



Chamber Chat

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December 2025

2025 Chamber Members

- Allete Clean Energy
- Avera Medical Group LB/Tyler
- Bolt's Lake Benton Grocery
- Buffalo Ridge Antique Shop
- Buffalo Ridge State Agency
- Cenex Harvest States (CHS)
- Christensen Broadcasting
- City of Lake Benton
- Country House Restaurant & Catering
- Country Side Nursery & Landscaping
- Development Services Inc (DSI)
- Elkton Electric, Inc.
- First Security Bank
- Hartquist Funeral Home
- Integrated Power Services (IPS)
- Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC)
- Kinner & Company, Ltd.
- Kjergaard Sports
- Lake Benton Economic Development Authority
- Lake Benton Fire Dept.
- Lake Benton First Responders
- Lake Benton Area Foundation
- Lake Benton Area Historical Society
- Lake Benton Lake Assoc.
- Lake Benton Opera House
- Lake Benton Public School
- Lake Benton Realty, Inc.



Holiday Greetings



The Lake Benton Chamber would like wish everyone in the community a safe and happy holiday season.

This past year, our community hosted many wonderful events, including the Sportsman's Club Winter and Summer Fishing Tournaments, their Wild Game Feed, various Opera House productions, Saddle Horse Holiday, Halloween Trick or Treat, Santa Day, the Holiday Lighting Contest, and the holiday business open house events.

The Chamber is excited to announce the return of our "Lights in the Park" holiday display for its second annual event! We will be officially turning on the lights, November 28th at Lakeside Park. 5:30PM . We extend our sincere gratitude to all our local donors for their generous support in making this festive display possible. We hope to see you all-there!

The Chamber appreciates your continued support and welcomes your feedback. Please feel free to contact us via email at lben-ton@itctel.com, by phone at 507-368-9577, or find us on Facebook under "Lake Benton Chamber."

Please remember to shop local whenever possible. By supporting businesses in our area, we help ensure our money stays within the community, which benefits everyone.

2025 Chamber Members

- Lake Benton Resort
- Lake Benton Sportsman's Club
- Lake Benton Storage
- Lake Benton Valley Journal
- Lake Benton Volunteers for Education
- Lil' Shire Farms
- Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corporation
- Lincoln County HRA
- Lincoln County Parks
- Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System
- Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative
- Michelle Weber Studio
- MVTV Wireless Internet
- Mulder Produce & Garden Gate Greenhouse
- Novel T Media
- Ottertail Power Company
- Patrick Haynes Computers
- Rick's Welding Inc.
- Roggenbuck Tree Service
- Shuck Garage Doors
- Southwest Sanitation
- Western Veterinary Clinic
- Wooden Diamond B & B



December 2025 Open House Schedule

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Lake Benton Elem. School Concert 7PM	5 Michelle Weber Studio 4PM - 7PM	6 Lake Benton Library 9AM-12PM Video from 10AM-11AM Lake Benton Chamber 11AM-2PM Opera House Christmas Program 7PM Lake Benton Resort 12PM-3PM
8	9	10 Bolt's Lake Benton Grocery 11AM-2PM	11 Lincoln County HRA 6PM-7PM	12 First Security Bank 10-1PM Valley Journal 11AM-4PM	13 Santa Day 9:30AM At the School Gym
15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27
29	30	31	<p>The Lake Benton Chamber of Commerce encourages you to visit our local businesses for your holiday shopping and to enjoy some festive treats.</p> <p>While you're there, be sure to sign up at each participating business for a chance to win a free turkey. Remember, shopping locally helps keep your dollars within our community.</p>		



Upcoming Events

Holiday Open Houses -Starting now until Dec 13 at area businesses (See full Holiday Calendar of Events)

- **November 28** - "Lights in the Park" Chamber holiday display at Lakeside Park (evenings Nov 28—Jan 4)
- **December 4** - Lake Benton Elementary Christmas Program 7:00 pm
- **December 6** - Open House - Lake Benton Chamber & LBAHS - 11 am-2 pm at the Heritage Ctr
- **December 6** - LB Opera House Christmas Show 7:00 pm
- **December 11** - Residential Lighting Contest—Judging at 5:30 pm (see below)
- **December 13** - Santa Claus Day at LB Elementary - 9:30 am (see bel
- **December 20** - Legion Bingo Night at 7 pm at the Legion Post
- **December 25** - Happy Holidays! City offices closed.
- **January 1, 2026** - Happy New Year! City offices closed.
- **January 31, 2026** - Sportsman's Club Ice Fishing Contest

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Friday, Dec 11 at 5:30 pm



**Happy
Holidays!**

Time to decorate for the holidays. The Chamber will once again host a Residential Holiday Lighting Contest. The judging will take place on **Thursday, December 11 at 5:30 pm.** The winners will be announced on Monday, December 15 on Facebook.

Chamber Bucks will be awarded to the winners as follows: 1st place (\$100), 2nd place (\$50) and 3rd place (\$25).

