

## Moose unveiling this Friday



LINDSTROM, Minn. - St. Croix Falls artist David N. DeMattia will be debuting his newest work, a 7-foot-tall moose sculpture, Friday, March 25, 5 to 7 p.m. at Northwoods Roasterie, a coffee shop located at 12710 Lake Blvd. on the Main Street of Lindstrom, Minn. DeMattia will be present for this event to talk about the process of making the moose and to answer everyone's curious questions. Coffee and pie will be available for purchase. The moose is a three-dimensional character which combines elements of DeMattia's expertise in sculpture, theater and engineering. "I see no distinction between the arts and science and instead see them as a complement to each other," said DeMattia. This new work, which took approximately six months to build, combines his skills as an artist, engineer and designer. For 11 years he worked as an engineer for Ecolab until 2002 when he decided to take the leap and opened his own studio. He has created many things including a 9-foot-tall talking Christmas tree for a Texas shopping mall and the "man-eating" animatronic plant for the 2004 production of "Little Shop of Horrors" at the St. Croix Falls Festival Theatre. He also designed the animatronics for the children's television show called "J.J. the Jet Plane." "I do a little bit of everything," said the 50-year-old who recently moved his Sleeping Dragon Studios to St. Croix Falls. His studio advertises "Strange Sculpture and Other Odd Things." He is currently using his CNC machine to produce work for businesses needing precision metal-work, as well as, creating unique garden art. - with submitted information