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Calendar of Events

October

31 Happy Halloween!

November

- 11 Veteran's Day—office closed
- 15 6th Anniversary of America Recycles Day
- 18 RCRCA Board of Director's Meeting- 1:30 pm
Redwood County Courthouse
- 21 Area V Meeting, Marshall
- 25 Thanksgiving Day—office closed
- 26 Office closed

RCRCA Board of Directors

Clark Lingbeek, Chairman
 Donald Wellner, Vice Chairman
 Ray Traen, Secretary
 Darold Neperman, Treasurer
 Glen Sorenson, Public Relations & Information
 Steve Johnson, Member at Large

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 Paul Posthuma, Murray
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 Ray Traen, Lyon

RCRCA Staff

James Doering, Executive Director
 Joel Connot, Watershed Technician
 Kari Howey, Watershed Technician
 Roseanne Kaseforth, Watershed Educator
 Bill Moldestad, Engineering Technician
 Kelly Oliver, Engineering Technician
 Sharon Voeks, Office Manager

RCRCA News

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area

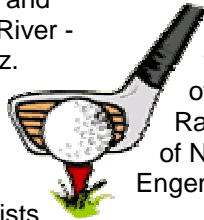
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“Tee-up for the Cottonwood River” a Success!

Did you know a leaky toilet wastes enough water in a year for up to how many showers? 20? 65? 150? 450? or 500? Answer: 500 showers. Do you know how many tons of topsoil is lost in each year due to wind and rain erosion? 100 tons?, 1,000 tons?, 10,000 tons? or 150 million tons? Answer: 150 million tons. These are just two of the questions that golfers answered in the "TEE-UP" FOR THE COTTONWOOD RIVER GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Along with a competitive game of golf and the scenic beauty of the Cottonwood River - golfers took part in a water quality quiz. Before teeing-up at each hole, golfers answered questions relating to water consumption, water pollution and soil conservation. The event brought together water quality specialists and interested residents in an informal setting to share the enjoyment and beauty of the river. Residents learned about what is being done to improve the rivers and the programs that are available to landowners. James Doring, RCRCA Executive Director gave a brief overview of the Cottonwood River Restoration Project and participants also heard from Tabor Hoek, Board of Water and Soil Resources who spoke about the success of the CREP program and Mike Appel, of the



Natural Resource Conservation Service who gave an update on the Farm Bill.

First place golf trophies were awarded to: Tom Kresko and Tabor Hoek, both of Marshall and Richard Hoek of Comfrey—the team had a score of 69. Three teams tied for second place with a score of 70, they were: John Kaseforth, Dave Peichel, and Danny Peichel all of Springfield; Tom Arndorfer of Sanborn, Ali Peichel of Springfield, and Paul Davis of New Ulm; Russ Steffensmeier, Glenn Fischer and Scott Potter all of Morgan. Two teams tied for third place with a score of 71, they were: Jamie Milbrett, Randy Milbrett and Scott Peymann, all of New Ulm; and James Schmidt, Kent Engen and Ray Quade, all of Jeffers.

The Cottonwood River Restoration Project hosted the tournament in an effort to educate watershed residents of the natural beauty of our rivers and to promote the recreational use and conservation programs available to watershed landowners. The event was co-sponsored by KNUJ AM, BRAT 107.3 FM and The County Hog 94.7 FM.

(See page 3 for pictures from the event.)



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From Buffers to Butterflies A Conservation Day for Women Landowners

Nearly 90 women landowners and operators attended the Buffers to Butterflies conservation day at the Redwood Area Community Center on Sept. 24th. The event, sponsored by soil and water conservation districts in Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Yellow Medicine counties, and the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA), was designed to provide women a comfortable atmosphere to seek answers and gain new information. The day included the opportunity for fun and fellowship, and to learn more about the partnering agencies.

The organizing committee received many positive evaluations from participants and will be looking into providing another similar event again next year. Assistance was provided in part by the Minnesota Association of RC&D Councils, Prairie Country RC&D and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The RCRCA Stream Table Has Been Busy!

Girl Scout 90th Anniversary

The “90th Anniversary Expo, for Every Girl, Everywhere” was held at the Redwood Area Community Center on Sept 28th. Well over 1,600 girls attended the day long event and were able to see the RCRCA stream table and ask questions.



GREEN Expo

The annual GREEN Expo was on Sept. 21st at Vogel’s Arena in New Ulm. The event promotes environmental initiatives, programs, products and services that can benefit both our environment and our economy. RCRCA was part of this event with the Cottonwood River Restoration Project display and the stream table.

Elementary Field Day

Nearly 665 students and teachers took part in the U of M SWROC Elementary Field Day in September. RCRCA set-up their Stream Table for the two day event and Roseanne Kaseforth, watershed educator, provided a demonstration on river characteristics and erosion.

Cost Share Available



MN Special Project Funds

(approximate dollars available as of Oct. 25, 2002)

Cottonwood River Watershed: \$54,606.29
 Redwood River Watershed: (all funds have been encumbered)

Cottonwood River Watershed 319 Grant

(approximate available as of Oct. 25, 2002)

Streambank Restorations	\$ 58,312
Sediment Control Basins	\$ 3,196
Alternative Tile Intakes	\$ <u>2,752</u>
Total:	\$ 64,259

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 (as of 8/02)
Murray	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$0
Redwood	\$129,500	\$36,400	\$93,100

RCRCA Board Minutes

The RCRCA Board of Directors held their regular monthly meetings at the Redwood County Courthouse. The following is the unofficial version of the Monday, **Sept. 16th** regular monthly meeting minutes:

- RCRCA received a beaver grant in the amount of \$7,243.00 to be used in the Redwood and Cottonwood River Watershed. The eight counties of RCRCA can utilize these funds.
- The Board adopted and approved resolution for the Redwood River Clean Water Project.
- Doering informed the board on a project to reduce sediment and nutrient load into Lake Redwood. An engineering consultant is working on project. RCRCA signed agreement contingent upon funding to help with the project.
- There were no new 319 contracts and approved payment of one.

The following is the unofficial version of the regular monthly meeting minutes from Monday, **Oct. 21st**:

- Doering presented the budget for 2003 which was approved by the Board.
- Doering reviewed current grants and grant application.
- Doering informed the Board on TMDL planning & availability of funding.
- Board approved two new Cottonwood 319 Cost Share contracts and two payments of Cottonwood 319 Cost Share contracts.

Scenes from the 2002 “Tee-up for the Cottonwood River”



A golf team comparing their answers to the water quality quiz answers.



Residents enjoying the recreation along the Cottonwood River.



Overlooking the Cottonwood River from the bridge at the Farmer's Golf & Health Club in Sanborn.