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Ag Golf Tournament Looking For Sponsors

Join in on the fun and support your local ranchers and farmers by sponsoring the 12th Annual Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament which will be held on July 8th.

The event is organized by the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, which is in the process of getting sponsors lined up for the event. Sponsorships are available at three different levels: \$50 golf cart sponsorship, \$150 hole sponsorship or \$200 team sponsorship. The \$50 sponsorship includes signage to promote business, while the \$150 sponsorship allows business to have giveaways and

signage at a specific hole. The \$200 sponsorship allows two people from the business to be part of a team, partnered with ranchers and farmers. All sponsorships and golfer registrations are offered on a first paid, first reserved basis.

This is a great way to mingle and make connections with your farm and ranch friends and customers. More detailed information on the event itself will be published in the June Ag Roundup. For more information about sponsorships please contact the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture at 406-433-1916.



During the Ag Appreciation golf tournament, businesses have the opportunity to sponsor a team, a cart or a hole. Brandon Taylor (second from the right), Manager of the Microtel Inn & Suites, had many items available to the golfers at his sponsored hole at last year's tournament.



Hole sponsor, Farm Bureau Financial Services, was manned by the office staff during last year's Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament.



Golfers at last year's Ag Appreciation Golf Tournament show their door prizes donated by Dr. Ryan Laqua of Yellowstone Chiropractic.

SPRING INTO SAVINGS!

USED MFWD & 2WD TRACTORS

- 2009 JD 7630 (140 PTO HP), 20 speed IVT tranny, MFWD w/suspension, 3pt hitch, 3 hydraulics, dual PTO, 480/80R42 duals\$127,500
- 2004 JD 7920, (170 PTO HP), IVT Trans., MFWD, 3 Pt w/ Quik Hitch, 3 Hyds, PTO, 480/80R46 Duals\$99,500
- 2004 MXM190 (160 PTO HP), powershift, MFWD, 3 pt hitch, 4 hydraulics, dual PTO, 14.9R46 triples.....\$67,500
- 1994 JD 4960 (200 PTO HP) powershift tranny, MFWD, 3pt hitch with quick hitch, 3 hydraulics, PTO 18.4R42 Duals\$63,500
- 1994 JD 7800 (145 pto hp) 16 speed, powerquad, MFWD, 3pt hitch, 3 hyd, dual pto, 14.9 duals\$49,500
- 1984 JD 4050 (105 PTO HP) 15 speed powershift, 3pt hitch, 2 hydraulics, dual PTO, 15.5 x 38 duals.....\$21,500
- 1976 JD 4630, (150 PTO hp), Quadrange, 20.8X38, PTO, Dual hydraulics, JD Dozer.....\$16,500
- 1973 John Deere 4430, (125 PTO Hp), Quad Range Trans., Dual PTO, 2 Hyds, 20.8X34 Duals.....\$12,500

LOADER TRACTORS

- 2009 JD 7330 (125 PTO HP) 20 spd power quad, MFWD, 3pt hitch, 3 hydraulics, dual PTO, 20.8R38 singles, JD 741 SL loader, 8' bucket, grapple, joystick.....\$105,000
- 2008 JD 7330 (125 PTO HP) IVT tranny, MFWD, 3 pt hitch, 3 hydraulics, dual PTO, 18.4X38 singles, JD 741 SL loader, 8' bucket, grapple, joystick...\$109,500
- 2006 JD 7420 (115 PTO HP) 16 speed power quad tranny, MFWD, 3pt hitch, 3 hydraulics, dual PTO, 18.4x38 singles, JD 740 SL loader, 8' bucket, grapple, joystick.....\$69,500
- JD 5055E (55 eng hp) 9 speed tranny, MFWD, 3pt hitch, JD 553 loader, 6' bucket. ONLY 30 hrs! FACTORY WARRANTY\$30,000

USED 4WD DRIVE TRACTORS

- 1998 Case IH 9390 (425 engine HP), 4 hydraulics, 20.8r42 triples \$99,500

USED COMBINES

- (2) 2012 JD S660 combines, 520/85r38 duals, Contour master, low low hoursCALL

- 2000 JD 9750 STS, 30.5x32 duals, chopper.....CALL
- 2002 JD 9650 STS, 800/65X32 Singles, Chopper, Grain Tank Ext CALL
- 1998 JD 9610, 30.5X32 singles, dual range, chopper, chaff spreader w/ 2004 JD 936D platformCALL
- 1997 JD 9500 w/ 24.5x32 singles, Dual-range, chopper, 925 platform, pick up reelCALL
- 1992 JD 9600 w/ 30.5x32 singles, Dual-range, chopper, chaff spreader, 930 platform.....CALL
- 1989 JD 9600 with chopper, 30.5x32 duals, 960 McDon draper headerCALL
- 1983 JD 7720, 24.5X32, Straw and Chaff Spreader, 224 Platform \$14,500
- 2010 JD 630R platform, pickup reelCALL
- 2004 JD 893 Cornhead , 8 row, 30'CALL
- (2) 2004 JD 635F Flex platform, 35'CALL
- 2006 Macdon 973 D platformCALL
- 2009 Case IH 2010 Rigid Platform, Bat Reel, Less than 100 Hours \$20,000
- 1997 Macdon 962D platformCALL

SEEDING EQUIPMENT

- Flexicoil 5000/2320 Air Hoe Drill, 57', 7.2" Spacing (lot F625) . \$42,500
- JD 787/730 Air Disk Drill\$16,500
- JD 730/787 air disk drill, 28' with 6" spacing 170 bu cart\$17,500
- Trac Walker\$275
- (2) jd 8300 END WHEEL GRAIN DRILLS, 13' WITH 6" spacing....\$3500 ea
- (3) JD 9350 disc drills, 10' units, 6" spacing, fertilizer, JD transport hitch \$11,500

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Thorne and Taylor Receive Honorary FFA Degrees

By Allison Monsen, Chapter Reporter
Watford City Chapter

The highlight of the 2013 year for the Watford City FFA Chapter came Thursday, April 4th when our chapter held its 54th annual Awards Banquet. Over 200 parents, members and guests were in attendance. Every year the chapter honors local people who support the FFA by presenting Honorary FFA Degrees. This year's recipients were Calli Thorne and Kent Taylor.

Calli Thorne is an alumni of Watford City High School and was a very active FFA member throughout high school. She continued to support our FFA after she graduated as a special guest speaker at our 50th Annual award banquet four years ago. During the past two years as our county extension agent, Calli helped serve as a chapter creed speaking judge, a judge at District Leadership and helped prepare livestock judges for both 4-H and FFA judging. Our FFA Chapter has appreciated all the help and support she has given our FFA Chapter. We look forward to many years of working with her as a partner in Agriculture Education.

Kent Taylor has been a strong supporter of our FFA Chapter as both a parent and a co-op supervisor. His business, Taylor Ag has been a great partner with our program as he has supervised ten co-op students throughout the years. He has given students in our school the opportunity to learn about agribusiness, fertilizers, pesticides, spraying equipment and even how to fly an airplane. As a parent, Kent has been a strong advocate for our program as all five of his children were involved in FFA. His support of our program throughout the years is greatly appreciated and he is very deserving of this recognition.

"Honorary Membership" – farmers, school superintendents, principles, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, business people and others who are helping to advance Agricultural Education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meetings or convention.

Savage Rabies Clinic May 4

The Annual Rabies Clinic in Savage will be held Saturday, May 4th, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Savage Fire Hall. This is an opportunity to protect your pets against rabies, and save the hassle of taking them into town. You may also pick up your tick and flea protection as well.



Honorary Degree – Front: President Taylor Dwyer, Calli Thorne, Kent Taylor and Treasurer Sam Jorgenson. 2nd Row: Sentinel McKayla Haugeberg, Vice President Saige Feilmeier, Reporter Allison Monsen

Itinerary Requirements for 6-Month Equine Passports to be Enforced

Submitted by Montana Department of Livestock

The Montana Department of Livestock says it will be more stringently enforcing requirements for six-month equine travel passports. Those rules (ARM 32.3.216) include:

Six-month passports cannot be used for sale of horses, breeding or stays of longer than 90 days; lifetime brand inspections are required for six-month passports; a preliminary itinerary must be submitted to the state veterinarian's office prior to traveling; a post-season travel itinerary must be submitted within 10 days of the passport's expiration to be eligible for a passport in 2014.

State veterinarian Dr. Marty Zaluski said the decision to enforce the rules was made after states that participate in the six-month passport program determined there was inadequate compliance with itinerary requirements.

"In short, we had horses moving around with no record of where they were going or where they had been," Zaluski said. "Their travel and exposure history is essential in the case of a disease outbreak or other animal health emergency."

The recent cases of EHV-1 in Montana, and larger outbreaks such as those experienced in Utah, Florida and other states, highlight the need for pertinent travel documentation, he added.

