

Chamber Chatter

November, 2010

**D A T E S
T O
R E M E M B E R**

November 2...
Election Day

November 5 & 10...
AAH & MC
Influenza Clinics

November 17...
Albany County Floral &
Gifts Holiday Open
House

November 25...
Happy Thanksgiving

Mission

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Albany Area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, civic, commercial, cultural, industrial and educational interests of the area.



**Please Purchase your Christmas
Wreaths from
The Albany Lions**



The Albany Lions Club has decided that all the proceeds from their Christmas Wreath sales will be donated to The Albany Chamber of Commerce for Santa Day. Last year the net profit was \$995.00. The Lions feel this is a great event for the children and City of Albany. Please order wreaths by calling Ross Voit, Lions President at 320-845-2151 or email at rossv@stearnsbank.com or from any Lions member. All wreaths will be delivered. The cost is \$20.00 per wreath and are purchased from Albany Country Floral & Gifts.



Santa Day

Friday, December 10th
4 to 8PM
At Paul's Par-A-Dice
"North Pole" reception hall

*Enjoy horse-drawn sleigh rides *Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus *Treat bags
*Activities & Crafts *Register to win Albany Bucks; prizes totaling \$200
*This event is FREE! Please bring a donation for our local Food Shelf!
ALL children must be accompanied by an adult during their entire visit.
Sponsored by: Albany Chamber of Commerce, Albany Jaycees,
Albany Lions, Kraft Foods
albanymnchamber.com
320.845.7777



November 17th, 2010

Chamber Meeting at Noon at
Grace Alive! Church

Lunch provided by Twin Pines
Catering for \$6 per person



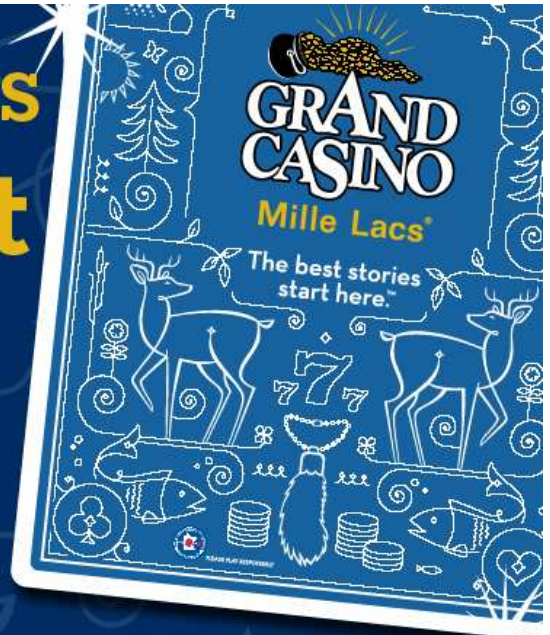
2011 All Business Holiday Event

January 21, 2011

5 - 6 p.m. Registration and Black Jack / Poker instructional play

6 - 7 p.m. Dinner and Prize Drawings

7 - 8 p.m. Entertainment



An Evening with Glen Everhart is a fun, funny, totally interactive musical experience for your audience! Glen's show is a one man comedy musical variety act, combining his hilarious songs and stories with marvelous musicianship and audience participation from beginning to end.

Make your reservation today to attend with groups of any size.

Cost:

* The cost is \$300 per table of ten (includes tax and gratuity)

* To reserve your table please call the Grand Casino Mille Lacs Sales Team at 800-626-5825, ext. 8515

THIS FORM WILL SERVE AS CONFIRMATION OF RESERVATIONS FOR THE

2011 ALL BUSINESS HOLIDAY EVENT
AT GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS



Registration deadline

January 8, 2011 or send payment to:
Grand Casino Mille Lacs
Attn: Convention Sales
777 Grand Ave.
PO Box 343
Onamia, MN 56359
Secure Fax: 320-532-5971

I am purchasing/reserving _____ # of tables for the All Business Holiday Event on January 21, 2011 at \$300 per table. I will have _____ # of people attending the event at the table(s) purchased.

Group/Company Name: _____

Group Contact Name: _____ Contact Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Print Name on Credit Card: _____ Card Number: _____

Type of Card: (Visa/Master etc.) _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digits on back: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Amount to be billed: _____

No payments will be accepted at the door. Reservations required. Cancellation Policy: cancellations after January 8, 2011 are non-refundable.

