

If Lanesboro, Minnesota gets a big increase in visitors this summer, it might be partly the result of being named one of "America's Prettiest Towns."

The designation from the Forbes company came in October, a little late to boost the tourism numbers for last year, according to Julie Kiehne (KEE-nee) from the Lanesboro Chamber of Commerce. But the Chamber's website received a huge increase in on-line hits after the announcement. The Lanesboro Chamber is using the "Prettiest" label in tourism ads this season...along with its title as the "Bed and Breakfast Capital of Minnesota."