

**Hoffman Economic Development  
Awarded Grant from Prairie Lakes Coop**



L to R: Muriel Krusemark (HEDA Coordinator), Kris Sanstead (Prairie Lakes Coop Hoffman Administration), Brian Jergenson (Prairie Lakes Coop Board Chairman)

**Thursday, January 21, 2010– Hoffman, Minn.** – Hoffman Economic Development recently received a \$1000 grant from Prairie Lakes Coop as part of the company’s Community Grant Program.

Prairie Lakes Coop selected Hoffman Economic Development to receive a \$1000 grant towards their objective of improving the current Hoffman Skating rink.

“The request that we are making is to provide funds to redo the present skating rink so there is an area for small children, plus the walls for the older children to play

hockey,” Muriel Krusemark, stated in the application. “[The skating rink] will provide physical activity in the outdoors which in turn will promote better health.”

Applying schools and their organizations have to indicate their plans for the grant money, supply general information about the schools/organizations, project, and purpose of the request, along with specific financial needs and projected outcomes. Applications can be found online at [www.prairielakescoop.com](http://www.prairielakescoop.com).

“Having family and community activities in a community helps everyone feel connected,” says Brian Jergenson, Prairie Lakes Coop Board Chairman. “The Prairie Lakes Coop Returning Value to Rural America Grant is geared towards programs and community initiatives that enhance the quality of life for our rural communities.

Prairie Lakes Coop awarded this \$1000 grant to the Hoffman Economic Development on behalf of its local member owners. Prairie Lakes Coop ([prairielakescoop.com](http://prairielakescoop.com)), a CHS Service Center, provides products and services in the agronomy, energy, and grain markets to meet the needs of its patrons. Prairie Lakes Coop has locations in the communities of Cyrus, Hoffman, Elrosa, Lowry, Long Prairie, Park Rapids, Glenwood and Starbuck creating relationships with customers in agronomy inputs, propane, fuel, and grain marketing.