

Local farmers host field day to promote soil health

Cover Crop and Soil Health Field Day is Sept. 5

By Lori Sorenson

To prevent erosion and boost soil health, many Rock County corn and soybean farmers are planting cover crops between growing seasons.

The added bonus is higher yields and lower input costs, according to Luverne farmer Tom Fick.

"It's something anybody can do," he said. "You just need to figure out what your goals are. ... Do you want it for extra livestock feed? Do you want the extra nitrogen? Do you want it for soil erosion?"

Fick is hosting a cover crop information day at his farm west of Luverne on Sept. 5, and he said he hopes the message reaches the right people.

"There's so much information about cover crops in the media, but what works in Rock County may not be the same as everywhere else," he said.

Field Day is Sept. 5 at Tom Fick farm

The Cover Crop and Soil Health Field Day will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fick's home at 1157 110th Ave., Luverne, with morning presentations and afternoon field demonstrations.

Fick and Rock County farmers Terry Aukes and Brent Fluit are a team of local producers documenting their cover crop strategies and measuring inputs and outcomes.



Lori Sorenson photo/0824 fick cover crop

Tom Fick is hosting the Sept. 5 Cover Crop and Soil Health Field Day at his farm west of Luverne. The event will address the advantages of cover crops as they relate to soil health and clean water. Fick is pictured in an oat field where red clover is emerging among the stubble to provide winter cover for the ground.

"We're tracking what kind of stand we get at a recommended rate, or if a lower rate is enough," Fick said. "We're in an era where every input cost counts."

They'll join a panel of other

cover crop experts to share what they're doing to improve their soil.

Discussion will include costs and herbicide considerations of cover crops, incorporating cover

crops in traditional, strip till and no till operations, what to seed and how to utilize it for livestock.

Because cover crops improve nutrient levels in soil, less fertilizer needs to be applied.

"I am cautiously optimistic, hoping to be able to gradually reduce input costs as time goes on," Fick said.

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MDA fertilizer rules to affect local farming methods

According to process, rules would be adopted in fall of 2018

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is updating its rules for nitrogen application, and nearly half of Rock County's farmers could be affected.

A draft rule has been released, and the public comment period closes Aug. 25. The rule, designed to reduce nitrates in groundwater, has two parts.

Part 1 is directed at farm ground in "vulnerable groundwater areas," defined as areas where nitrates move easily through the soil into the groundwater.

These soils, which tend to be on near-surface bedrock, com-

prise a good share of northern Rock County farm ground (see the map).

According to the proposed rules, nitrogen application in these areas will be restricted in the fall and on frozen soil.

An MDA map identifies specific vulnerable soils, and if more than half of a county section is classified as vulnerable, farmers in the entire section would be banned from fall and frozen soil application.

(As the rule-making process continues, these classifications may change to affect smaller areas.)

If less than 50 percent of a

section has vulnerable groundwater, fall and frozen soil application is restricted on fields with near-surface bedrock or poor soil.

Part 2 of the MDA nitrogen fertilizer rule is directed at farmers in areas with high nitrates in groundwater.

Nitrate data from public and private wells is used to prioritize problem areas and to determine if mitigation — such as cover crops — is necessary.

A local advisory team of producers and ag professionals will advise the MDA on

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Nelva Behr retires from New Vision

Pictured is Nelva Behr at New Vision Coop Wednesday, Aug. 16.

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appropriate methods and support implementation of these activities.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District was on the original advisory team that wrote the draft plan. He said he felt that all interests are adequately represented with the 25-member team.

"This isn't something the MDA dreamed up in a closet," said Bos, assistant Land Management Director.

"They worked with all Minnesota producer groups, universities and soil and water folks like me. It's a very good group of people who put this together over a two-year process."

The rule-making process was recently extended to include more public input meetings. Change may be adopted in early 2019.

It's all about the water

Bos said many Rock County farmers are already implementing better practices in vulnerable areas.

Data released earlier this year showed elevated nitrate contamination in more than half the wells tested.

