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The former Elmo and Mary Rood farm, sitting at the foot of Monson Lake, provided a magnificent setting for Brad and Annie Danielson’s dream home.

Danielsons’ dream home is a Rood awakening

by Kari Jo Almen

Brad and Annie Danielson are making their dreams come true. On May 8 they and three of their daughters moved into a new log home with sunset views of Monson Lake, adjacent to the state park named after said lake. Before the house was built Brad re-worked the existing barn on the Elmo and Mary Rood farmstead, transforming it from a hog facility to a retreat for relaxation and entertainment.

The dream started to take shape many

years ago. Daughter Karlee said, “When we first started going to church at Monson Lake we would drive by after church....”

Annie said that Brad envisioned them on the property long before that, even before they moved to the home they lived in previously, north of DeGraff. When they had driven past then, Brad had said, “I’m gonna live there someday.”

Brad has deep roots in the area. His father, DeWayne, grew up just around the corner of the section, one mile north, as did his grandmother, Jeannette (Hagen) Danielson.

For a time Brad, his brothers Bryan and Kelly, and their parents, DeWayne and Arlene, lived with Jeannette in Sunburg, just a couple of miles from the new house, so that they could care for her as she needed more help.

Following Jeannette’s death DeWayne and Arlene moved with their boys to Lake Amelia and Brad graduated from Minnewaska High School.

Fast forward a few years and Brad married the former Annie Fernholz, who grew up on a farm in rural DeGraff, and started a trucking business.

Between both being members of Monson Lake Lutheran Church and just members of the same community, a friendship developed between Brad and Annie and Mary Rood, who eventually sold her farm to them, a first step in making their dream a reality.

The design of the house itself came from a photograph of a log home that Brad found on the internet. He was never able to find the floor plan of that house, so Brad and Annie used their imaginations to design the interior of their home.

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Above, Annie Danielson stands by the range in the kitchen which features a stone arch as well as a large island (upper right photo).



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Above, the stack stone fireplace in the living room features large windows that look out on the front yard and Monson Lake just across the road.

Above left, the great room chandelier was made by Dean Johnson. It displays the antlers of deer shot by Brad and his father, DeWayne, and is supported by a rope and pulley system from the barn on the farm site.



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At left, a ground floor view of the antler chandelier in the great room shows the knotty ceiling overhead, and the loft.
Above, the large space and soft carpeting in the loft make it a good space to practice gymnastics skills, as demonstrated by Claire.

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Above, Karlee's bed features a custom-made quilt with photos of her and the family pet, Humphrey.

At left, a major upgrade from that in their former home, the bathroom off Brad and Annie's bedroom is Annie's favorite space in the home. The artwork above the bathtub was a gift from and made by Brad's sister, Vicky Daniels.



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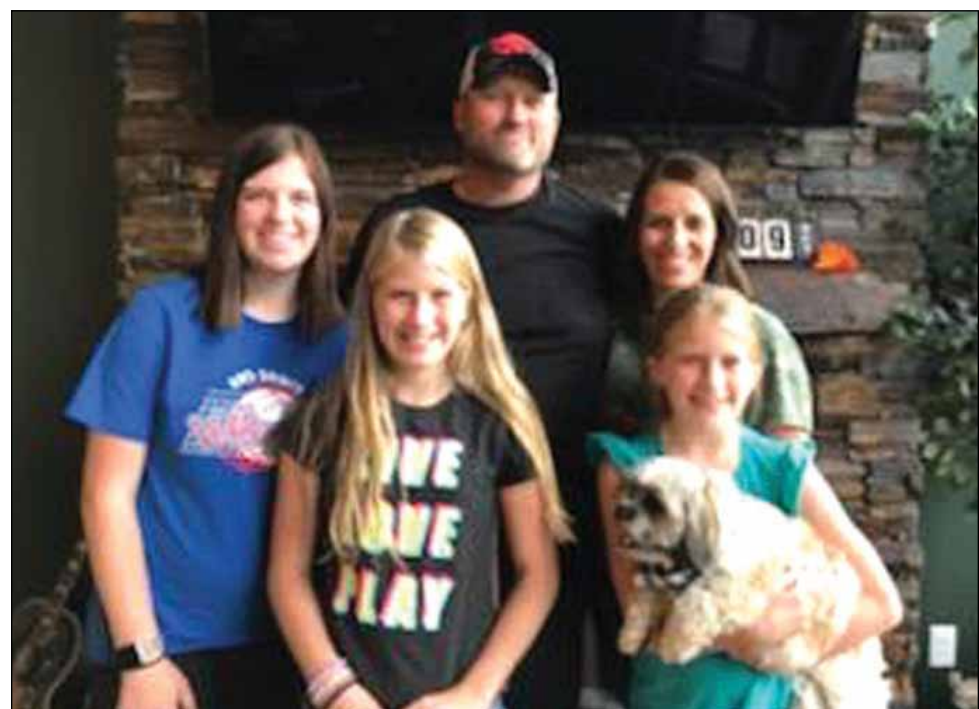
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Above left, though he doesn't seem to appreciate it, family pet Humphrey has his own space.



