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# On-Farm Food Safety Workshops Offered to Produce Growers, Educators

As demand grows for locally and regionally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, buyers are increasingly asking Montana's produce farmers for assurance that they are using food-safety practices on the farm. Farmers need to be aware that even if they are exempt under the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act – if a buyer requires a food safety plan; farmers will need to comply, in order to sell to that buyer. Buyers likely to require farmers to have an on-farm food safety (GAP) plan include grocers, restaurants, farmers markets, CSAs, schools, hospitals and other freshpro-

## Conservation District Meeting To Discuss Local Resource Concerns March 10th

**Submitted by Julie Goss, Richland County Conservation District**

The Richland County Conservation District, in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), invites the public to a Natural Resource Issue - Local Working Group (LWG) meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 10 at the Richland County Extension meeting room- 1499 N Central Ave, Sidney, MT. Your local CD is made up of five board members elected by the public and 2 urban supervisors appointed by the incorporated towns. Many members of CD boards are actively engaged in farming and ranching.

Residents are encouraged to attend and express their natural resource concerns. The conservation district will prioritize which issues they can work on in their annual work plan and within their budget, as well as provide input for the NRCS's Fiscal Year 2016 programs. Ideas generated from the public help coordinated local, state and federal funding programs to assist with these concerns.

Recommendations can include special target areas or specific concerns such as soil health, range health, weeds (be specific), wildlife habitat, eligible conservation practices, the need for new and innovative conservation practices, cost-share rates on conservation programs, and public outreach and information efforts.

Local Work Group attendees should be diverse and focus on agricultural interests and natural resource issues existing in the local community and can include: Agricultural producers, Grain growers, Livestock Producers, grazing districts, Irrigation districts, Representatives of agricultural and environmental organizations; MSU Extension, County Weed Depts., Representatives of gov't agencies carrying out agricultural and natural resource conservation programs and activities (BLM, FSA, USFS, COE, FWS, FWP, DEQ, DNRC etc.), Even non-profit groups that have the natural resources in their best interest.

Please join us in developing an inventory of what natural resource concerns and issues still need to be addressed in our district. Help us prioritize the work load and ultimately help direct Farm Bill Programs and other programs toward natural resource sustainability. You may call the office at 406-433-2103 ext 101 or send your comments on natural resource concerns to Richland County CD, 2745 W Holly ST Sidney, MT or email to [julie.goss@mt.nacdnet.net](mailto:julie.goss@mt.nacdnet.net).

duce, buyers. To help farmers provide needed assurance, the International Organic Inspectors Association is hosting three workshops in Montana that will provide training on Good Agricultural Practices for food safety, in Chico Hot Springs (March 26), Great Falls (March 30), and Helena (April 1). The workshops are designed for but not limited to: produce farmers, county sanitarians, Cooperative Extension agents and other agricultural educators, farmers market managers, food safety auditors, organic inspectors, food retailers, restaurant owners, farm workers and interns, farm-to-institution staff and agricultural service providers. The workshop trainings will teach participants about on farm fresh fruit and vegetable food safety rules and regulations, how to assess the factors affecting food safety, how risk is managed on farms and how food safety audits are conducted and scored. Each of the trainings is a six-hour course, limited to 20 participants per course. This training is free to all fruit and vegetable growers and any participant who is directly connected to fresh fruit and vegetable producers. Residents of Montana, Idaho, North and South Dakota or Wyoming, are eligible for the free registration. For those who do not fit into one of the categories or states listed above, the cost of the training is \$450.00. For those participants pursuing a certificate for on farm food safety training or for a Regional Independent Verifier, the course will also include a pre-course assignment and post-course exam. The workshops are funded in part by a Montana Department of Agriculture USDA Specialty Crop grant in partnership with the Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center, based in Ronan. For more information about the workshop and to register go to: [http://www.ioia.net/schedule\\_onsite.html](http://www.ioia.net/schedule_onsite.html) For more information about the course contact Jonda Crosby at 406-227-9161 or [jcrosby@mt.net](mailto:jcrosby@mt.net).

More about the course:

The training uses GAP Audit Guidelines and Checklists to verify food safety compliance. The course will be taught by a certified GAP Auditor (Jonda Crosby) and Karen Troxell, California expert with experience in all aspects of fresh fruit and vegetable processing, farming and food safety.

Participants will learn and understand: Current food safety requirements, Factors affecting food safety requirements today, How food safety Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) Audits are conducted, Role of traceability in food safety audits, Relationship between ground history & food safety, Food safety risk factors related to fertilizer and soil fertility inputs, Food safety risk factors for irrigation water, How handling of crop pesticides may affect food safety, Hygiene requirements for those working in fields or packing crops, Food safety rules associated with harvesting, Key points that allow for a successful audit.

The course will include practice scenarios of food safety auditing, group exercises, lots of time for Q & A. Participants will leave with a link to literally 100 food safety resources available to them for future reference in their work.

