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Budget, fireworks, water on council agenda

By CLARA OSTEN
Of the Herald

Property owners in the city of Wayne will not see any major change in the mill levy following the approval of the city's budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 at Tuesday's council meeting.

The total mill levy, which includes the tax asking for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Airport Fund and Airport Debt Fund is 44.995 cents per \$100 in property valuation. This compares with 45.0295 cents in the 2015-2016 valuation.

The total asking is less than the 45¢ allowed by the state for the General Fund alone.

The valuation of property within the city increased from \$201,911,956 in 2015 to \$208,729,770 in 2016.

Nancy Braden, City Finance Director, told the council that among the changes in the upcoming year's budget is an increase in the amount that is being budgeted in the General Fund Reserve.

The city's auditors have indicated a need to build up the reserve to allow for unexpected expenditures.

Major items included in next year's budget include radio equipment for the police department, Phase II of the trail project, electrical upgrades in the older portions of the city and pumping of/removal of sludge from the lagoon.

Council members spent considerable time debating whether or not to allow Wayne State College to shoot off fireworks on Sept. 10 as part of a Family Day Football Game.

Wayne Fire Chief Phil Monahan told the council he did not feel comfortable signing

the permit to allow for the fireworks due to the dry conditions and the fact that the area involved consisted of tall, dry grass and a number of dead trees.

Discussion was held on the possibility of moving the location of where the fireworks would be lit or changing the date of the fireworks display to coincide with Wayne State's Homecoming in early October.

"I feel that without a considerable amount of rain this week, I cannot sign off on this request. We can't get our trucks down into this area because of all the grass and dead trees so there is no way we can water the area down ahead of time," Monahan told the council.

Following debate, the council approved the college's request, contingent on the fire chief signing off on the event.

The possibility of hooking the city's water

line into the Muhs' Acres Subdivision was discussed.

Steve Rames with McLaury Engineering told the council that an impact study

was conducted on what this hookup would do with the water pressure to the homes in

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Plans announced for Event Center to be built in Wayne

Business leaders and early-stage investors have announced plans for a new event venue in Wayne.

Final plans are underway for the construction of a first class event venue to be available for weddings and receptions, concerts and dances, corporate events, trade shows, school events, conventions, private banquets, meetings and outdoor events.

The privately owned, 13,000 square foot venue will provide enough space to accommodate over 500 seated attendees for large events, while also providing additional meeting space outside of the main ballroom.

Negotiations are currently underway on several location possibilities.

"We are planning to not only host local events, but also draw in new events to Wayne," said Josie Broders, project founder. "The building itself will be a destination showpiece that our community can be re-

ally proud of."

The building will celebrate the unique style of a local business, Sand Creek Post & Beam, with the overall design of the venue being carefully planned by local architect Jill Brodersen. The venue will be a contemporary, classic barn style with high-end finishes.

A full stage and sound system will be available, along with his and her dressing rooms. The venue will boast large outdoor patios, pergolas and stone fireplaces for outdoor events and wedding ceremonies.

Additionally, the building will have large accordion style doors to provide an indoor/outdoor feel for events, while also serving as an entrance for cars and equipment for shows and trade events.

Projected date for construction completion is set for fall of 2017.

Commissioners approve budget, listen to road concerns

By CLARA OSTEN
Of the Herald

Taxes paid to the county by Wayne County residents will increase by just under \$60,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017 following action taken at Tuesday's meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

The total tax dollar request from the county is \$4,767,389.74, which includes \$4,454,190.90 for General Fund expenditures; \$1,198.82 for Veterans Aid and \$312,000.00 for County Improvement Fund.

Prior to the budget hearing, Gene Lutt spoke to the board on proposed budget.

Lutt told the board that while he understands the increase (in tax asking) is minor, it is not justified. He noted that the state

is reducing its spending and the county should do likewise.

The budget includes funding for an additional law enforcement deputy, cruiser and equipment in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the paving of Chief's Way and a portion of South Centennial Road.

The additional officer with the Sheriff's Department will bring the department to six officers - the sheriff, a chief deputy and four deputies.

Commissioners listened to information from Ray and Jody Kingsly on road maintenance concerns they had on the county road that runs past their home in northwest Wayne County.