Battle Plain, Clinton, Luverne, Magnolia, Mound, Rose Dell and Vienna townships were targeted for testing private wells based on their "vulnerable" soil types and a high percentage of row crops.

"It paints the picture we are getting nitrates in our water," Bos said in March when the well tests were released.

He has been working with farmers in vulnerable areas to improve fertilizer application methods, especially for corn.

Research shows that only half of fertilizer applied to cornfields is absorbed and utilized; the rest is susceptible to water runoff and leaching into aquifers, depending on soil type, past crops and other factors.

Further compounding nitrogen loss is the fact that climate change is delivering rain in "extreme weather events," according to Bos, who

notes that in the past 20 years, 30 percent of local rain has come in hard downpours.

"We have to find a way to spoon-feed it (to crops) to prevent nitrogen from getting into our water," Bos said in March.

He said farmers are receptive to the changes because fertilizer is expensive and it's in their interest to keep it from leaching into groundwater.

For many affected producers, it could be just a matter of applying the majority of their nitrogen after planting when the corn is still small.

Bos said spring fertilizing could go a long way toward reducing nitrogen contamination, especially if it's combined with cover crops.

"Cover crops can reduce nitrate leaching by 50 percent," Bos said. "Not only does it hold soil and increase water-holding capacity - it holds those nutrients until the next cropping year."

For this reason, cover crops are becoming increasingly popular across the country.

But Rock County's nitrate problems won't have easy solutions.

Restricting fertilizer application to spring will create hardships for some farmers, especially those who rely on commercial applicators who have a hard time keeping up in the spring.

In some of the most vulnerable areas, the answers might be even more difficult, Bos said.

"In these areas, because of their soil porosity, it's difficult to raise a nitrogen-needing crop and keep the nitrogen out of the water," Bos said.

"It might mean raising something else ... And if they can't financially do it ... We can't just say, 'Sorry, you can no longer grow crops here.'"



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He encourages other farmers to try it. "It's something they can do," he said. "There's enough resources out there they can see the benefits."

Some producers are investing in new equipment to get the best results from cover crops, but Fick said farmers could still get good results from basic equipment.

"Ideally you want to use a no-till drill, but a regular drill works too," he said, adding that it even works to plant rye from an end-gate seeder.

"Rye will grow if it's sitting on top of the ground," Fick said. "It doesn't take any effort at all to grow cereal rye; it will germinate at 33 degrees."

The idea is to plant vegetation in the fall so that it sprouts and provides cover during the early spring months before planting.

Fick said the choice of cover crops — red clover versus cereal rye, for example — is often driven by results growers are seeking.

Regardless of outcomes, cover crops are always good for soil health, Fick said.

"The idea is to keep something green growing on that soil for as long as you can," he said.

Getting ahead of regulations to reduce nitrate contamination

As producers implement cover crops, Fick said they learn which varieties and what rates

work for them in their specific fields and soil types.

And they can try a little at a time. "It doesn't have to be a whole farm," he said. "You can try it on a field or even a half a field."

The Sept. 5 event includes a soil health demonstration showing moisture absorption from samples taken from a fence line (that has likely never been tilled), a field that has been cover-cropped and from a row-crop field.

Water is held longer in the fence line sample allowing nutrients to be absorbed. The row crop sample shows how quickly water passes through, taking valuable nutrients along with it.

"The goal is to get where soil absorbs moisture like it does in the fence line," Fick said. "It's about catching erosion and improving the structure and health of your soil."

Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office is helping with the Sept. 5 event.

"The cool thing is it's actually planned by these farmers, with us facilitating," Bos said. "They're on a panel talking about what they're doing."

He said the information would be valuable to anyone currently experimenting with cover crops or thinking about trying them.

"I've learned that rye, radishes, turnips and canola planted the year before I plant

beans is fantastic," Bos said. "With cover crops before corn I'm still learning."

Fick said he hopes plenty of people come out to his farm Sept. 5 because soil health is important for everyone.

"This all works together — soil health, wildlife habitat and water quality," he said. "We all have the common goal of protecting our water."