Above, the family poses in front of the great room fireplace. With Brad and Annie are Karlee (15), Kenzie (11), and Klaire (8), holding Humphrey. Not shown are adult daughters McKinley (23) and Miranda (21).



At left, the fireplace mantel in Brad and Annie's bedroom is personalized with their initials, an idea seen on a favorite television show, Little House on the Prairie, where the initials of the show's main characters, Charles and Caroline Ingalls were carved in the fireplace mantel. Brad carved their names on the piece of birch bark while on a hunting trip, at right.



Danielson's Rood awakening

Logs for the home came from Expedition Log Homes in Kiel, Wisconsin. Brad's brother, Bryan, connected them with a group of Amish people from the Osakis/Long Prairie area who helped put the house together and did the roofing.

Mike Evenson of Raymond was the contractor on the project and Guy Fernholz of De Graff, a cousin of Annie's father, did much of the finishing work, and Dean Johnson of Sunburg did all of the stone work in the home and added artistic touches.

Although it is a log home, the only logs visible on the interior are logs left over from construction, which were used to decorate accent walls in the primary bedroom and in the kids' space on the second floor. All other interior walls are wall board with insulation between that and the logs.

Interior wood, including the great room ceiling and window trim, was cut from cedar telephone poles by Buzz Brothers Sawmill of Brooten.

The main floor of the home features the kitchen, great room, primary bedroom suite, mudroom, laundry, and guest bath.

The second story is all for the couple's three youngest daughters. Each girl has a large bedroom. The youngest two share a bathroom, while Karlee has her own, a compromise for having a smaller bedroom than her sisters. All three are proud of their spaces and were eager to show a visitor their private quarters, decorated in colors of the girls' choosing.

In addition to the three bedrooms and two baths, the second story has two spaces for the girls to share: a large loft overlooking the great room and across to those

Monson Lake sunsets, and a smaller space, originally intended as an exercise room, but which may be used as a game room with a piece of exercise equipment in the corner.

With the house complete, Brad still has

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a few projects in mind. He plans to build a pole shed and a wood shed to shelter the wood boiler, which heats the house and barn, as well as his supply of fuel for that boiler. He also hopes to enhance the setting

by planting more trees on the property.

The Danielson girls have a few ideas of their own. Their hopes range from moving the playhouse from their former home and getting a swing to volleyball and basketball courts, and even a swimming pool. Referring to their large property, Karlee said with a big smile, "We pretty much have a softball field!"

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The wall above the doorway at the back of the loft is reinforced so that it will support the mount of the big buck Brad expects to shoot.



The vanity in the guest bath was made by Dean Johnson from dun-nage boards from the semi-truck load of logs.



There's plenty of coat and footwear storage built into an entrance to the Danielson home.



The original plan called for a 54-foot attached garage, but the size of the garage was reduced to a two-car garage, with additional storage space. Thus far, the only vehicle in the garage has been Brad's 1956 Chevrolet pickup, but that will change with coming cooler temperatures. The garage floor was finished by Molden Concrete of Benson.



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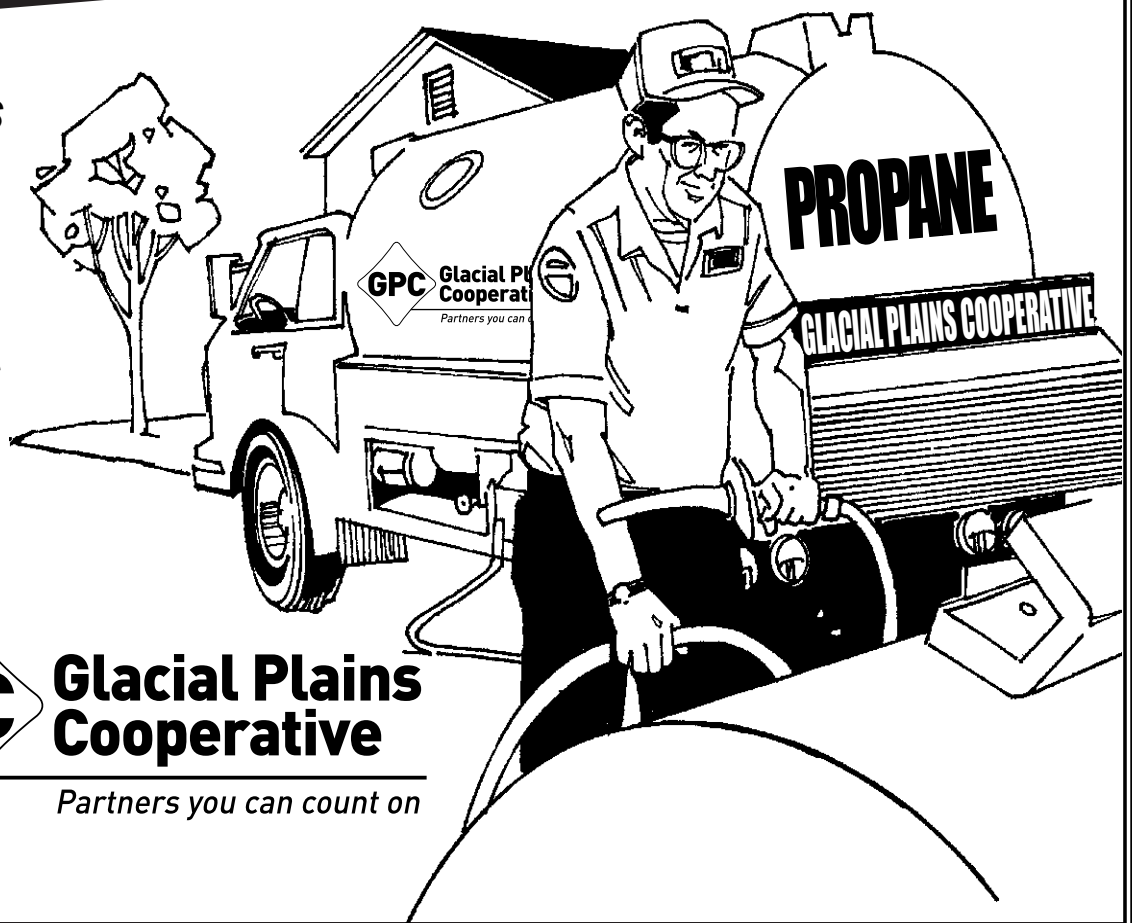
Elma and Mary Rood's barn once housed hogs, but Brad Danielson turned 'sty' into 'style' with his major remodel.

