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# Annie's Project offered for farm women

Women involved in agriculture in Scott County and surrounding areas have an opportunity to improve their farm-management skills by participating in Annie's Project.

The program was developed by Ruth Hambleton, a University of Illinois Extension Farm Business Management educator, based on the experiences of her mother, Annie Fleck, a city girl and school teacher who married a dairy farmer. She kept the books for the farm but lacked the farm-management skills to feel confident in helping her husband with management decisions.

However, Fleck kept the farm business running. When big decisions had to be made, she was there with her records. To increase cash flow, she sent her husband to work off the farm while she milked cows and kept an egg route in Chicago. Eventually, her records guided them to discontinue their operation, as other farmers with larger equipment and more resources could better run the farm.

Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency, Annie's Project was developed to help other farm women who want to improve their farm-management skills.

Proponents say one of the reasons Annie's Project has been successful is because it is interactive and deals with real-time problems

that farms are facing today.

“Farming has always been a risky business,” says Laura Kieser, Extension educator. “Annie's Project addresses those farming risks and helps participants gain the confidence to manage them effectively.”

Participants receive information and management training in financial and production record keeping, grain and milk marketing, financial risk management, human resource and time management, retirement, farm transfer and estate planning.

There is an Annie's Project scheduled to begin in Jordan at the Scott County Extension office on Feb. 7. Each session will be taught by educators from the University of Minnesota Extension and local agri-business professionals. A \$100 registration fee includes farm-management computer software, class materials and lunch provided to participants for the six-session program.

Since farm women have busy schedules, classes accommodate their schedules. The sessions in Jordan will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays. All sessions will include lunch. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

To register for Annie's Project, call Laura Kieser at (952) 492-5386.

More information is at [www.extension.ia-state.edu/annie/minnesotaannie.html](http://www.extension.ia-state.edu/annie/minnesotaannie.html).

## ON CAMPUS

### Schrader named to dean's list

**Andrew Schrader**, son of Greg Schrader and Shelly Nelson Skvicalo, has been named to the dean's list for fall semester at Michigan Technological University.

Schrader is a mechanical engineering student and is starting an internship with Marathon Oil in Illinois.

### Hedberg earns spot on dean's list

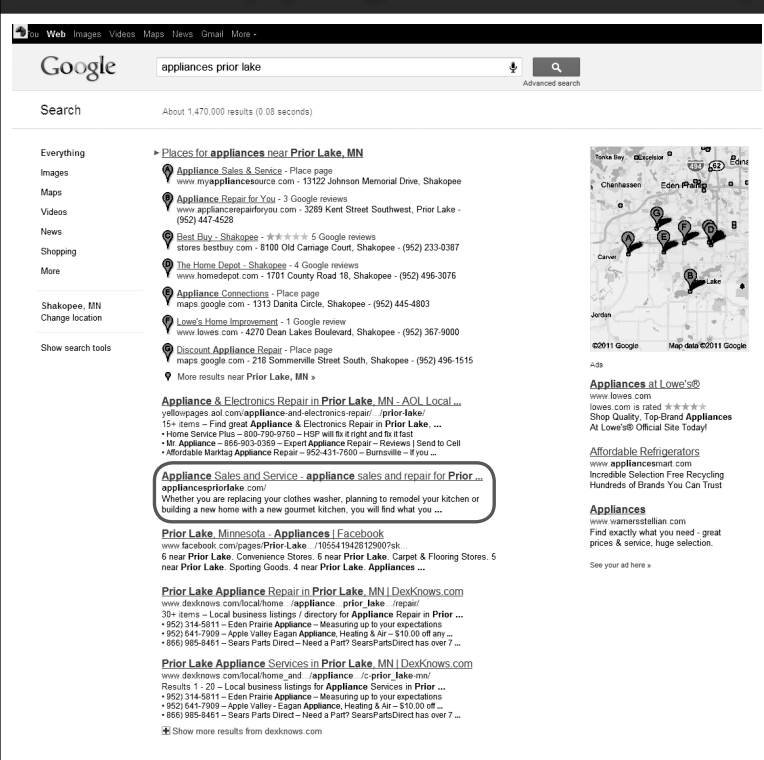
**Dan Hedberg**, son of Tom

and Jean Hedberg of Savage, was named to the Dunwoody College of Technology's fall quarter dean's list.

