



**What:** National Night Out  
**When:** Tuesday, August 4th from 6:00—9:00 pm.

**Where:** Your Neighborhood

National Night Out will be celebrated with neighborhood parties this year. The police officers, fire department and ambulance service will be visiting the neighborhood parties. Check to see if one is in your neighborhood by calling the Chatfield Police Department 867-3331

Western Days is approaching and the Police Department wants to ask for your patience as there will be some traffic disruptions with the parade lineup and parade route. The Police Department hopes that everyone attending Western Days has a safe and enjoyable experience. The Police Department would like everyone to be respectful of the community and considerate of others. If you observe behavior that is not appropriate please call the Police Department at 867-3331 and report it. If no one is in the office, press 0 to be connected with dispatch. Remember if something needs immediate attention, please dial 911 because it is the fastest way to have an officer respond. The goal is for everyone to have a safe and fun time and to enjoy all that Chatfield has to offer.

### Chatfield Public Library

#### Library Hours:

Sun & Mon—Closed  
 Tue—10:00 am—6:30 pm  
 Wed—10:00 am—6:30 pm  
 Thu—10:00 am—8:30 pm  
 Fri—9:00 am—5:00 pm  
 Sat—9:00 am—2:00 pm

#### Book Sale

Don't miss the used book sale at the Pavlish Building next to RRSB.  
 Thursday, August 6—6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
 Friday, August 7—4:00 pm—9:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 8—9:00 am—5:00 pm  
 Sunday, August 9—1:00 pm—3:00 pm

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**CHATFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION & WIT'S END THEATRE PRESENT LERNER AND LOEWE'S BRIGADOON**

**AUGUST 5, 6, AND 7 AT 7:30  
 AUGUST 8 AT 5:00  
 AT CHATFIELD'S POTTER AUDITORIUM  
 STEP INTO THE MIST**

**TICKETS \$12 & \$7  
 AVAILABLE AT SKIPPY'S 867-4272**

### AUGUST 2009

- Mon Aug 3rd— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Aug 10th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Aug 17th- Heritage Preservation Comm. @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Aug 24th- City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Thu Aug 27th- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER 2009

- Tue Sep 8th— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Sep 14th— City Council @ 7:00 pm
- Mon Sep 21st- Heritage Preservation Comm. @ 7:00 pm
- Thu Sep 24th- Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm
- Mon Sep 28th- City Council @ 7:00 pm



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CHATFIELD

# COMMUNITY LINK

AUGUST 2009

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## Potter Auditorium & the Elementary School Buildings...

The transformation of the elementary school that is being vacated, along with Potter Auditorium, represents one of the greatest opportunities and challenges to our community in a really long time. This article is intended to shed light on some of the issues that go along with transforming a public building from one use to another and to provide an opportunity for residents to discuss these same issues.

The opportunities are fairly obvious as there is always a need for museum space, senior citizen space, meeting rooms for civic groups and more. Furthermore, the enhancement of Potter Auditorium could be the community's single biggest opportunity as it has the potential to host many activities attractive to residents and visitors.

The challenges are pretty obvious, too. There is no question that there is an emotional attachment to these buildings that have educated the youth of our community for so many decades. There is no question that residents and visitors have a natural affinity for the dis-

tinctive architectural features of the 1916 building and Potter Auditorium. There is no question that people appreciate the functionality of the 1954 building that has accommodated the many breakfast fundraisers, community education activities and soapbox derbies over the years. And, there is no question that everyone knows that it costs real money to heat and maintain these buildings.

At a time like this, when a school district no longer needs a building, the District needs to make decisions fairly rapidly because of the costs and liabilities involved. Simply put, school districts have little ability to hold and maintain buildings that they no longer need.

That notwithstanding, the Chatfield School District has been quite accommodating in exploring the opportunities the facilities offer.