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Sty to Style

by Kari Jo Almen

Man-caves and she-sheds have become quite popular of late. There are man caves, and then there is Brad's Barn. Once used to house former owner Elmo Rood's hogs, Brad Danielson has completely transformed the space to his own liking, as he described it, "my man cave, my dog house."

The main floor of the 35' X 50' barn features Brad's office, a wood burning fireplace surrounded by comfortable seating, a large table and chairs made by Dean Johnson, a full bar surrounded by eight stools, pool table, foosball table, slot machine, a tractor, animal pelts, and a wide assortment of collectible pieces. Annie noted that as he worked on the barn, UPS made many deliveries for Brad, things now displayed in the barn. When they arrived she would look at the packages and say to their daughters, "Oh, it's for Dad."

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Brad Danielson stood in his office that is part of his huge barn remodel.

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The largest single piece of "decor" in Brad's barn is the 1947 John Deere tractor once owned by the lady from whom Brad and his wife, Annie, bought their farm site, Mary Rood. The tractor was re-stored by Mary's husband, Elmo, and she enjoyed driving it in area parades.







Checkers? Foosball? The barn is all about fun.



Dean Johnson hand-crafted this large table and chairs in Brad's barn.



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The bar was built by Brad, Johnson, Wayne Evenson and Blake Hagen using cross beams from telephone poles which were cut by a Brainerd sawmill. Embedded in epoxy on the top surface of the bar are family photos.

Scattered about the space are numerous musical instruments, a hint of Brad's talent and reminders that he started and is a member of the band Kentucky Thunder.

The hayloft of the barn is as yet unfinished, but that didn't stop Brad from taking advantage of having the space. On September 11 he and Annie hosted about 585 people for a concert at their home featuring four bands, including Kentucky Thunder.

Derrick Johnson, son of Dean, built a door for the barn's hayloft which can be raised with hydraulics and which, when raised, doubles as a roof over the stage on a deck off the hayloft. The stage/deck overlooks the former pig yard, now a lush, grassy lawn.

The jury is still out on whether or not another concert will be held at the barn in the future. However, concert or no concert, it is a place to get together, maybe host a barn dance, maybe family get-togethers. And if not used for such larger groups, it is still Brad's mancave.



A wood burning stove and comfy seating invites awaits visitors to Brad's man-cave.

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Brad's barn has a scrapbook bar featuring family photos and plenty of other memorabilia.
At right, the sliding barn door on the mudroom features three-dimensional art work by Dean Johnson.
At left, the barn's former hayloft is all set up for performances. Brad plays in the band, 'Kentucky Thunder.'





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Rustic Foodie's guide to autumn cooking

by Macklin Caruso

As the days grow short and the leaves begin to change, we bid our farewell to another summer and ready ourselves for our months-long retreat back into our homes. Though many may dread the inevitable white-out that's due to follow, for Christine Rooney, the cook behind the food blog the Rustic Foodie, autumn brings with it a whole new menu.

"I hear a lot of people say that they can't cook, and I kind of don't believe that," said Rooney. "It's a bit of a time commitment, it's something you have to set time apart for in your day."