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John Deere 4440, 3 pt, dual pto, good paint, recent engine work \$25,000
JD 4840, 3 pt, PTO \$22,500
2005 CaseIH MX255, MFD, 3pt \$108,000
2008 CaseIH 445, 1,200 hrs. \$32,000
1993 CaseIH 7110, Med, 3 pt, 6600hrs, Farmhand loader, like new tires \$49,000

USED MISCELLANEOUS

Fox Corn Chopper \$4,995
H&S 12R24 Cultivator, guidecones, tunnel shields, flip up discs \$4,995
Alloway 12R24 Cultivator, flipup discs, tunnel shields CALL
Artsway Belly Mower, 6', mounts for a Farmall C Consigned
2008 FarmKing 10x72 auger \$9,500
2009 Rem 3700 Grain Vac, good condition, 120 hrs. \$23,000

USED SEEDING & SPRAYING

Concord 4710 Drill, 3000 tow behind cart, hydraulic drive \$30,000
2005 Brandt 2SB4000, suspended boom, 90', 1500 gal. tank \$25,000
2005 CaseIH SPX 4410 self propelled sprayer, 1200 gal., 90'

booms, Raven Auto Trac, 5700 Hrs, consigned \$95,000
2010 CaseIH FlexHoe 400 airdrill, 7.5" spacing, rubber packers, 2330 air cart, variable rate, tow between just traded

USED HARVEST EQUIPMENT

2005 Macdon 963 Draper head, 35', bat reel, no transport, gauge wheels \$31,000
2005 CaseIH 2388, 1267R/1506E hrs., chopper, yeild & moisture monitor, very good cond. CALL
w/ 2005 2042 35' draper head CALL

USED HAYING EQUIPMENT

2006 RBX563 Round Baler, wide pickup, mesh wrap, endless belts, 8,000 bales, good cond. \$26,000
1999 CaseIH RS561 \$12,500
1995 CaseIH 8465 \$8,995
1994 CaseIH 8480 Softcore \$6,995
1990 Hesston 560 Round Baler \$5,500
John Deere 530 round baler \$5,500
CIH RBX 563 baler, mesh, wide pickup Just Traded
2008 CaseIH RB564 round baler, 8700 bales, mesh wrap, wide pickup, endless belts, hydraulic pickup lift, central lube \$29,900
2005 Frontier 18 wheel high capacity rake \$16,000
2003 CaseIH RBX562, MeshWrap, Like New \$24,500
2001 JD 4890 Windrower, 18' auger head \$39,000



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Beet Growers Await Spring

By Ashley Harris

Considering the ideal conditions for planting sugar beets is a drier soil, the last snow storm has postponed planting a couple weeks. With planting usually happening around April 20th, it looks like it may not happen until early May.

Although they are getting a late start, agricultural manager, Russ Fullmer, feels that they could be looking at a good tonnage this fall. Although the old commercial varieties of seeds would cause a loss of a ton to a ton and a half a week, the use of Roundup ready beets prevent that loss. As a matter of fact, studies have shown that with the use of Roundup Ready Beets, if planted by the end of May, the tonnage will not be affected.

As soon as conditions allow, growers will be working hard to get everything planted. Fullmer stated that "some of the bigger growers will go 24 hours straight" in order to get everything planted right away.

Fullmer stated that the contracted acres are looking pretty good but they "still have some stragglers". He is estimating they should end up with 31,000-31,500 acres being planted, which is just shy of last year's acres.

Changing gears from the upcoming season, another concern is the decrease in the price of sugar. Due to Brazil, Mexico and India producing high yields last year, there is an over supply of sugar, causing the prices to dip. Although Fullmer doesn't think the acreage will be affected this year, it just might next year. We can only wait to see.

Montana Landowners, Family Farms and Ranches Hold the Line in 63rd Legislature

Submitted by Walter Archer

The 63rd Montana Legislature adjourned late this afternoon. After a series of hard-fought legislative scuffles, Northern Plains Resource Council members believe they held the line for Montana's working family farms and ranches. Northern Plains is a Billings-based conservation and family agriculture group.

"As expected, Montanans from all walks of life including our members were forced to fight a number of ill-advised proposals that would have threatened our water resources, rural communities, and family farms and ranches," said Northern Plains Chair Walter Archer.

Despite being widely discussed during the session, the Legislature failed to bring meaningful help to eastern Montana communities reeling from oil and gas impacts. A majority of this Legislature put the interests of out-of-state oil and gas companies ahead of taxpayers by choosing not to repeal the 18-month "oil and gas tax holiday" (SB 295) in order to fund critical infrastructure in eastern Montana – like roads, bridges, and public water systems.

Instead, the Legislature adopted a grossly inadequate short-term grant program (HB 218) that will come out of the state's general fund, which means dealing with oil and gas impacts will be shouldered by Montana taxpayers instead of the very industry creating the problems.

Northern Plains is also disappointed in the attacks on Montanans' rights in the electoral process, including a referendum on the 2014 ballot to end the ability of Montanans to register and vote up to Election Day (SB 405). Archer said, "This is not a time in our nation when lawmakers should be erecting barriers to the right of a citizen to cast a vote."

The most notable attacks of the session came at the expense of Montana's senior water rights holders and the

growing renewable energy economy, both of which have immediate impacts on rural Montana communities. These included attempts to privatize Montana's water resources (HB 37) and to change the rules that protect our water from being polluted by mining companies (SB 347). On the renewable energy front, the renewable energy standard was again in the crosshairs as out of step legislators attempted to weaken the laws that encourage the development of new wind and solar resources in Montana (SB 31, SB 45, SB 125, SB 138). While a number of these proposals were beaten back in the legislative process, Governor Bullock used his veto power to protect the interests of rural Montana.

Northern Plains members applauded the work of a bipartisan coalition of legislators working with landowner organizations to pass small measures to level the playing field for landowners. At the end of the session, Montana's private property owners are marginally better off than they were in December. Both HB 417 and HB 45 passed the Legislature and mean the rights of landowners are more fairly balanced when they are facing eminent domain.

"We look forward to moving rural Montana forward in future sessions – growing our renewable energy economy, protecting water quality and water rights for future generations, and pursuing fairness in our tax policies and our election laws. We hope future legislatures will begin to place a higher priority on a sustainable future and on policies that represent the best interests of Montana citizens instead of corporations," added Archer, who ranches in Powder River County.

"Our members appreciate those lawmakers and Governor Steve Bullock who stood with the interests of rural Montana and helped defeat the most dangerous proposals."



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Richland County 4-H Junior Leaders Dinner and Dance



Above: All of the Richland County 4H Junior Leaders at their dinner and dance in Sidney April 12th. Pictured are (L-R) Taylor Schepens, Emmett Johnson, Ashton Handy, Sierra Osborne, Jesse Staffanson, John Helmuth, Clara Jepsen, Daryn Wolff, Rachael Oliver, Jim Topp, Kolton Nevins, Garrett Leland, Ty Handy and Tim Wright.

Right: Junior Leader President, Rachael Oliver, said a few words during the Dinner and Dance at the VFW in Sidney on April 12th.

Submitted by Josie Evenson

The annual Richland County 4-H Junior Leaders Dinner and Dance took place on Friday April 12th, 2013 at the VFW in Sidney. The steak and shrimp dinner was served from 6:30 to 8:30 in the evening. After the dinner there was a drawing for a variety of gift baskets, which was then followed with a dance. Both the dinner and dance were a fun and light hearted event.

Every year the Junior Leaders donate the money raised from this event to a local cause. This year the Junior Leaders made a donation in the memory of Kelby Indergard.

The Richland County 4-H Junior Leaders would like to thank all the guests who attended the event as well as all of those who made contributions to the event. We would like to thank the following for making the event successful: The Roundup, Sidney Herald, VFW, Nathan McMullen, LeRoy Strashiem, Brandi Lien, Johnson Hardware, Badlands Sawmill and Lumber, Tri-County Implement, Sunrise Equipment, Keith Osborne Construction, Ed's Sheds, Big Sky Siding and Windows, The Wild Bunch, Creekside Clothing, Karen Pease, Sierra Osborne, Richland County 4-H Council, Party Central, Video Hot Spot, Dairy Queen and Kathy Helmuth.





Two of the 4H Junior Leaders sell tickets for the raffle.



The 4H Junior Leaders Dinner and Dance had a good turnout on April 12th.

Richland Farm Mutual Celebrates 100 Years

By Ashley Harris

Back in 1913, when Richland Farm Mutual began, insurance was much different than what it is now. At that time, insurance was more of a brotherhood than a company.

The original idea of mutual insurance was introduced by Benjamin Franklin in 1751 while he was a firefighter. Although his company, 'The Philadelphia Contributionship', originally only provided coverage for fellow fire fighters, it quickly expanded to provide insurance to all citizens of Philadelphia. Not only did Franklin think of home insurance, but also came up with ideas of life insurance, annuities and later on, crop insurance. The original insurance companies were considered more of a 'contributionship', where members would contribute to the fund in the case of a loss.

