

# CHAMBER CHAT



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## 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.

Ambassadors Wendy Johnson and Frank Christopherson were joined by city planner Nathan Johnson for the April 11 visits.

## SOPHIE'S MANOR ASSISTED LIVING, INC.

17500 Ranch Drive, Pine City, (320)629-2064, Rhoda Davey, owner. "We provide a country home-like setting with a caring and devoted staff. Excellent alternative to nursing home care. We currently have two rooms available." Check out their Web site at [www.sophiesmanor.com](http://www.sophiesmanor.com).



Back: Debbie Haavisto, Sandra Holt, Scott Davey, Rhoda Davey and Frank Christopherson Front: Wendy Johnson, Nathan Johnson



## CHAMBER PRESIDENT

T. Janet Musgrove

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

## WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Chamber Board of Directors voted on Tuesday to try lunch prior to the 1:00 meeting on June 5. This will provide more opportunity to visit with each other and get to know each other better. Wendy Johnson will be coordinating this experiment. We hope that Chamber members will consider joining us for lunch at 12:30 on June 5 in the community room of City Hall and stay for the meeting at 1 p.m.. Contact Becky at 629-4565 or Wendy at 629-5880 if you would like to make a reservation for lunch, Dutch treat.

Pine City businesses are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for low interest revolving loans from the EDA for improvements to their business property. While the application procedures have not yet been outlined, now would be a great time for business owners to think about what improvements would enhance their property. Such improvements benefit not only the business owner but also the appearance of our city to outsiders, reinforcing Pine City as "Simply Successful."

The Chamber is exploring the opportunity to offer auto and property insurance to Chamber members with a substantial discount. The Board will vote on this issue at the June meeting. For more information about this program, contact the Chamber office to see a brochure or Mike Anderson at 629-2515. Contact the Chamber office or a member of the board to express your opinion. Or, better yet, attend the meeting.

The Pine County Fair Parade committee is now accepting entries for the parade. The deadline of July 1 will be strictly enforced this year, so do not delay submitting your entry. Business entries will be charged \$35 this year and non-profit organizations will incur a fee of \$25. A limit of 100 units total will remain. If you have questions about the rationale for the nonprofit fee, please contact Becky at 629-4565 or TJ at 629-7541, extension 37.

## MAY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Frank reported that the HCP met last month and a number of items were discussed. Mayor Jane is continuing to work with other groups on the issue of a new fire hall. The Farmer's Market is getting set to reopen for the summer season. Royce Johnson proposed some information on redesigning the softball fields.

Frank also reported on the EDA meeting from last month. He indicated that the discussion of the new fire hall continued here as well, along with information on another hotel/convention center that Mayor Jane has been meeting with. The Chamber of Commerce has submitted a letter of support to the City in regard to the hotel/convention center.

Mike Anderson presented information on a Group Discount program that the Chamber can choose to sponsor for its members. At no cost or liability to the Chamber, the program would allow Chamber members to receive discounts on their own insurance programs. This item will be on the agenda for our June meeting to vote on the Chamber participation in this program.

For the complete Board Meeting Minutes, visit our Web site at [www.pinacitychamber.com](http://www.pinacitychamber.com). If you would like to receive a printed copy of our minutes each month, contact the Chamber office for details.

## WELCOME NEW CHAMBER 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 businesses:

Reddog Billy's Bar & Grill, "Reddog Billy's Bar & Grill is a full service restaurant that offers breakfast seven days a week, nightly specials and live entertainment." Call (320)629-4933 for hours of operation.

Westerman Bus Company, "Getting your children to school safely is our number one priority."

## DIRECTOR PROFILE: MIKE ANDERSON

Mike has been an insurance agent for over five years. The opportunity to purchase First Insurance Agency is what brought Mike and his wife to this community. They have no children, unless you count their black lab. "I am very excited about the opportunities Pine City has to offer, both as a business owner and more importantly – for my family. I can definitely see that this community was built on the philosophy of 'you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours'. This was a big part of the reason that I chose to get involved with the Chamber of Commerce as a Director. With our community going through a time of development and growth it is easy to lose focus of what the city of Pine City is really about. I hope to have a direct impact on continuing to build the camaraderie within our community." Mike is currently serving as the chairperson for the 11th annual Chamber Golf Social and he wants to emphasize that it's all about, "coming out and having fun with everyone."

We are doing everything we can to make it bigger, better, and greater."

## PARADE REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Pine City Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registration forms for the 2007 Pine County Fair Parade to take place on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. The registration deadline for the parade is June 15, 2007. This deadline will be strictly enforced, so please do not delay if you are planning on submitting an application. Any submissions received after the June 15 deadline will be placed at the end of the parade lineup if space allows. The parade will be limited to 100 units as in past years. Parade registration forms can be downloaded from the Chamber Web site at [www.pinacitychamber.com](http://www.pinacitychamber.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the link. If you would prefer to have a registration form mailed out to you, please contact the Chamber office at (320)629-4565.

## CANDIDATE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT BEGINS

The 14 candidates competing for the title of Miss Pine City began their community involvement hours as part of their pageant requirements on May 6, 2007. They are available to work for any nonprofit organization that serves the Pine City area. If you have an event that may be suitable for them, please contact Betsy Carpenter, Miss Pine City Committee Chair at (320)629-5986 or e-mail to [mpc55063@hotmail.com](mailto:mpc55063@hotmail.com) with all the details and someone will contact your organization.

Chamber office at (320)629-4565. The cost to participate is \$50 per person/\$200 per team. There are a limited number of spaces available so be sure to register early. Payment is due upon registering your team and checks can be mailed into the Chamber office.

## 11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR MONDAY, MAY 21

There is still time to register your team for this year's Chamber Golf Social. Individuals or teams of four can register by calling the

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

T. Janet Musgrove, President  
(Coldwell Banker Results)

Julie Anderson, Vice President  
(Voyageur Bottle Shop)

Casey Anderson  
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(Newton Manufacturing)

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Mike Anderson  
(Pine Agency, First Insurance)

Lori Buck  
(MINPACK, Inc.)

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(Coldwell Banker Results)

Frank Christopherson  
(US Bank)

Todd Cummings  
(Individual)

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(Pizza Pub)

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(Wal-Mart)

Wendy Johnson  
(ERA Muske Co)

Brenda Kvamme  
(Ledin & Holstad)

Bruce Nelson  
(Culligan)

Patrick Schifferdecker  
(NW Company Fur Post)

Marc Campeau  
(Pine Technical College Student)

Eric Nelson  
(Pine City High School, Student)

Carly Weinholzer  
(Pine City High School, Student)