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GALLERIA ON 42ND APARTMENT FIRE

Probe continues in Galleria blaze

Firefighters seeking help from public

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Fire investigators are sending soil and deck board samples to the state crime lab as they work to determine a cause of Monday's massive fire at the Galleria On 42nd complex in south Fargo.

"We're pretty sure we know the point of origin, but we don't know what caused it yet," said Inspector John Arens.

Investigators believe the fire started on the deck of a first-floor apartment on the west side of the complex, Arens said.

Firefighters don't suspect foul play, but the testing will help rule out that any type of ignitable liquid was used, Arens said.

Firefighters are seeking help from the public. They're asking anyone who witnessed unusual

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Special to The Forum

This baby picture of Jake Lent is the only thing firefighters were able to find in his third-floor apartment in the Galleria On 42nd complex. It was taken 19 years ago on the day Lent was born and was stored in his dresser.

Fire crews rescue baby photograph

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After Monday's fire, Jake Lent had the clothes on his back and his 1997 Oldsmobile.

Now the Galleria On 42nd resident has one more possession:

His baby picture taken the day he was born, the only thing Fargo firefighters could salvage from the rubble of his third-floor apartment at 3700 42nd St. S. Lent, 19, said before the fire he didn't give much thought to the snapshot stashed in his bottom dresser drawer.

"That is literally now my most valued possession," Lent said. "The only thing I have left from that entire room."

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Photos by David Samson / The Forum

Friends and family gather at the farm of Mark Schreiner to harvest beans Wednesday afternoon near Argusville.

DREAM CROP REALIZED

Neighbors come together with Farm Rescue to help harvest injured man's land



Mark Schreiner
Injured at WE Fest

Follow Schreiner's progress at www.caringbridge.org/visit/markschreiner

Argusville, N.D.

Last December, a North Dakota blizzard was blowing across the Red River Valley while farmer Mark Schreiner was alone in his fields, still struggling to harvest the first crop on his own land. This year, his 700 acres of soybeans will be finished before the end of October – but he can't be there to see it.

Instead, Schreiner is now struggling to recover from a coma-inducing head injury he sustained Aug. 7 while at WE Fest in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Schreiner, an eight-year National Guardsman, has been farming for more than 20 years, but this is only the second year the south Fargo native planted crops on land of his own north of Argusville.

This week, Farm Rescue stepped in to help Schreiner and his family harvest the soybean crop.

Farm Rescue, a nonprofit that provides planting and harvesting for families that have experienced a

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Samantha Schreiner, 8, and her mother, Shelly, watch as friends and family harvest their bean field Wednesday near Argusville. "It's just ... in a way, it's just sad. This was his dream crop, and he's not here to take it in," Shelly says, talking about her husband, Mark.

STORY BY WENDY REUER / THE FORUM

EPA approves increase in ethanol levels in gas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency has approved blending higher concentrations of ethanol into gasoline for newer vehicles, allowing the corn-based fuel to be up to 15 percent of mixtures sold at the pump.

The current maximum blend is 10 percent. The EPA announced Wednesday that the higher blend will be approved for cars and light duty trucks manufactured since 2007, if retailers want to sell it.

"Thorough testing has now shown that E15 does not harm emissions control equipment in newer cars and light trucks," EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said in a statement. "Wherever sound science and the law support steps to allow more home-grown fuels in America's vehicles,

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this administration takes those steps."

The move, which comes less than a month before November's midterm elections, is politically popular in rural farm areas. But ethanol faces strong opposition from the auto industry, environmentalists, cattle ranchers, food companies and a broad coalition of other groups.

Opponents argue that the increase in production of corn and its diversion into ethanol is making animal feed more expensive, raising prices at the grocery store and tearing up the land.

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FLOODING

Piepkorn opposes county sales tax plan

Commissioner calls wording 'vague'

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Fargo City Commissioner Dave Piepkorn on Wednesday ramped up his previous dissent over Cass County's half-cent sales tax for flood protection by publicly stating that he won't vote for it because of what he called "really vague" ballot language.

Fellow City Commissioner Mike Williams also said he wants clearer language in the joint powers agreement between the city and county to

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specify that upstream water storage projects will be eligible for the sales tax money.

Piepkorn's opposition wasn't a big surprise. On Aug. 9, he cast the lone dissenting vote against the agreement, saying he wanted more assurances that the 20-year tax – which will bring in an estimated \$220 million – will pay for

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Piepkorn



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Today's weather



Mostly sunny

▲ 65°
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ETHANOL: No decision this year on older cars

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Manufacturers of smaller engines – used in everything from lawn mowers to boats – also oppose increasing the use of the fuel, saying those engines are not designed for the higher concentrations.

The Obama administration has remained supportive of the renewable fuel, and the EPA has said a congressional mandate for increased ethanol use can't be achieved without allowing higher blends. Congress has required refiners to blend 36 billion gallons of biofuels, mostly ethanol, into auto fuel by 2022.

The ethanol industry has maintained that there is sufficient evidence to show that a 15 percent ethanol blend in motor fuel will not harm engine performance. They say increased consumption of the renewable fuel creates new jobs and replaces imported oil.

The industry group Growth Energy petitioned the EPA to raise the blend in March. The decision was initially expected in December but was delayed twice as the agency and the Energy Department completed additional testing. The EPA is expected to make a second decision on the ethanol concentration allowed in cars manufactured between 2001 and 2006 after more testing is completed at the end of November.

