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Friday, Jan. 16th starts at 9 a.m. on Friday Tammy Lake, Richland County FSA Office, will kick off the presentations with a Farm Bill Q&A. Kenneth Hellevang, ND Extension Engineer, will speak at 10:15 a.m. on Keeping Grain in Good Condition while in storage. Third in line is Dr. Rachel Endecott at 11:30 a.m. with her presentation on Using EPD's to improve herd genetics. At 1:15 p.m. Shelia Friedrich, MSU Extension Agent for Sheridan County, is presenting Home Food Preservation Tips and Tricks. Leon Osborn will be at 2:30 p.m. presenting "Global Weather Patterns and Their Impact on the 2015 Growing Season." Shortly after Tim Fine will be presenting the Richland County Community Garden at 3:30 p.m. A social in the Trade Show area will be at 5:00 p.m. The banquet will be at 6:00 p.m. where the Richland

County Conservation District will be holding their annual awards recognition. During the banquet there will be the Ringling 5 performance to end the night.

Saturday, Jan. 17th the schedule will start at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast sponsored by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and Advanced Communications. At 8:30 a.m. Jeanne Rankin, Agro Emergency Projects Coordinator, will speak on Dealing with Accidents Involving Livestock. Then Toby Day, MSU Extension Horticulture Specialist, at 10:30 a.m. presenting some New Technology/Apps for the Home Gardener. At 11:30 a.m. Stephanie Ridl and Tim Fine will discuss Tree Care, Tree Pests, and the Re-Tree Sidney Project. At 1:00 pm. Linda Simonsen and other local gardeners will conduct a panel discussion on gardening in Eastern Montana and touch on several different gardening topics. At 2:30 p.m. the MonDak Ag Days Trade Show will then come to a close.

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Maintaining the Quality of Stored Grain

By Tie Shank

On Friday, January 16 at 10:15am, Kenneth Hellevang

will be presenting on "Maintaining the quality of stored grain."

Ken Hellevang has a Ph. D. degree in engineering, is a registered professional engineer, and has obtained the academic rank of tenured Professor at North Dakota State University. As an Extension (outreach) Engineer of Agricultural & Bio systems Engineering at North Dakota State University, he has provided education and technical assistance in grain drying and storage, structures with a focus on energy efficiency, indoor environmental engineering primarily related to moisture and mold, and flood preparation and recovery to farmers, agribusiness, and professionals across the United States and internationally since 1980.

He has authored or co-authored more than 200 publications and numerous resources on the web. These include technical papers, proceedings, professional standards, chapters in handbooks, and peer reviewed Extension circulars and bulletins distributed by private business, professional societies, and universities internationally. Ken has served as a grain drying and

storage-engineering consultant internationally.

He has conducted research on numerous grain drying and storage topics including moisture content changes in stored grain during summer, drying and storage of dry edible beans, air temperature increase due to grain drying and aeration fans, and aeration duct design. He has conducted numerous grain dryer energy audits.

He is active in the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE -The Society for engineering in agricultural, food, and biological systems) having served in numerous leadership roles and is a member of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society. He has been recognized with the grade of Fellow by ASABE, the highest honor bestowed on 0.2 percent of members annually.

When asked what attendees should expect to hear and to take away from his presentation, Hellevang stated, "The presentation will cover the key aspects of stored grain management. It is critical to understand how to apply the principles of stored grain management to protect the value of their grain. A bin of grain represents a whole years labor and investment, so it is imperative to protect it."



Kenneth Hellevang, Extension (outreach) Engineer of Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering at North Dakota State University.



Sheila Friedrich, Sheridan County Extension Agent.

The Latest & Greatest on Food Preservation

By Tie Shank

On Friday, January 16, 2015 at 1:15 pm, Sheridan County Extension Agent Sheila Friedrich, will educate you on the importance of proper food preservation methods to prevent food borne illness.

Friedrich says, "We are finding that there is a renewed interest in food preservation among a population of young families. The problem that may come with that is they find an old canning book that their mom or grandmother may have used and follow those instructions. Many of those resources are out of date and not current with the

USDA Guidelines for food preservation. A popular attitude seems to be "well they did it that way in the old days, and nobody died". I want to help participants understand why it is important to use scientifically proven methods for preserving foods to prevent food borne illness. My presentation is going to give information about the most current recommendations to follow when preserving. I will also show the audience many free resources available from their Extension Office or on the web that give the most current information."

