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## **MATT MEDLEY OF LUNDS – PENN AVENUE IN RICHFIELD NAMED 2010 MINNESOTA BEST BAGGER**

Matt Medley, an employee of Lunds – Penn Avenue in Richfield, won the Minnesota Grocers Association 2010 Best Bagger Contest Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Mall of America.

The Minnesota Grocers Association has held the Best Bagger contest for over 20 years. This contest is important to the MGA and its membership because it showcases the talents of one of our key employees. The bagger is the person responsible for the last experience customers have at our stores. They truly represent customer service.

The 10 participating contestants were judged on speed, style, attitude, proper bag building technique and weight distribution between the bags. Contest attendees witnessed the art of “bagging” by some of Minnesota’s best. To showcase the retail food industry’s commitment to consumer choice and the well-being of the communities we serve, baggers used the ever popular reusable bags!

Medley competed against 9 other baggers from across Minnesota. He has worked at Lunds for 2 years. As the winner, Medley will go on to represent the state of Minnesota and compete in the 2011 National Best Bagger contest at the National Grocers Association Convention on February 15 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was also awarded a trophy and \$500.

Second place in the competition was awarded to Mary Jurries of Fareway Economical Food Store in Stewartville and in third place, Cassie Anderson of Mackenthun’s Fine Foods in Waconia.

*The Minnesota Grocers Association is a state trade association representing the food retail industry since 1897. With over 200 retail members operating nearly 1,200 stores statewide, as well as 120 manufacturers and distributors, the MGA is truly the voice of the industry. Our member companies employ over 85,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. Focusing on the importance of the consumers, careers and communities, we actively advance the common interests of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*

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