In late 2007, the District assembled a fairly broad group of residents who met for a number of months, providing input on the future uses of Potter Auditorium and the surrounding property. It became clear that District patrons placed a high value on Potter Auditorium and would like that facility enhanced. Eventually, as it became clear that the demolition of the 1916 and 1954 buildings would be under consideration, the

District asked the City to retain a Preservation Consultant to conduct a study of the entire property in order to better understand the historical significance of the property. Late in the fall of 2008, the District assembled a smaller group who were charged with applying for grant funding from the legislature and federal government. That effort continues, including discussions about who should own this property and how to provide continuing funds to support the property in the future.

The City has been assisting this effort in several ways. It has addressed this property in its Park Master Plan, its Land Use Plan and has officially stated that it is interested in this property in the context of maintaining a "town square." At the same time, the City's Heritage Preservation Commission has been managing the study that is exploring the historical aspects of the property.

The transformation of Potter Auditorium and the elementary buildings is one of the highest priorities of the community. The School District and the City are working together where possible and hope that the variety of challenges and opportunities, some of which conflict with each other, are understood by the public.

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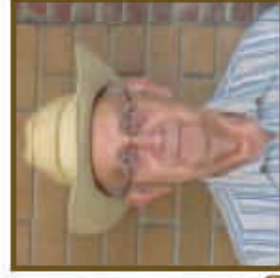
In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1

Ambulance (Non Emergency) 507-867-4446  
 Police (Non Emergency) 507-867-3331  
 Chatfield Public Library 507-867-3480



Barb Smith  
Grand Marshall

Hank Anderson  
Honorary Grand Marshall



# Saddle Up For Chatfield's 42nd Annual

## WESTERN DAYS Chatfield, MN August 6-9, 2009



### FIREWORKS AUGUST 9 AT DUSK MILL CREEK PARK

Sponsored by  
Chatfield Booster Club



### WESTERN DAYS PARADE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1:00 P.M.

PRIZES AWARDED IN THESE CATEGORIES

BEST PONY/LI. HORSE HITCH

BEST DRAFT HITCH

BEST OVERALL PARADE UNIT

BEST WESTERN THEME

BEST SADDLE CLUB

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

3:00-5:00 pm-"DC DRIFTERS" featuring . . .

BRAD BOICE as  
"ELVIS"



Incentive weather performance will  
be in Potter Auditorium.  
Free Will Donation

### FREE Bandshell Entertainment in City Park

Immediately Following Saturday's Parade

"CHATFIELD BRASS BAND followed by "KENT LARSON"

Sun., August 9, 11:00 am to Noon-SQUARE DANCING

Noon to 1:00 pm "GOLDEN GIRLS" and AEROBIC DANCE

Contact Jackie Hrstka 867-3744

Sun. August 9, 7:00-9:00 pm the "POLKA DOTS

### SADDLE CLUB ACTIVITIES

at Mill Creek Park

ROYALTY CONTEST, Sat., 10:00 am

HORSE SHOW, Sun., 8:00 am

Contact Ann Anderson at 867-4725

State of MN requires negative coggins test.

### ALSO DON'T MISS

MN HORSE AND PONY PULLERS

Fri., 6:00 pm at Mill Creek Park

Free will donation - Bill Hanson at 867-3527



### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH, 8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

"BATTLE OF THE BANDS"

Sponsored by CVHS class of 2010 & Chatfield Booster Club

### "DANCE "EXTRAORDINAIRE" - "JOHNNY HOLM BAND"

All Your Friends Will Be There!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT • BERNARD BUS GARAGE

Sponsored by the CHATFIELD BOOSTER CLUB and the VFW - Educational and Community Fund-raiser

### BUJFF COUNTRY ATV TRAIL RIDE

Fri., August 7th, 5 pm -

Meet at ATV Trail Head Lot - Hwy. 74 East of Chatfield

Brian - 95-1-1433 or Bernie - 259-7269

### ANTIQUA TRACTOR PULL

Friday, August 7th, 6 pm - Across Hwy 52 from Golf Course

Daryl - 867-3899

### HORSES HOE TOURNAMENT - Mill Creek Park

Sat., August 8th, 9:00 am - Registration

Tournament Begins at 10 am

Tom McManimon - 867-4237

### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS - Mill Creek Park

Sat. & Sun, August 8 & 9, Jerry Chase - 867-3592

### SAND VOLLEYBALL - Mill Creek Park

Sat., August 8 - Kristi Bren@hotmail.com

(Parking in No rth Parking Lot at Mill Creek Park)

