

# TLC Project Meeting Set For Beresford

BERESFORD — Private landowners in the Ash Creek, Blind Creek, Long Creek and Turkey Ridge Creek watersheds in Clay, Lincoln, Turner and Union counties respectively, who are interested in helping to reduce flooding on the lower Vermillion River, have until June 19, to sign up for the TLC EQIP Effort.

This TLC Project initiated by the Turner-Lincoln-Clay organization, in conjunction with the NRCS, uses the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to improve water retention, infiltration and reduce flooding. Additional benefits include reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and enriched soil health.

Postcards were previously mailed to known landowners in this area. However, if you own land in the above watersheds but were not notified, give this opportunity consideration.

To learn more, plan to attend the TLC-EQIP Workshop at the SDSU Beresford Research Farm on Wednesday afternoon, June 10, from 1-3:30 p.m., sponsored by the USDA NRCS and Turner-Lincoln-Clay organization. NRCS and its partners provide funding

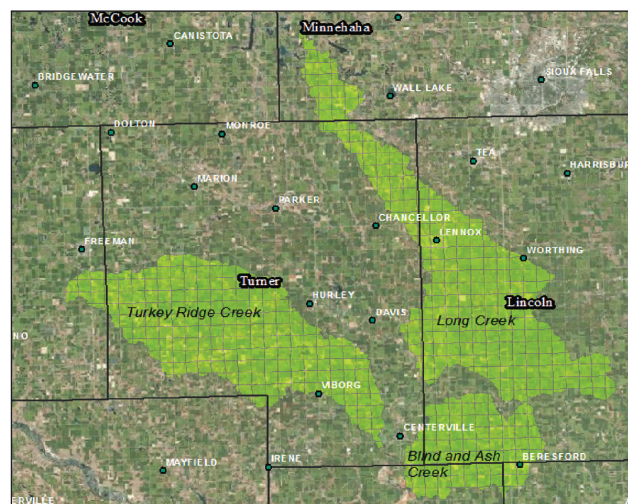


IMAGE: USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
The Turner-Lincoln-Clay organization's goal is to reduce flooding on the lower Vermillion River by increasing soil infiltration and water retention upstream.

sources, in addition to conservation planners, who offer technical assistance at no cost to help you develop and implement your plan.

Some of the voluntary conservation practices that landowners may incorporate into their farming operations to enhance soil health and conserve water include: cover

crops, crop rotation, residue and tillage management, introduction of ponds, riparian herbaceous buffers and filter strips.

Those landowners or operators within the priority area are eligible to apply.

For more information about this effort contact your local USDA Service Center.

## Weather

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he said. "Part of the problem is that we are chronologically approaching the wettest time of the year. The peak precipitation time is June and into the first part of July. On average, it starts decreasing after that."

How difficult would it become to make up a 5-inch deficit? Rainfall totals during the past month give one indication.

Rainfall varied across the region from May 7-June 5, according to the High Plains Regional Climate Center.

The following totals for the month were recorded in southeast South Dakota:

- 5-6 inches fell in portions of Hutchinson, Bon Homme and Yankton County.

- 4-5 inches fell in much of Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchinson, Bon Homme and Yankton counties.

- 3-4 inches fell in eastern Yankton, Turner, Clay and northern Union counties.

- 2-3 inches fell in southern Union County.

The following totals were recorded during the same period in northeast Nebraska:

- 4-5 inches in western Knox County;

- 3-4 inches in Cedar County and eastern Knox County;

- 2-3 inches in Dixon County.

Based on those figures, this past weekend brought more than a month's worth of precipitation to some localized areas.

Colman in east central South Dakota received widespread attention for 6 inches of rainfall. Other large totals were reported in Lincoln County and to the north.

However, Todey noted smaller totals in the southeast corner of the state.

Hurley recorded more than 2 inches, while the Center-ville area reported about 1.7 inches, he said. "You go into parts of Clay County and Union County, there was a few tenths (of an inch) but nothing huge," he added.

### MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE

Even large rainfalls won't make up the moisture shortfall built up for months, Todey said.

"The problem is that you have this big deficit accumulated going back to last winter and even starting last fall," he said. "The precipitation totals haven't been bad - you just have this big deficit."

The High Plains Regional Climate Center reported gener-

al rainfall totals from June 1-7. The figures reflect the differences even within a county.

In southeast South Dakota, less than a half-inch of rainfall fell in southeast Yankton, Clay, Union and southeast Turner counties. Meanwhile, a half-inch to 1 inch fell in Bon Homme and northwest Yankton counties.

Charles Mix County saw a split between less than a half-inch and a half-inch to an inch of rainfall.

In northeast Nebraska, Cedar and Dixon counties generally saw a half-inch to an inch of rain. Knox County saw layers, moving north to south, of a half-inch to an inch; 1-1.75 inches and 1.75-2.5 inches.

And now, the region is ready to turn up the heat, Todey said.

"It was officially 88 degrees (Sunday)," he said. "We haven't reached 90 yet this year. We're forecast to hit the 90s Tuesday, then turn cooler and wetter again toward the end of the week."

Even with the moisture shortfall, crops continue to do well, Todey said.

"The crops aren't in bad condition," he said. "We just haven't made up as much of the deficit that we accumulated over the last 90 days to six months to make us comfortable."

Nearly all of the soybeans are planted in southeast South Dakota, while the northeast part of the state still finds some farmers facing planting problems because of wetter conditions, Todey said.

Consistent rainfall will play a key role as the season moves along, he added.

"The real impact, for the soils is, the deeper the profile, they are probably lacking some moisture," he said. "As long as (crops) keep getting precipitation, even if we don't catch up on the deficit, they're probably going to be OK."