This, in fact, was the same way Richland Farm Mutual operated when it began back in 1913. The original company,

'The Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company of Dawson County', preceded Richland County. Due to this, they had to change their name within the first year as Richland County was formed in 1914.

The original company insured 47 original members, who only collected premiums when there was a loss due to fire, lightning or explosion. The company operated this way into the early 1990s.

In 2004, the name was officially changed to Richland Farm Mutual Insurance Company, following Montana Department of Insurance regulations requiring all insurance companies that were covering rural properties to include the word 'farm' in their name.

Since their beginning, many changes have been made concerning the services offered at Richland Farm Mutual. Some of the services currently offered include insurances for homes, farms, dwellings, rental, auto, specialty and identity theft recovery.

Unlike most insurance companies, Richland Farm Mutual is a non-profit. They work to provide a service, not to make money. The company is technically owned and operated by its members. Most insurance companies have nationwide regulated prices, but Richland Farm Mutual has a board of directors which decides all premiums and charges.

Richland Farm Mutual has been a constant for both its members and the county over the last century. As Richland Farm Mutual celebrates their 100th year, they still have six families that have been insured through them since the beginning, which says a lot about the performance of the company.



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REAL ESTATE WILL SELL @ NOON

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 2.26+/- Acres

Section 25, Township 22N, Range 58E, LOT 2B Fox Creek Estate
 1680 sq ft House, 3-bedroom, 2-full baths (1w/jet tub), 3-bedrooms downstairs, 1-bath, family room, game room & laundry room, attached garage w/insulated automatic overhead doors, 24x36 shop/garage w/insulated walls & automatic overhead door
OWNERS: Dennis L & Darlene G Klein whose address is 34777 Road 119J, Sidney, MT will offer the following property to the public at auction. The final bid will be subject to their approval. The Owners reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

A title commitment has been ordered and will be available, at their request, to prospective buyers for inspection prior to sale day. The above may or may not be the proper legal description; it was taken from the Richland County Tax Receipts.

TAXES: Taxes will be pro-rated from the day of closing.

TITLE INSURANCE: Standard owner's title insurance will be provided by the seller through Security Abstract Title Company, 106 2nd Street SE, Sidney, MT 59270 (406)433-1010

TERMS: Cash. 10% down sale day, the balance due at closing approximately 30 days from sale date at the office of Security Abstract Title Company, 106 2nd Street SE, Sidney, MT 59270 (406)433-1010

Your bid is considered acceptance of the terms of this auction. If you, the Buyer fail to close, the down payment is non-refundable. If the Sellers fail to close, 100% of the down payment will be returned. At this time, there is no known reason that the Sellers would not be able to close. All funds are held in the escrow account of Security Abstract Title Company, 106 2nd Street SE, Sidney, MT 59270 (406)433-1010

All information is from sources deemed reliable, but is not guaranteed by the Sellers or the Auctioneers. Offering is subject to error, omission, and approval of purchase by owner. We urge independent verification of each and every item submitted to the satisfaction of any prospective buyer. It is every potential bidder/purchaser's sole responsibility to accomplish his or her due diligence in whatever manner he or she deems advisable. Announcements made sale day take precedence over any printed materials. The property sell "As is-Where is."



GUNS & COINS

- Mossberg 12 gauge pump Shotgun, model 535
- Remington Fieldmaster 22 pump Rifle
- Remington 17 BDL Rifle, model 700
- High Point 45 semi-auto Pistol
- Bushnell auto focus 7x35 Binoculars
- (2) Collector Knives
- Morgan Silver Dollars, (2) 1921, 1922, 1988, 1986
- Eisenhower Dollars (5) 1776-1976
- Small Dollars (2) John Quincy Adams 1825-1829
- Small Dollars (4) John Adams 1797-1801
- Small Dollars (5) Susan B Anthony 1979
- Sacajawea Dollars (4)
- ½ Dollars, 1954, 1964 Kennedy,
- (2) 1776-1976 Centennials
- ¼ Dollar (20) 1961

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE

This home has been updated and is a very nice spacious home located on 2.26 acres. The location is excellent as it is only 10 minutes from Sidney! Many of the items at this auction are "like new". We hope to see you on May 25th! Rick



HOUSEHOLD, GARDEN EQUIP. & MISC.

- 7-gun Gun Cabinet w/2 shelves, wood
- Sofa, beige
- Loveseat, double, recliner
- Rocker/Recliner, beige
- Rocker, rose & Recliner, green
- Recliner w/massage, blue
- Entertainment Center
- Wood Desks, 1-black, 1-blonde
- Antique Hutch
- Antique Bells
- (2) Bookcases
- Table w/leaf
- (4) Chairs, black, (3) Office Chairs
- Wood File Cabinets
- (2) TV's & Lamps
- (2) Corner Shelves
- Bed & Bedding
- Kenmore heavy duty Washer (year old)
- Whirlpool Dryer
- Refrigerator
- Upright Freezer,
- Water Cooler
- Broil Mate Gas Grill, Electric Smoker
- Dishes
- Exercise Bike, Treadmill
- Ping Pong Table
- Craftsman Riding Lawn Mower w/bagger, 24 hp 42" deck
- MF Riding Mower w/(2) roto tillers, (2) mower decks (1-for parts)
- Aierens Riding Mower w/roto tiller & snow blower
- Garden Cart, Roto Tiller
- Sprayer, pull type w/electric pump, 15 gallon
- Hand Sprayer
- Gas Weed Eaters, Grass Thatcher
- Lawn Furniture, Whiskey Barrels



TRACTOR, MISC, TRAILER, CB BASE & TOOLS

- Farmall 706 gas 3 pt Tractor w/new tires & 300 Du All Frontend Loader
- Eversman Ditcher
- Hydraulic Cylinders (for Du All Loader)
- (2) Toledo Hanging Scales
- 18.4x34 Tire
- 18' Car Trailer
- Basket for Trailer Hitch
- Pres. Washington 40 channel side bans w/100 extra channels, 100 watt kicker, SWR meter, Co Ax CB Base
- 4500 watt Generator w/ 9 hp B&S motor
- Miller 220 Wire Feed Welder, model 251
- Craftsman Air Compressor, 115 volt, 33 gallon
- Air Compressor, 220 volt
- Jet Drill Press, floor model
- Power Washer
- Cutting Torch w/bottles
- Bench Vise
- (2) Table Saws
- (2) Miter Saws
- Jig Saw
- Electric Chain Saw
- (2) Battery Chargers
- (2) Bench Grinders
- (2) Craftsman Stools
- Dewalt Belt Sander
- Dewalt Sawsall
- Dewalt ½" Drill
- Cordless Drill
- 3/8" Socket Drive Sets
- Wrench Sets, Shop Vacs
- 6' Wood Ladder
- 2" Water Pump w/gas motor
- Sump Pumps
- (3) Hand Carts



GUNS

Consigned by Dan 307-332-6388

- Colt 45 Bisley Pistol, original, military, old holster
- Taurus 38 Special Revolver, nice holster, older model
- Herters 22 Revolver, not original grips (very nice)
- Colt 25 Semi Auto Pistol, vest pocket, original box
- Spanish 32 Long Revolver (copied after Colt Single Action) w/holster
- 9 mm L-Ruger P38 German Pistol, one clip, original holster
- US 32 Tip-Up Revolver (nice)
- US 38 Tip-Up Revolver, hammerless, w/holster
- Smith & Wesson 38 Special, model 36, in box w/original tools (like new)
- Belgium Browning 20 gauge semi auto Shotgun (made in Belgium) excellent
- Winchester 12 gauge Pump Shotgun, model 97
- Chrome Rossi 22 Pump Rifle (copy after Winchester model 62)
- La Belle 8mm Army Rifle (Four-end been cut)
- Birmingham 22 Small Arms Profession single shot Target Gun w/Tang Sites & Lever



GUNS

Consigned by Dan 307-332-6388

- Winchester 30-30 Commemorative Lander, WY, 1984, #40 of 100, new, in box
- German 8mm Mauser Short Model Original
- Springfield 45-70 Trap Door Rifle, 1878 w/bayonet & scabbard, original
- Standard Arms 35 Pump Rifle w/brass slide & butt plate, original, excellent
- Springfield Armory 30-06 Sporterized, 1903 w/Lyman Peep Sites
- Mannlicher 30-06 Custom made Bolt Rifle w/Leupold Scope & Scabbard
- Marlin 22 Semi Auto Rifle, model 60 w/Tube magazine, excellent

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AUCTION



REAL ESTATE

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 *TAXES: Taxes will be pro-rated from the day of closing.

