

# TRI-STATE

Manufacturers' Association

## General Meeting

**Tuesday, February 7**

**Fergus Falls, MN**  
Bigwood Event Center

925 Western Avenue

### Schedule of Events:

QCI Network will not be meeting in February.

**4:00 - 5:00 PM** Tour: Falls Baking Co.  
(1217 North Union Avenue)

**5:00 - 5:45 PM** Social Time

**5:45 - 7:15 PM** Dinner and Guest Speaker

### \$15/Person

*TSMA requests remittance for all reservations not cancelled prior to the event.*

**RSVP by Friday, February 3:  
Register by clicking here!**

For more information or questions contact:  
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*(If you need special assistance, please notify LeeAnn by February 1, 2012.)*

## Tour: Falls Baking Co.

[www.fallsbaking.com](http://www.fallsbaking.com)

Scot Erickson has been a baker since November 2000. He attended the San Francisco Baking Institute – one of the highest regarded bread baking schools in the country - and in the last few years he has developed many bread formulas for Falls Baking Company.

Scot and his wife, Traci Kromenaker, opened Falls Baking Company in August 2005 with a goal of selling around 70 loaves of bread a day. Thanks to their great customers from Fergus Falls and the surrounding areas they are selling between 180 and 300 loaves a day!

### Tour Note:

This tour is NOT the Fergus Falls Sara Lee Bakery Group.

## Guest Speaker

### “Local High School Support for Manufacturing Industry”

Presenter: **Inger Wegener**, Lakes Country Service Coop. & Tech. Ed. Teachers from F.F. High School

Most of us are aware that technical education in high schools isn't what it used to be. And yet - Did you know that technical education IS alive and well in many area schools? TSMA's February meeting will feature a presentation by two technical education instructors providing an overview of the programs offered at Fergus Falls High School.

In addition, Inger Wegener, Career and Technical Education Specialist at Lakes Country Service Cooperative, will provide insight regarding current technical education programs throughout the region. Learn about the type of programs offered, technology used in the high school setting today, robotics programs supported in the region, the challenges high schools face regarding these programs, and more. Last but certainly not least, listen to suggestions on how local manufacturers can partner with area high schools to help impact the future supply of workers.

Based in Fergus Falls, Lakes Country Service Cooperative is a membership-based organization providing services to K-12 education, cities, counties and other government and non-profit agencies primarily located in a nine-county region in west central Minnesota. [www.lcsc.org](http://www.lcsc.org).