

A note of appreciation to all those landowners who send me information to relay in the newsletter! By May 1, we now have over 100 members in the chamber. If a membership form is enclosed, it means you have not yet joined . . . take this opportunity to support your area community by returning your form today!

ANGLE INLET SCHOOL (Linda Kastl)

The Angle Inlet School kids zipped on down to Roseau to tour the Polaris plant and visit the Polaris Experience Center. From there, they traveled over to the Wetland Pines & Prairie Audubon Sanctuary near Warren, and then the Splasher's Waterpark in Grand Forks. A very special thank you to all who have been so generous in giving to our school. We appreciate your kindnesses.

The annual class play will be presented on Thurs., May 27 at 7:00 P.M. Don't miss this great performance filled with fun and laughter! "The Valiant Villain" promises to be a great crowd pleaser.

We're getting closer to getting a new playground as we are getting quotes from various companies. It looks like we'll need at least 10 strong men plus some other helping hands, a back hoe, and possibly a boom truck to erect the structure. It might take two days and a couple of potlucks. If you would like to donate your time, contact Linda at the Angle School – 218-223-4161 and we'll keep you posted.

Ditch clean-up is scheduled for either June 1st or 2nd. Please come and help keep our community tidy! Thank you!

EDGERIDERS (Bonny Edin)

The Northwest Angle Edgeriders would like to thank all who supported us this past winter. Visit our new website at www.nwaedgeriders.org to keep informed of our schedule of events or to join the club. Have a great summer!

RELAY FOR LIFE (Patti Swanson)

I hope you all have had a chance to enjoy the wonderful video that Hannah Wandersee put together. It certainly captures well the purpose and meaning of our Relay For Life on the Lake in support of the ACS. It is absolutely beautiful and so are all of you who were a part of that first time ever event! **SALES are ongoing** – contact Deb Kellerman 223-8111 if you would like one.

Our "Top of the Nation Relay for Life on the Lake" has actually become quite famous in American Cancer Society circles:

- we were featured at the Midwest Division Leadership Summit in Minneapolis last fall.
- I was asked to give a report with photos at our National Board Meeting; and also to over 1000 people at the National Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.
- Our concept has been picked up by many other states. So now "relays on the lake" are happening along the coasts, in marinas, and around the country on big and little lakes.
- Copies of our video were made and sent to the members of the National Board at their request. Board members will use the video to show relay teams around the country.

What's next? After a lot of discussion following our event last summer, we decided not to have a community based relay every summer. But we will have a relay again! In the meantime, wear your relay and survivor t-shirts proudly! You are famous--so be sure to smile and be gracious when people ask for your autograph!

What about this summer? If you were one of our Relay Teams that wants to have a relay event, the need to fight cancer does not stop. So if you want to do any kind of a fundraiser for the ACS, please know that your contributions are needed! If any of you decide to have bake sales, rummage sales, fish fry suppers, make online donations, or give gifts in honor or memory of someone, or give gifts to the ACS for a birthday or anniversary, that's great! If you need any help, have any questions, need any signs or banners, just let me know and I'll be glad to help. And thanks again for doing such an awesome job last summer!!!! pswanson@ruralaccess.net

LAKETRAILS NEWS (Sue Lemm)

There's still have room in the middle school session--July 15-23 and session 5--Aug. 4-12.

(Middle school campers should have completed grades 6, 7, or 8, and for other sessions should be 13-17 in age.) Please contact me at 218-783-4181 or through the website at www.laketrails.org.

Take advantage of a fabulous deal for MN and ND kids who are of a military family and have a parent deployed--they can come to camp for **only \$50!** Please send referrals to this program. Also, kids who are from northern MN and eastern ND can come to camp for \$250. Those are the two grants we have that would be helpful to Angle locals.

(Regular fees are \$710.) You can watch for the little fleets of Laketrails canoes heading out from camp starting on the 26th of June.

We are re-building the high dock at camp this spring. Donations toward the project would be very helpful. Fr. Bill is doing well in Bemidji, although he is not yet committed to spending the summer at camp. We're hoping he will at least come for a visit. At this point it is questionable whether we will have church services, as we will be dependent on any visiting ministers.