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The trade show still has open booths to fill and wants to expand their trade

show to include more interests! All interested parties are welcome to apply for a booth- including those interested in presenting in home and garden specialties or any others. You are welcome to contact the Richland County Extension Office at 406-433-1206 for more info.

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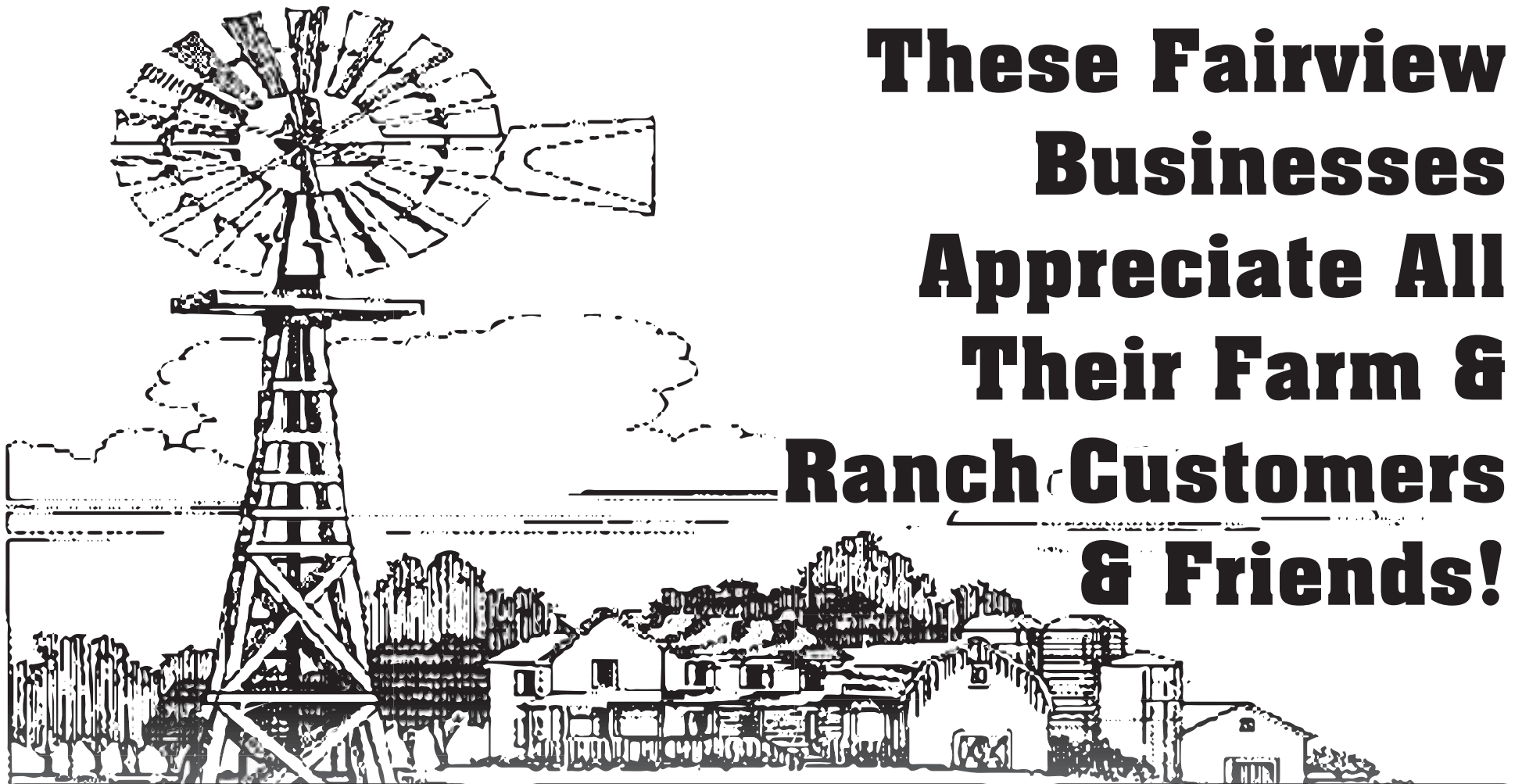
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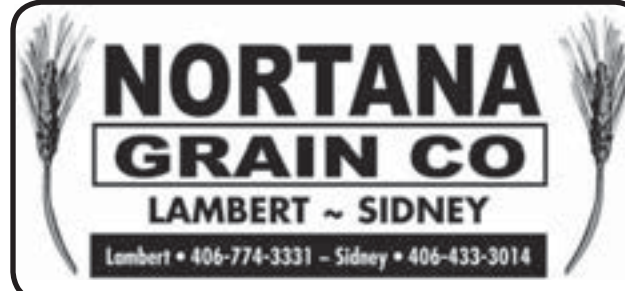
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WUY417 - 2012 - CIH 4430 - 450 Hours	Was \$310,000 now \$278,000
WUY405 - 2013 - CIH 4430 - 400 Hours	Was \$323,000 now \$309,000
24074W - 2008 - NH CR9070 - 1329 Hours	Was \$225,000 now \$167,000
23388W - 2012 - CIH 9230 - 599E Hours	Was \$313,000 now \$288,000
23370W - 2011 - CIH 9120	Was \$290,000 now \$242,000
23347W - 2011 - CIH 9120 - 942E/729S Hours.....	Was \$263,000 now \$242,000
23341W - 2011 - CIH 9120	Was \$263,000 now \$242,000
UC773 - 2012 - CIH 8230	Was \$286,000 now \$265,000
GUH266 - 2012 - CIH 8230	Was \$302,000 now \$265,000
GUH306 - 2013 - CIH 8230 - 380 Hours.....	Was \$314,000 now \$274,000
GUH301 - 2013 - CIH 8230 - 397 Hours.....	Was \$314,000 now \$274,000
WUH719 - 2009 - CIH 8120 - 1023 Hours	Was \$208,000 now \$180,000
UC724 - 2009 - CIH 8120	Was \$239,000 now \$180,000
UC712 - 2010 - CIH 8120	Was \$258,000 now \$190,000
GUH287 - 2010 - CIH 8120	Was \$227,000 now \$190,000
UC735 - 2011 - CIH 8120 - 800 Hours.....	Was \$278,000 now \$217,000
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Dr. Jeanne Rankin - Agro Emergency Projects Coordinator