Operated out of Rooney's home in New London, the Rustic Foodie is a food blog where Rooney creates and shares seasonal recipes utilizing healthy, local and gluten-free ingredients. "The idea behind it is you take what you grow in your garden or pick up at the farmer's market and turn it into healthy and easy meals that the whole family can enjoy," said Rooney.

One of the central tenets of Rooney's recipes is using local sourced ingredients. "It's definitely better for everyone. It's better for the environment, it's better for the local economy for sure," she said. "I feel like it's important to have a connection to the food you are eating."

For Rooney, cooking is both an art and a science. Her recipes – while focusing on healthy, wholesome ingredients – are centered around both comfort and convenience. The ingredients called for in her recipes are typically based on what she – and most people – has at her immediate disposal – whether it be vegetables harvested from the garden, or food sitting in the back of her fridge. Though her recipes are often familiar foods inspired by a simple craving, she expands and tweaks it until the end product is not only delectable, but nourishing and healthy.

"Generally, I encourage people to cook and experiment and try different things," she said.

Come autumn, Rooney likes to incorporate savory, earthy ingredients like pumpkin, butternut squash, sweet potatoes, kale and maple syrup. "Your body kind of knows what it needs when you start craving certain things at a time of year," she said.

One of Rooney's all-time favorite fall staples is soup. "We are entering soup season," she said. "It's like clockwork, we start wanting to eat a lot of soup." When making soup, one of Rooney's most important rules is using whole ingredients, and staying away from go-to processed foods – like canned cream of mushroom soup. "There is really no wrong way to make soup," Rooney said. "It is a very forgiving kind of dish."

Due to the shorter days and return of the long nights, it is a good time to take up cooking, even if you are new to the craft, said Rooney. With longer evening hours one can seamlessly adopt a cooking frame of mind, she said, as long as they are willing to commit to a few hours in the kitchen. For Rooney, this newly found time is opportune to take out the slow cooker and Dutch oven and return to cooking warm and hearty meals.

Below is a recipe for one of Rooney's favorite fall dishes featured on her Rustic Foodie Blog: Classic Hearty Beef Stew.

- Ingredients:
- 6 cloves Garlic
 - 1 large Onion
 - 3 Tbsp. Olive Oil (split)
 - 1/2 cup Gluten Free Flour Blend (or regular AP flour if not GF)
 - 1 – 1.5 lbs. Beef Chuck Roast
 - 4-5 large Carrots (equals 3 heaping cups sliced carrots)
 - 4-5 Red Potatoes (equals 3 heaping cups diced potatoes)
 - 1/2 cup Red Wine
 - 4 cups Gluten Free Beef Broth (or

regular beef broth if not GF)

- 3 Tbsp. Tomato Paste
- 2 tsp. Italian Seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. Kosher Salt and Pepper (split)

Cooking Directions:

1. Start by mincing 6 cloves of garlic and 1 large onion.
2. Slice 4-5 large carrots (equals 3 heaping cups) and cube 4-6 red

potatoes (equals 3 heaping cups).

3. Heat a cast iron Dutch oven or a heavy-bottomed soup pan to medium-high and add 1 Tbsp. of olive oil. Make sure the oil is fully heated (the meat should sizzle once added to the pan).

4. I find it works best to sear the meat in batches – You will not overcrowd the pan this way and each piece will get an even sear.

Add half of the dredged meat to the pan and cook for 2-3 minutes on each side. Add 1/4 tsp. of kosher salt and pepper to each batch of meat as it cooks.

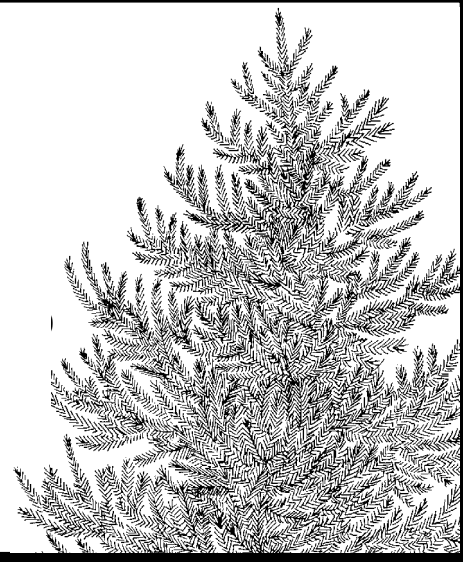
5. Once each side is evenly seared, remove the meat and set aside. The whole process is repeated at this point. Heat another Tbsp. of oil, add the meat and sear

