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What's Happening in Wheat Variety Performance?

By Tie Shank

Join Joyce Eckhoff, Research Agronomist and Interim Superintendent at the Montana State University Eastern Agricultural Research Center in Sidney, MT., on Wednesday, February 6th at the Airport International Inn at 10:00 a.m., as she'll be speaking on small grain variety performance in the Mondak region.

Not only has Joyce been with the EARC for over 25 years, but she's been active in testing spring wheat, winter wheat, durum, barley, sugarbeets, safflower, and other crop varieties for yield, quality, disease and insect tolerance, and other agronomic characters.

During her presentation she'll be speaking on new small grain varieties from MSU, NDSU and private companies, and their performance in this region. Don't miss out on her tips on what varieties to plant in the spring.



5th Grade 31st Annual Bread Fair

The 31st Annual 5th Grade Bread Fair will be held Monday, February 4, 2013 in the courtyard of the Airport International Inn in Williston. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. with close to 350 students in attendance and another 130 participating in their classrooms. This event is sponsored by the National Hard Spring Wheat Show for northwestern North Dakota and northeastern Montana fifth graders and their teachers.

The event was started to help area youth understand where their food comes from and the role of agriculture in the

Williston 5th Graders Participate in the Annual Bread Fair to learn "The Story of Wheat."

Williston Basin, and to experience the lost art of bread making. The North Dakota Wheat Commission provides classroom teachers with the booklet "The Story of Wheat", which the students read prior to the Bread Fair and complete a worksheet.

The fifth grade students will prepare their own loaf of honey whole wheat bread while learning about the nutritional

value of bread, as well as the local agricultural ingredients they will use to make their bread. At the end of the day each student will take a loaf home to bake and share with their family. Main ingredients for the bread are sponsored by the following: honey-David Huelsman, yeast-Red Star Yeast, and flour-North Dakota Mill and Elevator.

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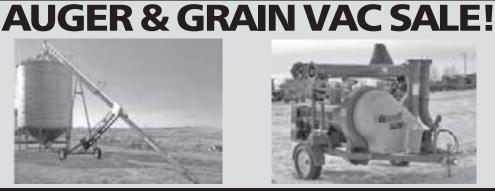
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Leaving a Lasting Legacy – Jeffrey Tranel

7:15 p.m., Tuesday, February 5th. At The Airport International Inn–Wheat Show By Tie Shank closely with more than 2,000 farm and ra

Are you struggling with questions surrounding the transfer of your property to the next generation? How can you be fair to all of your children? Who will take over running your place? Who will take care of you in your last days? What can you do to help your passing be easier on those left behind?

Estate planning is important, but "legacy" planning is even more critical to today's farm and ranch families, according to Jeffrey Tranel, Agricultural and Business Management Economist with Colorado State University. As modern families scatter across the country, and even the globe, farm and ranch families struggle with how to transfer their land, finances, experiences, culture, and values on to future generations.

Tranel will share ways for farm and ranch families to document their legacies and ease the burdens of transferring life experiences to future generations. Tranel and two colleagues authored a program titled "Leaving a Lasting Legacy". It is a program designed to help individuals and families discuss, decide, and document a person's (1) values and life lessons, (2) transfer of personal possessions having emotional value, (3) wishes and final instructions, and (4) transfer of financial assets and real estate.

Tranel's professional interests focus primarily in financial management, risk management, accounting, income taxes, and human resource management. He has worked

closely with more than 2,000 farm and ranch families and addressed audiences throughout Colorado, 24 other states, and the countries of Belarus, Ireland, Canada and New Zealand. Jeff gives 30-50 presentations each year, is responsible for economically related Extension work in southern Colorado, and has authored a book on human resources management, numerous fact sheets and other educational materials, and co-authored nine on-line courses (including "Leaving A Lasting Legacy"). He serves on numerous state, regional, and national committees. He currently sits on the National Farm Income Tax Task Force and Advisory Council to the Western Center for Risk Management Education.

Tranel was raised on a commercial and purebred cattle ranch in south central Wyoming and northwestern Colorado. He has lived and worked in the Arkansas Valley since 1987, even serving as the Mayor of Swink. He now lives in Pueblo with his wife, an Extension Agent for the military installations in Colorado Springs. Tranel has two grown sons.

Join Tranel, while he shares with his audience some ideas and his experiences on a variety of topics likely to include: the necessity of good intra-family communications; ways to improve intra-family communications; and other issues pertaining to leaving a lasting legacy.

Tranel will also be speaking at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 6th. The title of this presentation will be "Preparing the Farm Business for the Next Decade."



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Advantage of U.S. HRS and Durum in the World Market

By Tie Shank

Jim Peterson, Marketing Director of the ND Wheat Commission out of Mandan, will be speaking on the Advantage of U.S. HRS and Durum in the World Market. Jim has been with the Wheat Commission for over 20 years and he assists with three major program areas: export marketing, trade policy and issues, and research/customer service. His goal is to optimize export and domestic sales opportunities for North Dakota grown wheat, and ensure North Dakota wheat meets the agronomic needs of producers and the quality demands of customers.

Peterson's specific responsibilities include market outreach and customer service, market analysis, and monitoring of trade policy, research and transportation issues affecting North Dakota wheat producers. He also assists with writing for the "Dakota Gold" newsletter and developing other communication outreach for the Commission.

Peterson presents programs to wheat producers and customers in the U.S., and participates in international marketing programs for U.S. Wheat Associates, promoting the economic and quality advantages of U.S. hard red spring and durum wheat. He is currently serving as Chairman of U.S. Wheat Associates' Wheat Quality Committee and the Durum Industry Advisory Committee.

Peterson is a graduate of North Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. He joined the Commission as a marketing specialist in 1991 and assumed the duties of marketing director in 1998.

Some of the main things Peterson will be covering in his presentation are: 1) Current market situations of Spring Wheat, looking at the market place to see why wheat is doing better this year in some areas and is slower than normal in other areas. 2) Taking a current look at where ND stands sales wise and what the anticipated sales will be like over the next 6 months. 3) Going over the short and long term challenges. 4) Giving producers tips on growing high quality varieties and taking advantage of certain marketing windows.

Peterson will also be discussing some of the big changes that took place in Canada giving Canadian producers marketing freedom. Will this have a long term impact on ND & Montana wheat prices? And why can't our wheat flow readily north as Canadian wheat can flow readily south?

Typical annual wheat production for the U.S. is 2 to 2.2 billion bushels per year. For the 2012 production year, total U.S. production of all wheat was 2.2 billion bushels. ND normally averages 280 to 300 million bushels per year, but in 2012, ND's production was 339 million bushels. Why the increase? Attend the presentation for answers to your questions and for the growing tips you may be looking for.



Jim Peterson



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NATIONAL HARD SPRING WHEAT SHOW

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Schedule of Events

Monday, Feb. 4

1:00 Bread Fair - 300 area 5th grade students learn to make bread.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

7:30 Welcome: Floyd Miller Breakfast - \$8
Room Host: Floyd Miller
2013 Growing Season Weather Outlook
J.P. Martin, Meteorologist, National Weather
Service, Bismarck

9:00 Room Host: Mary Froelich

The Top Ten Mistakes That Break Up a Family Business

Jolene Brown, Family, Business Consultant, West Branch, Iowa

11:30 Break

12:00 Room Host: Floyd Miller

Lunch-Pork Loin Dinner - \$10

Sponsored by Williams County Farmers Union

1:30 Room Host: Dennis Johnsrud

Monday - Wednesday, Feb. 4-6

It's a Jungle Out There-Blazing New Trails for Agriculture

Jolene Brown

2:30 A Report From ND Durum Growers
Association

Doug Opland, Des Lacs, President and Deana Wiese, Executive Director, Bismarck

3:00 Update from North Dakota Grain Growers Association

Dan Wogsland, Executive Director, Mandan

3:45

Break and Election of Williams County

Delegate to North Dakota Wheat Commission

Room Host: Keith Brown

4:15 Advantages of U.S. HRS and Durum in the World Market

Jim Peterson, Marketing Director, ND Wheat Commission, Mandan

4:45 The Importance of Malt Barley Quality Factors.

