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HAIL WIPE OUT 'BEAUTIFUL' CROPS IN SATURDAY STORM

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Brewster

In a swath that stretched from near Graham Lakes in Nobles County to the Iowa Great Lakes, hail stones — some larger in size than golf balls — pummeled farm fields, gardens, homes and vehicles Saturday afternoon.

The storm left a path of destruction and heartbreak for farmers who were growing some of the finest-looking crops in recent years.

Neil McNab has been farming for three years and has yet to experience a decent year in production agriculture. A week ago, he thought this year might be it.

"I thought this was probably the nicest looking crop I've seen in a long time," said the rural Brewster farmer. "I was really happy with what my stuff looked like."

McNab, who works for neighboring farmer Brad Baumgard, said the two just

had a conversation last week about how good their crops were looking.

"He said, 'I know; it scares me,'" McNab recalled. "And look what happened."

McNab and Baumgard both had fields of corn and soybeans that were in the direct path of the early Saturday afternoon storm, though McNab said Baumgard and some other farmers suffered greater crop damage.

Still, McNab's 400 acres around his home place are "pretty ugly."

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Cornstalks were stripped of their leaves and some were snapped in half in a field three miles south of Okabena after a storm delivered up to golf ball-sized hail early Saturday afternoon.



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Recently retired financial advisor Kevin Donovan stands near his dock along the shoreline of Worthington's Lake Okabena.

Donovan calls it a career after 38 years in Worthington

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WORTHINGTON — Thirty-eight years ago, Kevin Donovan hadn't even been to Worthington.

"I came here in 1982 to go to work for IDS (Investors Diversified Services)," recalled Donovan last week while relaxing in the Moon Circle home he shares with wife LeAnn. "I was in Mankato and just sold my Hobie Cat sailboat and didn't

even know there was a lake in the middle of town.

"My buddy and I flipped a coin — we had Pipestone and Worthington," he continued. "We flipped a coin and I won, and I chose Worthington because of the assets that were in the banks, and I knew there was a lot of farm money here. The first thing I did was buy the building I was in ... that was my beginning."

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Council approves \$1 million JBS gift for fieldhouse project

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WORTHINGTON — A \$1 million donation by JBS USA to the city of Worthington, to be used specifically for the city's planned fieldhouse and recreation center, received unanimous approval Monday night from the Worthington City Council.

The JBS USA gift to the city was announced last week as part of an overall \$3.5 million investment in three Minnesota communities, including Pipestone and Cold Spring. The company noted that the donations are part of a new, national \$50 million Hometown Strong Initiative investing in communities where their team members live and work.

The specific dollar amount, along with the specific city project targeted for the donation, had not been revealed in last week's announcement. The new fieldhouse and recreation cen-

ter, which will be located in a renovated blue Morton-type building on Second Avenue, is being funded with local option sales tax revenue.

"The city has earmarked \$3.5 million in local sales tax revenue for this project and JBS's donation is to enhance and improve the project," Worthington City Administrator Steve Robinson told council members Monday. "Under the terms of the agreement, the city shall grant JBS life-long naming rights and ... prominently feature the name and logo on the fieldhouse and recreation center structure as mutually agreed by both parties."

Councilman Alan Oberloh expressed concerns about the "life-long" naming rights verbiage, and ultimately council members opted to insert more definitive language suggested by Councilman Chad Cummings.

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House District 22B race between two candidates

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ST. PAUL — Two candidates are running for the office of Minnesota Representative in House District 22B. The Globe has compiled some information about the candidates' policy priorities.

Rod Hamilton (incumbent)

Occupation: Pork producer

Current residence: Mountain Lake

What qualifications do you have for the office of Minnesota representative? I have a unique blend of experience serving in both the public and private sectors. Before my arrival in the Minnesota House, I previously served on the Mountain Lake School Board. Having just completed my eighth term in the Minnesota House, I have held various leadership positions over the years, including



Hamilton

the Agriculture Finance and Policy committees. I've also served on numerous ethnic councils, commodity boards and energy councils.

