

NEWS RELEASE

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Family, Friends and Neighbors Lend a Helping Hand

Recovering from a disaster is never an easy task. But with the help of family members, friends, neighbors and even complete strangers, the individuals who survived the Clarks Mills-area tornado are doing just that. The National Weather Service has classified the tornado as a F1, which corresponds to winds of 73 to 112 miles per hour.

An agricultural damage assessment conducted by Tom Schneider, Farm Service Agency Director, and I, a day after the tornado, indicated the following:

- the tornado affected three farms (two of which are dairy facilities)
- two barns were destroyed
- two milking parlors were damaged
- six service buildings were damaged
- approximately 45 calf hutches were destroyed
- five wagons were damaged
- three calves were injured

Much of the debris from the two dairy farms was scattered over approximately 80 acres of alfalfa fields. These fields have been cleared of the large debris, but smaller pieces, which may contain nails, screws, etc., must be picked up as well to avoid injury and/or death to animals consuming the alfalfa hay or haylage.

Disaster Relief Funds Established

Two Disaster Relief Funds have been established by Lakeshore Farm Management Association of Valders to assist the Kohlman and Goehring farm families affected by the Clarks Mills-area tornado on July 13th. Specifics of the relief fund program follow:

“Kohlman Disaster Relief Fund”

Collins State Bank, P.O. Box 137, Collins, WI 54207

(Please make checks payable to “Kohlman Disaster Relief Fund.”)

“Goehring Disaster Relief Fund”

Checks can be dropped off or mailed to any Associated Bank in the area.

(Please make checks payable to “Goehring Disaster Relief Fund.”)

The staff at Lakeshore Farm Management Association, which is a farmer-owned financial management cooperative, asked me to stress the fact that 100% of the proceeds go to the families.

Manitowoc County Forage Council Summer Twilight Meeting

The Manitowoc County Forage Council, in cooperation with the Manitowoc County UW-Extension and Lakeshore Technical College, has scheduled a Forage Council twilight meeting for Thursday, August 19, 2004. The meeting will be held at Glamour Dairy, owned by Bob and Angie Eichorst, 10525 Viebahn Road, Manitowoc. The meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. with a welcome by Bryce Larson, Manitowoc County Forage Council president.

The agenda, including topics and presenters, include the following:

"Forage and Manure Contracts – A Win-Win for All Parties Concerned"

...Brian Gerrits, Managing Partner, Lake Breeze LLC

"Making Feed and Manure Agreements Work"

...Tom Braun and Bob and Angie Eichorst

"Current Cropping Update and Review of Corn Silage Harvest Monitoring"

...Steve Hoffman, Colleen Loppnow, and Jeff Zutz

A tour of the dairy facility will be conducted at the conclusion of the formal presentations. The evening's events will conclude with snacks, including milk, cheese, crackers and cookies.

For additional information, contact the Manitowoc County UW-Extension office at 683-4168, or visit our website at www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/manitowoc/

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