

GOLF OUTING RAISES \$3,400

On Friday, June 6 the Pine City Chamber hosted the 12th annual Chamber Golf Tournament. Despite the very windy and occasionally wet day, 62 golfers attended the event and enjoyed a great afternoon. The Chamber would like to thank each of the golfing teams that participated this year and congratulate the winners of the tournament:

1st Place – Mac-Clair Mortgage/Rysdam Team with Eric, Jerry, CJ & Dominic

2nd Place – Pizza Pub Team with Rick, Eric, Cailyn & Eric

3rd Place – Greater MN Credit Union Team with Bridgette, Brenda, Mark & Randy.

Through the generous support of area businesses through hole sponsors, team sponsors and raffle prize contributions, the Chamber raised \$3,400. These funds are used as part of the general budget for the Chamber and are used to fund various projects throughout the year.

A special thank you to the Pine City Country Club for the assistance with coordinating the event and their sponsorship of the evening entertainment, "Bjerke Unplugged." The evening was a successful event and we thank Mike Bjerke for showcasing his talents for this Chamber event.

DAIRY DAYS EVENT A CONTINUED SUCCESS

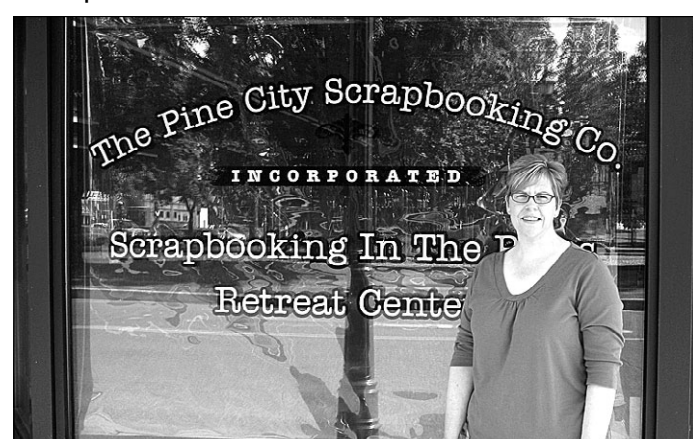
On Friday, June 13 the Chamber directors and Miss Pine City candidates served dinner for the annual Art in the Park Dairy Days Event. The Pine County Dairy Association was also in attendance to give out milk and ice cream to a long line of interested parties. The evening was made possible through the organization efforts of co-chairs Frank Christopherson and Julie Anderson. Special thanks to Federated Propane, Pine City Lions, Ed Sauter, Royce Johnson and the City of Pine City crew and the Pine County Dairy Association. We thank you for the donations you made of your time and energy to make this event so successful. Special thanks to the Wal*Mart Super Center for the donations for evening. This annual event raised \$750. Proceeds go to support various Chamber events including the Citizen of the Year and Annual Meeting.

CHAMBER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Coordinated by Wendy Johnson, the Chamber Ambassadors welcome new businesses with a visit on the second Wednesday of each month. To learn more about the benefits of Chamber membership, please check out our Web site or call our office at (320) 629-4565. We look forward to visiting with you.

Chamber Ambassadors Wendy Johnson, Frank Christopherson, weer accompanied by Mayor Jane Robbins and City Planner Nathan Johnson for the June 25 visits.

Pine City Scrapbooking Company, Inc.
415 Second Ave SE, 320-629-9960, Owner Marni Steltz. A scrapbooker's paradise... stop in today for a great selection of scrapbooking supplies. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Owner Marni Steltz enjoys the view from her downtown Pine City store.

Mission Creek Tavern & Grille

Located just 5 miles north of Pine City in Beroun, 320-629-5537, Owner Greg May. Enjoy something special every night of the week at Mission Creek! Open 7 days a week, the staff invites you to stop by and check them out. Once you've been here, we're sure you'll want to come back.



Mission Creek's sign from the highway overlooking the Tavern.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship of the 12th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament through Hole Sponsorship, Team Sponsorship, or Prize Donations for the Raffle.

Old Oak Inn
Investment Centers of America
Pine Insurance Agency
Greater MN Credit Union
Minnesota Energy Resources
Rural American Bank
Short, Elliot, Hendrickson, Inc.
Wal*Mart Super Center
Pizza Pub
AgStar Mortgage Services
Java Joe's Bistro
Pamida
Grand Casino Hinckley
Denny Hecker Auto Mall
MINPACK
Kanabec Hospital
Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill
Voyageur Bottle Shop
US Bank
Evergreen Community Church
Pine City Public Schools
Kraus-Anderson Construction
A-1 Title Company
Horizon Bank
Fourth Avenue Dental
Coldwell Banker Results
Oak Park Dental
East Central Energy
Signatures Title & Closing
WCMP/WXCX Red Rock Radio
SYSCO Foods
Rhinehardt Foods
Mac-Clair Mortgage

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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 following Chamber businesses as they join us for 2008.

First Presbyterian Church – Located at 405 Main Street South, in the heart of downtown Pine City and established in 1870, the First Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Pine City and Pine County. The congregation invites everyone to join them in worship at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. For more information contact Donna Zastera, Church Secretary, at 320-629-3592.