December 15th, 2010

Chamber Meeting at Noon at the Albany Bowling Center



Pierskalla Insurance Agency Inc.
 State Farm
Providing Insurance and Financial Services
www.dinapierskalla.com

209 E Main Street
 Melrose, MN 56352
 Toll Free: 877-256-4617
 Fax: 320-256-7119

The Albany Chamber welcomes new member Pierskalla Insurance Agency/State Farm. Welcoming Pierskalla Insurance Agency to the Albany Chamber of Commerce is Chamber Executive Secretary, Kim Fish.

State Farm has had an agent in the Melrose/Albany area for over 75 years. We are the largest auto and home insurer in the United States. We insure 40 million cars and 1 out of every 5 homes. We handle more than 35,000 claims per day. Most of these claims can be handled quickly by our local agents.

My office provides one-stop personalized service through trained team members or our after-hours Customer Response Center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Technology allows me and my team to travel to your home or place of business to help you get the coverages and protection that best match your needs. My licensed and professional team members include: Lynn Westgard Pennie, Darla Honkomp, Cathy Walburn and Angie Gregory. We have 50+ years of experience providing prompt, courteous and quality service.

No insurance company is the cheapest year in and year out. In a world with toll-free numbers and thousands of websites, it's easy to lose that personal touch. At the Pierskalla Agency, we'll give you a competitive rate with as many discounts as possible. My team members and I are heavily involved in school functions, Chamber events, and community organizations. We do the right thing for our customers and our communities.

Pictured left to right: Dina Pierskalla, Pierskalla Insurance Agency; Kim Fish, Albany Chamber of Commerce; Lynn Westgard Pennie, Pierskalla Insurance Agency



Mark your calendar. . . Chamber Annual Banquet
 "Toast of the Town"

Saturday, January 22nd at Paul's Par-A-Dice

(watch future newsletters for more information)



The Albany Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Member Albany **Recycling** Center

Welcoming Dale Overman and Albany Recycling Center to the Chamber of Commerce is Chamber president, Melissa Gerads.



Left; Melissa Gerads, Chamber President and Dale Overman, Albany Recycling Center

Dale Overman the owner and CEO of Albany Recycling Center formerly Freeport Recycling Center moved his recycling company to Albany, MN the beginning of August 2010. Albany Recycling Center is founded on the idea and belief that we need to make our living practices sustainable to the environment and to ensure a safe and prosperous world for future generations. With the world going green and many companies following suite Dale wanted to make a way for the public to get involved. He opened a recycling center that buys items. Common items include aluminum cans, all types of aluminum, copper, stainless steel, automotive batteries even electronics such as computers. He has also branched his business into an appliance recycling system as well as a much needed fluorescent light bulb recycler. Some of the products Albany Recycling Center accepts such as appliances, TV's and fluorescent bulbs have a small charge. This fee is to ensure safe handling as well as appropriate recycling practices that are safe to our environment. Albany recycling Center, brings many recycling options into the community and looks forward to continuing doing business with our current customers and is eager to establish new customers as well. For any questions on prices or items that you have to recycle call Dale, 320-248-5253, or 320-845-2747. The Recycling Center is located in the same parking lot as the Albany Chrysler center.

ALBANY COUNTRY FLORAL & GIFTS
ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE;
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
8:00AM - 7:00PM
SATURDAY, NOV 13TH
8:00AM - 2:00PM
(JOIN US FRIDAY FROM 5:00 TO 7:00
FOR WINE & REFRESHMENTS)

ALBANY

MINNESOTA ... WHERE FRIENDLY PATHS CROSS!

With the help from the Local Businesses of Albany, the Stearns Morrison Enterprise will be updating the resource guide for the City of Albany. This will serve as a great resource guide for new and existing residents in the area; it will include up-to-date information on the community, as well as information about the local businesses, churches, schools, and more. Our goal is to have all of the important information available in one convenient guide.

We are planning on printing the guides and distributing them to new residents and visitors in the community. The resource guide will be available at a variety of local business, and the Chamber Office available free to anyone. Our plan is to keep this guide as up to date and accurate as possible by printing it annually in the spring.

We were able to produce a wonderful resource guide in 2009. We hope to include more information and update last years guide. With your advertising support, this reference guide will continue to be produced. It is a great service to Albany residents and a great advertising tool for your business.

