

June 2009 Calendar of Events

Smokey Hills Wranglers Chuck Wagon Supper Show, Saturdays May 30th through Labor Day!

Enjoy an authentic cowboy meal from the dutch oven beef to the Arbuckle's coffee, then sit back and relax to vintage cowboy songs, western classics and comedy too! For more information call (218)573-2999 or visit

www.smokeyhills.com

3-18-Live Music Schedule, Terrapin Station is having live music entertainment. June 3rd at 8pm, featuring Braden Land, folk, rock, blues, western singing, June 5th at 8pm, featuring Sarah Pray, alternative, folk, rock, blues, June 6th at 8pm, The Brothers Burn Mountain, acoustic, rock, ambient, June 13th at 7pm, Adam Hammer & Drew Peterson of 40 Watt Bulb, acoustic, folk, June 18th at 8 pm, Julie Rust, acoustic, keyboard, gospel, June 25th HUD plays. For more information please call (218)652-3091 or

www.imaaninatural.com.

4-Growing Up Amish by Speaker Anna Dee Olson, at Riverside Methodist Church, 1005 Park Avenue North Hwy 71 Park Rapids 7 - 9 pm, Anna Dee Olson is an Inspirational speaker and Author. **Don't miss this event!** This is the most inspirational, informational and educational event about Amish you'll ever attend.

Anna Dee Olson now lives in New York Mills, but spent the first 24 years of her life living as part of an Amish family. She has experienced more than many people will ever experience in their lives. Anna has lived in two conflicting worlds, Worlds so different she had to learn a completely different way of thinking in order to adapt to modern American life.

She explains what it was like growing up Amish, why she decided to leave her Amish culture, what it takes to break away, the Amish family structure, roles of women and children in the family, church services, Amish schools, Amish folk mindset, and stories of inspiration.

Anna "serves" an uplifting message mixed with heartfelt, real-life stories that will make you cry, laugh, and most importantly—appreciate what you already have. Let her experiences teach you how you too can live a more rewarding life. She will offer a question and answer session, and time to visit and autograph books, which will be available for purchase at this event.

Persons of all ages are welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Event is Sponsored by Sons of Norway, Nordskogen Lodge #1-626, Park Rapids.

For further information contact Irene Weis, 218-732-8271 Or www.growingupamish.com

5-6- Dinners at Summerhill Farm! On Friday and Saturday nights, Summerhill Farm will be having a BBQ! Slow smoked Kansas City Style BBQ will be served 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Friday and Saturday nights for the rest of the summer. We'll have ribs, pulled pork and smoked chicken, as well as appetizers, salads, our delectable desserts and beer or wine to complement your meal. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 218-732-3865 for reservations or questions

6-Headwaters Animal Shelter Walkathon & Pet Expo, at Heartland Park in Park Rapids, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, Join them for a 4 mile dog walkathon on the Heartland Trail, raising money for the Headwaters Animal Shelter. The event includes exhibitors, vendors, food, fun, activities, entertainment and much more. To register and pick up your pledge forms, stop by the shelter (Western Avenue in Park Rapids) or Beagles Books (3rd Street in Park Rapids) or Angie's Groom 'N Board (Western Avenue in Park Rapids), you can also register on line at www.HeadwatersAnimalShelter.org. For more info or questions please call Kathy at (218)732-5694.

6-14-Chamber Lodging Spring Golf Week, Lots of fun golfing activities, Discount golfing at participating golf courses, For more information call the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce at 218-732-4111

7-Itasca's 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park, Come out for an afternoon of music, food and old-fashioned picnic games. Through out the day, enjoy music, games and more! Children of all ages can participate. Bring your picnic lunch and picnic blanket or lawn chair and join us in celebrating 118 years of a picnicking tradition in Itasca State Park. Or purchase grilled hot dogs, chips and pop if you forgot your picnic basket. Noon to 1 pm, The Holker Family Entertainers 1-1:30 pm, Loon calling contest 1:30-2:30 pm, Music of Alabaster Falls (made up of: Julie and Bill Kaiser from Hickory Wind and Paul Jones) 2:30-3 pm, Surprise event! 3-4 pm, Concert by the Park Rapids Community Band

Games will include: Water balloon toss, three-legged races, gunny sack races and more! **Location:** the picnic grounds/Lakeside Museum/Amphitheater area. As part of the Open House, you can visit the park for free, no permit is required.

Directions: Entrance to the park is 21 miles north of Park rapids on U.S. Highway 71. From Bemidji the park is 30 miles south on US Hwy 71.

