

# Member News



Congratulations and thank you for your service!

"Twenty years from where it all began, Lakes Region EMS is a successful non-profit, critical care ambulance service that provides services in Minnesota and Wisconsin, covering over 1000 square miles. Our five bases of operation include Lindstrom, North Branch, Rush City, St. Croix Falls, and Milltown. We provide over 75 jobs to the area. Lakes Region EMS would like to thank all of our dedicated staff throughout the years, and our wonderful community members and partners, as we look forward to many more years of service." ~ LREMS

**NuCara is selecting one business** for EACH month in the first quarter (three total). We will purchase a \$100 gift card for that business and hold a drawing for chance to win this businesses' gift card.

One drawing in January for one business, one in February for the next business, and the last in March for the final business.

Follow along with us on Social Media or pop in at North Branch County Market to inquire about entry forms!



We are looking to contract with a creative and well-rounded professional that understands all the "ins and outs" of logo / brand / graphic design.

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## Community UPDATES

**School District: NBAPS** is in the process of redesigning the high school experience. Virtual discussions with students and parents were vibrant and focused, and wonderful themes emerged as a result. Superintendent Paul and district leaders will be presenting to the Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Make sure to attend to get informed and hear how you can partner in this exciting work!

**Chisago County HRA-EDA:** Chisago County received the Outstanding Economic Development Effort Award from the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) for the retention and expansion of Fox Valley Metrology in the Stacy Ponds Business Park as well as the expansion of fiber broadband to the park. The effort was accomplished with the partnership from Chisago County, the City of Stacy, the HRA-EDA, MN DEED and of course Fox Valley Metrology.

**City of North Branch:** In spite of the pandemic, North Branch saw a record-breaking year of new development, building expansions and modifications in 2020. As of year-end, the city saw 113 new single-family homes under construction, valued at almost \$20 million. Commercial and residential development, combined, added nearly \$27 million to the community. At least three new developments will be under construction as of spring 2021, with more still in process.

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Grants Available Now Available!

**Minnesota Departments of Employment and Economic Development and Revenue Announce Resources Available through New Small Business Relief Package!** Governor Walz signed the grant into law and is available JANUARY 5th, 2021

Visit <https://mn.gov/deed/> -- and click the developments blog for more info

Businesses that qualify: bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, movie theaters, convention centers

**Chisago County HRA-EDA:** The Chisago County HRA-EDA is administering the State COVID 19 Business and Nonprofit Relief Grants on behalf of the County. The application and guidelines can be found on the HRA-EDA website. [www.chisagocounty.org](http://www.chisagocounty.org)

**The US Small Business Administration (SBA)** invites you to participate in the next round of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

For detailed information on SBA programs for the coronavirus, please visit [www.sba.gov/coronavirus](http://www.sba.gov/coronavirus)



**Are you hiring? Promote your job on the North Branch Area Chamber website Job Posting page. Fill out the form and submit through your Member portal. Contact the Chamber with any questions.**