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Farm bill paints an optimistic future for McLeod County farmers

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

Following President Donald Trump's signing of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 — more colloquially known as the 2018 Farm Bill — House Agriculture Committee ranking member and Congressman Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) avowed their pleasure with the passage of the bill.

The bill saw overwhelming bipartisan support in the Senate, with an allocated spending of \$867 billion from 2018-2028.

With a farm bill being first introduced in the early 1930s, an updated version has followed every five years or so since, according to NutraScience Labs. Maybe the most notable update to the bill this go-around was the removal of hemp from the controlled substances act, allowing for the crop's commercial production.

"I am happy to see President Trump sign the farm bill into law today, especially considering the challenges our farmers, ranchers and rural communities face... The law now provides expanded, affordable risk management options for dairy farmers, as well as permanent, mandatory funding for priorities like the Local Food & Farmers Market Promotion Program, value-added producer grants, the BFRDP program, organic research, and the section 2501 outreach program," Peterson said.

Klobuchar, a ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee who recently announced her candidacy for president in 2020, said, "This bipartisan legislation includes many of the priorities I fought for like a strong safety net for farmers, important conservation provisions, and support for dairy farmers. Now that the Farm Bill was signed into law, we have let rural America know that in a time of trade disruptions and extreme weather events, we stand with our farmers."

With prominent, long-standing Minnesota leaders in Congress, a farm bill aimed at supporting rural American farmers, and especially those in McLeod County, was almost inevitable. Klobuchar and Peterson deliberated with other members of Congress for months leading to the signing of the bill for the most viable op-



tions for their constituent farmers and ranchers.

The bill solidifies \$300 million in funding over 10 years for an animal disease and disaster program, as well as a foot and mouth disease vaccine bank to help address risks to animal health, livestock export markets and industry economic stability, according to a press release from Klobuchar's press office.

Maybe the most essential piece coming out of the legislation for McLeod County is access to hemp production and the promotion of precision agriculture and broadband development.

With commercial access to hemp production, McLeod County's most prominent crops — corn and soybeans — could start to give way to the newly legalized

crop, McLeod County Commissioner Paul Wright said. He also said, after all, central Minnesota and McLeod County, in particular, used to be hotbeds for hemp production.

Precision agriculture will provide a more effective and efficient means of accuracy and control regarding the growing of crops and raising livestock. Utilization of information technology and systems like GPS guidance, sensors, robotics, autonomous vehicles, variable rate technology, GPS-based soil sampling, automated hardware, and much more will come in the form of direct aid to farmers.

Though the vast majority of the farm bill isn't allocated for direct aid to American farmers, it will bolster an economic support system for farmers, Wright said,

who in McLeod County last year accounted for \$200 million in agricultural products.

"It's important that a farm bill stabilizes the economy," Wright said. A healthy ag. economy supports the broader goal of a healthy market economy.

Even though the president has signed the bill, the government shutdown muddled a lot of work for the United States Department of Agriculture as it tried to sharpen details and lock-down hard numbers. As the USDA begins to catch up, farmers, ranchers and Americans alike will start to see the impacts of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

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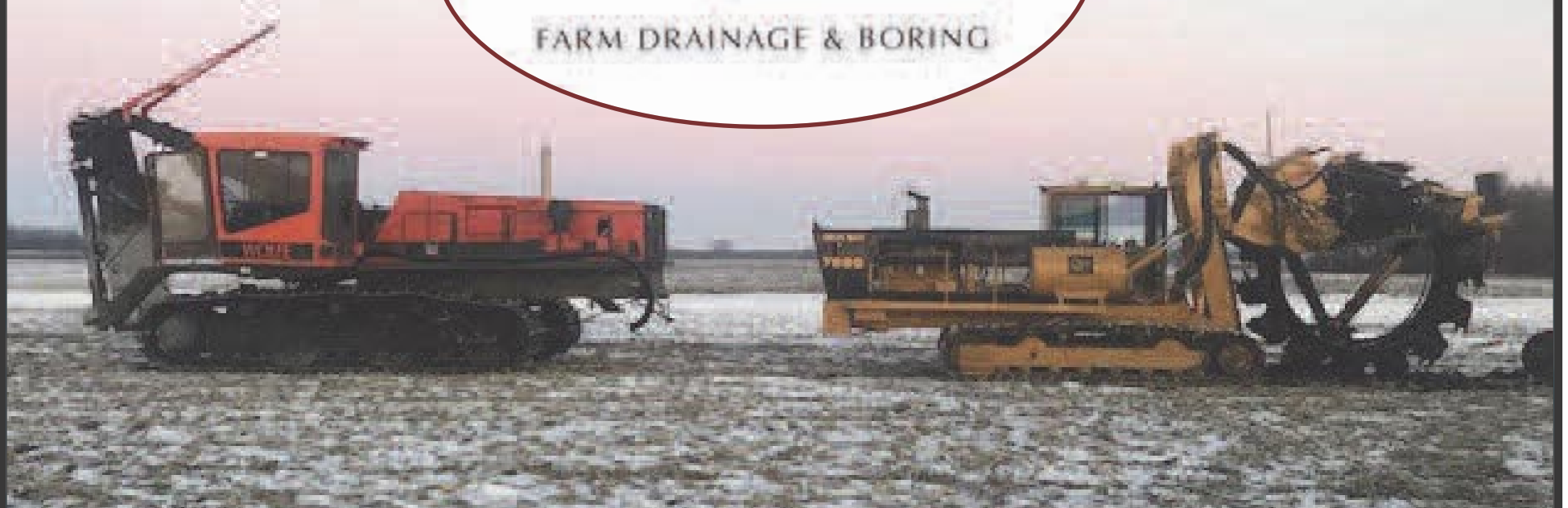
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Hefty seed company expands to 45 stores in 12 states

By Dick Hagen
RCR Correspondent

One of the genuine success stories in American agriculture is Hefty Seed Company, originating 20 years ago from their own farming operation a few miles south of the thriving city of Baltic, South Dakota, a population of roughly 1,200 located just a few miles north of Sioux Falls.

Monday, Jan. 7, the Hefty crew invited Olivia area farmers for a 'sit down' buffet at Max's Grill for an update on 'what's new' with Hefty Seeds. Spokesperson was Brian Hefty, elder brother of Darrin, the two young men who have convincably proven that 'customized service' is indeed the preference of today's farm audience. And the best way for an update on Hefty Seeds is a Q & A interview with Brian Hefty:

Q: How big are you today and how big might you eventually be?

Brian: We're at 45 stores in 12 states today. Eventually I don't know but I will say this.... 'It seems many in this corporate agriculture world have a grand plan of being so big by such a date.' We're just trying to provide good value to farmers. We don't need to expand but we know there is a lot of opportunity out



Photo by Dick Hagen

Julie Rath (left) and Donna Larkin hold a sketching of com

there. Farmers are becoming more particular about the products and services they need especially in today's cost/price squeeze.

Q: With 45 stores there inevitably are differences in the results from one store to another. Why?

Brian: Almost always the same reason and that is 'the people'. Other companies frequently ask me 'What are the limiting factors in your business?' I simply say 'there's only one limiting factor and that is the people we have.' We're fortunate. We have great people. It somewhat reminds me of the 1980s when I was in school, the same school my kids (Brian has three) attend today. Back then a lot of the kids were farm kids. I was lucky. My Dad didn't tell me I couldn't come back to the farm but a lot of Dads back then were telling their kids, "You can do anything you want except come back to the farm." So very likely a lot of talented young people got kicked out of agriculture because their dads didn't see a financial future for them.

Q: Thanks to all the bright, educated people in agriculture today are we increasing production more rapidly than our markets can absorb?

