

# November - January 2020

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Terry filled the edge and did a lot of filling along the channel. It looks very nice,



Pheasant season Tri County needed proof of identifying jackets. Patty and I planted seeds on south west side of Papakeechee Lake by way of dirt balls with clay and soil filled with seed. The seeds were redbud, and other perennial seeds. The usual mix of seeds collected from the wetland.

We had previously planned to burn the fodder remaining from the growing season. Temperatures plummeted into the low teens with no relief so we decided to leave the seeds for the wild game. Although native seeds do not readily burn the season of snow landed and we will wait for spring. No date has been set for the burn.



Terry filled the edge of the iron clad erosion control mat but it had firmed up a bit. The creeping red fescue, *Festuca rubra*, is good for erosion control but the seed washed to the edge making a nice solid mat but not close enough for comfort. Terry showed what grass he wanted that was already growing there. Tall fescue, *Festua arundinacea*, native to Europe, cool-season bunch grass good for forage and can be used as a specimen cultivar.

We cultivated a bit and then planted 25 pound of the tall fescue. Cold and windy freezing and digging the hard ground warmed us up for sure.



We covered the seed with straw and saved a bale for the other side when it is filled.



Linda stashing an extra bale of straw (left over from seeding) next to the building.