*TITLE INSURANCE: Standard owners' title insurance will be provided by the seller through First American Title Holding Company, 204 N Kendrick Ave, Suite 205, Glendive, MT (406)365-5482

*TERMS: Cash. 10% down sale day, the balance due at closing the week of June 17, 2013 at the offices of First American Title Holding Company, 204 N Kendrick Ave, Suite 205, Glendive, MT.

*BUY/SELL AGREEMENT: Will be prepared by Scott Herring, Attorney, 215 S Kendrick Ave, Glendive, MT (406)377-5273

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- 1979 Lincoln Continental Town Car, 4-door
- 1999 Chevy Metro, 2-door, 5-speed



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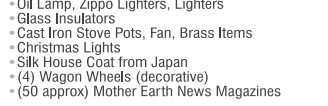
TRACTORS, PICKUP CAMPER, TRAILER & MISC

- 1945 JD B Tractor w/power troll, serial #B182057 (restored) Consigned Jack 365-4037
- 1939 Farmall B Tractor, serial#FAB3808 (restored) Jack 365-4037
- Farmall B w/attached Cultivator (engine stuck)
- 9N Ford Tractor (runs great)
- Mitsubishi Beaver Tractor, 4WD w/loader & Schwartz front-end Loader & 3-point hitch
- 2012 Arctic Fox overhead Pickup Camper, slide-out, AC, generator, self-contained, awning, microwave, fridge (New)
- 16' Car Trailer
- JD 1-bottom Plow, model 268
- JD Walking Plow, steel shank
- Garden Tiller, 4', 3 pt
- Garden Plow, 3 pt hitch (homemade)
- Case IH 5' Sickle Mower
- Ford 5' Brush Hog Mower, 3 pt
- Ford 6' Back-blade, model 782A, 3 pt
- Post Hole Digger, 3 pt (tractor mount)
- Woods 5' Blade, 3 pt, Woods 4' Mower, 3 pt
- Disc 8', 3 pt
- Ripper 3 pt Hitch (small)



GUNS & ANTIQUES

- Winchester 22 short pump Rifle, model 1906, serial# 111152
- Winchester 243 bolt action Rifle, model 670 w/3x9 scope
- Columbian 30 caliber mauser conversion, serial # 05885
- Savage 22 semi-auto Springfield Rifle, model 187H
- Hawes 22 Revolver w/magnum & 22LR Cylinder
- Browning 22 semi-auto Pistol
- 410 Single shot Shotgun
- Leather Holster Belt, Misc Ammo
- Gibson Les Paul Junior Guitar (1959)
- Kent Acoustic Guitar
- Kay Amplifier, model 700
- Polka King Accordion by Bennell
- Condertena Accordion
- Steamer Trunk
- WWII Mans Overcoat (40 short)
- WWII Souvenir Pillow
- Old Photos (tin type), (5) Cameras
- Travel Alarm Clock
- Zenith Turn Table
- Copper Boiler w/lid
- Metal Lunch Box
- Oil Lamp, Zippo Lighters, Lighters
- Glass Insulators
- Cast Iron Stove Pots, Fan, Brass Items
- Christmas Lights
- Silk House Coat from Japan
- (4) Wagon Wheels (decorative)
- (50 approx) Mother Earth News Magazines



HOUSEHOLD & GARDEN

- Washer/Dryer (2-years old)
- King Waterbed w/mirror bookcase headboard, 6-drawer pedestal (no bladder)
- Queen Waterbed w/bookcase headboard, 6-drawer pedestal
- Bed Frames
- Full Maple (50's) Bed
- (3) Dressers (1-Maple, 1- w/matching night stands)
- End Table w/lamp, Coffee Table & End Tables
- Entertainment Center, (4) Televisions
- (2) Recliners, (2) Rocking Chairs, (2) Couches
- Chairs, Metal Folding Chairs
- Kitchen Table w/6 Chairs & leaf
- Kitchen Table w/4 Chairs (Vintage, Chrome 50's)
- (2) Kitchen Tables w/chairs
- Round Wood Table (old, homemade)
- (3) Metal Tables (homemade)
- Folding Table, Student Desk
- (3) Desks (1-wood (old), 1- metal, 1-computer)
- (2) Leather Desk Chairs
- (3) Metal Filing Cabinets
- Printer/Fax, Computer Speakers
- Frigidaire Fridge (old)
- (3) Microwaves, TV/Microwave Stand
- Magnavox Turn Table
- Elco Electric Sewing Machine
- Video Projector, Screen
- Vacuum, Hoover Hand Vacuum
- Carpet Cleaner, Tile Cutter
- Dishes, Pots & Pans, Stock Pot, Cookbooks
- (2) 7-qt Canners
- Silver plated Flatware Set
- Misc Flatware
- Step Stool, Suitcases
- Barber Clippers
- Standing Pedestal Fan
- Pictures, Wall Clock
- Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Quilts
- Coolers, Wool Army Blankets
- (9) Cases of Beer Bottles (re-capable)
- (500+) Records, (300+) CDs, Cassettes & Holder
- 8-track Players & Tapes
- Optimums amplified Speaker (new)
- Child's Car Seat
- Aquarium (5-gallon)
- Lost Treasure Magazine, Paper Back Books
- (2) Baseball Bat (1- metal, 1- aluminum)
- Steel Toed Boots, Overshoes (size 11)
- Cover Hauls XL Short
- (2) Water Fountains w/pumps
- BBQ w/ propane tank
- Homelite Gas Weed Eater
- 21" Self Propelled Toro Lawn Mower
- Mold for Bird Bath
- (2) Rolls of Weed Control Plastic
- Garden Hose & Reel Box
- (2) Garden Benches, Assorted Lawn Chairs
- Woven Wire, Potting Soil



SHOP & MISC

- Modine Gas Furnace/ceiling hung, natural gas, BTU 75000 NIB
- Arc Welder AC/DC 230 amp
- Welding Rod, Lincoln Wire Welder
- Acetylene Torch, gauges (no bottles)
- Air Compressor, 2 hp, 11-gallon tank
- Cart w/old Compressor
- 4-ton Hydraulic Jack, (2) Hydraulic Jacks
- Combination Socket Set, Socket Set
- Deep Sockets, Vise
- Electric Drill Bit Sharpener
- Makita 3/8" Drill, Makita Drill Bits
- (2) Skill Saws, 6 ½" blades
- B & D Skill Saw, B & D Bench Grinder
- Saber Saw, Hand Saws
- Dremel Jig Saw (motor driven)
- Air Impact Wrench, Sander New Air Pitball
- Electrical Supplies, Wire
- 250' Electrical Wire, 12-gauge w/ground
- Electrical & Extension Cords
- Battery Charger, Tarps
- Gear Puller, Tools, Tool Box, Ropes, Dolly, Tar Paper
- Bungee Cords, Jumper Cables
- Tie Downs for Cargo, Clamps for Wood
- Scrap Iron, Sauder Iron, Angle Iron
- Post Hole Digger (hand), Post Pounder Driver
- (20) Steel Fence Posts, RR Ties
- Concrete Blocks (8" hollow)
- Rolls of Wire & Barb Wire
- 16" Steel Gate, Nuts & Bolts
- 12" Aluminum Extension Ladder
- 5' & 8' Aluminum Ladders
- Tire Chains, Chains, Tire Pump, Leather Kidney Belt
- Assorted Lumber, Saw Horses
- Hammer Mill Feed Grinder
- 200 gallon Water Tank
- Propane Bottles (10 & 20 gallon)
- Plastic Barrels (50 gallon), Buckets (5 gallon)
- Plastic Garbage Cans, Gas Cans
- Shop Vacuum w/attachments
- Electric Smoker, Meat Saw
- Paint Sprayer, Spray Paint
- Water Tubing Plastic, Oil Lube Pump & Tank
- Metal Shop Shelves, Army Trench Shovel
- Kerosene Heater, Kerosene Lamp
- Old Cement Mixer
- Shurflo DC Water Pump
- Turntable, Agates



RECREATIONAL & EXERCISE

- BBQ Grill Portable (camper), Q Grill for camping
- 16' Aluminum Canoe
- (2) Bikes
- Folding Picnic Table w/attached Chairs
- 6x3 Folding Picnic Table, Camping Chairs
- Volleyball Net, Basketball Hoop (free standing)
- Motorcycle Helmet, Hard side motorcycle side bags
- Binoculars
- Seine Net, Fishing Net, Minnow Trap, Bucket
- Tackle Box NIB
- Tackle Box & Lures (old)
- Fishing Gear, Poles, Sinkers molds
- Coleman Lantern
- Metal Detector
- Exercise Bike, Treadmill, Weight Set 150#



AUCTIONEER'S NOTE

What a great location as it is only 10 minutes from Glendive! The house is a very nice split entry home with great acreage surrounding it. This is a must see property next to the highway! The items in this auction are in very good condition. There is something for everyone at this auction. Hope to see you on May 18th!