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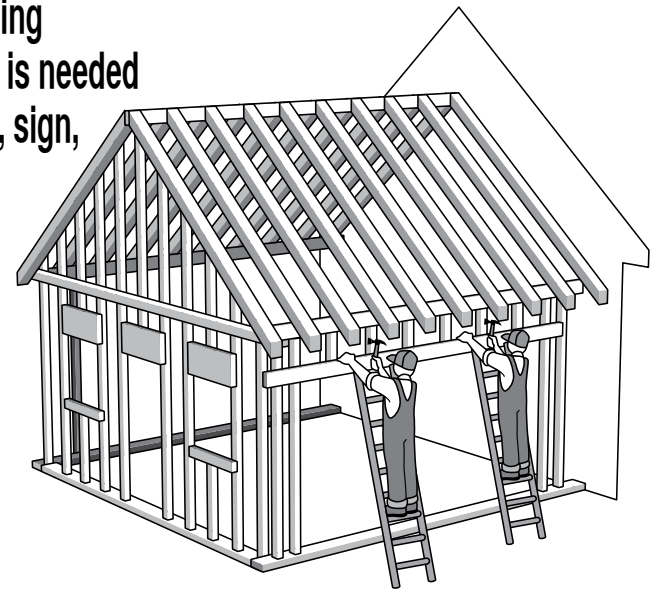
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Rustic Foodie

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5. Once each side is evenly seared, remove the meat and set aside. The whole process is repeated at this point. Heat another Tbsp. of oil, add the meat and sear for 2-3 minutes on each side with more salt and pepper and then remove and set aside.

How to Season:

1. Once all the meat is removed add 1 Tbsp. of olive oil.
2. Add the garlic and onions to the pan and saute on medium-high for 4-5 minutes.



Make sure to scrape up all the brown bits that were left on the bottom of the pan by the meat and mix them in with the garlic

and onions. You want all those brown bits. Brown bits = lots of flavor!
3. Add 1/2 cup red wine to the garlic and onions. Saute this mixture for 4-5 minutes or until the wine reduces. Yes, it looks a little funky, but I promise you those funky-looking bits are packed full of flavor.

4. Add the sliced carrots to the pan and saute the carrots for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
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Drought brings out underlining issues for lawn care

by Billie Jo Rassat,
Editor at the Clara City Herald

Not many good things can be said about this past summer's drought. So many days of 100 degree weather with no rain caused many lawns to either go dormant or die completely. But there is one silver lining to what was one of the hottest summers on record—the drought compounded any stresses that had been affecting yards. While that doesn't sound like a good thing, the opposite in fact, it does, however, now give home owners an opportune time to identify those issues to fix them. The saying there is no where to go but up comes to mind.

According to Kandiyohi County Master Gardener Dale Lauer, now in the fall is the perfect time to find out what has been af-

fecting your yard and begin taking those necessary steps to bring your lawn back better than ever. Just remember it will not be a quick fix, he said. The health of your lawn is dependent on how much work you put into it.

Some of the main issues that become more apparent after a drought include poor soil health, an over abundance of broadleaf weeds, drainage and moisture levels, shade versus sun and insect damage. Each of these issues can be addressed and fixed to get a lawn to be proud of.


Addressing soil health is relatively easy. The first thing to do is conduct a soil test. This can be done through your local county University of Minnesota extension office where you can pick up a soil testing application. For residents in Chippewa County contact: mnext-chippewa@umn.edu or call at: 320-269-6521; for residents in Kandiyohi County contact: mnext-kandiyohi@umn.edu or call at: 320-231-7890; and for residents in Swift County contact: mnext-swift@umn.edu or call at: 320-843-3796.

A soil testing is done for \$17 and it provides data that indicates soil fertility, pH and organic matter. Recommendations are also provided with a soil test on how to improve your lawn with things like what fertilizers will help bring balance to your soil.




Weed control is very important for optimal lawn health. A sign of an unhealthy yard is it being overrun with broadleaf weeds. Some of these weeds include: chick-

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weed, clover, dandelion, wild geranium, ivy, milkweed, plantain and thistle. To eliminate them in your yard, Lauer recommends using a broadleaf herbicide. From September through late October is the optimal time to use a broadleaf herbicide. “You need to follow the label instructions. But, now because all of the lawns as well as the weeds are getting ready for winter. So they are storing up their energy to make it through winter. If you can attack them now while they are trying to store up their energy they’re also going to store up or pick up any pesticides and that’s going to knock them out,” Lauer said. “I can always tell in May who has done their fall lawn care treatments.”

Of course in a drought soil moisture is going to suffer. To improve the moisture content it is recommended to wet your soil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. This should be done during the summer months.

For those who may be having drainage issues, a big factor could be your yards elevation. Needing to fill in parts of your yard with dirt will help level things out and minimize water run-off.

Let’s face it grass needs the sun to grow. “A good lawn will require full sun,” Lauer



A lawn in Clara City is suffering from an over abundance of broadleaf weeds and patches of dead grass after this summer’s drought conditions caused much damage across the state.

said. A way to bring more light to an area of your lawn that is not getting the sun it needs is to prune over crowded trees as much as possible without hurting their health. Shade tolerant grasses can also be used but

they still do need at least 4 hours of sun a day.

