



Chamber Connection

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Thank You to Niagara Telephone for Sponsoring this Newsletter Issue

Niagara Telephone Company recently announced the availability of their new TV service offering. According to Al Mahnke, CEO, "We are committed to providing Florence with all of the TV, High-Speed Internet and Phone Service usually only available in metropolitan areas. In the near future we will also be providing wireless services as well. This will provide customers one source for all of their communications and entertainment needs. We are confident that these great offerings combined with our friendly, knowledgeable, local customer service will make us the provider of choice in all of our markets." Niagara Telephone can be reached at 715.528.3344 or on the Internet at www.borderlandnet.net

Florence Fall Festival

The Chamber and Florence Volunteer Firemen are hosting a new Fall Festival on Saturday, October 2nd at the Encore on Central Ballroom. The well known band Next Myle will fire up the crowd from 9pm-Midnight with a \$5.00 cover charge. Cash pay out raffle tickets to help support Chamber projects are currently on sale for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 at the following businesses: Tideman House Antiques, Knepper's Service, Camping in the Clouds, Florence Power Equipment, Black Bear, Mama Bear Soaps, Filling Station, Steamin Joes Coffeehouse, State Bank of Florence, and Spread Eagle Golf Course. Raffle drawing at 9pm.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

Meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month as follows:

August 24:	Maxsell's
September 28:	Interpretive Center
October 26:	Leff's Sports Bar & Grill
November 23:	Interpretive Center
December 14:	Keyes Lake Trading Post

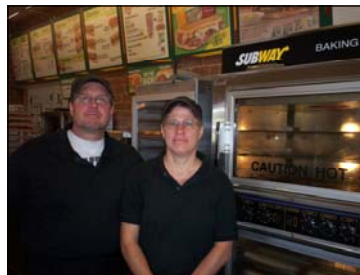
Aurora Flag Project

Chamber member Shelly Tripp led a project to purchase and install 27 flags in Aurora from Stephenson Marketing Co-op to the Menominee River bridge. The Chamber hopes to reach out to towns across the County with its mission "to promote Florence County and its businesses in order to create an environment beneficial to the growth and prosperity of the entire community." Many town residents appreciated this patriotic project that gives the Town of Aurora main street a very

unified look. The flags will fly from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Chamber would like to thank the following folks who donated time on this project: Russ Johnson of the Town of Aurora, Rod Miller and Brent Larson of WE Energies, Chuck Hoogland, Mark Peters and Francis Miller of the American Legion Post 211 who is the caretaker of the Aurora flags. A special thank you to Paul Jensen for being the Florence "Keeper of the Flags".

Subway: Eat Fresh in Florence



It was February 2003 when Subway opened its doors in the Town of Florence. Dwaine and Ann Drewa brought it here because they were interested in a food service business. They decided on Subway because it bases itself on the "Fresh and Healthy" theme. Delicious sandwiches made with daily baked-in-store bread and fresh everything else on it! Subway agreed it was the right location, making Florence the smallest community in the United States that Subway has its well known logo banner "flying".

Originally from South Milwaukee, twenty two years ago, with a young family in tow, Ann and Dwaine decided this "neck of the woods" was

the ideal place to live and raise their family. After establishing the Florence Subway, where six to seven people are employed, Dwaine and Ann opened another Subway shop in Crystal Falls, Michigan in 2005. In 2006 they added the Iron River, Michigan Subway store. Along came 2009 and they decided to sell those two other locations in order to concentrate on the Florence store and have more time for "the important things in life". Over the years they have demonstrated their belief in Florence with the highly appreciated contributions of their time and efforts to youth oriented, charitable and community organizations.

The next time you need to satisfy that "running on empty", hungry feeling stop in the Subway at 1000 Central Avenue. That's at the intersection of Highways 2/141 and 70/101, downtown Florence. It's open seven days a week! Monday through Friday: 7am-9pm, Saturday: 8am-9pm and Sunday: 9am-8pm.

2010 Chamber Members

Please support and thank the following businesses who provide products, services, jobs, taxes, donations and volunteer time in our community.

Studies show that \$100 spent at big box retailers, like the big chains in Iron Mountain, generates \$14 in local spending, while \$86 goes to their corporate headquarters in Arkansas etc.

That same \$100 spent at our local businesses generates \$45 in local spending to other businesses, utilities, and local charitable organizations.