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is currently rewriting its rules for nitrogen fertilizer management in order to reduce nitrate contamination in groundwater and drinking water.

In some areas of particularly vulnerable soil, fertilizers could be strictly monitored or even barred (see the related story).

Fick said the sooner producers get on board with better practices, the less affected they'll be by regulations later on.

"People are becoming more and more aware that farms are one of the sources of excess nitrates, and we have to figure out a way to keep it in the soil and not running off the field or through the tile," Fick said.

"In some countries in Europe they're requiring cover crops, and we don't want it to come to that. We're trying to get ahead of it."

The Cover Crop and Soil Health Day includes lunch for those who RSVP by Aug. 31. Call 283-8862.



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Steen Reformed Church hosts annual carnival Aug. 16

Despite the rainy weather Wednesday, Aug 16, the annual carnival at the Steen Reformed Church was a success. Those who attended enjoyed an evening of food, fun and fellowship. The Cruise’n for Christ Car, Tractor and Cycle Show was cancelled due to the weather. All proceeds from the event went towards the Sunday School department.



Clockwise from top left: Harlan Van Meeteren, Sioux Falls, displayed his farm machinery at the Steen Reformed Church carnival Wednesday, Aug. 16. “Most of the parts are purchased at the local hardware store and fabricated parts built from scratch. Every year I try to add to my collection a piece or two,” he said.

Hope Bosch takes aim at the archery shoot carnival booth Wednesday at the Steen Reformed Church.

Titus Susie takes a chance at the Duck Pond at the carnival Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Steen Reformed Church.

Jax Wysong takes aim at the archery shoot carnival booth Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Steen Reformed Church.

Glenda McGaffee photo/0824 carnival photos



Volleyball season is underway at H-BC, first game Aug. 29



At right, Meghan Zylstra, a 2013 H-BC graduate who has been a varsity assistant at the school for the past four years, is taking over as head coach at H-BC this fall. She's taking over for Susan Bork, who guided H-BC to a 21-3 record last fall.



At far left is senior Megan Gehrke Wednesday, Aug 16, at volleyball practice at the high school gym. The first game is Tuesday, Aug 29, at home against Adrian.

Paige Tilstra (left), Olivia Richards and Halle Hoekstra prepare for 2017 season at volleyball practice.

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Close the Gate

By Nancy Kraayenhof

Language of road markings

I believe everyone underestimates the importance of road surface markings and their history.

Back in 1911, a fellow named Hines watched a leaky milk wagon leave a white trail down the middle of the road and came up with the first documented use of painting a center line down the road. Brilliant!

The credit for the first yellow line down the center is credited to Oregon in April of 1917. I couldn't find any reason why the color yellow was selected. Perhaps a leaky lemonade cart or, horror of horrors, an incontinent portable outhouse persuaded the yellow choice?

Much debate and changing standards of painted line colors ensued over a period of several decades. By November 1954, 47 states had adopted white as their standard color for highway centerlines.

In 1971 the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices mandated yellow as the

standard color of center lines nationwide. All states had until 1975 to make the changeover although most had completed the change by the end of 1973.

Yellow was actually adopted because it was already the standard color of warning signs. It was also figured to be easy to teach drivers to associate yellow lines with dividing opposing traffic and white lines with dividing traffic in the same direction. This simple uniformity of color use greatly reduced head-on collisions and improved over-all traffic safety.

To improve the contrast, a bright yellow and highly toxic lead chromate was used to paint yellow lines through the end of the twentieth century. Who would have guessed that disturbing or removing yellow lane markings could be hazardous to anyone's health?

The lines adopted these meanings: A single broken center line means passing is allowed in either direction. A double solid center line

means passing is prohibited in both directions and the combo means that passing is allowed only from the side with the broken line.

The solid white line on the right edge of the road is called the Fog Line. It helps cars stay in their line during foggy conditions and helps pedestrians stay off the road. White lines, both solid and broken, are used to mark the lanes on one way roads.

Did you know that each dashed line measures 10 feet and the empty spaces between them are 30 feet long? I would have guessed them to be equal at about 2 feet each. Measuring them on the highway with a tape is a lot different than looking at them from a car doing 55 MPH.

