



North Fork of Watonwan River (2014)

Minnesota River Weekly Update

July 8, 2014

Minnesota's berries ripening for peak July picking

Raspberries and blueberries are peaking in southern and central Minnesota as the strawberry season is underway in the northern region of the state. Cool, wet weather delayed the growing season slightly, but berry lovers can expect a variety of berries ready to be picked and enjoyed throughout the state this month. Beth O'Connor of Blueberry Fields in Stillwater says her plants were unaffected by the unusually cold winter and are above average levels of early production. "We are seeing clusters of the green berries already setting and we think it's going to be a great year. We'll have many berries available, including pre-picked and pick-your-own." Knapton's Raspberries, Pumpkins and Orchard in Greenfield has fantastic looking raspberries despite the delays. In northern Minnesota, strawberry growers expect a plentiful harvest. An interactive map feature on the Minnesota grown website makes it easy to find a berry farm. The FREE, printed Minnesota Grown directory is also available and has easy-to-use lists, an index, and farms by region. Both of the resources area available at [Minnesota Grown's website](#), or by calling 1(888) TOURISM and ordering a print copy.

Colorful poster has tips for helping bees and butterflies

In a one-half acre plot in his backyard, prairie enthusiast Mike Halverson has seen many benefits of planting over 125 different species during the last 15 years. "I've noticed a tremendous increase in bees, butterflies, dragonflies, and birds using my yard," said Halverson, a retired MnDNR employee. Images taken by Halverson in his yard grace a new poster that highlights the importance of bees and butterflies, and points out ways in which people can enhance pollinator habitat. The poster is now available at no charge by contacting the DNR

Information Center (651) 296-6157, 1(888) 646-6367, or by visiting the Roadsides [webpage](#) and clicking on "Pollinators and Roadsides." Anyone can help pollinators. Practices to enhance bee habitat around farms, gardens and roadsides include:

- Increasing flower diversity
- Using native wildflowers and grasses with high densities of flowers
- Planting a minimum of three plant species that bloom during spring, summer and fall
- Aiming for season-long blooming plants, with early and late season blooming plants being especially important
- Planting a range of wildflowers of varying colors and shapes
- Provide warm season, clump-forming grasses for bumblebee nest sites
- Delaying mowing or haying entire grassy meadows or roadsides, leaving some habitat for pollinators
- Reducing tillage and avoiding plastic ground cover sheeting for ground nesting bees
- Avoiding or minimizing the use of insecticides.

For more information about the Roadsides for Wildlife Program go to the [Roadsides webpage](#), or contact the MnDNR Information Center at (651) 296-6157 or 1(888) 646-6397.

After reported dog death, MPCA advises dog owners to keep pets out of algae-laden waters

The MPCA is advising dog owners to keep their pets away from algae-laden water following the death of a dog in Sherburne County in June. Certain species of blue-green algae contain potent toxins that can be deadly to animals within hours. If pet owners see an area where water is thick, cloudy, or bright bluish-green, they should keep pets and children away. If a pet does enter algae-laden water, rinse it off with fresh water, and don't allow animal to lick its fur until it is clean. Anyone who is concerned about a pet's possible exposure to blue-green algae should consult a veterinarian immediately.

For more information on harmful blue-green algae go to the [MPCA's website](#).

MPCA publishes first-of-its-kind report on condition of Minnesota's rivers and streams

How healthy are Minnesota's rivers and streams? How do our land use choices affect water quality and aquatic life? Do conditions vary in different parts of the state? There are some of the questions the MPCA is working toward answering in its newly published report, "The Condition of Rivers and Streams in Minnesota." From 1995-2006, and again in 2010-11, the MPCA conducted two statewide water monitoring surveys, at randomly selected sites, to help researchers characterize the condition of rivers and streams throughout Minnesota. These results are available in the report, and will be added to after a third survey begins in 2015. The full report is available on the [MPCA's biological monitoring of water in Minnesota webpage](#). For more information about the MPCA's monitoring program activities, visit their [water quality condition monitoring page](#).