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# Corned Beef Traditional St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

By Lois Stephens

The arrival of March can lift spirits. We celebrate National Agriculture Week to honor and thank agriculturalists of all sorts for providing food and fiber for our use. The spring equinox arrives on March 20, heralding the approach of longer days and warm weather, and we also have the opportunity to participate in St Patrick’s Day festivities if we so choose.

Considering agriculture remains Montana’s number one industry, and cow/calves head the list as the top agricultural product in Montana, coupled with the fact that St Patrick’s Day hovers just around the corner, the Ag Roundup decided to feature corned beef as part of the March issue.

Beef comes in many cuts of varying tenderness, and delicious taste along with its versatility has made beef the most popular animal protein in the world. While many people think of rib eye when contemplating beef, the less popular cuts also give great taste and won’t dent the purse as badly as a top end steak can do.

Corned beef, a salt-cured cut usually made from the brisket has become a popular choice for dinner on St Patrick’s Day. This beef product gets its name from its curing method. Processors use large grained rock salt, or ‘corns’ of salt, to cure the meat. Humans have used salt for centuries to preserve meat, but the industrial production of curing beef with salt corns began in England during the Industrial Revolution. The British military used corned beef extensively to feed its troops as the meat would keep indefinitely without spoiling. Processors gradually began to use the tougher, less desirable portions of the carcass for the making of corned beef, which made corned beef products less desirable for those who thought of themselves as higher class citizens. Corned beef thus earned a reputation as a lower quality food, fit only for the poor or less fortunate.

Ireland began producing corned beef in large quantities, a fact that helped bring on the potato famine in later years. Wealthy landowners took high quality agricultural land out of grain production and turned it into pasture for cattle. With more and more prime land put into cattle production, small farmers had no choice but to turn to marginal land for growing crops. Potatoes grew well in marginal land, up until the blight came along and caused the potato famine, which led to the influx of Irish citizens to the US.

Although Ireland produced large quantities of corned beef, the Irish themselves ate very little of it. Demand for export remained high, so the cost of this product did as well, making it unaffordable for most Irish citizens. When the Irish immigrated to the US during the potato famine, they found they could afford corned beef in this country and chose corned beef over other types of meat as a protein source.

We think of corned beef as an Irish specialty, but it was the Irish Americans who used corned beef extensively. Corned beef and cabbage has become a traditional St Patrick’s Day meal in the US, but the Irish from Ireland do not consider corned beef as a part of their national cuisine. They will feed it to tourists, however.

Most of us think of corned beef only in terms of corned beef and cabbage, and Reuben sandwiches, but this cut works well in other recipes as well as the following recipes illustrate.

### St. Paddy’s Irish Sandwich

- 3 lb. corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. spicy brown mustard
- ½ tsp ground black pepper
- ½ medium head cabbage cored and sliced thin

- Spicy brown mustard
- 12 slices sourdough bread lightly toasted

Place corned beef in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet. Cover pot and bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound until tender. Remove meat, let rest ten minutes. Slice meat across the grain.

Whisk together olive oil, vinegar, mustard, pepper in small bowl. Place the shredded cabbage in a bowl and pour the dressing over it, toss to coat cabbage.

Spread a layer of mustard on six slices of toast. Place shredded cabbage and corned beef on each slice and top with remaining slices of toast.

### Chef John’s Corned Beef Hash

- 1 ½ lbs. potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 ½ lbs. cooked corned beef, finely chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 Tbs. butter
- ¼ c roasted tomato salsa

Place potatoes in a large pot, add water, and cook until almost tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain and chop potatoes finely.

Cook beef in a skillet over medium heat until fat begins to render. Stir green onions, salt, and pepper into beef. Add garlic and butter, cook and stir until butter is melted and garlic is fragrant, about a minute.

Stir potatoes and salsa into beef mixture. Pat mixture down in the skillet with a spatula and divide hash into four sections. Cook without stirring until a crust forms on the bottom, about 5 minutes. Flip sections and cook until a crust forms on the bottom again, about five minutes more. Repeat cooking and flipping process until hash stays together and has a golden crust.

Many people then fry eggs and eat the hash and eggs together, similar to bacon and eggs.

### Reuben Pizza

- 1 lb. loaf frozen whole wheat bread dough, thawed
- ½ c Thousand Island dressing
- 2 c shredded Swiss cheese
- 8 oz. deli sliced corned beef, cut into strips
- 1 c sauerkraut rinsed and drained
- ½ tsp caraway seed
- ¼ c chopped dill pickles

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a large pizza pan. On a lightly floured surface, roll the bread dough out into a large circle, and transfer it to the pizza pan. Build up the edges and generously prick the center of the dough all over so it does not form a dome when baking.

Bake for 20 minutes or until golden.

