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Go Green with Gardening Workshops sponsored by Faribault County SWCD

You can use the winter to plan for a green spring with gardening practices that beautify your yard and help keep our water clean.

Go Green with a Gardening Workshop and Free Design Assistance at the following times and locations:

— Thursday, Sept. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Kiester Town and Country Centre, Kiester. Instructor; Michele Wigern, Faribault County Urban Outreach Specialist. Workshop fee; free.

— Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Viking Community Center, Frost. Instructor; Michele Wigern, Faribault County SWCD Urban Outreach Specialist. Workshop fee; free.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or have tried gardening before, this eco-friendly workshop, sponsored by the Faribault County Soil and Water Con-

servation District, will help you learn how to:

- Harvest Rainwater
- Limit fertilizers and pesticides without compromising a beautiful yard
- Reduce turf grass
- Use native plants in your garden landscape
- Plan your garden. Location! Location! Location!

Urban workshop participants can sign up for a free on-site consultation with Michele Wigern — a \$60 value.

Wigern will help you identify stormwater conditions on your property, take measurements for a rain garden and select plants. (You can sign up for a time that's convenient for you on Wednesday, Sept. 7, Tuesday, Sept. 13, Tuesday, Sept. 20 or Wednesday, Sept. 28.) After the consultation, participants will receive a free design with technical specifications and will become

eligible for cost-share funding.

To register for the gardening workshop contact Michele Wigern at Faribault County SWCD at (507) 526-2388 or via email at m.wigern@faribaultcountyswcd.com.

The workshop and design assistance are sponsored by the Faribault County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The SWCD works to assist the citizens of Faribault County in improving water quality and reducing soil erosion, establishing wildlife habitat, and promoting information and education to ensure continued clean water for future generations and continued productivity of our soil and water. For more information visit www.faribaultcountyswcd.com

Featured in national film



Staff photo by Chuck Hart

Bevcomm CEO Bill Eckles is interviewed and filmed by personnel from a Washington D.C. production company last week in Blue Earth, above. The company is making a film about technology in small town America and features several smaller telecommunications companies such as Bevcomm. The film will be used as part of a lobbying effort in Congress. The crew interviewed several local Blue Earth businessmen as well as filming local points of interest including, of course, the Green Giant.

Wells to decide on CD position

By ANTONIO ACOSTA

Register Staff Writer

Projected state aid cuts for Wells in 2012 may not have any bearing whether city officials hire a new community development director.

"The numbers I'm using balance our budget for next year," says City Administrator Jeremy Germann.

"The council will have to determine if economic