

FY2007 Annual Report

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East Central Regional Development Commission



100 Park Street South
Mora, MN 55051

Serving Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties

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July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006

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EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) is a public agency. The board members are represented by officials appointed by county boards, townships, municipalities, school boards and citizens at large.

The ECRDC is funded through a local tax levy and planning/program grants and contracts from state agencies, federal agencies and foundations.

MISSION OF THE EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The mission is to provide leadership and direction through creative problem solving. We do this by initiating projects and programs that lead to creative solutions to regional problems, providing technical assistance and identifying and developing available resources. We serve in a leadership role as an advocate for East Central Minnesota to bring about positive change.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE...

Thank you for taking time to review the 2007 Annual Report of the East Central Regional Development Commission. Each year the Commission prepares a report that lists its accomplishments toward fulfilling the ECRDC's mission. This report includes the programs, projects, and related financial information for the period starting on July 1, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007.

The past fiscal year was filled with activity and change. The agency completed a 5 year performance assessment of the programs and services we offer which is a useful tool in guiding our future. A federally funded transit coordination study was conducted to identify gaps in transit services in the region and ways to fill them. We expanded our economic development program mix with the addition of the Small Business Development Center. Two new satellite offices for the aging program's senior information and referral services were established in Sandstone and Cambridge. The East Central Arts Council teamed up with the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts to complete a regional and statewide impact study entitled "Arts Count". Finally, a new governance board and advisory committee were set up for the regional economic development program which includes a broader representation from education, workforce, private industry, and local government.

The ECRDC also is pleased to welcome all the new staff including Lynn Anderson, Sherry Whitney, and Michele Bollenbeck of the East Central Senior Resource Center and ECRDC Finance Officer Andrew Daniels. A fond farewell and best wishes to retiring Finance Officer Dorothy Jones and Outreach Coordinator Elissa Schley.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Commission members Bill Hallstrom, Robert Musgrove, Jeremy Kalin, Bob Hoefert, Eileen Anderson, Dave Geise, and Brian Humphrey for their continued support and dedication over the years. Also, it is my pleasure to welcome Jack Edmonds, Rick Smisson, Steve Hallan, Debra Smith, Don Taylor, and Jeremy Riddle as our newest members of the Commission.

The success of the Commission would not be possible without the effort and commitment of the Commission members, the various advisory committees, volunteers, program partners, and our hardworking staff. Thanks to all of you!

Warmest regards,



Robert L. Voss
Executive Director
robert.voss@ecrdc.org

ECRDC STAFF

July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007

Robert L. Voss
Executive Director

Lynn Anderson
Caregiver Coach
East Central Senior Resource Center Outreach Specialist

Michele Bollenbeck
East Central Senior Resource Center Outreach Specialist

Robert Bollenbeck
Transportation Program Director
Toward Zero Death Coordinator

Andrew Daniels
East Central Senior Resource Center Outreach Specialist
Finance Officer

Dorothy Jones
Finance Officer

Mary Minnick-Daniels
East Central Arts Council Director

Trish Rydlund
Information / Office Manager

Elissa Schley
East Central Senior Resource Center Outreach Coordinator

Penny Simonsen
East Central Senior Resource Center Director

Sherry Whitney
East Central Senior Resource Center Outreach Specialist

Jordan Zeller
Community / Economic Development Director

FINANCIAL

	FY2007 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY2007 REVENUES/ EXPENSES UNAUDITED	FY2008 ADOPTED BUDGET
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes	\$ 224,699	\$ 225,669	\$ 231,440
Aging-CMCOA	\$ 196,827	\$ 167,041	\$ 208,171
EDA	\$ 52,628	\$ 57,388	\$ 52,628
State Arts Board	\$ 107,330	\$ 116,161	\$ 130,149
FRACM	\$ 16,700	\$ 18,643	\$ 17,600
State Transportation	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Contracts	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,809	\$ 6,000
Interest/Other	\$ 34,315	\$ 35,372	\$ 34,540
Foundations	\$ 30,000	\$ 26,320	\$ 25,000
Dept. of Public Safety	\$ 22,500	\$ 27,963	\$ 25,000
Transit Study	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,397	\$ -
Job Z-Cities	\$ -	\$ 3,016	\$ -
Development Corps.	\$ 8,750	\$ -	\$ -
SBDC	\$ 8,750	\$ 4,504	\$ 6,125
Hazard Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 2,737	\$ 2,737
MRDO	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -
RLF-Interest/Fees	\$ 15,020	\$ 3,268	\$ 20,080
RLF-Repayments	\$ 58,120	\$ 98,048	\$ 41,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 851,639	\$ 859,836	\$ 850,470
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
General Fund	\$ 104,445	\$ 90,060	\$ 111,624
RLF-Administration	\$ 14,783	\$ 18,572	\$ 17,852
Hazard Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 2,875	\$ 2,737
State Arts-Administration	\$ 69,611	\$ 73,181	\$ 75,402
FRACM-Staffing	\$ 16,600	\$ 19,484	\$ 25,547
McKnight Arts-Administration	\$ 5,920	\$ 5,322	\$ 6,500
State Transportation	\$ 77,203	\$ 71,257	\$ 78,751
Aging Program-Administration	\$ 111,169	\$ 79,804	\$ 147,617
EDA	\$ 105,256	\$ 119,744	\$ 105,256
I & A Program	\$ 151,158	\$ 138,744	\$ 117,115
Contracts	\$ -	\$ 2,647	\$ -
Transit Study	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,406	\$ -
Safe Communities	\$ 22,500	\$ 35,239	\$ 26,200
SBDC	\$ 17,500	\$ 6,014	\$ -
Job Z	\$ -	\$ 3,017	\$ -
Arts-Pass-thru Grants	\$ 72,499	\$ 67,209	\$ 80,900
MRDO	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ -
RLF Loans	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 838,644	\$ 780,606	\$ 835,501
Revenues over/under Expenses	\$ 12,995	\$ 79,230	\$ 14,969
Prior Year Fund Balances	\$ 171,321	\$ 171,458	\$ 280,687
Current Year Fund Balances	\$ 184,316	\$ 250,688	\$ 295,656

EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

The East Central Senior Resource Center serves older adults, their families, the communities where they reside, and the providers of the services and programs they access. The mission "Fostering development of and access to resources for older adults in East Central Minnesota", sums up the work of the East Central Senior Resource Center (ECSRC).