Spread half the salad dressing over the hot crust. Sprinkle with half the Swiss cheese. Arrange corned beef over the cheese then drizzle the remaining salad dressing over all. Top with sauerkraut and remaining Swiss cheese, sprinkle with caraway seed.

Bake for another 10 minutes until cheese melts and toppings are heated through. Sprinkle with chopped pickles.

Let stand several minutes before serving.

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# USDA Provides One-Time Extension of Deadline to Update Base Acres or Yield History for ARC/PLC Programs

**Farmers Now Have Until March 31 to Update Yields and Reallocate Base Acres; Deadline for Choosing Between ARC and PLC also Remains March 31**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 2015 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or re-allocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27, 2015 until March 31, 2015. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31, 2015.

“This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we’re working to ensure that they’ve got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions,” said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, 2015, the farm’s current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31, 2015, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

“These are complex decisions, which is why we launched a strong education and outreach campaign back in September. Now we’re providing a one-time extension of an additional month so that every producer is fully prepared to enroll in this program,” said Vilsack.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc), allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

# Montana CattleWomen Offer \$1000 Memorial Scholarship

**Class of 2015 Nominations Due March 31**



For the 53rd consecutive year, the Montana CattleWomen are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Montana resident. Applicants must be enrolled in a Montana college or university, be at least a sophomore with a 2.7 or better GPA. Preference will be given to an applicant majoring a field beneficial to the livestock industry.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student based on a balance of grades, citizenship and financial need. Last year’s recipient was Ariel Overstreet-Adkins, originally of Big Timber, who is currently a student at the University of Montana School of Law.

Application forms are available at college Financial Aid Offices throughout Montana or online at [MontanaCattleWomen.org](http://MontanaCattleWomen.org). Completed applications must be submitted to the Montana CattleWomen office (420 N. California, Helena, MT 59601) and postmarked no later than April 15, 2015. For questions or more information, contact the Scholarship Chair, Lindsey Habets at (406) 861-8655 or email [lindsey@hilinewebdesign.com](mailto:lindsey@hilinewebdesign.com).

This memorial scholarship is funded entirely by donations given in memory of friends and loved ones of Montana CattleWomen.

# Montana Cowboy Hall Of Fame Inductees Honored In Helena

Before a sold-out audience, the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center (MCHF & WHC) honored the 2014 Class of Inductees into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame, Saturday, Feb. 7 in Helena. Family and friends of inductees traveled from 12 states and Canada to attend. Masters of Ceremony Mike Gurnett and Will Rasmussen entertained the capacity audience at the Great Northern Best Western Premier and shared the biographies of each of the 37 inductees. “It is a humbling experience to see an audience be so respectful and engaged to hear every induction biography,” Gurnett, MCHF & WHC Trustee, said. “For two and a half hours you could have heard a pin drop.”

The induction ceremony is the hallmark event of the MCHF & WHC’s annual convention. The inductee class reflects a diverse cross-section of Montana heritage. “This year’s class includes a broad range of Montanans including a sheriff, a doctor, a tribal chief, a Hollywood stuntwoman, artists, ranchers, cowboys, cowgirls, and even a rodeo,” said Christy Stensland, executive director of the MCHF & WHC. The convention included a legislature appreciation reception, induction ceremony, business meetings, trustees gathering, a cowboy ball and benefit auction and entertainment by the Dillon Junior Fiddlers and Kyle Shobe and the Walk Em’ Boys. This is the ninth year for the convention.

The nomination deadline for the 2015 class of inductees is March 31 and the general public is encouraged make nominations. The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame exists to hold up the contributions of those that have come before us and to pass forward these contributions through the example of inductees for the benefit of future generations. Visit [www.montanacowboyfame.org](http://www.montanacowboyfame.org) to review the nomination criteria.



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## Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District Annual Meeting Held Feb. 13



Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project manager James Brower, left, and board of control chairman Richard Cayko begin the door prize drawings near the end of the LYIP annual meeting.

**By Dianne Swanson**

Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District held its annual meeting Friday, February 13 at the Moose Lodge in Sidney with board of control chairman Richard Cayko as emcee.

It was announced that Tony Barone is a new member of the board of control, replacing Bud Groskinsky who retired.

Jamie Selting gave a report on the AWEPP program which has provided funding for sprinkler irrigation. He stated that 2.5 million has been spent so far in Montana under the program. The benefits of the pivot system include saving an estimated 4000 acre feet, or 1.3 billion gallons, of water per year, while preventing the leaching of fertilizers and chemicals. Reduced tillage is now possible allowing for different crop rotations and options for soil health. Labor is also drastically reduced with the pivot system. This is the final year of the program. The deadline to apply for funds is February 20, 2015.

Manager James Brower gave an overview of the activities of the project during the past year and an update on the progress being made on the fish bypass and concrete weir. A highlight was the headline in the Billings Gazette on Thursday, February 12 which said "Model proves Yellowstone River bypass proposal should work".

