

## **Polaris Doubles its R&D Facility in Wyoming**

In late September, Polaris Industries, Inc. broke ground for their 144,000 square foot expansion. This is more than doubles the size of the original building constructed 7 years ago. They also intend to double their local work force in the next 5 -6 years from over 300 to over 600 employees.

The facility located in Wyoming, Minnesota is the Research and Development facility for Polaris. The CEO of Polaris, Scott Wine stated "Continuously improving our technology and incorporating those advances into our vehicles is the cornerstone of our success and expanding the product development center paves the way for its contribution."

The Chisago County EDA and the City of Wyoming complied a financial incentive package that helped to retain the business in Wyoming. The package includes State and local programs. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2013.

## **Fairview breaks ground in North Branch and Wyoming**



Ground was broken on September 24, 2012 for an 18,000 square foot building in North Branch. This building is twice the size building that Fairview currently has in North Branch. The current clinic has 13 examination rooms and the new clinic will have 25 examination rooms and spaces for medical conferences. Over the next five years the clinic will add 15 to 20 new jobs. The expanded primary care services will almost double the number of physicians.

The Wyoming Fairview Lakes campus broke ground on October 12, 2012 for a 20,000 square foot expansion that will house orthopedic related services. The services will be under one roof to accommodate patients. This expansion is designed for an additional 40,000 square feet for future growth. The facility's parking lot will also be expanded for valet parking and motorized cart pick up. The communities are very excited to see building expansions as well as enhanced medical services for the residents.

### **WineHaven Breaks Ground for Winery and Event Center**

WineHaven "uncorked" the ground on October 12, 2012 for its new 7,290 square foot winery and event center. According to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, WineHaven is the largest winery in Minnesota based on cases of wine produced. WineHaven recently patented a new grape that is frost hearty that is called "Chisago" after its location. With all this going on, the Peterson family realized the need for an expanded facility.

Chisago City and Chisago County both support the expansion with tax abatement. Chisago County Board Chair George McMahon stated "This is exactly the type of business we should support and encourage in Chisago County." The business provides agri-tourism as well as manufacturing and exporting.