### 15TH ANNUAL WESTERN DAYS STAMPEDE

Sat., August 8, 7:00 am Registration

8:00 am - 10K, 9:15 am - 2 mile then 1 mile "FUN" run

Chris Frye - 867-3214

### CRAFTER'S / FLEA MARKET

Sat., August 8, 9 am - 5 pm, Sun. 11 am - 4 pm

CITY PARK - Paula Besing-as - 867-5076

### TaCade's 1st Annual Street Dance

"NEXT TO NOTHING"

Fri. Aug. 7th, 8 pm - Midnight

ONLY \$7 advance / \$10 at door

### Don't Miss the 2nd Annual



The week of Western Days Watch for details in the Chatfield News

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### "STAND STILL" TRACTOR PARADE

Chosen Valley Care Center

Sat., August 8, 6:30 pm

Stacy Fritz, 696-5853 (leave message)

### TRACTOR & IMPLEMENT DISPLAY

All Day Saturday & Sunday-OMC Parking Lot

Sponsored by Chatfield FFA

Stacy Fritz - 696-5853 (leave message)

### CHATFIELD HISTORICAL MUSEUM/PEACE MUSEUM

Sat., 10 am - 4 pm, Sun., Noon - 4 pm

Lower level Thumber Building - 21 2nd St. SE

### VETERAN'S MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Sat., 10 am - 4 pm, Sun., Noon - 4 pm

Lower Level of Library Building - 314 Main St.

### WHERE TO EAT!

• Chatfield Lions Hog Roast-Hog Raffle, Sat., 4 pm

• VFW Chicken BBQ, Sat., 11 am - Club Room on 2nd St.

• Chatfield Commercial Club Pancake Breakfast,

Fire Hall, Sun., 7:30 am - Noon

• Chatfield Softball Assn., Gleason Concessions, Horse Arena & SB field

SUPPORT THE FOODSOUNDS IN THE PARK SPONSORED BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

### CARNIVAL FUN

### FOR EVERYONE

Arm Band Day Sun. 1-3 pm

### Friday thru Sunday

Cody Amusements • City Park

### NEW Elementary School Tours

SAT., AUGUST 8 • 9 AM - 11:30 AM

Free Bus Transportation Provided

by Bernard Bus Co. - continuously from

CHATFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH Parking Lot

(1 Block East of Stoplights)

6th Annual

Production by

"Wits End Theater, Inc."

Advanced Ticket sales:

Skippy's Grocery Store

867-4272

Also Available at door



Presented in our AIR CONDITIONED Potter Auditorium

Wed., Thurs., Fri., August 5, 6, 7, 7:30 pm

Special Saturday Matinee, August 8, at 5 pm

### DON'T MISS THESE WEEKEND ACTIVITIES!

• Chatfield Fish and Game Club Bingo-City Park-Fri., Sat., Sun.

• Friends of the Chatfield Public Library Book Sale

Paulish Building next to RRSB, Thurs, 6-9 pm, Fri, 4-9 pm,

Sat., 9 am-5 pm, Sun., 1-3 pm

Contact Mimi Seamans -867-3462 or 289-4824

• First Aid and Blood Pressure Checks-Sponsored by EMS-City Park

Sat., 9 am-4 pm, Sun., 11 am-3 pm

• Beer Garden-Sponsored by the Chatfield Fire Department-Fire Hall

Sat. and Sun.

• Non-Denominational "Conboy Community Church Service"

Sun, 9-10 am - City Park

Questions? Contact Kerry Brogan, Sec., 507-251-8978