By Tie Shank

Join Dr. Jeanne Rankin on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 8:30 am as she covers "Dealing with accidents involving livestock."

What are the options in humanely treating, removing and securing the animals involved with the least risk to responders and the public? What are my liabilities? What if Canadian livestock are involved, do I have to treat them differently? Who do I need to call?

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Dr. Jeanne Rankin is mixed animal veterinarian with 17 years of private practice experience, 6 years in the Montana state veterinarians' office and 3 years as the MSU Extension Agro-Emergency Projects Coordinator. She is a third generation Montanan from the Sweetgrass Hills in Toole County graduating from MSU and Colorado State University and has developed a farm bio-security program called "Farm First and Healthy Herds™" aimed at teaching producers how to minimize the risks and impacts of livestock diseases in their own operations. She currently raises registered Gelbvieh cattle and quarter horses near Raynesford, MT.

Educating producers and county planners to create plans for livestock disaster, emergency and foreign animal disease is Dr. Rankin's passion. She can be reached at jrankindvm@msn.com and 406-738-4220.

emergency responders.

A Montana version of the Bovine Emergency Response Plan by NDSU, et.al will be utilized as a guiding document for county response to livestock trailer accidents.



Gardening Technology

By Tie Shank

On Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 am, Toby Day, Montana State University Extension Horticulturist and Montana Master Gardener Coordinator, will be presenting new gardening technology, new websites on the internet, and applications for smart phones and tablets to

help make better decisions around your yard and garden. Day will help you navigate what works, what doesn't and will show you how the websites and applications can make you a better gardener. He will also show some websites that will help get you inspired and document your accomplishments.

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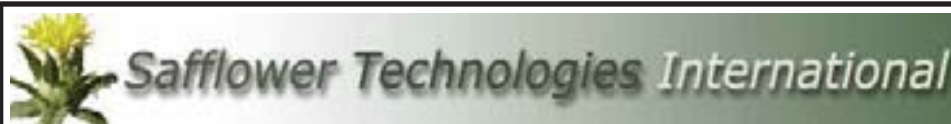
By Tie Shank

Rachel Endecott is the MSU Extension Beef Cattle Specialist located on campus in Bozeman. She was raised on a family cow-calf operation near Ennis, MT, and is still an integral part of the ranch today. She received her BS in Animal Science at Montana State University, and her MS and PhD in range beef cattle nutrition at New Mexico State University. Rachel spent 5 and one-half years as the Extension Beef Cattle Specialist in Miles City before moving her program to campus in July 2012. She also teaches the 400-level Beef Cattle Management class and advises the Academic Quadrathlon team and Collegiate Stock growers club.