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(Photo by Clara Osten)

Homecoming candidates at Wayne High School include (front) Will Anderson, Tanner DeBoer, Lathan Ellis, Tyler Lutt and Payten Gamble. (back) Ashten Gibson, Brenna Vovos, Shanda Lamber, Kelsey Boyer and Emily Matthes. Homecoming will be celebrated Sept. 12-16.

Homecoming set for Wayne High School

Homecoming activities have been announced at Wayne High School.

Festivities will be held Monday Sept. 12 through Friday, Sept. 16.

Queen candidates for this year's royalty include: Brenna Vovos, daughter of Mike and Diane Vovos; Kelsey Boyer, daughter of Monte and Sarah Boyer; Shanda Lambert, daughter of Anne Liska and Tom Lambert; Ashten Gibson, daughter of Shannon and Brian Gibson and Emily Matthes, daughter of Lonnie and Pam Matthes.

King candidates include Will Anderson, son of Steve and Peg Anderson; Tanner DeBoer, son of Mitch and Buffany DeBoer; Lathan Ellis, son of Kary Ellis and Michael Ellis; Payten Gamble, son of Robin Lutt and Robbie and Tanya Gamble and Tyler Lutt, son of Steve and Jodi Lutt.

Coronation of this year's King and Queen will take place on Wednesday, Sept 14 at 9 p.m. in Haun Lecture Hall at the high school.

Dress-up days this year include:

Monday - USA Day;
Tuesday - PJ Day;
Wednesday - Costume Day;
Thursday - Jersey Day and
Friday - Spirit Day (freshmen wear gray; sophomores wear black; juniors wear white and seniors wear blue).

The week concludes with the football game vs. David City at 7 p.m. This will be followed by a dance at the Wayne State College Student Center from 9:30 p.m - 12:30 a.m.



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Charging Trojans

Clay Christensen (5) and Ben Klein break through the Trojan Pride banner and lead the Wakefield Trojans out on the field before Friday's matchup with Homer at Eaton Field. For coverage of the area sports scene, turn to the Sports section.

Human case of West Nile reported by Health Department

The Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department is alerting the public that the first human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) infection within the health district of Cedar, Dixon, Thurston and Wayne Counties have been confirmed for the 2016 season.

Mosquitoes collected in the health district have also tested positive for WNV. West Nile Virus is present in

Northeast Nebraska.

Prevent mosquito bites by taking the proper precautions below:

• Apply mosquito repellent with DEET whenever you go outdoors. Follow directions when applying repellent on children. Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus have been approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for children over 3 years old.

• Wear long sleeves and pants to limit skin exposure;

• Remove standing water where mosquitoes breed: birdbaths, old tires, clogged roof gutters or wading pools.

• Vaccinate horses.

Mosquitoes are most active between dusk and dawn when the air is calm, but some will feed at any time of day.

Mild cases of West Nile infection may include a slight fever and/or headache. Severe cases include a rapid onset of a high fever, head and body aches, and usually occur 5 - 15 days after being bitten by a mosquito infected with WNV. Go to your doctor if you have these symptoms during mosquito season (June - September).

ATTENTION: Persons at highest risk for serious WNV illness are:

- Over 50 years old;
- On steroid medicines or chemotherapy.

Healthy children and adults are at lower risk but can still become ill.

For more information: <http://www.nnpd.org> under the Programs and Services tab or <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/>. Stop in at the NNPHD office, 215 North Pearl Street in Wayne for free DEET Insect Repellent wipes. For more information, call the NNPHD office at (402) 375-2200.



(Photo by Michael Carnes)

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office investigated a two-vehicle accident northwest of Wayne on Aug. 31. The two vehicles involved ended up in the south ditch.

Two vehicle accident investigated

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two vehicle accident that occurred the afternoon of Aug. 31 at the intersection of 861st Road and 574th Avenue northwest of Wayne.

Two people were injured in the accident and transported to Providence Medical Center.

Also assisting at the scene was the Wayne Volunteer Fire Department.

The Sheriff's office continues to investigate the accident.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Back to School Pizza Party

Wayne TeamMates mentors, mentees and family members were treated to pizza, chips, bars and drinks to kick off the 2016-2017 school year. The Wayne TeamMates program has approximately 60 matches in the school system.



