



FRANKLIN GULL PLOWING ENTOURAGE

WESTBROOK — This farmer south of Westbrook had plenty of company as he plowed down a harvested field of corn. The hungry gulls seem to have a knack for finding worms turned up by the tillage. (Photo/Tom Merchant)

Minnesota River Bridge North of Redwood Falls update

Construction of the Redwood CSAH 101/Renville CSAH 1 bridge over the Minnesota river, north of Redwood Falls has been challenged by very difficult conditions in constructing the foundations of the bridge. The bedrock has proven to be very uneven and extremely hard granite. Completion of the new bridge is anticipated for early winter or more likely spring 2021.

Uneven bedrock required a change in foundation design for the south abutment. The extremely hard granite resulted in slow progress in drilling ten shafts for the two piers through bottom sediment and into several feet of bedrock. Even with these challenges, progress continues to be made. The south con-

crete abutment is complete and north abutment will be poured in the coming days. The contractor is preparing to pour the concrete in the drilled shafts for the piers.

When completed, the bridge will be a very durable, long lasting structure meeting modern bridge standards. There is understanding CSAH 101/CSAH 1 is a well-travelled road and the bridge closure is inconvenient. The Redwood County Highway Department appreciates the public's support as the project continues to move forward.

For more information visit redwood-county-mn.us and follow Redwood County on Facebook.



HARVEST CONTINUES WITH PERFECT CONDITIONS

DUNDEE — This farm crew was busy Saturday morning combining corn near Dundee. With a few rain showers Sunday evening it won't likely slow the corn harvest much, with more dry weather on the horizon. (Photo/Tom Merchant)

New Horizons Crisis Center receives grant from United Way of southwest Minnesota

New Horizons Crisis Center (NHCC) is pleased to announce that we have again received a generous Community Impact Grant award of \$35,000 from United Way of Southwest Minnesota. These funds will support NHCC's Crime Victim Services Program to provide advocacy, support, and vital safety services to sexual assault and general crime victims and to prevent crime and victimization throughout Lincoln, Lyon, and Murray and portions of Redwood Counties.

NHCC's Crime Victim Services Program provides advocacy and support to sexual assault and general crime victims in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, and Redwood Counties. Our Crime Victim Services Staff are here to help sexual assault and general crime victims through every stage of their victimization process. We pride ourselves in providing consistent and effective, victim-centered services. Our crime victim

advocacy services include, but are not limited to the following: 24-hour crisis response line; supportive listening and one to one support; crisis counseling and intervention; safety planning; support groups; information and referral for community services and programs; assistance with victim rights; financial assistance; medical advocacy; and civil and criminal justice advocacy, assistance, and accompaniment.

"NHCC appreciates and recognizes United Way of Southwest Minnesota as a strong, local community partner! There are many individuals and families that need our services during this difficult time, and we would like to thank United Way of Southwest Minnesota for enabling us to meet the vital safety needs of those in our local communities!" ~ Carrie Buddy, NHCC Executive Director

About New Horizons Crisis Center:
Since 1981, NHCC has

been serving victims in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, and Redwood Counties of Southwest Minnesota. NHCC's Vision is to be the respected leader in victim services in SW Minnesota.

NHCC's Mission is to advocate for, support, and empower victims of crime, while providing education, resources, and prevention for our communities and partners. Visit newhorizonscrisiscenter.org.

About United Way of Southwest Minnesota:

United Way of Southwest Minnesota serves people living in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Yellow Medicine and portions of Cottonwood, Lac qui Parle, Nobles, and Redwood Counties in Minnesota. United Way of Southwest Minnesota's Mission Statement: Uniting people and resources to improve lives and strengthen communities in Southwest Minnesota. Visit unitedway-swmn.org.

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hogs instead. The old original barn was converted to a farrow to finish barn.

In March 1989, Gary took a trip to Hawaii. On his way home, he stopped in California at his cousin's house, where he would meet Cathy Mincy. They had been involved in a long distance relationship through the mail and over the phone for 6 months prior to their meeting. That July, Cathy came out to visit Gary in Minnesota and the couple was married August 17, 1991.

When Gary and Cathy came back from their honeymoon, Gary's folks had moved out of the farm house!

Gary, like his father and grandfather, has also served on the township board over the years. He still raises cattle on the farm with his nephew Mitch, but other than that, there is no livestock. He and Cathy also farm about 500 acres of corn and beans. His mother still owns some of the land, which they rent back from her.

Most of the original buildings, including the house, have been torn down. In 1992, Gary and Cathy took down the old farmhouse and built a new ranch style home in its place. About five years ago they remodeled and are enjoying the quiet country life.

Soon the old barn will be torn down leaving the granary/corn crib, which was converted to a modern wood shop in 2006, the last original building still standing.

Gary's brothers left the farm to pursue other careers. Loren is a mechanic in Dawson. He and his wife, Gloria, have twin daughters, Erin and Amy. Scott works in electronics in Waseca. Jordan and Mitch, Geryl, have two sons - Jordan and Mitch.

Gary and Cathy have no children, so the question remains of who will take over the farm next. Their nephew Mitch and his wife Cassie, along with a friend, own a meat locker in Westbrook, but have recently expressed an interest in farming.

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