Drivers depend on the uniformity of the traffic lines on the roads. We count on the fact that the fog line is solid white and missing at intersections. We rely on the yellow markings to mark the center of the road and for passing zones. I wish

someone would clue in the older green pickup with the Iowa plates about passing zones.

But what are we to think when we come upon something such as this picture taken on SD 266th Street about a mile east of 481st Avenue?

Allow me to speculate on these odd markings:

- This is now, obviously, a SD Minnehaha County Designated Puking Zone?

- The distinct markings on the pavement here were left by aliens as a signal to other alien life forms not to bother coming here as they could find no intelligent life?

- This is actually a huge skid mark left by a swarm of gigantic killer bees who didn't get the queen's signal to lower their landing gear in time?

- Sadly, this is the sight of a horrific accident whereupon an entire truckload of rubber

duckies were thrown from the truck and smashed upon the road?

- Babe the Big Blue Ox had the scours?

- Or the most boring reason of all: a malfunction of the machine that paints the yellow lines on the road.

I'm certainly expecting the county to cover the huge yellow splotch with something black, repaint the white of the fog line and continue refreshing the existing yellow dashes and lines. Hats off to the fine work they do with the roads I have driven on almost every day these past 16 years. You are a dedicated, talented crew. Just having a little fun with a giant paint splatter on the road,

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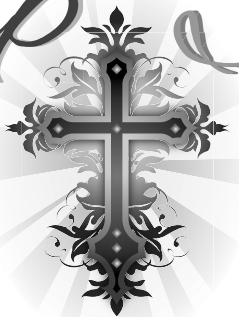
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Tuesday, Aug. 29: 2:30 Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village.

Wednesday, Aug. 30: 9 a.m. Quilting.

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Tuff News

By Shateen Lichter

Hello from the Tuff Memorial Home.

We had an enjoyable week which included balloon bat and a sensory activity Monday morning. The activity room was packed with those who joined for Tuesday morning's sing-along. After Bible Study residents enjoyed coffee and worked through math problems. Now you can ask my husband, I am NOT a math person, but those who participated that afternoon had a great time and are incredibly good at math.

Wednesday morning was so cool, literally. We gathered together to make homemade ice cream in a bag. A simple recipe that produces great taste! A few residents enjoyed Bible Study with the First Baptist Church, and others joined together for the annual Fair Day. An overwhelmingly wonderful display of items was brought in for the event. From garden produce and photographs to needlepoint and Swedish weaving, it was a huge success.

We are grateful to the family members who brought in items their loved ones made prior to joining us at the Tuff Memorial Home. We are all so proud of your accomplishments and talents. To finish off the day, we enjoyed funnel cake sticks and mini corn dogs. Yum!

Julie Schuur joined us

Thursday morning for Quilt Club. She brought in two quilts that her quilting club at American Reformed put together. These quilts used the squares the residents had cut at previous meetings. It was so neat to see how the group took the residents' work and created them into beautiful quilts. These quilts will be going to The Children's Inn and the Alpha Center. Groups like this is what helps residents in care facilities stay connected to their community and gives them opportunities to make a difference. Thank you to Julie and your quilt club for including us in this mission.

After Bingo Thursday, Delores and Shorty Leenderts brought in homemade cakes to celebrate Jim's birthday. Thank you so much, Jim, Delores and Shorty, for your generosity and amazing cakes.

A group gathered together to hear and discuss current events afterward. While most of the time was spent laughing and watching videos of fainting goats, we did appreciate catching up on local news.

Friday's afternoon activities included women's Bible study with Cena Mae and Men's Den. The bus, driven by Pete Gehrke, took several men out to check the crops and Glenda pointed out the new twin homes development, the fertilizer plant by New Vision and the Exchange State

Bank updates.

The Tuff Country Store will be open for business next week, and it is in need of lotion, body wash, body spray, toothpaste, toothbrushes, blush, powder. There were suggestions for granola bars, Dr. Pepper and small fall decorations as well. Thank you so much for your kindness.