Lastly, insects came out in full force this past summer as a direct result of the drought. They infested yards looking for

food and water and wreaked havoc on the health of many lawns. Such an insect is the June beetle grub. This little pest will not only ruin your yard by eating the grasses

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Dale Lauer has been a Master Gardener in Kandiyohi County for over 25 years. As a Master Gardener, Lauer is available through the University of Minnesota Extension as a resource for knowledge in the gardening arts. He specializes in lawn care and maintenance, vegetable gardening, garlic and perennial gardening. (Submitted photo)

roots, leaving patches of brown and wilted grass so weak you can literally lift up the patch with your hands, but it will also attract other wildlife harmful to your yard looking to feast on the grubs. Animals like raccoons and skunks can start to dig up holes in your yard looking for a little June bug grub meal. Moles can also come to feast on the bugs and leave small underground trails throughout your yard.

To fix an infestation one approach is to use an insecticide. One insecticide to use is one that is made from neem oil, which kills many types of larvae but is generally safe insects like bees. There are much stronger pesticides out there but as they get stronger they do begin to cause harm in other areas. Lauer says to apply these late in the summer, when the grubs are still near the surface of the soil; and follow all directions on any insecticides or pesticides used.

Unfortunately, even the most seasoned gardeners have issues they can not fix. Lauer admits to having needed to call a professional to take care of his grub problem in his own yard. “Sometimes you do need help with some issues,” he said.

Preventative care is also very necessary when dealing with June beetle grubs. One easy way is to not mow too short. A female June beetle will lay its eggs in short grass opposed to taller. Keeping grass at least 3 inches tall during the insects early-to-mid-summer active season is recommended.



A June beetle grub can cause many problems in your yard. (Submitted photo)

Another preventative measure is to use *Bacillus thuringiensis*, also known as Bt, which is a bacteria that infects and kills many different garden pests, including June bug grubs, yet is harmless to humans and pets. Using microscopic worms called nematodes can also help prevent grubs by attacking them and eliminating them while not hurting any other part of your lawn. Both Bt and nematodes can be found online or at a garden retailer. The directions on


how to apply both preventive care measures are listed on the packaging.

Lawn care, especially after a drought, is really a labor of love. It will take time and patience to get your yard looking like you just stepped onto the greens at Pebble Beach. After all of your efforts once you do get everything healthy again it will be worth it. Let’s just hope Mother Nature cooperates next spring. “Pray 2022 is not another drought year,” Lauer said.

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The month of October is not just the time when the leaves turn beautiful shades and fall, kids get ready for Halloween and pumpkins line sidewalks, it is also the perfect time to plan a crop of garlic to be harvested in the following July. Planting garlic is relatively simple and the end results will leave you with an abundance of fresh garlic for all your culinary needs. The first thing you need to do get procure planting garlic from your local nursery. These cloves are from L&E Greenhouse in Maynard. Getting your planting cloves from a local greenhouse will ensure that garlic is suitable to plant in our Minnesota climate. Do not use the cloves you can get in a grocery store, it is treated garlic and will not sprout. Separate your cloves the day before you plant.



Picking the correct spot in your garden is crucial to having a successful crop. Soil should be well-drained, moisture-retentive with pH levels between 6.0 and 7.0, according to the University of Minnesota Extension. The area must also be in full sun. The cloves should be planted 4-6 inches from each other and in rows that are 18 inches or more apart.



The cloves need to be set with the clove pointed side up. The depth to plant should be 2 to 3 inches from the surface.



Straw or mulch is needed to cover the planted cloves to protect them in the winter months. Place approximately 3 to 4 inches of straw over the planted beds. This will protect the cloves during a freeze and will help with weed control.



Once the garlic garden is covered, water. Soak the soil well to a depth of at least one inch each week during the growing season. For the next months just wait until spring comes to continue to tend to your garden. In the spring, continue to water and tend to the weeds. Harvesting can begin between late June and late July, when the lower leaves turn brown and when half or more of the upper leaves are still green. Pull a few bulbs and cut them in half, if the cloves fill their skins then they are ready to enjoy.