Brian: Yes, you could debate that argument just a bit. But thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit of agriculture today, we keep finding new uses too. Just look at the change in demand today. Consider how much corn is being utilized today versus 10

years ago and 20 years back? It keeps going up. It's not just feed and ethanol today....it's literally dozens of new uses. That's the excitement of research scientists around the world. However world population keeps increasing too. We're at about 7.7 billion today. The projection is 8 billion by 2023. In America there are about 187,400 new births each day and only about 78,600 deaths per day. And what happens if we have a serious weather challenge like the drought year of 2012? Suddenly this surplus disappears and you might have \$8 corn. But then what happens? We very quickly have priced ourselves out of the world market. The 'right supply' at the right time but there's no formula for that kind of magic.

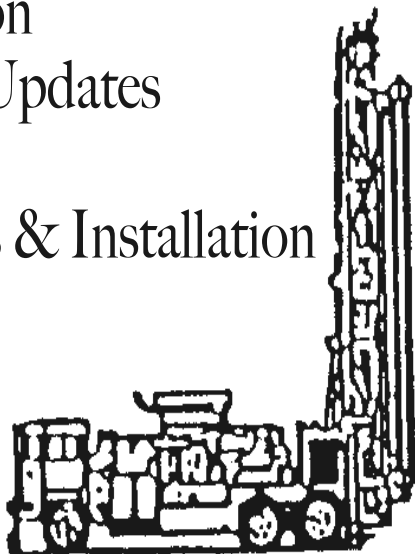
Q: Is farming now so expensive that young people simply cannot get started in farming?

Brian: It's a huge challenge because of both equipment and land costs. Thinking back 25 years when I was a beginner, would I have been farming today without the help of my father? Probably not. There aren't very many 1st generation farmers out there today. It can be done but

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you'd need some real passion. How do you develop that passion unless you've been working with someone already farming. Farmers aren't getting younger. I'm told the average age today is now up to 59. That sends a message... a growing number of older farmers are looking for younger replacements. They're also looking for help on the technology inputs of today's farming.

Q: So is there a shortage of technically trained young people for farming?

Brian: I think not. I feel the way a lot of people in business today also feel... there's a lot of young people that just don't want to work hard! Young people are smart today. So they can do the job but it's a question of are they willing to do job?

Q: Is our primary education system at fault?

Brian: I've got three kids in school; 7th grade, 9th grade and 12th grade. My wife is on our local school board. We're very familiar with what's going on in education and so much depends upon the parents. If they spend good time with the kids these kids are often doing better in school. But I look at what kids are being taught these days. It's considerably more advanced than when I was in school. Being a good student somewhat boils down to how hard are they willing to work. Yes, single-parent situations often complicate issues. Or with both mom and dad working, how can they find time to attend their children's school functions? I recall my Dad rarely came to my

sporting events because he was simply too busy doing the farming. Yes, the challenge for teachers and schools is to keep advancing their abilities too.

Q: Hefty Seeds seems a leader when it comes to seed treatments. How did this service come into being so rapidly?

Brian: Farmers are willing to accept things that work; that help them make more yield; that might prevent issues during the growing season and improve their soils in the process. Farmers are very innovative....willing to try new things is what helps keep them going. Today all of our seed comes with seed treatments. Most corn brands have three fungicides and one insecticide. We don't stop there. We're now up to 34 components on some of our seed corn. Just think about that....34 different things on a seed plus the polymer to hold it on the seed. And going forward there will be even more. Our proprietary blend of fungicides, insecticides, and biologicals means healthier plants and better yields. All the big companies are spending lots of money on biological these days. Healthier soils is the new thinking with farmers. And our seed treatments are part of that package.

Q: Do you see alternative crops such as hemp coming on in Midwest agriculture?

Brian: I don't know what the future is going to bring but change is inevitable. My dad was President of the South Dakota Soybean Growers Association in 1984. At that time we had 400,000 acres of soy-

beans in the entire state. Today South Dakota has over five million acres of soybeans. If you add up total acres of soybeans in both Dakotas last year, it would have been the #1 state in America for soybeans. So in just one generation of farming we have seen a huge shift. Ahead? It just depends upon what the world needs. It could be industrial hemp; it could be something I've never heard of. For our 3,000-acre farm I'd love to have four or five or six different crops. But on our farm today corn and soybeans are what make the most money. And right now as a farmer I need every dollar we can generate.

Q: Are trade disputes with China, our single biggest customer for U.S. farm products, inevitable?

Brian: I can give you one example and that is Enlist, a new trait for soybeans where we can spray Roundup, Liberty and 2,4-D over the top of the beans. It looks amazing; the genetics are great. We've been working with it for about five years. The chemistry is a new 2,4-D which is awesome compared to the old and better than Dicamba. So I'm excited about Enlist; especially since the scientists in China have already said it's a totally safe product. So what's holding it up? Why hasn't it gotten approved? DOW thought it was going to get approved 4 years ago. Apparently China is trying to work us for a 'better deal' on everything else they buy from us. China sends a lot of their stuff into our country with no questions asked. Yet when

we're wanting to ship some of our products to China they come up with a variety of reasons why that can't happen. At this stage I don't know what Trump might get done on foreign trade. But as a farmer and a U.S. citizen I would love to have a better deal with China in general.

Q: Is 'warmer world weather' a threat to U.S. agriculture?

Brian: Since we're already dealt with a couple of blizzards this winter, I could use a little global warming. I'm not a climatologist but I do know this: Where we farm we have a challenge because of colder weather. We can't raise two crops like they can down South. We get the opportunity to raise just one crop. Every spring we are planting into cold soils. So if the average temperature went up one degree is that going to hurt us? I think not. But I don't know all the other issues around the world. Also a lot of people believe this is just cyclical. There have been heating periods; there have been cooling periods in history.

Q: What is the biggest challenge facing Hefty Seeds tomorrow?

Brian: Always it will be people. We simply want great people who can give good advice to farmers every day on this entire dynamic of modern agriculture. We do a lot of training with our people so hopefully our agronomy staff is the best in the country. But the bigger question in the future will be finding people who know farmers and agriculture well enough to be of genuine value to every customer.



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So many uses: Corn to polymers to edible plastic bottles

By Dick Hagen
RCR Correspondent

Sounds a bit weird after slurping down your favorite beverage that you then eat the plastic bottle which contained your drink! Talk about a convenient way to clean up the environment too. And in the process do a favor for American's corn farmers.

How can that be you ask? Because much of the world's plastic bottles might eventually be made from corn resin, better known as polymers in the exciting world of science. The resin, known as polylactic acid (PLA), can be formed into containers, plastic dishware, forks and spoons, yes even edible plastic bottles.

The trendy plastic has several things going for it. It's made from corn, and America farmers know how to produce corn. And because corn is a renewable resource it gives you a leg up—both politically and environmentally—on conventional plastic packaging, which uses an estimated 200,000 barrels of oil a day in the United States. Also, PLA is compostable meaning it will break down into harmless natural compounds. Talk about relieving the pressure on our nation's mounting landfills, since plastics already take up 25 percent of dumps by volume. And corn-based plastics are starting to look cheap compared to oil-based plastics.