Hedberg, a 2009 graduate of Prior Lake High School, is in the engineering design and drafting program and will graduate in spring 2013.

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# PUBLICNOTICES

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719**  
4540 Tower Street SE  
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372  
**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 719 was called to order by Board Chair Pratt, in the board room at the District Services Center on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Pratt led the board and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Anderson, Pratt, Ruelle, Shimek, Sorensen, Wolf, Student Council Rep. Chris Sticha

Board Members Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Murray

Administration Present: Superintendent Gruver, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Holmberg, Director of Human Resources Mons, Director of Business Affairs Cink

In the absence of the board clerk/treasurer Murray, Chair Pratt appointed Director Anderson to serve as acting clerk/treasurer pro tem.

A motion was made by Todd Sorensen, seconded by Stacey Ruelle, to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

Director of Business Affairs Cink reviewed the proposed 2011 levy payable in 2012 certification. Cink reported that the proposed decrease was 2.75%. Cink also presented the 2011-12 final budget for board consideration.

The board opened the meeting up to questions and comments regarding the district's budget and general comments about the district. There were 2 taxpayers in attendance.

The levy was set later in this meeting.

A motion was made by Lee

Shimek, seconded by Rich Wolf, to approve the revised consent agenda as follows:

(on file at the district office)  
Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Rich Wolf, to approve the following candidates for employment, as presented:

(on file at the district office)  
Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Todd Sorensen, seconded by Stacey Ruelle, to approve the following leaves of absence, as presented:

- 1) Scott Berglund - Special Ed Teacher - HS (medical leave - November 22, 2011 - January 29, 2012)
- 2) Michelle Fischer - 5th Grade Teacher - FH (maternity leave - February 11-May 14, 2012)

Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Lee Shimek, to approve the following job description, as presented:

- Health and Safety Compliance Monitor (N-118)

Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Todd Sorensen, to approve the 2012-13 rates at the same level as 2011-12, as presented.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Lee Shimek, to adopt 2011 payable 2012 final levy certification, as presented.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Rich Wolf, to approve the 2011-12 final budget, as presented.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

A motion was made by Lee Shimek, seconded by Tom Anderson, to approve the 2012-16 transportation contract, as presented.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

Director of Business Affairs Cink presented a resolution and agreement with Commerce Bank.

Member Ruelle introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL CARD ACCOUNTS**

Full resolution on file at the district office

A motion was made by Tom Anderson, seconded by Stacey Ruelle, to approve the 2012-13 extended day kindergarten fees as follows: Tuition cost of \$2,835.00 per year, or \$315.00 per month for 9 months

Motion carried: 6 - 0

The Policy Committee presented the following policies for a first reading.

707: Transportation of Public School Students

708: Transportation of Nonpublic School Students

424: Evaluation of Probationary Teachers

427: Compensation Following Part Year Employment

Second and final reading will take place at the January 9, 2012 regular school board meeting.

A motion was made by Stacey Ruelle, seconded by Lee Shimek, to adjourn.

Motion carried: 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Tom Anderson, Acting Clerk/Treasurer  
Independent School District 719  
4540 Tower Street SE  
Prior Lake, MN 55372  
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**Public Notice deadline for the Prior Lake American is at Noon on Tuesday for the following Saturday edition. Faxes are not accepted.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Register for and tour Circle of Friends

Parents can learn more about Circle of Friends Preschool by attending a tour and talk. The hour-long events will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30 and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 at Edgewood School, 5304 WestWood Dr., Prior Lake. Call (952) 226-0956 to register.

