Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE FILINGS OPEN FOR CITY OFFICES The first day to file for City Office will be Wednesday July 31, 2024, with the last day on Tuesday August 11, 2024. Closing time for filing on the last day is 4pm.

Balaton City Offices on the ballot on November 5, 204 will include that of the mayor (2 yr term), two council members (4 yr. term). Lonnie Lambertus now holds the mayor's seat. The two council seats are those of Greg Erickson and Scott Wood.

Candidates must file in the City Clerk's Office, Monday - Friday at 134 3rd St, Balaton MN. There is a \$2.00 filing fee.

Thank you, Kimberly Wall **City Clerk-Treasurer**

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO CITY COUNCIL **CITY OF TRACY, MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for the offices of city council member and Mayor for the City of Tracy, Minnesota shall begin on July 30, 2024 and shall close at 5:00 pm on August 13, 2024.

The General Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. At that election you will be voting for:

Three (3) City Council Members will be elected to the City Council for a four (4) year term.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available at the City Offices. The filing fee for these offices is \$2.00. A candidate for this position must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years or older before assuming office and must have been a resident of the City of Tracy for more than 30 days before the general election.

Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed and filing fee paid at the City Clerk's office in the municipal building located at 336 Morgan Street, Tracy, MN 56175 prior to 5:00pm on August 13, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Jeff Carpenter City Administrator

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2904

> (Tracy Area Public School District) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office

of school board member of Independent School District No.2904 shall begin on July 30, 2024 and

shall close at 5:00** o'clock p.m. on August 13, 2024.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. At that election. (4)

four members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, (934 Pine Street). The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00** o'clock p.m. on



TRACY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER ASHLEY BUYSSE helps a student with his work Monday at Camp S'Mores. Seven teachers have been working with 80 students in the program at the VMC. Teachers include Mrs. Meyer (Reading), Ms. Tietz (Listening/Calming actvities), Buysse (Math), Mr. Dean (STEM & Leadership) and Mrs. Benson (Music/Activities), Mrs. Stahl (Art), Miss Prahm (Science & SS). Mai Thor, Donna Caron and Rhonda Fredricks are the para helpers in the classrooms. The group will travel to Lake Shetek State Park on Tuesday, July 23, along with taking part in different "theme" activities. Students get all of their subject matters each day starting at 8:30 a.m. After their core work, they have lunch followed by recess and are dismissed at 1 p.m. Photo / Per Peterson



RUFFED GROUSE COUNTS HIGHEST SINCE 1972

Minnesota's ruffed grouse spring population counts are similar to last year and to other recent peaks in the 10-year population cycle of grouse - a pattern recorded for 73 years.

The Minnesota DNR and its partners use spring drumming counts to help monitor the ruffed grouse breeding population through time. What's drumming? Check out this grouse drumming video from Ruffed Grouse Society for the sights and sounds. The recent grouse population trend includes a low point in the cycle in 2021 that was not as low as previous lows, followed by the highest peak this year since 1972.

DNR CORNER

News and notes from the

Minnesota Department

of Natural Resources

Warm temperatures and dry conditions that favor high nest success and chick survival the last few years may partly explain the quicker than expected rise to peak levels in the 10-year cycle. Snow conditions also were favorable for roosting throughout much of the core of grouse range during the winters 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, followed by an unusually warm winter during 2023-2024. Minnesota's climate is getting warmer and wetter with more heavy, intense rainfalls occurring.

As a reminder, for hunting, drumming counts are not an accurate way to predict the birds that will be present during the fall. Nesting success and chick survival during the spring and summer are among the factors that influence the number of birds present in the fall. These factors can be reduced by heavy rain during June when nests are hatching and chicks are young.

Thank you to our 13 cooperating organizations that provide help to count grouse drumming, including federal and tribal partners. The ruffed grouse survey report can be found on the DNR website.

Strategic Farming: Field Notes talked disease and weed management in a wet year

After the rainiest April through June tophthora are available. period recorded at many Minnesota weather stations, corn and soybean grow-

Other soybean diseases, such as white lum that survives in soil or on residue mold and sudden death syndrome, are builds. If the environment is right and

Every time a disease is present, inocuers are facing increased weed and disease also favored by wet weather, but condi- a susceptible host is present, the risk for

August 13, 2024

Dated: June 10, 2024 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD /s/ Nicole Swanson School District Clerk



management challenges. Assessing both crop health and weed control practices is more important than ever.

Dr. Alison Robertson, field pathologist at Iowa State University, tells growers to "get out of the truck and into the fields to see what diseases are present." Armed with that information, growers can match varieties and hybrids with the disease resistance traits.

What might growers see this year? Excessive moisture and flooding favors different pathogens, like Pythium that causes damping off and Phytophthora root rot in soybean. While there are no rescue treatment options for either of these diseases, soybean varieties with resistance to Phytions will have to be right through July and early August for these diseases to develop. For those hoping that flooding would drown out the soybean cyst nematode, unfortunately, the nematode can survive flooded conditions for several months; however, where soybean planting was delayed, the number of SCN generations will likely be reduced, so the overall population increase may be less.

In corn, wet conditions favor less common diseases like Crazy top and Physoderma, diseases that rarely cause yield reductions. However, heavy rains and hail can increase the incidence of Goss's wilt, a disease that can be economically important.

disease increases.

Some foliar diseases, such as frogeye leaf spot in soybean and tar spot in corn, can be managed with fungicides, unlike the corn and soybean diseases mentioned above. However, the potential for a positive return on investment (ROI) is complicated by the conditions this year. Late planting, potential fertilizer nutrient loss, and other factors impact yield potential, which in turn affects the ROI. Fungicides can protect the crop from disease, but they cannot overcome other issues.

Dr. Tom Peters, Extension weed scientist at University of Minnesota Extension,

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