MPCA proposes to add 2 contaminated sites to Minnesota Superfund list

By adding the former Exclusive Cleaners site in Worthington (Nobles County) and the Spring Park Municipal Wells site in Spring Park (Hennepin County) to the list, state funding will be available to investigate and clean up these sites. The MPCA announced the proposed additions in the [June 23, 2014 Issue of the "Minnesota State Register."](#) The contaminants of concern at both the Worthington and Spring Lake sites are chlorinated solvents, which can adversely affect health, particularly the immune system and developing fetuses, and may pose risks from long-term exposure. The MPCA invites members of the public to submit written comments on these proposed additions to the state Superfund list. Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 24, 2014. They should be submitted to Crague Biglow, MPCA Remediation Division, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., St Paul, MN 55155. A fact sheet is available for the [Exclusive Cleaners site](#) and the [Spring Park Municipal Wells site](#).

[Carbon Observatory to monitor greenhouse gas from space](#) (audio story)

Geoff Brumfiel, July 1, MPR News

NASA is preparing to launch a new satellite to observe carbon dioxide from space. The satellite could revolutionize our understanding of where this greenhouse gas comes from and where it goes.

[Minnesota flood damage: \\$32M in public costs, so far](#)

Bill Salisbury, July 2, Insurance News Net

About 40 of Minnesota's 87 counties have sustained flood damage caused by torrential rains in June, and the first five counties to assess the destruction reported \$32 million in losses so far to roads, bridges, and other public facilities, state officials said Tuesday.

[Summit academy students, Will Steger break ground on cabin-building initiative in BWCA](#)

Maricella Miranda, July 3, MinnPost

William Moreland experienced a lot of firsts as he wrapped up his studies at Summit Academy OIC, a community-based vocational training and job placement program in North Minneapolis.

[Report: Rivers hurt by erosion in southwestern Minn.](#)

Jake Schultz, July 6, MPR News

A new report by the MPCA says rivers in the southwestern part of the state are in bad shape because of increased erosion and runoff.

[Raw milk producers aim to regulate themselves](#) (with audio)

Deena Prichep, July 7, MPR News

A growing number of Americans are buying raw milk. That's milk that has not been pasteurized to kill bacteria.

[Minnesota drafting rules on river development](#)

July 7, Mankato Free Press

The state is playing a balancing act as it tries to regulate development along the 72-mile Mississippi River corridor through the Twin Cities area.

[Waters receding in Renville County, as damage estimates rise](#)

Tom Cherveney, July 7, West Central Tribune

As waters slowly recede from one of the wettest Junes on record, damage estimates in Renville County continue to rise.

[State officials promise tougher approach on nitrates contaminating groundwater](#) (with audio)

Mark Steil, July 7, MPR News

Minnesotans are spending millions of dollars to deal with nitrate contamination in their water, and the state agriculture department says it's time to insist that farmers to more to prevent the problem.

[Rainy June a setback for many of Minnesota's birds](#) (with audio)

Tom Crann, July 8, MPR News

Last month's heavy rains raised water levels in Minnesota's lakes and rivers to record levels – and this has been a setback for many birds.

[Historic, suspension bridge will be saved over Minnesota River in Granite Falls](#)

Tom Cherveney, July 8, West Central Tribune

An historic, pedestrian bridge that spans the Minnesota River in downtown Granite Falls will be restored.

EVENTS

July 7 - July 13

2014 Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Summer Beef Tour and Trade Show

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Location: Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls, MN

Brief Description: The tour will be headquartered at the Redwood Area Community Center and will feature an intriguing tour spotlighting new innovations in marketing, management and technologies. Beef industry trade show and participation opportunities are available. Registrants will have access to over 200 agriculture-related businesses featuring new products and services available to cattlemen through the trade show. Registration will begin at 6:30 a.m. through 8:30 a.m., with the first your bus leaving at 7 a.m. and every fifteen

minutes after that. A continental breakfast will be available before the tour. Tour stops include Grant Breitreutz, Redwood Falls; David and Clint Engen, Revere; George and Mike Landuyt; Curt and Chad Thram, Sanborn; Butch and Brandon Kerkhoff, Redwood Falls and stop at Redwood Metal Works and Artex. The tour registration fee is \$25 before June 15 and \$35 after June 15. The student price is \$20. An additional lunch ticket is \$10 and an additional dinner ticket is \$15. Send payment to Jeri Hanson, 37590 110th St., Comfrey, MN 56019.