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1:50 p.m. Program Announcements / Recognition

2:00 p.m. *‘Evidence of a Changing Climate and  
Consequences for Agriculture’*

Dr. Mark Seeley  
Extension Climatologist & Professor  
University of Minnesota

2:45 p.m. Visit Exhibits

5:00 p.m. Doors Close

## THURSDAY — March 26

9:00 a.m. Doors Open / Visit Exhibits

10:15 a.m. Program Announcements / Recognition

10:25 a.m. *‘Sugar Industry Challenges in 2015:  
Trade, Congress, Politics & Biotech’*

Luther Markwart  
Executive Vice President  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association

11:10 a.m. Visit Exhibits

Mid-Afternoon Doors Close



**Mark Seeley**

**Mark Seeley** joined the University of Minnesota's Dept. of Soil, Water and Climate in 1978. Since then, he has served as extension climatologist and meteorologist, managing the Weather and Climate Education Program and doing research and teaching. Seeley is a weekly commentator on Minnesota Public Radio and has written the weekly newsletter 'Weather Talk' since 1992. Among his numerous awards is the U of M Siehl Prize in Agriculture.

**Luther Markwart** is a leading spokesman for sugarbeet producers and the U.S. sugar industry in Washington, D.C. Raised on an eastern Michigan sugarbeet and dairy farm, the Michigan State University graduate has served as executive vice president of ASGA since the early 1980s. He also has held various leadership posts in other sweetener-related groups, including chairing the American Sugar Alliance.



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# Land Reclamation: Developing Your Plan Workshop on March 13

By Marcia Hellandsaas

**NDSU Extension Agent, McKenzie County**

The North Dakota State University Extension Service is holding a workshop on March 13th to assist producers with land reclamation challenges. The agenda includes:

Development of a pre-plan for reclamation through a baseline inventory checklist – Dr. Kevin Sedivec, NDSU Extension Service rangeland management specialist.

Recommendations for surface use agreements, easements, and surface issues – David Saxowsky, associate professor, NDSU Agriculture and Applied Economics Departments

Suggested methods of communication with partners, neighbors, and other entities involved in reclamation – Jodi Bruns, NDSU Extension Service community vitality specialist.

A panel of local landowners and NDSU Extension Service specialists will also discuss what they have learned so far about reclamation issues.

This workshop will be held on Friday, March 13th from 10 AM to 3 PM CT in the ballroom in the lower level of Outlaw's Restaurant in Watford City. Lunch will be provided courtesy of First International Bank and Trust. To register, please contact the McKenzie County Extension office at 701-444-3451 by March 10.

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# 4-H: Building Tomorrow's Ag Leaders



Whitney Van Hook displays the quilt she made at Quilt and Fashion Revue with the Help of Lindsay Reid.

**By Meagan Dotson**

Caring, Character, Connection, Confidence and Competence are the five Cs of 4-H; as 4-H members become involved in the in the program, they develop life skills that will teach them responsibility, decision-making, how to view themselves positively, compassion, and a continual concern for helping their neighbors and communities.

With over 6 million youth involved nationally and 540,000 nation-wide volunteers, Montana makes up 18,700 of those members and 3,800 certified 4-H volunteers. Montana has over 200 projects to choose from including Self-Determined projects which is an opportunity for youth in 4-H to explore additional interests and hobbies. The top ten projects in the state are Food/Nutrition, Swine, Horse, Shooting Sports, Beef, Self-Determined, Sheep, Sewing Textiles, Gardening and Photography.

In addition to raising and showing various animals, there are extensive non-animal projects available to youth in the 4-H program. If a member is enrolled in an animal project in Richland County 4-H, it is a requirement that they also enroll in a non-animal project. In Richland County there are 214 members and 132 volunteer leaders with the top five projects being Market Beef, Arts and Crafts, Photography,

Market Hog and Cooking. Throughout the year 4-H events like Sewing Camp, Quilt and Fashion Revue, Speech and Demonstration Day, Fair, and State Shooting Sports are open to all Richland County 4-H Members. These events are responsible for cultivating members' interest and developing the 4-H priority initiatives: Science, Healthy Living and C'itizenship. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum is used applying a hands-on learning and skill building opportunity to youth.

"One of our goals is helping kids become active participants of the future in their home and community," said Josie Evenson, Richland County 4-H/Youth Development Agent.

Service Learning Projects are a vital part of the 4-H program and according to Dr. Lerner's Study, 4-H members are four times more likely to contribute to their communities as adults and two times more likely to be civically active. Some of the service projects in the area include the Fair View Club's flower boxes that they plant and spend the spring and summer caring for. The Hi-Liters Club out of Lambert is

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Brielle Gorder works on a leather craft project at Craft Day.



Kelvin Hill shows the judge his Robotics project at the Richland County Fair.



These Jr. Leaders collected 392 lbs of food in a door to door food drive on Sunday February 15th and donated it to the local food bank.