ANGLE SCHOOL CPR

The Northwest Angle and Islands Chamber of Commerce would like to give special recognition to the Angle Inlet School Children for successfully completing CPR Certification Training. The students to be honored for their achievement are: Ben Colson, Jake Colson, Kelby Goulet, Samuel Colson, Meaghan Carlson, Brooke Fandrich, and Olivia Goulet

EMT/FIRST RESPONDER (Jessica Fandrich)

Some of the generous donations given by our community to our EMT Fund were spent to make one of the most significant life changing contributions to our entire community's way of life! A special thank you goes to the 16 people who participated in a 20 hour course in Emergency Life Saving Training and are now certified First Responders from the Greater Northwest EMS. A list of these responders is enclosed and has been provided to the LOW County 911 system. All it takes is for a call to go out to 911 and the appropriate people will be dispatched to help you until the Ambulance or Med-Flight Helicopter can arrive.

Because of your generous support, the NW Angle First Responders purchased two new Heart Defibrillators. The community now has four total. Their locations are centralized: Angle Inn Lodge Oak Island, Al & Linnea Roos Brush Island, Jerry's Restaurant (mounted on wall by front door) and in the back of Bob Nunn's squad car. We still are in need of one more to be placed on Flag Island. If you would like to contribute any funding for these special units, please use the membership form for donations; you can also give any donations directly to Brian & Jenny McKeever who are now in charge of the NWA First Responders. Also, 10 new Medical Jump Bags were donated to our community by the Greater Northwest EMS and given to the new First Responders. Many other new updated supplies were also purchased for the team and it all happened because of your generosity. We have had numerous emergencies out here, and because of these incredible volunteer responders, many lives have been saved.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Brian McKeever)

If you are interested in receiving First Responder training, please sign up for this course to be offered June 14-15 **AND** 21 & 22 at 10:00 a.m. -- Jerry's Restaurant. We are looking for at least 10 more people to take the class. Please call Brian McKeever 218-223-4878 or Jessica Fandrich 218-223-8101 to sign up. Signs are also posted.

HELICOPTER MEDFLIGHT TRAINING

On May 5, a North Memorial Helicopter Med-Flight landed at Young's Bay and did a two hour course for the community in hot loading patients for air rescue. The First Responder Team or 911 personnel will deem if an Ambulance or a Med-Flight Helicopter should be called depending on the severity of each situation. Each Island has a landing location as well as several places on the mainland and each location has been GPS'd and called into the 911 system at LOW County.

GEO CACHE AT THE ANGLE

Thanks to the hard work of Deb Butler and the Fort St. Charles Knights of Columbus, a Geo Cache tourist site has been GPS'd and strategically placed at Fort St. Charles. Another site is at Garden Island. For those of you who are interested in this new Geo Cache phenomenon that is traveling the world over please go to this website and become a treasure

hunter yourself. The website is <http://www.geocaching.com>

MARKETING NEWS

The “Follow me to the Northwest Angle & Islands” Semi Truck wrap is in the final stages of completion. The Chamber voted to wrap one of Dana Byfuglien’s “most travelled” Semi Fleet with graphics advertising the NW Angle & Islands as a tourist hot spot. Troy Dubois from Cabanna Banners in SD (another new member of our growing community) owns a business that does this and volunteered his time to do the work.. The semi should be ready for travel this summer. We hope to add more photos and graphics to the semi fleet over the next few years. If you have a great “high resolution digital” of our Islands, water scenes, sunsets, big fish with happy people, snowmobile action shots, ice fishing, anything really good for advertisement, please submit it to the chamber for possible use on next year’s truck.

WILDFLOWER & CHAMBER MEETING

Let’s meet on Monday May 17th at 12:00 Noon at Angle Outpost Resort (Pot Luck Lunch to be served so bring a dish to pass). We need to talk about our area’s selection and species of plants. We are also looking to do some beautification projects at Jim’s Corners and at the existing flower beds along the “Thank you” signs on the roadway. Many topics will be discussed that day; **everyone is welcome.**

JUNE TOUR FOR AREA WOMEN

Jeannie Ecklund and Ann Zavoral are planning a getaway for June 18 (alternate date would be July 16) to the Daylilly Tour out of Beausejour. The two-acre Gardens are the only AHS Display Garden on the Canadian prairies. You can enjoy lawn checkers and bocce and it has a lovely picnic site. (American Hemerocallis Society).

