



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND TOPICS ON THE HOUR

Located in the Glenn Carlson Hall

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 am	<p>Topic: Fish & Wildlife Service Wetland Easements</p> <p>Presenter: Jayne Esch, Attorney at Rinke Noonan</p>
	<p>Attorney Jayne Esch will present “Fish & Wildlife Service Wetland Easements” where she will provide information and answer questions on new regulations surrounding Fish & Wildlife Service’s Wetland Easements. We encourage attendees to bring their questions as this presentation will be interactive</p>
10:00 am	<p>Topic: Discuss the regional farm economy</p> <p>Presenter: Whitney Place, Minnesota’s Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture</p>
	<p>Whitney Place serves as Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). She has been at the MDA since 2012 in the roles of Director of Legislative Affairs, Assistant to the Commissioner, and Project Coordinator for the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program.</p> <p>As Assistant Commissioner, Place oversees the Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division, the Plant Protection Division, and Laboratory Services.</p> <p>Place earned a B.S. in Applied Plant Science and a M.S. in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy from the University of Minnesota. She grew up in Okabena, Minnesota where she learned about agriculture in the high school FFA program and on her family's farms.</p>
11:00 am	<p>Topic: Debt Collection 101</p> <p>Presenter: Caleb Rannow, Attorney at Rinke Noonan</p>
	<p>Attorney Caleb Rannow will present “Debt Collection 101” where he will present the do’s and don’ts of debt collection. Be sure to bring your debt collection questions as this session will be interactive giving participants an opportunity to ask Caleb questions.</p>
12:00 pm	<p>Topic: TBD</p> <p>Presenter: Lathrop GPM</p>

1:00 pm	Topic: Markets and risk management Presenter: J.D. Schuerman, Advance Trading Inc.
	Will talk about price risk management for producers, focusing on how using put and call options can defend a producer's bottom line while allowing them to participate in higher markets.
2:00 pm	Topic: TBD Presenter: Advantage 1 Insurance Agency

Wednesday, February 26

9:00 am	Topic: TBD Presenter: Rinke Noonan
10:00 am	Topic: Did you know? Propane Safety Presenter: Steve Schack, Beaudry Oil & Propane
	Safety issues with propane at home, work etc.
11:00 am	Topic: White Mold Management Presenter: Mike Blaine, Beck's Hybrids
	Best practices and techniques to manage white mold in soybeans
12:00 pm	Topic: TBD Presenter: Randy Kath, Steffes Group
1:00 pm	Topic: Addressing Farm Stress Presenter: Emily Wilmes, University of Minnesota Extension
	With low commodity prices, high debt loads, and challenging weather in recent years, farmers are experiencing a high amount of stress. It can be challenging to know how to approach someone under a lot of stress, and how best to help them. In this session, Emily will review the nature of farm stress, discuss how to identify stress, provide strategies for communicating with stressed individuals, offer ideas to promote wellness in yourself and others.
2:00 pm	Topic: TBD Presenter: Kensington Bank