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Management Development

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"Joey"
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by joining in! Early planning meetings are being tagged onto Water Carnival planning meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Keep your eye on the website and MySpace pages for updates!

Community Development

Beltrami County Fair

July 30 – Aug. 6

Summertime is allegedly here and we are gearing-up to once again man the concessions area at the grandstand during the rodeo as those cowpokes ride their horseys. If you are interested in helping to chair the event or would just like more information, contact Joey!

64th Annual

Water Carnival

July 2 – 6

The big top will rise and fun will reign once again over the 4th of July and Will & Carolyn Fisher have a great week of northern Minnesota fun coming together. Read-on for more details on the Water Carnival page!

2nd Annual

Oktoberfest Bemidji

Oct. 3 & 4

Paging Hansel and Gretel for another Fall Tradition of hammerschlagen and polka music! Last year's inaugural event was a great success and a great learning experience! You can help us make this year's sequel even better

Pitch, Hit & Run

We had a successful event at the BSU Field on May 23rd just prior to a Bemidji Mudcats baseball game and were helped out by the players themselves. Great efforts by the kids, including our biggest kid Will Fisher nearly breaking his ankle while rounding third base (no, that was not a metaphor). Sectionals were held the following Sunday in Blackduck and from all reports, it was also a success and a few kids looked good enough to perhaps receive an invitation to compete at the regional level! Thanks to everyone who helped out and showed up, the kids really do appreciate it and look forward to this event!

Regionals - Metrodome June 21st

Nationals - Yankee Stadium July 14th

Sandbox Fill

June 7th

What good is a kid's imagination without something to help him develop it? What would have Luke Skywalker's desert home planet have looked like if it wasn't for all that sand? Help us make sand a reality for many-a-sandbox around the Bemidji area as we will wheelbarrow-in loads of sand for families and daycare providers. \$6.00 per load and there is the possibility that we may get some

2nd Street is the most common street name in the U.S. 1st Street is the sixth. What the hey?!

help from the Civil Air Patrol but more help is always appreciated and makes the job go faster! For more information or to schedule an appointment for a sand delivery, contact Kelli Hasbrouck at (218) 760-8897.

3rd Annual Dragonboat Races

Remember how much fun it was last summer when you rowed that floating dragon-looking thing so hard that your arms felt like they were twenty feet long? No? Then you need to get signed up! We supply the Water Carnival tent for the event and will be setting it up at the end of July and, of course, will need manpower to do it. As for the boat, we wanna make it a winner this year (without sinking it) and will need you to do it! Contact President Crystal if you have any questions or would like to donate your big muscle-y bod to power our beastly vessel! See you at the races!

Individual Development

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Well...the first half of the year is almost over; that means summer is here for all to enjoy! The Bemidji Jaycee Chapter runs the biggest project of the year; the Water Carnival from July 2 – 6. We have been approached by *Fishing Has No Boundaries* for their organization to use our tent June 28 & 29. That means that **tent setup** will be Monday, June 25th, with June 26th as a rain date.

There is plenty more about the Water Carnival ahead on its own page including dates and a tentative schedule. We appreciate and are going to need all the help we can get, so clear some time!

- Will Fisher
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Membership Development

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It's something new that has been the talk of the chapter recently; our New Team Concept! Lots of questions have been asked and what better place than to answer them as best as possible!

What is this? It's been nicknamed "Me and My Team" and it is a way to encourage active membership and to get projects the involvement they deserve. Really, it's a glorified calling tree. Each board member has a team consisting of members and when help is needed, that board member, or captain, calls their members in an effort to mobilize them.

What is the benefit? Aside from the obvious, active membership and projects with the man-power to run them, there are also incentives. Depending on the level of activity, points are awarded to the team. They can be awarded for acts as simple as attending a Jaycee event all the way up to chairing an event. At the end of the year, the team with the most points wins an all expense paid trip to one of Neptune's moons! Well, okay we're still working on the reward but we do have some great ideas floating around. The teams themselves are listed on the next page.