For more information contact these Redwood Area Cattlemen: Brandon Kerkhoff (507) 829-3410, Grant Breitreutz (507) 430-0607, or Clint Engen (507) 531-0279 or email redwoodarea.cattlemen@outlook.com, or [check out their website](#).

Envisioning the Future of Agricultural Freight in Minnesota

Thursday, July 10, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, MN

Brief Description:

Agenda:

- 10 a.m. Welcome
- 10:15 a.m. Overview of Regional Rail & Water Transportation Issues: Past, Present & Future - Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director of Soy Transportation Coalition
- 11 a.m. Panel Discussion #1 with Adam Sparger, Economist at USDA Ag Marketing Services/Transportation Services Division; Steve Milligan, Ombudsman at Ag/Ag Products, BNSF Railroad; Ryan Anderson, Senior Product Manager/Export Feed Grains, UP; Bill Zurn, Past-President/Soybean Farmer, Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council; Bruce Abbe, Executive Director, Midwest Shippers Association; and moderated by Don Wick, Farmer Broadcaster, Red River Farm Network
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch hosted by the Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- 1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion #2 with Tom Brugman, Deputy Director/Public Assistance and Compliance, DOT/Surface Transportation Board; Bob Zelenka, Executive Director, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association; Tom Haag, Past-President/corn farmer, Minnesota Corn Growers Association; Dave Long, VP Marketing & Sales, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company; Doug Conway, Director Sales/Grain & Grain Products, CP; and moderated by Perry Aasness, Executive Director, MN Agri-Growth Council
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

This event is free, but you must register by emailing [Christina Connelly](mailto:Christina.Connelly) no later than July 7.

For more information check out the [event flyer](#).

Water Cycle

Friday, July 11, 2014 @ 4 p.m.

Location: Flandrau State Park

Brief Description: We know water is essential for us to live. Water is everywhere moving from one form to another and from one place to another. We see it in the falling raining, a flowing river, and steam rising from a warm surface. In this program you will become a water molecule, simulating the movement of water within the water cycle and showing how it doesn't flow equally across the landscape. In addition, we will also discover the role of heat and gravity in the

water cycle. Meet at the playground at the Day Use Area near the swimming pond.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

Wild about Wildlife

Friday, July 11, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Flandrau State Park

Brief Description: What are some of the cool animals that can be found at Flandrau State Park? How about one that climbs trees to escape predators and uses its ears to hunt prey? Learn how these animals have adapted to survive in their natural environment and some of the more interesting characteristics. We will look at fourteen different animals like the beaver, skunk, and coyote. Meet at the playground at the Day Use Area near the swimming pond.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

Breakfast on the Farm in Nicollet County

Saturday, July 12, 2014 @ 7 - 10 a.m.

Location: Marvin and Laurie Krohn Farm

Brief Description: The Breakfast on the Farm events are meant to show people how current farms operate. These events are held throughout the summer across Minnesota. Nicollet County's event will be serving Chris eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and cheese for breakfast. There will be a farm tour, live music and education displays.. The event is free, but accepts donations.

For more information contact [Garfield Eckberg](#), and [click here to see a list of other Breakfast on the Farm events](#).

Simon Lake BioBlitz 2014

Saturday, July 12, 2014 9 a.m. - 5p.m.

Location: Sheepberry Fen in Simon Lake Area

Brief Description: A "BioBlitz" is an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area. Groups of scientists, naturalists, and volunteers conduct an organized field study over a continuous time period. A BioBlitz is a lot of work and a lot of fun...and we need your help to accomplish both!

