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# "Rising Above for Education" "Making Dreams Become A Reality"

May/June 2024

# John & Patty Sandberg Scholarship

Flight Expo, Inc. is proud to announce the first John & Patty Sandberg Scholarship recipient

# Joely Lewis

Joely is a 2024 Princeton graduate. She will be attending college in Florida this fall to study business and aviation. Her interest in be-

coming a pilot began at a young age when her family traveled frequently for vacation. She enjoyed it so much that she choose a career that would allow her to travel and see the world. Her parents are her biggest role models as they have always been very supportive and encouraging. Joely is currently working on earning her private pilot license, which has only fueled her passion for aviation. With hard work, perseverance and determination, nothing will stop this rising aviator!



We are so proud of everything Joely has accomplished so far and look forward to a future with her in the cockpit!

"Flying is more than a sport and more than a job; flying is pure passion and desire, which fill a lifetime."
-General Galland from The First and the Last, 1954.





## Making Dreams Become A Reality!

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## **Connexus Energy Foundation**

Flight Expo has been nominated for Connexus Energy Foundation's Your Community Your Choice Award!

Every month Connexus chooses two qualifying nonprofits to compete for the most member submissions. The organization with the most votes will receive a donation of \$1,500!

Flight Expo is asking all volunteers, friends, and family who reside within the Connexus service territory to go online and vote for Flight Expo. Counties include: Sherburne, Isanti, Anoka, northeastern Hennepin, Chisago, Washington, and northern Ramsey.



The last day to vote is June 30, 2024.



# Princeton Rum River Parade Duck, Duck, BIG Duck

Flight Expo will be in the Rum River Parade on June 6, 2024 starting at 6 pm. Look for the "Yellow" with a "Black" stripe aircraft!

The Parade will travel down Rum River Drive, 1st Street, then 8th Ave.





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#### **Princeton Lions Pancake Breakfast with the Grumman S2F**

## Join the Princeton Lions and Flight Expo at the Princeton Municipal Airport for a delicious breakfast and all things aviation!



Sunday, June 9, 2024

7:30 am—12:30 pm

Princeton Arrival & Departure (A&D) Building 800 Airport Road, Princeton, MN 55371

This event is open to ALL ages.

The Princeton Lions will host their Pancake Breakfast at the Princeton Airport.
Adults \$15, Kids \$8 (12 and under).
All you can eat Brunch.



Flight Expo will be showing off their newly acquired Grumman S2F Stoof with Open Cockpit Tours. \$5 per person/\$20 for a family of 4 or more.

Bouncy House for kids and free giveaways while supplies last.

Veterans Memorial Garden Display.

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# **Student Feature: Charlie Ellingson**



Charlie Ellingson, former Build a Plane student, shares that ROTC Air Force is going wonderfully. He recently took a trip to Korea for training. College has wrapped up for the semester and he's looking forward to doing some fishing this summer dur-

ing some fishing
his summer durhing some well deserved
downtime.



# Flight Expo Upcoming Events





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Lions Pancake Breakfast June 9 - 7:30am-12:30pm Princeton Municipal Airport Aircraft on Display Man Cave Sale
June 22-28 - 9am-5pm
August—check website
29563 144th St, Princeton

Papa Murphy's Fundraiser
July 10 - 10am-8pm
714 Rum River Dr. Princeton
20% donation for Flight
Expo Operational Facility

Aviation Adventures
August 19-21 - 9am-11am
Grades 3-5
Learn about Aviation!
Register at www.isd477.org

Build a Plane October 2024 ages 12-18.

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### **S2F Veterans Garden**

To **HONOR Veterans** Flight Expo has put together a VETERANS GARDEN that will surround the S2F at the Princeton Lions Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 9, 2024.

Floral arrangements will be displayed to honor:



Lewis Family Veterans
John R. Sandberg
John A. Sandberg
Richard Jones
Pierre Jones
"Duke" the Jones dog
Ben Kruse
Ray Pittman
John Leonard Dobak

And all of those that serve our country to keep us safe!







#### Help Flight Expo Induct John R. Sandberg into the MN Aviation Hall of Fame

Please consider joining Flight Expo and the Sandberg Family in honoring John Sandberg's contributions to the aviation world by submitting a letter of support to Flight Expo to be included in his Nomination Package.

The MN Aviation Hall of Fame would like letters of support to address the following:

Did the candidate make a significant aviation contribution to Minnesota?

Was the candidate merely doing his job or did he go beyond his paid duties?

What area of the State does the candidate represent?



Was the candidate a Minnesota native who shed good light on Minnesota though not having spent his/her career in Minnesota...or was the candidate from another State, but spent his career in Minnesota?

What makes the candidate unique from his/her contemporaries?

Feel free to use the below template or create your own. All testimonials are due September 25, 2024. Email them to <a href="mailto:flightexpoinc@aol.com">flightexpoinc@aol.com</a> or mail to PO Box 155, Zimmerman, MN 55398.

Nominees with community backing are favored over those with little support. To accomplish Flight Expo's goal and the Sandberg Family sincerely ask for the help of those who knew him. Completing John's nomination

package will serve as a tribute to his accomplishments and a testament to his enduring legacy. Flight Expo and the Sandberg family thank you for helping us accomplish keeping this legacy alive.



It is with great pleasure that I nominate John Sandberg to the MN Aviation
Hall of Fame. John was born in 1931 and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. John opened his aircraft engine shop in
Plymouth, MN in 1969. In addition to being a successful businessman, John pursued his passion for aviation during
and outside of regular business hours. (For him there was no such thing as business hours.) His whole life John devoted his life to building various aircraft and engines that made a difference in the aviation community. Tsunami is only
one of the many aircraft. With Tsunami, Jack's dream had come true. The Tsunami was and still is the world's fastest
home-built race plane. John promoted excellence and encouraged others to set high standards in their endeavors. He
showcased the best in aviation, driving innovation, progress, and improvement.

Please consider inducting John Sandberg into the MN Aviation Hall of Fame. John continues to be a role model and source of inspiration for others. His passion and determination encourage current and future generations to strive for excellence, pursue their passions, and make positive contributions to the aviation community.

Sincerely, Name, Address, Email, Phone



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# **Man Cave Sale**

June 22-28, 2024

August—Check flightexpo.org for dates 29563 144th St, Princeton

Tools, fishing equipment, car care items, household and much more!

Proceeds benefit Flight Expo, Inc.





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