



Save the Date

March 5

After-Hours at Tapped Bar & Grill/Princeton Lanes
4:00-6:30 pm

March 10:

Chamber Lunch & Learn
Mental Health in the Workplace - Marc Van Herr
11:45 am - 1:00 pm
K-Bob Cafe

March 13:

Expo Registrations DUE!

March 19:

PACC Networking - Because Chamber Works at ACT-Princeton at the Public Works Building
7:45 am - 9:05 am

March 26:

Nonprofit Networking
9-10 am
Chamber Office

Next BIG Event:

Business & Community Expo April 4:

Princeton High School
9 am - 1 pm
Register by March 13 at www.princetonmnchamber.org

Chamber Cheer!

If you are following the Chamber on Facebook, then you have seen all the Chamber Cheer being spread throughout our chamber community. Each business who receives this surprise, then passes it onto a business of their choice to show their appreciation for that business. A lot of cheer is being spread! Who will be next? Below from L to R: The PACC gives the first Chamber Cheer to **First National Bank of Milaca. ABRA Auto Body & Glass** surprises **State Farm Insurance - Curt VanOort. State Farm Insurance - Curt VanOort** pays it forward to **American Family Insurance - Logan Sargent. First National Bank of Milaca** delivers cheer to **Glenn Metalcraft. Glenn Metalcraft** spreads cheer to **Kwik Trip!**





Odyssey Lane Clothing Boutique Coming to Princeton!

The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome **Odyssey Lane Clothing Boutique** to the Princeton Community and to the Chamber of Commerce.

Alichia Olson, owner of the store said she is excited have a storefront in Princeton. The store is a modern, all sizes, women's clothing boutique where the motto is "Love What You Wear!" She said they strive to bring the most comfortable, flattering and on-trend fashion out there for all seasons. "We appreciate you shopping local with us and giving us the opportunity to give back to the Princeton community," said Alichia.

All are invited to the Grand Opening of **Odyssey Lane**, April 2-4, 10 am - 6 pm and April 5, 10 am - 2 pm.

The Chamber will be doing a ribbon cutting on April 2 at 9:30 to celebrate the opening (501 1st Street). All are welcome and encouraged to attend to welcome them to Princeton!

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

PACC Board Member Victoria Hallin is in her first term as a board member for the PACC. Vikki started volunteering for Chamber events long before she became a regular luncheon guest in 2003 as a liaison for the **City of Princeton**.

In 2011, she began representing **Family Pathways** and is now attending and serving on the board

as a representative of the **Civic Betterment Club**. She said she believes the work and cohesive partnerships the Chamber has created over the years has been a major asset to this community's business and industry. Vicki has always been an active volunteer in the community and has a passion for her work and the community, working with many organizations, including the Mille Lacs County Historical Society. It was there where she realized she wanted to raise her children here in Princeton. She also spent 14 years serving on the City Council. She said, "I could not have been more blessed in my life to land in such a great community to raise a family and invest my time and energy."



Networking

Thank you to **Premier Real Estate Services** for hosting our February networking group. We learned a great deal about the housing market and what is happening here in Princeton and the surrounding

area. FYI: It's a great market! We only have two more open hosting spots remaining in 2020 - November and December. Let us know if you'd like one!

We also hosted our first **Nonprofit Networking** group in February. We talked about ways we can promote nonprofits in the community and the needs each one has.



AM Networking Dates

- 3/19: ACT on Alzheimer's (Public Safety Building)
- 4/16: ABRA Auto Body & Glass
- 5/21: Crystal Cabinet Works (Training Center)
- 6/18: City of Princeton
- 7/16: Edward Jones (loc. TBD)
- 8/20: Zimmerman Physical Therapy
- 9/17: First Bank & Trust
- 10/15: SendOut Cards (Civic Center)

After Hours Dates

- 4/2: TBD
- 5/7: Pizza Barn

Nonprofit Networking

- 3/26: Chamber Office

Thank you to our 2020 Chamber Sponsors:

- Sterling Pointe Senior Living
- Minuteman Press
- Marv's True Value
- First National Bank of Milaca
- First Bank & Trust
- Crystal Cabinet Works
- Bremer Bank
- ABRA Auto Body & Glass

March Lunch & Learn - Mental Health in the Workplace

We hope you'll join us for the next Lunch & Learn on March 10 at **K-Bob Cafe** where we'll hear from the Executive Director of The Beautiful Mind Project. He will give an overview on the organization and a presentation on mental health in the work place. Mark blends his personal experiences with the mental health system with an outside-the-box innovative approach to the way we treat mental health - both from a cultural and a clinical perspective.

He received the 2019 Changemaker award and was recently chosen as one of seven fellows statewide with the Initiative Foundation for his Urgent Care for Mental Health program. We



are sure you will find his personal story very compelling. You won't want to miss it!

Business & Community Expo Coming Soon!

It's time to get registered for the PACC Business & Community Expo. The Expo will take place on **Saturday, April 4 from 9 am - 1 pm** at the **Princeton High School**. **Registrations are due March 13!**

There are three easy ways to get registered:

1. Register and pay online (fees apply)
2. Complete an online form to be invoiced
3. Download and print a form and mail in payment

All three options are available via the PACC website at www.princetonmnchamber.org. Just click on the Expo from the home page.

Are you interested in sponsoring the event? We are looking for two sponsors - 1 to sponsor a \$100 prize and one \$150 sponsor for an inflatable. Please contact the Chamber at pacc@princetonmnchamber.org if you are interested in sponsoring. We can't do it without you!

Welcome New Members!



During our February Lunch & Learn, we welcomed more new members to our Chamber. Welcome to: **Goenner Consulting, Act Princeton, Lakeview Business Solutions and DK Designs and Graphics.** We are so excited to have you as members of our Chamber!

Bond Referendum

A message from Supt Ben Barton:

Princeton Public Schools Mission is to be an innovative leader in instruction developing in every learner the ability to succeed in an ever-changing world. To accomplish our mission we have evaluated the state of our facilities and the impact they make on the education of our students. The district then formed various committees to establish building criteria and opportunities for improvements, and most recently the Options Committee presented a final recommendation to the school board and the community.



Our ISD 477 School Board of Education voted unanimously at the February 18th meeting to move forward with the recommendations from the community facility Options Committee. The board adopted a resolution to hold a bond referendum on May 12, 2020 for district residents to vote on a \$49.5 million dollar project to address specified facility needs at Princeton High School, Princeton Intermediate School, and Princeton Student Services building. The scope of the proposed project does not include any design features. If the bond were to pass, we would have an extensive process which would include stakeholders to help provide input on design and layout.

Some of the issues at the high school that would be addressed with the referendum include: secure entry, right-sized classrooms & labs, modernized IT shop areas, address circulation spaces, media & commons, expanded activities areas, expanded kitchen, and improved spectator access and amenities. Some of the issues at the intermediate school that would be addressed with the referendum include: special education renovations, upgrade and expand specialist areas, expand cafeteria and build new kitchen, and improve existing gym. Some of the issues at the student services building that would be addressed with the referendum include: renovations to allow improvements in cafeteria and classroom space.

We would like to thank the long range planning committee members for their dedication to this project! More information about the bond referendum is coming soon to our website at [www.isd477.org / referendum](http://www.isd477.org/referendum). The bond referendum election will take place on May 12, 2020.