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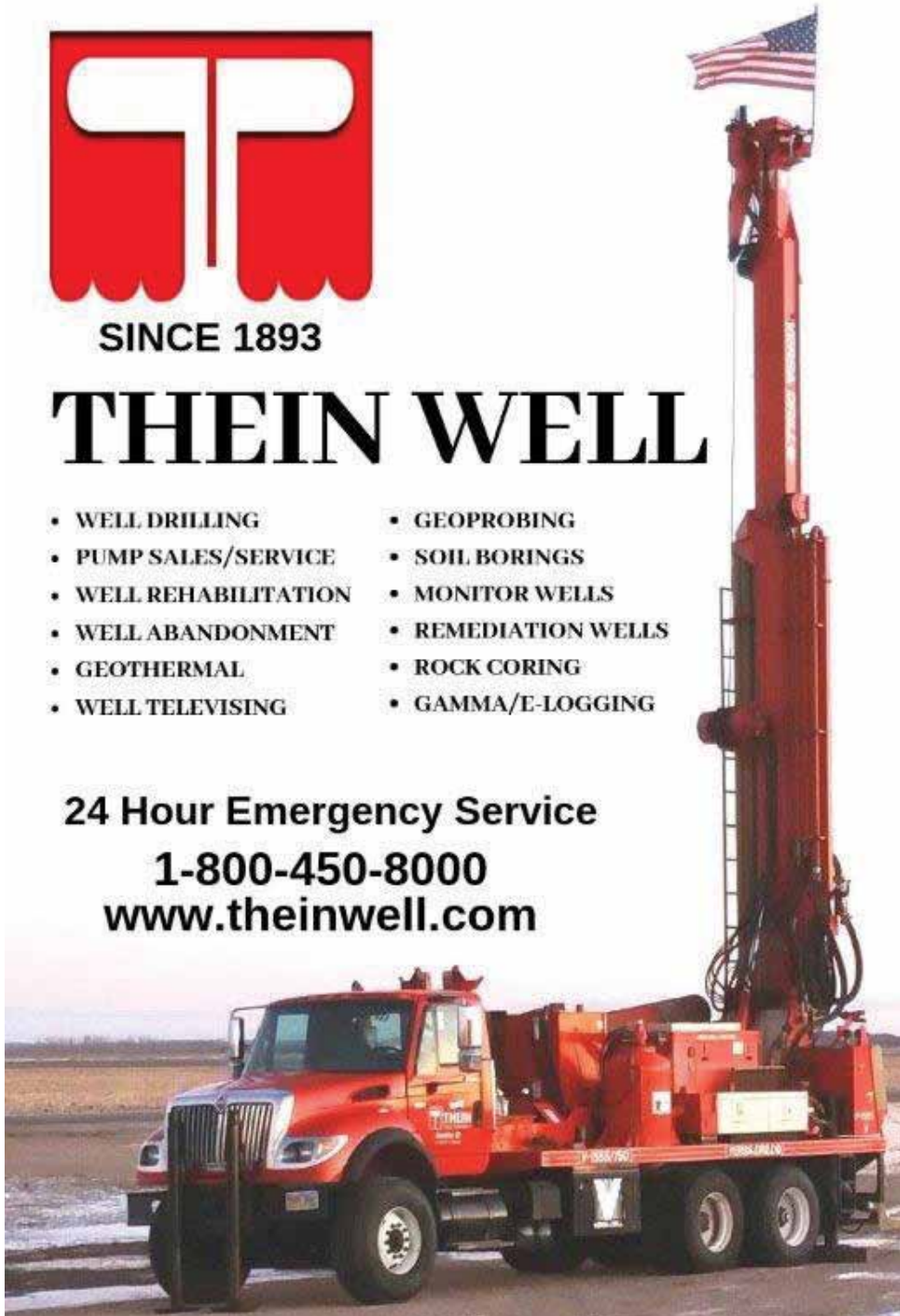
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Defining hardscape and how to use it

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Curb appeal is beneficial in various ways. Curb appeal can make a home more attractive to prospective buyers and give existing homeowners a place they want to come home to. In its study of the worth of outdoor remodeling projects, the National Association of Realtors found standard lawn care and overall landscape upgrades were most appealing to buyers, as well as the most likely to add value to a home.

Although plants, grass and other items can improve curb appeal, homeowners should not overlook hardscaping.

Hardscaping is an industry term that refers to the non-living features of a landscape. These features can include everything from decks to walkways to ornamental boulders. Introducing paths or paver walls to a property helps develop that home's hardscape. Hardscape and soft elements often work in concert to create inspiring landscape designs.

DIY landscape designers can heed certain tips to make the most of hardscape features on their properties.

Choose materials.

As with many landscaping projects, homeowners must first determine what types

of additions they would like on their properties. Common hardscape features include patios, decks, walkways of pavers or bricks, and retaining walls. Hardscape elements can be functional or simply decorative features that add whimsy to the yard.

Choose a theme.

The right style allows hardscaping and softscaping materials to work together. For example, homeowners may want to give their yards an eastern feel, complete with a koi pond and decorative bridge or trellis. A formal English garden, however, may include manicured paths with stepping stones and ornate topiaries. Mixing too many styles together can take away from the overall appeal.

The pros suggest looking at the overall plan of the design, even if all of the work can't be completed at once. This way the eventual finished project will be cohesive.

Think about the purpose.

Hardscaping can look good but also serve key purposes. Pebbles or gravel can mitigate trouble areas that don't grow grass or plant life well. Retaining walls hold back soil in yards with sharply inclined hills. Mulch can set perimeters around trees and shrubs, as well as planting beds. Fencing,



Hardscaping refers to the elements in a landscape that aren't living, such as paths, walls and fences.

another form of hardscaping, is essential for establishing property boundaries and adding privacy.

Consult a professional.

While many hardscaping additions can be handled by novices, large-scale projects, such as patios and decking, can change the grading of the yard. Professionals can map

out how to handle drainage issues and meet building codes. In addition, professional installation can ensure hardscaping features last for years to come.

