EDITOR'S CORNER
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Spring is most definitely here!! And with it has come April showers for some. It’s nice that Mother Nature is helping us out, but I know for some, they’ve had enough for a while. Including the tornadoes in the southern part of the state last month. It’s going to take time for the people in the area around St. Peter to rebuild. My sympathy goes out to all involved in such a tragedy. It just goes to show you how strong Mother Nature can be.

And with that, by now I’m sure everyone has energized their irrigation systems, hopefully without any problems or just minor ones. I know with me, once the system is fired up, the golf season is truly here. It’s like you’re pumping lifeblood under your course through all the miles of pipe. It also means a lot of days and nights wondering if everything is working the way it should. I cringe every time there is a thunderstorm wondering what’s gonna get hit this time. And will it be an easy fix this time? We all go through that!

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