(Photo by Clara Osten)

Another business venture

Mark Kanitz (left) and Lukas Rix (with microphone) hosted Chamber Coffee last week at their newest business location, 1912 Emporium and spoke of the plans for the old city hall.

Green Team schedules two events

The Wayne Green Team invites the community to partake in two important events in September.

Details of these events can be found on the group's website at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam or by staying connected on Facebook.

Upcoming events include:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, Sept 10, from 8-10 a.m. at the Wayne Transfer Station, located at 110 S. Windom Street. The \$10 drop-off fee includes household hazardous waste items like latex and oil-based paints, yard and garden chemicals, household batteries, lightbulbs, and even nail polish.

An Electronics Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. - noon at the City Hall Parking Lot, 306 N Pearl Street

The Green Team is encouraging everyone to "Bring your old TVs, computers, cell phones, printers, cords and more."

The requested donation is \$10/carload or \$50/business load, and fees for CRTs (tube) of \$5/monitor and \$10/TV (no charge for flatscreens).

A list of all acceptable and unacceptable electronics are on the group's website.

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Community of Care!

My wife Darlene and I spent a good part of the summer in Alaska. We were blessed to pull our camper to Alaska and back to learn about and enjoy the vast wilderness of Alaska. We also enjoyed parts of Canada, especially the Yukon and British Columbia. We spent several days at Dawson City, Yukon, the epicenter of the Klondike Gold rush of 1897-1899.

While at Dawson City, we toured the world's largest wooden gold dredge, Dredge No. 4. Since we arrived at Dredge No. 4 early, we had time to take pictures and explore on our own. Susan, the tour guide, was there and was very willing to talk. So she shared with me her vast knowledge of living around Dawson City and the Yukon. Susan, now in her sixties, moved up to the Yukon as a young lady and stayed. She would never consider leaving.

One of the things Susan explained to me is why nearly all of the Yukon communities, Dawson City, Whitehorse, Carmacks, and others, have big, huge, spring celebrations. She said they originally started, not as a big party to celebrate the end of a long, harsh, cold, dark winter, but as a way of checking on each other, to see if everyone is okay. At

A Word In Faith

By Carl Lilienkamp
Associate Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church



the spring community celebration, a sort of informal roll-call was taken. Did everyone show up? What if Charlie, 20 miles north of Dawson, didn't show up? Well, then a group of concerned citizens would head out to Charlie's cabin and see if he is okay. Susan affirmed again and again, "people up north watch out for one another--they have to--life is too harsh." Spending time "up north" this summer, I learned that Susan is right. She is right mainly because, just to survive up north, you have to "stick together." Life is that harsh.

Everything Susan shared with me was so inviting, that I was ready to sell everything in Nebraska and move to the Yukon. There is some-

thing good about life where people care for one another beyond a polite, "Good morning," or "Let me get that for you." The Bible actually teaches that God created people to be in community. God said in the beginning, "It is not good for man to be alone." Israel was a community, and when one person, like Achan, sinned, the whole community suffered. The church, in the New Testament, is a community, called the Body of Christ. Just as the body works together, when one part suffers, all parts of the body suffer. The church is called koinonia, a fellowship. Jesus, Himself, entered into our human community to bring about our salvation. Even sin is about an exaggerated focus on self

rather than God and others. Do you think God could have figured out a way to save sinful mankind without entering into our fallen earthly community? God could have just decreed from heaven that we are saved. It would have been clean and safe and no suffering, crucifixion or death. But Jesus became one of us, walked our roads, lived, ate, and slept with us. Then Jesus carried our sins to the cross, went to the grave and was resurrected, as proof that death is overcome. Even today, Jesus is at the right hand of the Father pleading on our behalf.

Living in the lower 48, mainly Nebraska, most of my life, I know people stick together here too! The Yukon doesn't have a corner on caring. When there is a tragedy, such as a house fire, the community rallies around the hurt. We saw our community in action when tornadoes hit our area several years ago. Actually we do a very good job of caring when something like a tornado strikes. Sadly, we can miss the smaller everyday times when we need to watch out for each other.

Unfortunately the concept of community is being challenged no matter where we live. Our digitally-connected society seems to be contributing to the disconnectness. Interestingly, the remote parts of the NORTH, are hardly connected at all by cell-phones and the internet. Might it be a good idea to pull the plug (at least for a little while) on some of the digital devices and social networks so we might see the needs of the persons next to us?