We all win by shopping locally!

- 701 Investments
- Accounting Solutions
- Acorn Cottage, The
- Allied Insurance Centers, Inc
- Aurora, Town Of
- Barb's Café
- Brouillette & Brouillette Law Office
- Camping In the Clouds
- Chamfered Centre LLC
- Chainey House Bakery
- Champion, Inc
- Clean Kill Pest Control
- Cochrane, Ned
- Coraggio, Paula & Pat
- Country Charm Log Homes
- DeCleene Custom Cabinets
- Dickinson Area Partnership
- Dorzok Realty
- Dzekute, Gloria
- El Capitan Supper Club
- Family Center of Florence Co
- Fern, Town Of
- Filling Station, The
- First National Bank of Niagara
- Florence Auto Parts
- Florence Co Abstract
- Florence Co Agricultural Society
- Florence Chiropractic
- Florence Co Economic Development
- Florence Co Historical Society
- Florence Co Lakes & Rivers Association
- Florence Co UW-Extension
- Florence Mining News
- Florence Motor Sales
- Florence Power Equipment
- Florence Roofing & Siding
- Florence, School District of
- Florence, Town of
- Florence Utilities

- Franklin Trophies & Awards (Darts, etc)
- G & G Forest Products, Inc
- G & G Lumber Inc
- Gardner, Don
- Gehlhoff, Judy
- Golden Living Center-Florence
- Golden Tamarack Acupuncture LLC
- Herzog-Dyer Excavating & Sanitation
- The Royal Flush
- Hoogland's Woodshop LLC
- Huth's Bull Camp, LLC
- Huth's Fence Post, Inc
- Immaculate Conception Congregation
- Jacobs-Lundholm Funeral Homes
- Jayco Construction Inc
- Johnson, Russ
- Kelley's Corner Market
- Keyes Lake Campground & Mini Golf
- Keyes Lake Trading Post
- Koffman Telecom Inc
- Knepper's Service
- Kurtz Diesel
- LaChappelle Insurance Services, Inc
- Leff's Inc
- Loomis, Jennifer
- Lundy, Paul C - Builder, Inc
- Mama Bear Soaps
- Moroni Heating & Air Conditioning
- Niagara Telephone
- Nine Lakes Sport & Marine
- Northern Component Solutions LLC
- Northern Lights Wind & Sun
- Northern MI Bank & Trust
- NWTC - Niagara
- Picture This by Renee
- Pride Sports
- RC Remodeling & Construction
- Results Broadcasting - Iron Mountain
- Saloon No 2
- Seibold Law Firm LLC
- Smilin' Moon Workshop/Elfin Graphics
- Southworth, Phil
- Spread Eagle Garden Center
- Spread Eagle Property Management
- St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- State Bank of Florence
- Steamin' Joe Coffee House LLC
- Stephenson Marketing Co-Op
- Subway of Florence
- TTR Inc
- Us Printers
- Vision Source-Florence
- Wild Rivers Adventure Company
- Wild Rivers Interpretive Center
- Wild Rivers Realty & Assoc
- Witynski & Sons Hardware

Sell Your Products at New Event

The Chamber is hosting a new "Christmas in Florence" event on Saturday, December 4th.

If you are a distributor for a home-based business such as Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, Party Lite, Longaberger etc, or if you make your own arts and crafts products for sale then please consider signing up to be a vendor at the Community Center for \$20 per table. Call Chris at 715-528-5477 for details.

Other activities scheduled for the afternoon include Santa pictures, wagon rides, kids craft projects with Mrs. Claus and the elves, best decorated business contest, caroling by our local churches and music groups, snowman building contest, and home-made chili and drinks.

The evening will end at 6:00 pm with the official "Lighting of the Trees" in the park in front of the Community Center.



Jayco Construction and Ryan Chiamulera Remodeling & Construction held an open house and ribbon cutting to celebrate their new partnership for turn key projects. Pictured L to R are Chris Knepper - Chamber Secretary, Rikki-Ann Chiamulera, Ryan Chiamulera, Jayson Walther, Connie Walther & Russ Tripp - Chamber Pres.

Florence County Economic Development Commission

Lower level courthouse 715-528-3294
 Mon-Thurs 9:30am-4:00pm 715-528-5071 fax

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