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Karen Hertsgaard, Alberto Jimenez-Diaz, Jaidev Sehrawat-Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences, NDSU Department of Plant Sciences, Farso

5:30 Social and Buffet-Barbecued Pulled Pork on a Bun - \$10

6:30 Room Host: Ron Sylte
Wheat Market Outlook

Joe Victor, Business Development Specialist, Minneapolis Grain Exchange

7:15 The Importance of Communication in Protecting the Family Legacy

Jeffrey E. Tranel, Agricultural and Business Management Economist, Colorado State University Extension Service

Wednesday, Feb. 6

7:30 Breakfast - \$8
Room Host: Rob Osborn

Transportation Improvements Scheduled for

2013 Bill Gathman, Program Manager, North Dakota Department of Transportation, Williston

9:00 Room Host: Gerald Van Rooyen
Preparing the Farm Business for the Next
Decade

Jeffrey E. Tranel, Agricultural and Business Management Economist, Colorado State University Extension Service

10:00 What's Happening in the Wheat Varies, Performance?

Joyce Eckhoff, Superintendent, Eastern Montana Agricultural Research Center, Sidney, MT

10:45 What Makes a Soil Healthy? Chris Augustin, NDSU Area Soil Health Specialist, Minot. ND

11:30 Break

12:00 Recognition Luncheon - Roast Beef - \$10 MC: Dusty Berwick
Coordinated by Ag Committee of Williston Chamber of Commerce

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1:30 Room Host: Keith Brown

Improving The Health of Soils In Western Dakota's and Eastern Montana-Rick Bieber, Trail City, SD

3:00 Adjourn



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National Hard Spring Wheat Show Photo Contest

By Tie Shank

This year's photo contest will have two divisions:

- 1) Advanced
- 2) Novice

If you meet one of the following criteria, you must enter the advanced division:

- 1) If you have ever sold your photography work.
- 2) If you have completed advanced classes in photography in high school, college or in an adult education setting.
- 3) If you have been a member of a camera club for two years or more.

Each Division will have four categories and will be eligible for Ribbon/Cash prizes:

- 1) People
- 2) Landscape
- 3) Equipment
- 4) Buildings
- 5) Animals
- 6) Miscellaneous

Minimum print size is 5 x 7 inches. Prints must be mounted on cardboard or matted, with no glass or frames. Make sure to attach a label with your name, address, phone number and write which category you'd like the photo entered in.

There will also be a Non-competitive category for old-time black & white photos & professional photos. These photos can be any size, but cannot have glass.

Photos can be entered one of two

- 1) Enter your photo at the Wheat Show, between 12:00-5:00p.m., on Monday, February 4th at the Airport International Inn.
- 2) Mail your photo to Williston State College, c/o Ag Club, 1410 University Ave., Williston, ND. 58801

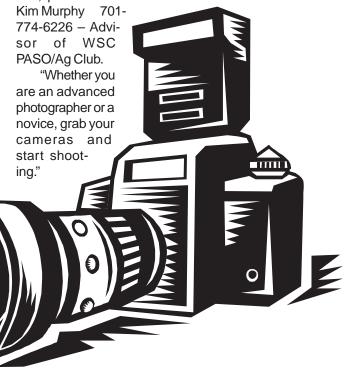
Please email a copy of your photo to Kim Murphy at Kim.Murphy@Willistonstate.edu before Monday, February 4, so it can be put into a slide show for Wednesday's luncheon at the Wheat Show.

*The Wheat Show reserves the right to use photos for future promotional efforts. *

No repeat entry of any photo

Pictures must be picked up on Wednesday, February 6th between 2:00 & 3:00p.m. After this time they will be available at the Williams County Extension Office (577-4595).

If you have any questions concerning the photo contest, please direct them to

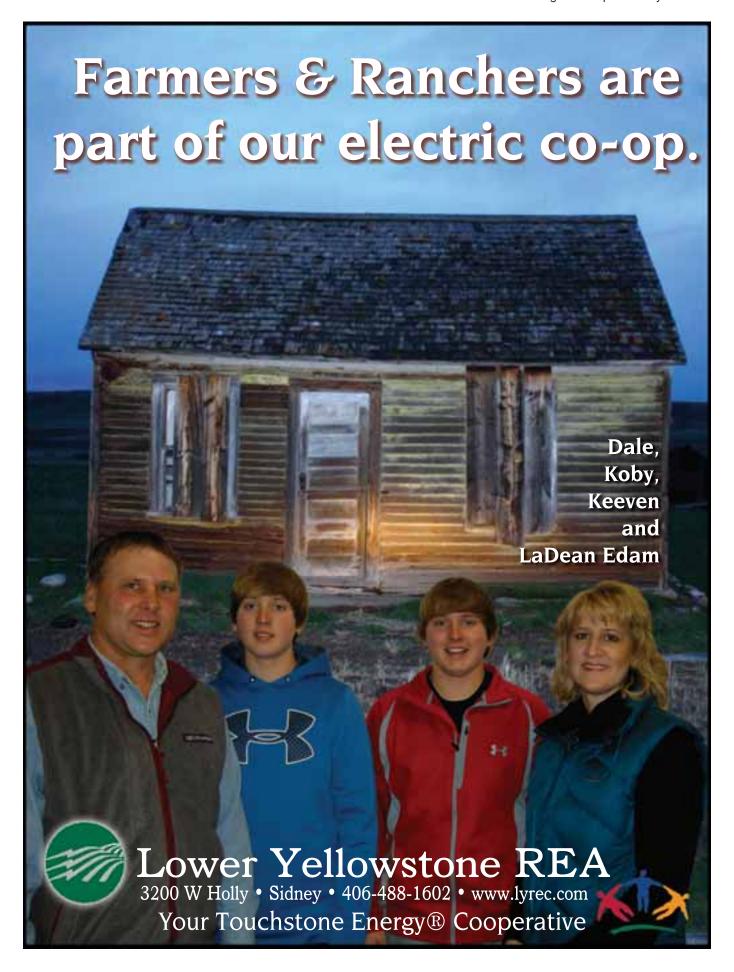


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Wheat Show President Welcomes You

By Tie Shank

Tuesday, February 5th, Floyd Miller, President of the National Hard Spring Wheat Show welcomes guests at 7:30 am at the Airport International Inn in Williston.

Miller was born with farming in his blood. His first memories of his childhood were when he was very young: Barely old enough to pull his little red wagon, he'd pull it out in to the field and pick up rocks by himself. Exerted, a short while later, he'd come rolling in with a wagon full of rocks and ask his dad where he could dump them. His next memory was when he was a few years older: He remembers helping his father

put loose hay in to the hayloft of their hip roof barn using a sling from the hayrack.

"I have wanted to farm fulltime all my life, but when I married in 1976; my dad told me our family farm wasn't big enough to support two families. I worked fulltime in town during the day and went out to the farm to help my dad after work. I took extra time off from my fulltime job to help with harvest every year," said Miller.

In 1983, Miller and his brother, Rodney, along with an International gas tractor and a 10 foot chisel blow, farmed their first piece of rented farm land. In 1987 Miller was laid off from his job and decided to make a go of it and began farming full time. The farm was small and in order to make ends meet, he did custom combining for others in the surrounding area. He also hauled beets with his tri-axle truck in the Buford area until he was able to rent more farm land.

Miller, his wife Debbie, his brother Rodney, his son Casey, grandson CJ and granddaughter Tru, work together on the family farm. They raise durum, hard red spring wheat, malting barley, green peas, lentils and small square bales of various kinds of hay. His family farm celebrated a century in farming in 2006 and he hopes a great-grand-child of his will be farming the land in 2106.



Floyd Miller



60th Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show

By Tie Shank

The Airport International Inn in Williston will be hosting the 60th Annual National Hard Spring Wheat Show February 4th, 5th & 6th. This year's show will be targeting a program which addresses the following: 1) providing

relevant information relating to public policy, 2) Providing information offering substantial profit opportunities, 3) challenging the thought process of those involved in all levels of food production.

This year's show will offer several featured speak-

ers including Jolene Brown, farmer, author and professional speaker for over 20 years. Jolene travels worldwide sharing leading-edge best practices that have the power to increase productivity, profitability and peace of mind. Jolene will be presenting, "The Top Ten Mistakes That Break Up a Family Business," and "It's a Jungle Out There!" She'll be sure to have you laughing while you learn.