(Contributed Photos)

Long time employees

Receiving years of service awards at Winside Public School were several members of the staff. They include: Tom Meyer, five years; Jennifer Kesting, Sarah Remm, Elaine Saul and Teresa Watters, 15 years; Kathy Hansen, 20 years; LeNell Quinn, 25 years; and Paul Sok, 35 years. (above) Board President John Mangels presenting 15 Years of Service Awards to PK-12 Principal Sarah Remm, and teachers Teresa Watters, Elaine Saul and Jennifer Kesting. (left) Board President John Mangels presents a 35 years of Service Award to Paul Sok.

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Northeast, other community colleges sign MOU with USDA and National Corn Growers Association

Representatives of five Mid-west community colleges, including Northeast Community College, have come together to form a national consortium to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

This collaboration, which also includes the National Corn Growers Association and USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE), was born out of a mutual desire to provide more ongoing education, training and demonstration to future farm producers and agricultural service providers with the goal of improving the health, and therefore the long-term productivity, resilience, and sustainability of soil.

In addition to Northeast, participating colleges include Butler Community College, El Dorado, KS; Northcentral Technical College, Wausau, WI; Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar, IA; and Richland Community College, Decatur, IL. The hope is to expand the consortium in the coming years.



Jason Weller (third from right), chief administrator of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Washington D.C. is joined by representatives from five community colleges during a signing ceremony to form a collaboration to address soil health. Pictured (L to R) are Dr. Liang Chee Wee, Northeast Iowa Community College; Dr. Kim Krull, Butler Community College, Kansas; Dr. Michael Chippis, Northeast Community College, Nebraska; Weller; Dr. Chuck Novak, Richland Community College, Illinois; and Dr. Shelly Mondeik, Northcentral Technical College, Wisconsin. (Courtesy Photo)

In response to its customer and stakeholder needs, NRCS recently formed a new Soil Health Division. Among other responsibilities, division staff members will help deliver soil health management, education and advanced training across the country and build partnerships to expand that impact. As part of this effort, NRCS sought community college partners to be a part of their work plan.

"This partnership with the community colleges will leverage efforts of the newly formed Soil Health Division. It will help build a network of the next generation of land managers, experts, educators and technicians who are actively involved in improving soil health," said Dr. Bianca Moebius-Clune, NRCS's director of the soil health division.

As part of the agreement, the colleges also join a growing network (65 sites so far) nationwide working alongside the National Corn Growers Association to test various soil health management systems designed to improve the health of soil to increase yield and profitability and, over time, reduce environmental risks using these practices. These test plots are implemented on the community college campuses; allowing students to learn about these practices and begin to understand their promise for higher yields and profitability, their effect on resiliency against extreme weather and improved utilization and retention of nutrients on the crop.

Nick Goeser, director of NCGA's soil health partnership, said that by working directly with community colleges, they are able to reach a much wider audience of future producers than would otherwise be possible through their project.

"The students walking through our doors are the next early adopters of new conservation techniques and practices and they really embrace the use of technology to enhance their work," said Corinne Morris, dean of agriculture, math and science.

This is one of many partnerships Northeast Community College has engaged in over the past few years. Other industry partners include Helena Chemical, Central Valley Agriculture, Channel/Monsanto, Pioneer, Farmers Pride, Valley Irrigation, Encirca, and Lower Elkhorn

Natural Resources District, as well as educational partners such as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and South Dakota State University.

John Blaylock, vice president of educational services at Northeast, said, "These partners provide technical assistance and expertise in our field projects on the College farm; they work with students in the classroom and as mentors in internships and they provide faculty with cutting-edge research and knowledge to add to the curriculum. Additionally, the university systems in Nebraska and South Dakota have

been instrumental in developing pathways for Northeast students to continue their education in agriculture beyond the associates degree.

"Agriculture accounts for one out of every two jobs in northeast Nebraska, and is 63-percent of the gross regional product," said Dr. Michael Chippis, Northeast president. "By investing in technology and innovation in agriculture, we are helping sustain and grow our rural economy, addressing food and water security concerns and protecting our resources for future generations."



Involved in the check presentation were (left) Austin Gutzmann, Farm Credit Services; Peggy Mlady, Family Services Director, NENCAP; Ashley Pfeiffer, Farm Credit Services and Krista Heineman, Family Services Assistant Director, NENCAP.