Visionary Home Care – Main Office located at 3656 Front Street, Barnum, Minn. Visionary Home Care provides personalized, compassionate, affordable nonmedical home care assistance; we offer services such as homemaking, errands, meal preparations, companionship, moving assistance and more. Want more information? Visit us at www.visionaryhomes.org or call 1-877-389-6244.

FREEDOM FEST THANK YOU!

From Friday, July 4 – Sunday, July 6, Pine City celebrated the annual Freedom Fest weekend. We hope that you all enjoyed the wide variety of events that happened throughout the weekend and will take the time to say thank you to the area businesses and organizations that made the weekend such a successful event.

On behalf of the Pine City Chamber, we would like to thank Elisa Mill for organizing the first Freedom Fest Mini-Triathlon. Although there were not many participants signed up in advance for the event she did a wonderful job of organizing the morning activity. We thank you for your outstanding leadership in this event. We hope to see the Mini-Triathlon continue into another year with a greater number of participants. Thank you Elisa.

Another new event for the Chamber this summer was serving as host of the Saturday evening Street Dance. A special thank you to Rick Herzog for organizing this fundraiser event and all of the volunteers that came out to work the evening. Your assistance with this project is very important as we attempt to reach our fundraising goals for 2008.

On behalf of the Pine City Community, thank you Mayor Jane for serving as the organizer for another great year of Freedom Fest activities. Every great organizer knows you can't do it without the committee of volunteers working behind you, so thank you to all those that gave of their time to make Freedom Fest happen.

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

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Rick Herzog President (Pizza Pub)	Wendy Johnson (Prodigy Real Estate)
Mike Anderson Vice President (Pine Agency)	Carolyn Kolar (Horizon Bank)
Casey Anderson Director Emeritus (Individual)	T. Janet Musgrove (Coldwell Banker Results)
Julie Anderson (Voyageur Bottle Shop)	Bruce Nelson (Culligan)
Lori Buck (MINPACK, Inc.)	Kerri Schumacher (MINPACK, Inc.)
Frank Christopherson (US Bank)	Patrick Schifferdecker (North West Co. Fur Post)
Jeff Flaherty (Red Dog Billy's Bar & Grill)	Joel Peterson (Student Director, Pine Technical College)
Jan Carl (Coldwell Banker Results)	Katie Kopy (Student Director, PCHS)
	Jade Fedder (Student Director, PCHS)

JULY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Rick Herzog provided an update on the information presented last month regarding the blue highway signs for Food, Gas & Lodging for exits 169 & 171. These signs will not be possible for a number of the Downtown Pine City businesses. Those businesses that fall into the Food, Gas & Lodging categories must also be open seven days a week for a minimum of 10 hours per day. Rick is continuing to pursue a "Downtown Pine City" billboard for Interstate 35.

A tentative date has been set for the Fall Business Tours. The tour date will be Thursday, Sept. 11. One business has been contacted and is interested in participating, Martin's Greenhouse. Other possible business participants would include: Culligan, Pine Technical College, Product Fabricators, Broekema Beltway or Mercury Technologies. The goal is to have 4 businesses participate for this Fall Tour.

Frank is continuing to work on the Chamber Roundtable Networking development. A fall kick-off is planned for the morning and afternoon meetings. Anyone interested in more information or assisting in the development should contact the Chamber Office.

TJ provided an update on the status of the Pine County Parade. There are approximately 80 units registered for the parade. We have received all but one of the pledge contributions for the paid units for the event. The committee is working with a local sign company to create a Donor Recognition Banner for the parade as well.

The annual Performance Evaluation for Becky Schueller, Executive Director, will be scheduled sometime in July. TJ has asked the board of directors and/or Chamber members to submit any comments regarding Becky's performance of her duties directly to TJ Musgrove via e-mail at: tjm@cbresults.com

In Business & Community Development, Frank reports that the Senior Housing Development that was considering a build on Hwy 361 across from KFC had removed their request from the Planning Commission agenda.

The City of Pine City has been working on getting some estimates for replacement of heating, air, windows, etc. in the former Pine County Courthouse. They have received an estimate of \$50,000 for roof repairs that would be needed.

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.

Current Chamber members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. All interested and potential Chamber members are invited to join us as well. The next Chamber meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room in City Hall.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

On Thursday, July 17, the Miss Pine City and Little Miss Pine City candidates will be hosting the annual "Meet the Candidates Basket Bingo" night at the Pine City High School. The annual event has served as a fundraiser for the Miss Pine City program for the past three years and this year the candidates have chosen to donate the proceeds from the Basket Bingo to a nonprofit organization that serves the Pine City area. Each of the Miss Pine City candidates voted on one of five organizations and this year they have chosen the Pregnancy Resource Center.

The "Basket Bingo" will begin at 6:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. The cost per ticket is \$15 and is good for 15 games of bingo. The advance tickets can be purchased from any of the seven Miss Pine City candidates or 18 Little Miss Pine City candidates. The tickets, as well as raffle tickets, are also available at the Pine City Chamber Office.

Miss something? Forget a date?
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