The paid staff of the ECSRC includes director Penny Simonsen, and outreach coordinators Lynn Anderson, Michele Bollenbeck, Lynda Hayek and Sherry Whitney. Volunteer staff are vital to the work of the agency. Volunteer staff assist with every aspect of the day-in-day-out work of the ECSRC. They are: Kathleen Berland, Diann Boser, Kayette Calander, Frances Caron, Brenda Fornengo, Lynda Hayek, Carol Headman, Wally Hed, Dorothy Lemke, Ella Martens, Frank Miller, Rose Peloquin, Joyce Rebeschke, Sharon Toenies, Eileen Wasson, and Rose-Marie Westmoreland.

In 1965 the U.S. Congress enacted legislation known as the Older American's Act. The Act authorizes Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to fund local public and non-profit organizations to develop/expand services for persons over 60. Through a contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging, the ECSRC provides services through three broad program areas: development of senior programs; caregiver services; and information, referral and assistance services.

Development of Senior Programs

Senior service provider networks in each county offer an opportunity for providers of aging services

from government, non-profit and for-profit sectors to come together. The networking events, while informal in nature, offer opportunities for new partnerships, more

communication between service providers and development of new services. Over 250 persons participated in the 16 events.

The State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Department of Human Services has funding available to agencies, businesses and organizations through the Community Services/Service Development (CS/SD) funds—with the intent of the resources to be put toward assisting older adults to remain independently in their communities longer and thus reducing the rate of nursing home admissions by increasing the availability of community-based services. The ECSRC worked closely with agencies, businesses and organizations to submit applications for CS/SD and other appropriate funding to develop new senior community-based services in the five county region.

Creating a Value Added Community (CVAC) is a project funded through the Northwest Area Foundation with a focus on community wealth creation, building community capacity and poverty reduction. Through the funding, a workgroup was formed to create a regional profile and strategic plan for building economic vitality for part of the northern half of the east central region. In 2006 the CVAC workgroup was instrumental in bringing a SCORE chapter (Senior Corp of Retired Executives) to the region—providing business planning and mentoring services.

The ECSRC offered Elder Depression and Suicide Prevention training to over 30 professional staff in the fall of 2006. Chisago and Isanti County service providers along with ECSRC staff meet on a regular basis to continue the education surrounding mental health issues amongst older adults.

ESCRC Advisory Committee

Ben Montzka, Chisago County
George Larson, Isanti County
Jerry Nelson, Kanabec County
Jack Edmonds, Mille Lacs County
Marlys Mestemacher, Pine County

EAST CENTRAL SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

Caregiver Services

The ECSRC expanded the scope of services available to caregivers to include caregiver education sessions, support groups and one-to-one extensive counseling, referred to as "coaching" throughout the region. Caregiver coaches offer help to caregivers to manage and live their life while caring for another person, offers caregivers expert advice, assists caregivers to develop their unique personal action plan, connects caregivers to community resources, helping them see all available options and helps caregivers identify strategies and solutions to remain as a caregiver longer.

Information, Referral and Assistance Services

The ECSRC is part of a statewide network known as the Senior LinkAge Line®--a telephone based information and assistance service. Trained staff assist clients in locating a variety of services. Staff

provides one-on-one assistance with accessing prescription drug programs (including Medicare Part D), understanding medical bills, insurance claims and Medicare coverage. The individualized help is objective and confidential. The information, referral and assistance services at the ECSRC responded to 2,994 callers. The estimated savings from only the prescription drug assistance provided was \$2,325,068. Fifty-eight presentations were offered teaching seniors the basics of computer use and navigating the internet to access information about Medicare, among other things. Published yearly the ECSRC resource guide contains information about many of the services available in the region.



Volunteer Update held February 22, 2007

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL

Supporting the enhancement of arts quantity and quality in Region 7E.

The mission of the East Central Arts Council is to improve the quantity and quality of arts experiences in Region 7E by facilitating the production, presentation, and dissemination of art development for arts organizations and by promoting the growth of individual artists. The East Central Arts Council (ECAC) accomplishes its mission through programs and special initiatives for artists and arts organizations. The FY 2007 work program of the Arts Council included the following: grant programs for organizations such as the Arts Projects Assistance, Art in Our Schools, and the Small Grants Program; individual artist programs such as the McKnight/ECAC Individual Artist and Fellowship Grant Programs, Image-the annual regional art show, the K-12 Scholarship Program; other assistance is provided and includes continuing to host various grant workshops, and providing technical assistance and resource information. Our mission, vision and values are at the heart of the programs and grantees we fund. Our grantee partners are at the forefront of our work to enhance the arts environment in Region 7E. It is their daily work and commitment that expands arts opportunities, increases the quality of life, and enhances the community/economic development in the region. In March of 2007 ECAC hosted a workshop entitled the Artist Teacher Workshop in conjunction with the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Perpich Center for the Arts. Many artists were in attendance and they learned more about becoming residency artists. The teachers in attendance learned about art grants for schools. Also during this fiscal year the ECAC partnered with Minnesota Citizens for the Arts to complete both a regional and statewide economic impact study of artists in Minnesota entitled ARTISTS COUNT. This information builds on the

statewide/regional economic impact study of arts organizations completed in 2006 entitled The ARTS: A Driving Force in East Central Minnesota.

