



The mission of the Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to provide high quality, professional assistance to the citizens and land users of our county providing them tools and programs to utilize in the protection and enhancement of our resources.



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2023 Hwy 14 CLASIC Tour

February 23rd, 2023

Lake Benton Community Center, Lake Benton, MN

The Crop, Livestock, and Soil Innovation Conference (CLASIC) provides a unique opportunity for those in the ag industry to network on the latest trends and innovations. The CLASIC works to bring both expert keynote speakers and local farmers together for a convenient way to learn how they are successfully implementing soil health practices.

<u>Keynote Speakers</u>: Jay Fuhrer – Jay will speak on the future of carbon, what does it take to move the carbon needle? No-till is not enough.

<u>Keynote Speaker</u>: Jason Stoll – Jason will share his experience with regenerative agriculture beyond soil and plant health, including his farm's transformation and his experience in co-op sales.

<u>Agenda</u>

9:15-9:30	Registration
9:30-9:45	Welcome / Introductions
9:45-11:00	Keynote – Jay Fuhrer
11:00-11:10	Break
11:10-12:00	Keynote – Jason Stoll
12:00-12:30	Lunch (provided)
12:30-1:15	Vendor Booths / Networking
1:15-1:30	Door Prizes & Partner Reports
1:30-2:30	Panel Discussion

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration is appreciated, but not required. If you have questions or to register, contact Sam @ 507-694-1630 Ex. 114

Alternative Location/Date (snow date):

February 22nd

Sleepy Eye Event Center, 110 12sth Ave NE, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Lyon County Septic System Improvement Loans Are Available! Now is the Time to Fix Your Failing System!

Do you have a failing septic system?

Your system may be failing if there is sewage backing up into your home or if sewage is discharged on the ground, in surface water, to a seepage pit, a drywell, a leaching pit, any field tile leading to waters of the state.

If you have a prohibited or non-conforming Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS), you may be eligible for the **Lyon County Septic System Improvement Loan.**

This is a 5-10 year loan that requires a lien to be placed on the property until the loan is paid in full. All payments will be paid through annual property taxes. All applications for the loans can be brought to the SWCD office where it will be signed by landowner(s) and notarized. **Notaries are available in the SWCD office**. Itemized installation bills from the contractor are required following an approved application and installation.

Well Sealing Cost-Share is Available!

If you have a well that needs sealing, Lyon County SWCD has cost-share available.

Cost-share is 50% with a maximum of \$500 per well.

Are you interested in becoming a rainfall monitor?

We are looking for monitors in Amiret, Clifton, Lake Marshall and Vallers Townships! Call Anita at the SWCD Office for more information!

Partner Updates

Lyon County NRCS is accepting EQIP, RCPP & CSP applications year round. Stop in the office and see Gatlin or Maggie for more information. CRP General Sign up dates will be coming soon!

January 1st, **2023 – (on-going)** – Feed the Pheasants! Lyon County Pheasants Forever has a gravity wagon full of whole kernel corn at Independent Lumber in Marshall. 4 pails per visit please.

 $\textbf{February 17}^{th} \textbf{--19}^{th}, \textbf{2023} - \textbf{Pheasant Fest at the Minneapolis Convention Center}$

April 4th, 2023 - Lyon County Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet at the Red Baron Arena in Marshall, MN







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Cost-Share Assistance

75% SWCD / 25% landowner cost-share assistance is available for structural practices (not limited to):

- Water & Sediment Control Basins
- Terraces
- Grassed Waterways
- Diversions
- Streambank Stabilizations (where infrastructure is impacted)

IF your property is located in a priority watershed within the Yellow Medicine River Watershed, you may be eligible for up to 90% cost-share assistance on qualifying practices.

NEW Non-structural conservation practices flat-rate cost-share through the SWCD. Practices include assistance on cover crops, tillage management, and conservation cover.

Alternative Tile Intake Cost-share Program

Lyon SWCD will provide technical assistance and cost-share to design replacements for open tile intakes that remove direct surface connection while maintaining existing drainage.







ATTENTION: Lyon County Feedlot Owners –

You will be receiving, by mail, feedlot registration forms. Please complete these forms registration forms and return them to Courtney Snyder with the SWCD. Online registration is open for producers. An account must be set up to do so!

2023 Inspections will begin soon. Producers will be asked to be on site.

Manure sampling kits available through the SWCD. Sites over 100 animal units are required to test manure *every 4 years* to remain in compliance!