Rick Bieber, a 24 year no-till farmer from north central South Dakota, will be sharing the economics of his farm management decisions.

Along with the many speakers, this year's show also includes a Trade Show, Photo Contest, Door Prizes and a Bread Fair for 5th grade students and many laughs.



There is still space in the MonDak Heritage Center's workshops scheduled for Saturday, February 9th. The same workshop will be offered at 9am and again at 1pm. Marie Shirley Jones, from Red Lodge, will answer questions regarding her work which has been on exhibit at the MonDak this month, and will guide participants through several of her methods for dyeing and transfer work. She incorporates many artistic approaches into her unique and wonderful work. Come see her work for a preview of the workshop. Space is limited. Registration is \$20.

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Beer Tasting & How Great Malts and Specialty Beers are Made

Presented by Alberto Jimenez-Diaz and Jaidev Sehrawat

By Tie Shank

Alberto Jiménez-Díaz was born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico. While growing up, his father was the head brew master at the local brewery, Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma (now Heineken Mexico), which gave Alberto the opportunity to visit the brewery frequently.

The aromas of boiling hops and fermentation cellars never left Alberto's memory. That memory was the key to pursue a B.Sc. in Food Engineering with a minor in Business Administration which he obtained from

Monterrey Institute of Technology in 2006. After finishing an internship at Cuauhtémoc Moctezuma, he decided to leave his hometown and move to Fargo, ND to attend North Dakota State University. There he obtained a M.Sc. in Cereal Science in 2010 with Dr. Paul Schwarz as his advisor. Alberto's thesis focused on the impact of hydrolytic enzymes on the amount and quality



Jaidev Sehrawat

of fermentable extract obtained from barley malt. Currently he is pursuing a Ph.D. in Plant Sciences from NDSU. In an effort to improve barley varieties, Alberto's doctorate project intends to elucidate which metabolites are responsible for barley dormancy. The project has a direct impact on the malting and brewing industry.

Alberto enjoys brewing beer. He has developed recipes on several beer styles, including all-malt lagers, pale ales, bock, Belgian-style white beer, and wheat beer. Needless to say, he also enjoys grilling steaks to pair with a great beer.

Alberto's co-speaker, Jaidev Sehrawat, is originally from India. He is pursuing a Master's in Malting and



Alberto Jiménez-Díaz

Brewing Science at NDSU in Fargo, ND. He previously worked as a quality analyst for Barmalt India Pvt. Ltd., and has completed his internship with Anheuser-Busch in Moorhead, MN. Jaidev will be speaking on Malt processing (Barley to Malt).

You can join these gentlemen for a lesson on the Importance of Malt Barley Quality Factors, and How Great Malts and Specialty Beers

are made, followed by some great Beer Tasting - on Tuesday, February 5^{th} at 4:45pm at the Airport International Inn.



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Wheat Delegate to Be Elected

By Warren Froelich, NDSU Extension Agent

During this year's Wheat Show wheat growers of Williams County will gather to elect a county representative to the North Dakota Wheat Commission. This election is scheduled to take place Tuesday, February 5, 3:45 at the Airport International Inn. County representatives from Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail, Renville, Ward and Williams counties will meet at a later date to select a wheat grower to represent this area on the seven-member board of the North

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Submitted by Mandi Nay

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Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA) has been working toward Federal Authorization. Unfortunately the process is extremely slow and cumbersome.

DRWA is a part of the first rural water projects to be included in the Rural Water Act of 2006 (enacted in 2010). The Bureau of Reclamation recently informed DRWA of their expectation for a final design to be drawn up prior to approving our project for construction. As a result, we need to have our final design completed to move forward with the process.

If you are interested in becoming a part of DRWA please contact us immediately. We need you to complete the necessary forms and submit your good-intention fee to be included in our final design. If water lines in our preliminary design do not have enough users those lines may be omitted from the final design.

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Dakota Wheat Commission.

Dustin Johnsrud, Epping, is the wheat grower currently representing Williams. This year's elections conducted in the seven counties of northwest North Dakota have significant importance because Lois Kuster of Mountrail County is completing his third term on the state board. He is no longer eligible to serve.

The seven commissioner governing board meets regularly to set policy and plan programs designed to expand worldwide use of U.S. hard red spring wheat and durum through expert market development, domestic promotion, research, trade and public information initiatives.

Any farmer who is a resident of Williams County and is actively involved in the production of wheat is eligible to vote and be elected. A wheat farmer must be present to vote but need not be present to be elected.

The election process is also an opportunity to share any concerns which should be passed to the state's wheat commission.

Wheat Midge Potential Low

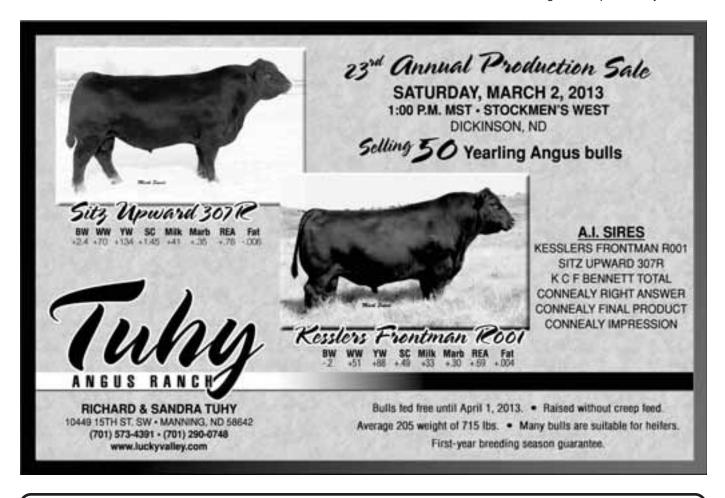
According to Janet Knodel, Entomologist at North Dakota State University, the potential for wheat midge infestations during 2013 crop season is low. She basis her prediction on the analysis of 199 soil samples which were collected last fall from 21 counties of the state's northern and north central tier.

Wheat midge population ranged from zero to 786 midge larvae per square meter, with an average of 34 larvae per square meter. In contrast, wheat midge populations ranged from zero to 1,879 midge larvae per square meter, with an average of 171 larvae per square meter on samples collected in the fall of 2011.

My involvement in last fall's survey included the collection of soil samples from seven designated locations in the eastern two-thirds of Williams County. Five of the samples revealed zero midge populations while two sites had populations of 35 and 214 midge per square meter, representing a low count and low risk for next year.

Even though the risk for 2013 is low, Knodelstill recommends field scouting, especially if weather conditions favor wheat midge emergence and development. Weather conditions which favor midge development and outbreaks include high soil moisture in late June, warm temperatures, calm winds and high humidity during egg laying in early July. The folks at North Dakota State University have developed a degree day model which is a good predictor of wheat midge emergence and helpful when field scouting. This model is part of the North Dakota Agriculture Weather Network (NDAWN). A link to it can be found on our webpage: www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension.

With the high market value of both spring wheat and durum, the economic threshold for an insecticidal application is one midge per seven to eight heads, according to Knodel. The critical time to spray is from late heading to early flowering.





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2013 Wheat Show Welcomes Keynote Speaker – Jolene Brown

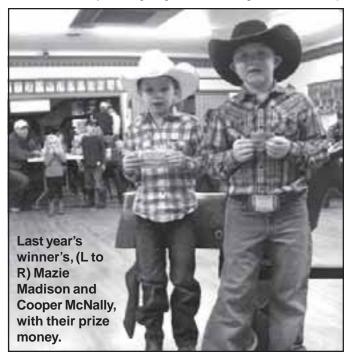
By Tie Shank

Professional Speaker, Jolene Brown, is on a mission to share leading-edge best practices, appreciation, laughter and celebration with the people who feed, clothe and fuel the world. She's a walking-talking spokesperson and champion for agriculture.

Jolene lives with her husband on a corn and soybean farm in east central lowa. She claims she will have you laughing while you learn and that she can, "Hypnotize a chicken, plug grain augers and entertain the folks behind the equipment parts counter." She's been speaking professionally for 20+ years and has stood in front of agricultural audiences in 49 of the 50 states.

Jolene's presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th from 9:00am – 11:30am, at the Airport International Inn in Williston, ND. Her first topic will be, "The Top Ten Mistakes That Break Up a Family Business." This is said to be an eye opening, fun filled presentation and will highlight the top ten things families do that break up their business. She will provide real life stories and proven working "tools" for you to take home and she'll be sure to explain why being a part of a business is NOT a birth right.

