

BUSINESS TOURS & AFTER HOURS EVENT A SUCCESS

On Tuesday, April 1st, the Pine City Chamber hosted the April Fool's Fun Run and Business After Hours event for Chamber Members and other Pine City Business Owners. The afternoon events began at 2 PM with groups of business owners and managers touring various manufacturing businesses in our community. There were 50 people touring and the participating businesses included: Atscott Manufacturing, Advance Design & Systems, Lake Superior Laundry, Lee's Pro Shop, and MINPACK. Each of the tour groups were able to visit four of the five locations and spent just a half hour learning about the history of the business, employment information and the operation of each facility. One tour participant said, "I've lived in Pine City for a lot of years and had no idea what some of these businesses were manufacturing. The tours were an excellent opportunity to get informed about the Pine City business community."

Following the tours, participants were invited to Wings North Hunting Club for a "Business After Hours" event. Voyageur Bottle Shop hosted a beer and wine tasting event and Tastefully Done Catering by Nelson's provided an excellent selection of appetizers. The Grand Casino Hinckley donated items for raffle drawings and the last Pine City fire ring was raffled off as well. Winners for the evening included: Julie Werner, Pamida for the highest poker hand during the tour; Loren Samulson, Lee's Pro Shop and Mike Anderson, Pine Insurance Agency. The grand prize for the evening was a Trip for 2 to Vegas and the winning business was Scott's Muffler.

The Pine City Chamber would like to thank all of the individuals that participated in the day's events. Over 75 people attended the "Business After Hours" and enjoyed an evening of networking with other business owners and managers in Pine City. Look for more of these "Business After Hours" events in the coming months!

"STRENGTH QUEST" WORKSHOP OFFERED APRIL 30

Mark April 30th on your calendar and plan to attend a FREE 90 minute workshop entitled, "Strength Quest", at Pine Technical College in Room 20. The workshop will begin at 6:44PM and will be facilitated by DeAnna Murphy. DeAnna, a resident of Bemidji, MN, is a "key" presenter for Customized Training at Pine Technical College and returns to Pine City to deliver this professional, dynamic workshop experience. "Strength Quest" addresses High Customer Satisfaction, Outstanding Productivity, Enhanced Individual and Team Effectiveness and so much more.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity! Space is limited to 125 participants and pre-registration is necessary. To register, contact Jane Robbins by phone at (320) 629-5145 or by email at robbinsj@pinetech.edu. Please include your name, address and phone number in your registration information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JUNE 6

The 12th annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Social will be held on Friday, June 6th this year. All chamber members and their employees are welcome to participate in this annual fundraising event. The Golf Tournament Committee, led by Mike Anderson of Pine Insurance Agency, has many new and exciting additions to the line-up of activities for the day. We look forward to the continuing support of area businesses and invite you to sponsor a team or individual to play in the tournament. Each player will receive a lunch during registration, a golfer's guide, 18 holes of golf, a steak or chicken dinner and 1 free non-alcoholic beverage, as well as the chance to win some very nice prizes. Check-in will begin at 11:30 am and a shotgun start will follow at 12:30 pm on Friday, June 6th.

Space is limited and businesses are encouraged to reserve your spot early. Register by April 30th and receive an "Early Bird" discount for your team of 4 for only \$250. Individuals can also register before April 30th for \$65 each. Full payment must be received prior to April 30th to qualify for the discount and to confirm your registration. After May 1st the registration fees will increase to \$275 for a team of 4 and \$70 for an individual.

For more information on the tournament or to register your team, please contact the Chamber office by calling (320) 629-4565 or email at: info@pinecitychamber.com.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER CARD AVAILABLE MAY 1

The spring edition of the Pine City Chamber's Community Fundraiser Card will begin distribution on May 1st. The Pine City Chamber is no longer sponsoring the annual "Super Saver" card but has created a similar program with the "Community Fundraiser Card". Non-profit organizations in Pine City will be responsible for selling the cards from May 1st - May 15th. Each card will sell for \$10 and will be valid through July 31st. The fall edition will then be released on September 1st. If you are interested in purchasing a card, contact the Chamber office for more details.

PARADE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2008 Pine County Fair Parade will take place on Saturday, August 2nd and applications are now available for any business or group wishing to participate. Any group that has participated in the parade in the last 3 years should be receiving their application form by mail this week. If you are interested in receiving your parade application, please contact the Chamber Office by phone at (320) 629-4565 or by email at info@pinecitychamber.com.

The deadline for registration is June 6, 2008, and the date will be strictly enforced, so please do not delay submitting your application. Any entries received after June 6th will be placed at the end of the parade line up if space allows.

The mission of the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote economic development and business in the area.

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APRIL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A membership update was provided. We have 139 paid members as of March 31st. There are approximately 13 businesses that we are still waiting to hear from. Any renewals that remain unpaid will be removed from the Chamber site during the first week of April.