Autumn Rehbein shows the judge her duct tape dress that she made for her arts and crafts project.

working on a project that will provide a bin of Frisbees and balls at the local park for public use. The Richland Aces Club is making fleece tie blankets that will be given to the Mathews House and Sunrise; the Blankets of Hope project was completely initiated by youth member Johren Carpenter, and has continued to be youth driven.

"I hope that with this project the younger and older members will learn about not only how to make a tie blanket, but about the value of the small things and how much these blankets could mean to someone less fortunate," said Johren Carpenter of her intention with the project.

Over the weekend of February 14 and 15, 394 lbs. of food were collected by

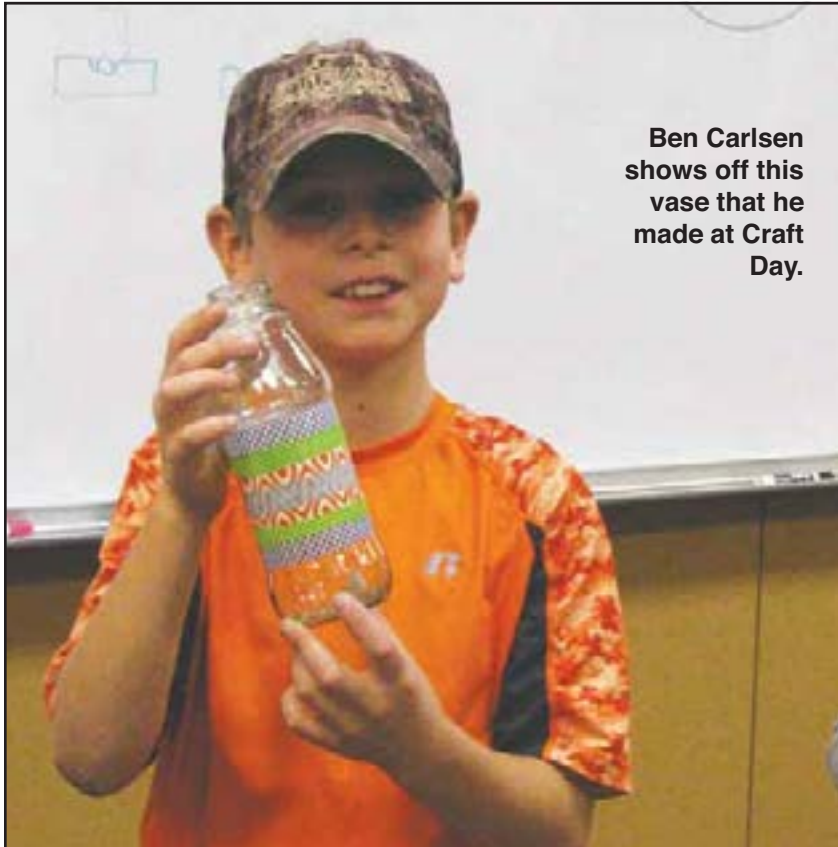
the Richland County 4-H Jr. Leaders in just two hours from a door-to-door food drive and donated to the food bank. As members gain more experience, they begin to see a need, find a solution, and take action.

Junior and Senior Members hold many leadership roles and can attend leadership training, Pre Congress and State Congress, and gain an understanding of proper parliamentary procedure.

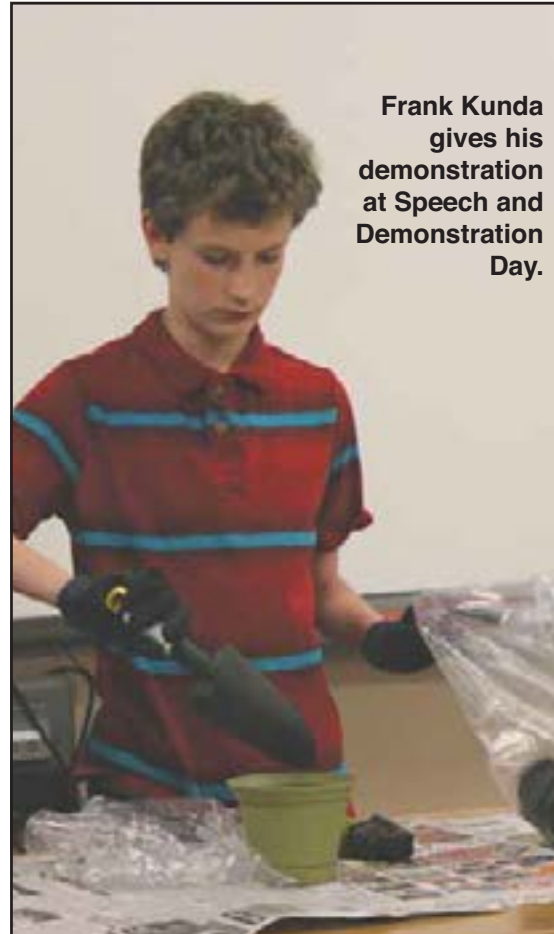
With both members and volunteers actively participating in personal development of skills and compassion, it is clear that there is much to be gained and to give back by getting involved with a local 4-H Club.



