household. Baskets provided by Blooms for Happiness and Cedar Hill Greenhouse. Pick up on Friday, May 10th between noon - 3 pm at the Sycamore of River Falls (tours also available) Contact Megan to place your order @ 715-997-3441 or megan.harstad@fairview.org. Learn more here: https://www.rfsunshinefund.org/

The Hudson Home & Garden Club offers "From Farm to Store--The Hudson Grocery Co-op" as the topic of the May 7 meeting at 1 p.m. in the River Room at The Phipps in Hudson. Presenter Brittany Schultz is Produce and Bulk Manager at the Hudson Grocery Cooperative. She will talk about what the co-op offers to Hudson shoppers, as well as uncover the details about how fruits and vegetables are preserved in transit, how produce is cleaned and kept fresh. and more. A special "pop up" meeting, "Garden Biocontrol" is also on the garden club's agenda for 1 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at First Presbyterian Church, 1901 Vine Street, Hudson. Presenter Grace Hasse will cover the kinds of pests that live in gardens, how to monitor them and how to implement biocontrol. Consider joining the Hudson Garden Club at a meetina.

Please RSVP and join the Sycamore of River Falls on May 8 for an evening of wine, appetizers, and conversation on planning for the future in a panel discussion for seniors. They are excited to welcome Terry McKay from REMAX Synergy, Kendra Sievers from Edward Jones, and Jennifer O'Neill from Elder Law to discuss planning for the future with seniors. Wine and appetizers will be available at 5:30 p.m. and the program will start at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Megan at Megan.Harstad@Fairview.org or call 715-997-3441.

Black Rooster Bistro is doing their second Booze and Books event with Chapter2Books on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. Featuring author Jane Austen and a cocktail inspired by her work. Tickets are \$12/person and include the presentation and a specialty cocktail. Books will be available to purchase. The restaurant will be open so come hungry. Tickets are required.

Treat mom to an amazing meal for Mother's Day! Reservations are now open for May 12. Go online or call 715-808-0560. The next 5 course tasting dinner is Icons of Italian Wine on Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. Five iconic Italian wines paired with five courses of amazing food. \$50/person deposit required. Sign up online or call to pay.

**Register to join** a 45-minute Andersen Corporation Employee Retirement Workshop on Thursday, May 9th, at 1:30 or 3:00 PM at the Bayport Public Library in Bayport, MN. These informal Q&A sessions are hosted by Landmark Wealth Management Group. Do you know how your benefits will be taxed and what asset allocation in your 401k is appropriate? Topics will include Andersen Corporation ESOP, 401(k) options, and pension options. A complimentary box lunch from Brine's Market & Deli will be provided. Register before Wednesday, May 8th, at noon. To learn more & register via Eventbrite: <u>Click Here</u>

### Mother's Day Crumbl Cookie Orders! What

better way to celebrate our moms and women in our families for Mother's Day than with Crumbl Cookies? Crumbl is currently accepting catering orders for small or large cookies, and they will be ready when you are! Feel free to come into the store or use the drive-through. Fundraisers are a great way to make money for your organization - give a call to set one up! Frenchy, Connie, and Rory, along with the staff, thank you for your support in their first year of business in Hudson.



CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED APRIL STATS! **WEBSITE:** 8.3K Visitors LINKEDIN: 481 Followers CHAMBER FACEBOOK: **REACH:** 13.4K FOLLOWERS: 6.3K **REACH:** 3K FOLLOWERS: 5.3K

Historical Marker - Ribbon Cutting: The Hudson Women's Club has donated funds to replace the historical marker in Lakefront Park. The original marker was installed by the Club in 1932 and was vandalized in the 1970s. The marker represents the Sioux Chippewa battleground (1785) and the fur trading post built in 1792 for the Menominee Indians. The Explorer, Duluth, passed here in 1680 en route from Lake Superior to the Mississippi River. The new marker will be dedicated on Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. in Lakefront Park.

The public is welcome. For more information, contact

hudsonwomensclub@gmail.com.

Join the River Valley Charities annual "Feed the Future" Golf Tournament on July 29th at the prestigious Troy Burne Club. This sell-out event raises vital funds to support their vision: a community where everyone has a safe and secure place to call home, access to guality nutrition, and the chance to build a brighter future. Enjoy a competitive round of golf, networking with local leaders and businesses, lunch, dinner, prizes, complimentary beer, and much more - all while making a difference for local families. Sponsorship opportunities are available! Learn more and secure your spot today at www.birdease.com/feedthefuture.







