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Summary:

(May 7, 2004)-Is there an exciting project in your small town that you want to share with others? Do you want to see unique projects that are occurring in small towns across the state? You will have this opportunity during the Second Annual Symposium on Small Towns June 8 and 9 at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The theme for this year's Symposium is "Rural Communities Adapting to the New Century," and a key feature is people sharing project ideas and resources. Any group of people or organizations working together to make their small town a better place is encouraged to attend. Projects may be in any area including Agriculture/Food, Arts, Business/Economics, Community Planning, Design, Diversity, Education, Environment, Government & Governance, Health Care, Housing, Public Safety, Seniors, Telecommunications, Transportation, Water/Wastewater, Youth.

There are no limits to the creative ways to display your project. Posters, scrapbooks, pictures, pamphlets, video presentations, display boards, and/or 3-d models are all encouraged. Examples of projects that are going to be displayed include: the city of Glenwood's new fairground and horse show facility, the city of Hoffman's renovation and reuse of their old public school, and the city Dassel's innovative senior care facility.

Projects will be on display throughout the two-day event. This will allow everyone the opportunity to see how communities are adapting to change and how the experiences in one small town can help others. Additionally a Legislative Forum, which includes Senator Dean Johnson, Senator Gen Olson, Senator Dallas Sams, Representative Paul Marquart, Representative Steve Sviggum, and Representative Torrey Westrom will discuss and respond to issues raised in small towns.

The registration fee for this Symposium is \$50 and includes all sessions and materials, lunch on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, and a ticket to Tuesday's concert featuring extraordinary musicians Peter Ostroushko and Arkadiy Yushin. There are a limited number of scholarships available for participants that bring a project to share for the Symposium. The amounts and availability of these scholarships vary from region to region. For more information on the Symposium, bringing a community project or registration go to our web site www.centerforsmalltowns.org or call the Center for Small Towns (320) 589-6451.

This Symposium is co-sponsored by the Center for Small Towns and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, and in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension Service. It is a part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conferences Series of the University of Minnesota.

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