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Members Recognized at Watford City Banquet

Submitted by Scott Wisness

On April 4, the Watford City FFA Chapter held their 54th annual banquet. Chapter officers presented the opening ceremonies. Over 200 parents, members and guests were in attendance. Andrew Kreidt, Southwest Region Vice President brought greetings from the State FFA Officer Team. Tessa Dwyer and Shania Rolla introduced the slide show recapping the years' events. Members were presented with both production and agribusiness proficiency awards for their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects. With over 120 members, the Watford City FFA Chapter continues to develop its members through premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

The 2013 STAR Greenhand was Shania Rolla, the daughter of Steve and Darcie Rolla. Shania has been very active in FFA over her first two years. She attended the National FFA Convention, Leadership Conference, District Leadership and State Convention. She placed 2nd in the State Basic Ag Mechanics contest last summer at state convention. She was our second leading fruit seller last year and the top one this year, selling over \$6,500 worth of fruit and steaks. Shania volunteers her time to help our FFA Chapter whenever asked. She has certainly started out her first two years in FFA at a very high level and will be hard to top, but she is determined to do just that.

Our STAR in Agribusiness this year was Nate Egeberg. Nate is currently our chapter Parliamentarian. He was named Star Greenhand his Sophomore year. He has attended almost every FFA activity over the past four years, including State Convention and Leadership Conference every year. Nate has had excellent SAE projects throughout all four years and even worked at S & S his Senior year. Nate volunteered his time to help our FFA Chapter whenever asked and his commitment to FFA is definitely appreciated by our members.

This year, we had two STARs in Ag Placement. They are Kalen Hartel and Cassidy Chapin. Kalen was a recipient of the beginning SAE grant as a freshmen for his soil project. Kalen has worked on his family farm his entire life and has had a great experience working for McKenzie Electric this past year. Cassidy has been very involved in FFA all through high school as she has attended every FFA activity possible. Cassidy has had great work experience throughout high school. She has even worked for both the floral shop and Rural water department.

We also had two STARs in Agriscience this year. They are Taylor Dwyer and Sam Jorgenson. Taylor has served this past year as FFA President and last year as Chapter Treasurer. Taylor has been very involved in FFA throughout her four years, attending all conferences and conventions. She earned Gold in the State Horse Judging CDE and Gold as Chapter President. Taylor has volunteered her time and efforts and our FFA Chapter appreciates all she has done. Sam has also been very active in FFA. She has gone to District Leadership all four years, where she qualified for state in job interview last year and extemporaneous speak-

ing this year. She was our chapter treasurer this year and has done an outstanding job. She attended the leadership conference four years, attended the National FFA Convention, and never hesitated to help when asked.

Our STAR Farmer and recipient of the Casey Johnson \$500 Memorial Scholarship is Allison Monsen. Allison has been an outstanding FFA member the past four years. She has attended district leadership three times, the Agriculture Olympics, State Convention twice, leadership conference three times, and the national convention last year. Allison has been our Chapter Reporter the past two years, where she earned Gold. She has also been one of our top fruit and meat salesman throughout high school.

The Outstanding Achievement Award went to Madison Brown. Madison has been a very active member of FFA. She has attended district leadership three times, where she was on our freshmen quiz team, Chapter Parliamentary Procedure team and demonstration. She has also attended the Leadership Conference, State Convention and National Convention. Madison takes pride in FFA and her achievements are definitely recognized. Congratulations Madison on the Outstanding Achievement Award.

The Appreciation Awards went to McKayla Haugeberg and Brandon Taylor. McKayla served as Chapter Sentinel these past two years. She is involved in and excels in so many different areas, but her time and energy devoted to FFA is definitely noticed. Whether it's moving things along during Parliamentary Procedure practice or encouraging younger members to get involved, McKayla's contribution to our chapter was hard to beat. Brandon Taylor has been a very active member ever since his Freshmen year. He has attended the State Convention every year. He volunteered his time to help our FFA Chapter when he didn't have to. He takes pride in FFA and his devotion to our FFA Chapter is definitely recognized.

The Outstanding Service Award went to Josh Rockeman. Josh didn't hesitate at all when asked to help out our FFA, whenever asked. He was also active in FFA as he attended the Agriculture Olympics, Leadership Conference and District Leadership. The Outstanding Leadership Award went to Davis Zubke. Whether it's in his FFA attire, as a member of football, hockey or baseball, Davis is ready to lead. He is always level-headed, well-mannered and poised for the responsibilities given to him. He has helped out our FFA Chapter in many ways throughout the past four years and has been a great role model for our younger members. Davis has served as Historian the past two years and is an excellent student in school.

The Outstanding Scholar this year was Saige Feilmeier. Saige is an excellent student in school and the Ag department will definitely miss her organizational skills and attention to detail. She served as Vice President these past two years. Saige has been very involved in FFA over the past four years, participating in District leadership where she was named a Gold Officer last year, and State Convention,

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where she earned gold in horse judging.

The FFA Chapter also awarded plaques to the Outstanding member of each grade. Members earn points for participating in activities, volunteering their time, entering projects in the fairs and fundraising. The Outstanding Freshmen were Cody Kirkland and Karissa Monsen. The Outstanding Sophomore was Keegan Thompson. The Outstanding Juniors were Tessa Dwyer and Kari Berg. The Outstanding Senior was Josh Rolfsrud. Members were also recognized and presented leadership awards for their FFA accomplishments. The retiring officers included President Taylor Dwyer, Vice President Saige Feilmeier, Secretary Madison Brown, Treasurer Sam Jorgenson, Reporter Allison Monsen, Sentinel McKayla Haugeberg, Parliamentarian Nate Egeberg, Historian Davis Zubke and Student Advisor Brice Brenno. Other awards included Karissa Monsen for the Creed, Shania Rolla in Job Interview, Tara Loomer and Sam Jorgenson in Public



Leadership Awards – Front: McKayla Haugeberg, Saige Feilmeier, Taylor Dwyer, Sam Jorgenson, Josh Rolfsrud and Cody Kirkland. **2nd Row:** Devyn Marquardt, Korbin Knutson, Shania Rolla, Jade Hepper, Karissa Monsen and Alli Mogen. **3rd Row:** Cole Jore, Jayden Vaupel, Keegan Thompson, Josh Rockeman, Lea Arndt and Allison Monsen. **Back:** Brice Brenno, Davis Zubke, Nate Egeberg, Kalen Hartel and Madison Brown.



Star Awards & Outstanding FFA Awards – Front: Cody Kirkland, Josh Rockeman, Josh Rolfsrud, Karissa Monsen, McKayla Haugeberg and Sam Jorgenson. **2nd Row:** Davis Zubke, Brandon Taylor, Tessa Dwyer, Keegan Thompson, Kalen Hartel and Taylor Dwyer. **3rd Row:** Nate Egeberg, Saige Feilmeier, Cassidy Chapin, Allison Monsen and Madison Brown. **Not pictured:** Shania Rolla and Kari Berg.

Speaking and Keegan Thompson, Cole Jore and James Devers in Demonstration.

Receiving an FFA jacket as part of the Blue Jackets Bright Futures program were Cody Kirkland, Alli Mogen, Karissa Monsen, Jade Hepper, Devyn Marquardt and Lea Arndt. Representing our chapter at the 212 Degree Conference were Keegan Thompson and Jayden Vaupel. Attending the 360 Degree Conference were Taylor Dwyer, Sam Jorgenson, Kalen Hartel, Nate Egeberg, Allison Monsen, Josh Rolfsrud, Josh Rockeman, Tessa Dwyer and Colter Maki.

The top young salesmen were Freshmen Korbin Knutson, Cody Cluchie, Jade Hepper, Karissa Monsen and Kye Bolken and Sophomores Shania Rolla and Nathan Price. Other top salesmen included Kari Berg, Fallon Maston, Maty Benth, Davis Zubke, Alex Hansen, Reese Frick, Brandon Taylor and Allison Monsen. Shania Rolla was the leading seller. The top senior salesman receiving a plaque was Fallon Maston. It included the fruit and meat sales for all four years.

The FFA Chapter would like to thank the community for once again showing such support to our FFA program this year and special appreciation is also given to the 1st Lutheran women of Keene for once again serving an excellent meal. Members are looking forward to their State Convention June 3-7.



Production Proficiency Awards – Front: Josh Rockeman, Taylor Dwyer, Sam Jorgenson and Shania Rolla. **Back:** Cody Johnson, Cole Rolfsrud, Saige Feilmeier and Allison Monsen. (Photos by Kathy Taylor)



Agribusiness Proficiency Awards – Front: Kelli Linseth, Kalen Hartel, Josh Rolfsrud, McKayla Haugeberg and Josh Rockeman. **2nd Row:** Reese Frick, Shane Jorgenson, Nate Egeberg, Brandon Taylor and Cassidy Chapin. **3rd Row:** Brice Brenno, Davis Zubke and Alex Hansen.



