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**Thief River Falls Chamber Recognizes Manufacturers Week**  
*Luncheon for area manufacturers to be held on October 24*

THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN. – The Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development will recognize Minnesota Manufacturers Week with a luncheon for area manufacturers on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at the Black Cat Sports Bar & Grill in Thief River Falls.

In the first quarter of 2011, Northwest Minnesota manufacturers had 6,917 employees, with an average weekly wage of \$1,008 and total payroll of \$90.7 million. Each manufacturing job in Minnesota supports another 1.3 jobs elsewhere in the economy through supplier purchases and employee spending.

Dr. Chris Kuehl will be the guest speaker at the lunch. From Kansas City, Dr. Kuehl is the chief economist for both the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association and the National Association of Credit Managers, among other positions.

The luncheon is sponsored by Border State Bank, Jobs Inc., Thune Insurance Network, and Unity Bank North.

Area manufacturers received two free tickets. For others the cost is \$12 per person. To RSVP, please contact the Chamber at 218-681-3720, 855-TRF-MINN, or [contact@trfchamber.com](mailto:contact@trfchamber.com).

The Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce was established in 1913 to promote a business climate that enhances economic vitality and improves the quality of life for all citizens. It currently represents over 240 Thief River Falls area businesses and organizations. For more information, visit [www.trfchamber.com](http://www.trfchamber.com).

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