We would like to thank Mark Sandager for a second donation of sweet corn — absolutely delicious!

Our sympathies go out to the families of Janice Hanson and Harvey Rozeboom. You will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Looking ahead this week:

Thursday, Aug. 24: 9 a.m. Outing to Stensland Dairy; 2:30 p.m. Birthday Bingo.

Friday, Aug. 25: 2:30 p.m. Monthly Birthday Party with Marlin Olson.

Saturday, Aug. 26: 9:30 a.m. Frost Donuts.

Sunday, Aug. 27: 9 a.m. Worship.

Monday, Aug. 28: 2:30 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, Aug. 29: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wednesday, Aug. 30: 2 p.m. Tuff Country Store.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to resident Iris Fodness on Aug. 24.

We hope you have a great week!

community news

Meetings

United States Bowling Congress (USBC) meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in Luverne Lanes.

Rock County DFL Chapter will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in the Human Services building on Roundwind Road. Everyone welcome.

The Green Earth Players annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the Green Earth Players building at 401 West Edgehill Street in Luverne.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

GEP auditions

Aug. 27-28

Green Earth Players will host auditions for their November production, "Miracle on 34th Street" from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, and from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, in the GEP building on Edgehill Street in Luverne. Roles include three men, two women and one girl plus several extras.

Performances are set for Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 16-19 at the Palace Theatre.

Community Ed bus to state fair Aug. 28

There are seats available on a charter bus going to the **State Fair on Aug. 28**. Fee is \$70. Call Community Education Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4 p.m. at 507-283-4724.

Library hosts singer-songwriter Marian Call Aug. 28

Singer-songwriter Marian Call will play a family concert at the Rock County Library at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28. She entertains with songs about science, spaceships, princesses, avocados, love, etc. All ages are welcome at the free event. Tips are appreciated. To see some of Call's videos, visit mariancall.com.

Climate Change Book Club meeting

Rock County Community Library will host a three-part event on climate change this fall.

An information meeting will be 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the library.

The event is free and open to the public.

Participants read three books about three weather-related disasters. Library staff and two weather scientists will lead the discussions and preventive measures.

For more information or to sign up for the book club, contact library director Serena Gutnik at 507-449-5040.

Build a Bison: Hooves to Horns on Aug. 25

Help a naturalist "build" a bison by transforming an audience member through dress-up. This program is for youth of all ages to learn the anatomy of a bison and what makes this animal perfect for the prairie. Meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, in the amphitheater at Blue Mounds State Park. Bring a chair or blanket.

Prowling the Prairie Aug. 26

Join a park naturalist for a hike across the prairie to look for tracks, trails and other signs of wildlife. This two-mile hike will take visitors out to the bison viewing area and back. Meet at the visitor's center parking lot at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Soil health and cover crops info day Sept. 5

Rock County SWCD, NRCS, Express Ag and the University of Minnesota Extension will host a cover crop, soil health and livestock information day from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Tom Fick Family Farm at 1157 110th Ave. near Luverne. Lunch will be available per RSVP to Rock County Soil and Water Conservation Office by Aug. 31. Call 507-283-8862.

Walking Military Memorial downtown

More than 40 Luverne businesses are participating in a Walking Military Memorial on Main Street. The displays, presented by Remember Rally, include photos, banners, information and uniforms, as a way to thank all our military. The displays will remain until fall.

Rock County 4-H sends 67 exhibits to State Fair

By Jason Berghorst

The Minnesota State Fair opens today (Aug. 24) and runs until Labor Day in Falcon Heights.

Rock County 4-H will be well-represented at the annual event with 38 livestock exhibitors, 29 general project exhibitors and three state ambassadors.

Livestock exhibitors moved into the State Fair Aug. 23 and will be judged during the first

week of the fair.

Encampment Two, which includes general project exhibits, is Aug. 29-31.

Rock County is one of only two counties statewide in 2017 to be represented by three members in the Minnesota State 4-H Ambassadors program.