This is something that we all hope can get some juices flowing and get our membership a bit more active! If you have any other ideas that you would like to see for membership socials or projects please contact me.

- Kelli Hasbrouck
Membership Development VP

What month do most couples get engaged? The experts say December. The experts cannot decide whether or not the wannabe groom should wrap himself like a gift...

Me and My Teams

Teams

Al Zutz - Team Ramrod

Molly Rucinski, Jerry Hemstad, Deb Hemstad, April Bohlman, Dave Smith, Tony Todavich, Matt Hemstad, Scott Kurtzweg, Liz Oxenreider, Brian Bissonette, Rich Blomberg, Dan Voss, Doug Fuller, Ronna Campbell and Danielle Stittsworth

Kelli Hasbrouck - Kelli's Peep's

Char Blashill, Scott Anderson, Abigail Johnson, Amy Winkelman, Jake Stoutenburgh, Philip Dorman, Dawn Palmer, Samantha Rich, Mareike Stoutenburgh, John Lyman, Scott Finnegan, Todd Merriam, Mandy Gazelka, Don Heinonen and Leslie Heinonen

Will Fisher - Fisher's Frozen Fishstix

Carolyn Fisher, Kristi Albright, Connie Olafson, Corey Stittsworth, Diana Stittsworth, Russ Hiltz, Tim Kunz, Jeffery Campbell II, Chris Vacek, Mychal Stittsworth, Auna Brule, Sandy Lewis, Jolee Wackerfuss, Janna Schiltz and Wayne Yoemans

Dave Geiger - Captain Fantastic & His Legion Of...

Nathan Preuss, Tonya Sandbo, Ken Roff, Ross Ladehoff, Dan Jaycox, Jason Rylander, Wanda Roff, Jerilynn Fuller, Jessica Evenson, Jeff D'Albani, Liz Sorenson, Steve North, Bill Batchelder, Everette Johnson and Lisa Johnson

Team Krista (Joey) Kaasa

Dean Behnke, Ashley Lossing, Ryan Sorenson, Melissa Stokes, Tony Lossing, Michelle Johnson, Kevin Hegg, Shawn Rutledge, Karen Gannetta, Cathy Yoemans, Elizabeth Edwards, Carol Ann Peterson, Stephanie Anderson, Allen Swedmark and Doris Swedmark

The Super-Secret Yet Un-named Stealth Team

Jennifer Sanford, Bill Sanford, Jason Benton, Valerie Benton, Tina Gehrke, Becky Hiltz, Becca Wold, Craig Baker, Steve Sovde, Darwin Bohlman, Craig Harvey, Jamie Knutson, Susan Anderson, Tony Baker and David Wold

* **Some** members may not yet be placed on a team, so please do not cry if you do not appear as part of a team. Just contact Kelli, beg and plead to be included and you will probably get your wish!

Check Us Out!

Did you know that the Bemidji Jaycees have a webpage? Yeah! We've been kicked into the 21st Century! Log-on and see:

www.bemidjiJaycees.com

We've also entered the Generation Y landscape called MySpace! The best part is you don't need to have a MySpace account of your own to access it, but it does help in order to see ALL of it.

www.myspace.com/bemidjiJaycees

We're looking professional now complete with a downtown Bemidji office! You should swing by during one of our meetings, see it and say hello! Its where our board and other meetings are held.

522 Beltrami Ave. #20 (its downstairs)

Our general membership meetings are held every third Tuesday at **T Juan's Restaurant and Cantina**. Anybody and everybody are welcome to attend!

A Note From Your Newsletter Editor



"Captain Fantastic"

Dave Geiger

As the more astute of you have no doubt noticed by now, this is the first newsletter in Bemidji Jaycee history that you have not had to hold! Welcome to the cyber-world of the 21st Century! Not only that, but the Jaycees are going a bit **green** by saving paper on the Inkslinger. We hope that you have enjoyed not having to wash ink off of your fingers post-read and enjoy the changes yet to come!

