

Carl Schmidt. Known affectionately as “Chuck”, Carl Schmidt graduated from high school in 1921. After working in California oil fields, Chuck returned to the Saint Peter area and eventually developed the Ottawa Fur Farm. After years of running his successful mink farm, the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation was founded to support area organizations. He also donated significant land to the DNR for wildlife refuges. Chuck died in 1998; however his legacy through the foundation continues to be felt throughout the community.