Yes, edible water bottles at this point is a bit of a stretch. But with a proper flavor enhancement, who knows? PLAs were

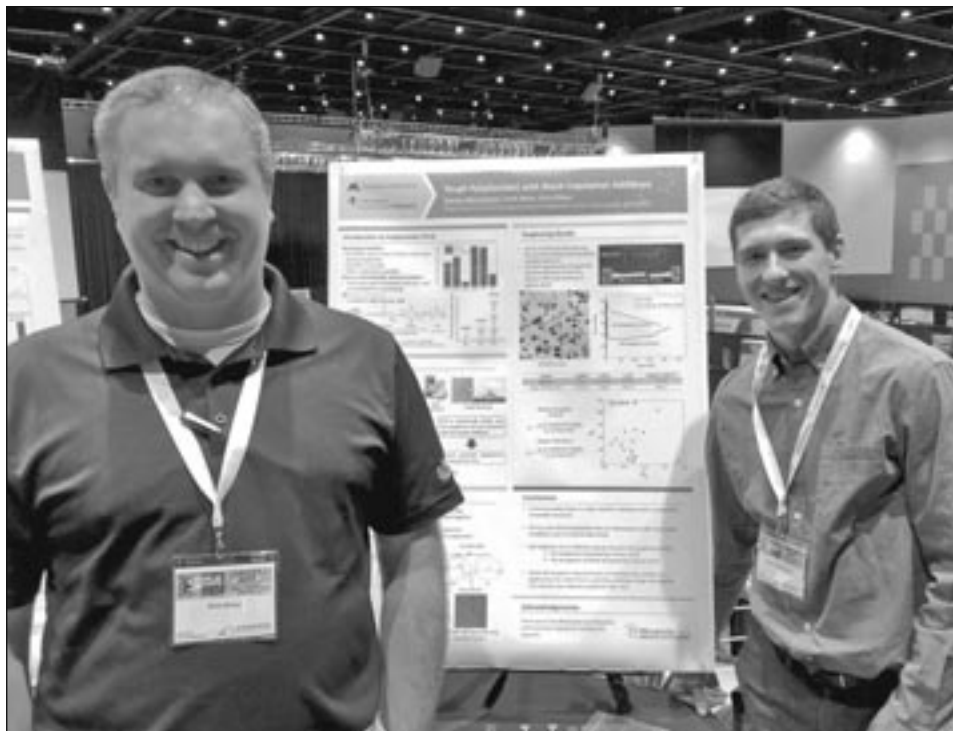


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Dr. Chris Ellison (left) and Charles McCutcheon talk about the abundant uses of corn in today's economy.

part of display by University of Minnesota scientists at MN Ag Expo, Mankato.

Explained Dr. Chris Ellison, Chemical Engineering professor, "Our expertise is in plastics or polymers and how to enhance their mechanical properties and then apply them into things consumers

can use every day. Nature Works, a huge corn processing facility at Blair, NB, is the production facility for literally tons of corn resin. Tremendous amounts of exploratory work are underway by them plus DOW and Cargill. We think their work is being enhanced by our students and staff in our Department of Chemical

Engineering and Materials Science. Our focus is the possible creation of new consumer items made from these polylactic acids.

"Some projects in this display at Ag Expo explore some of our work. Here is one targeted towards polyester. Polyester is used in fabrics and fibers for clothing; for tent shelters, even tarp covers for grain storage. And who's to say edible plastic bottles too? The point being these products are derived from corn which goes into sugars, then into lactic acid which can be diversified into many potentials.

"Much of what we have here is fundamental research looking at totally new pathways for corn. We're trying to be disruptive by generating new markets from corn and corn products. Yes, the bottom-line of our work is to help sell more corn. And wild as it sounds, eating your plastic bottle rather than throwing it into the trash receptacle could in fact become a reality! At the Saint Paul campus I have an entire group of graduate students and research scientists exploring new uses for corn resin."

Sustainable polymers is the ambition of one of Dr. Ellison's students working the display at Ag Expo. He didn't reveal if he had eaten a corn plastic bottle. But Charles McCutcheon enthusiastically agreed the potential of this single item coming into existence would be a tremendous favor to world environments in view of the tons of plastics now clogging ocean bottoms around the world.



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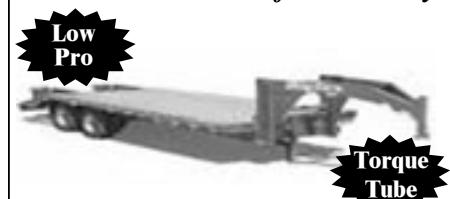
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Dean of farm broadcasting shares his perspective

By Dick Hagen
RCR Correspondent

With a farm radio pedigree dating back to 1975, Lynn Ketelsen's broadcast background has touched every base you can imagine; even a few touches in other countries around the world. So what's his take on the world of agriculture these days?

I had a few minutes with Lynn just before he started the Jan. 9 Ag Outlook meeting at Willmar. And when Ketelsen puts on an event, farmers attend. Standing room only for the 240 at this show. And why not? Headliners included John Baize, long-time spokesman for the International Soybean Association plus Al Kluis, popular commodities broker since 1976. But for now, let's talk with Lynn:

Lynn's an eastern Iowa product. And even though the University of Iowa was virtually a next door neighbor, Lynn was smart enough to travel west...all the way to Iowa State University, Ames, IA. An Iowa State Journalism graduate, Lynn initiated his unique 'farm broadcast' voice at southern Iowa's KMA, Shenandoah. But 2 years later he made the big move...250 miles north into "Viking Country" and the incredible agricultural diversity of Minnesota agriculture at KWLM, Willmar.

Very likely Minnesota's beautiful lakes were also part of the attraction for Lynn and wife Mary. Plus it was a new adventure because nobody in farm radio was doing daily market reports on commodity futures in Chicago, Kansas City, even Minneapolis. "So in my young career I thought it was time farm radio also included daily markets. That's what I got going and just like that farmers were telling me this was a new dimension for farm radio and they liked it."

Ketelsen is now 43 years in farm broadcasting. I asked, "How do you like being the Dean of Farm Broadcasting?" Always the modest guy, Lynn responded, "I may be old enough but nobody calls me the Dean. However it's a special pleasure to know so many people in this amazing industry of Agriculture."

"Even today here at Willmar many of these farmers and farm wives I've met before; perhaps even interviewed many. But as you well know Dick, even as an ag writer for The Land, relationships are what make this work so rewarding. And that's what makes it fun too."

So what's Lynn's take on today's agriculture?

"We're in tough times, and have been for the last four to five years. I think we're due for better times. I think these trade agreements will get done, even with China and that is the big one."

"But the challenge is this: farmers are smart; they pick up fast on new ideas, new products, and simply better ways to do things. You've seen this too, Dick. When you were with Trojan Seed and I started in Willmar you guys were my first seed industry clients. I remember your talking about this new hybrid (that would have been TXS 102). And you were telling our farm listeners this hybrid would grow 125 bushels per acre! Today corn farmers don't even work up a sweat hitting 200 bu. and better!"

"Yes, the reality is that farmers have gotten so good they're producing more than the market can handle. That's bogging



Lynn Ketelsen

things down. But we always get through these cycles. We did in the 80s. Just a weather calamity in some other part of the corn belt and we could have a good run again. I'm optimistic. I think even within the next couple years we'll see this thing turn around."

There you are. Lynn believes in the cycles of production agriculture. After 5 years of downhill travel, Lynn simply says it's time to enjoy climbing the hill again!

So this question: Are we pumping too much technology into agriculture too rapidly?

Lynn responded, "You can't put the brakes on technology. We have a growing world population... around 7.7 billion peo-

ple today. Technology is what drives agriculture even more today than 30 years ago. Everybody wants to grow more, do better, be more efficient. Have we gotten too big with some of this farm equipment? I think so, but farmers have pride, and ambition. They want to keep getting better and make their work perhaps a bit easier too."

"I chuckle when I jump into their combine cab and comment, 'Wow, you've got a lot of stuff in here. And my farmer says, 'Yep, sure do. I'm not certain how it all works but it sure makes farming easier.' I'm told there's more technology in today's new tractors than there was in the space ship we sent to the moon."

So Lynn, what's your word for young people who want to get into farming?

He commented, "I pay lots of attention to the ages of farmers coming to our events. I'm seeing more younger guys than I did just a few years ago. Granted many are part of a family operation. These are extremely sharp young guys. They know what's going on. Many got going when things were really good... back 8-10 years ago. Today things aren't so good. However the lessons they're learning now are invaluable. They've seen the best...now they've got to struggle through these not-so-good times. But you and I have seen these cycles over the past 40 years...and likely will see more."

However this reality...suicides are increasing amongst our farm audience. What's your message for these folks thinking about giving up on life?