Her second presentation is titled, "It's a Jungle Out There! Blazing New Trails for Agriculture." By attending this presentation from 1:30pm – 2:30 pm on Tuesday, February 5th, you'll discover today's top influencers on your customers. You'll learn the value of what you do is in the eye of the purchaser, not the producer. She'll share lots of real-life stories that'll have you laughing while learning some of the top





Jolene Brown

characteristics of successful trailblazers.

Jolene is a straight shooter and speaks in plain English. Join in on the fun and walk away with useful knowledge and helpful tools that have the power to increase productivity, profitability and peace of mind.

Dummy Team Roping to be Held February 2

The 2013 Dummy Team Roping will be held at the VFW in Sidney, February 2nd. Entries will be taken from 4-5 pm with the roping beginning at 5:30 pm. Kids 10 and under will rope first, with adults following. It is a progressive roping format. People can pick one and draw one for \$20, with a three head progressive after the first round. All interested people can come to compete or just to watch, as it promises to be an entertaining evening.

There will be cash prizes for the top placing participants.

All proceeds benefit the Neal Hermanson Memorial Ranch Rodeo & Ranch Horse Competition, which is held annually here in Sidney. The proceeds from the Rodeo and Competition then go on to the Empty Saddle Memorial Foundation, which gives out scholarships and medical aid to area families. For more information on the Memorial Foundation please go to www.emptysaddlememorial.com.

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13th Annual MonDak Pulse Day Scheduled For Feb. 20

Submitted by Chester Hill

The thirteenth annual MonDak Pulse Day will be held on Wednesday, February 20 at the Airport International Inn in Williston starting with registration at 8:30 am CST. Researchers and extension personnel along with representatives from grower groups and private industry will discuss the latest recommendations on the production, marketing and utilization of pulse crops. Pulse crops produced in this area would include field peas, lentils and chickpeas.

One of the featured speakers for this year's Pulse Day will be Dr. Rosalind Bueckert. Dr. Bueckert is a Professor at the University of Saskatchewan in the Plant Science Department.

Dr. Bueckert's topic of discussion is using pulse crop physiology to drive yield. As part of her research program, Dr. Bueckert is investigating whole plant and field responses of crops, particularly pulse crops, to nutrient, water and weather. In her research, she is working to understand and improve yield formation in pulse crops in a warming climate and also to investigate and improve nitrogen fixation in pulse crops. One of the expected outcomes is to characterize the yield response of pea and lentil to temperature and rainfall, and to predict sensitive growth stages and yield response when certain weather occurs during specific stages.

Other production-related topics to be discussed at the workshop include pulse crop desiccation and weed control, diseases and management, dry bean production and soil quality and health.

Speakers leading these discussions include Chris Augustin, area soil health specialist with the NDSU Extension Service at the North Central Research Extension Center; Brian Jenks, weed scientist at the NDSU North Central Research Extension Center; Greg Endres, area agronomy specialist with the NDSU Extension Service at the Carrington Research Extension Center; and Michael Wunsch, plant pathologist at the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center.

An update on the pulse crop industry will provided by Shannon Berndt, executive director, or Kaye Effertz, marketing director, with the Northern Pulse Growers Association.

Wrapping up the program will be a processors panel discussing pulse crop production, handling issues, industry specifications and the market outlook for pulse crops.

Noon lunch will be served by the Airport International Inn and is being sponsored by the Northern Pulse

Growers Association. The registration fee, payable at the door, is \$20.00 per person and provides participants with a copy of the Pulse Day proceedings.

A trade show will be held in conjunction with the program and producers will be able to visit with industry representatives at various times during the day. The program has also been approved for pesticide certification points for Montana producers and commercial applicators.

The MonDak Pulse Day is open to the public and was organized by NDSU & MSU Extension Agents in northeastern Montana and northwestern North Dakota. For more information, please contact the Williston Research Extension Center at 701-774-4315 or any of the local county extension offices in northeastern Montana or northwestern North Dakota. The complete program for Pulse Day is available on the Williston Research Extension Center's web site at http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/willisto/.

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By Jerry Palen



"He's very mechanical. First he cusses, then he kicks."

Congratulations to the "Top 10 Growers" for 2012



Back Row, L to R, Top 10 Growers over 247 acres: Terry Cayko and Toby Miller, 6J Farms, Inc; David Hoffman; Ryan and Jesse Haidle, Haidle Farms, Inc.; Kyle, Ivan and Todd Cayko; Justin Karst. Front row, L to R, Top 10 Growers 50 to 247 acres: James and Tim Karst; Cody, Brock and Troy Tibbett, Tibbetts Wheatland LLC; Darren Dukart and Russell Dige. Not pictured, Sean Welty.

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Haidle Farms Inc	. 426	31.8	19.31	35.08
Ivan & Todd Cayko	. 333	32.7	18.17	34.35
Justin & Anita Karst	. 395	32.2	18.12	34.03

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Grower	Acres	TPA	Sugar %	Quality Rating
James & Tim Karst	179	. 38.2	18.12	37.15
Tibbetts Wheatland LLC	118	30.7	19.33	34.61
Darren & Delite Dukart	140	. 32.8	18.23	34.49
Sean Welty	95	. 31.4	18.61	34.16
Russell Dige	214	32.3	18.13	34.15



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Ryan Luebke gets ready to shape a piece of steel at Badlands Steel in Williston. Inset is an example of their work.

Badlands Steel, Williston, serves area farmers and ranchers as well as the oil field, working with new steel which they bend, shear and fabricate. The three owners Stewart Vachal (general manager), Rory Anderson and Dean Klein are all longtime Williston residents who joined together in April 2007 to open Badlands Steel. Manager Dennis Stevens has lots of experience having worked with steel for 15 years.

The company has a plasma cutter which can do specialized industrial applications. The cutter will cut through 2" thick material allowing them to build such things as specialty tools and pipe stands. The cutter takes away a lot of the labor for welders and other fabricators. They bring in the specifications, have the pieces cut, and the welders can finish the jobs. According to Vachal, one of their workers

was intrigued with the machine. The owners "let him run with it" and creating decorative plasma cutouts has become a "nice little sideline". A huge variety of cutouts are on display in the office, with the "Gone fishing" one particularly appropriate for Father's Day.

Badlands Steel has other specialty equipment, such as the "piranha" which allows them to produce recision holes of varying sizes, or their band saw which cuts strip after strip of identical steel. "We do the prep work. They (welders and others) do the rest," Vachal comments. He says the hardest part of the business is the fluctuating price of steel, which is based on global markets.

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Chris Augustin Speaks on Soil Health - Wednesday, February 6th

By Tie Shank

NDSU Area Soil Health Specialist, Chris Augustin, will be speaking on Soil Health at 10:45 on Wednesday, February 6th at the Airport International Inn in Williston.

Chris grew up on his family farm in northeastern North Dakota near the town of Crystal. Helping out with the small grains, sugar beets, and potatoes operation gave Chris a love of agriculture and respect of the land. His interest in soils peaked when he took a class from Dr. David Hopkins called Soils 210. He admired Hopkins passion and love of what he was teaching and it stuck

with him.

This interest carried over into college as he earned a B.S. and M.S. in Natural Resources Management emphasizing in Soil Science from North Dakota State University.

During Chris' time at NDSU he became active and held leadership positions in many organizations. During the spring of 2008 Chris moved to Carrington to work for the NDSU Extension Service as a Nutrient Management Specialist where he worked with farmers' and ranchers' fertility programs and consulted them on environmental issues.

Chris moved to Minot in March of 2012. As Area Extension Specialist/Soil Health at North Central Research Extension Center, he deals with a variety of soil-related topics including cover crops, soil salinity, soil health and he works with farmers in hopes of helping them improve their soil resources.

Augustin now has that same love Dr. Hopkins had and is excited to improve North Dakota's soil by educating producers, technical service providers, and others on current and emerging soil management practices.

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Meadow Muffins . . . The Volkswagen Cowboy

By Ken Overcast

Bowman is nestled in the sure-nuff cowboy country of southwestern North Dakota. If a fella was to draw a circle around that fair little city with about a hundred and fifty mile radius, you'd probably have just drawn a line around the highest concentration of good cowboys in the entire world.

