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Name now matches spirit of grandstand

Rich Liljenquist now honored with grandstand bearing his name after years of community service



JENNIFER EISENBART PHOTO
Valerie Nelson hugs her father, Rich Liljenquist, at the dedication of the Aitkin County Fairgrounds grandstand in his name July 24.



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The fifth annual Dawson Strong ride, in honor of Dawson Van Portfliet, was held Sunday, with riders traveling to several different stops in Aitkin County. VanPortfliet died unexpectedly in 2015, and the ride is done every year to raise money for the Hennepin County Medical Center's Extraordinary Kids fund.

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Fine stringers of Mille Lacs perch

Greg and Mark Eno of Twin Pines Resort and their friend Ryan from St. Paul show some stringers of perch.

Winning firefighters from competition



The Palisade Fire Department - who won the firemen's competition - and Miss Aitkin royalty pose for a photo.

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Over 120 4-Hers take part in Project Day

4-H bicycle rodeo winners Steve Gage and Clark Peysar will attend the state fair because of their abilities on the outdoor course and safety quiz.



Bunny Masurka, driving for the 3 Sisters Cafe in Glen, was named the lightweight champion in the demolition derby Tuesday evening at the Aitkin County Fair. Second place went to Bill Herron of Brainerd, while Ken Lease of Onamia picked up third. In the heavyweight divisions, it was a four-way tie for first with Doug Bare of Aitkin, Tom Lundberg of Aitkin, Dave Rian of Aitkin and Jim Beeler of Onamia sharing the honors. There were 58 entries in the derby with over \$800 in prize money.