

OCTOBER  
2011

**LUNCHEON  
DATES**

- October 12  
11:45 am  
Queen Bee
- November 9  
11:45 am  
Queen Bee
- December 14  
11:45 am  
Queen Bee

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**Doris Day Hosted in Paynesville**



The Doris Club had 60 participants that enjoyed the Paynesville Historical Society and many of the other businesses in Paynesville on September 16th.

**Voss Plumbing Celebrated 50 Years in Business**



Voss Plumbing celebrated 50 years in business with an open house held on September 29th. Becky Thompson was the grand prize winner. Pictured with Becky is Tess Thielen of Voss Plumbing

**Paynesville's Total Entertainment Center**

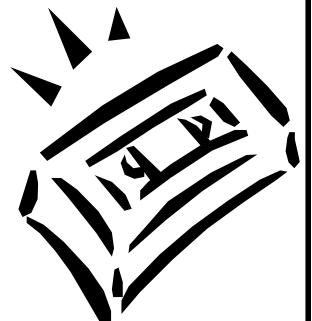


**Tuxedo Rentals**

Paynesville's Total Entertainment Center has added tuxedo rentals to their business. They are set up and ready to go so pass the word.

**1st Annual National Video Store Day is October 15th.**

Paynesville's Total Entertainment Center will be having a variety of specials, drawings for prizes, and free popcorn. Watch for details in the Paynesville Press.



**Paynesville Area  
Chamber of  
Commerce  
Office located at  
115 Augusta Ave.**

**Office hours are  
Tuesday 9-1  
Wednesday 9-1**

### **2010 Chamber Officers**

*President: Carrie Rolfhus*

*Vice President: Holly Roush*

*Past President: Doris Wendlandt*

### **Board of Directors:**

*Josh Andersen*

*Diane Fortney*

*Jennifer Albrecht*

*Nick Bielfelt*

*Aaron Kranz*

*Todd Guennigsmann*

*Mike McArthur*

## **Message from the Chamber President**

Greetings Chamber Members,

The Paynesville Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Linda Musel, the administrative assistant, for her years of service and dedication to the chamber, area businesses, and for the city of Paynesville and its people. We wish you well with your retirement.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome Betty Orbeck, our new administrative assistant. You'll still see Betty behind the counter at the Paynesville Press as well.

The chamber's office hours will remain the same—Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Your Chamber President  
Carrie R. Rolfhus

### **Chamber of Commerce Definition**

Any of various voluntary organizations of business firms, public officials, professional people, and public-spirited citizens whose primary interest is in publicizing, promoting, and developing commercial and industrial opportunities in their local area, and usually also community schools, streets, housing, and public works.

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New members are always welcome. If you or you know of someone who'd like to be a member please contact the chamber office or one of the chamber officers.

Use our chamber network to promote your special events, recognitions, awards, or new employees your business may have.

The next newsletter deadline is Monday, October 31st. Any information you have for the newsletter can be emailed to [chamber@lakedalelink.net](mailto:chamber@lakedalelink.net).

*"Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential."* - John Maxwell

### **Press wins six NNA awards**

The Paynesville Press won six awards in the Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the National Newspaper Association for 2010, given at the conclusions of the NNA convention in Albuquerque, NM, on Saturday, September 24.

The Press won four second-place awards, one third-place award, and one honorable mention. More than 2,042 entries were submitted to the contest, with 530 being selected as winners.

It was the best showing in the NNA's Better Newspaper Contest in the Press's 124-year history.



## CHAMBER LUNCHEON

October 12th at 11:45 am at Queen Bee's Bar & Grill. Pasta bar along with the regular menu will be available.

**Speaker will be:**

Diane Fortney from Paynesville Area School District speaking on the Farm to School program.

### Account Balances as of 8/31/11

General Account	\$9466.50
Money Market	\$5513.19
Christmas Light Fund	\$7662.71
Chamber Bucks (total of 3 accounts)	\$6069.19
Welcome Neighbor	\$1757.17

## CHAMBER BUCK\$

### DRAWING

Show up for the Luncheon on October 12th, Queen Bee 's Bar & Grill at 11:45 am for a chance to win \$15.00 in Chamber Bucks.

You can also purchase Chamber Bucks as reward or gifts for family, friends or employees.

Email the Chamber office or call 320-243-3233 for more

Information. Chamber Bucks support our local economy!

### Windstream

I coincidentally attended last months Chamber meeting when representatives from Windstream attended the meeting to try and explain what all the problems were concerning long distance calls. Not being aware of the depth of the problems and the long period it had been going on, It was confusing to me that it seemed like Windstream was hearing this for the first time? I made a few points of how they may better position themselves to handle the many concerns that were brought to all of the members in attendance and talked to several members after the meeting. I was even more concerned that this was not the first time Windstream and the representatives had heard these very concerns? I immediately requested a Council agenda item on this very issue. In talking to many of my friends in neighboring local telephone companies, they have not been experiencing the same problems Windstream is? I also sent several e-mails to Windstream encouraging them to resolve this as soon as possible.

I appreciate the many Chamber members who attended the September 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting to once again make their concerns very clear. I believe our Community has gotten Windstream's attention and they are now admitting they have a problem and are sensitive to our response to them. Their video Franchise with this Community and their customer base is certainly in jeopardy if they do not rise to the occasion. I would encourage a united front to make sure we are all on the same page. Many business members are only now realizing a problem they thought was their fault is something much bigger. Let's keep working together to resolve this quickly and effectively for the benefit of all of us. Please keep me informed on what is going on; or not going on, so I can assist in bringing this to a resolution.

Thanks to all who have brought information to my attention and for showing up to assist in a resolution. Never forget there is always power in numbers!

Have a good day!

*Jeff Bertram*



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# Calendar of Events

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events get in touch with a Chamber Board member or contact the chamber office.

- **May 21—October 15**  
**Farmers Market at  
American Legion  
Parking Lot Each  
Saturday**
- **November 20**  
**Holiday Breakfast at  
Queen Bee's**

## **Community Events:**

### October 16

Paynesville American Legion annual breakfast from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the American Legion in Paynesville

*Changes or additions to the calendar can be directed to Betty at the Paynesville Area Chamber Office—  
320.243.3233 or [chamber@lakedalelink.net](mailto:chamber@lakedalelink.net)*