Casey Tibbs the famous bronc stomper would more than likely head the pack, based simply on all his World Championship buckles, but then there's the famous bulldoggin' town of Buffalo, South Dakota, just down the road a few miles, and of course the big annual Miles City, Montana Buckin' Horse Sale and all the boys around that cow town would make it in the circle, too.

The Penfield's ran the auction barn in Bowman for many years, and also had an annual buckin' horse auction that they ran continuously there for 18 years. As a matter of fact, it was the second oldest event of its kind, with only Miles City having run longer.

Bob Penfield is the third generation involved in the auction business there, following in the big boots that his Dad and Grandad have left him. Bob had a couple of good teachers. He grew up with both the ability of a good cowboy, and the savvy of a horse trader. He can think on his feet. That must be why he came up with that crazy sounding plan to use a Volkswagen to capture an old renegade stud horse.

The horse belonged to Ed Gardner from down in the Harding County, South Dakota country. The Gardner's had a string of horses with quite a little draft blood in them, and Bob had gotten the horses bought for their annual buckin' horse sale. They were just what he was looking for ... the perfect size and age to make good buckin' horses. They'd never had a hand on them, with studs all the way up to five or six years old.

I don't know the exact details of their deal, but if I remember right, Bob had bought them by the head with the condition that he had to "Take 'em all."

Well, "takin' 'em all" included the renegade stud I mentioned earlier. He was a bay horse about six years old. He was born in that pasture and had never been out of it. When the other horses were gathered out of that particular field every year, the devious old renegade would head for the brush.

In a country containin' that many cowboys, a horse that nobody can seem to corral is quite a challenge, and a lot of dang good hands had taken a crack at him. A man had to be pretty well mounted to even run up on him, but by the time he got within roping distance, the old stud would turn, lay his ears back, bare his teeth and come at you with his mouth open. Any horse or cowboy with a lick of sense quickly became the chase-ee.

They'd tried everything. They'd tried mare bait, but ol' bay was too wise for that. It didn't work. One of Ed's hired men had made a run at him with a new four-wheel drive pickup, but the country was pretty rough, and he'd left the front end of it four feet down in a washout. It seemed even tying to corral that horse was useless, and everyone had all but given up.

Bob talked to the local Veterinarian about using a tranquilizer gun, and had gotten the advice that he could sure use his gun, but he didn't think his tranquilizer was powerful enough to get the job done. That's when the Volkswagen Cowboy came up with the plan to use Black Leaf 40.

I'm not really sure where he got that idea. Black Leaf 40 was an old nicotine based chemical that was used at the time to fumigate green houses, and to spray the mites off of the roosts in your chicken coop. The recipe isn't exactly common knowledge, so Bob tested his experimental concoction on a few killer horses down at the stockyards. He chose horses that weighed in at around 1500 pounds, to be the size of the renegade, cutting the powerful substance with water and alcohol until he thought he had his mixture about right.

"Bob, part of the deal is I want that bay horse out of that pasture." Ed reminded.

"I know. I think we can get him. We've got a tranquilizer gun and a Volkswagen."

That must have sounded like a hair-brained plan to Mr. Gardner, but he was game for just about anything. Nothing else had worked.

"Here. Take my 30-30," Ed said skeptically as he handed over his old Winchester. "I want that stud horse out of that pasture one way or the other. Just bring me the ears if your plan doesn't work. Good luck."

Like all good cowboys, they just had to try running him out of the field with horses first. After all, what a feather those boys would have had in their hat if they'd accomplished the task where so many other good hands had failed. Unfortunately, it didn't work for them either.

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Meadow Muffins. . .

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The old Volkswagen had a sun roof, so with Albert Chapman stickin' out the top as his gunner, Bob headed for the stud. They somehow managed to stay out of the washouts, and ran the ol' boy around the pasture for a couple of hours, shootin' him in the rear end with the tranquilizers. It wasn't long until they were out of dope, and the stud was still on his feet.

They did manage to make him good and drunk. The ol' boy would stand sort of spraddle legged and stare at them with bleary eyes filled with contempt until they'd try to move in a little closer, and then away he'd go again, stumbling off in a drunken trot, eventually gaining the mental faculties to get into a staggering lope.

With the pasture being so rough, there were very few spots to take a good run at him, but they eventually managed to get him into the middle of a ten acre flat and left him to stand there in a stupor while they tied two ropes together. The boys then tied one end to the bumper of a half ton pickup, and with Albert in the back with the loop in his hand, away they went again.

"When I yell, that means I got 'im caught. Just punch the gas on this outfit and go on by."

After a try or two, Bob heard a yell, and he kicked the

old pickup in the rear end. Around the stud horse they flew. When Mr. Renegade hit the end of the rope there was a fairly sudden stop for all the parties involved. Albert baled out and in a few minutes the boys had him hogtied and in the trailer.

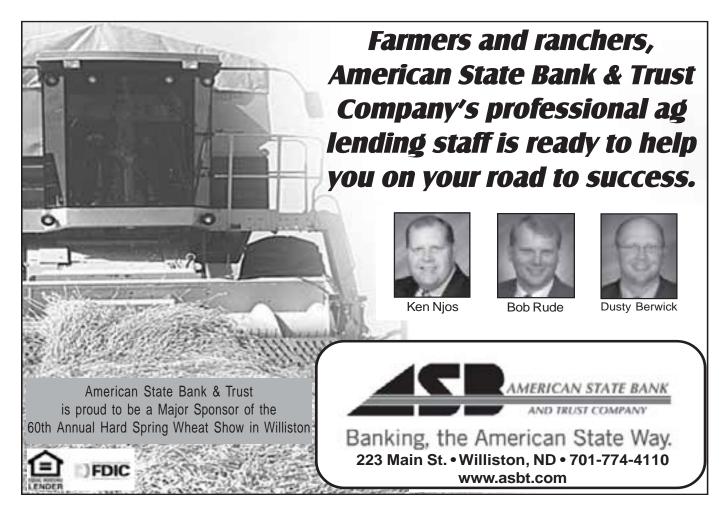
By sundown the Volkswagen Cowboy and his trusty sidekick had the heretofore "uncorralable renegade" safely captured in Gardner's big round pen. The old pony was a little hung over and pretty well steamed up from being galloped around most of the afternoon, but all in all, none the worse for wear.

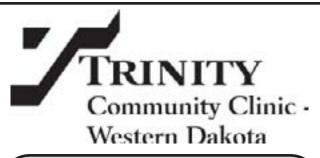
I think this little story exemplifies a couple points well worth pondering:

- 1. Never underestimate the wily resourcefulness of the great American horse trader.
- 2. But probably an even more important lesson:NEVER, EVER, buy a second hand car with a sun roof from a cowboy. (Especially if there's sagebrush danglin' from the bumper.)

Keep Smilin'.... and don't forget to check yer cinch.

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Farm Credit Groups Award Inaugural Rural Community Grants \$266,984 for 11 Projects to Support Western North Dakota Communities

Submitted by AgriBank, Farm Credit Services of Mandan and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota St. Paul, MN

Three Farm Credit organizations announced more than a quarter of a million dollars in grants for projects that support Western North Dakota communities.

St. Paul based AgriBank joined Farm Credit Services of Mandan and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota in announcing the first ever awards made under the Rural Community Grant Fund. The organizations started the fund to support infrastructure and development projects that benefit communities in Western North Dakota. Eleven grants totaling \$266,984 were awarded to worthy community projects, focused on supporting those cities and towns that have been impacted by oil and mineral exploration and production.

"Farm Credit's mission is to meet the needs of rural America," said Bill York, CEO of AgriBank. "We are proud to work with the North Dakota associations to support these critical efforts in local communities in a way that carries out that mission."

"It was great to see the large number of requests for our first funding review. I feel good about how these 11 projects met the grant fund objectives," said Mike O'Keeffe, CEO of Farm Credit Services of Mandan. "Our first review was a rewarding experience for our association. I look forward to distributing the funds and assessing our next set of grant requests."

"We are pleased to provide these grant funds to communities in western North Dakota that have been significantly impacted by oil exploration. AgriBank and Farm Credit Services pride themselves on being part of the rural community," said Claude Sem, CEO of Farm Credit Services of North Dakota.