Individual Artists Grants & Artist Fellowships -

The Individual Artist grants are for artists in the region wanting to expand their artistry with a specific arts project. The Fellowship Program is designed to recognize, reward, and encourage outstanding professional artists. Funding for these programs are provided by The McKnight Foundation. This year we awarded \$12,000 in artist grants/fellowships to artists in Region 7E.

Art Scholarships for K-12 Students – Region 7E has many young, talented, and energetic artists deserving recognition. As a result, the ECAC, with funding through The McKnight Foundation, offers students in grades K - 12 a scholarship opportunity to further their artistic skills. This year the Council recognized three students with a total amount of \$1,500. The kids are experiencing a wide range of activities: MusiCamp at Bemidji State; mentorship with an artist/teacher; and the Shell Lake Arts Center Jazz Ensemble Camp.

Art in Our Schools Grants - Schools may apply to the East Central Arts Council to help fund special art projects related to the curriculum. The funds can support artist residencies, art related field trips, or any special school arts-focused project. This year 6 grants were funded in schools throughout Region 7E. The total amount of grants was almost \$5,000 for school projects. Thousands of local children benefited from this funding.

ECAC Advisory Committee

Amanda Thompson Rundahl, Chair
Linda Evans, ECRDC Liaison
Dr. Nancy McCracken, Ex Officio
Carl Long

Dr. Kate Maurer
Lenore Whitney Karash
Jeremy Kalin
Krystal Hunsaker
Margery Swanson

Doug Bennington
Susan Rogers
Katherine Salverda
Marguerite Walz

EAST CENTRAL ARTS COUNCIL

Art Organization Project & Small Grants - These programs award grants for local or regional arts and cultural projects sponsored/coordinated by organizations, units of government or nonprofits. Funds are available for a variety of arts projects that develop or enhance local arts organizations, artists, or art audiences. Small Grants of up to \$500 and Art Organization Project Grants up to \$5000 are considered. The grants are awarded only with a one-to-one financial match. The grants this year amounted to over \$35,000. The total project costs were over \$75,000. A wide variety of arts events were made possible such as: Four Drawing Classes at the Princeton Library; the Kanabec County Artists Tour event entitled "Sticks and Stones"; a Youth and Children's Artwork Mural in the new Milaca Library; Norwegian Art on an Autumn Saturday sponsored by the Braham Chamber of Commerce; the Tanner Bauman Performance at the First Tuesday Performance Series in Princeton; the Fiddle Contest at the Mille Lacs

County Fair; Friends of the North Branch Library hosting the Image Art Show at the new North Branch Library; the Hinckley-Finlayson Summer Recreation production of "Aladdin"; the Kanabec County Historical Society Summer Lemonade Concerts; the production of the "Oak Savanna" painting at the new North Branch Library; a mural project by artist Deb Vriesen at the new Milaca Library; the Jeffrey Steele Concert at the Richard G. Hardy Performing Arts Center sponsored by the Cambridge-Isanti District 911 Performing Arts Committee; the Franconia Sculpture Park Fall Arts and Music Festival; the East Central Minnesota TRAC website phase II; Tuesdays in the Park in Princeton; and the Rush City Art and Music Festival.



*Patrons enjoying the artwork at the IMAGE Art Show 2006.
Photo credit Dee Kotaska.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy/ EDA Planning Grant:

The ECRDC has begun the implementation of the Federal EDA's new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) governance system.

A nine-member CEDS Governance Board composed of elected officials and representatives of post secondary education, workforce and private industry was created to oversee the structuring and crafting of the ECRDC's CEDS program. At the same time a CEDS Advisory Committee was also created. This committee of "boots on the ground" representatives of industry, workforce and education, provides suggestions and feedback to the Governance Board.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process is designed to guide the economic growth of the region. The CEDS is required in order to qualify for Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Grant Assistance under its public works, economic adjustment, and most planning programs; and is a prerequisite for designation by EDA as an economic development district (EDD). Multiple surveys were conducted of local government and community leaders for completion on projects in process, and future infrastructure, housing, and economic development needs that may require EDA assistance.

Northern Technology Initiative (NTI) Collaboration:

The ECRDC continues its economic development partnership with NTI on attracting high technology firms to Region 7E. Projects this past year have included a financial resource summit, an event to bring government officials, private industry, lenders and providers of small

business financing programs together; work towards establishing a regional marketing brand; and work on ENSA: implementing a cluster development and supply chain marketing strategy using the NAICS (North American Industrial Coding) System database.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF):

The past year has been a year of ups and downs for the RLF. While we suffered the largest single loan loss in the RLF's history, we also received repayment in full of two of our loans, and made three new loans. We currently have four loans outstanding and all are making regular payments.

The RLF currently has approximately \$331,000 in assets, of which, approximately \$203,000 are in outstanding loans, with the remainder in reserve for making new loans.

Value Added Community Development Initiatives:

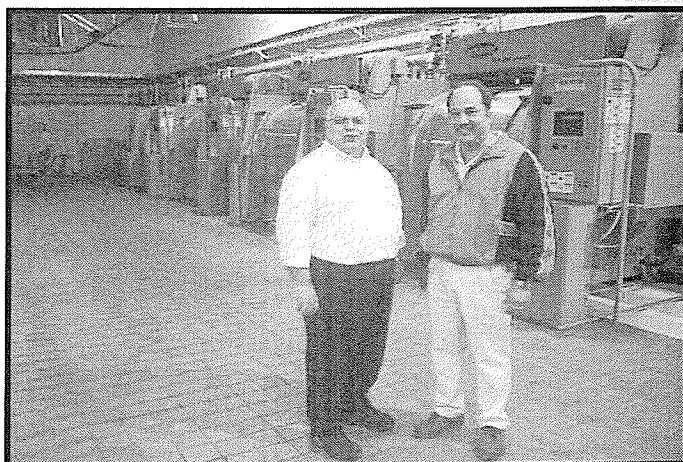
The ECRDC provided local assistance to various economic development groups and local government (township, city, and county).