Registration for the 2012-13 school year at Circle of Friends Preschool begins Wednesday, Feb. 1.

### Attend St. Paul's waffle breakfast

Middle-schoolers at St. Paul's Lutheran School will host an all-you-can-eat Belgian waffle breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 21.

Advance admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Admission at the door is \$11 for adults and \$8 for children. Kids age 5 and younger can eat free. Tickets are available at St. Paul's.

Proceeds from the breakfast will help St. Paul's middle-schoolers pay for their spring trip to Washington, D.C.

Call (952) 447-2117 to buy tickets or for additional information.

The breakfast will be at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 5634 Luther Ave., Prior Lake.

### Lock-in committee meeting is Jan. 26

Parents interested in helping out with the Prior Lake High School 2012 senior lock-in can attend the lock-in committee's next meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 in room 125 at the high school, 7575 150th St., Savage.

Information, including registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets, is at [www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/hs](http://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/hs), under “general info – seniors.”

### Recycle lights at District Services Center

The Prior Lake-Savage Area School District Services Center, 4540 Tower St., Prior Lake, has a holiday light recycling drop box sponsored by the Recycling Association of Minnesota.

Bring old or broken holiday lights, electrical cords, telephone cords and appliance cords to the District Services Center.

The program employs more than 200 people with developmental disabilities across the state of Minnesota and diverts tons of waste from landfills. The program will continue until the end of January.

### Indoor walking track now open

Prior Lake High School's indoor walking track at 7575 150th St., Savage is available for public use.

There is no charge to walk on the track, which will be open through March 29.

Family walking time, which allows strollers on the track, is 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Children and strollers are not permitted during adult walks, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

No registration is required. Guests should sign in at the lower level of the high school and go across the walking track to the gym doors. Date and times are subject to change based upon high school activities. No food or beverages, other than water, are allowed.

## SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

The Prior Lake-Savage Area School District will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in the professional development center at the District Services Center, 4540 Tower St., Prior Lake for a study session. As of press time, the board did not plan to convene for a regular

meeting.

The session agenda includes:

- Welcome
- Board meeting/study session schedule
- Governance role and goals for 2012-13
- Discussion of Laker Pride,

special recognition and Laker Showcase

- 2012-13 budget parameters and budget priorities
- Open enrollment at Prior Lake High School
- Policy discussion
- A. Policy 604, first reading
- Other

## Authors to visit local libraries in February

In conjunction with the Scott County Library's Winter Jackets: Winter Reading for Adults program, two free author presentations are planned:

Author Greg Breining, Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave., Savage.

Breining will talk about the joys of travel and camping in the north woods and read from his new book “Paddle North: Canoeing the Boundary Waters-Quetico Wilderness.” He'll discuss wilderness conservation and provide tips about canoe camping. Breining

writes about travel, science and nature for the New York Times, Audubon and other publications. For more information, call the Savage Library at (952) 707-1770.

Author John Toren, Thursday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library, 16210 Eagle Creek Ave., Prior Lake.

Toren, author of “The Seven States of Minnesota,” will give a guided tour of our state. With the aid of photographs and maps, Toren will share his insights into the geography, history and natural

beauty of the state's rich and varied regions, from the pristine splendor of the Boundary Waters to the windswept beauty of the state's western prairies, with stops on the Iron Range, the northern bogs, the Mississippi bluff country, and other interesting locales along the way. Toren has written three books and edited and designed over 100 books. For more information, call the Prior Lake Library at (952) 447-3375.

The presentations are free, and copies of the books will be available for purchase.

### Planning Commission meeting canceled; workshop set for Jan. 23

In place of its regular meeting, the Prior Lake Planning Commission will conduct a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in the Parkview Room at City Hall, 4646 Dakota St., to discuss the 2011 building permit report and current residential and industrial

available land.

The commission also will take part in legal training.

The next anticipated regular meeting is at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

For more information, call (952) 447-9810.