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership receives a \$1000 Grant for food pantries

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership received a \$1000 Working Here Fund grant for their food pantries. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America's (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund.

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership will use grant funds to purchase food items for the four pantries located throughout a 14 county service area in Northeast Nebraska. The food items will be used to create emergency food packages to be distributed to clients at the four pantries.

"Our pantries are stocked almost entirely through local donations, which is greatly appreciated, but usually does not include fresh or perishable items like meat, milk, eggs and fresh produce," said Nikki Peirce, grants director at Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership. "We intend to use these funds to purchase the items that are not often received through donations such as cost effective meats and vouchers for milk, eggs and produce."

"We are proud to help Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership to provide meat, eggs, milk and fresh produce to local families through the emergency

food packages," said Zach Ganseboom, vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica's Sioux City office.

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership is one of 108 organizations to receive a Working Here Fund grant in the second quarter of 2016. FCSAmerica awarded \$165,855 during the latest grant cycle ending June 30, 2016.

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership serves an income-eligible population in a 14-county area of Northeast Nebraska, including the counties of Antelope, Burt, Cedar, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Knox, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, and Wayne.

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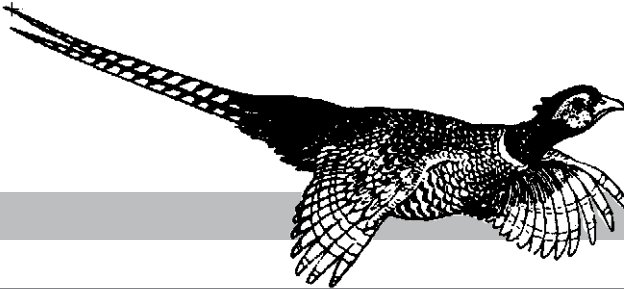
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Thank you District 17 voters!

During the Primary I attended dozens of community events, and knocked on thousands of doors getting to learn about the issues important to you. That work paid off. I am committed to working even harder for you as your state senator, and I would appreciate your vote again in the General Election.

- Joni Albrecht, District 17 Candidate for Legislature
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Random thoughts on recent events

Random thoughts after a three day weekend:
 Not a day goes by anymore that we don't read about a murder or a sexual assault in the daily paper. If it's discouraging to us, think about our local police!
 Speaking of that, the Lincoln paper reports an increase in calls on Saturday. That is one of the reasons I don't like evening games. Too long a day to tailgate, etc.
 It seemed long in many ways. The sports columns have spent reams of paper discussing this year's players, last year's statistics, next year's recruits, ad nauseum..
 Mike has had the day circled for weeks. He has a calendar from Hail Varsity that began the countdown on the first day of July. Lately, he had been greeting people with so many days to the first game.



The Farmer's Wife
 By: Pat Meierhenry

Even on Saturday, it seemed to

be a very long day I was one of the few people in church that evening not in red. That seems to be a universal thing here, even if you are not going to the game.
 The whole evening was bathed in tears for me. Sam Folz's parents are very brave. The missing punter was so poignant. The decline of the penalty by the opposing team so classy. And the theft of stuff from his brother in Greeley so low!!
 How about that volleyball team? That was fun to listen to, even though it was not televised. And why would it not be televised, when it was in Lincoln? Who knows?
 We also listened to Lutheran High's game with Twin River. They more than made up for their first one! So did the other Norfolk teams. Apparently, the loss of the first games of the season by all three is

almost unheard of.
 I'm ready to put on jeans and get rid of the shorts, but the forecast for this week is not going to allow it.
 We've been eating peach pie, which is one of the true joys of this time of year. And we are still getting corn on the cob, thanks to the folks from York planting it in sequence.
 Friend Marlyce, in Orlando, sent that paper's sports summary. They had ranked all the FBS teams, which is rather ridiculous pre-season. An awful lot of the teams on our schedule are ranked above us. AND, UCF won its first game after going 0-12 last year; good for Scott Frost.
 I guess that's all, folks, Time to make sure the choppers and combines are ready to go.

UNL Extension Board - Wayne County meeting planned
 The Nebraska Extension Board in Wayne County will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 at the Wayne County Courthouse in Wayne. The 7:30 p.m. meeting is open to the public. An agenda is available at the Extension Office, 510 Pearl Street, Suite C, Wayne, Nebraska.