**Dr. Rachel Endecott, MSU
Extension Beef Cattle Specialist**

Rachel will be presenting her topic: "Expected Progeny Differences and Cattle Selection," on Friday, January 16th at 11:30 a.m. She will be covering the basics of cattle EPDs and how those values can be used to help cow-calf producers make selection decisions.



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Tammy Lake, County Executive Director at Richland County Farm Service Agency

Richland County Farm Service Agency

By Tie Shank

Ag Days will kick off at 9:00 am, on Friday, January 16th with Richland County FSA Executive Director, Tammy Lake and her staff, providing an overview on what is currently going on at the Farm Service Agency.

Lake states, "Our main topic of discussion will be the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Program better known as ARC/PLC. There are many phases to this new signup, so we are hoping to give area farmers an overview of the different signup periods and what requirements they will have between now and next summer." Lake adds, "If time allows, we will also touch on some changes with the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)."

Tammy Lake has been with the Farm Service Agency in Sidney for 24 years. She served as a Program Technician before becoming the County Executive Director in August of 2012.

Richland County FSA will have a booth set up at Ag Days where producers can visit them to discuss the many other program changes that have occurred under the new farm bill.

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The Homesteaders Campaign funds the construction and endowment of the MCHF&WHC's cultural education center. As the statewide headquarters for the MCHF & WHC's educational programming, the center will inspire future generations through the examples of those that have contributed to our rich cultural heritage.

"We understand the importance of creating momentum to launch a fund raising campaign," said Karen Gilhousen. "We are excited to realize the building of this center as a tribute to those that have come before us and as a resource to the next generation as it carries on the great traditions of our Montana way of life."

"History often overlooks the hardworking members of our communities who have selflessly contributed to the day-to-day improvement of our hometowns while providing leadership for the next generation," said Director of Finance Aaron Lyles. "The hall of fame exists most notably to celebrate and pass forward these examples."

Board member Mike Gurnett observed, "This is truly an idea for which the time has come. Each day we lose more of our heritage and it is our responsibility to act now. How many of us regret not capturing the stories of our parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors before they were lost forever?"

Officially designated by Montana state legislature, the MCHF & WHC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Having selected the strategic location of Big Timber, Montana for its building site, organizers have worked with nationally renowned firms Storyline Studio and ConsultEcon to complete the exhibition design and operations planning for the center. The announcement of the Homesteaders Campaign marked an important milestone for the organization as it works to realize its vision of building Montana's premier western heritage destination attraction.

Gilhousen adds, "It is our hope that this initial challenge encourages others to become examples of leadership, and to inspire those who cherish our Montana way of life to invest in the promise it holds for the next generation."

Looking ahead to 2015, the MCHF&WHC will host its 9th Annual Circle the Wagons Gathering, Cowboy Ball & Auction Feb. 6-7 in Helena at the Great Northern Best Western Hotel. On Jan. 19, Headwaters Livestock in Three Forks will hold a special benefit cattle auction for the MCHF&WHC. Producers who would like to donate cattle to the sale should contact Aaron Lyles, MCHF&WHC director of finance, at (406) 600-8231.

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NDSU Schedules Getting it Right Soybean Production Meetings

These educational meetings featuring research-based information can help producers with soybean production decisions.

Soybean producers interested in intensive soybean management should plan to attend one of four Getting it Right in Soybean Production meetings scheduled for Streeter, Underwood, Minot and Newburg.

At the meetings, North Dakota State University Extension Service faculty and staff will discuss past soybean research conducted in North Dakota and the outlook and production issues for 2015.

"Farming is very complex, and with tight budgets, it is important for producers to gain as much knowledge as possible," says Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension Service agronomist. "These soybean educational meetings featuring research-based information can help producers with soybean production decisions for the 2015 growing season."

The meeting dates are:

Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Central Grasslands Research Extension Center near Streeter. The address is 4824 48th Ave. S.E.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Underwood City Hall meeting room

Thursday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot

Thursday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Newburg Community Center
Sam Markell, NDSU Extension pathologist, will provide an update on the disease outlook for 2015 and field research results conducted in 2014. Two important topics covered will be an update on soybean cyst nematodes and how to manage soybean diseases. Kandel will provide information on variety selection, and the latest information on various production issues such as the importance of good root nodulation, fertility issues and water management.

Greg Endres, NDSU area Extension specialist/cropping systems, will discuss intensive soybean management, no till and strip till versus conventional till, planting dates, plant populations and row spacing, different soybean special inputs on the market and weed management issues.

Janet Knodel, NDSU Extension entomologist, will discuss how to manage various insect pests, including spider mites and soybean aphids.