Hardscaping should blend with the nature around it and take its cues from the surrounding environment. This can help softscaping and hardscaping work as one.



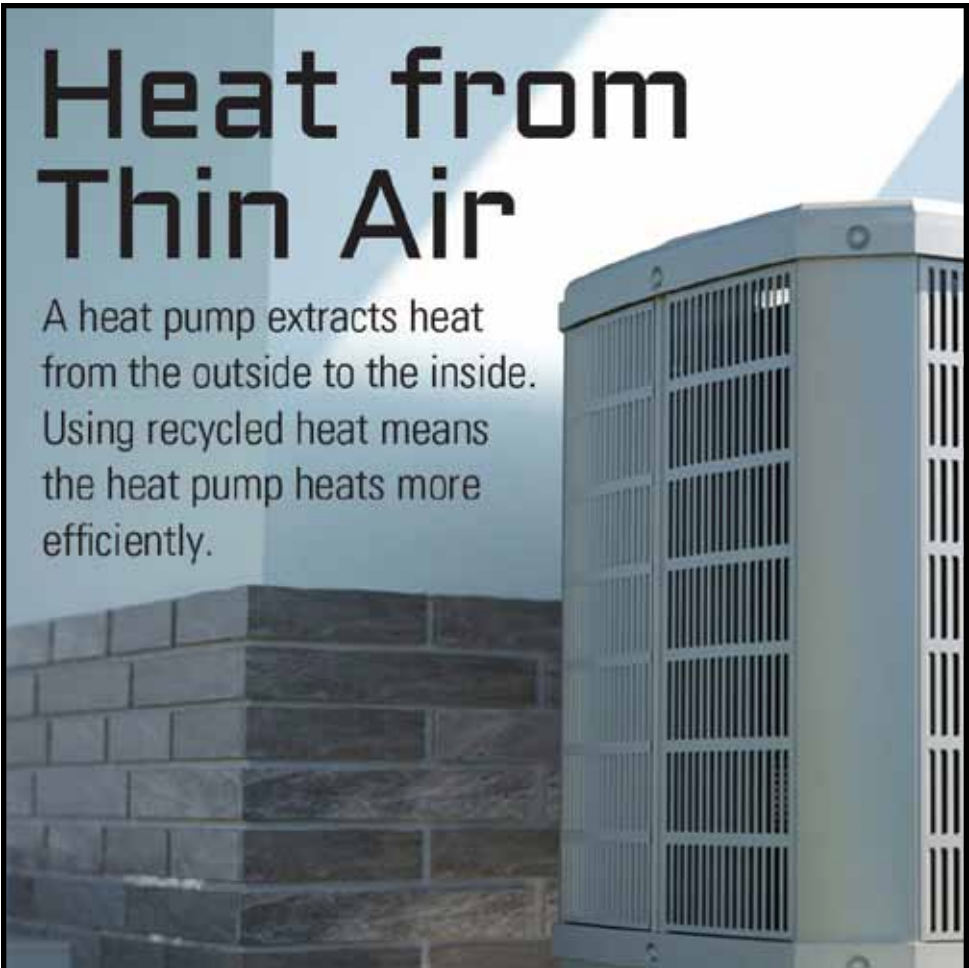
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How to care for perennials

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Perennials can add color and vibrancy to any garden. One of the more desirable components of perennials is that they come back year after year, meaning homeowners do not have to invest in a gardenful of new flowers every year. That can add up to considerable savings. Perennials often form the foundation of beautiful gardens.

Annuals only grow for one season, produce seeds and then die. However, perennials die back to the ground every autumn and their roots survive the winter. Some perennials are short-lived, meaning they will come back a few consecutive years; others will last for decades.

Though planted perennials require less maintenance than annuals, they are not completely maintenance-free. Certain care is needed to help perennials thrive, and that starts with the soil. Penn State Extension says most perennials grow ideally in well drained, fertile soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0. In addition, organic matter can improve soil texture and water-holding ability.

When including perennials in the garden, make sure you wait for the right time to plant them. The ideal time is during the spring or fall. Perennials come as container-grown perennials, which already have been established in the soil. Bare-root perennials are just roots that are often packed in peat moss. In order to plant bare-root perennials, soak the roots in water for several minutes before gently planting in the ground, indicates the how-to resource Tip Bulletin.

Perennials should be watered deeply,

especially during the first growing season. However, the soil should never be overly dry or wet. Most perennials do not need to be fertilized heavily. A single application in the spring typically is all that's needed.

Care along the way can include dead-heading spent flowers so that plants can

use their energy on seed production and reblooming. Perennials should be divided when they grow large, every three to four years when the plants are not in bloom. Perennials produce fewer flowers or may look sickly when the time has passed to divide them. Early spring often is a good time to

divide perennials.

A thick layer of mulch can help perennials to overwinter successfully. Perennials planted in containers will need to be transplanted into the garden before it gets cold because most containers cannot thoroughly insulate perennial roots.

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