The agency said there will not be a decision this year on ethanol changes for cars and light trucks manufactured before 2001 – or for any motorcycles, heavy-duty vehicles, or non-road engines – because there is not sufficient testing to support such an approval.

The decision could cause confusion at service stations as people would have to consider which pump to use based on the age of their car. The EPA said it will also propose new pump labeling requirements to help consumers figure out

ND ethanol industry reacts to EPA ruling

BISMARCK – North Dakota's ethanol industry says it supports the Environmental Protection Agency's approval of a higher concentration of ethanol in gasoline for newer cars.

But the North Dakota Ethanol Council and the North Dakota Ethanol Producers Association say the industry has concerns that the move doesn't go far enough.

The current maximum blend is 10 percent. The EPA announced Wednesday that mixtures with up to 15 percent of the corn-based fuel will be approved for vehicles manufactured since 2007.

The North Dakota groups advocate approval for all vehicles. They say limiting approval to only vehicles made since 2007 is unlikely to have an immediate or significant impact on the market and will lead to consumer confusion.

Associated Press

which gas to use.

Critics said the decision could be a frustration to drivers.

"We're really going to make the consumers a guinea pig here," said Craig Cox of the Environmental Working Group, an environmental advocacy group that opposes increases in the fuel. "Have we really thought through what it's going to take to distinguish E15 to E10?"

The Obama administration's decision to boost the ethanol concentration in gasoline is a victory for the industry as it struggles to hold on to other subsidies.



Photos by David Samson / The Forum

Tommy Schreiner, 4, walks through his father's field Wednesday as several implements harvest the bean crop.

HARVEST: Week's worth of work done in a day

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major illness or injury came to the family's aid, arriving Sunday night with a combine and truck.

But Wednesday, friends, family and neighbors showed up as well, equipped with combines and trucks and ready to yield what they called a "dream harvest" for Mark.

"This is his dream crop. Boy, would Mark love to be here," Bob Schreiner, Mark's brother said.

Charlie Hardie, a Wahpeton farmer with Farm Rescue said Wednesday that they expected the harvest to take about a week after starting Monday morning, but not anymore.

Five combines, five semis and two grain carts among neighbors and friends had nearly finished the two quarters of land by mid-afternoon Wednesday.

Schreiner's wife, Shelly, said she was surprised and amazed when she arrived at the fields with their two children, Samantha, 8, and

Thomas, 4, and the dust of the combines was already swirling through the half-harvested fields.

It was also bittersweet. "It's just ... in a way, it's just sad. This was his dream crop, and he's not here to take it in," Shelly said.

Mark is currently in a St. Paul facility, where he is undergoing a coma stimulation program.

Tommy has continually told his father he "needed to get better so they could ride in the combines together."

Shelly said she didn't know many of the area farmers who were helping out.

But for Kindred farmer Kelly Perhus, whose harvest is finished, he felt he needed to do his part for a fellow farmer.

"I just wanted to help out," Perhus said.

Mark's mother and father were also in the fields. Holding back tears, his mother, Gerri Schreiner, said it was incredible the way area



Kelly Perhus from Kindred smooths over beans harvested Wednesday at the Schreiner farm.

farmers had stepped up for her youngest son.

"I am absolutely amazed. This is all for my kid, my baby. I can't believe it," she said. "Farmers just do this. In this part of the country, this is what farmers do for each other."

The family says Mark is making progress. The extent of his recovery, or when that may be is still unclear.

Farm Rescue can help a

family for up to a year. Hardie said if asked, they may be able to return in the spring to help with Schreiner's planting.

Shelly said she plans to keep the farm going for Mark while he recovers.

"I don't have it in my heart to let it go. If it's possible to work it out, we will," Shelly said.

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| 2005A | 2007 Saturn Vue AWD V6, Green, 35,300 miles | \$15,599 |
| B1611A | 2008 Ford Escape XLT FWD, V6, Cloth, Power Sunroof, Green 29,200 miles | \$17,599 |
| A5456A | 2006 GMC Envoy Denali 5.3L V8, Silver, 74,800 miles | \$17,799 |
| Z581FA | 2008 Ford Explorer XLT 4.0L V6, White, 49,200 miles | \$17,899 |
| A4584A | 2005 Chevy Tahoe Z71 5.3L V8, Silver, 92,300 miles | \$18,599 |
| A4587B | 2007 Chevy Trailblazer LT 4.2L V6, Black, 41,400 miles | \$18,599 |
| Z588F | 2008 Ford Escape Limited 4x4, Moon, Gray, 29,000 miles | \$19,999 |
| A2213A | 2006 VW Touareg 4.2L V8, Silver, 71,400 miles | \$20,599 |
| Z589F | 2009 Ford Flex 2WD SE Cloth Int., Cinnamon, 22,500 miles | \$21,599 |
| B2103A | 2007 Ford Edge SEL AWD 3.5L V6, Creme Brule, 25,200 miles | \$21,999 |
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| Z586F | 2010 Ford Edge Limited 4x4, Silver, 33,100 miles | \$25,599 |
| A5454A | 2007 GMC Yukon SLT 5.3L V8, Leather, Roof, DVD, Red, 58,900 miles | \$29,599 |
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