In the Simon Lake Area, the Chippewa 10% Project is helping local landowners and agencies to use community based conservation to protect and manage local grasslands for the benefit of the whole region. Part of this project involves meeting ALL of the neighbors, including birds, plants, bats, frogs, insects, and other mammals. We are looking for volunteers to be able to identify native flora and fauna, and also groups of volunteers to go out, count and record everything they find. It will be a fun day, where we eat and work together, learn more about the plants and animals on our landscape, and learn more about our human neighbors too! We hope you might be interested or know someone who might be. Along with individuals, we want to include groups such as youth groups, church groups, service groups, science classes... anyone who would like to have a fun day outside and a free lunch. Co-sponsored by Chippewa River Watershed Project and CURE.

For more information and to volunteer contact the Land Stewardship Project's [Robin Moore](#) (320) 269-2105 or [sign-up online](#).

Tall Grass Prairie Hike

Saturday, July 12, 2014 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Prior to Euro-America settlement of southern Minnesota, the tall-grass prairie dominated the landscape throughout the Minnesota River Basin. By taking a hike through a restored prairie you will get a chance to learn about some of the plants and wildlife found in this ecosystem. To get the full flavor of the prairie, we will also talk about the benefits to the natural environment and how people over time have viewed and managed it as a resource. Please meet at the park office on the falls side of Minneopa State Park.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Digital Photography with John White on the Prairie of Glacial Lakes

Sunday, July 13, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Glacial Lakes State Park, Starbuck, MN

Brief Description: Master Naturalists John G. White and Kylene Olson will provide 2 plus hours of tips in photographing the wonders of the prairie at Glacial Lake State Park on Sunday, July 13. John has been photographing the prairie for many years and most recently from his home near Ortonville and Olson is an encyclopedia of prairie plant identification and ecology. Participants may bring a sack lunch to eat following the event. Dress in layers, long pants, hiking shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, water, hat and glasses. This event is limited to 16 participants. Reservations are required.

For more information and to register call Dixie at 1(877) 269-2873 or by [registering online](#).

PADDLE: Glacial Lakes State Park with John White & Kylene Olson

Sunday, July 13, 2014 @ 1:30-4 p.m.

Location: Glacial Lakes State Park, Starbuck, MN

Brief Description: The paddle will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the 56-acre Signalness Lake. This amazing marshland is home to a variety of bird and mammal life. The park was established in 1963 to preserve the rolling prairies of the area. Nestled in the Leaf Hills of southwestern Minnesota - this adventure promises to be a fun afternoon for all! You will need your own canoe/kayak, dress in layers, hat, sunglasses, water, snacks, bug spray and sunscreen. Reservations are required and you can reserve your spot(s) now.

For more information and to register call Dixie 1(877) 269-2873 or by [registering online](#).

Scott Kudelka

Sunday, July 13, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely State Historic Site

Brief Description: Naturalist Scott Kudelka will be giving a program on natural prairie grasses. Prior to Euro-American settlement of southern Minnesota, the tall

grass prairie dominated the landscape throughout the Minnesota River Basin. A hike through a restored prairie will give us a chance to learn about some of the plants and wildlife found in this ecosystem. We will also talk about the benefits to the natural environment, how people over time have viewed and managed it as a resource and some animals that make their home on the prairie. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with ID, and children ages 6-17. MNHS and NCHS members are free.

For more information contact [Amber Bentler](#) (507) 766-0994.

Christmas in July

Sunday, July 13, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: The Harkin Store will celebrate a Scottish Christmas in honor of Alexander Harkin's native Scotland. There will be a Scottish "goodies" for your sampling. There will be decorations and the gift shop will have a tree up with items for Christmas. The Harkin Store is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday except Mondays in July. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store with a supply toys, books, unique and hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy. Admission to the program is included with site admission.

Remember on August 3rd, the Harkin Store is having the 35th Annual West Newton Day so find your old pictures of the area and stories from this area and come and share your bit of history with us and our visitors. We will also post contact information for those who want to find relatives or other information. We will be able to do copying for you and us.

For more information contact the Nicollet County Historical Society for more information contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or NCHS at (507) 934-2160.