Prizes are sponsored by Ottertail Power Company.

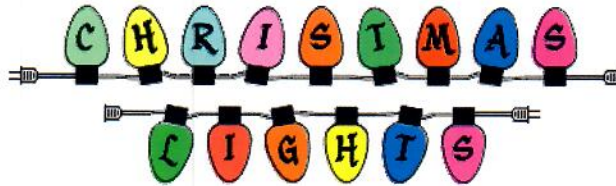
SANTA CLAUS DAY - Saturday, Dec 13 **at 9:30 am**



Get ready kids... Santa Claus will visit Lake Benton on Saturday, Dec 13 at 9:30 am at the Lake Benton Elementary School. The program includes a visit from The Zoo Man, plus each child will select a toy and visit with Santa.

Donations of new toys or cash donations are accepted at the Chamber office.

Thank you for your support!



The Chamber Holiday Display **"Lights in the Park"**

Nov 28 thru Jan 4 at Lakeside Park

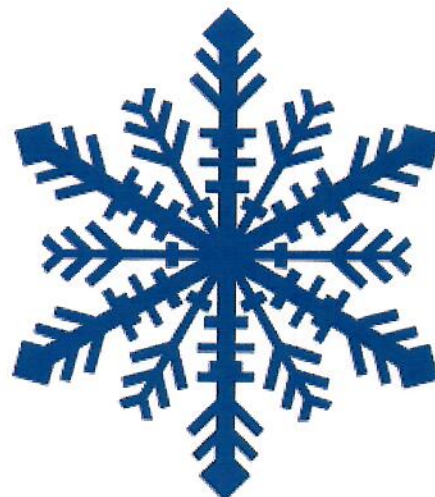
Drive by to see the colorful, holiday light display at the Lakeside Park. The display will be lit up on Friday November 28, to kick off the holiday season.

The Chamber has been working with the community for the past three years to fund this display, and we are pleased to "light it up" again for the 2025 holiday season.

HOLIDAY DISPLAY DONORS

LAKE BENTON VALLEY JOURNAL
LAKE BENTON WATERFRONT RESORT
LAKE BENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
LAKE BENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LAKE BENTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOLT'S LAKE BENTON GROCERY
VOLUNTEERS FOR EDUCATION
LAKE BENTON OPERA HOUSE
COMMUNITY CHEST DONORS
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Thank you to all our donors and supporters. This was a Community effort and we appreciate your support.



Great holiday gift ideas
at the Heritage Center
in Lake Benton!



Lake Benton Chamber
Red Wing Pottery

Commemorative pieces from 2004 - 2019

The Red Wing Pottery Co. is no longer in business. Stop by the Heritage Center and get your one of a kind pieces today.

Lake Benton Area Historical Society

Brass Sun Catchers / Ornaments

9 different designs on sale at the Heritage Center

Reduced to \$12 each or 2 for \$20

Brass ornament stands available for \$5.00 each



Many sizes and colors in stock.

Stop in and shop.

Makes a great gift!

Lake Benton Chamber
Lake Benton Shirts on sale
for Adults and Youth





Lake Benton Diner's Club

The Lake Benton Diner's Club offers nutritious meals delivered to local seniors.

The cost is \$7 / meal (for ages 60 and over).

Meals delivered within the Lake Benton city limits.

***Meals on Wheels delivered Monday-Friday
cost \$7 / meal - by reservation***

To reserve a meal, call the Diners Club program coordinator
Jan Basant at (507)-368-9564

Please call by Monday at 10 am, two weeks in advance
and leave a message.

Need a gift idea for a friend or family member?

Purchase a 10-meal ticket for \$70

Happy Holidays from the Diners Club!



**During this holiday season,
please help support your local Food Shelf.**

The Lake Benton Food Shelf serves the community by providing access to healthy food options for our clients. Open to the public every Wednesday from 3-5 pm or call for an appointment. (Call 507-368-3663 (**Food**) and leave a message.)

Demand has increased due to the high cost of groceries. But our funds are running low. This program would not be possible without help from people like you. Please consider volunteering or making a donation to our local food shelf. Contact us at: 507-368-3663.



Lake Benton Food Shelf 106 S. Center Street

Lake Benton, MN 56149 or call 507-368-FOOD (3663)

All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!



Lake Benton Public Library

Our Holiday Open House will be Saturday Dec. 6th from 9:00 – 12:00. Please come explore our public library and enjoy refreshments. We will also have an episode playing from the Hennepin County Library entitled Talk of the Stacks “The Ultimate Minnesota Cookie Book”.

The library will be participating in the Plum Creek Winter Reading Program starting the 1st day of winter (December 21st, 2025) and ending on the 1st day of spring (March 20th, 2026). The theme this year is “Libraries Spark Your Imagination”. Patrons will read 12 books over 12 weeks with lots of incentives and prizes along their journey. You can enroll by logging into your account or stop by the library and have one of our directors help you.