

Arbor Day Celebration

“Other days repose upon the past ~ Arbor Day proposes the future.” You will find these words inscribed on the monument at Arbor Lodge, NB. The monument honor the memory of J. Sterling Morton, who might be called the Father of Arbor Day.

The day has a history of being promoted through the schools, with special tree planting programs and give-aways.

One of the early supporters for the observance of Arbor day once said,
“The planting of a tree is a symbol of our faith in the future. Whether we plant for beauty or utility, we plant for tomorrow. We plant trees and assume the responsibility for their care, we make a contribution to the future of our communities and our nations.”

Lyon SWCD observes Arbor Day by giving presentations to the area schools and in partnership with County Sportsman groups, gives the 4th grade students a bare root tree to plant in an area of their choice.

In 2008 the following sportsman groups provided 1,000 Red Maple trees to County students.

<u>Sportsmen group</u>	<u>Schools that received trees</u>
Pheasants Forever	Marshall Public, Samuel Lutheran, Marshall Area Christian, Lynd
South West Sportsman	Minneota Public, Minneota St. Edwards
Balaton Sportsman	Balaton Public
MN Waterfowl Association	Tracy Public, Tracy St. Mary’s