The lack of snowfall during the past winter has also affected the Missouri River, Todey said. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has adjusted its

river management accordingly, he said.

"The Corps was taking note of the dry conditions from the spring because the mountain snowpack really tailed off at the end of the season," he said. "The spring runoff from the plains is also below average."

On the other hand, the Corps has been dealing with the heavier rainfall to the south, which can affect Missouri River releases across the basin, Todey said.

"The recent rains helped the inflows quite a bit," he said. "The James River was down earlier, but there's really no stream at this time that would be considered below average."

One other major factor - the El Nino weather pattern - is making itself felt, Todey said.

"We've been talking about El Nino since a year ago. It's never really gotten its act together until the last month or six weeks or two months ago," he said. "El Nino has strengthened, so it's quite a strong El Nino right now, which is very odd because this is the time of year that El Nino tends to weaken."

The weather pattern looks to exert a major influence for months, Todey said.

"All the federal folks are watching this (El Nino) because it'll be the biggest driver of what our summer looks like," he said.

For the most part, the long-range forecast looks consistent for the summer, Todey said.

"It's likely to be wetter than average. It may not be incredibly wet, but the chances for precipitation are better than average and near average, with maybe slightly below average for temperatures overall," he said.

"That doesn't mean it won't get hot periodically, like (today), but the extended and frequent warmer periods are less likely."

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## OBITUARIES

### Helmuth Fischer

Funeral services for Helmuth F. Fischer, 85, of Scotland, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland. Burial will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. A prayer service will follow at 7:00 p.m. later that evening at the church.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

Helmuth "Hally" F. Fischer was born on Tuesday, December 17th, 1929 to Fred and Martha (Guericke) Fischer in Menno, SD. He was baptized as an infant into the faith and was confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church, Menno, SD on May 28, 1944. Throughout his life, Helmuth enjoyed farming and did so west of Kaylor and southeast of Scotland. On May 20, 1955, Helmuth was united in marriage to Ruby Colwell at the United Methodist Church in Scotland. For a short time, Helmuth worked for a local electrician until he opened his own business, Fischer Electric in Scotland, in 1947. He was a hard worker who truly loved his job. After selling the business to his son,



Helmuth Fischer

Bill, Helmuth continued his electrical work, helping his son out where he could.

In his spare time, Helmuth loved to take fishing and camping trips with his family. Later in life, he and Ruby enjoyed wintering in Texas, where Helmuth worked for a printing shop that created Christian material that was dispersed into Mexico. He also had the privilege of making two trips to Mexico to wire homes. In 1976, Helmuth joined the Gideons International and was active in their prison ministry and outreach. He was a devote Christian who served in many different church positions and taught Sunday School for many years. Helmuth was a kind and generous man who held church and family as the most important things in his life.

Helmuth passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota,

having attained the age of 85 years, 5 months, and 18 days.

He is survived and remembered by his wife of 60 years, Ruby Fischer of Scotland; children: William (Cheryl) Fischer of Scotland, Deborah (John) Weidenbach of Sioux Falls, Julie (Bob) Walloch of Lesterville, JoAnn (Lyle) Ireland of Scotland, and Donna (Eddy) Syrovatka of Sioux Falls; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; brothers: Ernest Fischer of Scotland and Gebhardt (Marcella) Fischer of Menno; sisters: Olga Ruben) Mehlhaff of Scotland, Hildegard (Marvin) Mehlhaff of Yankton, and Bertha (Alton) Mettler of Menno; and brother-in-law, Clinton Mehlhaff of Wagner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Lorentine (Erwin) Walz and Marie Mehlhaff; sister-in-law Ruth Fischer and granddaughter Nicole Saylor.

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### William 'Bill' Stokes

William E. "Bill" Stokes age 69 of Menno, SD passed away on Friday, June 5, 2015 at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, SD with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial of Bill's urn will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in care of the arrangements.

William Edward Stokes



Stokes

born June 11, 1945 in Gordon, Nebraska to Opal Vivian Bettelyoun Stokes and Hermit Elwood Stokes. He was

proceeded in death by my mother and father. I am survived by my wife Sandra Lee, and sons James Edward and wife Ungsana of Rapid City, South Dakota, Kurtis Arthur and wife Gail of Westminster, Colorado, and Johann Charles and wife Rachel of Menno, South Dakota, three grandsons and three granddaughters and 2 great grand-

daughters. I grew up in Igloo and Edgemont, South Dakota. Graduated from Provo High School in 1964. Married Sandra Lee Himmerich on April 24, 1966. I have three sons James Edward, Kurtis Arthur and Johann Charles Stokes. I was a railroad conductor for Burlington-Northern for 31 years and 3 months. I retired in 2005 and moved to Menno, South Dakota.

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### Gertrude Dietsch

Gertrude Ann Dietsch, 96, of Omaha, Nebraska, and formerly of Fordyce, Nebraska, died on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Country House in Omaha.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Fordyce.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, at church, from 6-8 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. Thursday morning the family will be processing from Hartington, so there will not be a viewing at the church prior to mass.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. To send an online message to the family, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

### Veda Wheeler

Veda Ethel Wheeler, 83, passed away peacefully at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, Monday, June 8, 2015.

Arrangements are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

### Bon Homme Co. Democrats Set To Meet Wednesday

TYNDALL — Ann Tornberg South Dakota Democratic Party Chair will be the keynote speaker at the Bon Homme Democrats' meeting Wednesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bon Homme County Courthouse in Tyndall. (Note the change in time.)

Tornberg will address what is going on politically at the local county state and national level including ballot measures past and present.

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