Community Planning

Comprehensive land use planning and zoning ordinance were developed for a number of local governments including Kroschel Township, Brunswick Township, and the City of Mora. Onsite assessment meetings with local governments are ongoing. Informational materials are sent out annually on planning and zoning services.

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Dennis Cunningham, Isanti County
Robert Hoefert, Mille Lacs County
John Jackson, Chisago County
Kim Johnson, At-Large
Tom Lambrecht, Pine County
Bruce Montgomery, Isanti County
Jerry Nelson, Kanabec County
Paul Troskey, Pine County
James Vrchota, Chisago County
Michael Weinand, Kanabec County



Pictured l-r—Max Blaufuss, owner of Lake Superior Laundry and Bob Voss, ECRDC Executive Director

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Partnerships

The ECRDC partners regularly with the following organizations: Cambridge Economic Development Alliance, Mora Area Chamber of Commerce (Economic Development Committee), East Central Minnesota Workforce Partnership, Northern Technology Initiative, Manufacturers Alliance, City Administrators and Mille Lacs Community Development Corporation. Example of positive results gleaned from these meetings include: developing a regional brand, marketing initiatives, and a regional website.

Workshops and Grant writing

The ECRDC attended a number of Grant Workshops in order to become a better technical resource to local units of government in Region 7E. This past year the ECRDC assisted the City of Mora and the City of Cambridge in preparing an application for an industrial park marketing grant from the Federal EDA. ECRDC is also aiding the City of Sandstone and the City of Princeton in their quest for funds for municipal infrastructure from the Federal EDA, as well as aided Northern Technology Initiative in the preparation of their USDA RCDI Community Development Grant.

MINNESOTA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS Small Business Development Center



*Shaping
The Future
Of Small Business*

Through the Central Lakes College of Brainerd branch of the MN SBDC, the ECRDC provides assistance in business planning, marketing, loan analysis and eligibility to those considering starting a new business or improve an existing one. The planning grant will work with providing the expense in being in the communities in Region 7E. With this new SBDC office, the ECRDC is becoming a one stop shop for business / recruitment expansion; loan assessment and packaging; small business planning; and community strategic planning.

City Administrator Meetings

The ECRDC organizes a City Administrator meeting quarterly to discuss mutual key issues occurring in the Region 7E communities. Past topics include the use of community land trusts (to address affordable housing), JOBZ award program, bonding for infrastructure improvement, and housing development. The City Administrator meetings have evolved into a best practices approach to city economic development. Issues and

speakers are selected that will provide insight that will assist local governments with solving key issues in zoning, planning, economic development, and housing.

Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) Awards:

The ECRDC is the JOBZ Administrator for Region 7E. To date, JOBZ awards have been completed for Advanced Design & Systems of Pine City, DAKA Corporation of Pine City, Andersen Windows of North Branch, Polaris Inc. of Wyoming, and Creative Marketing Concepts of Mora, Lake Superior Laundry of Pine City, MAPE USA of Cambridge, Utility Chemical of Cambridge, TriVirix of Milaca, Water Works Manufacturing of Cambridge, and NorthStor of Pine City.

All told, approximately half of the 1,486 acres zoned JOBZ has been awarded. According to State records, JOBZ will have created 354 jobs and retained 100 more in Region 7E. These eleven businesses will have invested nearly \$43,000,000 in these facilities, and have an annual payroll of over \$18.4 million dollars. For more information, see our website: www.eastcentralmn.com.

Business Assistance Directory

ECRDC's Office of Economic Development has updated their Business Assistance Directory. This 55 page directory provides information and links to resources for new, expanding, relocating or existing businesses. This director is available free of charge on the ECRDC website: www.region7erdc.org

Community Economic Development Strategies Committee

Dave Chmiel, Kanabec County
Terry Dalbey, Workforce
Ginger Glenn, Private Industry
Robert Musgrove, Post Secondary Education
Marlys Palmer, Isanti County
Jeremy Riddle, Mille Lacs County
John Schlagel, Workforce
Rick Smisson, Chisago County
Paul Venhuizen, Pine County

TRANSPORTATION

State Transportation Improvement Program

The State Transportation Improvement Program includes literally millions in federal transportation dollars for Region 7E. Projects are located on major state and county roads, transit vehicle capital, and others. All five counties in East Central Minnesota will benefit from state and/or federal transportation funding.

Area Transportation Partnerships

Region 7E has five counties, yet we are in three Mn/DOT District ATPs. The role of the ECRDC is to make recommendations for projects for federal funding consideration. Upon ECRDC approval, a prioritized list of projects is submitted to the various ATPs. In District 3, the ECRDC conducts a solicitation process for projects in Isanti, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs counties. Approximately \$1.3 Million is available for local projects. The ECRDC also works with Mn/DOT Metro Division and District 1 for projects from Chisago and Pine Counties concerning the federal funding process.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

The ECRDC provides staffing for the region's TAC whose function it is to provide recommendations to the ECRDC as well as a forum for transportation issues. The TAC generally meets about four times per year to consider project funding and other regional issues.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Julie Dresel, Chair
Richard Heilman
Barbara Welty
Richard Larson
Tyler Sinclair
Mel Larson, Vice Chair

