

July 2010 Calendar of Events

Farmers Market, Noon to 5:00pm on Wednesdays, 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays, at Pioneer Park in Downtown Park Rapids, For more information please call Carol Ashley at 218-732-9607.

Local Food & Craft Market, 810 First Street East in Park Rapids, Wednesdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am to 2:00pm, Weather Permitting. For more information please call Eva Fritz at 218-732-1693.

FAMILY BINGO at Mantrap Valley Conservation Clubhouse, (10 miles north of Park Rapids on County rd 4, head east on County rd 24, head 1.5 miles to County rd 104 Clubhouse on section of County 24 and County 104) Tuesday nights all month long at 7:30pm, Sponsored by MVCC and Auxiliary, Proceeds to Conservation, Education and Scholarship, All welcome, food and refreshments available!

1-3- 32nd Annual PBR Challenger Tour Bull Ride, at the Double J Rodeo Grounds, gates open at 5pm rain or shine excitement starts at 6:30, MN'S LARGEST BULL RIDE! Great Line-up of PBR Contestants each day! Different Contestants & Bucking Bulls Each Day! Watch the Great Bucking Bulls of Little Yellow Jacket! Bad Medicine! Red Jacket! Peacemaker! See the Famous Coyote! And his Offspring! Huge Nightly Dances featuring live music, Beer Garden, Mechanical Bucking Bull and on Saturday night nightly activities include: kids sheep riding, cowboy poker, nightly dances with Switch popular Rodeo Idol Contest, for tickets or more information please call 218-732-5587 or www.parkrapidsbullride.com

4-Firecracker Foot Race, in Heartland Park, Registration is 6:30am to 8:15am, 5K and 10k races start at 9:00am, Kids' fun run 1k takes place after the completion of the 5/10k race. (no charge) Pre-registration cost of race is \$20 before race day, \$25 the day of the race, you can register anytime before with Community Education at 218-237-6600 or www.parkrapidsrunning.com,

4-Park Rapids Hosts a Spectacular 4th of July Parade & Fireworks, Park Rapids will once again host its Annual Fourth of July Parade on Sunday, July 4, 2010 at 5:00 PM on Main Avenue. This year's theme is a Salute to Our Military, An Old-Fashioned Fourth of July. The Parade has grown each year with well over 100 units last year. The Park Rapids Area Community Band Concert begins at 7:30pm at Red Bridge Park. The annual Rotary Club Fireworks display takes place over the Fishhook River at dusk. The display can be seen from both Heartland Park as well as Red Bridge Park. For more information please call the Park Rapids Chamber at 218-732-4111.

7-11-Shell Prairie Ag Association/Hubbard County Fair, at the Park Rapids fair grounds, for more information please call Howard at 218-732-8151 or 218-237-fair or Kim at 218-732-5296.

7-31-"The Kitchen Witches," Long Lake Theater, From Park Rapids: Go 4 miles S. on U.S. Hwy. 71. Turn left onto State. Hwy. 87. Go 4 miles to Hubbard. Turn right onto County 6 (by the Hilltop Inn). The theater is a few blocks S., on the left. Isobel and Dolly are two cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called "The Kitchen Witches," the insults are flung harder than the food! Let the plot thicken and you get a savory comedy by Canadian playwright Caroline Smith! Performances are Wednesdays at 3 p.m. and Thurs.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$14; Children (4-12 yrs.) \$7. Group rate (15 or more people): \$12.50, to make reservations, call (218) 732-0099 or visit our Website Tickets also available at Sister Wolf Books (Dorset) and Beagle Books (downtown Park Rapids) longlaketheater@hotmail.com

9-All Veterans Memorial Committee Museum and Education Center Fundraiser Fish fry, from 5pm to 7pm at the Park Rapids American Legion, for more information please call will at 218-732-5601.

9-10-Park Rapids Summer Splash - Crafts, Treasures & Beyond, at the Park Rapids Century School, Park Rapids, Friday, July 9th - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, Saturday, July 10th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Crafts, Treasures & Beyond, for more information please contact Ruth Pachel at 218-252-7884 or ruth@mvpmn.com & Laura Jordahl at 218-732-1348 or laura@mvpmn.com