Lynn paused a moment, "It's really unfortunate but at the end of each day realize

that nothing is better than living. Even if you have troubles with the farm, always there are alternatives. If it means quit the farm so be it. When you are doing what you were created to do, you feel terrific. Just remember each day when you arise: You don't have tomorrow; all you have is today!

I wrapped up my interview with this easy question, "What's the one bright star still shining?"

His wise response: "Just remember, if there are no downs, there's not going to be any ups!"

And this inevitable closing question: "Lynn, it's now 2019. 'Will you still be doing farm radio five years from now?'"

His instant response, "I certainly hope so. This is a fun business and I'm working with the best people in America!"

After launching the Linder Farm Network in Willmar with four other stations owned by Linder, his network now includes 25 stations. Lynn built a new station at Blooming Prairie and later purchased Waseca stations. He later moved his broadcast headquarters to Owatonna plus he does TV specials for KEYC, Mankato, and nationally on RFD TV; also This Week in Agri Business.

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Lesson from the McLeod Corn and Soybean Growers Banquet: Adapt and Overcome

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Corn and Soybean Growers Association annual banquet saw Glencoe 4-Hers, county commissioners, corn and soybean association speakers and piles of food at the Pla-Mor Ballroom in Glencoe on Saturday, Jan. 26.

The banquet packed the ballroom dance floor, with four columns of tables running the length of the wooden floor — three for people to sit and visit, one for a smorgasbord of farm-produced goodness.

Aside from the seemingly endless amounts of food, speakers didn't have a lot of good news to report from the last year in agriculture, especially as it pertains to soybeans.

President of the association, Ryan Mackenthun, said tariffs raining down from the executive administration — which has harshly cut down on trade with the United States' biggest soybean exporter — and inclement weather has hampered production.

"Two things out of our control," Mackenthun said. While he acknowledged straining difficulties with tariffs, he also said some farmers are in favor of the tariffs and some just want it to be over — "It depends on who you talk to," Mackenthun said.

Not long after Mackenthun finished speaking, keynote speaker, Chip Flory, stepped to the podium to address some of the issues facing farmers as the industry heads into a future of unknowns. Flory suggested, like a rollercoaster, corn and soybean markets are, and always have been, subject to volatile returns.

His main message for McLeod County farmers who have their life's work invest-

ed in corn and soybeans: Adapt and overcome — a sentiment, Mackenthun joked, he hopes doesn't become a motto for farmers. Being able to adapt to uncontrollable variables effectively is something farmers have been doing their entire lives.

Despite harrowing messages from prominent speakers, spirits were high at the banquet. It was hard to walk anywhere without hearing outbursts of laughs and light-hearted conversation, which echoes a familiar feel to farmers: even in the face of adversity and uncontrollable circumstances, farmers have the grit and toughness to persevere.

Even after being told that the market doesn't look good now, and even though the keynote speaker suggested prices may stay deflated for the time being, attendees at the banquet still found a way to make the most of what they had in front of them.



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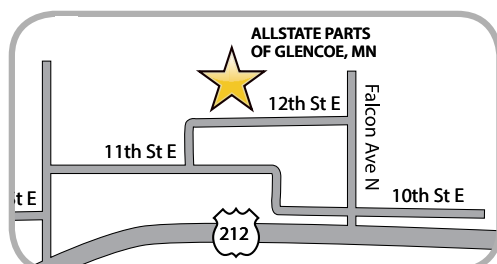
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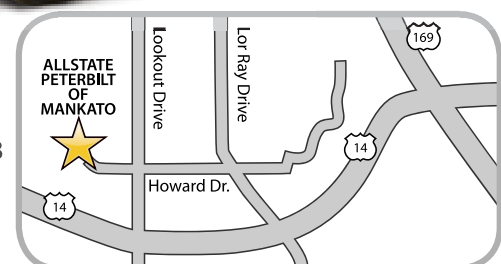


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Safety tips for parents of young farmers

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People who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farms in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on farms.

- Know and obey the laws. Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

- Review equipment operation instructions. Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions. Doing so can help parents reacquaint themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier

for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

- Inspect equipment. Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

- Enroll children in farm safety camps. The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

- Set a positive example. Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.

Hundreds of thousands of children perform jobs on farms across the country. Parents who want to teach their kids to farm should always do so with safety in mind.



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Love of outdoors led to a sweet, delicious hobby

By John Mueller
Editor

He's always enjoyed time outdoors, using his hands, hard work, and the willingness to learn. It's a combination Jon Dahlke has used to create a sweet and delicious hobby.

This spring, when outdoor temperatures dip below freezing at night and climb to over 40 degrees during the day, Dahlke will tap over 300 maple trees for their sap. The warm daytime temperatures will push the sap up into the tree where it will drip into a plastic bag. With the help of friends, fellow Glencoe firefighters, even his parents, the sap will be cooked into maple syrup. The syrup is then bottled and labeled as JD's 100 percent pure maple syrup as needed.

Much of the syrup the 41-year-old Dahlke makes will be given to friends, a token of appreciation for their help. He'll give some to the landowners who allow him the use of their maple trees. Maple syrup also makes a sweet gift for friends and family members. With the help of his father, Ron, and mother, Jean, much of the remaining maple syrup will be sold at the farmers' market held Thursdays in downtown Glencoe during the spring, summer and into the autumn.

Dahlke expects he'll start tapping trees and prepare for the sap to start running in March. He's seen the sap start flowing as early as February since he started tapping trees back in 2003. He's seen the season run as late as May 1.

Dahlke got his start converting sap to syrup that year. He helped a friend in Arlington who made syrup as a hobby. Dahlke started small, tapping a few trees each spring. By 2010, he had around seven trees tapped. In 2012, he expanded his operation to 15 trees, 10 of which were at Glencoe Country Club. Last spring, Dahlke tapped 370 trees.

"I always looked at this as a hobby I wanted to do when I started working on it," he said.

The hard work is collecting the sap, a sweet transparent liquid. Dahlke collects the bags from trees individually. He's not certain if he'll ever get to the point where he uses tubes to drain sap from several trees to a single collection point. Friends and family members occasionally help out with the collecting.

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He started out cooking the sap using liquid propane and turkey cookers. But as his hobby has expanded, Dahlke invested in equipment to boil off the water, creating the syrup. He burns wood, taking advantage of trees a landowner he knows wanted cleared. The man's willingness to let Dahlke clear the trees has provided him plenty of wood to burn.

It takes about five gallons of sap to make a pint of maple syrup, Dahlke said. Once the sap is collected, Dahlke will be cooking almost daily. Using a reverse-osmosis system and filters to remove impurities, he'll cook the sap until it is transformed from about 3 percent sugar to 6 percent sugar. The stainless-steel cooker can process up to approximately 135 gallons of sap per hour. He'll store the syrup in five-



Glencoe's Jon Dahlke is waiting for sap to begin flowing in maple trees. With help from family and friends, he makes and bottles his own maple syrup, giving away bottles and selling others at the farmer' market.

gallon containers and bottle it on an as-needed basis.

"They say it tastes better (than commercially mass-produced) maple syrup," Jean Dahlke said.

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The cooking takes place in a garage. It's a popular location for people to stop by and visit or help with the cooking process. Dahlke outgrew cooking in a 10-by-12 shed in his backyard a few years ago.

In addition to the help of friends, family and fellow firefighters, the Internet has been a great resource. It has helped him find equipment he purchased at the right price as well as information on making maple syrup. Syrup made from sap tapped early in the season is typically lighter in color than syrup from sap tapped later in the season.

"You can research just about anything online," he said.

Technology aside, making maple syrup is "a learn-as-you-go process, trial and error," he said. Last year, he made about 120 gallons of maple syrup. To expand his operation, he'll need more trees to tap, tubing for collection and more time for converting sap to syrup.