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Management Practice To Reduce Greenhouse Gases Under Dryland Malt Barley Production

By Ashley Harris

At the final Brownbagger session at the USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory in Sidney on April 5, Upendra Sainju, soil scientist from the Laboratory, spoke about his study on greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture and how they are affected by various management practices. In particular, Sainju looked at emissions in dryland malt barley production from 2008 to 2011.

Sainju stated that 6 to 14 percent of the total man-made greenhouse gases are produced by agricultural practices. These gases include carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and methane. Nitrous oxide and methane are 314 and 25 times more powerful, respectively, as carbon dioxide in terms of their global warming potential. The concentration of these gases are affected by farm operations used for tillage, fertilization, planting, herbicide and pesticide applications, and harvest, soil carbon sequestration, type of crops grown, and soil and environmental conditions, such as temperature, water content, and precipitation. While farm operations, nitrogen fertilizer production and application, and soil greenhouse gas emissions are major sources of greenhouse gas emissions, soil carbon sequestration and the amount of crop residue returned to the soil act as "sinks," meaning they trap carbon in the soil and thereby reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

In order to measure soil greenhouse gas emissions under malt barley and pea, Sainju installed static chambers made of PVC pipe around the plant. Gases were sampled from the chamber at different time intervals and their concentrations were measured using a gas chromatograph in the laboratory. Sainju compared greenhouse gas emissions under conventional and improved management practices that included conventional till and no-till with malt barley, pea, and fallow which were, in turn, fertilized with or without 70 lb N/acre. He also measured the soil carbon sequestration rate and grain and crop residue yields for four years. From these mea-

surements, he calculated the global warming potential and greenhouse gas intensity of the various crops and agricultural practices after taking account of all sources and sinks of greenhouse gases.

His study showed that the traditional farming system with conventional tillage, fallow, and nitrogen fertilization increased net greenhouse gas emissions. Improved management practices, such as a no-till malt barley/pea rotation with nitrogen fertilization, produced the lowest amount of net greenhouse gases compared to other management practices due to increased soil carbon sequestration and reduced nitrogen fertilization rate, as pea residue contributed additional nitrogen to the soil. This system also produced better malt barley yield and quality (less than 13.5% protein concentration, greater than 80% plump kernel) than the traditional farming system. Since grain yield increased with increased nitrogen rate without affecting yield and quality in the no-till malt-barley rotation, Sainju wants to continue the experiment with further refined rates of nitrogen fertilization so that an appropriate nitrogen rate can be identified for this system. The result would provide area producers with a viable management option for reducing greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining or increasing dryland malt barley yield and quality.



Upendra Sainju shows statistics on greenhouse gas.

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Producers Should Document Adverse Weather-related Livestock Losses

Submitted by NDSU Agriculture Communication

Producers should keep records of weather-related livestock deaths, North Dakota State University Extension Service specialists say. Those producers have experienced a variety of adverse weather conditions.

"Late-spring snow, cold rain and sleet storms have moved across parts of the northern Plains, and have coincided with peak calving and lambing seasons," says Karl Hoppe, North Dakota State University Extension Service area livestock specialist at the Carrington Extension Research Center. "Now flooding is occurring along many streams and river systems. Last summer and fall, severe drought conditions also affected ranches and farms in some regions of the northern Plains."

"Currently, there are no federal disaster assistance programs available for adverse weather disasters," says Dwight Aakre, NDSU Extension farm management specialist. "The 2008 farm bill (Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008) authorized several livestock loss programs that expired on Oct. 1, 2011. The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provided benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) covered grazing losses and

the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) covered death losses not eligible under LIP, grazing not covered under LFP and farm-raised fish and honeybee death and feed losses."

However, legislation has been introduced in Congress that would extend LIP, LFP and ELAP for five years and would retroactively cover losses in fiscal years 2012 and 2013. It is not known if this legislation will pass, be amended or even replaced when a new farm bill that could include disaster assistance is passed.

"Since adverse weather conditions are causing livestock losses, it is important for livestock producers to document all weather-related deaths in case retroactive programs become available," says Tim Petry, NDSU Extension livestock economist. "The previous LIP program covered losses in excess of normal mortality, so it is important for livestock producers to document normal losses, even if a weather disaster has not yet occurred in a particular area."

Providing adequate proof that livestock losses occurred due to an adverse weather event is sometimes a challenge for producers, according to the Extension specialists. Saving local news articles that document the date and severity of the adverse weather, along with good production records and photographs, is a starting point.

Ranchers Work to Keep Calves Alive

Submitted by NDSU Agriculture Communication

Heavy spring snowstorms have created hardships for North Dakota cattle herds and caretakers. Most ranchers have moved away from cow herds and calving during the winter to avoid the cold and snow. However, this year's late-winter weather has ranchers working day and night to keep newborn calves alive.

Calves move more slowly and will take longer to first nursing when suffering from cold weather stress. It also leads to reduced nursing times and increased sickness. Acute cold weather stress brought on by cold, wet snow and wind can lead to a quick death for a newborn calf. Most ranchers have barns available to protect their cows during calving. However, the extended cold and snow has led to a shortage of barn space.

"Mud and melting snow creates a wet environment that can cause calf health problems," says Karl Hoppe, North Dakota State University Extension Service Area Livestock Specialist at the Carrington Research Extension Center. "Pneumonia and scours can lead to death or poor performance, so warm, dry ground helps tremendously in maintaining healthy calves."

Using liberal amounts of bedding, such as straw, stover

or hay, can help keep calves stay warm and dry. However, bedding can be expensive or not an available option because of last year's drought.

"There is a reason ranchers have their cows calve in the spring instead of winter," Hoppe says. "Warmer weather, more daylight, less mud, green grass, vigorous calves and less health problems create a sense of enjoyment for raising cattle and enthusiasm for the industry. This year's cold, deep snow and sick or dying calves because of the weather is depressing to many producers. Ranchers find solace in trying their best and getting moral support from family, neighbors, veterinarians and others."

"With continued high crop prices, I wouldn't be surprised if more cattle producers exit the cattle industry," says John Dhuyvetter, Extension Area Livestock Specialist at the NDSU North Central Research Extension Center. "The older rancher doesn't need the hardship of a cold, snowy spring. However, some enterprising young ranchers may see this as an opportunity to start new cow herds or expand what they have. However, that doesn't help this year's calf crop."

Information on managing cattle during cold weather is available at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/ansci/beef/as1564.pdf>.

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MT Stockgrowers Seeking Nominations for MT Environmental Stewardship Award

Submitted by Ariel Overstreet

The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) is seeking nominations of Montana ranches for the Montana Environmental Stewardship Award. Each year, MSGA honors a Montana ranch that exemplifies environmental stewardship and demonstrates a commitment toward improved sustainability within the beef industry. This award recognizes Montana ranchers who are at the forefront in conservation and stewardship and are willing to serve as examples for other ranchers.

MSU Extension Seeks Applicants For Agriculture And Resource Leadership Program

Submitted by Sepp Jannotta

Montana State University Extension is offering a new, two-year leadership program for professionals in agriculture and natural resource industries.

The Resource Education and Agriculture Leadership (REAL) Montana training will include participant classes, tours, networking opportunities and travel.

The two-year program features eight in-state seminars, a five-day national study tour in Washington, D.C. and a two-week international trip. Seminars will include: training in agriculture institutions and agencies, natural resource development, public speaking/media, economics, state and federal policy, international trade, urban/rural relationships, water issues, transportation, labor and production costs, entrepreneurship, and other current industry topics.

REAL Montana is limiting the inaugural class to approximately 20 participants who earn a substantial percentage of their livelihoods from Montana agriculture and/or natural resources, who have the willingness and aptitude to develop long-term leadership skills. No age restrictions apply. Program cost will be shared by participants and private industry sponsors. Applications are due by May 31.

Information and application instructions are available at www.realmontana.org or by contacting Janelle Booth, (406) 994-6480, janelle.booth@montana.edu.

"Montana ranchers take great pride in caring for the natural resources that help make Montana such a great state to live in," said Ariel Overstreet, MSGA director of communications. "We are asking people to get involved in helping us select a ranch that really goes above and beyond when it comes to environmental stewardship and conservation in their local area."

People wishing to make a nomination are asked to fill out a short nomination form and return it to the MSGA office by May 28. Ranches may be nominated by anyone, including themselves. The ranch must be a member of the MSGA. The nominations will be evaluated by a committee which will include MSGA Directors and past Montana, Regional and National Environmental Stewardship Award winners. The winner will be announced by press release in June, and will be formally honored at MSGA's Annual Convention and Trade Show in Billings, Dec. 12-14 at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana. MSGA staff will work with the winner to prepare their application for the Regional and National Award competition, which is typically due in late February/early March of the following year.