July 14 - July 20

Honey Producers Annual Conference

Thursday, July 17 - Saturday, July 19, 2014

Location: Kelly Inn Best Western, St. Cloud, MN

Brief Description: The Minnesota Honey Producers Association is hosting their annual conference at Kelly Inn Best Western in St. Cloud, MN. There will be a great line-up of speakers this year covering an assortment of pertinent topics. Registration fee (includes Friday lunch) is \$40 and Banquet fee is \$25 per person. Go to the [Minnesota Honey Producers Association website](#) to see the agenda and list of speakers.

For more information and to register in advance contact treasurer Conrad Legatt at (320) 252-9963, or register at the door.

Nature Cart

Friday, July 18, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: The Naturalist will be at the Falls Area for a couple of hours to answer questions about some of the natural and historical characteristics at Minneopa State Park. Visitors will have a chance to learn about what is living in the Minnesota River and Minneopa Creek including mussels, fish, and macroinvertebrates. Are you looking for information on the height of the waterfalls or who built the granite rock buildings in the park? All of these answers and more help understand why Minneopa is such a unique area.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

Digital Photography

Friday, July 18, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: Photography is a great way to take some memories home with you after your visit to a state park. Kids will get a chance to learn how to use a digital camera and shoot photos of what interests them. Digital cameras are provided and the kids will be able to print one photo to take with them. Limit of 20 kids (must be 8 years of age and accompanied by an adult). Please sign up at the park office (prior reservation required). Meet at the waterfalls area.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

What lives in the river; macroinvertebrates

Friday, July 18, 2014 @ 2 p.m.

Location: Minneopa State Park

Brief Description: What in the world is a macroinvertebrate? Macroinvertebrates are aquatic bugs that we can see with our eye, have no backbone, and live in our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Discover how these aquatic bugs are special and where to find them. We will collect macroinvertebrates from Minneopa Creek and identify each of them using a simple identification key. Please meet at the Falls side of Minneopa State Park.

For more information contact [Scott Kudelka](#) (507) 384-8890.

Civil War Soldier Recognition for Captain Asgrim Skaro

Saturday, July 19, 2014 @ 10 a.m.

Location: Greenhill Cemetery, St. Peter, MN

Brief Description: The Governor's Civil War Commemoration Task Force and the Nicollet County Historical Society will host a remembrance event that will include commemoration ceremonies honoring Nicollet County's Asgrim Skaro, Captain in the Ninth Minnesota Infantry, Company D, who lost his life on December 16, 1864, when a bullet hit his right breast while leading a charge at the Battle of Nashville in Tennessee. The event will also include dedication ceremonies of a new grave maker and presentations by state and local dignitaries. This event is part of sesquicentennial ceremonies to commemorate and remember the participation of all Minnesota Civil War soldiers by honoring the memories of the 20 soldiers who were returned for burial in Minnesota for more than 800 who died in battle. The event is open to the public and will be held rain or shine.

For more information and directions visit <http://mncivilwar150.com/> or contact [Ken Flies](#) (651) 207-6275

Tastes and Sounds of Civil War at Fort Ridgely

Saturday, July 19, 2014 @ 1 p.m.

Location: Fort Ridgely

Brief Description: Presented by Historian Vickie Wendel, this is a must see program. Experiences the Civil War through the eyes of an interpreter dressed in 1860's clothing Listen to the stories of the men who fought and women who

waited and taste the staple food of marching armies. This will give you a new appreciation for the men who have fought for our freedom. Join us at 1 p.m. for the fascinating program. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with ID and children ages 6-17. MNHS and NCHS members are free.

For more information contact [Amber Bentler](#) (507) 766-0994.

"Best of the Wurst" Band

Sunday, July 20, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: For the afternoon on July 20 from 1-4 p.m., the 1870's Harkin Store will have old time music by the "Best of the Wurst" band. Marv and Vern and Garfield will play variety of old time tunes. Come bring a lawn chair or blanket or enjoy the porch for the afternoon. The Harkin Store is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday except Mondays in July. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store with a supply toys, books, unique and hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy. Admission to the program is included with the museum admission.