Mike Moilanen
Jackie Forner
Greg Nikodym
Mark Lebrun
Bill Malin

Others

Brian Vollum
Kelvin Howieson
Bob Busch

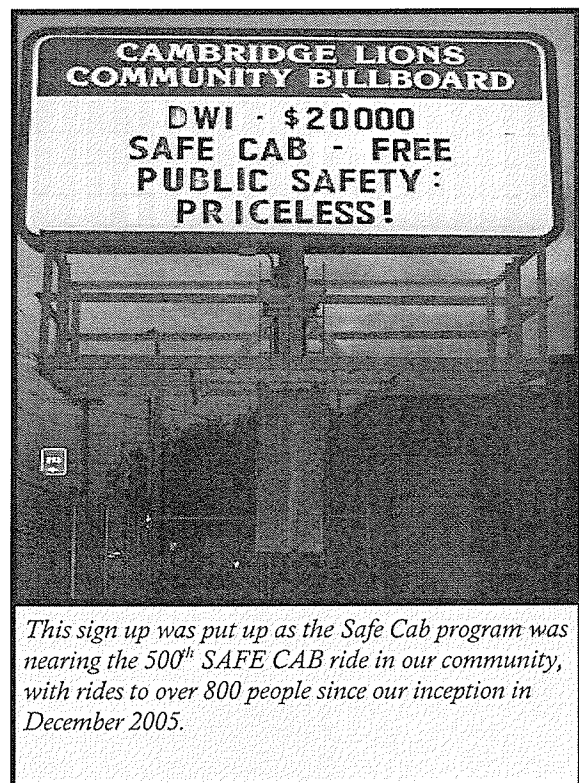
Steve Voss
Nick Thompson
Mary Safgren

Technical Assistance

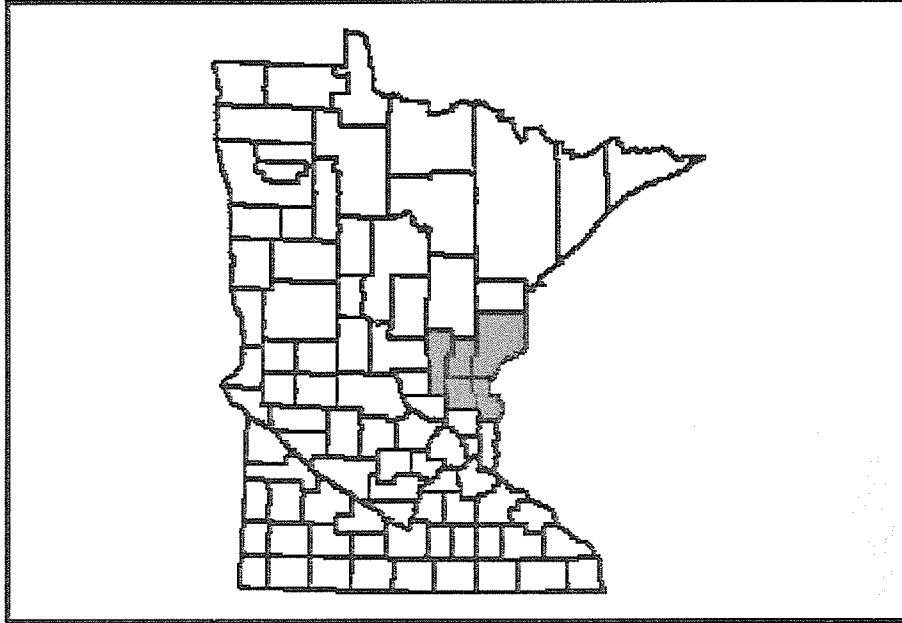
Provide technical assistance by responding to transportation matters in the region. This would include participation in local task forces such as the TH 8 Task Force in Chisago County. Providing limited assistance to foster transit development in Pine County. Continued limited role to Active Living By Design group in Isanti County for the development of a trail program in Isanti County. Support to transit groups such as Heartland Express and others.

Toward Zero Deaths Program

For the past five years, the ECRDC has been heading-up a highway safety initiative in Isanti County. The goal of the TZD initiative is to reduce fatal and serious motor vehicle crashes by involving local governments, groups, and stakeholders. One of the initiatives under the TZD program focuses on impaired driving. Working with the courts, local alcohol providers, we have been able to reduce the number of DUIs coming from bars and reduce the average blood-alcohol content (BAC) readings. Funding for this initiative is received through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.



COUNTY PROJECTS



Serving the counties of:

**Chisago
Isanti
Kanabec
Mille Lacs
Pine**

CHISAGO COUNTY

Program Funding	Organization	Notes
ECAC	Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E
ED	Region 7E Businesses	Financial Resource Summit co-sponsored with Northern Technology Initiative
ECAC	Region 7E	IMAGE Art Show held at East Central Regional Development Commission
ECAC	Region 7E	Regional Arts Council Technical Assistance
ECAC	Rush City Area Chamber of Commerce	Art Organization Project Grant for \$3889 for Rush City Music and Art Festival
ECSRC	Region 7E	Monthly Transitioning to Medicare presentations
ECSRC	Region 7E	Long-term care insurance presentation
ECSRC	Chisago County	Health insurance counseling held at Fairview Hospital in Wyoming
ECSRC	Chisago County	Health insurance counseling held at Chisago County Senior Center
ECSRC	Region 7E	Volunteer staff contributed \$1,000.63 in donated time and mileage
TAC	Region 7E	Region 7E Transit Study completed
ED	Chisago County Townships	Presented on ECRDC Programs/Services at Chisago County Township Association meeting
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held at Braham City Hall
ED	Region 7E	Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) administrator - JOBZ has retained 130 jobs, created 354 jobs, produced a capital investment of over \$42 million and an annual payroll of over \$18.4 million.
ED	Region 7E	Small Business Development Center North Central Satellite Office
ECSRC	Chisago County	Health Insurance Counseling in North Branch

