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Outstanding seniors to be honored at Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) will again honor outstanding seniors at the Minnesota State Fair. The Outstanding Senior Citizen awards are a cooperative effort of the Minnesota Board on Aging, the State Fair and the Federation of County Fairs.

The 2005 ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, September 1, at the Leinie Lodge Bandshell. Outstanding senior volunteers from counties all across Minnesota will be on hand for the ceremony. Two outstanding seniors – one man and one woman – will be announced during the ceremony. Dignitaries on hand will include Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau and Jeanette Metz, chair of the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Outstanding seniors are judged on leadership, diversity of accomplishments, variety of volunteer services performed, quantity of accomplishments and quality of activities. Only volunteer services performed after the age of 65 are considered by the judges. The 2004 Outstanding Senior Citizens were from Becker and Freeborn counties. Combined, they accumulated more than 13,000 hours of volunteer service over 10 years.

In addition to the Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards program, the Minnesota Board on Aging also has a booth at the State Fair. The MBA booth will be open in the Ramberg Senior Building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will have a theme this year of "How to find information and resources."