Making syrup appeals to Dahlke's sensibilities. He grew up on the family farm outside Glencoe. The work allows him time outdoors, a contrast to his day job as a vice president/loan officer for Security Bank.

"I call it an expensive hobby. I really enjoy it," he said. "It's just a great way to spend time with family."



The maple trees start producing sap in early spring when the warmer daytime temperatures and cold nights create pressure that pumps the sap up and down the tree. To collect the sap, we drill a hole, insert the tap, and hang the sap collection containers. Healthy maple trees more than 8 inches in diameter can be tapped each season; tapping does not affect the growth of the trees. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup.

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Brothers offer locally-raised pork, beef products

By John Mueller
Editor

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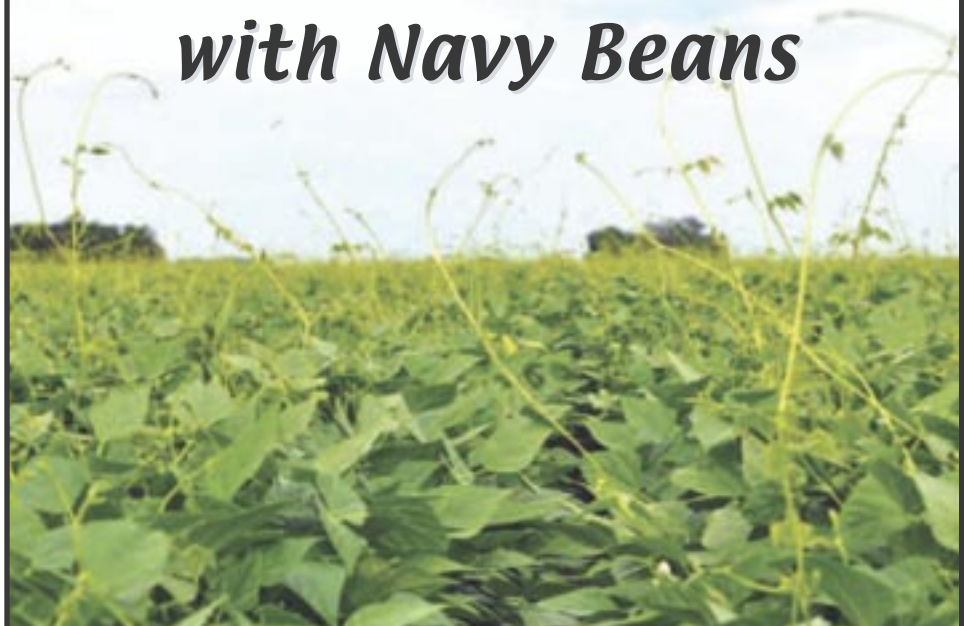
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Corn check off funds are fueling the future of ag

By Dick Hagen
RCR Correspondent

With upwards of 40 percent of the annual budget of Minnesota Corn Growers Association used to fund research projects conducted by various University of Minnesota scientists, corn growers logically have concerns. At January Ag Expo, Mankato, Adam Bir was a key 'answer man'. Dr. Bir is CEO of MCGA. Here is a brief Q & A:

Q: What is the current budget of MCGA?

Bir: It's between 10 and 12 million dollars a year. The check off is one cent a bushel so annual size of Minnesota's corn crop pretty much determines our yearly budget.

Q: What percent of this budget helps finance various research projects?

Bir: Between 30 and 40 percent depending the year and the awards we finance. This past year (2018) we were at 34 percent.

Q: The Minnesota corn check off is 1-cent per bushel payable by first purchaser. In these 'tighter times' are some producers asking for refunds?

Bir: We haven't seen any significant movement. Our growers understand the importance of research. And they know sharing within the University system enables us to get more mileage out of our investments. In talking with other states I'm hearing much the same. Perhaps a little creeping up for refunds is somewhat understandable. Feedback from our MCGA members and corn farmers in general verifies research dollars are vital. We're making every effort to be most transparent with corn growers, with elected officials and often directly with the non-farming audience that sometimes likes to through darts.

Q: You are a University trained, PHD recipient. How do you address the challenges of your job?

Bir: Difficult to explain...it's the way

we are wired that makes this such an enjoyable job. I say this for our entire staff. They see the variety of each day. Plus we thrive on the challenge and the progress our corn growers report to us. They like what we are doing for them!

Q: Being in the 'corn world' is a very people-to-people business?

Bir: It most certainly is. I think that culture starts with our leadership. They set that tone and it becomes infectious for the rest of we paid staffers. Because of technology and marketing innovations about corn and corn products, we're working in one of the most exciting industries in America.

Q: Are you sensing 'progress' in our tit-for-tat trade war with China?

Bir: Corn isn't as involved as soybeans. But the ethanol fracas is hurting. Because of current margins most of our 220 ethanol plants are in a financial crunch. We were selling quite a bit of ethanol to China. I think we will recapture and perhaps even increase our ethanol exports to China. Smog is a huge issue in their heavily populated cities and they understand the 'cleaner air' capability of ethanol fuels. Also because of African swine fever epidemics in China, I think we'll see an increase in U.S. pork sales to China. That too can trigger corn prices.

Q: You're very upbeat. What was your major at the U of Minnesota?

Bir: I got my degree as a water research scientist in the Soil Department.



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Q: Does that make you an obvious voice on the 'buffer regulations' of Minnesota?

Bir: That's something as the state's corn growers organization that we have watched closely for the past five years. Tax credits to land owners for land dedicated for buffer systems is high priority in our discussions with members of the State Legislature. But our priority is providing financial support for key research initiatives of the University. We've been told that we're the only College of Agriculture that is doing new hires. That to me compliments the forward vision of our University system. This tells me the University very much appreciates the innovative thinking of our membership.

Q: What's your current membership and will you catch Iowa eventually?

Bir: As you well know that's an ongoing challenge. We're closing the gap. We're nearly 7,000 members; Iowa under 8,000. One exciting area our new Young Adult membership. I see us making good progress engaging our 'next generation' farmers. They don't necessarily agree with

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Renville SWCD talks cover crop and reduced tillage

By Luke Stadther
Sports Writer

The agricultural industry has seen many changes over the last decade. Over that time, local area farmers have seen record yields in corn, soybeans and sugar beets. Those farmers have also seen prices shoot up to over \$7 for corn and \$15-plus for soybeans in 2010-2012, only to have those prices fall back down in recent years. The price for inputs also increased but has taken a little longer to stabilize. With high input costs and lower prices the return on investment margin has narrowed mightily over the last few seasons. All of these factors have farmers searching for ways to maximize yield while limiting input costs which has led many to explore the option of cover crops and reducing tillage.

On Feb. 12, the Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District in collaboration with the Hawk Creek Watershed Project held a reduced tillage and cover crop meeting at the community center in Renville. The meeting took up the entire morning going from 8 a.m. to noon. It featured a guest speaker, Brad Carlson from the University of Minnesota, as well as presentations and a roundtable panel of local area farmers. These farmers have all seen success in recent years using cover crops and no till or limited/strip-till in their operations. The meeting also allowed local business representatives from cover crop suppliers, consultants, applicators and equipment suppliers to rub elbows with farmers.

Mr. Carlson focused his talk on the nitrates in drainage waters in Minnesota. This

has become a hot topic in recent years as former governor, Mark Dayton, made it one of his top priorities. He was the main political figure behind a movement to require 50-foot buffer strips alongside all waterways across the state of Minnesota. The pushback on the proposal has been immense, especially from the farming community.

Carlson also spoke at length about how a cover crop can reduce erosion and limit runoff. He cited many studies which have shown decreases anywhere from 30 to 70 percent in the amount of nitrate loss.

