



Pictured are (front) Mattew Fritsch, Henry Lovett, Ryan Howe, Parker Anderberg, Jacob Mortinsen, Ben Fairholm, Justin Hall and Ryan Ferrell; (second row) Matthew Bierle, Morgan Hough, William Donahoe, James Bierle, Elijah Wergin, Tristan Meadows, Dylan End of Horn, Wyatt Waage, Gavyn Wells; and (back row) Julian Westin, Nash Wergin, Michael Griffin, and Carl Fairholm.

Troop 66 tested at Klondike event

Troop 66 placed first and second at a recent Klondike event that took place on Feb. 25 held at Union Grove State Park. The Scouts camped for two nights as the temperature dipped to 8 degrees. In addition, they were required to transport their personnel survival equipment over a three mile distant to eight different stations. At the stations they were tested on skills, which included Fire Starting, Estimating Distance, Orienteering, Bear Bagging, 1st Aid, Scout Trivia, Knots, and a Sled Race. The charter organization for Troop 66 is the United Church of Christ.

Flooding and silt topics of MSAC annual meeting

Join the discussion focused on Missouri River flooding and sedimentation Monday, March 19, in Wagner during the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition's annual membership meeting.

Tim Cowman will present "Anatomy of the Missouri River Flood 2011" at 7:30 p.m. at the Wagner Theater. The presentation will examine the hydrologic events that contributed to the historic flood of 2011.

Impacts of the flood on river geomorphology, the riparian ecosystem, and floodplain infrastructure will be discussed. The presentation will illustrate impacts to the free-flowing segments of the Missouri River between Pickstown, SD, and Ponca, NE, as well as impacts to the channelized river segment from Sioux City, IA, to Omaha, NE.

Cowman is the director of the Missouri River Institute at the University of South Dakota. He has a masters degree in Natural Sciences from USD. His work includes research on the geology and history of the Missouri River, with a focus on current and historical river geomorphology. During its 11th annual

membership meeting, MSAC will elect two individuals to its board of directors for three-year terms. The following two directors have expiring terms: Jason Glodt, representing Class I (Government) and Jeff Peters, representing Class II (Organizations.)

Membership will be updated on activities and future goals of the organization. Staff will issue a progress report on a new video presentation featuring photos taken in November of 2011 illustrating sedimentation in and around the reservoirs.

MSAC will host an informal, public open house beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Wagner Theater prior to the annual meeting. The public is invited to view MSAC displays and visit with area river management officials.

Tom Curran, Fort Randall Dam project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Steven Mietz, National Park Service superintendent of the Missouri National Recreational River, are scheduled to attend. Les Labahn of the Randall RC&D also is scheduled to participate and can discuss the Lewis and Clark Watershed Implementation Project.

FSA Notes:

2012 DCP/ACRE Sign-Up

By Keith L. Zanter
Clay County FSA Office

The Clay County FSA Office is taking appointments for Signup for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program and for the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. Producers are required to sign the CCC-509 annually. Please contact the Clay County office at (605) 624-7060 Ext. #2 to schedule an appointment.

Please remember to notify our office of changes in ownership, operator or any other change prior to your appointment.

When you are in the office you will also need to update your eligibility forms for our programs. If you are in the ACRE program, please remember to send your 2011 Crop production to the office or bring it with you to your appointment. Annual production reporting is a requirement for any farm enrolled in ACRE.

CRP General Sign-up

USDA has announced the next general

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up. Sign up dates are March 12 through April 6. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP or CRP contracts that expire on Sept. 30 may submit offers. Accepted contracts will begin on Oct. 1. Producers and/or Owners that are interested in CRP are encouraged to contact the Clay County office at (605) 624-7060 Ext. #2 to schedule an appointment.

Do You Need Additional Grain Storage?

Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides low-interest financing for producers who need additional storage or would like to renovate existing storage. The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program provides low-interest financing for producers of eligible commodities to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The program helps to ensure that producers have adequate capacity to store their harvested production until they sell it on the open market. These loans can be for new construction or expansion of existing facilities, including bins, bunker-type silage

structures, hay sheds, permanent drying and grain handling equipment.

Applicants must show a need for additional storage. Producers may not accept delivery or begin site preparation prior to approval, but may sign purchase agreements or pay for the facilities prior to loan approval.

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost. Loan terms of seven, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. The current interest rate for March is 1.375 percent for a seven year loan. Participants are required to provide:

- A current financial statement and cash flow showing repayment ability.
- A \$100 non-refundable application fee and have the ability to make the 15 percent down payment.
- Proof of crop insurance coverage on all crops of significance.

Clay-Union Electric Corporation recognizes local student at 'Scholar of the Week' event

Gayville-Volin High School is pleased to announce Luke Buffington, son of Larry and Cheri Buffington, as Touchstone Energy Cooperative's Scholar of the Week. Luke was recognized at Gayville-Volin High School, and presented with a cash award.

Clay-Union Electric Corporation salutes Luke and all students who set an example of hard work and high academic standards. Luke will be featured on KSFY during the 6 p.m. news on Thursday, March 15, and again on the KSFY morning news on Friday, March 16 between 6a.m. and 7a.m.

Clay-Union Electric Corporation, is a part of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, and provides electric power in South Dakota to Clay, Yankton and Union counties. Touchstone Energy

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Nominations for the award were submitted by area school



Mike Kjose (left), Clay-Union Electric member service director, presents Luke Buffington (center) with a Scholar of the Week check. Also present was Natalie Selchert, Gayville-Volin High Guidance (right) who nominated Luke for the award. (Submitted photo)

principals and faculty, whose selections were based on

excellence in the classroom and service in the community.

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NOTICE Fairview Township Board of Equalization

will begin
Monday, March 19th at 7pm,
Burbank Schoolhouse
The Board will adjourn on Friday, March 23rd.

Letter of appeal must be mailed to Fairview Township, 32012 White St., Burbank, SD 57010, and be postmarked no later than March 15th. Please include phone number.

Carolyn Carlson, Clerk
624-4742

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