# 4-H: Building Tomorrow's Ag Leaders



Ben Carlsen shows off this vase that he made at Craft Day.



Frank Kunda gives his demonstration at Speech and Demonstration Day.



Lauren Prevost gives her demonstration at Speech and Demonstration Day.



Emma Torgerson at Sewing Camp, working on an overnight bag.



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# County Canola Election Scheduled

**By Warren Froelich, NDSU Extension Agent Williams County**

Canola growers in Williams County are being urged to participate in the election of a county representative for the North Dakota Oilseed Council. All canola growers who have a definite interest in the membership of the council are encouraged to participate in the election at 10:00am on Wednesday, March 11. This will be held at the Williams County Extension Office in Williston. This is located at 302 East Broadway.

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife, who planted canola in 2014 or intends to plant canola in 2015, is eligible to participate. Additionally, the producer must reside in Williams County and must be present to be a candidate and vote.

County representatives from District 1 will assemble March 25, 11:30 am at the North Central Research Extension Center.

The Oilseed Council was created by legislative enactment to facilitate the production, development, marketing and promotion of safflower, sunflower, rapeseed or canola, flax or crambe.

### Seed Selection for Lawns

Last fall new homeowners frequently called asking for information about seed selection for lawns. My recommendations to these folks were based on personal experience. What homeowners have told me that has worked for them, and the suggestion from our former NDSU Extension Horticulturist, Ron Smith.

For most folks a seed mixture of Kentucky bluegrass with perennial ryegrass, fine fescue is a good choice for this area. Kentucky bluegrass is the most durable of these species because it produces rhizomes which are horizontal underground stems (roots) that help the turf recover from injury or disease.

Kentucky bluegrass thrives best in full-sun locations. This grass requires good management. This includes added water above normal rainfall, fertilization and proper mowing. There are varieties that have lower maintenance requirements and have the ability to recover from moisture stress much like crested wheatgrass.

Perennial ryegrass is a quick germinating, bunch-type grass that thickens when mowed.

The fescues, sometimes referred to as fine fescue or creeping red fescue, produce short rhizomes, resulting in a turf canopy that blends well with Kentucky bluegrass. I find that fine fescue is better suited for constant shaded areas which are usually on the north side of the house or under large trees.

Mixes of these grass species will establish quickly and have the genetic variability to better withstand traffic, drought, insect and disease problems than a single species planting.

Timing and soil moisture are critical for good lawn grass establishment. Grass seeds should barely be covered with soil and no deeper than a 1/2 inch. It is important to have this soil moist at all times during the first two weeks. If the soil becomes dry, even for a day, during this period of time, the very tender seedling will likely perish.

For quick germination, the soil should be warm, approximately 70°F. Planting during the hot months of July and August will require frequent water sprinkling. I successfully established a lawn seeded the first week of August but waterings were applied four times per day for the first 10 days.

Regarding seeding rates, the goal is to get about 15 to 20 seeds applied per square inch. Seeding bluegrass blends at the rate of 1 to 2 pounds per 1000 square feet, mixes at 2 to 3 pounds per 1000 square feet and straight tall fescue cultivars, or a mix of tall fescue, at 6-8 pounds per 1000 square feet will come close to achieving that objective.

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## PICKUPS & TRUCKS

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- 1986 Ford Ranger Pickup, 2x4, 5-speed
- 1981 Chevy Pickup, 4x4, V8, auto & 110 gallon L-shape fuel tank w/pump & toolbox
- 1990 Freightliner Triple Axle Truck, M11

- Cummins (400 hp), 10-speed, new tires, w/20' tapered leadline box, 713,000 miles (new motor, transmission & clutch)
- 1993 Volvo Series 60 Triple Axle Truck, 365 hp, in-frame overhaul, 5-speed, 21' Cascade Box

- 1991 Dodge Tandem Twinscrew Truck, 413 engine, 10-speed, 20' Box, 133,000 miles
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- 2012 Polaris Ranger XR new tires
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- 2012 Kawasaki 75 Brute Force V-twin, camo, PS, windshield, hand warmer
- 2012 Honda TRX500 Foreman, ES & PS
- 2011 Honda TRX420 Rancher, IRS, PS
- 2009 Honda TRX420 Rancher, IRS
- 2009 Honda TRX500 Foreman, manual shift, PS
- 2008 Honda TRX420 Rancher, electric shift, 2x4
- 2008 Honda TRX420 Rancher, electric shift
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## SADDLES & MISC. (consigned Tim 406-687-3493)

- JJ Sipek Saddle
- Rickard Saddlery Saddle, serial # 1013771
- Youth Saddle
- Saddle w/aluminum tree (maker unknown)
- Saddle, old (made in Phoenix, AZ) serial# 26268
- 250 amp Lincoln Welder (on homemade trailer)
- Kohler 3000 watt Power Plant (on homemade trailer) runs on propane, gas or natural gas

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:**  
Keith and Donna have leased their place and have decided to retire from farming. Most of the equipment has been kept inside and is in very good to excellent condition. This is a sale you will not want to miss. Hope to see you March 28!