7-Mississippi Headwaters Hostel Open House-at Itasca Park, Park Rapids from 10am-Noon Come have a tour, enjoy the refreshments and enter for the door prize drawing! This is the same day as Itasca State Park's 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park. As part of the Open House, you can visit the park for free-no permit required. For more information contact: Sara Parthun, Manager at (218)266-3415 or email:mhhostel@himinnesota.org

8-Success Personally & Professionally RSVP By Today! Session VII -Customer Loyalty Part II- Developing the Loyal Customer-Make a positive impression at every point of contact will be on June 15th from: 11:30am-1:00pm Series meets at Northwoods Bank Community Meeting Room, 1200 First Street East, Park Rapids. Cost per session is \$30.00. Price includes all handouts and lunch. To register email the Chamber at kelly@parkrapids.com or call:(218) 732-4111 For a complete listing of each topic of the series and date see your member emails. **You may pay as you go but if we can have your RSVP a week in advance**

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of each of the series then we can plan the meal & hand out counts

12-Living at Homes Rib dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser, at the American Legion, For more information please contact Iva or Beth at 218-732-3137.

12-Evening in Tuscany, at the Park Rapids Eagles Club, Chef Bruno is Vice Consellier of the Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs, Proprietor of The Tuscan Table-Food and Wine School in Italy, author of a food & wine column and food & wine educator at the University of Wisconsin. 6:00pm Bellini Cocktails from Harrys Bar in Veneto, Italy. 6:30pm Chefs Demonstration of Handmade Pasta. 7:00pm Dinner in Tuscany, Reservations are required. Call today to reserve your place at this fabulous food & wine event, (218) 732-1770, \$30.00 per person.

13-Forest Riders Youth ATV Training Class, beginning at 10:00 am, testing and operating class will be held at St Mary's Church and the Two Inlets Town Hall in Two Inlets, safety training is for ATV operators ages 12-15 years, Students who are 11 years of age may take the complete course but the certificate will only become valid on there 12th birthday, for those who previously completed the old DNR ATV course and already has an ATV safety certificate only the testing and operating component needs to be completed, cost for the class is \$18.00, to register or for more information please call Audrey Eischens at (218)732-5057.

13-14-Two Man Best Ball Scramble, Headwaters Country Club in Park Rapids. For more information please call 218-732-4832.

14-3rd Annual Red Bridge Run!-Join us Sunday, as we celebrate the beginning of summer with a "fight to finish" canoe race. Watch as both professional and amateur canoeists race up and down the Fish Hook River. You can choose to help sponsor this event as well and promote your business. Your contribution will allow them to maximize the proceeds that will be donated to Hubbard First Response Team. For more information call: (218)237-7337.

15-7th Annual DAC Benefit Golf Tournament at Blueberry Pines Golf Course Shot Gun Start at 1:00. Prizes, Food, Win a Car-Rain or Shine Four Person Scramble. Teams as well as individual golfers are welcome. Come support your community & DAC. For more information call: (218)732-3358

16 June Women's Business Luncheon

Come join us at Summerhill Farm on Tuesday, June 16th at 11:30 for a delicious lunch and a talk by Kelly Sanquist of Kelly's Cottage Garden's about creating beautiful flower pots. Lunch will be \$10 and include soup, salad, roll and beverage. Space is limited, so please contact the Chamber to make a reservation. Hosted by Eileen Reish of Summerhill Farm and Kelly Sanquist of Kelly's Cottage Garden, now with a branch at Summerhill Farm.

Please Call the Chamber for Reservations: Limited Space, so call early!

218-732-4111

18-20-Second Annual Jammin' Country Fest, In Walker - Featuring LeAnn Rhimes on 6/20. For more information or for tickets please call 1-877-moonjam or 218-836-1055, or visit www.moondancejam.com.

19-Relay for life, in Park Rapids, for more information Contact Pat Sullivan at 218-732-0360.

19-20-Sidewalk Sale, Downtown Park Rapids, For more information please contact Holly at 218-732-3730.

26-28- 61st Annual Paul Bunyan Days, In Akeley, For more information visit www.akeleymn.com.

Look for 4th of July Parade Information regarding sponsorship, advertising & registration inside this newsletter. Sign-up and pay by Early Bird Date for a discount. Note other changes including per unit maximum length. We will have the Line-up printed in the Parade Handout this year, so deadlines must be met to achieve this. When we receive your payment and registration will determine your units position in line-up. By having the parade line-up done sooner, we will be able to let you know what your unit number is when you call in. We ask that entrants decorate your parade units and remember no candy can be thrown. You must have walkers to hand it out for safety. We ask that walkers keep up with your parade unit so we don't have delays in the parade. Animal units are asked to arrange for someone to scoop up if your animals relieve themselves on the street.

Our parade gets better every year! It is a great place to advertise, as we have crowds of 5,000 plus. Donations for our paid entrants and entertainment will be welcomed. See the Parade Sponsorship forms. There are many levels to choose from. For more information feel free to contact our Parade Chairman-Dave Konshok Jr. or email the Chamber: kelly@parkrapids.com

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