Since 1992, MSGA has honored 20 state winners, nine of whom went on to win the regional award and two named national award winners. To learn more, visit www.mtbeef.org/mesap, or contact Ariel Overstreet atariel@mtbeef.org or (406) 442-3420. The Montana Environmental Stewardship Award is sponsored by MSGA's Research, Education and Endowment Foundation and funded by Montana Beef Producers with Checkoff Dollars.

Skywarn Classes Coming Up

By Ashley Harris

The National Weather Service will be holding Skywarn Spotter classes in May. The course teaches volunteers to spot severe weather conditions such as flash floods, hail, lightning, thunderstorms and tornadoes. In an average year, 5,000 floods and over 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States, threatening lives and property.

The course covers the storm structures, safety precautions, how to identify a severe weather condition and how to properly report severe weather.

The classes are free and will be held as following:
May 2- Savage Fire Hall at 7 pm
May 7- Scobey Nemont Friendship Room at 1 pm

For more information please contact Tanja Fransen at: 406-228-2850.

34th Annual Richland County Youth Rodeo May 18-19

The Richland County Rodeo Club will be hosting their 34th Annual Montana High School, Junior High and Youth Rodeo on May 18 and 19 at the Richland County Fair Rodeo Arena in Sidney.

The High School participants will begin at 9 am each day with the Junior High and Youth following one hour after. All-around saddles will be given away for both high school and youth participants, as well as reserve all-around prizes.

Event buckles will also be awarded to high school, junior high, and youth contestants along with various other prizes.

Central Entry will be with Sherry Rooney at 406-784-2418 on Tuesdays from 4 to 10 P.M. and callbacks on Thursday from 7 to 10 P.M.

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Montana Agricultural Producers Reminded of Upcoming Deadlines

Submitted by Tammy Lake
USDA Montana Farm Service Agency

USDA Montana Farm Service Agency reminds producers of several important upcoming deadlines. For more information regarding FSA programs and/or loans, contact your local county FSA office located in 48 USDA Service Centers across Montana and visit us online at www.fsa.usda.gov/mt.

Upcoming 2013 Dates and Deadlines:

May 1: USDA Claims Filing Deadline for Hispanic & Women Farmers and Ranchers (For claims assistance, contact: 1-888-508-4429 and/or www.farmerclaims.gov.)

May 14: Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Man-

aged Spring Grazing Period Ends

May 15: Final Seeding Date for CRP Spring Seedings

May 20: CRP General Signup 45 Begins

May 31: Final date to apply for Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) or Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) on 2012 crop year harvested corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, rice, safflower seed, chickpeas, soybeans and sunflower seed

June 3: 2013 Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) Program Signup Deadline

June 7: Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Crop Disaster Program Signup Deadline for 2011 Crop Year

June 14: CRP General Signup 45 Deadline

July 15: 2013 Crop Year FSA Acreage Reporting Deadline for Spring Seeded: Grass, Mixed Forage, Alfalfa, Clover, the year of seeding (annual & perennial types), Barley, Canola, Corn, Dry Beans, Dry Peas, Flax, Mustard, Spring Oats, Potatoes, Safflower, Sugar Beets, Sunflowers, Spring Wheat, CRP and all other crops

July 15: 2012 Crop Year Non-insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) Production Report Deadline

July 15: 2012 Crop Year NAP Application for Payment Deadline

July 15: 2012 Crop Year ACRE Production Report Deadline

July 16: CRP Managed Summer/Fall Grazing Period Begins

Aug. 2: 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) Program Signup Deadline

Sept. 3: 2014 Crop Year NAP application sales closing date for value-loss crops

Sept. 13: CRP Managed Summer/Fall Grazing Period Ends

Sept. 30: Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) Contracts Expire

Nov. 12: All Hay Bales Must be Removed from CRP Acres

Nov. 15: 2014 Crop Year FSA Acreage Reporting Deadline for Fall Seeded: Grass, Mixed Forage, Alfalfa, Clover, the year of seeding (annual and perennial types), Established Grass, Mixed Forage, Alfalfa, Clover in years subsequent to the year of seeding (perennial types), Apiculture, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains

Dec. 2: 2014 Crop Year NAP application sales closing date for honey

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Sidney FFA State Convention Results

Submitted by Gary Schaff

Sidney FFA had chapter participants at the recent State FFA Convention where over 1500 members and guests participated in some fashion. James Topp, Travis Obergefell, Duran Vigesaa, Emily Schaff and Marianne Gartner were the participants from Sidney FFA Chapter.

Emily participated as chapter delegate, public speaking, extemporaneous speaking and leadership scholar. Her results were: Scholarship recipient of \$400 from the Holt Family Scholarship (for attending National convention in 2013), \$500 from State FFA Alumni Association for attending a week long Washington DC Leadership Conference (June 2013), silver ranking in Extemporaneous Speaking and silver ranking for Prepared Public Speaking.

Marianne participated in chapter display, livestock judging and farm business management. Her results were: 61st of 180 participants in Farm Business Management, 181st of 220 participants in Livestock Evaluation and no ranking for chapter display.

Duran participated in musical talent event and mechanics. His results were: No ranking for talent, 115th of 260 for mechanic/technology. This is Duran's first FFA convention.

Travis participated in State Degree Ceremonies, Agriculture Experience Proficiency, Livestock Evaluation and Mechanic/Technology Contest. His results were: State Degree conformation, Silver in Production Agriculture Placement, 58th of 220 contestants in Livestock Evaluation and 28th in 260 Mechanic/Technology contestants for a silver ranking.

James Topp participated in State Degree Ceremonies, Agriculture Experience Proficiency, Livestock Evaluation and Mechanic/Technology Contest. His results were: 110 of 220 in Livestock Evaluation, State Degree recipient, gold and state winner of Agriculture Mechanic Sales & Service Placement- Agriculture Experience Proficiency (\$250 scholarship) and 5th of 260 Mechanic/Technology contestants (falling 10pts short of first),

As a team the mechanic team of James, Travis and Duran placed 13th of 60 for a bronze ranking. Livestock and Farm Business Management teams did not have a full team for ranking.

This annual event brings in over 80 schools, 1200 agriculture students and 600 adults for four days of competitive



Pictured (L-R) Emily Schaff, Marianne Gartner, Jim Topp, Duran Vigesaa and Travis Obergefell.

events, community service events, leadership development programs, guest speakers and numerous re-acquaintances. Over \$100,000 in sponsorships, scholarships and awards are granted each year. Great Falls is the projected state convention site for 2013-14 year, marking the 75th Birthday of Sidney FFA receiving its Montana FFA Chapter Charter.



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MSU Driving Team Meets Babe and Ruth

Submitted by Evelyn Boswell

Montana State University students who drive draft horses for a hobby know their animals.

George, for one, is the cat that lives at the Miller Pavilion where students gather for their weekly practice. George is supposed to catch mice, but he prefers sandwiches and occasionally slips into backpacks to find them.

Omen and Juniper are the Blue Heelers that wait outside the pavilion when their owner is inside.

Brandy and Star are the Belgian horses that members of the MSU Driving Team say make them look good when they compete. Students describe the pair as voluptuous, beautiful and worth their weight in gold (approximately 1,700 pounds each), but not always perfect.

"They're very gassy," said Nick Ames, a junior who drove Brandy and Star at this year's Wild West Winterfest in Bozeman.

But the students don't know every animal well, specifically Babe and Ruth. New to MSU this year, Babe and Ruth are a pair of Shire-Clydesdale crosses that students can ride, jump, shoe, groom and vaccinate as part of MSU's Equine Science program. But the horses aren't ready for student drivers yet. Still skittish about pulling wagons, they're not used to the harnesses and gear that the MSU Driving Team needs them to wear for competitions and local appearances.

That's why, during a recent practice when it was warm enough to ride outdoors, nine members of the MSU Driving Team and the interim head of MSU's Farrier School rode in a wagon behind expert drivers Andi Shockley and Donika Shrauger. Shockley is an adjunct instructor and equitation manager in MSU's Department of Animal and Range Sciences. She started the MSU Driving Team in 2009 and drives horses for winter sleigh ride dinners at the Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky. The ranch owns Brandy and Star and loans them to MSU during the school year. Shrauger, who assists Shockley with the MSU Driving Team, competes in

horse driving events throughout the United States. Her parents own Snip and Tuck, another pair of draft horses loaned to MSU.

On this particular evening, Shockley and Shrauger left the Miller Pavilion and drove Babe and Ruth down a dirt road past the building used by graduate art students, past the horticulture farm where MSU students grow vegetables, and around a muddy pasture. Student passengers in the wagon observed Babe and Ruth, but they also made a running commentary about other animals they saw in the fields and paddocks along the way. They knew which horses belong to fellow students, which ones went through MSU's colt training courses and which horse would rather die than run a few feet. They talked about horses named Herman, Lobo, Frodo and Maverick. They could tell that the cows were confused by the wagon.

"I'm excited. I have never done this outside," said Tessa Heinemann of Big Timber, a junior who joined the MSU Driving Team this semester.