CHISAGO COUNTY

ECAC	Friends of the North Branch Library	Art Organization Project Grants for Organizations for \$750 for "Oak Savanna Painting" by a local artist to hang above the fireplace at the new North Branch Area Library
ECAC	Franconia Sculpture Park	Art Organization Project Grants for Organizations for \$4850 for Franconia Sculpture Fall Arts and Music Festival
ECRDC	Region 7E	5-Year Assessment meeting the objective of the Regional Development Act
ECSRC	Chisago County	Monthly support group held at Parmly for Alzheimer's caregivers
ECSRC	Chisago County	Monthly support group held at Parmly for Parkinson's caregivers
ECSRC	Chisago County	Caregiver education sessions held at Parmly Senior Housing and Services.
TAC	Chisago County	Federal Project for 2011 funds for \$93,600 for Vehicle replacement for 2011
ECSRC	Region 7E	Legislative advocacy event held at Kanabec County Public Health
TAC	Region 7E	Participated in Transportation day at the capitol
ECAC	Region 7E	Artist Teacher Showcase
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artists
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artist Organizations
ECAC	Region 7E	Economic Impact Study of Artists entitled ARTISTS COUNT
ECAC	Friends of the North Branch Library	IMAGE Arts Show awarded for \$3000 funding for FY 2008
ECAC	Friends of the North Branch Library	Small Grants for Organizations for \$167
ECSRC	City of Wyoming	Family Pathways Senior Housing and Services received technical assistance to expand adult day care
ECSRC	Region 7E	Health Insurance Counseling training
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held in North Branch
ECSRC	Region 7E	Elder Depression Prevention Training held at East Central Energy
ECSRC	Chisago County	Enhance Fitness Services for older adults
ECAC	Ian Dudley	Individual Artist Fellowship award for \$3000

CD—Community Development
 ED—Economic Development
 ECSRC—East Central Senior Resource Center
 TZD—Toward Zero Deaths

ECAC—East Central Arts Council
 RLF—Revolving Loan Fund
 TAC—Transportation Advisory Committee

ISANTI COUNTY

Program Funding	Organization	Notes
ECAC	Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E
TAC	Isanti County	Isanti County Toward Zero Deaths/Safe Communities Program
ED	Region 7E Businesses	Financial Resource Summit co-sponsored with Northern Technology Initiative
RLF	Braham Grocery Store	Braham Grocery Store application to RLF Loan.
RLF	Rostad Marine	Rostad Marine received \$36,000 RLF Loan.
ECAC	Region 7E	IMAGE Art Show held at East Central Regional Development Commission
ECAC	Region 7E	Regional Arts Council Technical Assistance
TAC	Isanti County	Federal Project for 2011 funds for \$122,400 for 1.2 mile reconstruction project at TH65 & CR 45
ECAC	James Sullivan	Individual Artist Grant awarded for \$1000 for Lost Wax Casting project
ECAC	Barbara Dryer	Individual Artist Grant awarded for \$900 for Experimental Salt Kiln project
ECAC	Erich Fritz	Individual Artist Grant awarded for \$900 for Painting Seminar with Steven Leahy
ECAC	Shirl Chouinard	Individual Artist Grant awarded for \$600 for Lambeth Method Training project
ECSRC	Isanti County Commission on Aging	ECSRC staff provided technical assistance on staff and board development
ECSRC	Isanti County	Senior network event at Cambridge Health Care Center
ECSRC	Region 7E	Monthly Transitioning to Medicare presentations
ECSRC	Region 7E	Long-term care insurance presentation
ECSRC	Region 7E	Volunteer staff contributed \$1,000.63 in donated time and mileage
TAC	Region 7E	Region 7E Transit Study completed
TAC	Isanti County	Participated in the Isanti County Transportation Plan steering group
TZD	Isanti County	Toward Zero Death Program
TZD	Isanti County	Safe Cab program provided 350 rides to more than 600 persons.
ED	Isanti County Townships	Presentation on ECRDC Programs/Services at the Isanti County Township Association meeting
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held at Braham City Hall
RLF	Advanced Chairmat	Advanced Chairmats - RLF Loan
ED	Region 7E	Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) administrator - JOBZ has retained 130 jobs, created 354 jobs, produced a capital investment of over \$42 million and an annual payroll of

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ED	Region 7E	Small Business Development Center North Central Satellite Office
ECSRC	Isanti County	Isanti County Senior Network Meeting held at Grandview Christian Ministries in Cam-
ECSRC	Isanti County	Isanti County Elder Mental Health Workgroup
ECAC	Cambridge-Isanti Dis- trict 911 Performing	Art Organization Project Grants for Organizations for \$5000 for "Jeffrey Steele Concert"
ECRDC	Region 7E	5-Year Assessment meeting the objective of the Regional Development Act
ECSRC	Isanti County	Caregiver education sessions held at Senior Activity Center in Cambridge
ECSRC	Isanti County	Senior Network event held at Creamery Crossing in Isanti
TAC	Isanti County	Federal Project for 2011 funds for \$93600 for Vehicle replacement for 2011
RLF	Minnesota Organic Market - Cambridge	Minnesota Organic Market of Cambridge received \$25,000 RLF Loan
ECSRC	Isanti County	Isanti County Commission on Aging technical assistance on staff and board development
TAC	Isanti County	TZD Billboard project
ECSRC	Region 7E	Legislative advocacy event held at Kanabec County Public Health
TAC	Region 7E	Participated in Transportation day at the capitol
ECAC	Region 7E	Artist Teacher Showcase
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artists
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artist Organizations
ECAC	Region 7E	Economic Impact Study of Artists entitled ARTISTS COUNT
ECAC	Anoka-Ramsey com-	Art in Our Schools Grant award for \$966
ECAC	Braham CAPP	Art in Our Schools Grant award for \$1000
ECAC	Braham Chamber of	Small Grant for Organizations for \$500
ECSRC	City of Isanti	Family Pathways Senior Housing and Services received technical assistance to expand
ECSRC	Region 7E	Health Insurance Counseling training
TZD	Isanti County	Safe Cab Billboard
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held in North Branch
ECSRC	Region 7E	Elder Depression Prevention Training held at East Central Energy
ECSRC	Isanti County	Non-Profit Sustainability and technical assistance for the Isanti County Commission on
ECSRC	Isanti County	Isanti County Senior Network and Isanti Mental Health Workgroup meeting held at Sen- ior Activity Center
ECSRC	Isanti County	Enhance Fitness Services for older adults
ECSRC	Isanti County	Caregiver education sessions held in Braham

