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IEDC receives EDA grant for Itasca Eco Park

Herald-Review staff report

The Itasca Economic Development Corporation has received a \$1.75 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to help redevelop the former Ainsworth site to support new alternative energy businesses. The grant was awarded Wednesday.

A statement from the EDA said the project is expected to create 175 jobs and generate \$45 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

"This EDA grant will help create jobs and support local industries in Grand Rapids by fostering business development in new alternative energy and environmentally sustainable industries," said U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke in the EDA statement.

Known as the Itasca Eco Industrial Park, the project aims to convert the former Ainsworth plant into an integrated, multi-tenant industrial park specializing in biofuel production and renewable energy component manufacturing. Current plans call for selective demolition of certain sections of the 400,000 square foot plant, with portions of the 223-acre property divided into land parcels of varying sizes for design/build alternatives.

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Photos by Nathan Bergstedt/Herald-Review. Above, from left, Judy Garland Museum board of directors John Licke, Vickie Rasmussen Wilcox, Jon Miner, Jerry Miner, John Kelsch, Carole Erickson, and Pamela Miner present the latest item on display at the Judy Garland Museum: a first edition of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," by L. Frank Baum.



A unique donation

By Nathan Bergstedt
Grand Rapids-Herald Review

A riddle for your reading: what do Abraham Lincoln, the bottom drawer of an alphabetized filing cabinet, and Andy Warhol have in common? If you read the headline, you probably know that the Judy Garland Museum is the answer.

A horse-drawn carriage was specially made for President Lincoln during his term in office in 1863, and it managed to survive the years due to its authentic Civil War era design, making it desirable for a movie prop. It's most famous movie appearance: "The Wizard of Oz." The carriage is now on display at the Judy Garland Museum.

Andy Warhol was a celebrity artist. As such, he loved to make images of other celebrities.

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Man from Deer River charged in deadly hit and run in Twin Cities

By Lisa Rosemore
Grand Rapids Herald-Review

A Deer River man is in custody in connection with a hit and run accident which caused the death of a 37-year-old Minneapolis man in Minneapolis on Monday.

Kevin Roger Doerr, 24, was charged in Hennepin County District Court on Wednesday with two counts of felony criminal vehicular homicide. The maximum penalty for each charge is 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

According to the criminal complaint, a 2001 Chevrolet struck a 1994 Mazda on the driver's side at the intersection of 35th Street East and 18th Avenue South in Minneapolis around 11 p.m. The driver of the Mazda, Ethan Thoreau Johnson, was extricated from the vehicle and transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where he died from injuries sustained in the crash. Three other passengers, family members of Johnson, were also transported to the hospital.

The complaint stated that a witness saw a man exit the driver's seat of the Chevrolet after the accident, look around momentarily and then run from the scene.

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Anna Kurth/Hibbing Daily Tribune
Maddie Christianson assists Culinary Specialist Dana Elliot on the Taste of Home stage Thursday night at the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center. The show drew in an audience of 700 to learn about the secrets of the culinary specialists.



Spicing up the Reif Grand Rapids welcomes a Taste of Home cooking

By Anna Kurth
Hibbing Daily Tribune

A pint-sized chef helped up a batch Chex mix, an audience was chided for being chatty, and the smells of chicken balsamico made mouths water as the Reif Center got a Taste of Home Thursday.

Dana Elliot taught the Taste of Home Cooking School, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Herald-Review, Hibbing Daily Tribune and Manney's Shopper, before an audience of 700 home chefs at the Myles Reif Performing Arts Center.

The event included an afternoon trade show featuring 40 vendors at the Civic Center and a more than two-

hour show featuring fall flavors and more than \$10,000 in giveaways.

Elliot is a culinary specialist with the Taste of Home. She's been touring the Midwest delivering shows for the past four years. She received her bachelor's degree in culinary management from The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale but got her passion for cooking from her grandmothers who would let her stand on a stool and watch them cook as she pretended to be a chef. She pretended to take orders, serve food and cook.

However, there was no pretending Thursday night as she presented 10 recipes for the fall harvest.

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