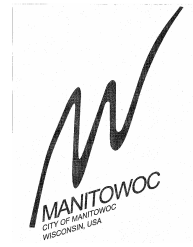


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“Capital for a Day”

On Tuesday, May 22nd, Governor Jim Doyle will make Manitowoc County the home of state government for the day.

There will be lots of interesting happenings throughout the area in relationship to this activity, but one of the best things that will happen will be the announcement of several major state investments in the area in regard to our local businesses and the jobs they create.

Government has always been involved in economic development and continues to serve a key role when it comes to helping private enterprise fulfill its mission. There are those that don't believe that government should play such a role, but they are living in a fantasy world as local, state and the federal government all play vital roles in helping businesses create jobs.

During the height of the Roman Empire, government's job was to aid commerce by making population centers livable through the installation of centralized sanitation. When Lincoln was president, he felt his primary role in aiding enterprise in the United States was in the building of good roads that could carry goods and services. For the past several decades, government has moved into the role of investor in helping businesses get these same goods and services to market.

The Governor's Day will begin in Two Rivers at the Lighthouse Inn where breakfast will be served at 7:45 AM. If you haven't already received an invitation, they are being handled by the Chamber of Commerce and you can make reservations for this morning event by calling the Chamber at 684-5575.

Entertainment for the breakfast will be provided by the stage band from Heart-A-Rama known as the Heart-A-Rama Pit Boys. The Pit Boys are a phenomenal Rock and Roll Band and their morning “gig” in Two Rivers will help to herald the fact that Heart-A-Rama 2008 will be produced and staged at the Community House in downtown TR.

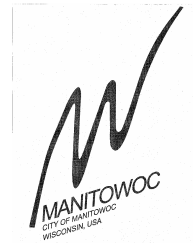
When the Governor visits, he brings his entire cabinet in order that they can listen to the concerns of local business leaders as well as local elected officials. At noon on Tuesday the 22nd, for example, the TR City Manager and the Manty Mayor have arranged a meeting with the Secretary of Revenue in order that we might get a better handle on the impact of the new state budget on our two communities.

All in all, the Governors visit will be good for relationship building between state officials and the businesses and governments that live in Manitowoc County. As always, it will be interesting to see where the state will be investing public funds for the good of our citizens.

Last Friday, *the* Lake Michigan Carferry, the SS Badger, made its way through the pier heads and back into the safe harbor of our port city. It was quite a beautiful sight as its big, black hull slipped quietly past the crowd waiting at the “Chuck Conrad Carferry Facility”, only to halt in the midst of the harbor, come about and back easily and perfectly into the Carferry slip.

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On board were twenty two kids from Ludington public schools waiting to get “hooked up” with an equal amount of students from First German Evangelical Lutheran School and then travel on, via bus, to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

The Red Hat Society of Manitowoc County was on hand, as well, giving a warm welcome to Carferry officials, passengers arriving in Manitowoc and fans of the Carferry who traveled to Manitowoc from as far away as Minnesota just to witness this first day of sail for 2007. (The “Red Hatters” were also making it perfectly clear that theirs was a women’s only organization.)

The kids had a great time at the museum, old acquaintances were reestablished and the boat left our harbor right on time.

She’ll be back tomorrow. Head on down and enjoy our graceful and gentle giant when she arrives at noon.

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