*As a Chamber Member**, your business name will appear in **bold/purple lettering** under the business listings. You will also receive a 10% discount off the advertising rates. The book will measure approximately 8 ½ x 10, and will be printed in full color. The costs and size of the ads will be as follows:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Actual Inches</u>	<u>Regular Rate</u>	<u>*Chamber Member 10% Disc.</u>
1/8 page	3.701" w x 2.375" h	\$ 59.00	\$ 53.10
¼ page	3.701" w x 4.376" h	\$ 99.00	\$ 89.10
½ page	7.514" w x 4.736" h	\$ 189.00	\$ 170.10
Full Page	7.514" w x 10" h	\$ 279.00	\$ 251.10

Premium Positions:

Inside Front or Back Cover Full Page \$ 389.00 \$ 350.10

*Chamber Discount will be given when your dues are current with the Chamber.
If you need information on how to become a chamber member, please contact
Kim Fish 845-4244 or albanyvcc@albanyvtel.com.

The deadline date to advertise in this guide is Friday January 28, 2011.

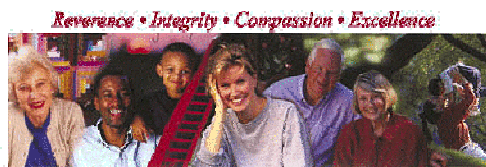
We were pleased with last year's response and excited about producing the resource guide again. If you are interested in placing an ad, need more information, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (320) 256-3240, or by email at sthull@acnpapers.com

Sincerely,

Shawn Thull
Special Projects Coordinator/Advertising



**Albany Area Hospital
& Medical Center**
*"Quality Care With
A Personal Touch"*



The Albany Medical Center will be conducting additional influenza vaccination clinics on Friday, November 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, November 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

These clinics are for Medicare patients but individuals over the age of 18 may receive the vaccine for \$20.

Free Radio Spot for Chamber Members

As a Chamber member you have the opportunity to "get the word out" about your business with free air time on KASM. The spot available is on Mondays at 1:10 P.M.

For more information and to schedule a time, call Brad at 845-2184.



Interview can take place at the station or over the phone.

Building or Rental Space Available thru Chamber Businesses:

Existing space at 115 4th St., Albany

1,500 sq. ft. available in basement
 Nice newly remodeled with hardwood floor
 High traffic area with great visibility
 Call Bryan or Linda (320) 845-4733

Existing space at Albany Senior Center

Two rooms to rent as office space

- One space is 150 sq. feet
- One space is 114 sq. feet

Please call (320) 845-2536 for more information

Albany Business & Industrial Park

- Lots ranging in size from 1/2 to 12 acres (larger parcels available)
- City service available
- C2 and M2 zoning

Call:

Warnert Real Estate
 Shelia DeVine
 1203 33rd St. South
 St. Cloud, MN 56301
 320-492-3230

Office and Warehouse Suites Available

Immediately

- In Albany along the southwest side of I-94
- 1500-5000 sq. ft.
- 12x14' overhead doors
- In-floor heat
- Call Terry 320-980-0022

- Existing building at 34659 225th Ave, Albany
- Existing building at 34659-225th Ave, Albany
- Cold Storage/Warehouse - 50' x 150' (7500 sq. ft)
- Great location - Just off I-94
- Interstate Exposure
- Asphalt Driveway and Parking
- City Services - Natural Gas
- Power Overhead Doors
- Next door to Albany Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep store
- High traffic and visibility
- Call Bryan or Linda (320) 845-4733

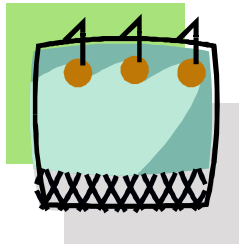


Email Addresses

Please update the Chamber office of any new email address changes so we can easily keep you informed on any Chamber information.



Please email or call the Chamber office by the first of the month with any information or announcements you would like published in the monthly newsletter. Keep in mind awards or honors that have been received or special employee recognition.



Chamber Community Board

The Chamber Community Board is located in the south parking lot of Albany Antique Center. It is available to non profit organizations to announce their upcoming events. The organization is responsible for putting the announcement up and taking it down after event is over. Contact Terri Gertken at Albany Antique Center, 845-6575 for availability and letters to install your announcement.

THE NEWSLETTER IS PROVIDED TO YOU BY :

President	Melissa Gerads, Central MN Federal Credit Union	845-4784
Vice President:	Kari Eiden, Century 21, First Realty Inc.	320-290-8385
Interim Treasurer:	Laura Reitmeier, Schlenner Wenner & Company	845-2940
Executive Secretary:	Kim Fish, Chamber of Commerce	845-7777
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