PARTNERS Board Shows Appreciation To Volunteers



In August, the PARTNERS board members showed their appreciation to their volunteers for all their hard work and area seniors at a pie social held at Rothsay Baptist Church. Volunteer servers at the event were, from left, Shirley Nelson, Pastor Jason Ritz, Pam Iverson, Faye Brenden, Carla Ritz and Karen



As part of the festivities, and always a fan favorite, regional group Friends of Al Siegle performed for the crowd in attendance at the pie social. Band members, who mostly originate from the Pelican Rapids







Wheat Harvest Has Wrapped Up Around The Region

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deep to get it. If farmers picked up a few showers over the summer those crops are now lush and in good shape. If the corn missed out on the showers, there are some very tough looking fields out there on lighter ground and sandy hilltops.

As far as sunflowers are concerned, there are a lot of them. This past summer would seem to have been especially set up for those plants. Flowers tolerate heat well and will go deep for water with their root system if they have to. Sunflowers will be fine if the blackbirds do not find them between now and harvest.

As far as prices, wheat has taken a hit when compared to a year ago. Wheat at harvest will return about \$7 per bushel right now compared to right around \$9 for most of last year's crop. You can get about \$7.50 for wheat if you bin it and sell in March of 2024.

Corn has been sliding around in a price range between \$4.50 and \$4.75 per bushel for the past month or so. Corn harvested this fall and sold next

July will bring \$4.80 per bushel. Soybeans have taken a price hit but are stable at right around \$13.00 per bushel out about as far as the markets go right now.

The first major crop is mostly in the bin as the combining of wheat wrapped up around the region. There are not nearly the wheat acres grown that there once were, but wheat is still a significant crop around this region. There will be a short breather right now as the other crops mature.

There are a few acres of sugarbeets being harvested right now to open fields and get the factories up and running. About 10% of the sugarbeet acres will be harvested early to keep the factories running during this

early season piling. We seem to be on track for the usual busy fall harvest season which will get underway in earnest right around October 1. At that time soybeans and sunflowers should be ready to harvest very soon. Corn will be close and the annual around the clock sugarbeet campaign will hit high gear in October.

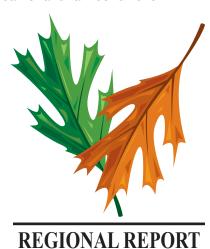


There's a little bit of everything in this harvested field of wheat north of Rothsay. The combine has done its work cutting and separating grain from straw and chaff. The grain has been offloaded from combine to grain cart then to a waiting semi in the field and finally to a bin on the farm or a local elevator. This field was done in time to bale all of the straw and prepare it for loading and hauling, making comfortable, dry bedding for animals over the winter.



The wheat harvest has not caused the bottleneck at receiving stations that it used to. Area elevators, such as Agassiz Valley Grain in Barnesville, C-W Coop in Comstock and Wolverton and Maple River Grain had a leisurely harvest with no long lines to contend with. Everybody's wheat was ripe and dry enough to combine at different times due to uneven planting times, weather and rain conditions.





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Moving equpiment from one field to another is all part of the job, but it can sure make for a longer day.