After Carlson's presentation, the meeting turned to presentations by local area farmers. The farmers were from throughout Renville County as well as one from the Faribault area. Erik Dean and Brian Ryberg spoke about their experiences in the eastern part of Renville County, both being in the Hector area. Ryberg said the biggest challenges he faced in his transition was a mental acceptance. You have to withstand a lot of scrutiny including negative remarks from neighbors and competitors. Ryberg added that this transition has added a simplicity to his operation, cutting down man hours and limiting the amount of equipment needed.

"My main point is that it is worth trying something. We are just mimicking mother nature's process," commented Ryberg.

On the western side of Renville County, Dave Wordes and Dean Schroeder have implemented similar cover crop and strip-till regiments into their operations. Common threads between all the operations were the application of phosphorus and potassium in the fall while saving nitrogen application

until the spring. Many also added side dressing while planting as well as a few rounds of variable-rate nitrogen during the growing season.

Although application rates and limited tillage varied from farm to farm. A common theme of finding ways to reduce inputs was brought to the fore. Whether that reduction comes in input costs of fertilizer or passes through the field; it was about cutting costs to increase margins.

Joel Rauenhorst also presented on his farm which is in the Faribault area. He started his transition about the same time Gov. Dayton made his push for 50-foot buffer strips. Since then he has seen a big increase in amount of organic matter. This has improved the structure of his soil and allowed for good drainage while limiting erosion. He showed those in attendance examples of his land compared to his neighbors after heavy rains, and the difference was remarkable.

Following the presentations the presenters and speakers were split into a couple different groups to lead roundtable discussions. The discussions delved into how to

chose a cover crop, what are some ways to reduce tillage, how to develop a specialized plan for each field and similar topics. Ideas on all these topics are still forthcoming as the relatively new process is adopted by more and more farmers throughout the area in a quest to increase the ROI.



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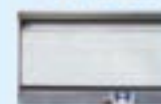


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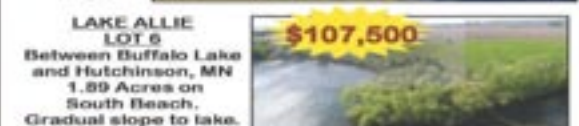
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Soybean Processing Capacity in Expansion Phase

**Red River Farm Network
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The soybean processing industry is going through the biggest expansion phase in 20 years. That includes the ADM crush plant in Aberdeen and a facility in Michigan that are expected to come on-line later this year. The proposed projects at Spiritwood, North Dakota and Crookston, Minnesota are also part of the expansion story. CoBank economist Will Secor says the U.S. market will not be able to absorb all of the new production immediately. "When we look at the first

year of these plants coming online for the 2019-2020 marketing year, we see about 40 percent of the meal being absorbed by domestic users when typically about 75 percent of soybean meal production is consumed domestically." Secor sees the potential for stronger basis levels with the new processing plants coming into the region. "A lot of that meal will be shipped out of the Pacific Northwest, particularly to Southeast Asia, where there is a lot of growth in meal demand." Secor expects to see some growing pains with the new crush capacity, but it should be short-lived.



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God made a farmer

By: Paul Harvey From his address to the 1987 AFBF Convention.

On the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker.”

So God made a Farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk the cows, work all day in the field, milk cows again, eat supper then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.”

So God made a Farmer.

“I need somebody with arms strong enough to wrestle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to await lunch until his wife’s done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon, and mean it.”

So God made a Farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to sit up all night with and newborn colt, and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, ‘Maybe next year.’ I need somebody who can shape an axe handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe straps, who at planting time and harvest season will finish his forty hour week by Tuesday noon and then, paining from tractor back, will put in another 72 hours.”

So God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees first smoke from a neighbor’s place.

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God said, “I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to wean lambs and pigs and tend to pink combed pullets; who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadowlark. It had to be some-



body who’d plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, breed, and rake and disk and plow and plant, and tie the fleece, and strain the milk, and replenish the self-feeder and end a hard week’s work with a five-mile drive to church. Somebody who would bale a fami-

ly together with the soft, strong bonds of sharing; who would laugh and then sigh, and reply with smiling eyes when his son says he want to spend his life doing what dad does.”

So God made a Farmer.

Recipe Corner

Smoky Chipotle Pot Roast with Cornbread

Ingredients

- 1 beef Shoulder Roast, Arm Chuck Roast Boneless or Blade Chuck Roast Boneless (2-1/2 to 4 pounds)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons chipotle chili powder
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained
- Prepared cornbread or corn muffins

Preparation

Press chili powder evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast. Heat oil in stockpot over medium heat until hot. Place pot roast in stockpot; brown evenly. Pour off drippings. Add tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer 2 to 3 hours or until roast is fork-tender. Remove roast; keep warm. Skim fat from cooking liquid. Return liquid to stockpot; bring to a boil. Cook 8 to 10 minutes or until sauce is reduced to 2 cups. Carve roast into thin slices; top with sauce. Serve with cornbread.



Crock Pot Smothered Pork Chops

Ingredients

- 4 bone-in pork chops (or boneless)
- 1 envelope onion soup mix (1 oz. packet)
- 1 (14 oz.) can chicken broth
- 1 (10.5 oz.) can cream of chicken condensed soup
- 1 envelope dry pork gravy mix (1 oz. packet)
- 1 tsp. garlic powder

Preparation

In a 5-6 quart slow cooker (preferably oval shaped), combine onion soup mix, chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and pork gravy mix. Whisk together until combined. Don’t worry about any lumps, they will go away during cooking. Season both sides of the chops with a little bit of garlic powder. Place pork chops into the slow cooker. Do your best to spread them out and cover with the gravy mixture. Cover and cook on low about 6-8 hours. Remove from crock pot with large spatula or slotted spoon (they are so tender they fall apart). These can be served with the gravy in which they cook. For a thicker gravy: In a medium pot over medium heat, melt 2 Tbsp. of butter, whisk in 3 heaping Tbsp. of all-purpose flour until a thick paste forms and is smooth. Pour in 2 cups of the gravy from the crock pot and whisk constantly for 1 minute. Mixture will begin to thicken very quickly. Once it has thickened, remove from heat and combine with remaining gravy from the crock pot, stir well.



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New Year's resolutions that can benefit the planet

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New Year's resolutions are typically made by individuals looking to improve their lives. Some people may resolve to read more, while others may be determined to start living healthier lifestyles. Men and women who want to improve their lives while also contributing to the greater good may want to tailor their resolutions around protecting the planet.

Eco-friendly New Year's resolutions may benefit individuals in some surprising ways. While men and women no doubt recognize the long-term benefits of protecting the planet they call home, the following resolutions also provide some more immediate benefits.

- **Unplug set-top cable boxes.** It's not an especially time-consuming commitment, but unplugging set-top cable boxes and DVRs when they're not being used can reduce carbon dioxide emissions and save substantial amounts of energy. A 2011 study from the National Resources Defense Council found that the electricity required to operate set-top cable boxes resulted in 16 million tons of CO2 emissions in the United States alone. The electricity needed to operate such boxes also costs American households more than \$3 billion per year. The same study found that two-thirds of that energy consumption occurs when viewers are not watch-

ing or recording content. By unplugging these devices when they are not in use, people can save money and greatly reduce CO2 emissions.

- **Support sustainable agriculture.** According to the Grace Communications Foundation, an organization devoted to increasing public awareness of the critical environmental and public health issues created by the industrial food system, sustainable agriculture is the production of food, fiber, or other plant or animal products using farming techniques that protect the environment. Sustainable agriculture also employs farming techniques that protect public health and ensure the welfare of animals. Sustainable farms do not use chemical pesticides, synthetic fertilizers or genetically modified seeds, and such farms take steps to prevent the degradation of soil, water and other natural resources.

- **Cut back on driving.** Men and women who can find ways to reduce the amount of time they spend behind the wheel can reduce vehicle emissions that harm the planet and cut back on fuel consumption. Reducing fuel consumption also reduces the fuel consumed and emissions produced by the trucks that transport that fuel from the refinery to the gas station. If possible, bike to work or take public transportation. People who live in more remote areas where biking or public transporta-



tion is not feasible can organize office car pools.