Michael Kinsinger, Josie Scholten and Moriah Flanagan are among only 30 statewide leaders

to be chosen as Ambassadors.

"I am very proud of Michael, Josie and Moriah for taking their leadership skills to the state level," said Chelsey Asche, Rock County 4-H program coordinator.

"I have no doubt these three will make an impact in this role, not only through serving as role models for Rock County but also throughout the state of Minnesota."

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Bush descendants gather for first reunion

By Glenda McGaffee

The descendants of Berdell and Ione Bush met for their first Bush Reunion Aug. 4-6 at Bridges Bay in Okoboji, Iowa, with a total of 74 in attendance and 25 missing.

Some of the family joined for a day while others stayed the entire weekend.

The family said it was a perfect day, as the weather was beautiful and they were able to set up in a picnic area for the family to enjoy the waterpark/swimming pool or just hang out to visit with each other.

Some of the family took advantage of the zip line that was located at Bridges Bay, and the family felt this was the highlight of the day for those who were brave enough to actually take the ride.

Ironically Ione Bush passed away on Aug. 4 fourteen years ago. The family thought it would be very appropriate to have the gathering on Aug. 4, as Ione loved her family very much.



10 years ago (2007)

•As of last week there are still no plans to close 41st Street in Martin Township.

Last Thursday a group representing local government, school and business met with Marcus Flygare from the district office of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to discuss the safety issues at the intersection located one mile north of Hills.

The east/west road crosses four sets of tracks before drivers enter the New Vision parking lot. The railroad tracks are marked with signs, but not with crossing arms or lights.

Talks between MnDOT, Burlington Railroad and the township have been ongoing for the past year. In March MnDOT announced plans to close the road.

25 years ago (1992)

•The final paperwork was completed on the Zarmbinski project at the August 11 meeting of the Hills City Council.

Dan and Noreen Zarmbinski and the Hills Economic Development Authority have agreed that interest on the loan will begin December 1 and the first payment is due on January 1, 1993. Documents signed at Monday's meeting were the promissory note agreement, loan agreement and mortgage.

Dan Zarmbinski explained to the Council that the demolition of the old café building was scheduled to be completed this month. However, the rain has delayed Wulf Brothers. Zarmbinski said he does not want to find another company to do the job. "It will push construction back another 30 days," Zarmbinski said. He now plans to be operable by January 1, 1993.

50 years ago (1967)

•Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sandager and four children, John, Mark, Jane and Jimmy will leave Sept. 5, for a year's service at a Lutheran mission station in New Guinea. This decision was reached by the Sandager family after learning of the rich experi-

ences his brother Sheldon, and wife Ellie and family had in their two years of Christian service in Ethiopia. ...

Vic's work will be to take care of the grounds at the station. Fran hopes to be able to assist in some way in the school system. The three oldest children will be attending school in Australia a distance of between 1500-2000 miles from their New Guinea home and will be wearing uniforms. Jimmy will attend school on the Island and will travel the 25 miles to school each morning and evening.

75 years ago (1942)

•Although the weather has been ideal for threshing and all the "runs" have been going full-blast for the past week, there is still much grain left in the field, and most crews do not expect to finish the job until some time next week.

Reports indicate that barley has been running exceptionally light. Oats, however has been good, with the following yields reported to this office: At the E. B. Johnson farm the oats yielded 60 bushels to the acre; L.C. Skattum reports 59 bushels; Emil Thompson and Ruud Bros. report 50 bushels while a combination crop of wheat, oats, and barley yielded 70 bushels per acre at the Art Swanson farm. Alfred Rogness reports that his field of flax, which was combined, produced 20 bushels to the acre.

100 years ago (1917)

•Your Farmers Creamery paid 40 cents for July. Compare this with what the centralizers paid during July. In many places they paid as low as 34 and 36 cents. Of course around Hills they always pay a few cents more than in territories where there are no co-operative creameries.

Butter has been selling strong so far for August and with only a week left, patrons are assured of even a larger cream check for August than you received for July. Considering the price of feed and labor, 42 or 43 cents is not too high.



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Dated: August 7, 2017

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