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Palmer Amaranth survey now available

In an effort to improve local weed management and educational efforts, Nebraska Extension would like to determine the distribution of Palmer amaranth across Nebraska counties and assess those populations for potential multiple-resistance to various herbicide site-of-action groups.
 We are asking producers, agronomists, and others with a knowledge of local weeds to complete a short (less than five-minute) on-line survey by Sept. 9 or ASAP: Palmer Amaranth Distribution and Potential Resistance Survey. The survey is mobile-friendly (smart phone, tablet). The address is https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0H633c0j41bPQP
 Palmer amaranth can be one of the most problematic weeds in Nebraska cropping systems. Even though Palmer amaranth has been present in Nebraska for several de-



Ag Happenings
 Keith Jarvi
 Extension Educator

cad, it has been spreading to new areas across Nebraska. Additionally, multiple-resistance was recently confirmed in Palmer amaranth in a Nebraska seed corn field.
 Sometimes Palmer amaranth is misidentified as common waterhemp. There is a link in the survey explaining how to tell the difference between the two pigweed species. Here is the link in case you can't get it. <http://takeactiononweeds.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/palmer-amaranth-identification-poster.pdf>.
 Characteristics to look for include petioles that are longer than the leaf blade. Palmer amaranth tends to have rounder leaves than waterhemp, and the canopy is denser. The dense canopy contributes to the greater competitiveness of Palmer amaranth, making it much more damaging to crop yields than waterhemp. Female Palmer amaranth flowers have a long (up to 1/4") bract that extends beyond the five

tepals and seed capsule. The seed capsule is found within the tepals. The bracts become sharp at maturity, making female plants painful to handle. Female waterhemp flowers have a small bract that does not extend beyond the single tepal or seed capsule.
 Male plants have a short bract with five tepals. Redroot and smooth pigweed have large bracts, but these species have hairy stems compared to the smooth stems of Palmer amaranth and waterhemp. While the flowers of Palmer amaranth are much larger than those of waterhemp, the seeds of Palmer amaranth are only slightly larger than waterhemp seeds.
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USDA announces availability of additional funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced additional funding will be made available to assist more than 1,900 approved applicants who are awaiting farm operating loans.
 The funds, which were reprogrammed by FSA with the approval of Congress, will leverage up to \$185 million in additional lending for direct and guaranteed farm operation loans and will allow the agency to address up to 30 percent of its projected shortfall of funds until the next federal fiscal year resumes on Oct. 1.
 "Some of our farming and ranching customers are experiencing challenges due to market conditions and have been on a wait list for up to 60 days, so this will help those applicants whose paperwork has been pending the longest period of time to obtain credit or restructure loans as needed," said Dolcini. "While the backlog in loan applications will grow between now and the end of the fiscal year, it is important for borrowers to continue to apply since we will process loans on a first-come-first-served basis based on the application date, once funding is replenished in fiscal year 2017."

FSA loan funds have been in higher demand than in past years. As a result, funding for FSA's farm operating loans has been unable to meet the demand for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, 2016. In fiscal year 2016, FSA has guaranteed loans to more than 6,400 customers for farm ownership and operating purposes.
 "This funding is important as it will allow us to address the backlog of applicants in Nebraska," said USDA Nebraska FSA State Executive Director Dan Steinkruger. "Our offices will follow the national lead and work as quickly as possible to get this assistance to our producers. Those who are waiting should call their local FSA office to inquire about their application."

USDA also reminded lenders and potential borrowers of the loan guarantee programs available from the Small Business Administration (SBA) that can be used for similar purposes as FSA guaranteed loans. Some lenders work with both FSA and SBA on loan guarantees and can switch between the programs. This ability to switch between programs means the SBA programs can provide a financing alternative for agricultural producers when their lender is unable to close an FSA guaranteed loan, such as when funds have been expended for the fiscal year.
 "SBA fully supports our small business owners in the agriculture industry. For this fiscal year, as of July, more than \$629 million in

SBA loans have been provided to this community. We encourage agricultural small business owners and their lenders to look at all SBA has to offer," said SBA Associate Administrator for Capital Access, Ann Marie Mehlem.
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