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Program Funding	Organization	Notes
ECAC	Alexa Gutzkow	ECAC/McKnight Scholarship for \$500 to attend a mentorship with Connie Reilly and supplies
ECAC	Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E
ED	Region 7E Businesses	Financial Resource Summit co-sponsored with Northern Technology Initiative
ECAC	Region 7E	IMAGE Art Show held at East Central Regional Development Commission
ECAC	Region 7E	Regional Arts Council Technical Assistance
TAC	Kanabec County	Federal Project for 2011 funds for \$299,408 for 5.95 mile overlay proj. (CSAH 11 to CR 68)
TAC	Kanabec County	Federal Project for 2011 funds for \$361,784 for 4.5 mile mill & overlay proj. (CSAH 4 to TH 23)
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Grant seeking workshop held April 24, 2007 at Kanabec County Public Health
ECSRC	Region 7E	Monthly Transitioning to Medicare presentations
ECSRC	Region 7E	Long-term care insurance presentation
ECSRC	Region 7E	Volunteer staff contributed \$1,000.63 in donated time and mileage
TAC	Region 7E	Region 7E Transit Study completed
ED	Kanabec County Townships	Presentation on ECRDC Programs/Services at the Kanabec County Township Association meeting
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held at Braham City Hall
ED	City of Mora	City of Mora's Comprehensive Plan
ED	Brunswick Township	Brunswick Township Zoning Ordinance
ED	Kroschel Township	Kroschel Township Zoning Ordinance
ED	Region 7E	Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) administrator - JOBZ has retained 130 jobs, created 354 jobs, produced a capital investment of over \$42 million and an annual payroll of over \$18.4 million.
ED	Region 7E	Small Business Development Center North Central Satellite Office
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Clinic Project at Mora Clinic
ECRDC	Region 7E	5-Year Assessment meeting the objective of the Regional Development Act
ECAC	Kanabec County Artists tour	Small Grant awarded for \$500 for Kanabec County Artists Tour

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ECAC	Kanabec County Historical Society	Small Grant awarded for \$333 for Summer Lemonade Concerts
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Senior Network event held at 7-County Senior Federation in Mora
ECSRC	Kanabec County	Grant seeking workshop held at Kanabec County Public Health
ECSRC	Mora HRA	Technical Assistance to the Mora HRA
ECSRC	Region 7E	Legislative advocacy event held at Kanabec County Public Health
TAC	Region 7E	Participated in Transportation day at the capitol
ECAC	Region 7E	Artist Teacher Showcase
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artists
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artist Organizations
ECAC	Region 7E	Economic Impact Study of Artists entitled ARTISTS COUNT
ECAC	Mora CAPP	Art in Our Schools Grant award for \$720
ECAC	Mora CAPP	Art in Our Schools Grant award for \$1000
ECSRC	Region 7E	Health Insurance Counseling training
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held in North Branch
ECSRC	Region 7E	Elder Depression Prevention Training held at East Central Energy
ED	Mora	Comprehensive Plan technical assistance
ECAC	Roger Nieboer	Individual Artist Fellowship grant for \$3000

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Program Funding	Organization	Notes
ECAC	Noah Gahms	ECAC/McKnight Scholarship for \$500 to attend music camp at Bemidji State University
ECAC	Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E
ED	Region 7E Businesses	Financial Resource Summit co-sponsored with Northern Technology Initiative
ECAC	Region 7E	IMAGE Art Show held at East Central Regional Development Commission
ECAC	Region 7E	Regional Arts Council Technical Assistance
TAC	Mille Lacs County	Federal Project for 2011 funds for \$412,808 for 3 mile surfacing project (CR 122 to CSAH 13)
ECAC	Princeton Community Education	Art Organization Project Grant for \$2500 for Tuesdays in the Park
ECAC	Princeton	Small Grant award for \$500 for a First Tuesdays Concert
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	ECSRS staff and volunteers participated in the Mille Lacs Grand Casino employee health fair
ECSRC	Region 7E	Monthly Transitioning to Medicare presentations
ECSRC	Region 7E	Long-term care insurance presentation
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Health insurance counseling held at Princeton's Crystal Court Apartment
ECSRC	Region 7E	Volunteer staff contributed \$1,000.63 in donated time and mileage
TAC	Region 7E	Region 7E Transit Study completed
ED	Mille Lacs County Townships	Presentation on ECRDC Programs/Services at the Mille Lacs County Township Association meeting
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held at Braham City Hall
ED	Region 7E	Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) administrator - JOBZ has retained 130 jobs, created 354 jobs, produced a capital investment of over \$42 million and an annual payroll of over \$18.4 million.
ED	Region 7E	Small Business Development Center North Central Satellite Office
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Executive Committee member on the Mille Lacs Human Rights Commission
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County Senior Network Meeting held at Rum River Interfaith Care-givers in Princeton
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Health Insurance Counseling in Princeton

