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### **Songs on Lawn Presented by Xcel Energy Every Thursday in June**

Mankato, MINN (May 27, 2010) – A Greater Mankato area annual summer tradition will return to Jackson Park in Mankato's City Center (adjacent to The Free Press and Brett's buildings) every Thursday in June from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Songs on the Lawn presented by Xcel Energy gives area residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy music outside over the lunch hour, while enjoying food sold by local vendors. Admission is free and so is parking in the Cherry Street and Civic Center ramps.

This year's line-up includes The Divers on June 3, Dazy Head Mazy (Acoustic Duo) on June 10, The Ride on June 17 and Lost Walleye Orchestra on June 24.

Each week the following vendors will offer a variety of lunch and snack items for sale: Angie's Kettle Corn, Buffalo Wild Wings, Culver's Frozen Custard, Dino's Gourmet Pizzeria, Hy-Vee, Loose Moose Saloon & Conference Center, Najwa's/Olive's, Neighbor's Italian Bistro, Simply to Go Catering, Tavern on the Avenue.

The Mankato Family YMCA will also have fun activities available for kids each of the four weeks.

Songs on the Lawn is an event of Greater Mankato Growth and has run for seven years. "Last year's Songs on the Lawn attracted more than 2,000 attendees," said Liz Sharp, Special Events Director for Greater Mankato Growth. "Many people have told me that this is a 'start of summer' tradition and something they look forward to every year."

The 2010 Songs on the Lawn presented by Xcel Energy is sponsored by Charter, LJP Waste & Recycle, and Hot 96.7 and Minnesota 93 - members of Radio Mankato.

### **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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