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First Greater Mankato Songs on the Lawn of year a success

Next week's event features The Ride

Mankato, MINN (June 2, 2011) –This morning the sun broke through the clouds to welcome this season's first Greater Mankato Songs on the Lawn. The success today came from the co-workers, friends and families who took advantage of an opportunity to enjoy a lunch hour outdoors. It was accompanied by music with The Divers, food for sale by local vendors and fun activities provided by the Mankato Family YMCA and Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.

"The first Songs on the Lawn this season was a hit," said Liz Sharp, Greater Mankato Growth Special Events Director. "Groups of co-workers, friends and families gathered on the lawn and enjoyed the music, food and activities."

Next Thursday's entertainment, on June 9, will be by The Ride and the following week the Dazy Head Mazy Acoustic DUO will perform on June 16.

Food vendors include: Angie's Kettle Corn, Buffalo Wild Wings, Culver's Frozen Custard, Dino's Gourmet Pizzeria, Hy-Vee, Number 4 American Bar & Kitchen, Olives, Pub 500, Sodexo, Tavern on the Avenue and The Loose Moose Saloon.

Greater Mankato Songs on the Lawn has been an annual summer tradition for eight years. The event is put on by Greater Mankato Growth every Thursday in June from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Civic Center Plaza (in front of the Intergovernmental Center) with food, music and fun activities. There is no charge for admission, and parking is free in the Cherry Street and Civic Center ramps.

The 2011 Greater Mankato Songs on the Lawn presented by Xcel Energy is sponsored by Charter, Waste Management and Hot 96.7 and Minnesota 93, members of Radio Mankato. Additional support provided by Verizon Wireless Center, City of Mankato, City of North Mankato, Mankato Family YMCA and Red Door Creative.

Visit greatermankato.com/gmg-SongsontheLawn.php for more information on Greater Mankato Songs on the Lawn presented by Xcel Energy.

About Greater Mankato Growth

Greater Mankato Growth (GMG) is committed to advancing business for a stronger community. As the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development organization serving the regional marketplace, GMG advances business through: existing business support, new business growth, business promotion, talent development, public affairs, community marketing, visitor attraction and servicing and civic engagement.

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