Upcoming Calendar

5/31 – 6/3 G.A.L.S. Seminar at Washington D.C.

5/3- Board Meeting 7 PM at Jaycee Office

6/7- Sandbox Fill 9 AM at Jaycee Office

6/17- BBQ Social 5:30 PM at Jaycee Pavilion

6/17- General Meeting 7 PM at T Juan's

6/25- Water Carnival Tent Set-Up 4 PM

7/2 – 7/6 64th Annual Water Carnival

Mosquitoes prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes. Nice break for the old blue-hairs!

The Very Special Page

for the 64th Annual

Water Carnival

A Note From Your Co-Chairs

Will & Carolyn Fisher



We had mentioned earlier a date or two to keep in mind, July 1st will be set up for Merriam's Midway, food vendors, Headquarters and all that needs to be ready under the Entertainment Tent. We start out the 64th Annual Water Carnival on July 2 and run through July 6.

We plan to have the Midway, food vendors, the Entertainment and Bingo Tent open daily. A planned new feature this year is **Devotion Paintball's 'Make Your Mark' Arena**. This business is under new ownership and would like to be located inside the train tracks with a 12' net set up for the public to play paintball. They will be providing a marker (aka paintball gun), air for the guns to function, a round of 50 paint balls and gear to play. Any who play, will have to sign a waiver and play lasts only as long as your paintballs do. They will run from 4-10pm daily Wednesday-Sunday.

We also plan to have the F-I-R-E-W-O-R-K-S on July 4, the kiddie events July 5, the Craft Fair July 5-6, Grand Parade July 6 followed by Family Events later that day. Please see attached Tentative Schedule of Events for more information.

We do need each of your help to run this event: you can help make a decision as to whom we donate monies to from this project if you lend us a helping hand. Please see the attached Assigned Areas for the Water Carnival for Sub-Chairs. Tent tear down will be on Monday, July 7.

Please be sure to contact myself or Will for information, any questions or concerns or to

ask pertinent questions such as 'Which area can I volunteer under....When do you want me to show up to help....or...How are you doing?!' I think both Will & I do admit that this project has taken lots of time to plan, we have made and accepted A LOT of phone calls and emails, and sometimes have been a bit overwhelmed at times. However, with your help, we all will make this project a success and help the United States of America celebrate its birthday "BEMIDJI-JAYCEE STYLE"!

Your Co-Chairs,
Will (218)209-0921
Carolyn (218)209-0772

Tentative Schedule

Wed. 6/25-	Tent Set-up	4 PM
Thu. 6/26-	Tent Set-up (alt.)	4 PM
Wed 7/2-	Merriam's Midway Bingo Paintball Entertainment Tent Band- Fireline	5 PM 5 PM 5 PM 5 PM 8:30 PM
Thu. 7/3-	Merriam's Midway Bingo Paintball Entertainment Tent Band- TBA	5 PM 5 PM 5 PM 5 PM 8:30 PM
Fri. 7/4-	Merriam's Midway Bingo Paintball Entertainment Tent Band- Fusion Fireworks!	Noon Noon 4 PM 4 PM 8:30 PM Dusk
Sat. 7/5-	Craft Show Kid's Run Regist. Kiddie Parade Kid's Lunch Merriam's Midway Bingo Water Ski Show Paintball Entertainment Tent Band- Power Play	8 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM Noon Noon 3 PM 4 PM 4 PM 8:30 PM
Sun. 7/6-	Grand Parade Reg. Craft Show Grand Parade Merriam's Midway Bingo Family Events Paintball Bemidji Band Entertainment Tent Band- TBA	9:30 AM 10 AM Noon Noon Noon 4 PM 4 PM 6 PM 6 PM 8:30 PM
Mon. 7/7-	Break-down Tent Take-down	All Day 5 PM

Switzerland has the highest per-capita consumption of soda in the world. Between that and all the chocolate, it's a wonder they even have teeth!