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Pictured are Cresbard area native John Melius and Sal Roseland of R&R Pheasant hunting of Seneca at the Guangzhou Green Oil company, the major importer of all US produced soybeans. Guangzhou is a major trade and industrial center in China along the famous Pearl River. Roseland and Melius took the trip as part of the South Dakota Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc.

Learning about Ag, half a world away

by Garrick Moritz

Learning about the world and how world economics works is never a bad idea, even for rural businessmen. Such was the lesson Sal Roseland of R&R Pheasant hunting learned this past February when he toured China as part of the South Dakota Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc.

"The graduation program for my class is March 24 and 25 and the program is accepting new applicants starting on April 1," Roseland said. "I would encourage anybody who's even remotely interested to apply. Aside from broadening your horizons you pick up some practical life skills that I may have never had an opportunity to get otherwise. It was a great experience for me, and actually gave me insights for my own business. And it never hurts to make new contacts with business and new friends from all over the state."

Roseland left with more than 30 other South Dakotans on Feb. 4 and returned on Feb. 15. For Roseland it was a 14 hour series of flights leaving from Sioux Falls, to Minneapolis to Detroit to Beijing.

"In all we spent two whole weeks in the country, starting with Beijing, which is the Chi-

nese capitol. We saw Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. And since this was an ag tour, we also saw the open air vegetable markets and toured a hog farm and Chinese dairy."

Roseland said they toured south from Beijing to Yichang, and saw the three gorges dam, the largest dam in the world. The tour then hopped them from bus to bullet train, where they sailed at 200 mph for four hours of travel down to Guangzhou in the middle south of the country.

"Up north in Beijing they mostly speak Mandarin where as in Guangzhou they mostly speak Cantonese. There were a lot of language differences and some barriers for us. It was much warmer down there, in the 60's where as up in Beijing it was in the 20's."

In all they spent another four days in Guangzhou, touring factories and outlying farms.

"There was a definite smog problem in Guangzhou," he said. "Though it wasn't from the traffic. In our two weeks in China we saw maybe one pickup and one suburban, and no semi-trucks that I remember seeing. In Guangzhou there were 18 million people, but the city only allows five thousand cars within the city. People ride in trains or

bike everywhere, and pretty much everybody biked. Everybody is pretty skinny, it's rare to see anybody who's chunky."

"We took a riverboat cruise on the Pearl River and haggled for goods at the pearl market, which was a good experience for me as a businessman."

The final major city of the tour was Hong Kong, which they reached by bus.

"Hong Kong is big and metropolitan like New York City, but its got weather like Miami," he

Sal's trip to China
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RECORD NOTES

Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., March 6	59	29	
Wed., March 7	31	21	
Thurs., March 8	51	18	
Fri., March 9	54	19	
Sat., March 10	72	38	
Sun., March 11	67	40	.15
Mon., March 12	61	28	

Tom Bartholomew, Observer

The total amount of moisture in 2012 is 1.25. Total moisture to date in 2011 was 3.42.

For current weather conditions:
climate.sdstate.edu/awdn/current/realtime.asp

Demery recommends Fujitsu tablets

Two longtime Faulkton faculty members submit resignations

The school board of the Faulkton Area Schools met Monday night, March 12. Vice-Chair Grady Heitmann presided over the meeting in place of the absent chair Heather Bode.

Superintendent Joel Price recognized the elementary staff and students for their heartfelt participation in Dr. Seuss day and Principal Craig Cassens gave special recognition to Robbie Aesoph as an FHS state champion wrestler.

Next the board recognized Katie Redden, who has been serving her senior internship with the school in the office under business manager Cindy Kopecky.

Each school board member present had one of the school laptops before them at the meeting, and Redden used the computer network to give each board member a power point presentation on how the school finances are structured.

Next the board approved a proposal to enter an engagement agreement with Kohlman, Bier-schbach and Anderson LLP for audit services for the 2011-12 year, with a contract not to exceed \$9,400.

The board then had their first reading of the district's Investment Policy, Imprest Fund Policy, Trust and Agency Fund Policy, and Credit Card Policy. Business manager Kopecky said that the implementation of these policies would not affect how school business was done, but merely put stringent guidelines in place where there were none before.

The board voted to hire Shae Stephenson as assistant track coach for the 2011-12 year for the amount of \$1,921.65

The board accepted the resignation of Peg Margeson at the completion of the 2011-12 school

School Board

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Hats Off to the Artist Show is March 24-25

The Faulkton Area Arts Council will host their 22nd Annual Hat's Off to the Artists Art Show Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 in the Faulkton Community Center.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 24 from noon to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. A critique session open only to participating entrants, will be conducted Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. Professional artists from outside the area will serve as judges.

There will be a special demonstration both days by Cherry Frasier of Faulkton.

Categories for the artists are

oil paints, acrylic, graphic arts, watercolor, pastel, charcoal pen and ink, pencil, mixed media, wood cuts, scratchboard, etc., photography, both black and white, and color, sculpture, leather craft, wood carving, fabric enhancement and needlework.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded. Judges will also select a Best of Show for paintings, photography, fabric enhancement and remaining entries. A Peoples' Choice ribbon will be awarded in painting, photography, fabric enhancement and remaining entries for the favorite pieces selected by those in attendance.

Fundraiser beginning for Sportsman's Field

The Faulkton Sportsman's Field Improvement Organization is now collecting donations for improvements following the installation of lights this past fall. The group has set a goal of raising \$100,000 to proceed with the following renovations and improvements to the entire sports complex.

- Installation of underground watering system, landscaping, and seeding of the baseball outfield/football field.

- Improvement of current parking within the complex.

- A new crow's nest/press box to replace the existing structure.
- Replacement of the chain link fence in the entire complex.
- New bleachers to provide a higher view of the field.

An ad promoting the improvements appears on page 7 of this issue.

Questions about the project can be directed to committee members Kelly Aesoph, Gary Bowar, Craig Cassens, Doug Deiter, Todd Eschenbaum, Shayne Geditz, Cindy Kopecky, Jerod Raethz or Slade Roseland.