Away from elected offices I have worked full-time in the private sector for more than 30 years in the areas of production, business development and human resources.

What are your top priorities in state government? I've always been driven to help people, and my passion in this regard has been in the agriculture and health and human services areas.

The arrival of COVID-

19, and the extended executive orders in response to it, have harmed southwestern Minnesota residents and our state in a number of ways. Moving forward, we must focus on protecting the most vulnerable and safeguarding employees while reopening businesses, re-employing our workforce and balancing the state budget. We must focus on both the science and the mathematics

of the impact of COVID-19. Minnesota will have a difficult time providing essential government services if it's broke, so restarting this economy is essential on so many levels.

In addition, educating our children, prioritizing our nursing homes and long-term care facilities and lowering health care costs are always a priority.

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BIRTHDAY



Curt's 80th Birthday

The family of Curt Pearson is requesting a card shower to celebrate his 80th birthday which will be on July 28th. Greetings can be sent to 715 Webster LN SE, Rochester, MN 55904

SENIOR DINING

Senior dining

Here is the Worthington Senior Dining menu. Serving is 11:30 a.m. through the Meals on Wheels program (while the Center for Active Living is closed). Call 376-9718 to reserve a meal. Meal gift certificates can also be purchased online at lssmn.org/nutrition. Volunteer drivers are being sought to deliver meals. This menu also applies to senior dining at the Brewster Senior Center and the Slade Hotel in Adrian; menus may vary from town to town.

Monday, July 20: Sloppy joe w/bun, potato salad, choice fruit, cookie.

Tuesday, July 21: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, choice vegetables, blueberry dessert.

Wednesday, July 22: Fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn muffin, brownie.

Thursday, July 23: Egg salad on bun, coleslaw, fruit, fruit crisp.

Friday, July 24: Sausage w/gravy, biscuit, peas, cinnamon apples, cookie.

Rosebrock new face at Worthington's Legacy Financial Partners

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WORTHINGTON — Though he's new to Worthington, Justin Rosebrock is hopeful he can soon contribute to the community in whatever way he can.

Rosebrock joined Legacy Financial Partners' Third Avenue office on May 26 as a financial advisor, electing to work in Worthington after gaining his initial experience in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

"I'm originally from Aberdeen, and a few years ago had an opportunity to do an internship with the Legacy Financial office there," Rosebrock explained this week. "Through that experience, I gained valuable insight as well as a curiosity and a passion to learn more and to help people realize their financial goals."

Rosebrock proceeded to wrap up his schooling — he has a bachelor's of business degree in

financing as well as an MBA with an emphasis in finance — at the University of South Dakota. He then contacted Josh Bowen, his previous employer during his Aberdeen internship.

"He presented me with an opportunity to come work for him full-time and train to be an advisor with an intent on moving me down to Worthington once my training was complete," Rosebrock said. "That took about a year."

Rosebrock would pass all of his requisite exams during that year and continue his training under Bowen. He said he was actually pitched two locations for his future endeavors — Worthington and Minot, North Dakota.

"I'd never been to either town," Rosebrock recalled. "But between Stacy Heinrichs (client service manager for Legacy Financial in Worthington) and Gayle (Siebenbrunner, also a financial advisor in the office), there was a lot of experience. It's just the whole team aspect, and that's something we've discussed a lot since I've been here."

In addition to the examinations required for their work, both Rosebrock and Siebenbrunner have respectively passed APMA (Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor) and CRPC (Chartered Retirement Planning Coordinator) exams.

"There are a lot of pieces that fit into one large financial puzzle," Rosebrock said. "Everybody's situation is going to be different, too. It's really catered to each individual."

Legacy Financial Partners is a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services LLC. Staff has continued to meet with people both in the office as well as online during the current COVID-19 pandemic, and Rosebrock is looking to get more involved in the Worthington community once things return to something closer to normal.

"More than anything, I'm excited for this opportunity," he said. "I feel comfortable in a town this size, and I'm really looking forward to getting out in the community and engaging with others."

