

Tiling

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ditions could become too dry through the use of tile drainage, Reitsma said. In these cases, controllable systems can be installed, he said.

“In the spring, when we want to get in and spread fertilizer and plant, you can open up the gates and drain that field out,” Reitsma said. “Once the crop is planted, you can close those gates to keep the water in the field, or regulate that water so we’re not stressing the crop, yet retaining the water in the field and allowing that crop to grow.”

While tile drainage has many benefits, one disadvantage can be the cost of installing a system.

According to Chris Hay, Extension Water Management Engineer, a typical price range charged by contractors to install pipe is \$1.50-\$2 per foot. This could mean a cost of \$500-\$900 per acre to “pattern tile” an entire field with a systematic set of regularly-spaced pipes.

However, most farmers in South Dakota are not pattern tiling their fields, he said, choosing instead to target certain areas and keep the costs down.

“In most cases, that’s all they need,” Hay said. “We’re not quite as wet as they are in Minnesota and Iowa, so it tends to be more isolated than it is in those states, and we’re not putting in as much pipe as they are.”

He said another way farmers are keeping the cost down is by not using a contractor. Advancements with GPS guidance for sur-

veying the fields and tile plows for pipe installation has allowed many producers to do the job themselves.

“I think more folks are feeling more comfortable with doing it themselves, and they can save some money that way,” Hay said.

Mettler confirmed that many area farmers are taking such a route, as Mettler Implement has been selling more tile drainage products to farmers choosing to install the pipes themselves.

With more opportunities arising for farmers to utilize tile drainage systems, he said he doesn’t see that changing either.

“I see it being a bigger thing down the road than it is today,” Mettler said.

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D
A crew from Kokes Ag Service of Tabor begins work inserting tiling into a cornfield east of Utica Friday. The Yankton County Commission has instituted a drainage ordinance that was drawn up in part to the growing popularity of tiling among farmers.

Married

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A YHS official said although it is not unheard of to have one student graduate married, it is quite unusual to have two married students in the graduating class.

Haas has always known school is important, but she said she is more focused on her life goals now that she is married.

“My friends all want to hang out, and I just don’t feel the need to,” Haas said. “I’ve definitely become more serious because I’m more focused on getting my life together with him and getting through school.”

Although getting married was the right decision, not everyone understands the choice to get married in high school, Epp said.

“Mostly everyone is really accepting but some people think, ‘Wow, you’re so young; I don’t know how you do it,’” Epp said. “After they hear the story, they realize that it makes sense for us. I made the choice because I wanted to do this. I’m comfortable with my decision.”

For Haas, the biggest worry is meeting the other Army wives, she said.

“When you get married, the Army signs you up to be informed by the other wives about what is going on,” Haas said. “A lot of the other wives sit at home, don’t go to school and have lots of children, and that’s not me.”

Haas said she is more excited than worried about married life.

“It’ll just be nice to be able to spend time with (my husband) because I’m always away from him,” Haas said. “I’m not worried at all because he’ll be at work and I’ll be at school.”


Epp said faith played a big part in her decision to get married.

“We just knew that we were supposed to be together,” Epp said. “Waiting four more years to get married and not being able to see each other would have been really hard. Being together and going to the same place will make it easier when we’re struggling with something at school.”

Graduation will be held Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. in the Yankton High School Gymnasium.

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Survey

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gesting farmers also continue to buy new equipment.

Goss, who oversees the survey, said farm income remains strong because of increasing demand for U.S. crops from developing nations. Strong farm income and the current low interest rates have contributed to higher farmland prices and equipment sales.

The May hiring index was 59.2, just below April’s 59.3 reading. Goss said job growth varies widely across the region with some of the strongest employment growth coming in areas where significant oil, natural gas and coal mining are happening. For example, he said rural parts of North Dakota and Colorado saw better job growth than Nebraska and Missouri.

The confidence index, which measures how confident bankers are in the economy over the next six months, remained strong at 60.2 in May even though it was slightly lower than April’s 60.6.

The home sales index climbed to 65.2 in May from April’s 60.8, and the retail sales index improved to 54.7 from April’s 52.9.

Bankers said they were seeing more demand for loans, so the May lending index grew to 56.9 from April’s 52.8.

The checking deposit index decreased to 62.9 in May from April’s 72.6. And the savings index dropped to 41.7 in May from April’s 53.5, suggesting bank customers were putting less into savings accounts or certificates of deposits in May.

Man Wears Briefs On Head During Idaho Burglary

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Police in southwest Idaho say a man chose briefs over boxers to wear on his head as he held up a coffee shop and stole a safe.

Coffee shop owner Jason Wilson tells the Idaho Statesman says he believes the man was likely not prepared when he entered Big Star Coffee in Fruitland with an accomplice on Tuesday morning.

Wilson asked: “Who robs something with underwear on their head?”

Investigators say the two burglars made off with about \$500 in cash that was inside the safe. Their actions were captured on surveillance cameras inside and outside the shop.



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