- **Spread the word.** Another easy way that eco-friendly men and women can resolve to benefit the planet is to spread the word about issues facing the climate and what everyday citizens can do. Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's Climate Reality Project aims to unite people from all walks of life in an effort to encourage

their leaders to focus on the climate. The project's Climate Reality Leadership Corps is a global network of activists working to spread awareness about the climate and how to address the issues facing it.

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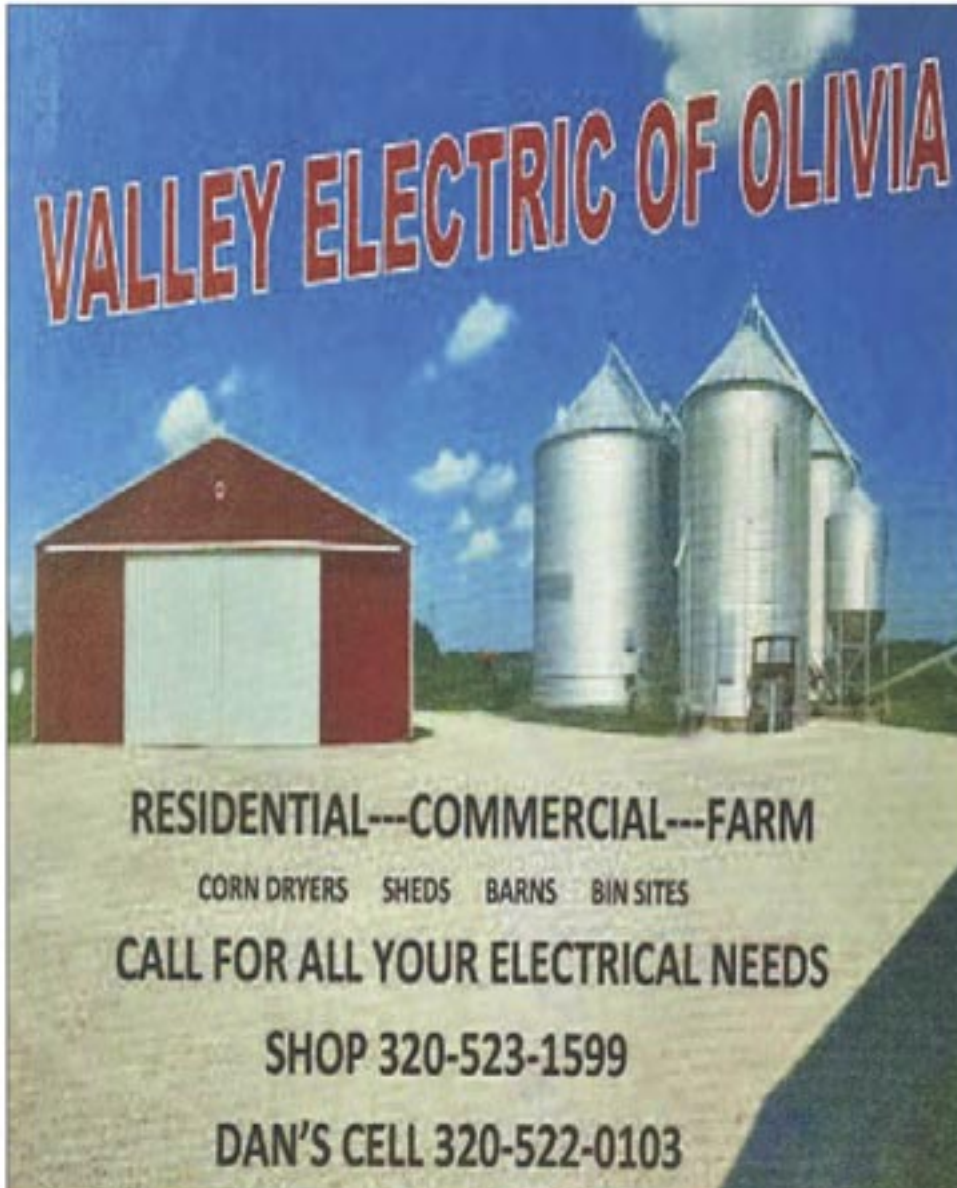
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THURS, FEB 28, 2019, 11:00 A.M.
MULTIPLE PARCEL SWIFT CO.
FARMLAND AUCTION
180.99 ACRES OF PRIME SWIFT
CO. FARMLAND LOCATED IN
KERKHOVEN TWP
JERRY D. HENRY ESTATE
ELLAMAE HENRY, SELLER

SACRED HEART, MN

FRIDAY, MAR 1, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
CLEAN WELL MAINTAINED FARM
EQUIPMENT RETIREMENT AUCTION
JD TRACK, MFWD & 2WD
TRACTORS, JD 9650 STS
COMBINE, JD CORN & BEAN
HEADS, DAY CAB TRUCKS & GRAIN
FARM, TILLAGE & SUGAR BEET
EQUIPMENT
TODD & LISA DYKEMA
19940 890 AVE, SACRED HEART, MN



SACRED HEART, MN

SAT, MAR 2, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
MULTIPLE PARCEL RENVILLE
CO. FARMLAND & BUILDING SITE
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
157.67 ACRES OF PRIME RENVILLE
CO. FARMLAND LOCATED IN
ERICKSON TWP, SECTION
3, T-116-N, R-37-W, RENVILLE CO.
(GOOD DRAINAGE & TILE!)
6.86 ACRE BUILDING SITE WITH
BEAUTIFUL HOME,
70,000 BU GRAIN STORAGE
FACILITY WITH GRAIN DRYER
AND AIR FLOW SYSTEM, LARGE
MACHINE SHED & OUT BUILDINGS.
GOOD HEAVY RENVILLE CO. SOILS.
PARCELS HAVE BEEN SURVEYED!
TODD & LISA DYKEMA
19940 890 AVE, SACRED HEART, MN

SACRED HEART, MN

MON, MARCH 4, 2019, 1:00 P.M.
RENVILLE CO. FARMLAND
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
40 ACRES +/- OF PRIME RENVILLE
CO. FARMLAND
GOOD HEAVY RENVILLE CO. SOILS.
LAND HAS BEEN SURVEYED!
COUNTY AND PRIVATE TILE!
WESLEY & RUTH SUNVOLD ESTATE

RENVILLE/PRINSBURG, MN

TUES, MARCH 5, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
CLEAN WELL MAINTAINED FARM
EQUIPMENT RETIREMENT AUCTION
JD 7830 MFWD, NH 9682 4WD,
CASE IH 2096 2WD TRACTOR, JD
2700 7 SHANK RIPPER, JD 2210 38
1/2" FIELD CULTIVATOR, JD 1730
12R22 PLANTER, GRAIN TRUCKS,
AND MUCH MORE.
RANDY & CINDY HEBRINK
22289 105TH ST SW • RENVILLE, MN



KELLIHER, MN

SAT, MARCH 9, 2019, 11:00 A.M.
ABSOLUTE ICE CASTLE FISH
HOUSE LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION
15+ ICE CASTLE FISH HOUSES,
VARIOUS MODELS, SIZES, SOME
LOADED WITH MANY OPTIONS,
ALSO SELLING ICE FISHING
SUPPLIES; RATTLE REELS, ROD
HOLDERS & ICE HOLE LINERS
GREATER MN RENTAL
KELLIHER, MN 56650

ROSELAND/RAYMOND, MN

FRI, MARCH 22, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
CLEAN WELL MAINTAINED FARM
EQUIPMENT RETIREMENT AUCTION
JOHN DEERE 9200 4WD, JD
4455 TRACTOR, JD 4430 2 WD
TRACTOR, JD 4320, JD PLANTER,
GRAVITY BOXES, FARM, TILLAGE &
LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT
GARY & JEANNIE DRAGT
15941 CO RD 5 SW • RAYMOND, MN