For more information contact the Nicollet County Historical Society for more information contact the store at (507) 354-8666 or NCHS at (507) 934-2160.

July 21 - July 27

Heron Lake Watershed Project Site Tour

Monday, July 21, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m.

Location: Heron Lake Community Center

Brief Description: The Heron Lake Watershed District is hosting a Project Site Tour. This tour will include stops at the cedar revetment site in section 3 of Seward Township in Nobles County and the J-hook weir site in section 4 of Alba Township in Jackson County. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Participants will meet at the Heron Lake Community Center and will depart at 10 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served.

For more information and to register contact the HLWD office by June 23, 2014 (507) 793-2462 or contact [Jan Voit](#).

Frontier Fun Kids Activities at the Mayo House

Friday, July 25 - Sunday, July 27, 2014

Location: WW Mayo House

Brief Description: Bring the kids for some frontier fun at the WW Mayo House! Through games and activities, family will be introduced first-hand to daily life 150 years ago. Tour the Mayo House for an interactive experience that has special emphasis on the life of frontier children - their chores, toys, and games. In the parlor challenge a family member to a game of Ninepins or various other 1800's period games and make a whizzing whirligig to take home; in the kitchen try your hand at household chores; in the family room practice your letters and numbers assigned as schoolwork. The WW Mayo House is located at 118 N. Main Street in Le Sueur. The historic site is operated by the Nicollet County Historical Society through a partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society.

For more information contact [Becky Pollack](#) (507) 665-3250.

PADDLE: The Minnesota River with Don Robertson

Saturday, July 26, 2014 @ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Minnesota River

Brief Description: CURE Board member Don Robertson will be leading a paddle on the Minnesota River on Saturday, July 26. The exact location will be determined the week before the paddle to accommodate changing water levels, but regardless, this trip will give you an opportunity to explore the river that inspired CURE's founding 22 years ago. Furthermore, Don is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Oyate, and he will be sharing stories about the importance of Minnesota River to the Dakota people. This trip will be appropriate for people with basic to intermediate paddling ability, though plan to be on the river from 9 a.m. until lunchtime. Also, please bring your own bagged lunch and water, and dress for the weather in light, layered clothes, a hat and sunglasses. Don't forget your sunscreen!

For more information and to register check out the [event page](#).

Shopping with Laura Ingalls at the Harkin Store

Sunday, July 27, 2014 @ 1-4 p.m.

Location: Harkin Store

Brief Description: On your way to the Little House on the Prairie reunion at Walnut Grove on July 27, stop in at the Harkin Store and see what Laura and her family would have purchased at the Oleson Mercantile. The Harkin Store, which was open during the 1870's when Laura lived in Walnut Grove, has 40% original merchandise still on the shelves. A costumed tour of the store and story of the unique bit of history told. Enjoy old-fashioned from home made egg, coffee, lemonade, and samples of "store goods." Extra checker boards will be available for you to challenge your family and friends. The Harkin Store is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. everyday except Mondays in July. The gift shop is open the same hours as the store with a supply toys, books, unique and hand-crafted items, also 10 cent candy. Admission to the program is included with the museum admission.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWCD AID

Department	Nicollet County SWCD
Closing Date	July 11, 2014
Location(s)	St. Peter, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications for a Part-time SWCD Aid. This position is responsible for updating the SWCD file system.</p> <p>DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) files.2. Check with Nicollet County Recorder's Office for updated ownership p.3. Mail updated information to the State.

4. Mail updated conservation plan & easement to new landowners.
5. Compile new easement folders
6. Other District duties as needed.

For more information and how to apply go to http://www.nicolletswcd.org/JOB%20OPPORTUNITY_Part_Time.pdf.