**Rick**

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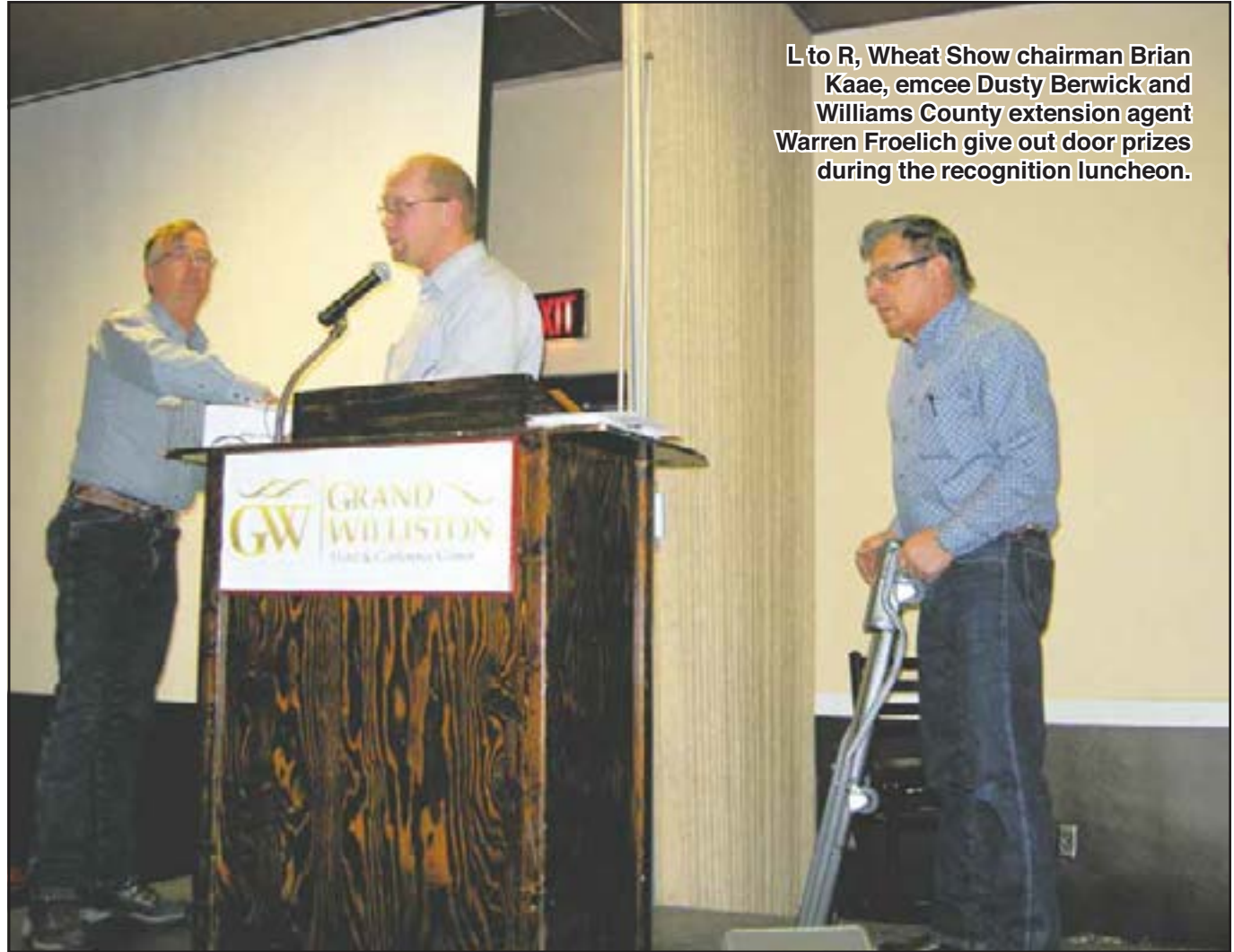
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L to R, Wheat Show chairman Brian Kaae, emcee Dusty Berwick and Williams County extension agent Warren Froelich give out door prizes during the recognition luncheon.



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# **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes rule to focus protections for Northern Long-Eared Bat**

**By Tie Shank**

In a January, 2015 News Release, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service states that “In response to the rapid and severe decline of the northern long-eared bat – a species important for crop pest control – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing a special rule under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that would provide the maximum benefit to the species while limiting the regulatory burden on the public.” The Service proposed to list the northern long-eared bat as endangered under the ESA in October 2013 and is due to make a final decision by April 2, 2015.