The fact that MSU has a driving team delights old-timers who grew up farming with draft horses, Montanans who still use them, and approximately 20 students who drive horses as part of a group affiliated with the MSU Horseman's Club, Shockley said. Over the course of this school year, the MSU Driving Team carried MSU President Waded Cruzado and College of Agriculture dignitaries from the fieldhouse to the football stadium for home football games. The team hauled Brandy and Star to the Bozeman Christmas Stroll, decorated them and had them pose for photos. The team competed in the Wild West Winterfest, where Anna Marie Downen and Brianna Jones (driving Snip and Tuck) won reserve champion in the Top Teamster-Novice category, second place in the Log Skid-Novice category and third place in the Precision Driving-Novice category. Ames and Sandy Archer, driving Brandy and Star, won third place in two categories: Cultivating-Novice and Log Skid-Novice.

Students on MSU's Driving Team come from all over Montana and the United States. Ames, for one, grew up in Seattle. Now a junior majoring in equine science, he had experience in dressage, but he had never driven a team of horses before coming to MSU. Looking for a challenge, he signed up.

"It's been really fun," he said. "Everyone is super chill. I love the team."

Heinemann said she was inspired to join because of a friend who used to belong to a driving team in Dillon.

"She always had so much fun that I wanted to try it," Heinemann said. "I did it, and I love it."

Amanda Riter of Broadus, a senior majoring in ag relations and animal science, plans to become a train master with BNSF Railway, but she started driving horses after her second semester at MSU.

"Anyone is welcome," Shockley said.



A Montana State University student drives Brandy and Star on a road near the Miller Pavilion. (MSU photo by Sepp Jannotta).

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Submitted by Bob Stallman

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According to a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report, our food is safer than ever. The number

of foodborne disease outbreaks in 2009-2010 declined 32 percent compared with the preceding five years. Some of the credit for this can be attributed to the Food Safety Modernization Act, which was signed into law in 2011. This law aims to cooperatively improve food safety by building on existing systems already in place in the private sector.

Before the FMSA was passed, approximately 72 million Americans fell sick due to a foodborne illness every year. Within a week after the FMSA was signed into law, those numbers were adjusted to 48 million. Significantly, foodborne illnesses now only touch 9.4 million people yearly.

Farmers have taken seriously their responsibility of growing safe food and that's not just lip service. Farmers have the same desire as other consumers to have a safe, abundant and affordable food supply. And they also have an important economic interest because the demand for their products is determined by consumer confidence.

Shouting from the Rooftop

Many people don't realize that there are five federal agencies that administer at least 30 laws related to food safety. Through this intense federal oversight, the level of food safety testing has also dramatically increased. And, just as important, consumer education on food safety is on the uptick.

Even though contamination of food can occur at any stage in food production, a high level of foodborne illness is caused by foods improperly prepared or mishandled at home or in restaurants. To counter this, Farm Bureaus across the country are educating consumers to enhance their food safety knowledge. And it's working!

According to Dr. Richard Raymond, former undersecretary for food safety at the Agriculture Department, the CDC report is cause for celebration. "You should be able to stand on top of the building and say 'hey look, (the agriculture) industry is doing a great job, consumers are doing a great job of listening to the safe handling and proper cooking messages... and restaurants and other people that cook our food are doing a better job.'"

So, go on and enjoy your burgers and chops, deviled eggs and fresh salad this summer knowing that your food is safer than ever. And maybe even have a steak for me while you're at it.



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MFU Arrowpeak Summer Camp Season Almost Here

Submitted by **Sandy Courtnage**

Montana Farmer's Union (MFU) 2013 camp season at Arrowpeak Lodge in the Highwood Mountains is just around the corner and offers lots of fun lasting memories for youth across the state.

The MFU Senior Youth Advisory Board chose "Cooperation, Education, Exhilaration" as the theme for camp this year. The camp schedules provide age appropriate activities and workshops with the goal of making memories, encouraging cooperative teamwork and growing tomorrow's leaders. The camps provide lots of time for campfires, dances, theme nights, art & crafts, laughter, team building nature hikes and sports. Cooperative teamwork and leadership skills influence all camp activities.

Three overnight camps will be offered this summer:

Junior Camp – June 16-21, is for ages 8-11. Registration deadline is June 7.

Senior Camp – June 23-28, is for ages 15-19. Registration deadline is June 14.

Teen Camp – July 14-18, is for ages 12-15. Registration deadline is July 5.

Parents of camp attendees are welcome to join the campers on June 20th for a local foods feast prepared by the junior youth.

Camp costs \$70 for MFU members and \$125 for non-members. Bus transportation to and from the MFU office is available for a nominal fee of \$10. RSVP and prior payment is required. Camp participation is priced reasonably through funding provided by CHS, Inc., the Montana Farmers Union and Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company.

For more information and to register online visit www.montanafarmersunion.com or call 1-800-234-4071.

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Time to Check Your Sump Pump

Submitted by NDSU

Weather conditions have been dry for more than a year in parts of North Dakota, and sump pumps may not have run in a while.

However, with the heavy amount of snow still on the ground, the threat of flooding this spring means homeowners should check their sump pump now to make sure it works properly, North Dakota State University Extension Service agricultural engineer Tom Scherer says.

Sump pumps are available in two basic models: upright (commonly called a pedestal) and submersible. Either works well with proper maintenance, according to Scherer.

This is how a sump pump works: The sump is the pit where the pump sits. The sump may be connected to tile that drains the footings of the house, the area under the entire basement or just the area where the sump is located. A sump pump removes the water that drains into the sump.

The pedestal pump's motor is on top of the pedestal and the pump is at the base, which sits on the bottom of the sump. The motor is not meant to get wet. A ball float turns the pump on and off. One advantage with this type of pump is that the on/off switch is visible, so you can see the ball float's action easily, Scherer says.

Submersible pumps are designed to be submerged in water and sit on the bottom of the sump. The on/off switch is attached to the pump.

Pumps have three main types of on/off controls. The first type uses a ball float attached to the pump and connected to an internal watertight switch. The second type is a sealed, tethered float switch with an on/off setting that is adjustable by changing the length of the tether. The third type uses a diaphragm to sense the water level and turn the pump on and off.

Both pump types should have a check valve on the water discharge pipe so water doesn't flow back into the sump when the pump shuts off. Backflow can cause the pump to turn on and off more frequently than necessary, which decreases the life of the pump.

Here is how to check the pump:

Make sure the discharge pipe on the side of the house is not frozen shut or plugged and it directs water away from the house; make sure the pump is plugged in; remove the lid (if the sump has one) and use a flashlight to check if the sump is clean and the pump inlet screens are not plugged; slowly pour water into the sump. Try to stimulate the speed that water normally would flow into the sump. Watch the on/off switch's action and listen to the pump. Make sure the pump turns on and off at least twice. If some-

thing doesn't work or sound right, fix it as soon as possible. If you have a battery-powered backup sump pump, make sure the battery is fully charged. Then shut off the power to the main sump pump and the battery charging system on the backup pump. Pour water into the sump until the backup pump comes on.

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about sump pumps:

Can the pump burn out if the outdoor pipe is frozen shut, or will it shut off automatically? Most pumps will not burn up, but they can overheat. Almost all sump pump motors have thermal protection built in, but the submersible type needs water around the motor for cooling, if the pump overheats, shut it off and let it cool. The thermal relay will reset.

What size pump should I have for my house? There is no "correct" size. The horsepower is determined by several factors, including the length of drain tile connected to the sump, the lift from the sump to the discharge pipe and the length of hose or pipe outside of the house. A 1/3 horsepower pump works well for most houses, but if you have more than 40 feet of pipe outside the house, use a pump with more horsepower (1/2, 3/4 or even 1 horsepower).

Do sump pumps have filters that need to be cleaned or replaced? Sump pumps do not have filters, but they do have screens or small openings where the water enters the pump. These sometimes can be plugged.

Can or should you pump into a sewer drain or basement floor drain? No. If you have a septic system, do not pump sump water into the basement floor drain. During wet conditions, the septic system's drain field is usually saturated and struggling to handle the normal flow of water from the house. Adding flow from a sump can damage the septic system. Also do not pump water into a floor drain if you are connected to a public sanitary system. Putting additional water into the public sewer during flooding can contribute to sewage backflow.

Where should the sump pump drain hose run? Preferably, sump water should be discharged at least 20 feet from the house so it drains away from the house. Also, it should not be directed into a neighbor's lot, window wells or a septic system drain field.

Can I replace a defective sump pump or do I need specialized tools or a plumber? Almost all sump pumps come with a list of required tools and directions for installation. Replacing a sump pump should not be difficult for the "average" person.

For more tips on getting your sump pump ready to handle spring and summer water, watch an NDSU video at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood/home/sump-pump-tips>. Other information on this or other flood-related topics is also available on NDSU's flood information web page at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood/>.

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