

RCRCA News

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area

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Agricultural Drainage Field Day

An "Agricultural Drainage Field Day" will be Wednesday, August 14th beginning at 9 am at the University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center at Lamberton, MN. The day will focus on improving water quality while maintaining agricultural productivity.

The field day will feature tours on surface and subsurface drainage and rock inlets; open-ditches and wetlands and drainage in row crop production and alternative management strategies. Guest speakers will be from the Iowa State University; National Soil

Tilth Laboratory; University of Minnesota and the USDA –ARS.

RCRCA is pleased to be among the exhibitors at this event. Be sure to stop over and see the *stream table model* that we will have on display. It's a great visual to show the effects of unprotected stream banks and sediment movement in our streams and rivers.

For more information on the event, visit our website at www.rcrca.com for a link to the Agricultural Drainage Field Day or call 507-752-7372.



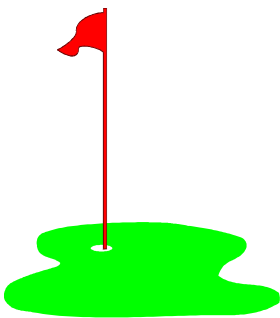
Golf for Water Quality Day

Mark September 19th on your calendar for the **RCRCA Golf for Water Quality Day!**

This first annual event will be open to the public and held at the Farmer's Golf and Health Club in Sanborn, MN along the Cottonwood River.

Along with water quality education, there will be a golf tournament, door prizes, food and fun!

Watch the August newsletter for more information!



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RCRCA Board Minutes

The RCRCA Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 15th at the Redwood County Courthouse. The following is the unofficial version of the regular monthly meeting minutes:

- Four candidates were interviewed for the Watershed Technician position. The board selected a first and second choice to be offered the position.
- Lingbeek outlined the Executive Board recommendation to set a purchase limit for a new copier . The board approved the copier purchase request.
- Board approved a Cottonwood 319 Cost Share contract for two new tile intakes.
- Doering informed the board of the completion of the stream bank stabilization on the Redwood River in Marshall.
- Doering was contacted about the Curley Leaf Pond Weed problem on Lake Benton and RCRCA offered to facilitate a meeting to discuss the control options of the weed.
- Next meeting is set for Aug. 19, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Redwood County Courthouse.

Cost Share Available



MN Special Project Funds

(approximate dollars available as of July 22, 2002)

Cottonwood River Watershed: \$116,607.00
Redwood River Watershed: (all funds have been encumbered)

Cottonwood River Watershed 319 Grant

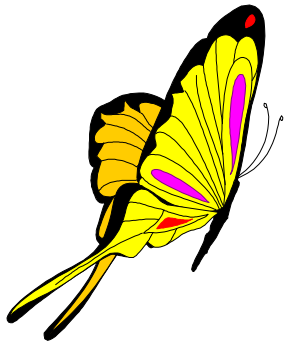
(approximate dollars available
as of July 22, 2002)

Streambank Restorations	\$18,312
Sediment Control Basins	\$15,009
Alternative Tile Intakes	\$ 239
Total:	\$33,560

Septic Loan Program

The following are the Cottonwood River Restoration Project septic system low interest loan program dollars by county.

County	Dollar Appropriations	Approximate Dollars Encumbered to date	Approximate Dollars left
Brown	\$77,700	\$77,700	\$0
Cottonwood	\$70,300	\$70,300	\$0
Lyon	\$62,900	\$19,100	\$43,800
Murray	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$0
Redwood	\$129,500	\$36,400	\$93,100



From Buffers to Butterflies

A Conservation Day for Women Landowners & Operators

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls, MN

Enjoy a day of fun and fellowship while gaining conservation information and becoming familiar with the agencies that work with conservation programs.

Topics Include:

- 2 The Alphabet Soup of Conservation Programs
- 2 Wildflowers & Prairie Grasses
- 2 Conservation Program Basics
- 2 Master Gardener Tips on Butterfly Gardens

Registration Fee: \$5.00

(registration fee covers the cost of lunch)

Free transportation can be arranged from a central point in each county.

Sponsored by Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's) in Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood & Yellow Medicine counties, and the Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA). Assistance provided in part by the Minnesota Association of RC&D Councils, Prairie Country RC&D and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Registration deadline: September 10, 2002

****Make checks payable to Redwood SWCD****

To register, please complete and mail with your \$5.00 registration fee your local SWCD:

Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Address: _____

Are you interested in a ride to the event? ____ **yes** ____ **no**

Murray SWCD
2740 22nd St., Suite 3
Slayton, MN 56172
507-836-6990, Ext. 3

Pipestone SWCD
119 2nd Ave. SW, Suite 13
Pipestone, MN 56164
507-825-4268

Redwood SWCD
1241 E. Bridge St., Suite C
Redwood Falls, MN 56283
507-637-2427, Ext. 3

Lyon SWCD
1424 E. College Dr. Suite 600
Marshall, MN 56258
507-537-0396, Ext. 3

Yellow Medicine SWCD
PO Box 545
Clarkfield, MN 56223
320-669-4442, Ext. 3

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Calendar of Events

August

- 14 Agricultural Drainage Field Day
SWROC, Lamberton
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting- 7:30 pm
Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls

September

- 2 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting- 7:30 pm (tentative)
Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls
- 19 Golf for Water Quality
Farmer's Golf and Health Club, Sanborn
- 21 GREEN Expo
Vogel Arena, New Ulm
- 24 From Buffers to Butterflies
A Conservation Day for Women Landowners
Redwood Falls Community Center, Redwood Falls
- 28 Girl Scout 90th Anniversary
Redwood Falls Community Center, Redwood Falls

RCRCA Board of Directors

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