WINDOM, MN

THURS, APRIL 11, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
PRIME MULTIPLE PARCEL
COTTONWOOD CO. REAL ESTATE
(4) PARCELS TOTAL!! 67 ACRES OF
FARMLAND LOCATED IN SECT 36,
GREAT BEND TWP 105, R-36,
TRAILER PARK, BUILDING SITE &
SHOP LOCATED ON US HWY 71
TAR ROAD ACCESS!! LAND HAS
BEEN SURVEYED!
FRANTSEN ESTATE
43681 HWY 71 • WINDOM, MN

ATWATER, MN

FRI, APRIL 12, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
CLEAN, LOW HOURS WELL
MAINTAINED JD FARM & LIVESTOCK
EQUIPMENT RETIREMENT AUCTION
2014 JD 6115R MFWD TRACTOR,
JD 6120 MFWD TRACTOR, JD 8110
TRACTOR, JD 1760 PLANTER,
JD 9400 2WD COMBINE & HEADS
AND MUCH MORE
DALE & MARY GRATZ
18002 HWY 12 • ATWATER, MN



DASSEL, MN

THURS, APRIL 18, 2019, 11:00 A.M.
MEEKER CO. GRAVEL PIT AUCTION
24.63 ACRE GRAVEL PIT LOCATED
IN SECTION 9, TWP 119, R 29,
DASSEL TWP, MEEKER CO.,
LAND HAS BEEN SURVEYED!
STEVE DAVISON ESTATE

PENNOCK, MN

WEDS, APRIL 24, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT &
SUPPLIES AUCTION
SKID LOADERS & ATTACHMENTS,
TRUCKS, VEHICLES, CARGO
TRAILER AND OTHER 2 WHEEL
TRAILERS, CEMENT TOOLS AND
CEMENT EQUIPMENT, BUILDING
MATERIALS AND MUCH MORE.
GUSTAFSON CONSTRUCTION
JIM & BRENDA GUSTAFSON
11747 120TH ST. NW • PENNOCK, MN



CLARA CITY, MN

THURS, APRIL 25, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
UTILITY LOADER TRACTORS, LIKE
NEW KUBOTA ZERO TURN MOWER,
TRACTOR ATTACHMENTS, ATV,
MOWERS, PICKUP, BOAT, SHOP &
HAND TOOLS AND MUCH MORE.
DUANE MEYER ESTATE
1055 110TH AVE N.E. • CLARA CITY



MONTEVIDEO, MN

SAT, APRIL 27, 2019, 9:30 A.M.
ANNUAL INVENTORY
REDUCTION AUCTION
10+ ICE CASTLE FISH HOUSES,
NEW PORTABLE STORAGE
BUILDINGS, TOOLS, FURNITURE,
CARPET & FLOORING, ICE FISHING
SUPPLIES, BUILDING SUPPLIES,
AMERICAN SURPLUS & MFG
3134 EAST HWY 7 • MONTEVIDEO



COSMOS, MN

TUES, APRIL 30, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
MULTI-PARCEL RENVILLE COUNTY
REAL ESTATE FARMLAND AND
FARMSITE AUCTION
160 ACRES +/- OF PRIME RENVILLE
CO. FARMLAND & BUILDING SITE
ALVIN RETZLAFF TRUST
COSMOS, MN 56228



COSMOS, MN

TUES, APRIL 30, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
PICKUP, CAR, FARM EQUIPMENT &
MISC FARM ITEMS, SCRAP IRON
ALVIN RETZLAFF TRUST
53149 MEEKER RENVILLE LINE RD
COSMOS, MN 56228



DASSEL, MN

SAT., MAY 11, 2019, 9:30 A.M.
LARGE WAREHOUSE LIQUIDATION
LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION
ICE CASTLE FISH HOUSES, TOOLS,
FURNITURE, CARPET & FLOORING,
ICE FISHING & BUILDING SUPPLIES
CJ'S DEAL DEPOT
70819 227TH ST. • DASSEL, MN



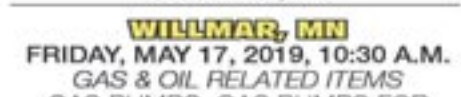
ALEXANDRIA, MN

WEDS, MAY 15, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT
& SUPPLIES, JEEP VEHICLE,
CAT-TRACK SKID-LOADER,
ATTACHMENTS, TELE-A-HANDLER,
DUMP TRAILER, (3) CARGO
TRAILERS, LOG SPLITTER,
DIMENSIONAL LUMBER,
INDUSTRIAL WOOD-WORKING
EQUIPMENT, LOTS OF TOOLS,
GUNS, TOYS & MUCH MORE
SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION, INC.
"BUTCH" SCHMIDT ESTATE
ALEXANDRIA, MN



PRINSBURG/ROSELAND, MN

THURS, MAY 16, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE FARM SITE AUCTION
VEHICLES & PERSONAL PROPERTY
APPROX 5 ACRE BUILDING SITE
WITH OUTBUILDINGS
MICHELE THOMPSON
21540 37TH ST. S.W.
BLOMKEST, MN



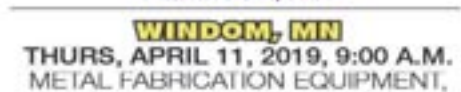
WILLMAR, MN

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
GAS & OIL RELATED ITEMS
GAS PUMPS, GAS PUMPS FOR
PARTS, MOBIL ITEMS, PLASTIC
LETTERS FOR GAS STATION SIGNS,
FORKLIFT, COLLECTIBLE TRUCK,
VAN BODY TRAILER FOR STORAGE
AND MUCH MORE...
STEVE GILBERTSON ESTATE
303 GORTON AVE N.W.
WILLMAR, MN 56201



PENNOCK/WILLMAR, MN

TUES, MAY 21, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
JD 4840, JD 4440, JD 7720
COMBINE W/HEADS, FARM
EQUIPMENT, COLLECTABLE FARM
EQUIP. & VEHICLES, JD PLANTER,
GRAVITY BOXES & FARM MISC.
ROSS PETERSON
PENNOCK, MN



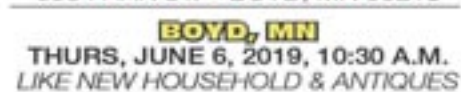
WINDOM, MN

THURS, APRIL 11, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
METAL FABRICATION EQUIPMENT,
SHOP TOOLS, SEA/SHIPPING
CONTAINERS, VEHICLES FOR
RESTORATION AND MUCH MORE.
FRANTSEN ESTATE
43681 HWY 71 • WINDOM, MN



BOYD, MN

THURS, JUNE 6, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
EXCEPTIONALLY WELL MAINTAINED
3-BEDROOM, 2-STORY HOME,
LOCATED ON LARGE CORNER LOT,
LARGE UNATTACHED GARAGE
WITH ATTACHED WORKSHOP &
STORAGE AREA
LARRY & ANN NILSON
355 PARK ST. • BOYD, MN 56218



BOYD, MN

THURS, JUNE 6, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
LIKE NEW HOUSEHOLD & ANTIQUES
2011 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LT,
AWD, 4-DR, 99,000 MILES, SHOP
TOOLS, WOODWORKING TOOLS,
LAWN & GARDEN ITEMS
LARRY & ANN NILSON
355 PARK ST. • BOYD, MN 56218



NEW ULM, MN

THURS, JUNE 27, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
BUSINESS LIQUIDATION
RETIREMENT AUCTION
REAL ESTATE, TRACTORS,
SHOP EQUIPMENT,
METAL FABRICATION EQUIPMENT,
TOOLS, PARTS & SUPPLIES,
LOTS OF OWNERS & MANUALS
**NEW ULM TRACTOR &
EQUIPMENT, INC.**
13144 CO RD 25 • NEW ULM, MN



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