In June the lilacs, crab-apple, & cherry trees, and other flowering shrubs are blooming. The iris and peonies will be gorgeous. Tour guides at the Gardens are Garden Angels/Master Gardeners, and talented volunteers.

Other stops include the St. Mary R. C. Church, Train Whistle Park, the Glass Factory historic site, with a final stop at the Green Oaks Gardens greenhouse.

Another recommended summer activity is Steinbach Pioneer Days at the Mennonite Village,

which is held on Friday, July 30. Contact Ann Zavoral 223-4741 to get more details.

EMAIL ADDRESSES/ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER VISION

This newsletter will be posted on the Chamber website and Deb Butler and Deb Kellerman will be gathering email addresses to move the newsletter to an email “blast”. On your membership form, please indicate your email address . . . or contact one of us with it . . . we hope to launch the electronic version by the next newsletter. (Many have already been captured) If you do not have email, that’s okay; a paper version will still be sent to you.

COOKBOOK UPDATE (Joan Undahl)

The committee members of Marion Gross, Joan Undahl and Ann Zavoral are winding up the format of the recipe book. Plans are to go to press by mid-summer. More importantly, they are seeking family ties and connections to the community information to accompany your recipes. Contact any one of these three wonderful volunteers with those details and a recipe or two. **NEEDED:**

- Volunteers to distribute books to the south end area businesses for sale
- Resort commitments to sell cookbooks at their businesses

TIDBITS

- In early June, 2009, Erik Stoddard, Warroad DNR forester, led island residents on a walking tour of Oak Island. Beth McGarry (Flag Island) assisted in calculating statistics for Marion and Dick Gross’ magnificent white pine: 3’ diameter, 90’ tall, and determined it to be ca. 140 years old. On the same island property also stands an 89’ white spruce, estimated to be about 98 years old.

Our sympathies go out to area families whose loss of loved ones has impacted many in the area

- Celeste Colson, Jake’s Northwest Angle Resort – passed away suddenly 2/22 and a touching memorial service was held on 2/27
- Dolores Sandy, (connections to the Angle from birth through school, resort ownership and area cook) passed away on 3/26, with a celebration of her life on 3/30.
- Lynda Myers, Flag Island (and Warroad) lost her battle with cancer on 4/18. Her funeral service celebrating her life was 4/24

On May 2, a boating incident resulted in the unfortunate death of Jessica Powassin, daughter of Joey & Sue Powassin. Funeral details were pending at the time of the printing of this newsletter.

- “Cooking Up Memories – Local Recipes and Stories” was recently published by the LOW County Historical Society. Fr. Bill Mehrken’s Voyageur Bean Recipe is on page 233!
- In time for the summer season, fish rulers are still available through the Chamber – you can pick up supplies at the J & M Store at the Angle (see their ad in this newsletter)
- Our dollars raised through our “Relay for Life on the Lake” helped fund research, as well as helped friends and loved ones affected by cancer. One support system is the TC Hope Lodge, which provides lodging and support for patients and families. Remember to relay to friends and family the 1-800-227-2345 or the ACS website www.cancer.org if they need resources.

LEADERSHIP NEEDED

With the February resignation of Monika Keckner as Treasurer, help is needed. A call was put out to the area businesses . . . Deb Butler will be assuming the position of newsletter editor after this edition, Joan Undahl will be the coordinator for this year’s Blueberry Festival, and Deb Butler (bless her heart) will coordinate the 2011 progressive dinner. Deb Kellerman has taken on the role as treasurer and will no longer serve as president. It’s your turn to step up to the plate and lend your talents to the Chamber. Contact any of the executive board members to volunteer your time and talents.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 17 Chamber Meeting/Noon potluck
May 27 Angle School Play -- 7 p.m.

June 1 or 2 Angle School Cleans the Ditches

June 14 & 15 First Responder and/or

June 21 & 22 Renewal Course 10 a.m.

June 15 LOW County Board Meeting
(Watch for signs for time/place)

June 18 Women of the Area Tour

June 24 Laketrails trips 1st launch

July 4 OI Landowner Picnic/potluck

July 30 Women of the Area Event

August 6-8 Blueberry Festival and
Chili Cook-off, Kids’ Games

August TBA Shyster Golf Tournament

August TBA Community Breakfast

August 17 LOW County Board Meeting
Angle Inlet School 10 a.m.

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