Awarded recipients include the following:

- · St. Andrew's Health Center: \$25,000 to install an automated security system for the health center in Bottineau, ND.
- Southwest Healthcare Services: \$25,000 towards the purchase of two new stretchers for the emergency department in Bowman, ND.
- Halliday Rural Fire Protection District: \$7,050 to replace and upgrade fire equipment including a new foam system, water pumps and motor.
- Halliday Public School District: \$28,150 to install a safety fence at the elementary school.
- Killdeer Area Ambulance District: \$30,000 to build an ambulance garage and training center.
 - · ND•SD Medical Transport: \$26,784 to purchase a new

monitor and defibrillator in Linton, ND.

- · Parshall Telepharmacy: \$20,000 to build a telepharmacy to serve Parshall area residents.
- Ray Fire Protection District: \$30,000 to upgrade current response equipment with the purchase of a new first response vehicle.
- · Sakakawea Medical Center: \$20,000 to improve the medical facility in Hazen, ND.
- South Heart Fire District: \$30,000 to build a fire truck storage facility closer to the South Heart community.
- Tioga Public School District: \$25,000 to provide temporary housing for teachers as the community's student population continues to grow.

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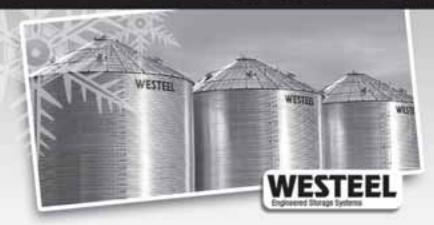
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Farm/Ranch Transition Planning Classes Set

The three-session estate planning workshop is set for Feb. 7, 14 and 21.

NDSU Agriculture Communication

The North Dakota State University Extension Service is hosting a farm and ranch transition planning workshop at five locations Feb. 7, 14 and 21.

The workshop will help farmers and ranchers:

- Design an orderly and successful transition plan for their farm/ranch business
- Choose the successor(s) best suited to continue the business into the future
- Understand the transition plan's financial impacts and tax consequences
- Learn about the best tools and strategies to create a plan

The sessions will run from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. CST and 5:15 to 8:30 p.m. MST at the following locations across the state:

NDSU Extension Service Grand Forks County office, 151 4th St. S., Suite 302, Grand Forks

Kindred High School, 255 Dakota St.

Logan County Courthouse, 301 Broadway, Napoleon Rugby High School ITV Room, 1123 Main Ave. S.

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"Due to the fact that farmers and ranchers have some very unique transition issues, these sessions are geared to their specific needs," says Willie Huot, Grand Forks County Extension agent and state farm/ranch transition planning program coordinator. "The major increase in asset values, especially land, in the last several years has made this topic even more critical of late."

The sessions will have a combination of presentations via the North Dakota Interactive Video Network (IVN) and

from local experts at each location. Attending all three sessions is important.

Topics for the first session are why farmers and ranchers should plan their estate, who should be involved, what materials they'll need and the importance of communication among family members. The IVN presenter will be John Baker of the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State University.

Session 2 will address farm succession planning, and tax and economic consequences of asset transfer strategies. The IVN presenter will be Andy Zenk, an agribusiness consultant with AgCountry/Farm Credit Services, Grand Forks.

Session 3 will cover farm business arrangements, including the pros and cons of different types of business organizations for farmers and ranchers in North Dakota. The IVN presenter will be Judith Howard, an attorney from Minot.

The early bird registration fee is \$55 for individuals and \$15 each for spouses or business associates (up to two additional) if postmarked by Jan. 31, 2013. After that date, individual registrations will increase to \$75. Registration fees include materials and refreshments.

For registration information, contact the Extension office at the site you wish to attend.

Registration forms, as well as online registration, are available at http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject. Go to Farm/Ranch Transition Planning. Anyone interested in attending the workshop should register as soon as possible because seating is limited at most of the sites.

For more information about the workshop, contact the Extension office in the county where you plan to attend or Huot at (701) 780-8229 or willie.huot@ndsu.edu.

Agriculture Census Coming Up

Once every five years across the country, the Census of Agriculture is conducted. The 2012 Census will be mailed out in the middle of December with the return deadline of

February 4th. The census is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures. The results of the census are used to make important policy and business decision across the nation. All answers are kept confidential. Past results and information can be viewed at www.agcensus.usda.gov. Questions, comments or concerns regarding the upcoming Census can be

directed to Sue King (sue.king@nass.usda.gov) or Krissy Young (krissy.young@nass.usda.gov) in NASS.



Richland County 4-H Teams Participate at NILE Livestock Evaluation

By Ashley Harris

The NILE 4-H and FFA livestock evaluation contest was held in Billings on October 16, 2012. Two teams from Richland County participated in this contest. The senior 4-H team consisted of Rachael Oliver with the Yellowstone Valley Trailblazers, and three participants from the Three Buttes club: Christian Prevost, Jared Rosaaen and Lane Verschoot. The junior 4-H team consisted of Jordan Baxter, Jenna



Jordan Baxter, Jenna Baxter, Jaylen Baxter and Riley Kostelecky

Baxter, Jaylen Baxter and Riley Kostelecky, all with the Forever Buds club.

While at the livestock evaluation, participants look at four animals within the same species and judge them. The animals are judged either on breeding or market standards. A few of the breeding standards are structural soundness, overall condition and characteristics that will be passed on to their young if they were to breed. Some of the market standards include meat and muscle concentration, overall size or weight and fat content. The participants then rank them on those standards, while taking notes for the reasons portion of the evaluation. Following the rankings, the judges pick a category and the participants explain their reasoning for ranking them the way they did.

The senior team placed 2nd overall. Individually, Lane Verschoot was 5th overall, earning 1st in placing. Jared Rosaaen was 10th overall, earning 10th in placing and 5th in reasons. Rachael Oliver was 13th overall, earning 13th in placing and 7th in reasons. The junior team did well too, placing 6th overall. Individually, Jordan Baxter was 12th overall, earning 9th in placing.





Rockin' Your Heart Out Cattlemen's Ball To Be Held Feb. 23

By Ashley Harris

The MonDak Area Stockgrower's Association has partnered up with the Foundation for Community Care to bring the area a night of rockin' good fun, music and dancing. The 1st Annual Cattlemen's Ball will be held Feb. 23rd at the Richland County Fair Event Center. There will be a social at 6:30 followed by a prime rib dinner catered by The Ranger Lounge at 7. The live band will start at 9 with plenty of dancing until midnight.



One of the door prizes available at the Rockin' Your Heart Out Cattlemen's Ball are these custom chaps, made by Wade McMillen.

The evening will give guys and gals a chance to get all dressed up and go out, as the event is formal/semi-formal. The evening will also include a silent auction, live auction and door prizes. The cost for the evening is \$45, which covers the prime rib dinner and an entry for door prizes, one of which is chaps custom made by Wade McMillen. Attendees must be at least 21 to attend, as alcohol will be available. Tickets are available for purchase at The Lucky Buckle and at the Foundation for Community Care, but they are going fast and only 350 tickets will be sold.

Some people in the area may remember the Cattle Crawl which was held in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The Cattle Crawl was a chance for locals to sample beef dishes at a variety of local restaurants. The event was held to showcase beef and its healthy benefits, which is also the focus of the new Cattlemen's Ball.

Members of the MonDak Area Stockgrower's Association had been talking about doing an evening like this for a while, and finally decided to just do it. The event aims to increase awareness of heart health and the health benefits of beef in a diet. They invite the

prime rib level at \$1500. Sponsorships will include a number of recognition and advertisement opportunities throughout the evening as well.

Marci Albin, member of the MonDak Stockgrowers Assocation, stated, "It's not just for farmers and ranchers. Put on your dancing shoes, cocktail dress, and come out for a rockin' good time."

lf vou any have questions concerning the event or sponsorships, please contact the Foundation for Community Care at 406-488-2273.



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Montana Receives Favorable Brucellosis Program Review from USDA

Submitted by Steve Merritt Montana Department of Livestock

A recently completed report on Montana's brucellosis management plan (BMP) says the state is being proactive and responsive in its efforts to identify occurrences of the disease and prevent its spread in livestock and wildlife within and from the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA).

