

## Steger warns of global warming in Benson

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BENSON, Minn. (AP) - Renowned explorer Will Steger was in Benson yesterday as part of his tour to raise awareness to global warming.

Steger touted the Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company for taking steps to be greener. The company is building a gasifier that will use farm-raised biomass instead of natural gas to fuel ethanol production at the plant.

The project will help reduce fuel costs, which are skyrocketing. The plant pays more than \$16 million a year for natural gas.

Officials say using biomass in place of natural gas will help reduce the carbon emissions involved in ethanol production.

Steger warned those in attendance of the reduced summer sea ice in the Arctic Ocean. He said if it disappears, far more dramatic climate change would soon follow.

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