9-11-Menahga Midsummer Festival, The 29th Annual St Urho Walk and Run, and 10K run will begin at 9 am on Saturday. The race begins at the old baseball field and ends at the St. Urho statue. Pre-register at the Shell gas station, the Cenex store or by calling Tom at 564-5497. The Arts & Crafts Show will be from 9 am to 4 pm on the Shore of Spirit Lake. Evening events on Saturday include the Midsummer Festival Parade at 7 pm, followed by the Firemen's Dance at 8:30 pm in the parking lot next to Northbound Spirits. Fireworks are at dusk on Saturday from the Shore of Spirit Lake. On Sunday the Art & Craft Show will continue from 11 to 4. A Conservation Club Kids Fishing Derby at noon at the Spirit Lake Fishing pier and the "Porch Pickers" will perform a concert at 1 pm at Spirit Lake. For more information please contact Dorothy Ollanketo at 218-564-4754

11-Pig Races in Nevis, There will be two different events with six races in each. The first one is at 1:05 pm (with the extra 5 minutes to allow for the ESPN feed) and 4:05 pm. Each should last no longer than 1 hour and 30 minutes. There will be more bleachers this year with seats for about 1,000 people at each event. Tickets will be available at all three T&M locations, Northwind Grocery and Muskie Waters, both in Nevis. Tickets will be available the third week in June. Tickets are \$5 with 5 years and under are free. For more information please call Nancy Lewis at 218-652-3115 or visit <http://www.nevischamber.com>

15-Jasper's Theater Opens with "Those were the days", (1 Mile East on Highway 34 in Park Rapids) will feature fantastic fiddling, masterful harmonies, crazy instrumentalist, favorite country and gospel songs and splendidly funny Auntie Kreamsaugen and magician Jack Sand. Music, Magic and Comedy, 2 hour live show The Best Family Entertainment Around, Showing matinees on Thursdays at 3:00pm and Saturday shows are at 7:00pm, for reservations please call 218-237-4333

15-17- Moondance Jam 19, in Walker (35 Miles East of Park Rapids) For more information or tickets please call 800-moondancejamor visit www.moondancejam.com

16-16th Annual Butterfly Hike, in Itasca State Park, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, for more information please call Connie Cox at 218-699-7259

16-Mantrap Valley Conservation Clubhouse Community Supper, (10 miles north of Park Rapids on County rd 4, head east on County rd 24, head 1.5 miles to County rd 104 Club house on section of County 24 and County 104) from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

16-Concert at the North Country Museum of Arts, "Music With Masters" & Guitarist Darden Smith will be playing a Free Concert in the Main Gallery at the North Country Museum of Arts [NCMA] in the old Hubbard County Courthouse, on July 16th, 7:00 PM, Smith has released 11 albums and toured extensively throughout the US and Europe. In 1993 his song, 'Loving Arms', was a top ten radio hit in the US. Television appearances include The Tonight Show, Austin City Limits and The Today Show. He has written music for dance theater, television and radio commercials and in 1999 his work; 'Grand Motion' was commissioned by the Austin Symphony Orchestra.

The NCMA mission is to "Provide a cultural and educational center to enhance an understanding and appreciation of the arts". While an extraordinary collection of old world masterpieces from the 17th and 18th century makes up the core of the art collection, from time to time NCMA will branch out to the community in differing ways as a means to bring the Arts closer to all the people of the region.

"This activity is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Region 2 Arts Council through funding from the Minnesota State Legislature."

16-St. Joseph's Hospice Annual Chicken Dinner, at the Park Rapids American Legion, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm, for more information please call 218-237-5423

16-17-Nevis' 60th Annual Muskie Days, In Nevis, **Friday:** An all-you-can-eat community fish fry will kick off the festival with fish and trimmings served from 5 to 8 pm Friday in Muskie Park. Events include: a kiddie parade, horseshoe tourney, a magician show on Friday. A performance of "Peter Pan" by the Nevis community Ed Youth Mall of America's Underwater Adventures Aquarium will be in Muskie Park from 11 am to 6 pm with live animal touch tanks, children's' activities and educational stations as well as a staged educational performance at 11 am on MN habitats.

Theater will be at 7 pm Friday and 2 pm Saturday at the school. Gather at 4 pm Friday at Muskie Park pavilion for the first 2-hour competition of the Amazing Muskie Race. Teams of two will "race" through a Nevis summer and the fastest team will win \$100 cash. Competition will conclude with another 2-hour challenge on Saturday starting at 3:30 pm. Saturday, a 5K run. The 3.1 mile run will set off on the Heartland Trail, across from the Muskie. Registration begins at 7 am; the run kicks off at 8 am.

The grand parade will set off at 6:30pm from the Nevis School. Grab a lawn chair on Paul Bunyan's Boulevard. Entries are welcome. A prize drawing and awards ceremony will follow. Muskie Market will host artists, crafters and flea marketers along the Heartland Trail from 10 am to 8 pm on Saturday.