In Minot and Newburg, the program will include a crop improvement update, as well as a short business meeting. Programs in Minot and Newburg also may have some different topics and speakers.

NDSU Extension agents Penny Nester, Sheldon Gerhardt and area Extension specialist Fara Brummer (Streeter); agents Irene Graves, Craig Askim and Rick Schmidt (Underwood); agent Paige Brummund (Minot); and agent Jared Nelson (Bottineau) will be the hosts and provide local production and crop updates.


The meeting in Minot is co-sponsored by the Ward County Ag Improvement Association, while the Newburg meeting is co-sponsored by the Bottineau County Crop Improvement Association.

The Getting it Right in Soybean Production programs and lunches are sponsored by the North Dakota Soybean Council, which oversees promotion, research and marketing programs funded by soybean checkoff dollars.

The programs are free and open to the public. Preregistration is not necessary.

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MT Dept. of Agriculture Seeks Two Producers for Australia Beef Genetics Trade Mission

Opportunity to Expand Genetics with Second Largest Customer in May

Submitted by Jayson O'Neill - Montana Department of Agriculture

Helena, Mont. — In a rare opportunity to participate in Montana's rapidly expanding beef genetics export market, the Montana Department of Agriculture is seeking two representatives from the Montana beef genetics industry to join in a trade mission to Australia in May.

Australia is currently Montana's second largest customer for beef semen purchases, yet Montana has never been on a trade mission to the country. "This is an exciting opportunity to grow in an important market and build on existing relationships," said Marty Earnheart, Meats and Livestock Marketing Officer.

According to a report by USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Australia herd size is expected to fall slightly to 27.6 million head due to persistent drought in some regions of the country, with beef exports accounting for almost 70% of their production. By comparison, the United States current inventory is 95 million head with 2.55 million head in Montana.

With the recent decrease in herd size in Australia, the department sees an opportunity to expand Montana beef genetics in the region as producers look to grow in their herds in the years ahead due to increasing international demand and additional trade opportunities.

"Although Australia's herd size is only about a quarter of the United States, they are expanding their international beef trade. By showcasing Montana's high-quality

beef genetics, we see significant market potential," explained Earnheart.

The trip dates have yet to be finalized, but it will coincide with 2015 Beef Australia from May 4 – May 9. The exposition is held just once every three years and will feature more than 4,500 cattle from over 30 breeds and facilitate new trade and export opportunities.

Montana beef genetic representatives interested in participating in the Australia trade mission should contact meat and livestock marketing officer Marty Earnheart via email: mearnheart@mt.gov or call (406) 444-2402 for an application. Applicants must have a valid passport and be willing to cover half of the travel expenses.

The Montana Department of Agriculture applied for and received funds through U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE) from both the Market Access and Foreign Market Development programs. The awarded funds will pay for the department's marketing officer's travel and expenses, and at least half of each of the beef genetic representative's travel expenses. USLGE is a not-for-profit, nationwide trade association that represents the international marketing interests of the dairy, beef, sheep, swine, and horse breeding industries.

The Montana Department of Agriculture's mission is to protect producers and consumers, and to enhance and develop agriculture and allied industries. For more information on the Montana Department of Agriculture, visit agr.mt.gov.

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Tree Talk

with Tim Fine and
Stephanie Ridl

By Tie Shank

On Saturday, January 17 at 11:30 am, Tim Fine and Stephanie Ridl, MSU Extension Agents, will present "All about trees."

Fine states, "Although it is not present in Richland County at this time, in all likelihood we will be dealing with Emerald Ash Borer in the future and the demise of ash trees that comes with it. To try and help prepare for this destructive pest should it come, the City of Sidney is making a concentrated effort to diversify the species of trees that currently grow in and around the city."

Emerald Ash Borer, other tree pests, and the Re-Tree Sidney program will be discussed. One important step in combating a pest that destroys a particular species of tree is to make sure that there are other trees of different species and varieties to take its place.

Be sure to join Tim and Stephanie to learn more about tree pests.

Community Garden Talk with Tim Fine

By Tie Shank

Friday, January 16 at 3:30 pm, Tim Fine, MSU Extension Agent, will be presenting on the Richland County Community Garden.

2014 was the first year for the Richland County Community Garden. While the early growing season was not favorable to the growing of vegetables, by the end of the growing season many participant's gardens were flourishing. In 2015, the garden spots will be available for a \$20 rental fee once again. If you are interested in renting a garden spot for the year, would like to help others who may be, or just curious about the project, feel free to join Tim.





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