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ECAC	Milaca Friends of the Library	Art Organization Project Grants for \$5000
ECAC	East Central Minnesota TRAC Association	Art Organization Project Grants for \$5000 for Phase 2 of the TRAC website www.ecmntrac.org
ECAC	Mille Lacs County Agricultural Society	Small Grant awarded for \$500 to support the Bistodeau Fiddle Contest
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Monthly caregiver education sessions held at Isle Recreation and Education Center
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Senior Surf Day class held at Rolf Olsen Center in Onamia
ECRDC	Region 7E	5-Year Assessment meeting the objective of the Regional Development Act
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Creating a Value-Added Community (CVAC) application to Central MN community Foundation for volunteer exchange program
ECSRC	Region 7E	Legislative advocacy event held at Kanabec County Public Health
TAC	Region 7E	Participated in Transportation day at the capitol
ECAC	Region 7E	Artist Teacher Showcase
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artists
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artist Organizations
ECAC	Region 7E	Economic Impact Study of Artists entitled ARTISTS COUNT
ECAC	Princeton High School	Art in Our Schools Grant award for \$1000
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Caregiver education sessions held at Isle Recreation and Education Center
ECSRC	City of Isle	Family Pathways Senior Housing and Services received technical assistance to expand adult day care
ECSRC	Region 7E	Health Insurance Counseling training
TAC	Mille Lacs County	Ground breaking for Onamia pedestrian bridge
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held in North Branch
ECSRC	Region 7E	Elder Depression Prevention Training held at East Central Energy
ECSRC	Mille Lacs County	Enhance Fitness Services for older adults
ECSRC	Mille Lacs	Caregiver education sessions held in Wahkon
ECSRC	Mille Lacs	Caregiver education sessions held in Milaca
ECSRC	Mille Lacs	Caregiver education sessions held in Princeton

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Program Funding	Organization	Notes
ECAC	Joe Wolf	ECAC/McKnight Scholarship for \$500 to attend Jazz Ensemble Camp at Shell Lake Arts Center
ECAC	Region 7E	Biennial planning for Region 7E
ED	Region 7E Businesses	Financial Resource Summit co-sponsored with Northern Technology Initiative
ECAC	Region 7E	IMAGE Art Show held at East Central Regional Development Commission
ECAC	Region 7E	Regional Arts Council Technical Assistance
ECAC	East Central Public Schools	Art in our Schools grant awarded for \$284 for project Jack and the Beanstalk
RLF	Lake Superior Laundry	Lake Superior Laundry received \$75,000 RLF Loan funding
ECAC	Deborah Iversen	Individual Artist Grant awarded \$600 for Playwright Mentorship project
ECSRC	Region 7E	Monthly Transitioning to Medicare presentation
ECSRC	Region 7E	Long-term care insurance presentation
ECSRC	Pine County	Health insurance counseling held at Hinckley's Senior Center
ECSRC	Region 7E	Volunteer staff contributed \$1,000.63 in donated time and mileage
TAC	Region 7E	Region 7E Transit Study completed
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held at Braham City Hall
ED	Region 7E	Job Opportunity Building Zones (JOBZ) administrator - JOBZ has retained 130 jobs, created 354 jobs, produced a capital investment of over \$42 million and an annual payroll of over \$18.4 million.
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ECSRC	Pine County	Pine County Senior Network Meeting held at Window Victim Services in Hinckley
ECSRC	Pine County (Hinckley)	Outreach presentation at Elderwood Assisted Living
ECSRC	Pine County	Clinic Project at Pine City Clinic
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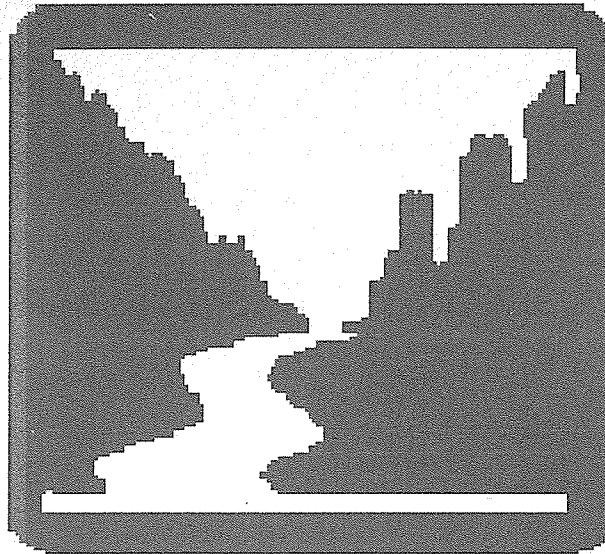
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ECSRC	Pine County	Health Insurance Counseling in Hinckley
ECAC	Hinckley-Finlayson Summer Recreation	Small Grant awarded for \$500 for musical production of Alladin
ECSRC	Pine County	Caregiver education sessions held at Pine Medical Center
TAC	Pine County	Transit Study Workgroup
ECRDC	Region 7E	5-Year Assessment meeting the objective of the Regional Development Act
RLF	Wild River Animal Clinic - Pine City	Wild River Animal Clinic in Pine City received \$50,000 RLF Loan
ECSRC	Region 7E	Legislative advocacy event held at Kanabec County Public Health
TAC	Region 7E	Participated in Transportation day at the capitol
ECAC	Region 7E	Artist Teacher Showcase
ECAC	Region 7E	Grant Workshops for Artists
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ECAC	Region 7E	Economic Impact Study of Artists entitled ARTISTS COUNT
ECAC	Sufia Babar	Individual Artist Grant awarded for \$1000
ECSRC	Pine City	Family Pathways Senior Housing and Services received technical assistance to develop a social respite program
ECSRC	Region 7E	Health Insurance Counseling training
ECSRC	Region 7E	Elder Depression Prevention Training held at East Central Energy
ECSRC	Pine County	Pine County Senior Network held at Elderwood in Hinckley
ED	Region 7E	City Administrator Networking meeting held in North Branch

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