GEOLOGIST

Department	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Closing Date	July 14, 2014
Location(s)	Maplewood, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position in the Office of Materials and Road Research will provide geotechnical assistance to transportation personnel, by request or independent action, on projects involving geology, geophysics, hydrogeology and subsurface investigations, related to the determination of rock/aggregate properties and groundwater systems for engineering purposes, in the design, construction and maintenance of the State's transportation facilities.</p> <p>Additionally, assistance is provided in field, office, and laboratory situations, and will include rock identification and testing, geophysical investigations, surveying and/or mapping locations with GPS instrumentation, measurement and analysis of vibrations from construction activities, measurement and analysis of ground water data, preparation of rock and pavement cores for thin section analysis, preparation of rock for aggregate quality testing, and working with geotechnical data in ArcView mapping software and gINT borehole graphical software.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://www.careers.state.mn.us/ Posting # 14DOT000276.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND WASTE PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR

Department	Scott County
Closing Date	July 18, 2014
Location(s)	Shakopee, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>Performs a variety of advanced technical and administrative responsibilities in the management of solid, septic, and hazardous waste programs and services mandated or otherwise established by the County Board for the protection of human health, public safety and the environment. The individual must have a knowledge of commonly practiced prevention and control practices for preventable diseases by environmental measures and chemical hazards from businesses and households. Understanding the County's Land Use Zoning Ordinance would be helpful. The primary responsibility is supervising staff in upholding and helping citizens come into compliance with laws, rules regulations, ordinances, and codes for maintaining and promoting community health and environmental protection within the Townships. Additionally the individual must be familiar with State, Federal, and local rules and regulations applicable to Scott County's Environmental Health. The position includes</p>

independent judgment to identify programs and services beneficial to communities which requires an understanding of the environmental factors unique to Scott County, including hydro-geology, local endemic disease problems, air pollution issues unique to the area and the nature of industry, commerce and residential development, and knowledge of running a household hazardous waste facility (HHWF). Work is performed in an office, at the County's HHWF, and in a field setting.

For more information and how to apply go to
<http://www.co.scott.mn.us/CountyGov/Employment/Pages/JobPostings.aspx>.

FEEDLOT TECHNICIAN

Department	Douglas County Land and Resource Management
Closing Date	July 25, 2014
Location(s)	Maplewood, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	To assist with the administration of the Douglas County Feedlot Program and enforcement of the Douglas County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, especially as related to feedlots, animal agriculture, and other related issues. For more information and how to apply go to http://www.co.douglas.mn.us/dc/employment-opportunities.aspx

LAND RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Department	Pope County Land Resources
Closing Date	Until filled
Location(s)	Maplewood, MN
Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	Performs complex professional and administrative work overseeing all aspects of the Land and Resource Management office including administration of the zoning, subdivision and solid waste ordinances; development and implementation of the comprehensive land use plan and water plan; and administration of grant and loan programs; acting as the primary staff person for the planning advisory commission and board of adjustment and interacts directly with the county board of commissioners, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work involves setting policies and goals under the direction of the County Administration. Departmental supervision is exercised over all personnel within the department. For more information and how to apply go to http://www.co.pope.mn.us/pdf/Land_Resources_Director_Job_Posting.pdf .

FARM BILL TECHNICIAN

Department	Swift County SWCD
Closing Date	August 31, 2014
Location(s)	Benson, MN

Who May Apply	All qualified job seekers
Responsibilities	<p>This position is a 40 hour/week, grant funded position under supervision of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board with input from the District Conservationist through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). The Technician is primarily responsible for promoting, and assisting landowners with enrollment of land into conservation programs. This would include promoting the enrollment of land into the State and Federal programs, determining eligibility of the land, and working with the Farm Service Agency and NRCS to get contracts drawn up. Some tree and native grass planning and design may be done. Also using GPS equipment. Quarterly reports must be completed for the Board of Water and Soil Resources and Swift SWCD Board of Supervisors. A written detailed report of all contracts and work completed is required each quarter. This position will also work with the existing Working Lands Initiative grant funded projects in the county. Emphasis on promoting watershed areas in the county targeting areas with soil or water erosion problems. This person must be able to work with a minimum of direct supervision. Occasional operation of machinery, experience preferred.</p> <p>For more information and how to apply go to http://swiftswcd.org/career_opportunity.htm.</p>

"Keep close to Nature's heart...and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." - John Muir

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