Midwest farmer thriving with microprocessor-controlled ankle-foot

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Iowa City, Iowa, August 5, 2016 – A decade after a railroad car accident resulted in the amputation of his left leg below-the-knee, 45-year-old Colona, Ill. farmer Jason Schroeder is thriving with a microprocessor controlled ankle-foot known as the BiOM, fitted by Iowa City-based Hanger Clinic Manager Theresa Bonnema, CP, CPed, CFo.

Iowa City-area journalists attended Schroeder's clinical follow-up appointment with Bonnema. Following are some of the resulting news stories:

KWWL-TV (NBC): http://www.kwwl.com/story/32055898/2016/05/24/new-bionic-ankle-allows-amputees-to-live-a-normal-life

NPR (Iowa): http://iowapublicradio.org/post/new-prosthetic-leg-more-closely-recreates-ankle-movement#stream/0

KGAN-TV (CBS): http://cbs2iowa.com/news/local/new-prosthetic-ankle-aids-active-amputee

KCRG-TV (ABC): http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Iowa-City-clinic-tests-bionic-ankle-as-industry-continues-to-develop--380689271.html

About the BiOM: The BiOM ankle uses powered propulsion for enhanced mobility. It helps prosthetic users navigate variable terrain, climb inclines, and walk farther and faster. The BiOM emulates the functions of muscles and tendons, and centers alignment to help reduce stress on joints. It also mimics normal ankle movement to enable a more natural stride. For more information on the BiOM, visit: http://www.bionxmed.com/patients/the-biom-advantage/.

About Schroeder: Jason Schroeder has never let the loss of his left leg below-the-knee limit him, and currently works alongside his uncles in a physically demanding job as a large-scale farmer in Colona, Ill. He says the BiOM cuts down on fatigue, allowing him to wear his prosthetic leg longer and feel less tired at the end of every day. This is crucial, as Schroeder enjoys being active outside of work as well, and is currently helping his family renovate a building to open a new restaurant. An avid traveler—one favorite destination has been Panama—Schroeder lives life without limits whether that means riding a bull on a recent vacation or completing his own home renovations.

About Hanger Clinic: Founded in 1861 by the first amputee of the Civil War, Hanger Clinic, a business unit of Hanger, Inc., owns and operates 750+ patient care clinics nationwide, including 13 in Iowa. The certified clinicians of Hanger provide patients with the latest in orthotic and prosthetic solutions, including microprocessor devices for those with limb loss and neuromuscular technologies for those with paralysis due to stroke, MS and other debilitating conditions. For more information on Hanger, visit www.Hanger.com, and for more information on Hanger Clinic, visit www.HangerClinic.com.

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