Frank Christopherson reported that the Pine City Planning Commission approved a motion to send the new sign ordinance to the City Council for approval in April.

Jeff Flaherty gave an update on the progress of the Community Fundraiser cards. The next edition is due for release on May 1st. The committee will begin working with the businesses to find 10 Chamber members to participate in this edition. They will also be contacting non-profit groups to discuss the selling of the cards.

Mike Anderson reported on the status of the Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament. The date has been finalized and reserved with the Pine City Country Club. The tournament registration will begin at 11:30 AM on Friday, June 6th. The shotgun start will follow at 12:30 AM. Other events are planned for the afternoon and evening as well.

TJ Musgrove made an addition to the agenda with a 2008 Parade Update. There is \$5714 pledged by various organizations and businesses at this time. This is approximately \$1700 short on the pledge goal for the parade. Parade invitations will be sent next week.

Mayor Jane was in attendance at the meeting and wished to inform the Chamber of two items of interest. The first is that the city is planning for a bond issue to be back on the ballot for the Pine City Fire Hall in November. She also reports that the Library Foundation has identified a location in Pine City for a new library and is currently looking at funding options.

For the complete Board Meeting Minutes, visit our Web site at www.pinecitychamber.com. If you would like to receive a printed copy of our minutes each month, contact the Chamber office for details.

MISS PINE CITY CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2008



L-R: Kristi Stolt, Brietta Clementson



Back Row L-R: Haley Ballis, Jade Fedder, Brittanie Larson. Front Row L-R: Sarah Odendahl, Shelby Effertz, Stephanie Dickey

WELCOME NEWEST MEMBER

As the Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce strives to make a difference in our business community through seminars, fundraisers and support of our area businesses, we must remember to thank all of the chamber members for their continued support. We would like to welcome the J&D Sanitation, owners Doug & Susie Fore, as the newest member of the Pine City Chamber of Commerce.

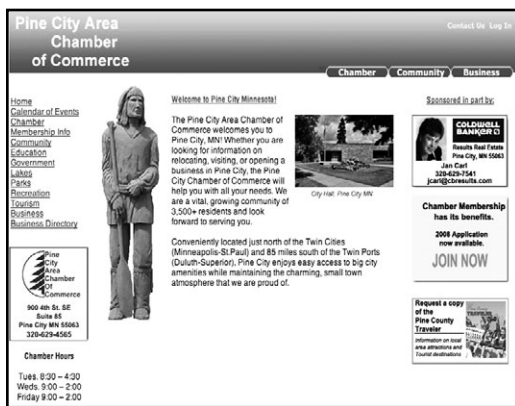
CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE, MAY 10

The annual City-Wide Garage Sale is being held on Saturday, May 10th. The Pine City Pioneer is once again graciously handling all of the reservations for the Garage Sale and creating the map. The registration deadline is April 28th and the cost to participate this year will be \$9.00. Look for the ad information and form in recent issues of the Pine City Pioneer.

Do you have items that you want to put on a garage sale, but think you live too far out of town? The Pine City Pamida store has offered to allow people to use the south end of the store parking lot to set up their rummage sale on May 10th. Pre-register with the Pine City Pamida store by April 28th as well. Those wishing to utilize this option will be responsible for providing their own tables and canopies (if desired).

CHAMBER WEB SITE ADDS NEW FEATURES

Members of the Chamber Board of Directors have been working on ways to make the website more user friendly and increase the visibility of our Chamber Members. A new feature was launched early this year to an already existing program. Members who pay the annual fee to have their company logo added to their individual business listing will also see their logo appearing on the Chamber Home Page on a rotating hit. With every new "click" to the Chamber Home Page, the viewer is greeted with a "Featured Sponsor" logo, randomly accessed from the members who are participating in the program. The cost to participate in this program is a \$100 annual fee that renews each year in the month that your logo is launched. For more details on the program, contact Becky at the Chamber office.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 11, 12, 13, 17 & 18**
Pine City Heritage Players Present: "Quilters"
Pine City Elementary Auditorium. All shows at 7:30 pm except April 13 show at 2 pm.
- Monday, April 14**
Pine City Chamber Parade Committee Meeting in the Chamber Office at 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 15**
Community Education Presents: Dinosaur Night. Pine City Elementary Multi-Purpose Room 6:30-8 pm
- Saturday, April 26**
Family Pathways "Rock-a-Thon" Event
First Presbyterian Church, Pine City. 10 am-3 pm
- Saturday, May 3**
Moonlight Horseback Riding at Changing Gaits
Changing Gaits Ranch, Brook Park
- Tuesday, May 6**
Monthly Chamber Board Meeting
Pine City Community Room at 1 pm
- Saturday, May 10**
City-Wide Garage Sale, Pine City
All Day Event

For more details on any of these events, visit the Chamber Web site at www.pinecitychamber.com for complete description and details of the event.