White-nose syndrome (WNS) is a disease affecting hibernating bats. It is named for a white fungus that appears on the muzzle and other parts of bats. WNS is a leading threat to the Northern Long-Eared bat, especially throughout the Northeast where the species has declined by up to 99 percent from pre-white-nose syndrome levels at many hibernation sites.

“White-nose syndrome is having a devastating effect on the nation’s bat populations, which play a vital role in sustaining a healthy environment and save billions of dollars by controlling forest and agricultural pests,” said Service Midwest Regional Director Tom Melius. “We need to do what we can to make sure we are putting commonsense protections in place that support vulnerable bat species but are targeted to minimize impact on human activities. Through this proposed 4(d) rule, we are seeking public comment on how we can use the flexibilities inherent in the ESA to protect the bat and economic activity.”

Sciencemag.org published an article advising that “the economic consequences of losing so many bats could be substantial. For example, a single colony of 150 big brown bats in Indiana has been estimated to eat nearly 1.3 million pest insects each year, possibly contributing to the disruption of population cycles of agricultural pests,” adding “when extrapolated to the one million bats estimated to have died from WNS, between 660 and 1320 metric tons of insects are no longer being consumed each year in WNS affected areas.”

## **Profile**

The northern long-eared bat is a medium-sized bat about 3 to 3.7 inches in length with a wingspan of 9 to 10 inches. Distinguished by its long ears, this bat is found in the United States from Maine to North Carolina on the Atlantic Coast, westward to eastern Oklahoma and north through the Dakotas, even reaching into eastern Montana and Wyoming. In Canada it is found from the Atlantic Coast westward to the southern Yukon Territory and eastern British Columbia.

Northern long-eared bats emerge at dusk feeding on moths, flies, leafhoppers, caddisflies, and beetles, which they catch while in flight using echolocation. This bat also feeds by removing motionless insects from vegetation and water surfaces.

Scientists of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) advise that “bats are among the most overlooked, yet economically important, non-domesticated animals in North America, and their conservation is important for the integrity of ecosystems and in the best interest of both national and international economies.”

Estimating the economic importance of bats in agricultural systems is challenging, but it is possible that loss of bats in North America could lead to billions of dollars of agricultural losses each year.

To learn more about the proposal, visit the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service website at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/news/765.html>



## **Farm Bureau Women’s Leadership Committee Scholarship**

**Submitted By Nicole Hackley**

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation will present two \$1,000.00 scholarships made available through special efforts of the MFB Women’s Leadership Committee and the county Farm Bureaus. The scholarships are available to both males and females. The winner will be selected on the following criteria: 1) Must be an incoming college freshman. 2) Scholarship must be used the year it is awarded. 3) Must be a current paid Montana Farm Bureau member, or an immediate member of a current paid Montana Farm Bureau family. 4) Will be judged in order of importance: a. Scholastic achievement (high school grades) b. Goals—regarding college courses and activities c. Community activities d. School activities.

All scholarship applications must be sent to and approved by the county Farm Bureau and signed by the county Farm Bureau president, Don Steinbeisser Jr. If the applicant has any questions regarding the scholarship or scholarship application, call Alena Standley at 406-799-9955. Applications must be submitted to the county Farm Bureau no later than April 1, 2015, at 302 W. Main, Sidney, MT 59270. For a copy of the application, contact Nicole Hackley at (406) 480-5385, or applications are available online at [www.mfbf.org/member-services/scholarships/](http://www.mfbf.org/member-services/scholarships/).



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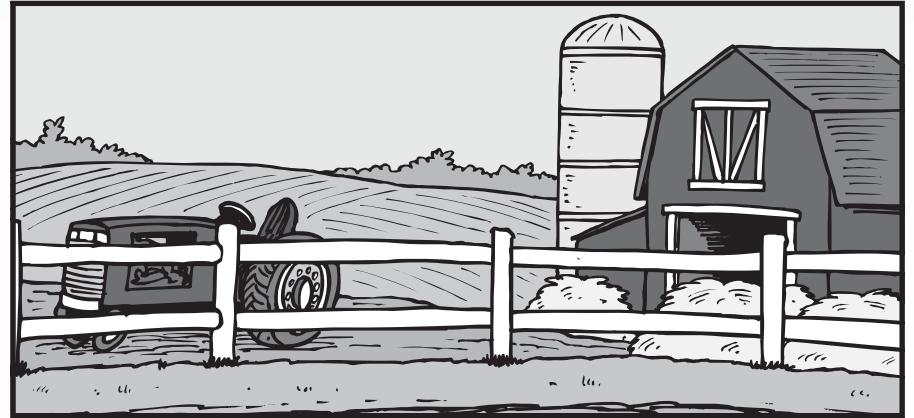


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