Saturday there will be live music will be all afternoon; provided by County 20 and several other local bands. Karaoke from 8 pm to midnight on Main Street 11:00 am: watermelon seed spitting, 1 pm buffalo chip toss, Kids games 10 am to noon in the park, 3:00 pm ice cream eating contest in the park A kids casting contest will be held at the Nevis beach at noon. Prizes will be awarded. All equipment will be provided. For more information please call Nancy Lewis at 218-652-3115 or visit <http://www.nevischamber.com>

15 -Arts Downtown PR starts July 15

The Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council is proud to sponsor the first Arts Downtown PR event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 15 in Park Rapids.

This event is designed to bring audiences to see and hear visual artists, musicians, writers and other artists in businesses in downtown Park Rapids on the Third Thursday of the month year round.

A schedule of venues and times various artists will be performing will be made available at downtown businesses and other locations, and will include poet LouAnn Muhm, bead artist Patrick Polk, culinary artist Amy Thielen and local musicians Eric Bervig and Fran Gack as well as the ongoing display at Blank Canvas Gallery.

All are invited to participate in these events and encouraged to make a free will donation to the artists. Contact Paul Dove at 732-7096, pd5@evansville.edu or Lu Ann Hurd-Lof at 652-4081, luann47@gmail.com.

This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on Nov. 4, 2008.

16-18-Stoney Creek Artists Show, at the C'mon Inn, Park Rapids MN, for more information please contact Raymond Wattenhofer 218) 732-8814

22 -Downtown community picnic planned

Approximately one week before construction starts on Park Rapids' Main Street, the Downtown Business Association is sponsoring a free Downtown Community Picnic with food, entertainment and fun events for all ages to generate support during our renewal project.

Everyone is invited to the picnic on the first four blocks of Main Street from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22.

Aang, from the television series Avatar and the new film, "The Last Airbender," will be greeting fans at Pioneer Park, courtesy of Arvig Communication Systems.

Musicians, Tae Kwon Do students and others will entertain at the park. Nate Luetgers will do caricature drawings at the park and Nick Bretz will be walking about doing magic tricks. There will be live radio coverage as well.

The first 200 kids who eat at the picnic will receive a sand pail and shovel they can use to dig for prizes in giant sand piles. Other kids' games also are planned.

Brats, hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, cookies and soft drinks are on the menu. Other beverages and treats will be available on Main Street or from downtown restaurants. Remember to bring a camera so you have a before and after picture of our historic Main Street.

Contact Lu Ann Hurd-Lof, Park Rapids Downtown Business Association, 652-4081 or

HYPERLINK "mailto:luann47@gmail.com" luann47@gmail.com.

23-25-Blueberry Festival, in Lake George, Flea Market, Family fun, Parade, Dance & more, Blueberry pancakes, blueberry pies and jars of fresh-picked blueberries, Kid's carnival, Ice cream eating contest, Huge bike giveaway, and much much more, for more information please call 218-266-2995 or 218-368-7820

30-31-"Quilt Minnesota" Shop Hop, at Monika's in Downtown Park Rapids, for more information please call Monika at 218-732-3896.

30-August 1-Northern Light Opera Company Presents "Godspell", At the Park Rapids Century School, times are 7:30 pm July 30, 31and 3:00 pm August 1, for more information please contact Paul Dove 218-732-7096 for Tickets please call 218-237-0400 or 866-766-7372.

Legends and Logging Days 2010

Schedule of Events

Friday August 13, 2010

8 am - 6 pm - Chainsaw Carvings

9 am - 5 pm - Market Place

9 am - 5 pm - Food Court

11:30- 12:15 - Imaginick Strolling

12:30 – 1:15 – Imaginick Stage Magic

10am-12:30-pm - Quick Carve

1 pm –1:30 pm – Loon Calling Contest

2:30pm - Running of the Loons

1:30 – 2:30 – Imaginick Strolling

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Chainsaw Quick Carves

6:00 pm - Water Wars

Saturday August 14, 2010

9 am - 5 pm - Market Place

9 am - 5 pm - Food Court

9 am – 10:30am – Chainsaw Quick Carves

9 am - 4 pm - Chili Cookoff
Open Class Drop off 10 - 11

11 am – 12 pm – Chainsaw Quick Carves

12 pm – 2:00 pm - Carving Auction

2pm – Loon Calling Contest followed by
Running of the Loons

2 pm –6 pm – Logging Events

Schedule subject to change, Check www.parkrapids.com or the Park Rapids Enterprise for up to the minute news and schedules. Call 218-732-4111 with any questions you may have. Buttons and raffle tickets available at the Chamber for \$5