



Upper Loup Scoop

Upper Loup NRD

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Calendar of Events

January

- 1** New Year's Day : ULNRD Office Closed
- 9** Board Meeting: ULNRD Office 3PM CT
- 20** Martin Luther King Jr. Day: ULNRD Office Closed
- 28-29** Legislative Conference, Lincoln

February

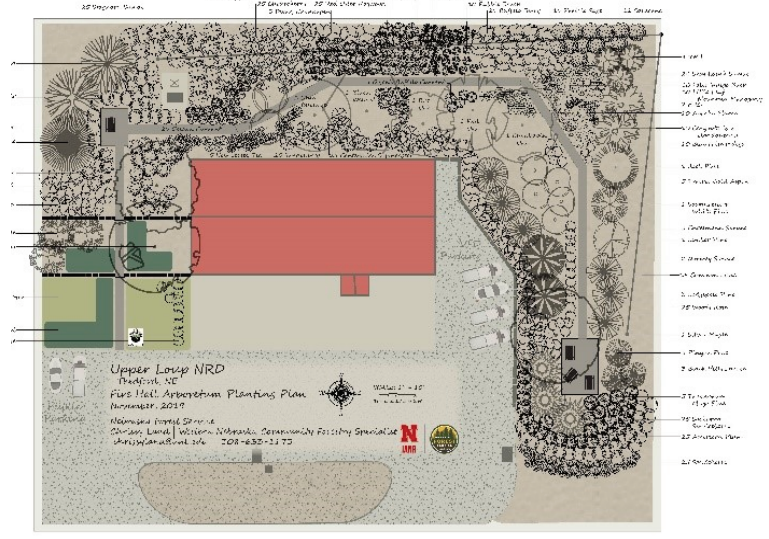
- 13** Board Meeting: ULNRD Office 3PM CT
- 17** President's Day: ULNRD Office Closed

March

- 12** Board Meeting: ULNRD Office 3PM CT
- 26** Arboretum Project Presentation: 6-7 pm CT

Local Arboretum to be Created!

The 2020 Greener Town Program recently awarded landscape funding to the Upper Loup NRD. The funds will be used to convert a barren section of ground that surrounds the Thedford Rural Fire and Rescue Hall and create an aesthetically pleasing, conservation minded space that can be used by ALL. The project will help reduce erosion and run-off problems while providing an educational landscape with trees, shrubs, native grasses, wildflowers, and pollinator plants.



The NRD will be holding a public project presentation on Thursday, March 26th from 6-7pm CT. Be sure to mark your calendars! If you would like to be a part of this great project please plan to attend the meeting. We will be discussing not only the project but how YOU can be involved in this endeavor as well. If you would like to learn about the project but can't be there for the meeting, please contact our office.



Eastern Red Cedar Control Demonstration Coming Soon

An Eastern Red Cedar control demonstration is being planned for this spring in the Upper Loup Natural Resources District. The day will start with a short presentation which will discuss the economic impact of Eastern Red Cedar encroachment in addition to local Cost Share Programs available. The demonstration will directly follow the presentation. Several local tree removal contractors are to be invited. Be sure to check your local newspapers for upcoming information about the demonstration.



Tree Orders for Spring

The Upper Loup Natural Resources District continues to sell and plant trees to property owners across the district as it has for the past 40+ years. Anyone wishing to plant trees in the spring should be making plans now. The Upper Loup NRD cost-shares on hand plant orders of at least 100 trees or shrubs and machine planted trees or shrubs of at least 200 trees.

Early planning and tree ordering is encouraged for cost share funds, as they are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. The



benefits of windbreaks are numerous. They protect your home and livestock, and when planted along crop land edges they increase crop production. Call Shane at our office and he will assist you with deciding which tree species will work best for you, draft planting plans, and assist in filling out the cost-share forms. The order deadline for trees and shrubs is February 1, 2020.

Winter Trivia

1. The record for the most snowfall in 24 hours is :
A) 67" B) 52.3" C) 75.8" D) 73.5"
2. The largest snowflake reported is how big across:
A) 15" B) 21" C) 24" D) 12"
3. Snow is white. **True or False**
4. The first Winter Olympics were held where in 1924:
A) Germany B) Switzerland
C) Russia D) France
5. All snowflakes are identical.
True or False
6. In what hemisphere is Earth closest to the Sun during winter?
A) Northern B) Southern

Answers on page 4

Drought Mitigation Plan to be Developed

Drought will always be a nemesis for both ranchers and farmers. Management flexibility and pre-drought planning are critical for creating resiliency. The NRD will soon begin a District wide drought plan. The intent is to define drought locally and to identify processes and strategies in order to prepare for, respond to, recover from and manage the impacts of future drought events. The plan will be a tool that will assist the NRD in long term resource management and policy development. The NRD will be putting together a stake holder group to provide recommendations for the District. If you would like to be included in this group please contact our office (308-645-2250) by February 1, 2020. Being apart of the planning process will not be a huge time commitment, approximately 2-4 hours over the project time line.

Pesticide Training Dates

Certification for private pesticide is needed for landowners buying and applying restricted use pesticides on their land. For more information about pesticides, chemicals and certification visit the UNL Pesticide website at pested.unl.edu

To register for local trainings, call the UNL–Central Sandhills Area office at 308-645-2267.

January 15: Hooker County Courthouse, Mullen

January 16: Blaine County Courthouse, Brewster

January 22: Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford

January 29: Grant County Courthouse, Hyannis

February 12: West Central Research & Extension Center, North Platte

February 18: Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford

February 27: Logan County Courthouse, Stapleton

March 12: West Central Research & Extension Center, North Platte

April 2: Cherry County Courthouse, Valentine

April 8: West Central Research & Extension Center, North Platte

New Recycling Trailer

The NRD is excited to share that we were approved for a Nebraska Environmental and Energy Waste Reduction Grant to purchase a recycling trailer for the Village of Purdum and surrounding area. The recycling trailer is located at the intersection of Purdum Ave and W North Loup Rd-the Harsh Mercantile lot. The types of recyclables accepted include cardboard, paper, tin, aluminum, and 1 & 2 plastics.

As a reminder, the NRD has recycling collection trailers in the following locations:

- Dunning: High school parking lot
- Halsey: S. of community building
- Hyannis: High school parking lot
- Mullen: Village dump
- Thedford: ULNRD Office parking lot
- Stapleton: State yard W. of town
- Brownlee: S. of old post office



Projects in Progress

Attention Irrigators

Sub-Districts 1-3 (Grant, Hooker, Thomas and Cherry Counties) irrigators will need to have flow meters installed no later than May 1, 2020. **All high capacity wells with pumps associated with certified irrigated acres must be equipped with a flowmeter.**

Static Water Level Readings

Jake will be out this spring conducting his annual static water level checks on area wells.

Learning Center

Don't forget, the ULNRD's Learning Center is available for use! The Center is free to non-profits and schools, donations are appreciated. Call our office to reserve the space.

Meet our Mascot

The ULNRD is now on Instagram! With the help of our new mascot, Andy the Antelope, we will be giving updates on what the NRD is up to around the District!

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Local Student Wins State Poster Contest

Local 8th grade student, Charlise Teahon of Sandhills Public Schools, was the winner of the 7-9th grade category at the state competition for the National Association of Conservation District (NACD) Poster Contest! Her poster will be sent on to the national competition. Congratulations Charlise!

Winter Trivia Answers

1. C) 75.8" 2. A) 15" 3. False, it's translucent 4. D) France 5. False 6. A) Northern Hemisphere