Conducted by USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service-Veterinary Services, the report was issued after a comprehensive review of brucellosis man-

agement plans in the three Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) states (Montana, Idaho and Wyoming). The goal was determining if state BMPs are effective and if states are following plans outlined in agreements with APHIS.

According to state veterinarian Dr. Mary Zaluski, the report contains several commendations for Montana's BMP.

"Overall, our review went very well and we're pleased with the outcome," Zaluski said. "The report will help show other states that we're aggressively managing brucellosis, and that will help protect the marketability of Montana's billion-dollar a year livestock industry."

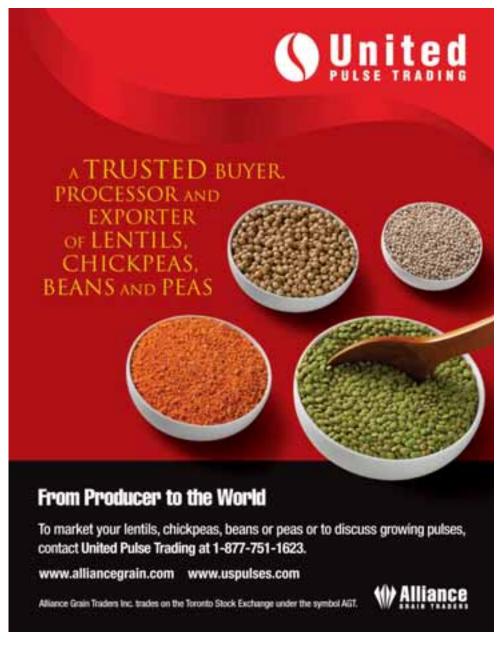
Key strengths of the program, according to the report, include:

- Staff positions dedicated solely to the brucellosis program;
- Proactive adjustments to the state's DSA boundaries:
- · Implementation of electronic brands software that strengthens the current brands system and allows for animal identification and tracking:
- · Wildlife surveillance activities include the multi-year elk capture-and-test project;
- Testing and surveillance requirements for domestic cattle and bison within the DSA;
 - · The use of individual herd

plans for herds within the DSA.

Zaluski pointed out that the report also made some recommendations for Montana's program. Those include increasing the number of herds using herd management plans, increasing surveillance on slaughter cattle from the DSA, continuing wildlife surveillance activities, and continuing/expanding producer outreach and education.

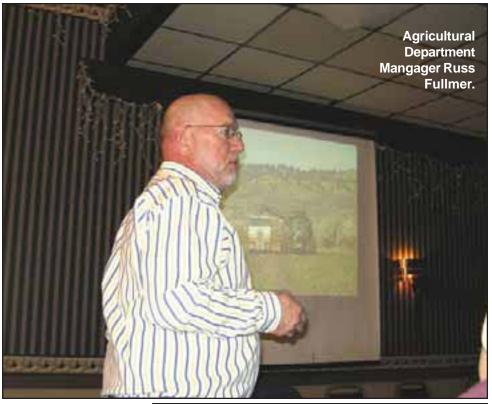
"While there is always room for improvement, the USDA basically said we're doing a good job," Zaluksi said



Sidney Sugars Honors Top 10 Growers of 2012

Sidney Sugars Incorporated held its Top Ten Growers award luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 16. The luncheon is held annually in order to congratulate the growers that brought in the best crop. Despite it being a rather dry growing season, this year's harvest was a success.

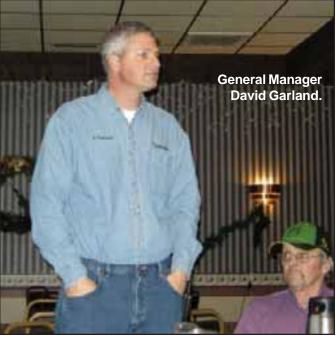
Although planting doesn't usually happen until about the third week of April, a lot of the growers chose to plant earlier. Due to the dry conditions, those seeds did not germinate and start growing until they received moisture. It was a difficult time with no rain, causing it to be very dry. Most farmers had to irrigate their fields, which made yields surprisingly good. Not all fields made out well though, as some fields did not get good stands because of the weather. Russ Fullmer, agriculture manager at Sidney Sugars, stated, "The season went better than expected."



Fullmer stated that the harvest went well also, despite some frost and rain. With 33,337 acres contracted this year, growers harvested 32,918 acres of it with a decent amount of beets brought in. "I was surprised at what the tonnages were," stated Fullmer. This year's tonnage averaged at 27.8 tons per acre and average sugar was 17.99%.

With the winter, brings production. Sidney Sugars is currently working on getting all beets hauled in to the factory for processing. The 3 pile sites furthest out, Pleasantview, Culbertson, and Powder River have completed transport. This leaves the ventilated piles in Savage and Sugar Valley (Fairview) left to be brought in to the factory for processing. Fullmer stated that the piles stored well, as the temperatures were pretty good this year. If the temperature stays in a steady range, there is no worry about them thawing and re-freezing. Fullmer figures they will have everything hauled to the factory within a month.

When figuring out who brought in the best crop, Fullmer says, "It's very interesting to look at." With about 128 growers contracting with Sidney Sugars, there are a lot of possibilities. The top growers this year include a few of the regulars that have won before with quite a few new ones, which Fullmer stated, "Is nice to see."

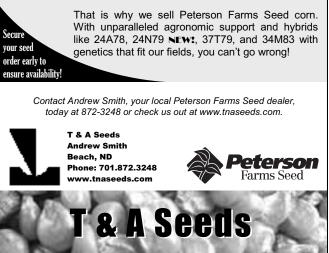


As for next year, Fullmer is anticipating about the same turnout next year, depending on the weather of course. Although the oil has impacted the acreage, it's looking about the same.

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Karst Farms Counts on Mother Nature

By Tie Shank

Karst Farms, one of Sidney Sugars Top 10 growers in 2012, does not believe in waiting for it to rain.

"The year started out dry. We had to irrigate our crop to get them to start," stated James Karst, of Fairview, MT. Karst currently farms around 2000 acres with his sons, Tim and Ted, to whom he gives much of the credit for their success. "They know how to do everything. If I'm not around, I can count on them and know it'll get done."

Karst also contributes a big part of their success to timeliness, "As soon as we know it won't frost, we're planting. We take more of a risk than most, but at least 90% of the time it works for us. We count on the help of Mother Nature – She has to cooperate. If never froze in the fall, so that was good."

Karst gives a lot of credit to Roundup Beets, "They're weed free and easier to grow. They keep making seed better and that increases the tonnage." When asked how his harvest was Karst replied, "We had quite a bit of shut down due to heat and wet spells. It's a big worry for the farmers because it takes away harvesting days. We worry about freezing in the fall. They won't pile the beets if they reach 55°F or go below 28°F, but it seems to be working good to do that. We have a lot less spoilage in the piles. They store better."

Karst admits that his favorite part of farming is when harvest is over. He's been farming since 1965 and prior to that he farmed with his dad. "I'm hoping to be able to hand it over to my boys before too long."



James and Tim Karst.

6J Farms #1 Second Year in a Row

By Tie Shank

Terry Cayko and his right hand man of 4 years, Toby Miller, came in first place for the second year in a row in the Sidney Sugars Top Ten Growers of the year for 2012.

Terry and his wife, Vicky, are the 3rd generation owners of 6J Farms in Fairview, MT. They are currently farming approximately 1100 acres and about 363 of those acres are sugar beets.

Cayko knew going in to the year that the soil conditions



Terry Cayko and Toby Miller.

were very dry, "We didn't have much for sub-moisture," commented Cayko. "As soon as the water was in and the seeds were up, we immediately started irrigating the beets."

Cayko states that the key to his success this year was, "Timeliness, irrigating quickly and spraying Roundup. As soon as we saw weeds we were aggressive controlling them. It's also important to know your fields and to know the right variety of seed that fits your field. We've been going towards Nematoid varieties. It looks like that could be the wave of the future. They're more expensive in the beginning but they more than pay off in tonnage."

When asked how the weather affected his crop this year compared to last year, Cayko replied, "We had a real good base. The timely rains up until July were good, and then it was all irrigating. Sugar beets don't like an abundance of water. We're careful with how we irrigate. We don't have rocky, sandy or heavy ground, so we stop irrigating by September 1st."