Rosebrock mentioned potential involvement in the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce as an interest, noting that Siebenbrunner is already active with the organization.

Siebenbrunner, for her part, has been with Legacy Financial Partners since April 2019. She previously worked for BancWest Investment Services in Worthington and has nearly three decades of experience in the securities industry. She grew up on a farm by Sibley, Iowa, and later lived in Wahpeton, North Dakota for many years before moving back to southwest Minnesota (she and her husband live on an acreage near Fulda) to be closer to family.

She's excited about the addition of Rosebrock — for how they can benefit both their clients and Worthington.

"Legacy Financial Partners wants us to be involved in the community — they're very focused on that," she said. "It's something that's important to them."

HAIL DAMAGE

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"It's really spotty, but everything around my area got hit bad enough where it's really going to hurt," he said, describing "chewed up" soybeans with broken stems and obliterated leaves. "I'm worried once they start putting pods on, they'll tip over."

The corn crop, which looked bad on Saturday, looked even worse Monday after winds began to snap some of the already damaged stalks.

McNab was at his grandmother's house when the storm rolled through, and he took shelter in a shed. From that vantage point, he could see the variability in the size of the hailstones.

"About every 10 seconds you got a chunk of hail about the size of a golf ball," he said, noting that his eyes diverted from what was falling outside

to the radar screen on his cell phone.

"I could see that pink spot just to the east of us on the radar and I knew it was going right through my place," McNab shared. "I said, 'I don't want to go look.' It was really bad."

As bad as it looks, though, he will have at least a portion of his crop to harvest come fall. That's more than can be said for some of his neighbors.

"I'm just banking on having a year where I can make some money and get going," McNab said. "The past three years ... you gotta really want to farm to keep farming because it's been hard."

"We'll get through it. I know it's tough."

Just down the road from McNab, 25-year farmer David Damm said his crop is gone.

"What I farm is all within two sections and I was in about the center of (the storm)," Damm said. "I would say it's all

gone."

An initial, unofficial visit from his crop insurance adjuster yielded the same conclusion.

"Basically I have stems for my beans," said the rural Okabena farmer. "There's a couple leaves here and there. They were beautiful before, but not anymore. The corn is stripped pretty badly."

Damm said a cornfield across the road from him was just about ready to tassel before the storm hit.

"I don't think there's anything there that will ever pollinate," he added.

With his crops gone, Damm said he's uncertain what to do. Perhaps he'll plant a cover crop, or maybe leave the crop alone and see what comes of it.

"It depends what the insurance adjuster says," said Damm, who works part-time at Arnold Motor Supply and also does car repair in his home-based shop.

Damm had just

returned home from a funeral and got into the house before the rain and hail started to pummel their place. His son and daughter-in-law rode out the storm (it lasted 10-12 minutes) in a camper parked on the yard, and his mother was in her home on the same acreage. Once the storm passed, he went to his mom's place.

"(The hail) broke every window on the north side of the house," Damm said, adding that the hail stones ranged from one-half-inch in diameter to golf ball-sized stones that were hard and jagged-edged. Glass from the windows scattered across his mom's living room, and they found hail stones that had entered through the living room windows and blew all the way into the kitchen.

"The way the rain was just coming in waves; that only happens when you've got a really strong wind," Damm said. He doesn't know how much

rain arrived with the storm — both of his plastic rain gauges were demolished and in pieces after being hit by the hail.

Donnie Obermoller, who farms three miles east of Brewster, said hailstones two inches in diameter — "bigger than a golf ball" — hit his farm, breaking a couple of windows in his house and shredding the crops.

With corn leaves shredded and only stems left for beans, Obermoller still said his crop damage wasn't as bad as what he found east of his place.

"You can't do nothing now," he said. "You just take what you got if you got crop insurance or hail insurance."

"When the white combine (hail) comes, it doesn't take too long to harvest," he added. "There's nothing you can do about it. Everything looked really good, too. This year everything looked perfect."



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