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**DISCOVER HUDSON FACEBOOK:** REACH: 24.1K FOLLOWERS: 17.8K **DISCOVER HUDSON INSTAGRAM:** 



Comfort Suites Hudson located at 2620 Center Drive has completely renovated their entire space, including the lobby, complimentary hot breakfast area, and all 66 junior suites. They are smoke-free, pet friendly, and have a pool, gym, and laundry room for guests. Each suite features a pullout couch, refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. Comfort Suites has won several awards since their opening in 2012 and recently won the Choice Gold Hospitality Award.

Walmart has been named among Fortune's 100 "Best Companies to Work For<sup>®</sup>!" This is the first time they have made the list and is a testament to their people, and the investments they've made in them. Some investments include career progression opportunities, the Associate to Driver Program, Live Better U, and their commitment to investing \$1 billion in career-driven training and development by 2026. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

### Call 651.633.6883 or visit www.tareendermatology.com

### **May Calendar of Events**

April 26 - May 5: Nacho Batalla

April 28 - May 4: National Small Business Week

- 1 Digital Marketing Seminar, 8:30 a.m., Citizens State Bank, 375 Stageline Road
- 1 Ribbon Cutting Art Doyle's Spokes and Pedals, 1:00 p.m., 607 2nd Street
- 2 Community Affairs, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
- 5 Hudson Community Expo, 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m., Hudson High School, 1501 Vine Street
- 6 Drive for 5 Committee, 9:00 a.m., Zoom
- 6 Leadership Hudson Steering Committee
- 6 Ribbon Cutting Our Backyard Escape by GroundsPro, 1:30 p.m., Chamber office
- 7 Connections & Coffee, 9:00 a.m., Citizens State Bank, 375 Stageline Road
- 8 Retail/Restaurant Committee, 9:00 a.m., Bennett's Chop & Railhouse - Hudson
- 8 Ribbon Cutting Pedro's Pizza Lounge, 3:30 p.m., 212 Walnut Street
- 9 Ribbon Cutting ChiroWay of River Falls, 1:00 p.m., 123 S Main Street, River Falls
- 14 Good Morning Hudson: Local Municipal Government Leaders, 7:30 – 9:00 AM, Christian Community Homes and Services, Inc., 1320 Wisconsin Street
- 15 Welcome to the Hudson Chamber Membership Orientation, 9:00 a.m., Chamber office
- 15 Tourism Committee, 1:30 p.m., Zoom
- 16 Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m., Chamber office
- 16 Ribbon Cutting Hudson Hospital Foundation, 2:00 p.m., 405 Stageline Road
- 18 Ribbon Cutting Hudson Women's Club, 2:00 p.m., Lakefront Park

May 19 - 25: National Tourism Week

- 21 Golf Committee, 9:30 a.m., Zoom
- 23 Non-Profit Roundtable, 8:00 a.m., Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center, 279 South Cove Road, Hudson
- 23 Ambassador Retention Visit, 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Ambassador Committee Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
- 27 Memorial Day Chamber Office Closed



### May 6 - 10 is National School Staff Appreciation Week!

We appreciate everything the Hudson School District, St. Patrick's Catholic School, Trinity Academy of Hudson, and other surrounding schools do to support our local youth. The work you all do today builds a brighter future for tomorrow. Thank you!

### **2024 Board of Directors**

Linda La Kosky Eng - Minuteman Press - Hudson, Chair Leanne Van Allen - University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Past Chair **Deb Pittman** - Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, Chair Elect Maria Machtemes - Citizens State Bank, Treasurer Angel Duratti - Angel's Pet World Mark Hein - Integrity Cleaners, LLC Pamela Klingfus - Christian Community Homes and Services. Inc. Chris Kost - YMCA in Hudson David Ritter - Discovery Financial Centers, Inc Amy Salama - Post - American Eatery Jacob Skramstad - Cardinal Glass Kevin Urbik - Hevwood, Cari & Anderson, S.C. Jennifer Vieth - Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center Blake Willman - Weathersafe Restoration, Inc.

### **Chamber Staff**

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Mary Claire Olson Potter, President Anna Gunderson, Administrative Assistant Tyler Warwick-Mick, Events & Marketing Coordinator

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 2023 Award Winners!

Large Business of the Year - Citizens State Bank Small Business of the Year - SEASONS Gallery Chamber Member of the Year - Pete Keskey, Minuteman Press - Hudson Community Volunteer of the Year - Tricia Christiansen, Christiansen Creative Manufacturer of the Year Award - Hop & Barrel Brewing Company, LLC Marie Blakeman Award - Jacki Bradham, Hudson Hot Air Affair

### **2024 Resources**

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