Harvest went very well for Cayko and Miller, "We started out with really hot weather and then we had about a 7 day period where it was really nice and we were able to get healthy, good, clean beets in to the pile," commented Cayko.

Cayko's favorite part of farming is watching the crop as it develops, seeing the end result and teaching and sharing the process with his grandkids. He proudly stated, "My grandkids will be the fifth generation on the farm."

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Sidney Sugars Top 10 Growers of 2012

Back Row, L to R, Top 10 Growers over 247 acres: Terry Cayko and Toby Miller, 6J Farms, Inc; David Hoffman; Ryan and Jesse Haidle, Haidle Farms, Inc.; Kyle, Ivan and Todd Cayko; Justin Karst. Front row, L to R, Top 10 Growers 50 to 247 acres: James and Tim Karst; Cody, Brock and Troy Tibbett, Tibbetts Wheatland LLC; Darren Dukart and Russell Dige. Not pictured, Sean Welty.

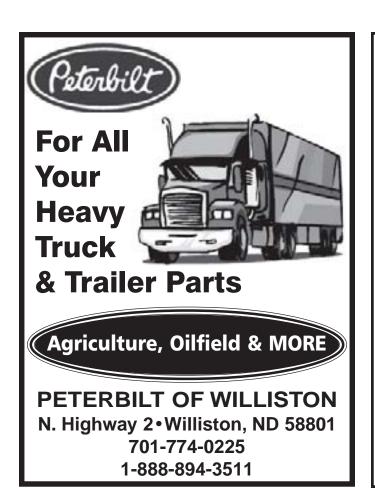
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By Jerry Palen



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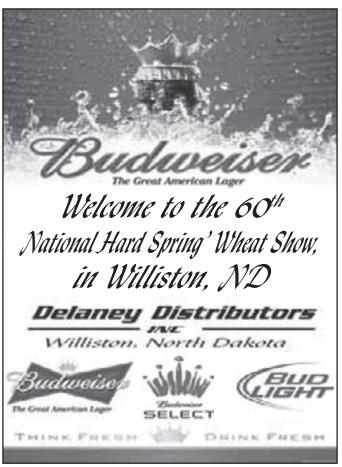


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Farm Service Agency Announces Important Program Updates

Submitted by FSA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) for many Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) commodity, disaster, and conservation

programs through 2013. FSA administers these programs.

The extended programs include, among others: the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), and the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC). FSA is preparing the following actions:

FSA will begin sign-ups for DCP and ACRE for the 2013 crops on Feb. 19, 2013. The DCP sign-up period will end on Aug. 2, 2013; the ACRE sign-up period will end on June 3, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

All dairy producers' MILC contracts are automatically extended to Sept. 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in MILC. Specific details regarding certain modifications to MILC will be released soon.

FSA will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. Any additional details will be posted on FSA's website.



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Richland County Fair Makes Announcement for 2013 Fair

By Ashley Harris

The Richland County Fair Board has announced the concert line up for the 2013 Fair, as well as announcing a new carnival. North Star Amusements out of Cody, Wyoming will be the carnival this year playing all 4 days.

The concert line-up, performing on Saturday, Aug. 3 is MONTGOMERY GENTRY with special guest Gloriana.

With a new album, a new label and a renewed sense of musical purpose, Montgomery Gentry is back in full swing. These two Kentucky boys first broke into the national country scene in 1999. With millions of albums sold, many sold out shows and tons of awards and accolades, Montgomery Gentry is back with their new album "Rebels On The Run". The new album brings you back to the beginning, but with a fresh new attitude. "People are going to be able to touch on each one of our songs and say. 'Yeah man, that song is a little bit about me,' or 'I know a person that lives next door to me that's been through what you just got done singing about," Gentry continues. "People can associate themselves with our songs."

Their induction into the Grand Ole Opry in 2009 is the thing that means the most to them. There's no doubt that they're hard-running honky tonkers, but they are also active participants in many charitable organizations, including Stand Up to Cancer, Make-A-Wish, USO and other military organizations.

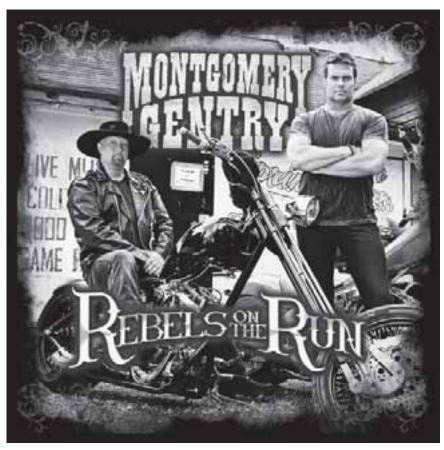
The old saying "what you see is what you get" applies when you see Montgomery Gentry. Rowdy, fun loving, spontaneous, and awesome talent all describe what these guys are about. Whether you are fan already or not, the music and personalities are so infectious that you will instantly become a fan.

Their opening act will be Gloriana, made up of brothers Tom and Mike Gossin and Rachel Reinert. Achieving success takes strong motivation to commit, something these three young talents have proven willing to do as their career has exploded over the past two years. That motivation, as well as their authentic talent, have propelled the group to become the best-selling

debut country act of 2009. Gloriana debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Country Albums chart and No. 3 on the Top 200 chart and spawned the gold-certified hit single "Wild At Heart." The album's success led to two years on the road, during which the band performed in front of millions worldwide opening for Taylor Swift, Jason Aldean, Alan Jackson, Brooks & Dunn, and the Zac Brown Band.

In 2010, Gloriana won the Academy of Country Music's Award for Top New Vocal Group and were nominated for a Teen Choice Award for "Choice Country Group."

Now Tom, Mike, and Rachel have funneled everything they've learned into their second album, A Thousand Miles Left Behind, released in the Summer of 2012. "On this record, we wanted to tell stories," says Rachel. "I think people will be able to relate to a lot of these songs because they're honest and come from a place that's real." The result is an appealing mix of uptempo, good-time numbers including current single "(Kissed You)Good Night" and popular "Can't Shake You".



Poster Contest Helps Promote Heart Health

The entry deadline for this year's Eat Smart. Play Hard, poster contest is March 15. **NDSU Agriculture Communication**

North Dakota youth will have a chance to demonstrate their creativity and knowledge of heart health in this spring's "Eat Smart. Play Hard." poster contest.

The contest is open to North Dakota youth ages 8 to 19 as of Sept. 1, 2012. Posters will be judged in two age divisions: preteen (ages 8 to 12) and teen (ages 13 to 19).

The North Dakota State University Extension Service, NDSU Extension's Center for 4-H Youth Development and the North Dakota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics are sponsoring the contest.

The posters should educate and promote the idea of living a heart-healthy lifestyle. The posters also should inform North Dakota youth and adults about the importance of healthful food choices and regular physical activity to heart health.

This year's posters must be centered on a theme that directly relates to eating healthful foods and playing hard to promote heart health. This could include the importance of taking part in 60 minutes of physical activity each day or

eating a diet rich in whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

To learn more about this topic, visit the following websites: www.ndsu.edu/eatsmart, www.choosemyplate.gov and www.heart.org.

"Many children and adults do not meet the MyPlate.gov recommendations for fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and they do not reach physical activity recommendations," says Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist. "We hope this activity gives children the opportunity to promote healthful eating, physical activity and heart health for their peers, families and communities."

Posters will be judged on their general appearance and how well they present messages about nutrition and/or fitness and the importance of a heart-healthy lifestyle. Winners in both age divisions will receive \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place and \$15 for third place. All entrants will receive a certificate of recognition and a small prize.

"This contest provides an opportunity for children to be creative in promoting nutrition goals that are important for long-term health," Garden-Robinson says.

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Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2013. They should be dropped off at the Center for 4-H Youth Development or mailed to the Center for 4-H Youth Development, Attn: Eat Smart. Play Hard. Poster Contest Entry, FLC 219, NDSU Dept. 7280, P.O. Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050.

Contest rules are available at http://tinyurl.com/ postercontestrules.

A submission cover sheet must accompany each entry. The submission form is at http:// tinyurl.com/posterentryform.

"Eat Smart. Play Hard." is a U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service initiative that focuses on making America's children healthier. It provides practical suggestions to help children and their caregivers eat a healthful diet and be physically active.

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