

Sept. 2010 – Calendar of Events

9th Annual U of M Open House – Sat. Sept. 16 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Southern Research and Outreach Center (west edge of Waseca on Highway 14 at Co. Rd. 57, directly across from Loon Lake). Fun for all ages, backgrounds and interests. Features exciting exhibits and displays, kids' 4-H games and activities, trolley and wagon rides, Goldy Gopher, Kids' Sanctioned Power Pedal Pull, farm animals, corn maze, door prizes, a simulated tractor cab, and more. Picnic supper served 4:30-7:00 p.m. This is a FUN, FREE event for the whole family! (Rain or shine)

Mahkato 38th Annual Powwow – Fri., Sept. 17 through Sun. Sept. 19 from 4-10:00 p.m. at Land of Memories Park, Mankato (1/4 mile south of the Mankato city limits, hwy 169/60). For more information, visit <http://www.mahkatowacipi.org/>.

Blue Earth County Historical Society Events - R. D. Hubbard House in September will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 – 4 p.m. located at 606 Broad Street, Mankato, MN. Admission Price - \$5 adults, \$2 Students ages 5-17, Free for BECHS members and children 5 & under

- Sat., Sept. 25th, BECHS will be at the Mankato Farmers' Market Fall Festival, Madison East Center Parking Lot, 1400 Madison Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Tues., Sept. 28th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. BECHS will be at the Historic Blue Earth County Courthouse giving tours on the ½ hour. For more info call 507-345-5566 or email bechsms@hickorytech.net.

Farmamerica Fall Fair – Sept. 11th and 12th. Events run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Horses and tractors will be displayed and working on the grounds. Admission Price - \$8 for general admission, \$7 for seniors (age 62 & over), \$5 for youth (age 13 & under), free for children 5 & under. Family plan is available. Weekend pass also available. Stroll through!

Blue Earth County Library - Preschool story times on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) - ECFE classes begin the week of Sept. 13th. Parents should call 507-625-4620 or log on to our web site www.mankatoecfe.org if they have any questions or would still like to register for classes. Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available and no one will be turned away in our parent/child classes for inability to pay for tuition.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) - The women of MOPS are all ages and come from a variety of backgrounds, but they all share the same desire - to be the best mothers they can be. Each MOPS meeting offers social time, learning time, discussion groups, and creative activities for mothers, while children are cared for by loving caregivers. Meetings are held every first and third Tues. of the month, Sept. through May, at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. Yearly MOPS Registration fees are \$30.00. Semester tuition fees for MOPPETS (kids) range from \$40-50 depending on the number of children and are due at the first meeting of each semester. Scholarships are available. Contact mankatomops@yahoo.com for more information.

Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Elementary – Thurs., Sept. 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial is holding an ice cream social and playground ribbon cutting. Please join us for this fun kick off to LCWM's ECCE & Preschool Classes! Drop by and play on our brand new playground, play in our new large motor room and enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae! FREE!

Betsy-Tacy Society Neighborhood Walk – Sat. Sept. 25 from 12-3:00 p.m. Walk begins at 333 Center Street. Visit author Maud Hart Lovelace's childhood home and see where the beloved Betsy-Tacy book series began. Step back in time as you take a stroll through Betsy and Tacy's neighborhood. Costumed guides will lead the walk with stops at the homes of the characters. At each home you will be greeted by costumed re-enactors. Rain will postpone to Sun., Sept. 26, 2010.